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Of All Saints

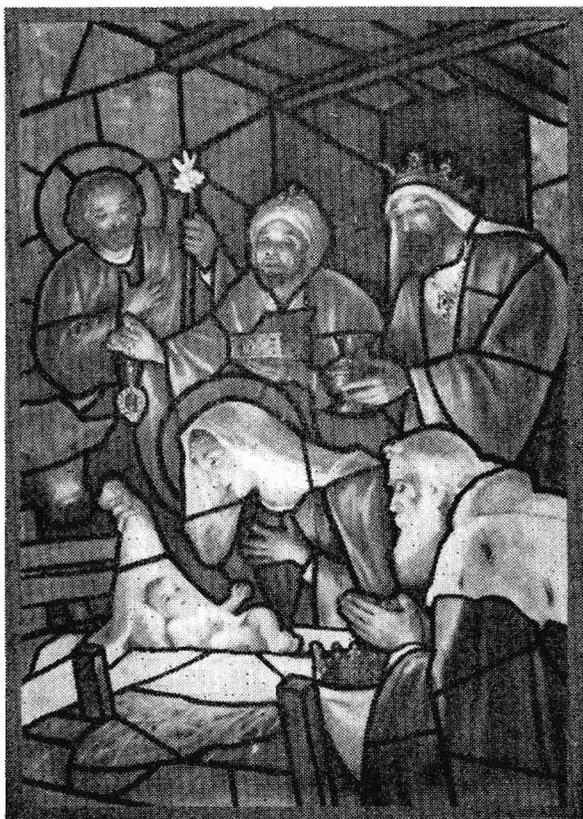
Petersham

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EPIPHANY

JOHN 3:16

The greatest lover — — — — God
 The greatest degree — — — — so loved
 The greatest company — — — — the world
 The greatest act — — — — that He gave
 The greatest gift — — — — His only begotten Son
 The greatest opportunity — — — — that whosoever
 The greatest simplieity — — — — believeth
 The greatest attraction — — — — in Him
 The greatest promise — — — — should not perish
 The greatest difference — — — — but
 The greatest certainty — — — — have
 The greatest possession — — — — everlasting life.

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PERSONAL

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the relatives of Miss Elvie Graham of Agar Street, whose funeral was held in All Saints' Church in November. Miss Graham, who was a regular parishioner and Fete worker at our Church, had previously been on the staff of Braeside Hospital for several years. We also express our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Slee and her family in the passing last month of their Husband and Father, Mr. William Slee, after a long illness. Mrs. and Mrs. Slee were regular parishioners of All Saints' for a great many years until ill health prevented them from attending.

We are also sorry to report that Mrs. Morris and Miss Hamilton are in hospital and to them and all who are in ill health at this time, we pray that the season's message, "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to All Men" may be of comfort.

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RECTOR'S HOLIDAY

During January, the Rector and Mrs. Champion will be vacationing at Katoomba, where we trust they will have a pleasant and restful holiday, away from all the hustle and bustle, the pressures of Rectory life.

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REV. A. C. SMITH

While the Rector is away, we will be very pleased to welcome back to All Saints' the Rev. Cecil Smith, Th.L., Vicar of Willaura, Diocese of Ballarat, who will arrive on Thursday, 30th December. Mr. Smith will be staying at the Rectory with his family, and we trust that they will have a most happy time amongst us in Petersham.

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SERVICE NEWS

All parishioners are invited to the New Year's Eve Watchnight Service, starting at 11.30 p.m. on Friday, 31st December. The Service will be conducted by the Rev. A. C. Smith, and will conclude with a Celebration of the Holy Communion.

The best place to start the new year is in Church. Come and join us!

On Sunday, 30th January, the 8 a.m. Service of Holy Communion will be taken by the Rev. R. E. Evans, Th.L., while at the 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Services, the Preacher will be Mr. R. Wallis. Both Mr. Evans and Mr. Wallis will speak to us on behalf of the Home Mission Society.

Advance notice is given of our Annual Harvest Festival Service, to take place on Quinquagesima Sunday, 20th February.

DEDICATION AT CHRISTMAS SERVICE

At the 7 a.m. Service on Christmas Day, the Rector will dedicate a new white brocade Burse and Veil donated by Mrs. Shaw in memory of her Daughter, Mrs. Judith McPhee.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Shaw for these beautiful gifts to the Church.

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS APPEAL

Once again we wish to say a sincere "thank you" to all the good folk who sent along gifts of soap, washers, talc, etc., for distribution to Nursing Homes and Hospitals in our district. Thank you, Mrs. Willis, for your generous donation.

