

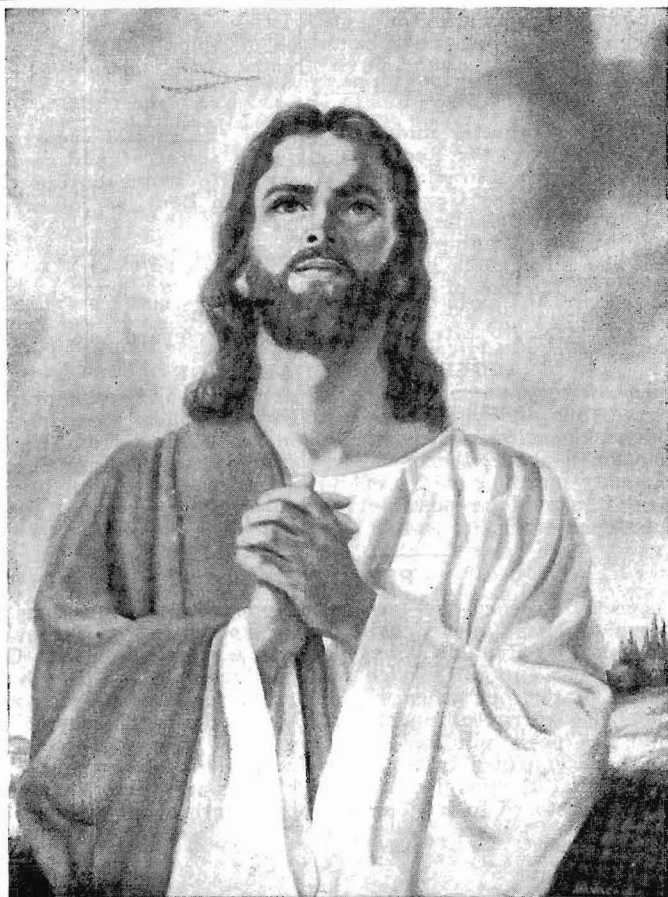
The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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MARCH. 1969



"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE"

PARISH INFORMATION

HOLY COMMUNION—Each Sunday at 8 a.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
3rd Sundays after Evensong.

MATINS—1st and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m.

EVENSONG—Each Sunday at 7 p.m.

FAMILY SERVICE—3rd Sundays at 10 a.m. Sunday School, Kindergarten, and Extension Group on other Sundays at 9.45 a.m.

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE RECTOR.

CHURCHWARDENS: Messrs. W. Sopwith (Rector's), E. Quelch, W. Williams.

PARISH COUNCIL: The Churchwardens and Messrs. R. H. C. Boots, H. G. Brodie, L. Carroll, K. Dingle, G. W. Gorman, J. E. Gorman, F. Hearn, D. B. Hunter, M.L.A., A. Osborne, B. W. Pullen, H. J. Shaw, and W. C. Whiting.

SIDESMEN: Messrs. G. Clarke, F. Evans, A. Ingoldsby-Brown and G. R. Minter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. A. Jones.

KINDERGARTEN LEADER: Mrs. L. Carroll.

EXTENSION GROUP LEADER: Mr. K. Dingle.

PUBLICITY OFFICERS: Messrs. H. J. Shaw (71-6967), and A. Jones (56-5218).

ORGANIST: Miss. K. O'Neill.

THE CHALLENGE OF LENT

The Cross to Christians is not simply an instrument of torture. If the Cross were the last word about Jesus, there would be no Gospel message. But the miracles that took place during the three hours of darkness and the Resurrection of Jesus proved that the Cross was not an end, but rather a beginning of the Christian faith that is our heritage.

That which seemed at the time to the disciples to be the end of all their hope was suddenly found to be really God's method of showing men what His love was like, and that even death itself has no power of this love.

