

The Chronicle

Of All Saints Petersham

STANMORE ROAD, PETERSHAM (Opposite Fire Station)

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DECEMBER, 1982

CHRISTMAS DAY & NEW YEARS SERVICE

Christmas Day 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

9.30 a.m. Family Service and Communion.

New Years Eve 11.30 p.m. Holy Communion.

The Rectory,
Petersham, 2049.
25th November, 1982

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

What a shock! Only one month to Christmas. Not a single Christmas Card bought, not a present even thought about, and, also, its already getting very warm (perhaps hot) during the day. It will all have to be done in the heat of summer, and the prices of everything this year — and the tough time ahead with the recession or what you want to call it—

To many people Christmas is not the Season of Good Will and Peace. To many people it is just the opposite, tension, frayed nerves, over-spending, over-eating and over-drinking. "We can't afford it but what can you do?"

How easy it is for the world around us to turn the time of Universal Peace and Eternal Joy into just the opposite.

The other day I was in Bible House, Bathurst Street, Sydney over the road from St. Andrew's Cathedral and there in the shop where they sell Bibles were beautiful cards or folders with the Christmas Story in words (straight from the Bible) and some coloured illustrations. They were terrific and cost only \$3 or

4 per hundred, (3c or 4c each). Envelopes were not supplied, but Woolworths are only on the other corner. Compare that in value to cards with snow and Santa Claus, and candles, and, and, and —but without any spiritual or Christian theme, and costing 30c upwards.

Surely we want our friends to hear the Good News about the way the Saviour was born. Surely that's what Christmas is all about rather than the other.

Good Old Bible Society spreading the Word of God at a price we can afford, and giving us the real Christmas Spirit.

Let us this Christmas begin afresh. Christmas is a time of giving. God gave us His only Son, Jesus Christ to be our Saviour and Lord. This Christmas share that message in both the card you send, the gifts you make, not just to friends but also to your Church or to the poor and needy; it helps both in our own country or overseas, and by you being one of the many to worship on Christmas Day.

The services are as advertised in this month's magazine and you are welcome especially if you're new to the area or haven't been before. Come and make this Christmas a joyful time just by being with us.

My wife, our boys and myself wish you a happy Christmas and hope to see you Christmas Day.

Yours sincerely Bruce Woolcott,
Rector

1982 FETE RESULTS

	1981	1982
White Elephant	1100.00	900.00
Work Stall	2081.20	2229.93
Gifts	1131.45	1087.22
Castle	60.80	95.98
Jewellery	401.00	401.60
Books	339.26	313.12
Hoopla	68.68	61.60
Hot Dogs & Soft Drink	95.69	111.40
Refreshments	251.10	287.70
Cakes & Sweets	375.00	351.60
Pottery	342.00	434.73
Groceries	496.58	417.63
Fruit & Vegetables	60.00	
Plants	197.06	189.80
Donations	305.00	462.00
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	7304.78	7344.31
Less Expenses	492.46	388.10
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THE FETE

On behalf of the Church Wardens and Parish Council I thank all who assisted in achieving this result, people we know of and those unknown to us. It has been a tremendous group effort and illustrates what can be achieved by people working in unison towards a common goal.

I know that many stallholders were very concerned early in the morning that the Hall was not very crowded and the Fete looked like being a flop. Yet at the end of the day 486 people had signed the door book compared with only 394 in 1981. Bearing in mind that unemployment is high we have come out of it very well.

It is commonly said, Laugh and the world laughs with you weep and you weep alone. Over the years the Fete has produced some funny situations.

One year Mrs. Humphries took off her shoes to rest her feet and put them on the table top. Before she was aware of it someone had bought them and gone off.

Another year Vic was using a treasured hammer, a family antiquity. In a moment of absent mindedness he put it down and it got sold on the White Elephant Stall.

This year your Fete Chairman really excelled by selling the two door hampers on the grocery stall and did not find out until he went looking for them.

The two door prizes were won by Mr. R. Campion of 53 Bruce Street, Stanmore and Mr. Bob Hadley of Chester Street, Petersham.