It is sometimes heartbreaking to watch the reaction of some of the dear old souls who receive a little gift from the generous congregation of All Saints' Church. We deeply appreciate your donations, big or small, and ask God to bless each one of you for making some old or ill person a little happier at Christmas time.

We also wish to thank the following parishioners for their kind donations of money to purchase gifts: Mrs. Nisbet, Mr. Brodie, Mr. Reg Minitier, Mr. John Minitier, Mrs. B. Osborne, Mrs. J. Wilson, Mrs. Robertson, Mother and Son, Mrs. Ayrton, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gordon, A Friend, Mrs. G. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Hilliard, Mrs. Perrett, Mrs. Dickson, Miss Meyers, the Misses Bayley, and two anonymous donors.

As the January "Chronicle" goes to print in mid-December, it is unfortunate that we cannot acknowledge later donations.

DOT SHAW

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SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- January 2nd: Donated by Mrs. Adams in memory of the Rev. C. E. Adams, and arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- „ 9th: Donated by Mrs. D. Jones (John Street) in memory of her Sister, and Mrs. Kent in memory of her Son and Daughter, Charlie and Elsie; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- January 16th: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- „ 23rd: Donated by Mrs. Mavis Thorn and Kim in memory of Mr. Rex Thorn; arranged by Miss Speight.
- „ 30th: Donated by the Quin family in memory of their Mother; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- February 6th: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

On Sunday, 12th December, the Sanctuary Flowers were given by Mrs. Butt in memory of John Winchester, and by Mrs. Latham. The flowers on Sunday, 26th December were donated by Mrs. Quine and Mr. Bryce in memory of their Mother.

Donations would be welcomed for Sundays 16th January and 6th February. There are further vacant dates in February and March for which we would be grateful of gifts of flowers or money to purchase flowers,

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZES

We offer our congratulations to the following girls and boys who won top positions in their Sunday School classes for 1965. Book awards were presented to them at the Family Service on 19th December.

We hope that they will continue to work hard in the new year and gain further prizes in 1966. However, we also trust that all those who missed out last year will work even harder and get their names on the Honour Roll in a year's time.

KINDERGARTEN

Girls

Class 1.

- 1st Janelle Cheetham
- 2nd Lynette Fay
- 3rd Nina Howarth

Class 2.

- 1st Lynette Cheetham
- 2d Karen Bedcober
- 3rd Rpslyn Garforth

Class 3.

- 1st Robyn Nicholls
- 2nd Rosemary Gordon
- 3rd Debbie Olofsson

Boys

Class 1.

- 1st Laurie Archer
- 2nd Richard Harris
- 3rd Peter Hilton

Class 2.

- 1st David Williams
- 2nd Robert Harris
- 3rd Brett Wood

Special Prizes

- David Williams
- Robyn Nicholls

SENIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Class 1.

- 1st Kathleen Falls
- 2nd Susan Jackson
- 3rd Amanda Connolly

Class 2.

- 1st Beverley Lance
- 2nd Judith Cheetham
- 3rd Judith Carroll
- 4th Kathryn Spicer

Class 3.

- 1st Margaret Newton
- 2nd Christine McPherson
- 3rd Karen Williams
- 4th Julie Munro

Class 4.

- 1st Kerry Cheetham
- 2nd Laramie Elliott
- 3rd Leonie Munro

Class 5.

- 1st Judith Evans
- 2nd Kathryn Granger
- 3rd Carol Griffin

Class 6.

- 1st Lyn Archer
- 2nd Margaret Lance
- 3rd Julie Bretherton

Class 1.

- 1st John Williams
- 2nd John Harris
- 3rd Keith Ash

Class 2.

- 1st Richard Evans
- 2nd Barry Giffin

Class 3.

- 1st Ronald Nicholls
- 2nd Peter Stefanovich
- 3rd William Harris

Class 4.

- 1st Wayne Spicer
- 1st Terry Spicer
- 2nd John Bretherton
- 3rd Randal Tate

Class 5.

- 1st John Garnett
- 2nd Mark Olofsson

Class 6.

- 1st Glen Garforth

Extension Group

- 1st Philip Evans
- 2nd Robert Cheetham

CLUB NEWS

● **Senior Parishioners' Club:**

Our Club will resume activities on Thursday, 13th January, 1966. For the benefit of any new-comers to the district, we would like to announce that the "Senior Parishioners'" Club is open for membership to both ladies and gentlemen.

There is always room to be found at the Club's card tables, or if you don't play cards, we can fit you in elsewhere.

