

# The Chronicle

## Of All Saints

### Petersham

**STANMORE ROAD, PETERSHAM (Opposite Fire Station)**

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**AUGUST, 1982**

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Dear Friends,

August is known in Australia as Budget month. Some folk who never appear interested in politics or what the government does suddenly become interested. They want to know what taxes will be next year. "What will I have to pay?" they ask. Perhaps it would be better put, "What are they going to take from me?" It often strikes me that too few appear interested in what the government does with taxes.

Taxes are nothing new. We read in the New Testament that taxing existed in our Lord's time. Tax-gatherers, or tax-collectors were among the most hated people in all Israel. Joseph took Mary to Bethlehem because he was to be enrolled for tax purposes. No forms to fill in then; you had to front up in person. Jesus was born in Bethlehem because Joseph had to appear there to have his name entered on the role. Perhaps next time you complain about taxes, or taxation, give a thought to the fact that Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem thanks to the tax-collectors of his day.

Of course taxes are the hurtful side of a plan of spending that a government calls it's budget, and its about budgets I want to write.

Many churches work out budgets for the coming year. I would go so far as to say all churches should work out budgets.

Each congregation, as is each individual Christian, a steward (or minder) of all the good things God has given us in this world. God made all things good, it is only the way men use things that is evil, and causes hurt and unhappiness.

God expects us to use His gifts wisely. He expects us to plan out what we have, or expect to have and how we use it. We must not in our planning only think of ourselves. God's gifts to us are intended to be used for others benefit as well as our own.

The church congregation which sees its funds solely for its own enrichment, easy life or enjoyment has failed in its duty of stewardship. This does not mean that large gifts will necessarily go to overseas missions because sometimes one needs to give and to work for those very close to our own homes.

If the church congregation should plan with a view to others needs as well as its own then obviously so should the individual parishioner. Planned giving is important; and I for one would say proportional giving is helpful. For myself I find that at least a couple of times each year. I make up a budget. My first item is my giving to God's work either through my local church or outside bodies. This needs to be a realistic figure so I follow the Old Testament principle of the tilthe — one tenth. Not every one can do this, circumstances differ.

Planned proportional giving both as a congregation and as an individual is the most effective way of managing a budget. I assure you "God is no man's debtor" and certainly not mine. Might I suggest the use of Weekly Offertory Envelopes as a beginning. They are available at church free.

Let us thank the Lord for all His blessings.

Yours sincerely, BRUCE WOOLCOTT.

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### FETE REMINDERS

Now is the time for all good women and men to come to the aid of the Fete. We need articles for sale on the sewing stalls, we need pottery and chinaware, we need reusable goods for the White Elephant Stall. Clean out those garages and cupboards and let us have the useful and reusable goods that you have put away in case you need them some day. We need them now! Anything of a reasonable size that is fit to be sold we can accommodate and remove from your premises. Ring Frank Hearn on 569-1852 and your unwanted goods will be taken care of.

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### CARING HOMES SOUGHT FOR HOMELESS TEENAGERS

The Anglican Home Mission is looking for some special people to help it with an imaginative new project — one that could bring new hope to emotionally deprived teenagers, many of whom are currently homeless.

Families or responsible single people can be involved. Either way, they need to be concerned and caring people, because the idea is that they would take a troubled teenager into their home on an indefinite basis — from two or three months up to two years.

During that period, the people would be paid \$85.00 a week to look after the teenager. Continuous support from trained social workers would also be made available.

Known as the "Family Placement Project", the new venture is based on a similar project that operates very successfully in Kent, England. It is seen as a practical, effective, low-cost solution to a serious and soaring problem.

"We think it will be much more effective and economical than its alternatives — e.g., setting up costly institutions," said a Home Mission Society spokesman.

Inviting interested families to contact the Society, the spokesman added that the venture was different in many important ways from traditional fostering schemes.

The differences included the fact that maintaining a relationship (where possible) with the teenager's natural family was encouraged, and that all parties involved signed an agreement that clearly defined their roles and responsibilities.

The teenagers involved all come from situations of family breakdown. Some have been in trouble with the law for offences like shoplifting and stealing.

"They are, however, far from being hardened juvenile offenders, and will respond to consistent love and firm guidance," the spokesman said. "We do urge people who could help in this way to contact us now. Their help could set a troubled teenager on the path to becoming a caring, responsible adult."

Anyone who would like to discuss the prospect of sharing their home with a troubled teenager is asked to contact Pauline Shilton or Tory Nolan at Care Force, the social action branch of the Home Mission Society, on 799 5222.

