

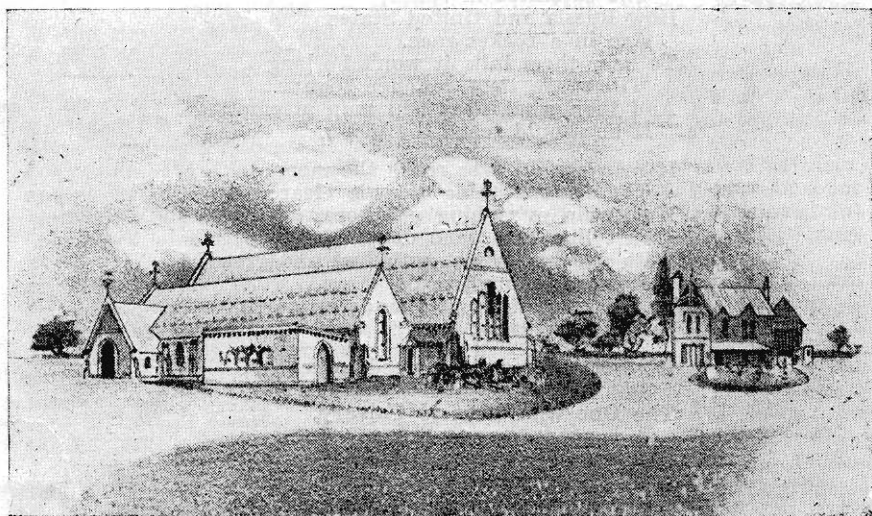
The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

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JUNE, 1961



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, OPENED 1st NOVEMBER, 1871
AND THE SECOND RECTORY, BUILT IN 1873

PARISH INFORMATION

8 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (Every Sunday), 2nd and 4th SUNDAYS T 11 a.m.
3rd SUNDAY AFTER EVENING PRAYER.
SAINTS' DAYS AS ANNOUNCED.

9.45 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN AND EXTENSION GROUPS

11 a.m.—MORNING PRAYER 7.15 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS BY ARRANGEMENT WITH
THE RECTOR

CHURCHWARDENS: Messrs L. C. Calver (Rector's), W. Sopwith, E. Quelch

PARISH COUNCIL: The Churchwardens and Messrs V. Barrett, T. H. Bosward,
H. G. Brodie, K. Grant, W. H. Hall, J. W. Humphreys, D. B. Hunter,
N. T. Kennedy, B. W. Pullen, H. J. Shaw, W. R. Williams and R. Wright.

SIDESMEN: Messrs R. F. Atkinson, R. Boots, J. M. Boyle, J. Ditchburn, J.
Gorman, A. Jones, B. Livingston and C. R. Minitier.

ENVELOPE SECRETARY: T. H. Bosward—LM 2778.

PUBLICITY OFFICERS: Messrs H. J. Shaw and A. Jones—LM 5218

ORGANIST: Miss Kathleen O'Neill.

"IF MAN SHOULD REACH THE MOON"

(In response to quite a number of requests, we are printing a Walt Huntley poem which the Rector quoted in a recent Sunday Morning Sermon.):

I'm sure you've heard or read about,
The satellites in space;
How Russia and United States
Are in a rocket race.
To hear them talk, it won't be long
'Till space they conquer soon;
And then what next will man attempt,
If he should reach the moon.

If man should ever reach the moon,
There's one thing that is clear:
He'll ruin ev'rything up there,
Just like he's done down here.
With sin and crime, with lust and greed,
He's got enough to do
To clear the mess he's made on earth
And you know that is true.

It's not the moon we need to reach,
It's God—who put it there;
The One who went to Calvary,
A rugged cross to bear.
For sins of men with wicked hearts,
He died one day at noon:
With faith in Him you'll have no fear,
If man should reach the moon.

CONFIRMATION—1961

Boys and Girls of Confirmation age who have not yet submitted their names to the Rector are asked to do so immediately. The Rector would also be pleased to hear from any adults who wish to be confirmed this year.

