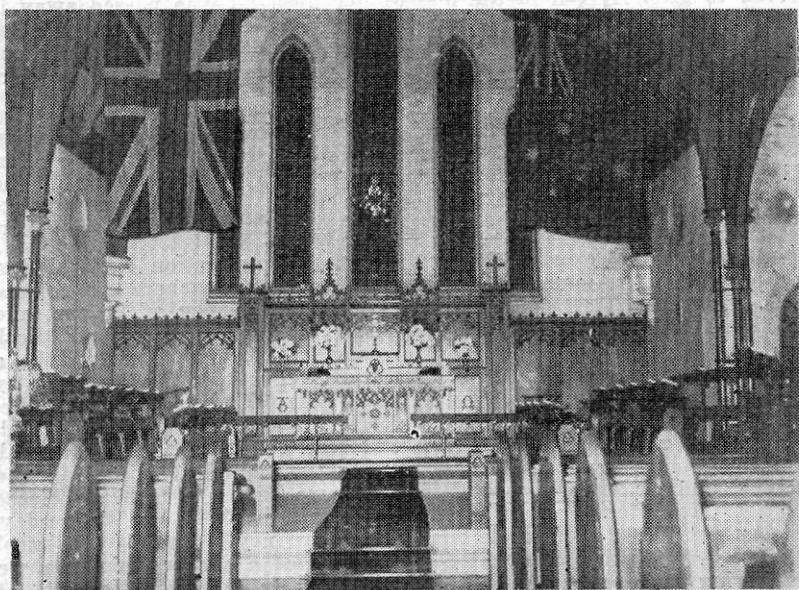


The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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AUGUST, 1957



PARISH INFORMATION

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (every Sunday), 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
3rd Sunday after Evening Prayer.

Saints' Days as announced.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer. 7.15 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

9.45 a.m.—Sunday School. 9.45 a.m.—Kindergarten.

Churchwardens: Messrs L. C. CALVER (Rector's), W. SOPWITH, E. QUELCH.

Parish Council: THE CHURCHWARDENS and Messrs A. H. THOMAS, T. H. BOSWARD, J. M. BOYLE, H. G. BRIDIE, J. HUMPHREYS, D. B.

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Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. SOPWITH

Organist: Miss KATHLEEN O'NEILL.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

This winter seems to have produced its usual amount of sickness and many of our regular Church attenders have been indisposed. I hope that from now on the amount of illness will decrease especially as the warmer weather approaches. Quite a few families in the parish have suffered bereavement in the past month. Our deepest sympathy is offered to Mrs. Ayrton in the loss of her husband who passed away in hospital on 11th July. Mrs. Handel, who had turned 91 and all her life had been a devoted member of All Saints', passed away at the Home of Peace on 27th July. To all who have suffered bereavement we offer our deepest sympathy.

Recently an electric refrigerator was purchased by the Ladies' Guild for use in the Parish Hall kitchen. Our sincere thanks are offered to Mr. Erik Olofsson for installing a double power point in the kitchen so that the refrigerator can be used. We also congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Olofsson on the recent birth of a daughter—Deborah Ann.

May I remind you of the forth coming Consecration Festival Services on Sunday, August 18th, when two special preachers are coming to us. The Rev. F. B. Dillon of St. Clements, Mosman at 11 a.m. and the Rev. B. H. Williams of St. Alban's, Five Dock at 7.15 p.m. Both these gentlemen are men with a message and I hope there will be a good congregation to hear them. Last year envelopes for the Birthday Appeal were issued in November but this year following the custom before I became Rector, they are being issued for the Consecration Festival. Our need is great so we hope you will give generously to this appeal. There are many repairs still necessary to the Church, Parish Hall and Rectory, and we can only do them when we have the money. Please help us. The Consecration Festival Tea will be held on Wednesday, 21st August at 6.15. Tickets for the tea are now on sale. The meal will be a hot one and cheap at 4/-. Instead of a concert this year we are having a programme of movie films. Mr. Warren Hackett, of Marrickville had a world tour last year and he has kindly offered to show us films of his trip.