To lead us to a better understanding of the special occurrences of that first Good Friday, the Rector is giving a series of addresses under the heading "The Six Miracles of Calvary". He is presenting these at the 7.30 p.m. Wednesday Devotional Services in Lent, as follows:

February 19th: The Miracles of Darkness

February 26th: The Rending of the Veil

March 5th: The Miraculous Earthquake

March 12th: The Miracle of the Open Graves

March 19th: The Undisturbed Graveclothes of Jesus

March 26th: Revivals to Life in the Calvary Graveyard

ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE

As part of your personal sacrifice for Lent and your preparation for the sacred time of Easter, the Church wants you to participate in the special mid-week services we are holding in Lent. Apart from the evening service mentioned above, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion each Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. Both services last about 30 minutes, and we feel it should be possible for all parishioners to attend either one of them each week.

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PERSONAL

We regret to record the passing of one of our older parishioners in the person of Miss Janet Keevill, better known in the Senior Parishioners' Club as Miss Ronalds. She had been a member of that Club for ten years, and her funeral service was conducted in the Parish Church by the Rector. Later, her ashes will be interred in our Columbarium.

We are also sorry to report that Mr. Ryder of Morgan Street is very ill and has been admitted to "Eversleigh" Home of Peace. Miss Dobson has been confined to her home for some weeks with a leg infection; we hope that they and other parishioners who are ill at this time may quickly be restored to full health and strength once more.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Picnic:

The Sunday School Picnic will be held on Saturday, 8th March. The cars will leave the Church for the Peter Depena Reserve, Doll's Point at 8.30 a.m., and we leave the Reserve at 4.30 p.m. I would like to remind the parents that each child must bring along a plastic or metal mug.

I would like to express the Sunday School's sincere thanks to the parishioners who kindly made donations towards the cost of the picnic, as well as to extend in advance our thanks to the ladies of the Y.M. and Friends' Club and the Mothers' Club for their very kind offers to help out with the catering, and to those who have offered their cars for transport.

A full report on the picnic will be given in the April "Chronicle".

Attendance: The attendance in the Senior Sunday School from the beginning of the year has been very poor, especially in the Boys' classes. We have had an average of about 12 scholars each Sunday.

NOEL CRAGG, Hon. Secretary

PARISH NEWS

● **Centenary Next Year:** The foundation stone of our lovely Church was laid in December, 1870, just 100 years ago next year. We hope to have some weeks of celebrations in November and December next year to celebrate the occasion, and a Steering Committee appointed by the Parish Council has commenced meeting.

Although the original foundation Stone weighed two tons, its subsequent disappearance has become the biggest mystery of All Saints', so a special "Commemorative Stone" will be laid on All Saints' Day (1st November), 1970, to fill the "void".

Other events suggested by parishioners include a Centenary Fete, concerts arranged by the various parish organisations, and functions which we can attend in the period dress of the 1870's. Watch for further news.

● **St. Luke's Passion:** On Wednesday, 2nd April, the Choir will present J. S. Bach's "St. Luke's Passion" as their Easter Offering to the Parish. The performance takes 50 minutes, in which time the Choir and Soloists will sing some 32 separate numbers. Many of the Chorales are set to popular hymn tunes well known to all parishioners. Guest organist will be Mr. Kenneth Martin, L.Mus.

● **Good Friday and Easter:** Special services have been arranged by the Rector for Good Friday, April 4th. Commencing times are 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. On Easter Day, Sunday, 6th April, all normal Services and Sunday School will take place, plus an extra service of Holy Communion at 7 a.m.

● **Harvest Festival:** The Rector extends his thanks to all parishioners, including the girls and boys of the Kindergarten and Sunday School, for the large number of gifts brought to our Harvest Festival on Sunday, 16th February. All donations were very gratefully received by the Home of Peace, the Church of England Deaconess Hospital in Addison Road.

LENT — THE PRACTICAL SIDE

We have obtained A.B.M. Lenten Boxes sufficient for all parishioners, and it is hoped that one will go into each home in the parish. As you know, the proceeds from these boxes are given to the extension of Christ's Kingdom throughout the world.

We look to every intelligent and consistent Churchman and woman to take part in the spreading of this Kingdom, and place their sacrifices in these special boxes, which are available from Church Officers. Kindly return the boxes, together with your Easter offering, on Easter Day.