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### ALTAR CROSS

Our Altar Cross was dedicated at Morning Service on Sunday, 25th July. Our guest speaker was Mr. Rod West, Headmaster of Trinity Grammar School, Summer Hill, on behalf of the Scripture Union. Members of the Scripture Union are pledged to read the Bible every day.

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### FLOWER DONATIONS FOR AUGUST

- August 1: Donated by Mrs. Ivy Clark.  
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Stead.
- August 8: Donated by Mrs. M. Willis in memory of Mrs. Shiels.  
Flower donations by Mrs. R. Roberts, Beryl and Gary, in memory of Mr. William John Roberts.  
Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.
- August 15: Donation by Mrs. E. Thompson.  
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Stead.
- August 22: Donated by Mrs. Hillery, in memory of her husband, Bertram.
- August 29: No donation.

## RESTORATION FUND

At the last count, July 19th, the Restoration Fund amounted to \$1,300, which is a good start to a long haul.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

### Teacher Meeting:

Our second monthly meeting was held on Sunday, 18th July, after the morning service. At the meeting a number of decisions were made.

Firstly, the Sunday School and Kindergarten will close during all school holidays. This will commence with the August/September vacation. The Sunday School will be closed on Sundays 29th August, 5th and 12th September. It will recommence on Sunday, 19th September, with the Family Service at 9.30 a.m.

The Sunday School picnic is to be held on Saturday, 25th September, at the same location in Centennial Park as last year. A form will be printed in the Weekly Notice Sheet, and we ask you to fill it in and return it as soon as possible.

With the success of the Fancy Dress Night, we have decided to hold a Sunday School Fun Night (games night) on Friday, 15th October. It will commence at 6.30 p.m. and go through until 8 p.m.

The Kindergarten has now been painted in most attractive colours and is well worth a visit of inspection after Morning Service on Sunday.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent.

## WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

Women-in-Friendship's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3rd August, in the Parish Hall at 1 p.m. Following the meeting at 2 p.m. Miss Judy McDonnell, from World Vision will, with the assistance of a film, tell us something of their work. We hope to have many ladies from the parish and their friends attend this meeting, which I am sure will be of great interest to all.

Another Second-hand and Jumble Stall will be held on Friday, 27th August. Please send us anything you no longer want. Anything saleable, clothes — anything.

We still need more members. Please come and join us if you can. Only once a month — the first Tuesday at 1 p.m.

Don't forget the cake and sweets stall at the fete — we need help in so many ways. Anyone willing to make cakes or sweets, or donate sugar or cake ingredients — thanks in anticipation.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

### SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB

We are still, despite the weather, having very happy, and believe it or not, cosy meetings in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall every Thursday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sixty cents covers all, including a lovely cup of tea.

I am sorry to report as I write these notes one of our loved members and who cooks for us is in hospital undergoing treatment. We hope to have you back with us very soon, Mrs. Champion.

There is still room for more members at our tables. In fact, we would love to have to put another table up.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.



### LETTER FROM PAT AND STEVE YEWDALL

This letter from our most popular "emigrants" will be of interest to all parishioners:

Steve and Pat Yewdall,  
15 Argyle Street,  
Belmont, 3216.  
Thursday, 6th May.

To all at All Saints',

First, I must apologise for not writing sooner, but time just got away.

We arrived safely in Geelong on the 1st of April. All our furniture was shifted without problem. We have some at Pat's Mum and Dad's, and the rest is in storage in Geelong. We are very comfortable here with Mr. and Mrs. Evans, and are made very welcome. We hope soon to find something permanent of our own, though.

I gained employment with my first job application. I started training on the 26th of April (not a public holiday in Victoria) to be the Geelong Branch Manager of R.E.S.I. Building Society. They are a Melbourne based group, and the prospects appear very good. I am very pleased with the position and glad that I got something so quickly.

Pat isn't working as yet. She contacted Revlon, but they said they only had positions in Melbourne. I am not keen on

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her travelling that distance daily, so we hope something suitable will crop up closer to home.

We are in good health, as are all of Pat's family, including her brother, Peter, who had a turn late in March. He appears to be completely recovered from it.

We have joined the congregation at St. Stephen's Anglican Church here in Belmont, and have been attending there regularly.

We have also joined the Geelong Football Club, and have been to the Aussie Rules games played here and have enjoyed it thoroughly.

The weather was beautiful during the first few weeks we were here, but it turned nasty on Anzac Day and has been cold, wet and windy ever since. The Victorian weather has really set in.

I think I've covered most of what we've been up to since we left. God's blessings to all, and will write again soon with some more news.

Love, Steve and Pat.

