

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

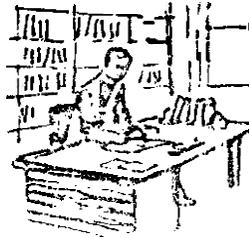
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JULY, 1981

*From your
Minister's
Desk*



Dear Friends,

Recently, whilst looking for something else, I came across an article which I would like to pass on to you. It comes from the pen of Betty Carlson, who is part of the "L'Abri Fellowship House" in Switzerland. She writes:

"We had lived for many years in Chicago, and at one time moved to a house some distance away from the city. It was a bushland setting, so we were surrounded by trees and bush, with a great collection of small animals and birds to cheer the heart of anyone who had an interest in them. Many visitors came to see us in our new home, so that we were all busy with their entertainment as we showed them all our new set-up. When the flow slowed down I was able to make some kind of assessment of our visitors and the way they had reacted to what they had seen and found.

"I saw that they fell roughly into three groups. There were those who came and were charmed with all they saw and found. The trees, the birds, the flowers and animals, together with the quietness, appealed to them tremendously. There was another

group who said, 'It must be damp and dreary living out here so remote from town! What about the ants and insects? You'll be snowed in in winter, for no snow plough could get up that lane!' The third group were those who said nothing at all! They came, they saw, and departed, giving no indication of how they felt.

"Thinking about these three groups, I see that we have need of these three kinds of people in life. Naturally, we all like the bright and helpful people — the appreciators. It's always a pleasure to have them around! But what would we do without the second group? Life would be the poorer if we did not have the people who 'have a different opinion and point of view' — those who are ready to let us know that they don't agree with what we say or do. A lot of progress would be lost without such people! The third group? We also need people who will sometimes see and note and, because they don't agree or want to either irritate or annoy us, don't say anything. Silence certainly can be 'yellow' rather than golden — but sometimes it can help keep peace!"

In conclusion, let me say that not only do we need these three kinds of people, we also need to have and use each of these three characteristics ourselves — to be appreciative; to be ready to let people know when we don't agree with them when that is important, and also to be able sometimes by silence to keep peace.

Yours in Service,

R. N. LANGSHAW.

[Editor's Note: Rev. R. N. Langshaw will be locum tenens at All Saints' from July onwards.]



SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB

We are all saddened by the loss last month of one of our very old members, Mrs. Emily Robertson, known to us all affectionately as "Robbie". Robbie was in her 92nd year. She loved her Thursday Club and only missed attending when it was impossible to do otherwise. Our deepest sympathy is extended lovingly to her family.

Although last month was cold and sometimes wet, our attendances have been good, but we still have room for more "card" or "housie" players. Only 50 cents covers the afternoon's Game Prizes, Door Prizes and a lovely Afternoon Tea. Just come and visit us, and I'm sure you will come again. Ladies or gents, any age, any denomination.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

WOMEN IN FRIENDSHIP

The Second-hand Clothing and Jumble Stall is now over. A very happy, successful and social day was spent by all who attended, and many thanks to all who assisted in any way. Our total proceeds were \$147. Two large boxes of winter clothing was sent to the Archbishop's Winter Appeal, and quite a lot of mixed clothing and goods to the Home Mission. Another stall is to be held at a later date.

I am very sorry to report the passing of one of our members, Mrs. Emily Robertson (Robbie). Mrs. Robertson has been a wonderful loyal and regular member for many years until health made it impossible to be with us. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family.

It is with deep regret that we no longer have the pleasure of Mrs. Doris Jones' company at our meeting. Doris' health makes it too difficult to travel all the way from Croydon. We wish you God's blessings, Doris, and better health around the corner.

Our next meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 4th August, at 1.30 p.m. Please note change of meeting date to first Tuesday of the month.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. EMILY LAVINA ROBERTSON

From Rev. S. Gissings address at her Funeral Service.

