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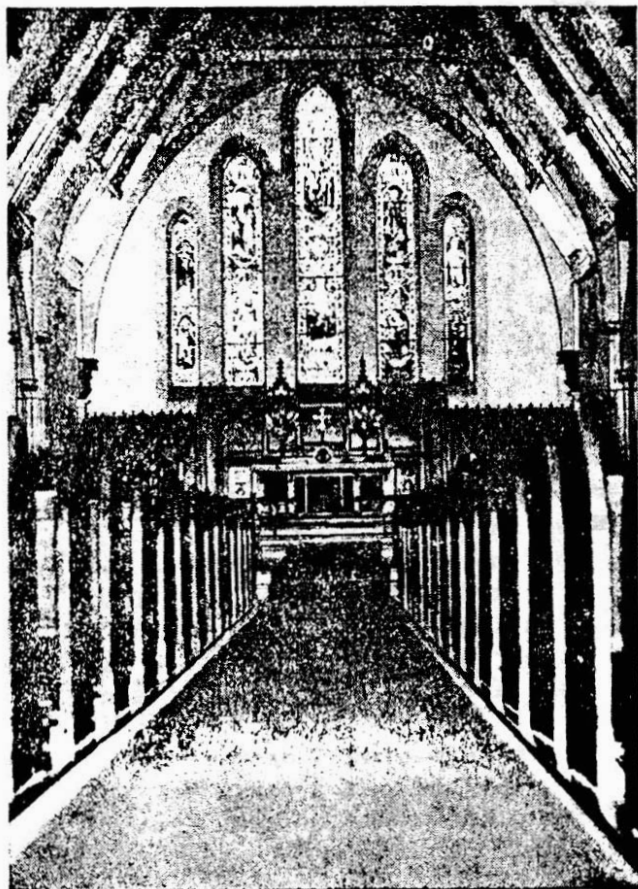
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SEPTEMBER 1989



We love the place, O God,
Wherein Thine honour
dwells.



The Rectory,
325 Stanmore Road,
PETERSHAM. 2049.
24th August, 1989.

Dear Friends,

Last night the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia decided that women would not be ordained to the priesthood. A number of women in Sydney have already been ordained deacon but will not be priested. This is in line with the decision made by synod. The matter will not be raised again for another four years.

I am convinced that this is the right decision on both theological as well as sociological grounds.

I believe what the Bible says applies as much to-day as it did when it was written. The Word of God is the only standard we as a church should follow for our worship and our church government.

A greater problem arises in my mind in the area of parish life. I have had the experience of worshipping in many churches in a great number of different dioceses; in fact different states and a couple of years ago overseas. Some of the parishes I have worshiped in have been strong, some weak. In every one of the strong and numerically large congregations one feature has been obvious. The high proportion of families worshipping together. In the weak and smaller congregations the opposite has been so; fewer families and a definite absence of men.

In no way do I detract or belittle the work of women in the church. I would say many of them outshine their male counterparts, but that is not the question or the matter in hand. Priesting is a particular office within the church carrying certain responsibilities and privileges.

I know that the church which is not based on family participation cannot have a secure future. To fulfil the role of the church we need families and you cannot have families without men. I know this sounds very simplistic, but like most important truths they are simple and unadorned by excuses made by men.

Truth is not always popular; nor is it easy to follow. It is however the long term result and not just the present that must be seen as important. We need to apply this to such matters as the ordination of women. The present break-down of family life, and the militancy of feminism must not cause us to let go eternal truths.

What we have to ask is, "What are we as a congregation doing to promote family participation in our church?"

We have a monthly Family Service and it was good last Sunday to see some seven families (children and parents) present. This is a great advance on the situation some year or so ago when the kids were at Family Service but the Mums and Dads absent.

The Sunday School has also initiated Family Nights where both the children and parents together for an evening which is both instructive as well as good fun. The last one was held with the assistance of the Bible Society. We all enjoyed the puppets and the film. The games involved the Mums and Dads and supper went off like a flash of lightning.

Our next Family Night will be held on November 3rd. Our emphasis on that night will be on the work of the Church Missionary Society. We welcome all parishioners to the evenings.

These Family Nights have helped greatly to make our parish more family centred. But this is not our only family oriented programme. Our Youth Fellowship also seeks to involve families. On Friday nights and

sometimes on Sundays the young people gather for supper or tea in the home of one of the members.

It is important to point out that our ministry involves all parishioners and that all have important roles to play in our parish life. In order to further improve this aspect of parish life we hope to set up a Parish Life Committee to further this ministry.

Pray and work towards this ideal

Yours sincerely,
Bruce Woolcott.
RECTOR.

CHURCH FLOWERS

SEPT 3RD - Mr. & Mrs. Swankie in memory of our mother & nanna. In loving memory of Clarrie also Marge Cole from Arthur.
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SEPT 10TH - Michele in memory of Don.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam.