It is not strictly necessary that you attend our Church, but many members do once they make friends with our regular parishioners. Our Club was started nearly eight years ago for the sole purpose of giving an afternoon's entertainment to the Senior Citizens within the district, and during these years, many lonely folk have joined us and thoroughly enjoyed and looked forward to their Thursday afternoons.

I would like to mention here that 1965 was a record year for our Club, as our attendances topped those of all previous years, and consequently our finances rose also.

Ours is not a money-making Club, and we try to give our members a happy social afternoon with prizes and afternoon tea every week. A "Voluntary Donation" box into which everyone pops a coin, covers the entire cost and also provides a lovely Christmas Party to which we always look forward.

After making enquiries, we have found that All Saints' "Senior Parishioners'" Club is the largest Church Club of this type in the Western Suburbs.

Mrs. Wilson and I sincerely thank all who helped us at the Christmas Party, especially those from other organisations.

DOT SHAW

● **Indoor Bowls Club:**

The Bowls Club will resume on 5th January, 1966. Our membership is open for men of the Parish and we will give you a warm welcome any Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m.

We will teach you the game and are sure you will enjoy playing as much as we do.

H. SHAW, Hon. Secretary

● **Ladies' Guild:**

Our Christmas party on December 14th proved a very bright and happy afternoon. We were delighted to have with us a number of the ladies who have helped us on stalls at the Fete and at our Clothing Sale.

The Guild will resume on Tuesday, 8th February at 2 p.m., and our first special activity for 1966 will be the Annual Guild Luncheon on Tuesday, 8th March in the Parish Hall. March is going to be a busy month so we hope all will come back with renewed energy.

E. M. BOSWARD

● **Young Churchmen's Institute:**

The Y.C.I. will be having a Games Night on Friday, 7th January and a Guest Speaker on Friday, 21st, both meetings starting at 8 p.m. We will welcome any menfolk of the parish who would like to come along.

A. JONES, Hon. Assistant Secretary

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

JEREMIAH AND LAMENTATIONS

1. The Man

There are few books in the Bible which are as deeply linked with the life of the author as the Book of Jeremiah. Throughout the book, Jeremiah's own personal tragedies and losses recur again and again, the pressure of conviction that God had given him a message to his time, to which men would not listen, weighed continuously upon him.

From the facts that can be pieced together, it would seem that Jeremiah was born about 600 B.C., into a priestly family in the Judean village of Anathoth. His mission as a prophet began in 626 B.C. when he underwent the spiritual experience generally referred to as his "call" and vividly described in the first chapter of his book. At that time the Jews as a nation were rapidly facing extinction as a political identity. The kingdom, divided by civil strife since the days of Solomon into two halves, the northern kingdom Israel, and the southern Judah, had already seen the defeat of Israel and its disappearance as a nation. At the time of Jeremiah's call, Judah was sandwiched in between the spheres of influence of the two great world powers, Egypt and Babylon, to whom she was at different times under tribute. Internally, the kingdom was at the lowest of moral and spiritual ebbs.

Chapter 7, vv 1:15, contains the outline of a "sermon" preached by Jeremiah in the temple of Jerusalem. There is revealed the picture of a society given over to greed, violence, immorality, and idolatry, yet returning always to the temple of God and offering worship from corrupted hearts and stained hands.

The centre of Jeremiah's message was "mend your ways and your doings" — a phrase repeated many times. He told his contemporaries that their alleged faith in God was futile, and that God would be no defender of Israel in the days of catastrophe if their protestation of faith were not accompanied by righteousness of life. Opposition to Jeremiah hardened almost from the beginning. He was a "man of strife and contention to the whole earth" (Ch. 15, v. 10). His "pain was perpetual and wound incurable" (v. 18). After the first Babylonian assault and the deportation of many of the nation's leaders, further rebellion was being planned, and Jeremiah protested the folly of this course of action. He was denounced as a traitor, a false prophet and a preacher of lies. His writings were publicly burnt, he was left in an empty well to starve, delivered only by the intervention of a friend, and in the final catastrophe saw the last devastating assault on Jerusalem, its capture and destruction.

After the defeat of Judah and the capture of Jerusalem all that remained of the nation's leaders and skilled workers were deported to Babylon, only a tiny remnant being left to exercise some authority over the nation, now reduced to a primitive agricultural community. Among those left was Jeremiah, by now a man of advanced years. But he was not allowed to spend his old age in peace. A group of pro-Egyptian Jews, seeking freedom, escaped to Egypt, and took Jeremiah with them. where, in exile and captivity, he died, his message still disregarded.