"Robbie", as Mrs. Emily Lavina Robertson was affectionately known by her many friends at Petersham, now knows the reality of that assurance. "Robbie" was one of those whom I call life's characters. She had a fierce determination and a strong independence of spirit, which at times caused her to act and speak in a way which could be interpreted as hurtful. There were times when most of us felt that side of her. But those of us who had a determination and the strength of respect and love, found that aspect of Robbie's character (which I believe was a defence mechanism — one that other people use as effectively as did Robbie) — it could be pushed aside, and beyond one found a sterling person who had a sense of humour, and a longing for friendship and love, and a warmth that linked itself with a tremendous loyalty. She loved All Saints' Church — and missed coming very much. We know that it was best for her to be where she was in these past few months — but she missed us, I know, and she was missed by us. There was much about her that spoke to me of my own reserved, conservative and

strong mother — I grew to love Robbie for her strengths and good qualities. One thing that my wife and I will always remember about her is her pride in her family — grandchildren and their faith — it meant a great deal to her. Her own profound faith — by no means worn on her sleeve! — caused her to be what I call a “twicer” — she was in church worshipping both morning and evening when she was able. I missed her greatly when she was not with us — she was one that encouraged a minister to know that she hadn’t slipped out and gone home — one could hear her clearly and positively making the responses and joining in the prayers. We learnt to respect her and love her.

And though I believe what I said at the outset most surely, that Robbie has gone to that place reserved for her, and promised by our Lord and Saviour, I admit my first reaction on hearing of her death was “Oh dear! I’m sorry to hear that — dear old Robbie!” But that was prompted by a gut feeling of loss by myself, not by any regret for her! Death forces us to trust the Almighty. At death we come to the end of human knowledge, human power, and human comfort. We are dependent on the mercy of God. Comforting it is therefore to have a God to trust of perfect love, absolute knowledge, boundless forgiveness and infinite patience. “God is love” is a glorious fact to lean on.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson — to you and your family and other members of the Robertson family — may I say that our prayer is that you may be upheld by a like assurance, and by the divine presence and love.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

I would like to remind parents that the Sunday School commences at 9.30 a.m. each Sunday in the Church. The pupils receive five additional marks for attending church. At approximately 10 a.m. the Sunday School moves from the church to the parish hall for the lesson and activity work. The Kindergarten commences at 9.55 a.m.

The Kindergarten and Sunday School are still seeking teachers. The Kindergarten requires two teachers for the 5 to 6-year-olds. The Sunday School requires one teacher for the Explorers 1. group.

NOEL CRAGG,
Superintendent.

IN MY GARDEN

By Lucy Spender (Christian Woman Feb. 1978)

Each year as I grow older, I find myself saying that I will have to give up the garden — it is too much for me.

Then one bright sunny day in mid-winter, as I am hanging out the washing perhaps, I see a bud on the calycanthus. Then a glance round about reveals the tips of bulbs peeping through. Dear Madge gave me those bulbs to start my garden 25 years ago, when it was just cleared bush and I newly arrived from England. She is now with the Lord. I cannot neglect them. Before I am aware, I am gardening again!

The days grow warmer and I see the plants which my friends have given to me coming into life again. In remembering them and their warm freindship I find in my garden there is LOVE.

When I plan to move this shrub to a better place, or to ask another friend for something from her garden to brighten a dull corner, I look forward to next year when the garden will be even better. I have also found HOPE in my garden.

As the year progresses and I reap my harvest of flowers, fruit and vegetables, I am surprised to find out how much I have accomplished little by little. By living and working one day at a time, according to my strength and claiming the promise of the one who said, "I will strengthen you, I will help you," I see that in my garden I am finding FAITH. (Isaiah 41:10.)



FLOWER MEMORIALS

- June 28: By Mrs. D. Reid, in memory of her mother.
 July 5: By Mr. W. Williams and family, in memory of Mrs. Aileen Williams.
 July 12: By the Misses Nisbet, in memory of their parents.
 July 19: By Michele, in memory of Don.
 Aug. 2: By Mrs. M. Willis, in memory of Mrs. Schiels.
 Aug. 9: By Mrs. R. Roberts, Beryl and Gary, in memory of Mr. William John Roberts.

Mrs. F. Hearn has undertaken the purchase of flowers to decorate the church, and can be contacted by phone at 569-1852.



EDITORSHIP OF CHRONICLE

The Chronicle is currently being edited by F. Hearn. Comments on the content of the Chricle are requested, and items suitable for inclusion will be well received.

FETE: STALL HOLDERS AND PARISHIONERS MEETING

Stall Positions: Stall holders will continue to hold the same positions as last year with the exception of Mrs. Rhule, who has tentatively been given permission to take over the area previously occupied by Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Rhule has asked that her area be now known as the Work Stall.

Attention was drawn to the need to provide access between stalls, and this will be given attention, as will the transport of stallholders' goods.

We are pleased to accept assistance from two ladies new to All Saints'. Mrs. Sylvia Keely, of Middleton Street, has offered to run the Plant Stall, and Mrs. Pickup will be running the Refreshment Room.

