

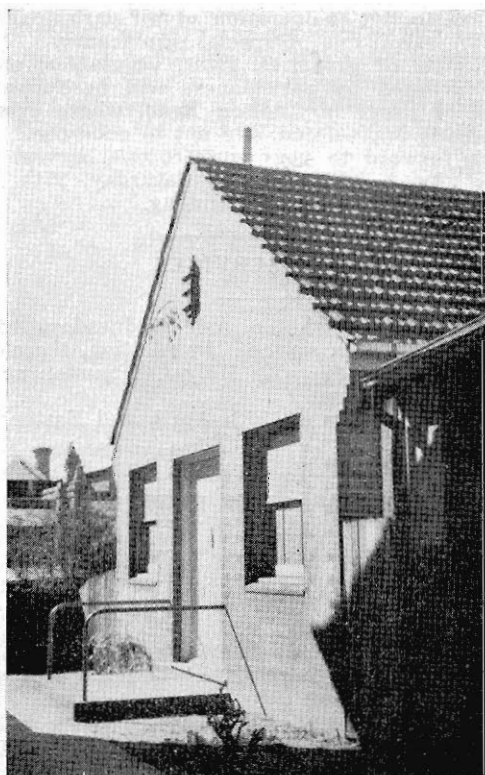
The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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"BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO OUR KINDERGARTEN"

RECTOR'S VACATION

During January, the Rector and his family have been vacationing at their holiday cottage in Katoomba. We trust that they all had a restful holiday, after the strenuous activities of 1964 and also the illnesses which both Mr. and Mrs. Champion suffered during the year.

We appreciated the services conducted for us during Mr. Champion's absence by the Rev. Edwin Bennett, Chaplain of the Recruit Training Battalion at Kapooka, near Wagga. Mr. Bennett stayed at the Rectory with his wife and family during his Sydney holiday.

Our thanks are also extended to Mr. John Nance for preaching at Evensong on 31st January. This was John's last time with us for a while, as he becomes Teacher-in-charge of Roto Public School on 9th February. Roto is a long way out on the main line to Broken Hill, and we trust that John will find the job rewarding and enjoyable. He has already been asked to take part in the Monthly Church Service that is held there.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

By tradition, we celebrate the Harvest Festival at All Saints' on Quinquagesima Sunday, which is the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. This year's Festival will thus be held on Sunday, 28th February. The Rector looks forward to the co-operation of all parishioners in making this year's Harvest Festival one of special significance.

As usual, the gifts of groceries, fruit, vegetables, and eggs that are so generously donated by parishioners will be forwarded to the "Eversleigh" Home of Peace in Addison Road, where every item that we send along is greatly appreciated, and put to good use.

We again look forward to your support this harvest time. Gifts may be left at the Church or Rectory by Saturday, 27th February, or brought to the Church with you on the Sunday.

LENTEN SERVICES

Special Services will be held on Ash Wednesday, 3rd March, to signify the start of the Lenten season. In addition, there will be mid-week Services every Wednesday, with Holy Communion at 7 a.m., and a Devotional Service at 7.30 p.m.

Good Friday this year falls on 16th April, and Easter Day on 18th April.

ANNUAL FLOWER ROSTER

The January issue of "The Chronicle" contained a list of the regular annual donations of Sanctuary flowers. Those folk who give flowers are asked to kindly check this list, as we are anxious that it should be completely accurate.

In particular, we would like to hear from those who have in the past notified their donations each year, as we would be happy to place their donations on the continuing list.

While Mrs. Bosward is away, Mrs. Champion or Mrs. Cook will gladly answer any queries you may have regarding the Sanctuary flower Roster.

NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Now that school has resumed for 1965, we hope to see attendances back to normal. Attendances were down slightly during the vacation, but it was pleasing to see many scholars regularly turning up for Sunday School each week. We are always seeking to build up our Sunday School so that if you know of any new Church or England families in the Parish please invite them to come along to Sunday School any Sunday at 9.45 a.m. and they will be made very welcome. Or, alternatively, the Superintendent or Secretary would be pleased to hear of any prospective pupils.

With regard to Sunday School teachers, we still have an urgent need for a lady teacher to take the top class of girls, aged 13 years. The Rector, or Superintendent, Mr. Jones would be pleased to hear from anyone who could assist in this matter.

Y.C.I. Donation: We would like to express our thanks to the Y.C.I. for their kind donation of ten guineas from the proceeds of their recent Revue. The amount was given towards the cost of our Annual Prizes.