SCRIPTURE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

More Teachers Needed

With so many parents completely indifferent to the need to ensure that their children receive a spiritual education at Sunday School, it is most important that we make full use of the opportunity of teaching the basic elements of the Christian Faith at the weekly scripture periods in the public schools.

Because of the great number of classes involved, many nominally Anglican children are at present receiving no religious training at all, and the Rector would appreciate any offers of help to take a class at either Stanmore Infants' or Petersham (West Street) Infants' School.

Altogether, we are responsible for the following schools:

Stanmore Infants'
Petersham Infants'
Lewisham Primary
Stanmore Primary
Fort Street Boys' High
Petersham Girls' High

The Anglican classes are usually quite large, often including migrant children: in one class at Stanmore, 75% of the kiddies are of Greek descent, although mostly born in Australia. Timetable problems, plus the total number of classes involved, at present preclude the Rector, assisted by Mrs. Sayers at Lewisham, and Miss Speight at West Street, from taking all the classes offering at these six schools.

The Need is NOW. Please get in touch with the Rector urgently if you can help us.

LATEST CLUB NEWS

Y.M. and Friends' Club:

The next meeting of the Y.M. and Friends' Club will be held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 11th March at 8 p.m. New members and visitors are always very welcome.

Our Club will be holding a Sasheen Demonstration in the Parish Hall on Saturday, 12th April, commencing at 1.30 p.m. Donation of 30c. will include afternoon tea. Come along and learn how to tie pretty bows and make rosettes, etc., and so help make our afternoon a social and financial success.

We also wish to give advance notice of a Card and Games Evening to be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday, 1st May. We hope "Euchre" will attract some of our menfolk, as well as the ladies.

Please keep these two dates in mind.

We are once again collecting clean newspapers, and hope all our friends will save papers for us this year. Although our sales of the papers are not at regular intervals, it is still a worthwhile effort. Old rags would also be very much appreciated. If you would like us to pick up papers or rags, please let the Rector or any Club member know.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

Senior Parishioners' Club:

My sincere thanks to Mrs. J. Wilson for supervising the Club during my recent vacation. Thank you also to Mrs. Humphreys, Mr. Barron and Mr. George Clark for their tremendous help at all times. We look forward to welcoming new faces at our Club and invite anyone interested to pop in any Thursday at 1 p.m.

We were very sad to learn of the death of Miss Ronalds. She will be sadly missed by Club members.

DOT SHAW, Hon. Secretary

Indoor Bowls Club:

The Competition for our men's triples teams started on Monday night, 24th February against St. James' Church of England, South Can-

terbury. Our "home" team played on Wednesday night, 26th February.

So long as the matches are played in a truly sporting spirit, we hope that the better team wins.

Our Club is conducting a pairs' competition amongst the members. The games are all keenly contested, with our women players bowling as well as the men. We are still appealing for more members to join our Club, which is a very happy one. If anyone is interested, please call at the Parish Hall at 8 p.m. any Wednesday night.

Ladies' Guild:

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11th March at 2 p.m., when we shall be making arrangements for our Annual Luncheon in April. The date of the luncheon will be given in the April "Chronicle".

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary

THE BIBLE IN PIDGIN ENGLISH

A New Testament in New Guinea Pidgin, which has just been released, will become the Bible of the South Pacific. Although Pidgin is no-one's mother tongue, it is the second language of over one million natives of Papua, New Guinea, the Solomons and surrounding islands.

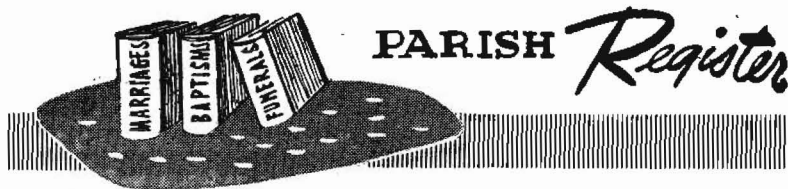
The Pidgin New Testament will greatly simplify missionary work in these areas, where there are over 700 languages and dialects, some spoken by no more than a few hundred people.