F. HEARN—Chairman, Fete Committee



CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

The last social function for this year will be a "Sausage Sizzle" on Monday evening, 20th December, at 6 p.m.

How about it. We might even have a singalong.



WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

Well the big fete that we have all been planning and working for for so long, is now over. Many many thanks to all those good friends (and there were so many) who donated to our cake and sweets stall in any way. We were able to hand in \$351.00 at the end of the day. Thank-you once again everybody.

The final meeting and function of the year is the Safcol.

Demonstration, on Monday, 6th, commencing at 11a.m. Our Christmas breakup will follow the demonstration in the form of a light luncheon. I do hope to have a good attendance from the ladies of the parish and their friends. A plate will be at the door for a small donation to help cover costs.

As usual our club goes into recess in January: The first meeting of the New Year will be February 1st, at 1.30 p.m.

We take this opportunity to wish all a very Happy, Holy Christmas, and Good Health in the New Year.

IDA BARRETT—Hon. Sec.

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SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB

By the time you receive this Chronicle our Club will have gone into recess for Christmas and the New Year holidays. We resume on Thursday, 27th January, 1983. We hope on that day to see all our members back with happy smiling faces.

Our Club members wish each other and all around us The Blessing of a Peaceful Happy Christmas and Bright New Year.

IDA BARRETT—Hon. Sec.

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WORSHIP: CHAPELS & CONGREGATIONS

All HMS chaplains lead worship services. Their congregations are never in hundreds, and often the circumstances are unusual by ordinary standards. Always there is something special about these activities.

Soon after the Rev. Peter Carman began regular visits to Minda Remand Centre at Lidcombe, he was asked by the staff about "having a service" for the boys and girls. With this encouragement, he did.

Of course, it had to be the kind of worship they could take part in. Hardly any of them had ever seen a hymn book, few had heard the usual hymn tunes, Sunday school was largely unknown among them, and any slight Bible knowledge was very likely badly distorted.

The chaplain went ahead, using their kind of recorded music and words of Gospel songs printed on wall sheets. Simple prayers which the congregation of 50 or 60 could say also were printed on wall sheets. A boy or girl could usually be found beforehand who could read, say, a parable, and the "sermon" was liberally illustrated by telling drawings on a flip-chart .

The boys and girls who were still at Minda at the time of the next Sunday visit came back for more, joined by others who had become curious, or who deep down, realised their need.

The Rev. Phillip Blake and the Rev. Reg Clark find prisoners insist on good standards in their worship services. Prison chapels are invariably used for other purposes as well and chapel services usually have to compete with sport, entertainment programmes and visiting which take place at the same time.

Amid the harsh surroundings of concrete, iron bars and steel doors, a chapel is a comparatively clean, peaceful and colourful place where things are done decently and in order. Some prisoners come to a genuine faith which they work out in a Bible study group during the week. Some are so troubled that they don't know where to turn; some try to "con" the chaplain, especially when consideration for parole draws near, others scoff.

In the old days of compulsory attendance at worship, prison administrators regarded chapel services as a means of making prisoners more amenable to discipline. Now this it is voluntary, it can mean much more to those who are seeking; and for all, whether they acknowledge it or not, worship in gaol speaks of God's love, forgiveness and redemption where they are most needed.

Only a small minority of hospital patients can come to a chapel for worship. The service must not be too long for people who are feeling weak and chairs with support at the sides have been found more suitable than long pews. Some hospitals can feed chapel services into the amplifying system, so that those who cannot leave their beds can hear the service there.

One hospital often wheels one or two patients into the gallery of the chapel in their beds, and other patients come in wheel chairs, complete with intravenous drips. Where the chapel is not in a central location, however it can be much harder for patients to be present. Nevertheless, hospital chapel services bring the

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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Burials from All Saints:

Frances Mary KOSKINSON, Died 4/10/82.
 Robert Edward WOOLCOTT, Died 10/10/82.
 Alan William CARR, Died 17/10/82.
 Ernest Henry DUCKWORTH, Died 19/10/82.
 Percy Ernest HITCHINS, Died 22/10/82.
 David Manning LEAN, Died 30/10/82.
 Perle Joyce LEVY, Died 4/11/83.