Harvest Festival: We urge the support of all parents and scholars for our contribution to the Harvest Festival on Sunday, 28th February. This is a most worthy cause, and gifts of groceries, fruit, vegetables, and eggs will be welcomed by the Home of Peace.

Final Letter: This will be my final news-letter to the "Chronicle" for some time as I am off into the centre of New South Wales to teach at Roto Public School, but I would like to take this opportunity of saying how much I have enjoyed and profited by my time as Secretary of the Sunday School. I would like to wish all connected in any way with the Sunday School a year of really worthwhile achievement in 1965 and the future, and I appeal to all parents and parishioners to support their Sunday School to the full, for the Sunday School of today provides the church-goers of tomorrow.

JOHN NANCE, Hon. Secretary.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Nehemiah

The life of Ezra, the priest, was directed to re-establishing the spiritual and ecclesiastical foundation of the little community of Jews who had returned from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem. At the same time Nehemiah's life was devoted to providing a civil order and military protection for the state lest it be overrun and lost amid the pressures of the surrounding peoples.

The story of Nehemiah himself is a mingling of romance and heroism. An exiled Jew, Nehemiah had risen high in the service of the Persian King within whose territories Jerusalem lay. As the king's butler, Nehemiah had ready access to the king and was able to use his influence to gain a personal commission for the rebuilding of Jerusalem and to establish it as a city in which a community of people might safely live.

The book itself is largely made up of extracts from Nehemiah's "diaries," which describe vividly his deep distress for the city of his fathers, half in ruins and sparsely populated, and the personal dedication which he brought to bear on his task. Opposition was encountered on many sides. The neighbouring governors and their supporters did not wish to see Jerusalem restored and the people themselves were apathetic. However, led and inspired by Nehemiah, they applied them-

selves to rebuilding the walls of the city, giving, themselves a limited immunity from military assault. Attempts were made by the opposition to frustrate Nehemiah in every way, first by luring him into a conference outside the city walls, then by discrediting him in the eyes of his fellow Jews and also by direct physical attack. However, the work was completed and a great national festival of rejoicing and thanksgiving was held with Ezra reading the law of God to the assembled crowds.

Once the people were settled in Jerusalem, protected from the attacks of their neighbours, Nehemiah began to organise the civil life of the people. He cleaned out the temple, parts of which had become used as a store house, he regularised the temple accounts and finance, saw to the enforcement of the Sabbath Law and, like Ezra, dealt with the matter of marriages between Jews and the pagan peoples round about. On an economical level, he arranged a reduction of debts where interest and capital repayments were reducing free men to the status of slaves, he put into action a policy of increasing the population of Jerusalem by encouraging immigration and, while declining all salary as provincial governor, he fed the needy of the city from his own means.

Nehemiah appears in history as a patriot devoted to the cause and welfare of his people at a time in their history when they were oppressed and weakened in spirit. However, it was more than mere patriotism that was the driving force in Nehemiah's life. His prayers, eloquently recorded in the pages of his book, reveal a man who, like Moses, David and the prophets, saw Israel's destiny in the terms of the service of God in righteousness and holiness. His life was dedicated to the service of God and for him that meant in his particular vocation in history, selfless service of the nation.

CLUB NEWS

Senior Parishioners':

We extend an invitation to anyone interested in joining our Club. A happy social afternoon commences at 1.30 p.m. each Thursday in the Parish Hall, with afternoon tea and prizes adding to the afternoon's enjoyment.

We are very pleased to report that both Mrs. McCarty and Miss Woodward have been discharged from hospital. We hope to have them both back at the Club before long.

Our best wishes also go to Mrs. Gray, and we wish her a speedy recovery.

— DOT SHAW

Indoor Bowls:

The Bowls Club extends a warm welcome to new members. Come along any Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m. and have an enjoyable night, with supper afterwards. We will gladly teach you all the finer points about this fascinating game.

The Inter-Church Competition starts on 8th February, and we all expect a most successful competition.

We all hope that Mrs. Gorman, wife of our friend Jack, is soon home from hospital, fit and well.

H. SHAW, Hon. Secretary

Young Churchmen's Institute (Y.C.I.):

At our meeting on 8th January, which was the first business meeting since the Fete, a motion was carried that the Y.C.I. would express our grateful thanks in "The Chronicle" to Mrs. Humphreys, Mrs. Gordon and other folk of the Parish who assisted them on the "White Elephant" Stall at the Fete. As we mentioned in the December "Chronicle" this stall increased its takings by £72 over the previous year, due to the

efforts of Mrs. Humphreys throughout the year in collecting stocks.