English is spoken fluently by less than 5% of the New Guinea population, although it is the official medium for primary and high school education.

Cost of printing this New Testament is \$1.50 per copy, but it will be sold for \$1, and gifts to the Bible Society are needed to make up the difference. The Bible Society's New Guinea Secretary, the Rev. Leo Buckman, was one of the leaders of the translating team.

Mr. Buckman says "It is significant that new political parties in the Territory have adopted a policy of 'Pidgin as a National Language' It is no wonder then that the Bible Society made publication of a Pidgin New Testament a matter of urgent necessity."

Some New Guineans are already wanting political independence. But real freedom is to know the Truth that sets men free. Your gift to the Bible Society, which can be sent through All Saints', will give New Guineans this chance.



BAPTISMS "Born Again"

January	22nd	Jennifer Leanne Ball
January	26th	Mark Edward Fitzpatrick
January	26th	Joanne Draper

MARRIAGES

"Whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"

February	7th	Thomas William Buchanan to Pauline Dorothy Till
February	15th	Tony Leslie Willis to Jenny Law

FUNERALS

"In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succour
but of Thee, O Lord"

January 29th Samuel Long
February 7th Ernest Charles Freeburn
February 14th Janet Hannah Keevil
February 17th Ivy Kerr

DISTRICT VISITORS' COLLECTIONS

(Since last report)

Mrs. Cook, \$8.40, Mrs. Malone, \$3.50, other amounts, \$2.10.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

The Epistle to the Philippians

The beginnings of Christianity in the Greek City of Philippi are described for us in the sixteenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. There we read of the conversion of a handful of people, of the riot that followed, and the imprisonment of Paul and Silas. From this tiny violent start, a Church began to grow and expand and ten years later Paul was able to write to the Philippian Christians the letter which is now part of our New Testament. At the time of writing Paul was in prison at Rome. He was shortly to stand trial. He knew that this trial could end in a sentence of death and it is under these circumstances that he writes to the Church at Philippi a letter of gladness and joy, full of warm encouragement and an intimate personal concern for the common life of the Philippian Christians.

Unlike the letters to the Churches at Corinth or Galatia, the Philippian Epistle was not written to deal with a crisis or doctrinal difficulties within the Church. It is a letter of thanks and encouragement to beloved but absent friends. As we read Paul's words we gain knowledge of his life and character not given to us elsewhere. We see him on the brink of execution, open in mind as to whether life or death holds the greater opportunity and joy. For Paul 'to live is Christ and to die is gain'. He is convinced that 'Christ will shine out clearly in my person whether through my life or through my death'.

In the third chapter we learn something of Paul's Jewish heritage and his honoured place in Israel. He speaks of his debt to the Christians at Philippi, not only for their friendship, but also for their material assistance in his own need. Like so much of Paul's writing he moves between the personal and the doctrinal almost without even a pause. In the second chapter in a few brief verses he provides us with one of the major New Testament statements on the nature and person of Jesus. In the last chapter he appeals by name to individual Christians who have shared his struggles in the cause of the gospel to work together for the unity of the Church at Philippi.

As we read the epistle as a whole, one dominant thought recurs again and again. Though coming from the pen of a man facing imminent death, the major theme of his letter is joy. Philippians is a glad, happy, exultant document, a testimony to Christ's promise that the joy he gives 'no man shall take from you'.

"LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS"

Matthew 28:20

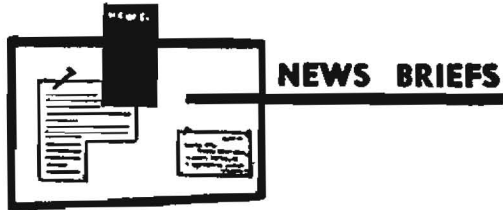
Some years ago a young Chinese, with little education, had begun to learn English. Soon he wanted to know how to write his name in English. It was "Lo", and scribbling "My name is Lo" became his favourite form of doodling.