Baptisms at All Saints:

17/10/82—Anthony James SMITH.
 7/11/82—Tara Rebecca EGAN.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School & Kindergarten will go into recess after the 9.30 a.m. Family Service on 12th December, and will resume on 6th February.



FLOWER DONATIONS FOR DECEMBER

December 5th—By Mr. & Mrs. Swankie and Grandsons in memory of our Mother and Nanna.
 Arrangement by Mrs. Steed.
 December 12th—By Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Willis Sar.
 Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.
 December 19th—By Mrs. Rhodes in memory of her friend Vera Denning and son Peter Brian Moran.
 Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

December 26th—By Mrs. Shaw and daughter Olive in memory of Judy.

By Mrs. Carr in memory of her Mother.

By Barbara and Stella in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Baxter, Sister Ena and friends Barrie and Sally.

By Julie and Alison in memory of "Mate".

Arrangement by Miss. Nisbet.

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FLYING BIBLE DISTRIBUTOR NEEDED FOR OUTBACK

The Bible Society of Australia is seeking a licensed pilot to take the Word of God into the towns and isolated communities of the outback.

For the past 14 years the Society's aircraft has been taking Scriptures to cattle stations, mining towns, railway settlements and aboriginal communities. The present Aerial Colporteur, Mr. Ian Sexton, has also worked in close co-operation with the churches in Northern Australia. This month Mr. Sexton tendered his resignation with a view of taking up full-time Theological Studies early in 1983.

The person appointed will be the Society's Northern Australian Regional Representative based in Darwin with responsibility for distributing the Scriptures in the Northern Territory, the Kimberleys of Western Australia, and western Queensland. He or she will fly a Cessna 206. Applications for the position close **October 15**.

The Bible Society uses an aircraft for this ministry because it is the most efficient and economical form of transport for the type of work.

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AN OUTLOOK ON LOYALTY

Most of us still remember some of the fascinating aspects of Winston Churchill whilst Prime Minister of England during World War II. One of the most fascinating, perhaps, was his capacity to stand aside from the battle and make startling observations of a completely unwarlike nature.

One such observation concerned loyalty. He declared: "You do not have to love a leader to be loyal to him. The important thing to you should be that he represents your cause. And even though his personality may clash at times with yours and you may not agree with all he does, the fact remains that he is your leader and your loyalty belongs to him.

"Nothing destroys spirit in a man quicker than to find that those who should be marching behind him have their swords

secretly pointed at his back and not the enemy ahead.

"A good man, if he differs from his leader, will speak out boldly. It is a mark of the small man to chip and nigger in the darkness, spreading dissension and dismay by secretly undermining the faith of others in those who have been appointed to lead."

In any organisation of men, whether it be business, social, industrial, or otherwise, this little "sermon" by Winston Churchill is always well worth remembering. Do you think so?

STATEMENT OF RECTIPTS FOR OCTOBER, 1982

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Offertories	1,066.03	Rector's Net Stipend	1,072.00
Recycling—		Travelling Allow.	219.19
Cans	53.70	Organist	60.00
Bottles	114.70	Church Flowers	55.00
Papers	331.54	Hall Electricity	111.04
	499.94	Gas	16.00
Donations	135.00	Fete — Refreshment	
Church Flowers	7.50	Room	50.00
Fete	62.30	Cleaning Materials ..	3.16
Refund — Organist			
Travelling Exp.	9.00		1,586.39
Advertisement in		Surplus for month ..	249.88
Chronicle (Fresh			
Flowers)	50.00		
	18,836.27		18,836.27

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT — OCTOBER, 1982

Fresh Flowers Pty. Ltd. — September Flowers	55.00
Sydney County Council — Electricity	111.04
Australian Gas Light Co. — Hall Gas (Min. Charge)	16.00
Cleaning Material	3.16

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