On Sunday, 28th July we had a visit from Captain Gwilt of the Church Army, who spoke at all services on the work being done by the Church Army in Australia. Retiring offertories in aid of the Church Army produced the sum of just over £13.

Education Sunday on 4th August was observed at the 11 a.m. service, when the preacher was Mr. T. Perrau, B.Sc., Deputy Headmaster of Fort Street Boy's High School. Mr. Perrau gave a splendid message and was worthy of a larger congregation.

All Saints' Parish has officially adopted the system known as 'Promotion' for the development of the work. It is very evident that one man cannot do all that is required of a Rector in a parish to-day. We have really got back to New Testament times in sending out the laymen two by two to contact those who are out of touch with the Church. We are grateful to the laymen who have already started the Parish canvass in getting the roll up-to-date. Most people live busy lives to-day and I personally appreciate the spirit of self sacrifice manifested by those who are helping us in this way. Parish visitors will find most people are nice and reasonable when approached in the right way and are only too willing to support the Church. There is only a small percentage who are so spiritually blind that they have no time for God or man, and believe death is the end of them. The Christian conception of life is that God has placed us here with our gifts and talents to be used for His honour and glory and that in the Day of judgment we shall be required to render an account of our stewardship. I am deeply grateful to Mr. David Petherbridge of Crystal Street, for accepting the position of Chairman. Mr. Petherbridge is a very busy gentleman and has already put in a lot of work to help the cause in this parish.

I hope that Promotion will mean increased interest in the parish and the things of God. The emphasis is personal rather than on money. We need YOU and you need GOD. A friend of mine used to say "The last part of a person to be converted is always the pocket." In many cases I am afraid that is true. However, the Church is neither the building nor the minister—it is the congregation of faithful men and women in which the pure Word of God is preached—Article 19. Christianity is practical and really works. Let us each do our bit to put it into practice.

Yours sincerely,

ERIC CHAMPION

LADIES' GUILD

Our July Street Stall was again very successful and we say a very sincere thank you to all who helped us in any way. We would be grateful for any empty jam jars, especially the smaller size. Our next regular stall will be Friday, 16th August. On Friday 2nd and 30th of August we are arranging extra stalls to help expenses, first for the Refreshment Stall and second for the Pottery and Miscellaneous Stall at the forthcoming Fete. The cooking demonstration on 25th July was well attended and proved most interesting and enjoyable. Our next business meeting, Tuesday, 13th August at 2 p.m. when we will discuss our final arrangements for the Festival Tea on 21st August. On Wednesday, 28th August a Household Hints and Suggestions Afternoon in the Guild Room, all ladies will be welcome the usual donation of two shillings will include afternoon tea.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary

FLOWER ROSTER

July 28th—Donated by the Rector and Mrs. Champion in memory of Mrs. Sugden and by the girls of the late Miss Belfield's Bible Class, in memory of Miss Belfield. Arranged by Mrs. Champion and Mrs. Dick.

Aug. 4th—Donated by Mr. Carr in memory of Mrs. D. Carr. Arranged by Mrs. Bosward.

„ 11th—Donated by Mrs. J. Thomas in memory of her brother (Ron Kennings. Arranged by Mrs. Colburt.

„ 18th—Donated by Mrs. Spencer in memory of her husband and Dad. Arranged by Mrs. Spencer and Y.M.C.

„ 25th—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Quelch.

Sept. 1st—Donated by Mrs. Furnell in memory of her husband. Arranged by Mrs. Furnell and Mrs. Bosward.

PHYSICAL CULTURE

Bjelke-Petersens Annual Competitions are being held in September and our girls are all very keen and working hard to gain places in their respective sections.

As only eight girls are chosen for their teams it will mean that quite a few will not gain the places they are hoping for. However, good sportsmanship will prevail over disappointment and we are sure the girls who are not in the teams will be the first to congratulate those who are and wish them and Miss Hayes every success in the "Comps."