January meetings have not had good attendances, although we know that some of those absent have been on annual holidays. With two important meetings in February we hope that all members will make the effort to attend their Y.C.I.

These meetings are the 213th issue of the "Manuscript Journal" on 5th February, and the 54th Annual Meeting on the 19th February.

We are always looking for new members, and invite any menfolk of the parish who are interested to come along for a few nights and see what we do; we're sure that they'll enjoy our lively meetings and varied programme, and become regular members.

— A. JONES. Hon Assistant Secretary

Fellowship:

A new year has started, and it promises to be an exciting year for the young people of the Parish. Records, swimming and tennis are just a few of the activities of our Fellowship, which meets on the second, fourth, and fifth Wednesdays of the month at 7.45 p.m. Our first meeting for this year will be on Wednesday, 10th February, and we ask all young people who are interested to come along and join in the fun and fellowship with others.

On behalf of the Fellowship members and myself, I would like to convey to Alan Humphreys and Lynette Sanderson our best wishes for their forthcoming wedding and their future happiness.

— C. MILLER, Hon Assistant Secretary

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Most of the other clubs and societies at All Saints' are due to recommence their activities this month. The Guild will resume on Tuesday, 9th, at 2 p.m., and the Young Marrieds' and Friends' Club at 8 o'clock on the same night. Details of all organisations' meeting times are shown on our weekly Church Notice Sheets.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

February 7th: Donated by John and Judith Williams in memory of their Grandfather; arranged by Mrs. Malone.

February 14th: No donation; arranged by Miss Nisbet.

February 21st: Donated by Mrs. Butt and Mrs. Winchester in memory of Mr. G. Butt; arranged by Mrs. Ingoldsby-Brown and Mrs. Clark.

February 28th: No donation; arranged by Miss Speight.

March 7th: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Malone.

As the January "Chronicle" went to press in mid-December, we regret that it was not previously possible to acknowledge the following donations: December 20th: Donated by Mrs. Fearley in memory of her Daughter and by Mrs. Mitchell in memory of her husband.

Christmas Day: Donated by Miss Dobson in memory of loved ones, by Mrs. Sumner in memory of Mr. Sumner, and by Michele in memory of Don; for additional donations of flowers and money we thank Mrs. Ayrton, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Bosward, Mrs. Cook, Miss Hamilton, Miss Fry, Mrs. Nisbet, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Williams.

We also wish to acknowledge the following donations for January: January 3rd: Donated by Mrs. Gratland in memory of David Gratland. January 24th: Donated by Miss G. Norman in memory of her Parents, Sisters, and brothers.

January 31st: Donated by the Quin family in memory of their Mother, and by Mrs. Garland and Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Sheriff.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND BIBLE COLLEGE

When a small group of clergy and laity met in Sydney in 1953, to launch the Church of England Bible College, the financing of the proposed course was based on an initial enrolment of 30 students. In fact, the enrolment in the first year turned out to be 130.

The courses have since been taken by well over 1,000 people.

Meeting Needs

Obviously, the College met a real need in 1954 and continues to do so today. No other institution in Australia does quite the same job, so there is no rivalry or overlap with existing institutions. The College provides lectures in Sydney on Monday nights, and some 50 to 80 people attend. Many more take the courses by correspondence, making the total enrolment each year about 200 people.

Two Courses

The first course aims to give a general understanding of the whole Bible, and every book is studied, some in more detail than others, over a period of two years.

There is also an advanced course, covering three great books of the Bible and three great Bible subjects. This course is for those who already have some understanding of the Scriptures but who feel the need for closer, guided study. Many who complete the first course go on to enrol in the advanced course.

Enrolment

Parishioners interested are invited to write to the Registrar, 1 Belgium Avenue, Roseville. As the College is a voluntary institution, the cost of the courses is kept to a minimum, and the fees are very low.

NEWS BRIEFS

● **Thanks for Hamper:** The Rector, on behalf of himself, Mrs. Champion, and their family, wishes to express their thanks to the parish organisations and Parishioners for the wonderful hamper that they received at the Parish Christmas Party. The hamper contained just about every type of foodstuff available, and the Rector is most grateful to all who donated and selected the contents.

● **Examination Successes:** We extend our congratulations to all who were successful in the 1964 University, Technical College, Teachers' College, and School examinations. Amongst those who completed their school course and gained the Leaving Certificate were Ruth Champion, Barbara Connell, Lynette Harris, Lindsay Nance, Hugh Quelch, and David Sayers. We wish them well in the future.

