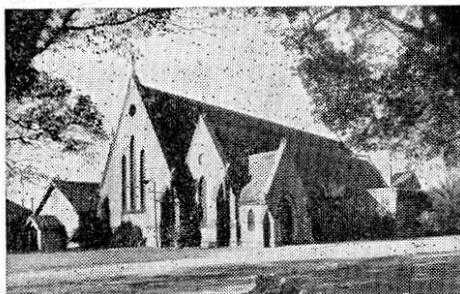


# **The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham**



## **Consecration Festival Sunday, 19th August, 1979**

YOU are warmly invited to share our

9.30 a.m. **FESTIVAL SERVICE —**

Guest Preacher: Rev. Ray Flatau, Rector of Sth. Canterbury & former Missionary in Malaysia.

Visiting Soloist: Mrs. G. Quilty, of Dulwich Hill Salvation Army.

After the Service and Morning Coffee there will be:

11.00 a.m. **AN ORGAN RECITAL** by Mrs. Betty Randall of Epping (Winner of Yamaha Organ Competition).

Games Planned for Youth as an alternative

12.15 p.m. **BARBEQUE LUNCHEON**—Adults \$2; Children \$1.

Tickets are available. It is necessary to obtain tickets beforehand for numbers for catering purposes.

Even if you haven't met us before we'd love to have you join us at this celebration.

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**AUGUST 1979**

## From your Minister's Desk



My dear friends,

Consecration Anniversary like any other 'landmark' is a time for thinking about the past, present and direction in relation to the future. So I guess it's right for us this month to ask ourselves about "the church"—not the building for that's not going anywhere, nor can we do much about correcting any shortcomings we may become conscious of in it—but the real church—those who make up the body of workers, worshippers, disciples, believers, or whatever you like to call them—you and me and the others who carry the name of Christ in the community.

There's a common "image" of the church. It's the image of a place whose main clientele is old ladies and whose main aim is the maintenance of a pile of bricks and mortar with a clean and orderly interior together with the old way of doing things and a respectability in sexual matters. Is the church really like that?

There is enough truth in the image to make it sting. There's no doubt but that there are more women than men in the average congregation—and that the age level is high. There's no doubt that by far the greatest part of our effort is absorbed in trying to keep the plant intact. There's no doubt that the church's view of sin has been identified with drinking, swearing, gambling, adultery and fornication.

All this is not typical of the whole church, thank God, but the situation does exist.

At times like Consecration Festivals when considerations of heritage and posterity force themselves upon us, if we're courageous we'll be seeking the remedy that prevents us from being part of that image.

Wherein lies such a remedy?

Surely we must become fearlessly and self-forgetfully involved in the world. We must know for ourselves, and proclaim clearly where we stand on great issues like peace and war and industrial relations and social justice and racial and other discriminations etc. Then will youth return to our fellowship—because to be young is to be ready to crusade.

We have also to realise that there are other and greater sins than those of the flesh. Pride, callousness, personal and social selfishness, sheer materialism are terrible and deadly sins. We can have an external veneer of respectability and 'do-good-ery' with a complete Godlessness underneath it. But that's not good enough for Jesus Christ's Church.

And we must be completely honest in our preaching—no evasions of issues because to face them might attract discomfort or trouble. We must not merely follow popular opinion, giving people what they want. We must state inner convictions even if they are not what people want to hear.

The church need not have the image it has acquired—if it has the courage to think and speak and live.

In many cases the great weakness of a church is that it is concerned above all with keeping things as they are (or were). The struggle to keep things as they are has taken away the vision of what could be. And an in-growing congregation can never be a "power house" for the Lord.

So we have to take a hard and honest look at ourselves, and examine the direction in which we are heading. For as someone once said 'Where you stand is not as important as the direction you are heading'.

May that be the motto we adopt to guide us as "a church" on this Consecration Festival.

Yours in the love of Jesus Christ,

S. W. GISSING

Rector,

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Take the Bible in your hand  
and read that God says . . .

## You May Have . . . .

### Pardon

. . . Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our GOD, for He will abundantly pardon.  
Isaiah 55:7

But Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.  
Nehemiah 9:17

In Jesus Christ we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

Ephesians 1:7

### Peace

. . . The Lord Jesus said: "I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace."  
John 16:33

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Romans 5:1

### Power

. . . But as many as received Him (Jesus Christ), to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.  
John 1:12

The Lord Jesus said: Ye shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit has come upon you.  
Acts 1:8

## WOULD I ?

Would I be called a Christian if everybody knew  
 My secret thoughts and feelings, and everything I do?  
 Oh! could they see the likeness of Christ in me each day?  
 Oh! could they hear Him speaking in everything I say.  
 Would I be called a Christian if everyone could know,  
 That I am found in places where Jesus would not go?  
 Oh! could they hear His echo, in every song I sing?  
 In eating, drinking, dressing, could they see Christ my King?  
 Would I be called a Christian if judged by what I read?  
 By all my recreations and every thought and deed?  
 Could I be counted Christ-like as I now work and pray?  
 Unselfish, kind, forgiving to others every day  
 So come my Blessed Master, and live Thy life in me,  
 That everyone beholding may witness only Thee.