SEPT 17TH - In loving memory of Elsie Hillary from her sister Kath. In loving memory of Jack from Joyce & family
Arranged by Mrs. J. Hadley.

SEPT 24TH - Mrs. Willis in memory of her mother. Dot Pullen, Judith, Arthur Payne & family in loving memory of Ben Pullen & David Payne.
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WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

Yet another second hand clothing and jumble sale is over. We took \$315.00. A big thanks to all who helped once again to make this possible. Another \$300 has been added to our church donations making our total now this year \$1700. We still have another stall this year on the 6th October. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could reach the \$2000 with that one.

The next meeting of our Women-in-Friendship will be held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday 10th October at 1-30 p.m.

We would love to welcome you.

Ida Barrett - Hon Secretary.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB

The Senior Parishioners Club is still meeting only fortnightly until the end of September. The September meetings are Thursday 7th and 21st at 1-00 p.m. in the Parish hall. Then again every Thursday from 5th October.

Since our last Chronicle our club has been saddened by the passing of one of our very regular members, Glad Hunt. We miss her very much and extend our sympathy to June and family.

We still have a lot of illness amongst our members and sincerely pray they will all be back with us soon.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

The New Testament

Saints MATTHEW, MARK, and LUKE and JOHN the Holy Gospels wrote, describing how the Saviour died, His Life and all He taught.

ACTS proves how God the apostles owned with signs in every place;

St. Paul in ROMANS teaches us how man is saved by grace.

The apostle in CORINTHIANS instructs, exhorts, reproves;

GALATIANS shows that faith in Christ alone the Father loves.

EPHESIANS and PHILIPPIANS tell what Christians ought to be;

COLOSSIANS bids us live to God and for eternity.

In THESSALONIANS we are taught the Lord will come from heaven;

In TIMOTHY and TITUS Bishop's rule is given.

PHILEMON marks a Christian's love, which only Christians know;

HEBREWS reveals the Gospel prefigured by the law.

JAMES teaches without holiness faith is but vain and dead;

SAINT PETER points the narrow way in which the saints are led.

JOHN in his three epistles, on love delights to dwell;

SAINT JUDE gives awful warning of judgement, wrath and hell.

The REVELATION prophesies of that tremendous day whe Christ, and Christ alone, shall be the trembling sinner's stay.

TEACH YOUR CHILD TO PRAY FROM INFANCY

Pre-Natal Year

Pray each day for your unborn child.

First Year.

Pray for him each day at his cot.

Second Year

Hang an illustrated text in his room and show him good Bible pictures. Read simple Bible stories to him.

Teach him to pray simple prayers as soon as he is able to talk.

Third YEAR

Teach him children's hymns; teach him that God made the universe and help him to see the Creator in the things round about him, such as flowers, birds etc.

Fourth Year

Teach him the Lord's Prayer and read to him selected passages from the Bible.

Fifth Year

Begin morning and evening prayers as regular procedures. Teach him to take part in Family Prayers.

Sixth Year

Help him to read the Holy Scriptures and pray privately. Help him through family observances. Family Prayer. Grace at meals. Regular worship in church. Observance of Christmas, Lent, Good Friday, Easter, etc., in the home as well as church.

Good reading matter - magazines, books.

Help him build up his own library of Christian books. (Encourage him by giving him a set of children's bookselves for a birthday gift.)

(From an unknown source)

Editor's Note: You may like to update this article by including Christian videos and tapes of Christian Music.

Regular Sunday School attendance from the age of four years would also be expected.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH PETERSHAM.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - JULY 1989

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Offertories	2,029.78	Rector's Net Stipend	1,812.95
Donations		Rector's Trav. Allow	509.23
Women-in-Friendship	250.00	Organist	75.00
DES Members	7.00	Church Cleaning	80.00
		Hall Cleaning	80.00
		Flowers	67.00
District Visitors		Mthly Lease Copy Machine	177.66
Collection - Mrs. Willis	5.00	Telephone A/c	111.31
Flowers	70.00	A4 Paper	85.16
Recycling of Cans	7.20	Toner	134.50
Investment Interest		Church Electricity	108.13
J.H.Douglass Endow	1,103.54	Hall Electricity	109.09
Transfer of funds from		Hall Gas A/c	33.69
Capital Reserve Fund	255.00	Qtly Water Board A/c	114.50
Rector's Telephone contrib 6/89	25.95		

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	3,753.47	Surplus for month	255.31
Deficit for Month	0.00		-----
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BALANCE 1-7-89	578.39		
LESS DEFICIT FOR MONTH	0.00		
PLUS SURPLUS FOR MONTH	255.31		

BALANCE 31-7-89	833.70		

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