Jeremiah's life was one of almost unrelieved suffering. His mission for God was to him the cause of his humiliation, shame and rejection. The initial promise that God made to him, as he was commissioned for his task, is found, in Chap. 1, v 17-19.

"Do not be dismayed by them. And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests, and the people

of the land. They will fight against you; but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, says the LORD, to deliver you."

Such is the promise that God makes to all His people who are called to walk in the footsteps of Jeremiah. Jeremiah's triumph lay not in success, as that word is commonly understood, but in his faithfulness to the work and message given to him by God. And his triumph was not achieved by his own power, but by God's support and strength in Jeremiah's heart and will.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

● The first function at All Saint's in the decimal currency era will be Mrs. Clark's Social and Games Afternoon in February. The charge for the afternoon will be 30 cents (3/-) and the proceeds will go to Church funds. Keep Wednesday, 23rd February free for the function—we hope you will come along.

● Please make a note to keep Saturday, 26th March free to come along to our Parish Hall for a wonderful exhibition of over 500 dolls. More details will appear in the February "Chronicle".

● Mr. H. J. Shaw wishes to thank Messrs. Robert Champion and friend and Ray Gordon for their welcome help in decorating the Parish Hall for the various parochial parties. Their assistance is always very much appreciated. Many thanks also to Messrs. L. Carroll, J. Gorman, R. Champion, Robert Carroll and Richard Taylor for helping to decorate the Church and the tree in the Grounds; without their help it would not have been possible to make our church so attractive for Christmas.

● Items for the February "Chronicle" will be due by Sunday, 23rd January. Owing to the Rector's holidays, contributors are kindly asked to forward all material direct to Mr. A. Jones (65 Wardell Road, Peter-sham).

● We are grateful to all who came and contributed to the success of our combined Parish Christmas Party on 15th December. We trust you all thoroughly enjoyed yourselves. Special thanks go to the members of the organisations who provided and served the supper, to Mr. Thompson and his assistants for the music, and to Mr. B. T. (Bernie) Sayers, who compered the show in his own inimitable style.

● Christmas Hamper: At the Parish Party, the Rector and Mrs. Champion were presented with a hamper subscribed to by the clubs and parishioners. Mr. and Mrs. Champion have asked that their thanks be extended publicly to all their very kind friends for this generous gift. It is greatly appreciated.

● Kindergarten Party: Although now very small in number, the children of our Kindergarten had a thoroughly enjoyable time at their Christmas Party on Saturday afternoon, 11th December. The thanks for the success of this function must go to the staff who arranged it, to the several ladies who helped with the catering, and to Mr. W. C. Whiting, who helped in an important role.

● Candlelight Service: Once again, our "Carols by Candlelight" Service on 19th December was a most inspiring occasion. We are grateful to the Rector, the members of the Choir, our Organist Miss O'Neill, the Lesson Readers, and all who worked in any way towards the success of the Service.

Described as the "Church's Christmas Present" to the Parish, we used the new form of Service that had been introduced twelve months back. This form, however, incorporates the traditional Nine Lessons—read by parishioners from differing walks of our parish life—with lots of well known, tuneful carols sung in between.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"Born Again"

November	21st:	Jeffrey Michael Morris
"	21st:	Kathryn Ann Morris
"	21st:	Andrew James Morris
"	21st:	Derek Craig Motley
"	28th:	Shareene Florence Field
"	28th:	Brenda Lee Barrett
"	28th:	Matthew Sean Martin
"	28th:	Graham Robert Settree
December	5th:	Lisa June Hammond

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MARRIAGES

"Heirs together of the Grace of Life"

December	12th:	Brian John Fulmer to Catherine Anne Moore.
"	20th:	Ian George Waddell to Dawn Annette Trethewey
"	24th:	James Thomas Gilkerson to Doris Elizabeth Abela

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FUNERALS

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

December 1st:	William Thilthorpe Slee
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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Concert: The Sunday School Concert held on 26th November was a great success and I am sure everyone enjoyed themselves. I would like to thank everyone who took part in the concert, especially the members of the Physical Culture Club and the Choir.

Teachers Meeting: A teachers' meeting was held on 8th December to discuss the promotions, prize-giving and picnic. It was decided to form a committee to report on suitable picnic grounds around Sydney and other arrangements for the picnic.

Kindergarten Teachers: We are still looking for teachers for the kindergarten. The Kindergarten is held every Sunday from 9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. Would anyone interested in teaching please contact the Rector, Mrs. Carroll, Mr. Jones or myself.

N. CRAGG, Hon. Secretary

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