

# All Saint's Anglican Church, Petersham

STANMORE ROAD, PETERSHAM

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The Rectory,  
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24th July, 1985

Dear Friends,

People often say, "When you have nothing else to talk about, you can always talk about the weather." I find this year I am complaining about the weather rather than talking about it. To me it has been a very cold winter.

As we think about the weather, and especially the bitterness of the winter, let us remember how well off we are compared with many, who even in this age of plenty are cold and hungry. Man, who is able to achieve amazing feats like journeying to the moon, etc. etc. has still to discover ways of providing sufficient food, covering, and shelter for all mankind — our brothers and sisters.

One small way in which we can help others is through the Archbishop of Sydney's Winter Appeal, or through the work of the Anglican Home Mission Society. Both these agencies have their offices in St. Andrew's House, Sydney Square and can be sent donations through P.O. Box Q137, Queen Victoria Building, Sydney.

This winter seems also to have brought much sickness. A great number have suffered with a nasty strain of 'flu and several of our congregation have been hospitalized. As Rector, I have found myself very busy taking funerals and visiting the sick. I am looking forward to the coming of the warmer weather.

Do remember those who are not well and those who have lost loved ones over this past month. Your prayers and kindly words are of great encouragement to them.

With the ending of winter and the coming of Spring, life begins again. We are ready to venture out of the house—the nights are not so cold—there is a general feeling that it is good to be alive.

September, that is only a month away, will see the visit of Dr. Leighton Ford to Sydney. He will be taking part in a series of rallies in the Sydney Entertainment Centre, St. Andrew's Cathedral, and the Lyceum Theatre from 20th September till 29th September.

Initially, this program was to celebrate the centenary of St. Andrew's Cathedral Choir School, but as things grew, so many other churches and organisations in our city wanted to join in the event.

Remember these gatherings in your prayers and plan to be present at one of the meetings. Keep the time free.

The sessions in the Entertainment Centre will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29 (the Friday and Saturday at 7.30 p.m., on Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

I trust I shall see you there.

If you should want further information about Celebration '85 you can contact the Sydney Celebration office or the Rector.

Yours sincerely,

BRUCE WOOLCOTT, Rector

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**FLOWER DONATIONS**

AUGUST 4—In memory of Mrs. May Ruhle by Women-in-Friendship.

Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.

AUGUST 11—By Mrs. M. Willis in memory of Mrs. Shiels.

By Mrs. R. Roberts, Beryl and Gary in memory of Mr. William J. Roberts.

Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.

AUGUST 18—In loving memory of Daphne from Esther Humphries.

Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.

AUGUST 25—Donation by Miss Perry.

Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.

No donations have been made for September 1st and 8th, and October is almost blank.

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**RECYCLING ACTIVITY**

Our Recycling activity, which began as a small thing, has now become a big business and looks like growing bigger. With the passing of time the personnel involved have all become seven years older and because we were old at the beginning, this is taking its toll of the parishioners involved. This has been very obvious during July, when unfavourable weather and the onslaught of winter 'flu reduced the ranks of workers to the absolute minimum, putting an increased workload on the survivors. So far we have managed.

As from the date of this issue, it is proposed to sort and tie-up on Monday mornings, beginning at 9 a.m., thereby wiping out evening work. We will be pleased to accept help from any willing worker at any time from 9 a.m. onwards. The other condition remains unchanged—come and go as you wish.

As long as willing workers are available the recycling will continue, but All Saints cannot afford to lose \$6,000 a year without a struggle. With a weekly church attendance of 50 souls it is a large amount to make up by direct giving.

The total money raised each year is given below and the total of \$30,900 is the result of hard and consistent work by many people. Our forebears have left us with a very big church that costs a lot of money to run and maintain. If we do not provide the money the Parish will eventually fold up. Parishioners who care have to give either cash or labour.



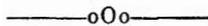
**RECYCLING RETURNS**

	<b>Cans</b>	<b>Papers</b>	<b>Bottles</b>
1979 .....	1172.70	865.23	486.02
1980 .....	1287.95	1650.08	1333.90
1981 .....	837.85	238.51	1161.27
1982 .....	818.64	2949.75	1131.40
1983 .....	1193.01	3676.40	451.07
1984 .....	1102.32	4793.61	—
1985 .....	674.25	2680.08	—
(to 15/7/85)	7086.72	19253.66	4563.66

**SUMMARY**

Cans .....	7086.72
Papers .....	19253.66
Bottles .....	4563.66
	30904.04

N.B. We do not now collect bottles.