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### A HELPING HAND

It is so often the people who are generous and giving who get hurt, says Canon R. C. Stephens, but we must not allow this to deter our good intentions.

Hands have been described as the most wonderful tools in the world — with them delicate operations can be carried out and we can pick up the smallest object. The way we use these tools of ours often indicates the sort of person we are. We describe someone as "open-handed", that is to say, generous, and another we call "tight-fisted" meaning miserly.

No hands have been more eloquent than the "Praying Hands" of Franz Durer drawn by his brother, Albrecht, in the 15th century. Both men showed promise as artists but the family was too poor to allow both to train. Franz said that his brother should go while he worked as a labourer to keep them both and his own opportunity would come later. But Franz's hands became stiff and he could no longer draw in detail — it was too late for him. So to thank him for his sacrifice Albrecht drew Franz's hands which speak of love and prayer.

What did Jesus do with His hands? He worked in the carpenter's shop. He touched the sick and raised the dead and blessed the children. His hands were always open to help and His enemies fastened them to the cross.

Followers of Christ have often experienced the same treatment — St. Paul wrote, "I am crucified with Christ" and "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus" (Galatians 2:20; 6:17). These "marks" were called stigmata — the wounds made by a pointed instrument, such as nails. We also learn that St. Francis of Assisi was marked with the stigmata in his hands and feet.

It is an unpleasant fact of life that those who are kind and generous are likely to get hurt, but this must never hinder us from being "helping-hands".

### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord of the loving hands,  
May mine be loving too.  
Lord of the willing hands,  
May mine be willing too.

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### DAVID HUNTER MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

"The Sydney Savage Club has decided to create a Trust Fund, to be administered by the Club as a memorial to the late David Benjamin Hunter, O.B.E., a member since 1948 and its President from 1963 until 1981. David's death occurred on 1st September, 1981, a few days before his 76th birthday.

As is well known, David served as a member of the Legislative Assembly of N.S.W. from 1940 until his retirement in 1975 and he was the first blind person to be elected to the Parliament."

During his public life, he was associated with many and diverse organisations, prominent among them being bodies concerned with the handicapped and their welfare. For relaxation he turned to the arts and was keenly interested in the theatre and other performing arts; his knowledge of the theatre and of music was wide and his memory of events and people in these spheres was legendary. Thus it was inevitable that he should be attracted to the aims and objectives of the Sydney Savage Club, formed in 1934 to foster and encourage interest in the performing arts.

The Club for many years has offered occasional scholarships to encourage singers and performing artists and many now famous in the world of music have been recipients of those scholarships — June Bronhill, Richard Bonyng and Malcom Williamson, to name a few.

David was for many years a Warden and Parish Councillor at All Saints and the Rector and Church Wardens recommend this appeal to all parishioners, and will accept donations to it.

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### BAPTISMS

July 4th: Geoffrey Allen AYRES

### MARRIAGES

July 23rd: Jennifer Anne BRANNIGAN to Alan Mark WATTS

July 24th: Edna Frances EDWARDS to Trevor Raymond CROW

**ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH, PETERSHAM**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS, JUNE, 1982**

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	\$		\$
Offertories .....	609.60	Rector's net Stipend .....	1,005.33
Recycling:		Rector's Trav. Allow. ....	217.18
Cans .....	36.10	Church Flowers .....	110.00
Bottles .....	22.94	Organist .....	80.00
Papers .....	158.75	Organ Tun. & Rep. ....	90.00
	217.79	Chronicles .....	65.20
Church Flowers .....	25.00	Church Cleaning .....	100.00
Deposit Interest .....	291.40	Flick Annual Maint. ....	106.00
Fete — Grocery Stall .....	0.80	Trinity Sunday Offer-	
Donations .....	10.00	tories to H.M.S. ....	142.10
Rector's Telephone		21-inch Cross for	
Contribution, 5/82 .....	3.75	Holy Table .....	265.00
	\$1,158.34		
Deficiency for month .....	1,022.47		
	<u>\$2,180.81</u>		<u>\$2,180.81</u>

Balance, 1-6-82 .....	\$3,347.07
Less Deficiency for June .....	<u>\$1,022.47</u>
Balance, 30-6-82 .....	<u>\$2,324.60</u>

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT JUNE, 1982:**

	\$
James & James — June Chronicles .....	65.20
Flick Pest Control — Annual Maintenance .....	106.00
C.M.S. Bookshop — 21-inch Cross .....	265.00
Fresh Flowers Pty. Ltd. — April Flowers .....	72.50
Fresh Flowers Pty. Ltd. — May Flowers .....	37.50
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