CLUB NOTES

Y.C.I.: At our first meeting in May, we had a "Film Night" and several documentary films were screened. They provided much interest and enjoyment to members, and all are looking forward to the next meeting under this heading. We had a Guest Speaker at the Meeting we held on Friday, 19th May. Mr. Max Lawson, the well known Auctioneer, gave a "talk" on "old Sydney" and Antiques. Mr. Lawson also dealt with his hobby of game fishing, at which he is quite adept. We greatly enjoyed our Guest's reminiscences, and the breezy manner in which they were recounted. At the close of the "Talk", tea and biscuits were served by the Y.C.I. Social Committee.

Our Meetings for June will include a "Tall Story" Night on the 16th, and President's Night on the 30th. All men of the Parish are invited to attend Meetings of the Y.C.I., which is the Men's organisation of the Parish.

The Y.C.I. has suffered a great loss by the passing of Vice-President, H. F. Jones, one of the Institute's great stalwarts. Harold Jones joined the Y.C.I. on the 20th June, 1919, and soon became one of our most faithful and enthusiastic members. His life was an example to his fellow-members, who greatly valued his friendship, and share the sorrow of his loved ones at his passing.—L.C.C.

Senior Parishioners' Club: Our Club meets each and every Thursday afternoon in the Parish Hall at 2 p.m. Come along and get acquainted with your fellow Parishioners. A Social Afternoon is held, afternoon tea is provided, and prizes are to be won.—D. Shaw, Hon. Sec.

Bowls Club: During May, our second round match of the Competition, against Clemton Park Methodist, caused very great interest, and there were about thirty spectators present to watch our tussle. Our next match was against Ashbury Methodist, one team playing at Home on Wednesday, 31st May, and the other team at Ashbury on Thursday, 1st June. We will play St. Paul's, Dulwich Hill later this month.

We cordially invite all menfolk to come along any Wednesday night, either to watch, or to have a game on the spare mat. Coaching is gladly provided. A cup of tea is served at the conclusion of proceedings, to players and spectators.—H. Shaw, Hon. Secretary.

Centenary Club: During May, Richard Boots was our Chairman, and we had three very interesting and varied meetings. May 1st was spent watching slices on a train tour of Adelaide, on May 15th we played Indoor bowls, and at the last Meeting on May 29th, we had a Record Evening.

Fay Hankinson will be Madam Chair for June.

Also during May, the first combined Fellowship/Centenary Club Dance was held; we regret to say that it was not a financial success, but all those who attended had an enjoyable night. The date of the next Dance is Saturday, 10th June, so why not come along and help us make this one an even better night. Everyone is welcome, and for the admission price of 3/6, an excellent supper is provided.—L. Sanderson, Hon. Sec.

St. Luke's Centre: The next meeting of the Petersham Branch of the St. Luke's Centre will be held in All Saints' Hall on Wednesday, 14th June, at 2.30 p.m. A cordial invitation to attend this meeting is extended to all ladies who would like to help the Hospital in its work.

Ladies' Guild: We were pleased to have a good number in our party to the Daffodil Centre on Wednesday, 24th May. The demonstration was most interesting and quite a few helpful hints were noted.

All ladies will be welcome to our meeting on Tuesday, 27th June, when we hope to have a speaker from the Australian Board of Missions. The time—2 p.m. sharp.

Our next street stall will be on Friday, 16th June. Donations of cakes, jams, or pickles are always very much appreciated.—E. M. Bosward, Hon. Secretary.

WHAT THE CHURCH OFFERS YOU

(L. M. Atkinson)

An ancient legend tells how three princes ventured out to find the most marvellous thing in the world. Each went his own way, searching through the fabulous bazaars of the Orient. The first prince found a Spying Tube through which he could see anything he wished. The second found a Magic Carpet on which he could fly anywhere he wanted to go. The third found a Healing Apple, one bite of which gave health and strength.

Now it happened that all three princes were in love with a wonderful princess. But alas! When the first prince looked through the Spying Tube, he cried, "All is lost! I see the princess, and she is dying". The second prince immediately said, "Let us go to her. The Magic Carpet will take us." In a moment they were at the side of the dying princess. "We can save her," declared the third prince as he gave her a bite of the Healing Apple. The princess was instantly restored to life and health!