F. DITCHBURN, Hon. Secretary

BASEBALL CLUB

Although all chances of winning this year's competition are gone, the games against the likely premiers, Latter Day Saints will long be remembered. "A" Grade only lost by one run 6-5 and the L.D.S. still retain their unbeaten record. "B" Grade, however, has the satisfaction of having beaten the otherwise undefeated leader, L.D.S. who are still certain to win the competition.

Bad batting, low on the list, is the club's weakness in both grades. These men bat fairly well against the lower teams, but cannot come good when the pressure is on. Except for this, and smarter out-fielding, the teams are the best in the competition—the infield play is generally good. If these faults can be ironed out before the separate redraw competition in the last three rounds commences, we can expect to do quite well in this short competition.

J. MINITER, Hon. Secretary

Y.C.I.

July has been a busy month for Y.C.I. Members. The entertainment styled "Melody, Magic and Mirth" was produced by the Y.C.I. and was presented in the Parish Hall on Friday evening 5th July. Visitors as well as our own members contributed to the excellent programme, which reflected great credit upon the Committee who organised the night's entertainment. The Y.C.I. desires to thank all who co-operated in this venture, which was a social and financial success. On Friday the 19th July we had a most interesting and successful meeting in the club. Mr. C. G. Macartney, former Test Cricketer, was our guest speaker and he spoke to an audience comprising thirty-five Y.C.I. members and a large number of visitors. Mr. Macartney delighted all with his reminiscences and advice on Cricket. Those who had seen him in days of yore as one of Australia's most brilliant cricketers and those who had read of his prowess appreciated the fact that we were face to face with a man who had done credit to Australia not only as a Test Cricketer but as a man of fine character. It was a very enjoyable meeting in a friendly atmosphere, which was valued by our guest speaker as well as by his audience.

L.C.C.

 "THE RADIO COMMUNITY CHEST"

Radio 2CH comes to Petersham. Under the direction of Frank Grose ("Uncle Frank") a full concert programme of Radio and Profession Artists, will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday, 23rd August at 8 p.m. The Fellowship has pleasure in presenting to the people of All Saints' a full night's entertainment of radio artists from the A.W.A. Station 2CH. A wonderful night is assured. Please come and help the Fellowship obtain a capacity house for a programme well worth hearing.

DON'T forget the date—Friday, 23rd August.

WHERE—Parish Hall.

TIME—8 p.m.

PRICE—Adults 4/-; Children 2/-.

PLEASE COME.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Ten Commandments were delivered by God to Moses as a moral code and form of discipline, we find a record of them in the 20th chapter of Exodus. We must remember that the Israelites were serfs having been in bondage in Egypt for 400 years and needed a moral code like this to teach them how they ought to live. The first four commandments remind us of our duty towards God and the remaining six our duty towards our neighbour. Our Lord Jesus Christ when asked by a Jew how he would enter into the Kingdom was told "Thou shalt

love the Lord Thy God with all thy heart, mind, soul and strength and thy neighbour as thy self." In the Ten Commandments we have ten negative laws which teach us what we should not do, but in our Lord's summary we have two positive laws. The Jews realised that they could never love God with all their heart mind, soul and strength because they had never seen Him, so that there was no hope of them gaining eternal life on the grounds of keeping the commandments. They realised they were all sinners and needed a Saviour. The Ten Commandments are as necessary for us as a moral code, as they were for the Israelites in the wilderness. It is still wrong to steal and commit murder and covet other people's goods and to put anything else before God in our life. As Christians we have the Ten Commandments as a guide though we realise that our hope of entering into eternal life depends upon our personal faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour. As Christians we must seek to put God first in our life as a token of appreciation for what He did for us on Calvary's Cross.

(Many people who are spiritually unlearned are apt to think that performing their duty towards their neighbour is the only thing that matters, but our Lord said, "the first and great commandment is that thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, mind, soul and strength. The second great commandment is thou shalt love thy neighbour as thy self." We must not make the mistake of thinking that the second great commandment is sufficient and forget the first.