Regarding the Plant Stall, I ask people with green fingers to make an early start on potting, so that the plants will be well rooted by fete day and our reputation for value be maintained.

We will be having the boys' band, face painting and the train in the grounds to provide atmosphere and compete with the hot dogs and barbecue as outside attractions.

The fete committee is available to assist with any problems in connection with the fete.

F. HEARN, Chairman, Fete Committee.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR MAY, 1981**GENERAL ACCOUNT**

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	\$		\$
Offerories	725.51	Stipend and Travel Allowance	1,015.60
Hall Rent	64.00	Relieving Ministers	59.00
Recycling:		Assessments—	
Alum. Cans 65.70		General Special and	
Bottles 91.76		Special Assessment	
Papers 137.78		Arrears	599.25
	295.24	Organist	120.50
Donations	12.00	Church Flowers	40.00
B.B.Q. Receipts	182.00	Chronicles	65.20
District Visitors	84.60	Church Cleaning	100.00
Church Flowers	53.00	Hall Gas	16.00
	1,416.35	Recharging Fire Ex-	
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	\$2,377.49	Hall	18.00
		GIO—Public Liability	
		Insurance	30.15
		B.B.Q. Expenses	192.00
		Church Electricity	20.19
		Stationery	101.60
			\$2,377.49

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May. 8, 1981

Hello Everyone at All Saints',

Great to be writing to you again. How are you? We are all well with the exception of sniffy noses, reminding us of winters coming.

Thank you for praying for us. God has been doing some wonderful things in the past month, as I will share in a moment. We pray for you regularly, thanking God for you all generally every week and praying for two of you specifically every morning. Today it was good to be praying for Mike and Karen Agnew and Alison Cameron from Canberra.

Last month we asked you to pray that the campuses would be recentred on the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the truth of the Bible. God has responded to our prayer, placing a boldness and zeal upon the Christian students to stand up for Christ and share the Good News. Many of you may have seen the reception Prince Charles received at Monash by the radical students, but you have not heard about the greater events happening there. People every day hear the good news of the Gospel and lives are completely changed for good as a result. Jesus Christ is becoming a significant issue on campus — Satan's kindom is under threat. We've still a long way to go, but the victory is assured because Jesus is Lord.

Let me share one incident of the victory that happened this week that thrills and encourages me.

Last Tuesday we had just finished our second speak-out for the term proclaiming Jesus as alive and Lord, and I decided to take a few minutes to talk to one of the students sitting on his own. After I had introduced myself to Allister and asked him about his course he said to me, "Rick, do you believe God has a plan for our lives?" "I sure do," I said, and he proceeded to ask me how he could know God's plan for his life. I briefly explained that the key to knowing God and His plan for our lives was Jesus, but because our time was limited I asked if we could meet again the following day. He agreed, and we met the following morning. Allister was indeed seeking to know God; he was dissatisfied with this society and disillusioned about life. We talked about God's love, man's problem of sin, Jesus's sacrifice for us and how we must accept Him as our Lord and Saviour and begin to grow in that relationship. I asked him: "Allister, would you like to receive Christ as your Lord and become a Christian?" His response was positive and we bowed in prayer together.

I was excited because Allister's commitment is answered

prayer, and I look forward to really seeing him grow in his love for God. Please pray for him.

In finishing, could I ask you to keep praying with us for the following:

Praise God for His work at Monash Uni and Swinburne Institute, for the enthused lives resulting from Easter Conference, and for Allister's committment.

Please continue to pray for our car need (as shared last month), for the campus ministry, and for our retreat with 2 student leaders, May 15-17.

All our love,

ANNETTE, RICHARD and JOEL.

P.S.: Thank you very much for your letter and cheque. God is wonderfully providing for us. Love in Him.— R., A. and J.

PARISH INFORMATION

Churchwardens: Mr. B. Livingston (Rector's), Mr. N. Cragg, Mr. S. Yewdall (People's Warden).

Parish Council: The Churchwardens and Mesdames I. Barrett, C. Hitchcock, J. Livingston, D. Reid, A. Steed and P. Yewdall; Messrs. V. Barrett, F. Hearn, W. Ritchie, S. Sheppard, R. Swankie.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. Livingston (569-5057).

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. B. Livingston.

Sunday School Superintendent: Mr. N. Cragg.

Kindergarten Leader: Mrs. M. Essam.

Organist: Mr. R. Bembrick.

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