**RESTORATION FUND**

The Restoration Fund has been increased by a donation of \$50 from Mr. R. A. Evans and the transfer of \$870 from General Funds, being the equivalent of the work done by the Thursday cleaning team.

## OP SHOPS HIT THE MILLION DOLLAR MARK

HMS' Op Shops, including the Industrial Wiper and Salvage section, managed a turnover of one million dollars last year.

What a mountain of donations this represents! What a lot of 'useless' items made useful again!

Op Shops, which provide immediate relief to people in need, are the visible part of the operation.

The Industrial Wiper and Salvage section remains in the background, but provides vital funds for the work. As well, it creates employment and promotes an awareness of HMS in the business community.

Op Shops Manager Mr. John Dring stresses that the Wiper and Salvage section uses only damaged clothing—which would not be suitable for sale in the Op Shops, which always have priority of choice of the very best. An industrial washing plant, installed just a few weeks ago, also ensures that a greater proportion of the best clothing is now available for the Op Shops, while the "not quite so good" is sold in bulk for recycling and for sale overseas.

Incoming clothes at Op Shops' Summer Hill Depot are sorted by a team of ladies, then bagged, baled, folded or cut as required.

Such cotton items as ripped shirts are cut into pieces to make industrial wipers, which are sold in 25 kg bags. Jeans, singlets, and old bedspreads all have a market if they are cut and sorted correctly.

About 600 bags of cloth in a dozen different fabrics are sold each month by HMS Industrial Wipers.

The wipers are used to clean hands and machines. They are an indispensable item in service stations, factories and printing shops.

Mr. Dring believes that his customers are very satisfied with the HMS product, prices and attentive service.

He notes that there is room for expansion in the Industrial Wipers section. New customers are welcomed because HMS needs their support.

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Some items, such as old pure wool jumpers, are very suitable for recycling. They can be sold for up to 92c a kilogram. Most of the expensive woollen fabrics for sale around the world contains a percentage of recycled fibre like that supplied by HMS. An old jumper donated to HMS might take up a new career as part of an elegant Italian dress!

A proportion of the clothing exported goes to Karachi, Pakistan—the world capital for second hand clothes.

Many of these clothing parcels will reach the most distant foothills of central Asia, probably strapped to the back of a camel or a donkey.

Through its diverse activities and the continuing generosity of its supporters, Op Shops is steadily increasing its support to other HMS divisions while maintaining its own service to those in need.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Towards the end of June, the Sunday School held a Family Fun Night. The theme of the evening was India. It was held as a part of the Bible Society's "Bibles for India" project. Although the number in attendance was small, everyone had an enjoyable time. I would like to thank all who provided and helped with the supper.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL INDIAN NIGHT

A few weeks ago the Sunday School held an Indian Night. Everyone came dressed in Indian clothes and a prize was given to the best costumes.

The Guild Room was decorated with pictures and pamphlets about India, collected from Air India and the Indian Embassy and Tourist Bureau, which are now in the Little Sunday School.

Games were played and there was an Indian Quiz. There was a Bible Society movie about deaf children in India discovering the Bible.

It was great fun.

— Sarah Essam

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### WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The next meeting of the Women-in-Friendship to be held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 13th August at 1 p.m. will be followed by a speaker from Home Mission

at 2 p.m. Please come and help to make it worth while for a speaker to address us. Afternoon tea will follow.

The Second Hand Clothing Stall on Friday, 19th June, netted \$133.30. Thanks to all who donated, bought goods or helped in any way to make this stall so successful. The next stall will be held on Friday, 30th August. Please help us again if you can.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

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### SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

The Senior Parishioners Club is still a bright afternoon in this cold weather. Our attendance has been good despite the fact that so many of our members have been away with the 'flu. We look forward to better weather and a full attendance with everyone well again.

Hope to see you Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

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### MINISTRY IN PARADISE

When the Reverend Stephen Miller and his wife Jeanine moved to Lord Howe Island from Cabramatta West, they were struck by the similarities, as well as the differences, between these parishes.

