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The Gospel

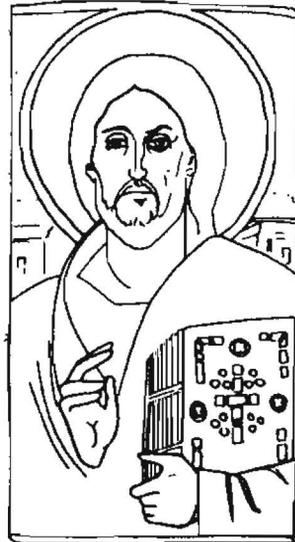
The four books in the new Testament which are called Gospels are not intended to give us a full account of the earthly life of Jesus, but so to present Him that we may respond to the revelation which God has given us in Him. Hebrews 1:1 says:

‘In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe.’

This is a comprehensive statement claiming that God has spoken fully, finally and completely in Jesus Christ. The Gospel does not suggest that Jesus Christ is one answer to the needs of humanity or one possible way to God. It makes it clear that He is the only answer and the only way. The Gospel preaches Jesus Christ as the Saviour who alone can deal with human sin, as the Lord to whom all obedience is due, as the King in whom God’s control of life and of the universe is actualised. The Evangelist does not say ‘Be good and you will be happy.’ He does not exhort. He presents the facts concerning Jesus Christ and calls for a response. The verb *kerussein*, which is used for preaching means doing what a *kerux*, a herald does. The preacher makes an announcement on behalf of his King. The facts themselves call for a verdict.

The Gospel cannot water down His message to make it acceptable to the outlook and prejudices of the modern world. The Gospel cannot make any kind of compromise with the claims of other religions. The Gospel cannot be made to conform to so-called feminist or liberation theologies. The Gospel is the same in all ages for ‘Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever,’ but the method of presenting it, the language of preaching and the illustrations by which it is commended may change from time to time and place to place.

The preacher must preach, first of all, about God. ‘Preach about God, and preach about twenty minutes,’ was the reply of Bishop Stubbs to a curate who asked him what he should preach about. The preacher must state clearly that nature, life and history are under the control of God.



For Today

O God:
 Give me strength to live another day;
 Let me not turn coward before its
 difficulties or prove recreant to its
 duties;
 Let me not lose faith in other people;
 Keep me sweet and sound of heart, in
 spite of ingratitude, treachery, or
 meanness,
 Preserve me from minding little stings
 or giving them;
 Help me to keep my heart clean, and to
 live so honestly and fearlessly that no
 outward failure can dishearten me or
 take away the joy of conscious integ-
 rity;
 Open wide the eyes of my soul that I
 may see good in all things;
 Grant me this day some new vision of
 thy truth;
 Inspire me with the spirit of joy and
 gladness; and make me the cup of
 strength to suffering souls; in the mane
 of the string Deliverer, our only Lord
 and Saviour, Jesus Christ.



KEEP me, O Lord, while I tarry on this earth, in a daily serious seeking after thee and in a believing affectionate walking with thee; that when thou comest, I may be found not hiding my talent, nor yet asleep with my lamp unfurnished; but waiting and longing for my Lord, my glorious God, for ever and ever.

Richard Baxter 1615 - 1691

WHAT IS ON AT ALL SAINTS'

EVERYSUNDAY.

- 9-30am Holy Communion on the First, Second and Fourth Sundays.
Family Service, which is a Service of Prayer and Word, on the third Sunday.
Morning Prayer on the Fifth Sunday.
- 6-30pm Evening Prayer is said in the Side Chapel.

DURING THE SCHOOL TERM.

- 9-30am Junior Sunday School every Sunday except the Third Sunday when there is a Family Service.

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING.

- 7-30pm Home Bible Study held at the Home of Mrs. Willis.
All welcome.

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING.

- 7-30pm Youth Fellowship in the Parish Hall.

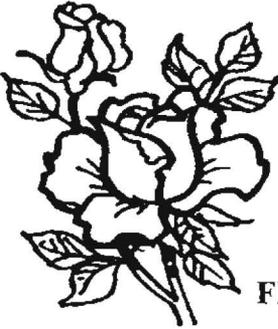
FOR YOUR DIARY.