This is only an Arabian Night tale, you say. Yes, it is. But the Christian Church has made it come true.

A New View

The Christian Church gives us a new view of people through the Spying Tube of the Gospel. Look at men through John 3:16, for example, and you see a world of people whom God loves—a world of people for whom Christ died. You see the need of these people, many of whom do not know that a Saviour has given Himself for them, or do not care, or do not live worthy of such a wonderful God. Through God's Spying Tube of the Gospel, with its compassionate concern, the Christian Church provides us with a vision that identifies the true need of the world.

Irving Babbitt once said that H. L. Mencken had a worm's eye view of people. If you wish, you may limit yourself to such a view of life where all is shadowed. You may think of people as animals, as creatures of passion and appetite, with just enough mentality to know that they are animals. You may think of people as things to be used rather than as individuals to be respected. But these views of people make life a sorry affair. They give no glory to the mind, no hope to the heart.

The Christian Church brings a new vision of people, for it views them from the perspective of God. When we see that what really matters in life is what links us to the world above us rather than to the world of animals and material objects, we catch a new vision of human experience. Then we begin to rejoice in life's invincible splendour.

Only God can give us the true view of man. To make the reality of God a living force in the life of man is the Church's perpetual task.

A New Concern

The Christian Church also has a Magic Carpet of love. For Christian love brings the Church swiftly to every place of human need.

I have personally seen Zulu nurses serving in a Christian missionary hospital in the wild bushveldt of South Africa. Christ has changed their lives completely. Leaving the life of primitive tribal customs, they now sacrificially take their lives to the places of direct need. They now serve in the spirit of Christian love. No wonder it has been said of Christians, "It is they who hold the world together."

Karl Barth has described the living Church as "those who have been called out and called together by Him that they may identify themselves with the need and the hope of the world". Having seen the need of the world in the light of God's truth, the Christian Church moves out to meet the need. With the dynamic of love, it moves into homes and

prisons and offices, into wilderness and desert and forest, into places of evil practice or of moral and spiritual apathy, always identifying itself with human need and always bringing divine hope.

When servicemen in World War II were sent to strange and far away parts of the earth, they marvelled to find that the Christian Church was already there. Every frontier has likewise become a frontier of faith as the Church has moved with decision and determination to take the Gospel of God's good news to the whole world.

A New Hope

Finally, the Christian Church offers the Healing Apple of spiritual life to cure the world's ills. The Gospel of the God who cares brings us a spiritual wealth which is both wholeness and holiness. To a sick world, God offers life—life triumphant and abundant.

It is a tragic thing to go through the motions of life without being alive. The Christian Church brings us spiritual food by which to live. The Gospel of the Living God gives us the glory of the enlightened mind, the sensitiveness of the awakened conscience, the power of the energised will, the compassion of the kindled heart.

Dante once said, "Where God is, the universe is most alive". Where the Christian Church is, people are most alive. There they live in the spirit of confidence and victory. There they forego their fears and fortify their faith through the worship of God. There they know that their citizenship is not only in the kingdom of good in this world, but also in the Kingdom of God in His Eternal World.

What a responsibility the Church has to-day! To be entrusted with proclaiming so great a Gospel humbles us and sends us to our knees. But God lifts us up, and His encouraging strength makes us feel ten feet tall.

There is no life greater than the life which is found through God's Holy Church!

—with acknowledgements to All Saints' Parish News, Nelson

A CHRISTIAN GENTLEMAN

The sudden homecall of Harold Frederick Jones on May 14th came as a great shock to his loved ones and his many friends.

From early childhood he was associated with All Saints, as a scholar at both the Sunday School and the Parochial Day School, then as a most faithful Sunday School Teacher he gave splendid service for 40 years, particularly in being responsible for the Extension Groups which catered for the young people after their Confirmation.

He was a member of the Parish Council for 25 years carrying out his duties most faithfully especially at the 8 a.m. Services. A loyal member of the Y.C.I. for 43 years he was always on the look out to bring young men into the fellowship of this organisation. A keen sportsman, he took an active part in the Western Suburbs Churches Baseball Union as a player and Honorary Secretary, and in latter years as Senior Vice-President, he was also a tower of strength to the All Saints' Cricket and Baseball Teams.