Lord Howe Island is free from crime and unemployment, yet experiences many of the same social problems as other communities.

"We see many of the problems of the mainland magnified," said Mr. Miller.

"People can't escape their worries. We have separated families living next door to one another and brothers and sisters attending the same school, yet living apart.

"The biggest problem on the island is that people get bored very quickly and many turn to alcohol. The government-run bottle shop has a turnover of \$10,000 a week. (The island has a population of about 280 and up to 389 tourists can be accommodated there at any one time.)

"Home video entertainment has become very popular but it has created some friction — it is very noticeable when people in this small community isolate themselves at home and don't get out to talk to people."

Mr. Miller has put plans into action to bring people together and do something constructive for the community.

He runs a 'Fish Fry' for local pensioners, and a programme of activities for children each Friday evening and during school holidays. The kids' sessions have an enviable attendance rate—almost 100% of the island's children come along.

Mr. Miller is working to overcome traditional ideas held by the islanders about the nature of the Anglican church. In the past, Anglican ministry on the island has been carried out by retired clergy on a short term basis. In fact, there have been 110 Anglican ministers resident there since the 1920's. People have not had time to get to know them as individuals and have assumed that the Anglican church has little constructive help to offer.

During his three year appointment to Lord Howe Island, Mr. Miller hopes to show the community that the Anglican church has a great deal to offer.

Top priority in his long term plans are programmes for the island's teenagers and young adults.

Through this sort of constructive work with the community, the Anglican church will come to be seen as an enduring and positive force, rather than the minister "just being another tourist."  
— "CARE"



### CHURCH HISTORY (Continued)

At the close of the service, the Bishop, Clergy and Choir proceeded to the Rectory, where special prayers were offered and the Benediction pronounced. The building was then thrown open for inspection and was soon filled with a large company of interested parishioners.

The Bishop remained overnight and took part in the special commemorative service for the fifth anniversary of the Consecration of All Saints' Church, held on Sunday, 9th August, 1908.

Services to commemorate the Jubilee of the Church of England in the Parish of Petersham and the seventh Anniversary of the Consecration of All Saints' Church were held on Sunday, 21st August, 1910. Holy Communion and Morning Prayer services were well attended but at Evensing, 7.30 p.m., the Church was filled to overflowing. His Grace the Archbishop being the special Preacher. The service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. R. E. Goddard, M.A., assisted by the Curate, Rev. W. A. Fletcher, Th.L., who acted as Archbishop's Chaplain carrying the Pastoral Staff.

At this service the Archbishop dedicated the Belfrey, erected to the memory of Mr. Stephen Forster, for 17 years a

Warden of All Saints' Church. In addition, a beautiful banner for the Pulpit presented by Mrs. J. W. Johnson, Sanctuary curtains by membrse of the congregation and a massive brass Ewer for use at the Font, the gift of the Parochial Day School, were also dedicatd. The latter was inscribed: "All Saints' Petersham, To the Glory of God and in commemoration of the Jubilee of the Parish, 1860-1910. Presented by Teachers and Pupils, Past and Present of the Parochial Day School.'

In addition to these special services, a Parochial gathering was held at the Town Hall at which the parishioners resolved to make a permanent memorial of the event in the form of a fence on the Stanmore Road frontage of the Church grounds. The Archbishop of Sydney, Dr. Wright, who made his first visit to the Parish on the occasion of this Jubilee, heartily commended the plan and initiatory steps were at once taken. Subscriptions were invited and promised, the school children contributing the cost of the Children s Gate.

While funds were being received Mr. Wippell of the local branch of the Bank of Australasia passed away and Mrs. Wippell and her family offered to erect the main entrance gates in his memory.

On the evening of the 21st November, 1910, a meeting of the young men of the Parish was held for the purpose of forming an organisation and stressed the need of a strong Church attachment. At a later meeting it was decided to operate as a branch of the Young Churchmen's Institute, a Diocesan organisation. Messrs. T. H. Bosward, J. M. Boyle and J. Alt were among the prime movers in the formation of the All Saints' Branch of the Y.C.I. Some time after functioning it was ascertained that All Saints', Petersham, was the only branch in existnce and so it adopted its own constitution and retained the name of The Young Churchmen s Institute, later abbreviated to Y.C.I. Over the years it has graduated to the status of a Men's Institute.

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