- 25 August - 7-30am Service of Holy Communion.
12 September - B.B.Q Luncheon in the Parish Hall following the Morning Service.
19 September - Fete Meeting following the Morning Service.
25 September - Coach Tour to Gosford 9am to 4pm.
10 October - 2-00pm Organ Recital.
20 November - Annual Fete.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Archbishop has announced the appointment of the Rev'd Paul Watson as Resident Minister at All Saints' Petersham.

The Rev'd Watson will be taking up the appointment in Mid December 1993.



FLOWER DONATIONS.

- AUGUST 22 -** In memory of the Late John Henry Bowles from Brian Bowles
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.
- AUGUST 29 -** Donated by the Rector's family in thanksgiving for his life and
ministry. Wednesday he celebrated his Birthday and Ordina-
tion to the Priesthood and 40 years in Christian Ministry
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam
- SEPTEMBER 5 -** To the memory of our mother and nanna from Ray Swankie
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.
- SEPTEMBER 12 -** In loving memory of Jack from Joyce and family
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam
- SEPTEMBER 19 -** Mrs. Willis in memory of her mother Mrs. Sheriff.
In memory of mum from Ross and Pat Hitchins
Arranged by Miss D. Harrop
- SEPTEMBER 26 -** For Don from Michele.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.
People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

The Archbishop's Winter Appeal Fund is allocating many of its donations to homeless children.

Neglect of the World's Children - A Scandal: Some facts: 40,000 children die each day from malnutrition and preventable diseases; **7 million** are refugees of famine and war; **50 million** work in "slave-type" labour in unsafe and unhealthy conditions, **12 million** fight to survive on the streets of Brazil alone, including **500,000** teenage prostitutes; **70,000** live on the streets of Manila, including **15,000** child prostitutes; **2 million** in Mexico City have little or no adult care; **an unknown number** from poor countries are sold by parents to people in rich countries as slaves, camel drivers or cheap workers.

A recent UNICEF Report said that the end of child malnutrition, preventable disease and illiteracy would cost just \$35,000 million each year - less that Japan used to build a new highway - half what Europe spends each year on cigarettes.

The report said that in 1990 only two percent of Australian's direct aid was used to meet basic needs such as nutrition, water, health care and education. An Australian Government spokesman said that about 20 percent is now going to such things, but a lost of Australia's aid goes to Papua New Guinea and into big public works projects.

You and I can help our Diocese by our donations to the Archbishops of Sydney's Winter Appeal.



Love God.
love neighbour

'For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is of any avail, but faith working through love'
Galatians 5/6

Same Christians act as if their faith must be expressed through argument, through criticism, or by exposing other Christians by proving they are wrong. Faith that does not work by love is one of the most unattractive things in the world. Unless our faith works by love it will not work at all.

- Ken Roughley

Thoughts on Happiness

1. Make up your mind to be happy. Learn to find pleasure in simple things

2. Make the best of your circumstances. No one has everything and everyone has something of sorrow intermingled with the gladness of life. The trick is to make the laughter outweigh the tears.

3. Don't take yourself too seriously. Don't think that somehow you should be protected from misfortunes that befall others.

4. You can't please everybody. Don't let criticism worry you.

5. Don't let your neighbour set your standards. Be yourself.

6. Do the things you enjoy doing, but stay out of debt.

7. Don't borrow trouble. Imaginary things are harder to bear than the actual ones

8. Since hate poisons the soul, do not cherish enmities, grudges. Avoid people who make you unhappy.

9. Have many interests. If you can't travel, read about new places.

10. Don't hold post-mortems. Don't spend your life brooding over sorrows and mistakes. Don't be one who never gets over things.

11. Do what you can for those less fortunate than yourself.

12. keep busy at something. A very busy person never has time to be unhappy.

- Robert Louis Stevenson



'When I look at the Sunday Night TV schedules it baffles me why Evensong isn't more popular.'

A Final Thought

'Only God is in a position to look down on anyone''

- A parish priest

Life is easier than you think.
All you have to do is:
Accept the impossible,
Do without the indispensable,
Bear the intolerable,
and
Be able to smile at anything.
- Anon.