A man who loved his home, his Church and his friends, we, who had the privilege of his fellowship are poorer for his passing, but so much richer for his life and the example he has given to us. Harold Jones was indeed a Christian Gentleman, who, like The Master, he served so faithfully "went about doing good".

The heartfelt sympathy of all who knew him is extended to Mrs. Jones, Alan and Janice in their time of sorrow, and we pray that the knowledge that so many are feeling with them, may be a great comfort.

OVER THE FENCE

Marriage Problems—Part III

"Mrs. Critic," said the Rector, "are you really surprised that Lilly's wedding has turned out a failure? I'm not! Lilly and Bill had a very poor start, and I do not refer to Finance, though that part was probably not good. I mean as far as character is concerned.

"Let us forget Bill, his parents scarcely knew what Church they belonged to. They called themselves Protestants and were married at the Registry Office, which was quite good enough under the circumstances. Bill did not have a chance morally or spiritually. In plain language he was dragged up, or should I say, he brought himself up. He told me he was a self-made man, and he looked it!

"But let's look at Lilly. She had no lead from you or your husband—you fed and clothed her but surely children need more than that. I suppose you had Lilly baptised when she was a baby?"

"Yes," replied Mrs. Critic, "indeed, she was done by the Rector before you!"

The Rector felt he wanted to smile (but he refrained) at Baptism being referred to as being "done" like a well-baked cake.

The Rector went on, "Do you consider that you carried out the Baptism promises for your Lilly? Have you and your husband been an example for her?—I'm afraid not. Lilly certainly came to Sunday School and joined the Choir, but you gave her no backing. You let her fend for herself during her formative years when she needed your guidance and spiritual help and example. I'm not surprised that Lilly left the Bible Class and Church when she did because she had no example at home. In my opinion, your Lilly is only one of thousands who, with little or no religion, find life too complicated when they try to live without God. Having mapped out their own course, they end up in a horrible mess. I take it that you and Mr. Critic are fairly happy?"

"Oh yes", said Mrs. Critic, "we never have any arguments. We decided when we married that politics and religion must never be discussed, and then there would be no trouble."

"No trouble" said the Rector to Mrs. Critic, "The problem is that your daughter has been brought up without the help of God to meet trouble, and now she does not know what to do. Mrs. Critic, you remind me of a New Testament story of a young man who had plenty of money, and went off to a far country to sow his wild oats. He sowed and he reaped, and only when he decided to come back to his father in repentant spirit did he begin to really live.

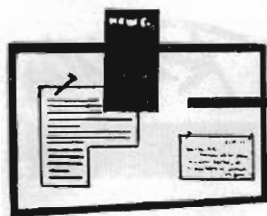
"Remember, God said, 'Those who seek Me early shall find Me.' You are seeking late, but better late than never. I wish some parents would seek God early to make room for Him in their homes, and then there would not be the tragedies that are repeatedly occurring."

APPRECIATION

Mrs. E. Jones, Jan and Alan extend their heartfelt thanks to all their friends at All Saints' for their wonderful kindness and sympathy following their recent sad bereavement.

THE JULY PARISH "CHRONICLE"

Contributors to the July "Chronicle" are asked to note that material should be received by the Rector on or before Sunday, 18th June, in order to ensure insertion.



NEWS BRIEFS

● **Used Clothing Sale:** We wish to thank all the kind people who sent donations of used clothing to our Sale on May 12th and 13th. The result was most gratifying. Thanks are also due to the Ladies who gave their assistance in selling the goods and also to Mr. T. H. Bosward our Cashier, for a job well done.

The Sale Organiser, Mrs. D. Shaw, asks you to remember to ring the Rectory before giving away saleable goods of any description to other institutions, since there are many ways in which our Church can use them to good advantage. Mrs. Shaw also asks you to remember to save all your unwanted but good used garments for the next sale at All Saints! Further details will be announced in due course.