SHOULD I FORCE MY CHILD TO GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Shall I make my child go to Sunday School and Church? Yes! And with no further discussion about the matter. Startled! Why?

How do you answer Junior when he comes to breakfast on Monday morning and announces to you that he is not going to school any more? You know: Junior goes.

How do you answer when Junior comes in very dirty and says, "I'm not going to take a bath"? Junior gets his bath, doesn't he?

Why all this timidity then, in the realm of his spiritual guidance and growth? Going to wait and let him decide what Church he'll go to when he's old enough? You don't wait until he's old enough to decide whether he wants to go to school or not—to start his education. You don't wait until he's old enough to decide whether he wishes to be clean or dirty, do you? Do you wait until he's old enough to decide if he wants to take his medicine when he is sick? Do you?

What shall we say when Junior announces he doesn't want to go to Sunday School and Church? That's an easy one to answer. Just be consistent. Tell him, "Junior, in our house, we all go to Sunday School and Church, and that includes you." Your firmness and example will furnish a bridge over which youthful rebellion may travel into rich and satisfying experience in personal religious living.

The parents of Australia can strike a telling blow against the forces which contribute to our juvenile delinquency, if our Mothers and Fathers will take their children to Sunday School and to Church regularly.

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms—Jane Elizabeth Joan Stagg, Deborah Ann Olofsson, Donna Lesley Freeman, Garry Leon Davis, Kerrie Lynne Theaker, Glenn Kenneth Foster

Marriages—Robert John Love to Ann Collins; John Ernest Sharp to Thelma Anne Wynne; Barry Graham Moxon to Joan Yvonne Fleming; John Grigg Manhire to Doris Cross.

Funerals—Harry Napier Ayrton; Minnie Bicknell; Poppy Amelia Allen; Herbert Ernest Pryor; Allen Randolph McDonald; Charles Edward Victor Davies; Florence Lillian Blanche; Mary Jane Handel; Florence Ada Payne.

GIFT TO CHURCH

We sincerely appreciate the gift of £100 from Mr. and Mrs. Weir towards the renewing of the carpet in the main aisle of the Church. The gift is in memory of members of their family who worshipped in our Church in by-gone years. The Ladies' Guild are working for funds to renew the carpet from the front door to the War Memorial. When we have sufficient money in hand to complete the work it will be done.

THERE ARE TWO SEAS

There are two seas in Israel. One is fresh and has fish in it. Splashes of green adorn its banks. Trees spread their branches over it and stretch their thirsty roots to sip of its healing water. Along its shores the children play.

The River Jordan makes this sea with sparkling water from the hills. So it laughs in the sunshine. And men build their houses near to it, the birds their nests! and every kind of life is happier because it is there.

The River Jordan flows on south into another sea. Here is no splash of fish, no fluttering leaf, no song of birds, no children's laughter. Travellers choose another route, unless on urgent business. The air hangs heavy above its waters and neither man nor beast nor fowl will drink. What makes the difference in these neighbour seas? Not the River Jordan. It empties the same good water into both. Not the soil in which they lie; not the country round about.

This is the difference. The Sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the Jordan. For every drop that flows into it, another drop flows out. The giving and receiving go on in equal measure. The other sea is shrewder, hoarding its income jealously. It will not be tempted into any generous impulse. Every drop it gets, it keeps. The Sea of Galilee gives and lives. The other sea gives nothing. It is named the Dead Sea.

There are two kinds of people in the world just as there are two seas in Israel.

—Bruce Barton

ALL SAINTS' CONSECRATION FESTIVAL SERVICES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18th, 1957

8 a.m.—Holy Communion. THE RECTOR

11 a.m.—Mattins. Rev. F. B. DILLON, Th.L., Rector of St Clement's, Mosman.

7.15 p.m.—Evensong. Rev. B. H. WILLIAMS, B.A., Rector of St. Alban's, Five Dock

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FESTIVAL TEA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21st, 1957

HOT MEAL 6.15 p.m.

ORGAN RECITAL 7 p.m. SHORTENED EVENSONG 7.30 p.m.

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