He progressed quite rapidly until he could begin to read the New Testament in English. Some time later, he became a Christian. He entered into a living relationship with Jesus Christ, but there was something lacking in his experience and this distressed him a great deal.

"Why is it that I still feel so much alone?" he asked his Christian friend. "You said that if I confessed my need of Jesus Christ as my Saviour and committed my life to Him, He would be with me, and I would know that He was near". Nothing his friend could say seemed to satisfy him.

Then one day, while reading the English New Testament, he came across something that almost made him faint for joy. "Lo, I am with you always". Jesus had said those words, and He had specially mentioned his name "Lo". No wonder he was overcome.

Even when he realised his mistake, that the word did not represent his name at all, nothing could shake his new-found confidence. The message had got through. Jesus Christ was always with him—with him as an individual.



● **Teenagers Wanted:** Young people from 14 to 21 years of age are invited to join our Fellowship and help build up its numbers. We have a varied programme to cater for the teenagers, and meetings take place in the Parish Hall on alternate Friday nights at 7.45 p.m.

● **We are happy to learn that Mr. Colin Jefferies, a member of our Choir, has been accepted by the Bishop of Grafton for training for the ministry. He will shortly commence studies at St. John's Theological College, Morpeth, and we all wish him well as he begins his course.**

● **Y.C.I. Member becomes Federal Minister:** The New Minister for Air in the Federal Government, Mr. Dudley Erwin, is a former Petersham man who is still a financial member of the Y.C.I. Although he has represented the seat of Ballarat for some years, he has continued to show an interest in the Y.C.I., in which he was an active member for some years. Mr. Erwin succeeds Mr. Gordon Freeth, who became Minister for External Affairs following the appointment of Mr. Paul Hasluck as Governor-General.

● **Y.C.I. Year Starts:** Following its annual meeting on 21st February, the Y.C.I. has drawn up its 1969-70 syllabus, and events for this month are: Friday 7th. Indoor Bowls Night, Friday 21st: Impromptu Speeches, Saturday 22nd: Annual Buicks' Picnic. As this is the start of the Institute's year, it is a good time for new members to join—men from 16 years of age upwards will be welcome, and the membership fee is only \$2 per annum.

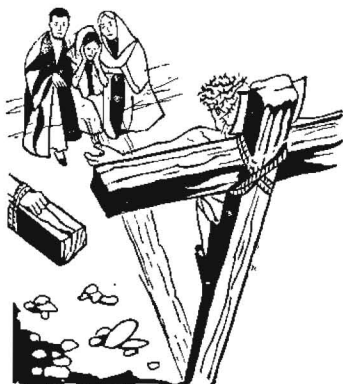
● **Club Secretaries are reminded that April "Chronicle" items will be due by Sunday, 23rd March.**

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

March 2nd	No. donation; arranged by Mrs. Malone.
March 9th	No donation; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
March 16th	Donated by Mrs. Mervyn in memory of her Husband, by the Sanderson family in memory of their Mother and their Aunt, and at the War Memorial by an anonymous donor; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

- March 23rd Donated by Mrs. MacKnight in memory of her Grandmother, Mrs. Slocombe; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- March 30th Donated by the Craigie family in memory of their Father, and by Mrs. Beardow and family in memory of Mr. Beardow; arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
- April 6th EASTER DAY. Donations of both flowers or money with which to buy flowers would be greatly appreciated. If giving flowers, we would be grateful if they could be delivered to Church by 10.30 a.m. on the Saturday; arranged by Mrs. Malone and helpers.

LENTEN AND EASTER SERVICES



EACH WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion at 7.00 a.m.

Devotions at 7.30 p.m.

Addresses by the Rector on the
"Six Miracles of Calvary"

GOOD FRIDAY

4th April

Holy Communion	8.00 a.m.
Family Service	10.00 a.m.
Devotional Service	2.00 p.m.

EASTER DAY

6th April

Holy Communion	7.00 a.m.
Choral Communion	8.15 a.m.
Sunday School	9.45 a.m.
Holy Communion	11.00 a.m.
Evensong	7.00 p.m.

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