● **Films Again:** Commencing Sunday, 28th February, movies will be screened after Evensong on the fourth Sunday of each month. The title of this month's will be "A Little Child Shall Lead Them." It would be appreciated if the Young Marrieds' and Friends' Club could arrange the supper for this night.

All parishioners and their friends are invited to these happy social gatherings.

● **Looking Ahead:** Now that most folk are back from holidays, the organisations of our Church are getting back into their stride, and plans for the year's activities are being drawn up. To newcomers may we suggest that you keep a look out for such highlights as the Fancy Dress Ball, the Parish Tea in August, the Y.C.I. Car Drive, the Y.C.I. Revue, and the Annual Fete in November. Be sure you get your copy of the "Chronicle" out on the first Sunday of every month, for full news about these and many other big events at All Saints' in 1965.

● **New Notice Board:** The Publicity Officers have asked that their thanks be recorded for the new illuminated notice board at the main gates of the Church. It fills a long felt need, and the Parish should be most grateful to the Rector and the menfolk who helped him for this valuable addition to the means of publicising our Church's Services and other activities.

● **The Thomas Family:** Well known parishioners of All Saints' for many years, are reported to have moved from Pambula, on the South Coast, to Dandenong, near Melbourne.

● **Publicise Your Activities:** Club Secretaries have a responsibility towards their organisations to publicise their coming meetings, with a view to attracting more members and better attendances; also, the reports in "The Chronicle" of what the Clubs and Societies have done is of interest to other parishioners and is one of the few ways in which the day by day history of the Parish is recorded. We issue this annual reminder to all Secretaries to ensure that they let us have regular contributions along these lines so that their organisation is not missing from the pages of "The Chronicle."

Remember, it pays to advertise; this magazine is read by three or four thousand people each month!

CHRISTMAS GIFTS APPEAL

We would like to acknowledge with thanks donations received from the following parishioners towards our 1964 Christmas Appeal: Miss Woodward, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Blackburn, Mrs. Bosward, Miss Speight, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Quine, Mrs. Bryce, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Hilliard, and Mr. Kennedy.

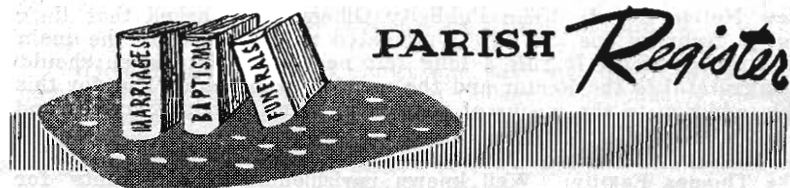
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EPISCOPAL CHANGES

Bishop Clive Kerle, who has accepted appointment as Bishop of Armidale, will be given a Diocesan farewell at the Sydney Town Hall on Monday, 8th February at 8 p.m. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Bishop Kerle will be enthroned at Armidale Cathedral on Thursday, 25th February.

The Archbishop has announced that Canon Arthur Dain, Federal Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, will become Coadjutor Bishop of Sydney in place of Bishop Kerle. Although not ordained to the priesthood until 1959, Canon Dain has been involved in Church work all his life, including six years as a missionary in India before World War II.

Bishop F. O. Hulme-Moir, who is coming from our Rector's former diocese of Nelson, will be installed in St. Andrew's Cathedral on Tuesday, 23rd February. He succeeds Bishop Goodwin Hudson, who recently returned to England.



BAPTISMS

"Born Again"

- December 13th:—Kim Elizabeth O'Keefe.
 December 13th:—Scott Charters.
 December 20th:—Robert Francis Patterson.
 December 23rd:—Sydney Charles Sarina.
 January 3rd:—Dean William Rowe.
 January 10th:—Andrew Hartley Jones.

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined."

- December 19th:—Terrance William Fitzgerald to Jenice Margaret Williamson.
 January 2nd:—Sydney Charles Sarina to Lesley June Bouquet.
 January 2nd:—Leonard William Scotting to Frances Anne Harvey.
 January 9th:—Thomas George Braithwaite to Edith Ita Sellar.
 January 23rd:—Laurence Robin Coleman to Evelyn Lesley Dinning.
 January 29th:—Raymond Thomas Turner to Elizabeth Marshall Caven Pearson.
 January 30th:—Warren Raymond Toon to Lois Ann Hall.
 January 30th:—George Foster to Pamela Eileen Hobson.

FUNERALS

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

- December 15th:—Esme Olive Rogers.
 December 21st:—Robert Allison.
 December 30th:—Noel Bailey.
 January 11th:—Harriet May Farr.
 January 16th:—Edward Albert Farlow.

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 People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.