● **White Elephant:** Speaking of unwanted items at home reminds us of the White Elephant stall at the Parish Fete. It's now less than six months to Fete Day—Saturday, 18th November—and Mr. R. F. Atkinson will be only too pleased to receive any items that you don't want, but which could be sold to other people. Included in last year's stock were mowers, crockery, budgerigars, cameras, and a host of other household items. It is surprising how well these things sell. Somebody else will always buy an item that you may be going to throw out. So help the Fete funds and notify Mr. Atkinson, or a Y.C.I. member, and we will arrange to pick up any items you wish to donate. It's not too early to start checking things now.

● **Saturday, June 10th, at 8 o'clock,** is a date and time for all the young people to remember and tell their friends about. It is the second combined Fellowship/Centenary Club monthly Dance and Social. Come along for an enjoyable night, with good music and an excellent supper promised, all for the small charge of 3/6d. Bring your friends.

● **Film Screening:** All Saints' monthly After-Church Social Hour will be held on Sunday, 25th June. Come and see a movie with a message, "Crown of Righteousness." Supper is provided, and a warm welcome is extended to all; the Social Hour follows Evensong, beginning at 7.15 p.m. Our 16mm projector, which failed recently, has been repaired and is back in full working order.

● **Street Stall:** The Ladies' Guild street stall this month will be held between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Friday, 16th June. The support of Parishioners is urged for this regular venture, which is held outside the main Church gates. Any donations for the stall will be gladly accepted.

● **Changes in the Rectory:** Visitors to the Rectory have noticed a great transformation taking place in the Rectory corridors and kitchen in recent weeks. This change is a result of the repainting, long overdue, of the hallways, both downstairs and upstairs, and the staircase, and lobbies. Bright pastel shades have replaced the darker shades of former years, and the darkly stained doors have been repainted in a bright cream. This work is one of a number being met from the proceeds of last year's Fete.

● At the end of May, we were glad to have back with us Mr. Geoffrey Bloomfield, who is now studying for the Ministry in the Diocese of Tasmania. Geoff. first came to All Saints' with the Church Army Mission team in October, 1959, and we were pleased to see and hear from him on this, his first vacation from College.

● **Tail Piece:** "How did the wedding go?" asked the vicar's wife. "Fine, my dear, until I asked if the bride would 'obey' and she said, 'Do you think I'm crazy'? And the bridegroom who was in a sort of daze, mumbled, 'I do'. Then things began to happen!"



BAPTISMS

"Born Again"

Apl. 30th—Beverley Gay Carrett; Michele Somers.

May 7th—Keryl Lynette Smith.

„ 14th—Jennifer Margaret Jones.

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined"

May 13th—Gordon William Rolfe to Colleen Mareve Daniels.

Stanley Keith Hutcheson to Noeline Judith Rowson.

FUNERALS

We extend sincere sympathy to the relatives of:—

Magdline Robinson Sowwith; Sydney Leslie Gehringer; Thelma Sleep Sumners; Arthur Blanche; Corallie Phyllis Alice Samuels; Sidney Conrad Phillips; William Scholefield; Alice McLean; Harold Frederick Jones; Minnie Amelia Vaughan; Richard Arthur Whatman; Winifred Hannah Gee; John Cyril Wright.

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FLOWER ROSTER

June 4—Donated by Mrs. and Miss King in memory of Mr. E. C. King, and by Mrs. E. Jones and family in memory of Mr. H. F. Jones; arranged by Mrs. Bosward and Mrs. Malone.

„ 11—Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ricketts in memory of their sons, and for the Chapel by Miss Marjorie McPherson in memory of her brother, John; arranged by Miss Nisbet.

„ 18—No donation; arranged by Mrs. Ingoldsby Brown.

„ 25—Donated by Mrs. Gordon in memory of her brother, Mr. John Oliver; arranged by Miss Speight.

July 2—No donation; arranged by Mrs. Malone.

On Mothers' Day, Sunday, 14th May, flowers were donated by Mrs. Thompson, Miss Jones (Gordon St.), Miss Fry and by Miss Preston in memory of her brother.

On Sunday, 28th May, flowers were also donated by Mrs. McCarty and Mr. Ron McCarty in memory of Mrs. McCarty's husband and her daughters.

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