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## "I Believe in God"

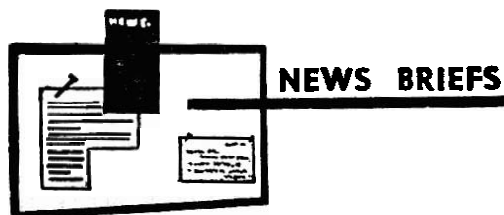


"I BELIEVE IN GOD". These are the greatest words in the world.

In the Church of England we don't say in our Creed that we believe there is a God. We say: "I believe in God!" You might say: "I believe that I have a neighbour by the name of Jones." This may be true or false; at best it is a mere statement of fact.

But if you say: "I believe in my neighbour, Jones", you say that you know his name to be Jones and that you trust him. You have faith in him. In the Creeds, Anglicans say: "I believe in God." It means simply that we trust God. We place ourselves entirely in His hands. We commit our lives to His care, from here to Eternity. And that's not just an occasional outburst. Every Sunday at Holy Communion, at Morning and Evening Prayer, Anglicans in unison reaffirm their belief in God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — one God.

Your Parish Church invites you to worship. Join with it as it says: "I BELIEVE IN GOD".



## Senior Parishoners' Club

It is still cheery in the Parish Hall away from the cold winters winds on a Thursday afternoon with heaters on, and all the happy faces around us. Do come and join us in "Housie" or "Cards", and a very lovely cup of tea. 40 cents donation covers all. From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Ladies or Gents—any age—any denomination—all are heartily welcome.

I am very sorry to have to write of the passing of a very old member, Mrs. Dorris Taylor. We all pray for Mr. Dan Taylor and family for God's wonderful comfort in their great loss.

At the Special Meeting called by the Rector the following elections were made—

Mrs. J. Smith, Assistant Secretary,

Mrs. A. Hall, 3rd Signature for signing of cheques etc.,

Mrs. M. Beardow, "Housie" Caller,

Mrs. G. Lomore and Miss M. Pullen, Assistant Callers.

Quite a number of our members are still on the sick list, we wish them all speedy recoveries and look forward to seeing them all back with us as soon as possible.

IDA BARRETT—Hon. Secretary



## Parish Re-Cycling Drive

ALUMINIUM CANS are collected on a continuing basis. If you can help please bring them to the church each Sunday.

NEWSPAPERS are collected each month. The August date for bringing to the Hall is 11th (Saturday). If you can't deliver to the Hall please phone to arrange for a collector to call. IT IS A GREAT HELP IF PAPERS ARE TIED IN FLAT BUNDLES ABOUT 14 INCHES DEEP.



## WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

We are growing in numbers slowly. Two more new members last meeting, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Gowanlock. Last month Mrs. Sleath. We look forward to having more on our next meeting day, Tuesday, 14th August, at 1.15 p.m. when Mrs. Lyn Perini will show slides and tell of her experiences as a missionary wife in East Africa.

The Annual Luncheon is now over, and what a lovely day. About 110 attended, I am sure every body present had a very splendid lunch and all enjoyed listening to our guests the "Phillipians". It was quite a financial success too—\$80 was cleared.

On Tuesday, 24th July 20 Ladies and 1 Gentleman visited the Mastertouch Museum and Piano-roll Factory. This proved both informative and fascinating.

We are all thrilled with the Hall kitchen's new look, the extra working space is greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you!! at our next meeting on Tuesday, 14th August at 1.15 p.m.

IDA BARRETT—Hon. Secretary



## SOMETHING WORTH LOOKING AT

"The Christian Church is 'Sinners Anonymous'—some with cheap, nasty, petty little sins, some with shocking great sins. The point is that we all sin. In Christ we have the power not to give up, but to grow gradually more like him as we follow him together. And it is a gradual growing. None of us has any right to point a finger at another. We should be an judging fellowship.

Our central Christian service ought to teach us this every time we receive the bread and wine at it. . . . Then Jesus took a cup, and having offered thanks to God, he gave it to them with the words: 'Drink from it all of you. For this is my blood of the covenant, shed for many for the forgiveness of sins'."

"Belonging."

—David Sheppard.

## Flowers in Church



### August

- 5—Mrs. D. Jones and family in memory of the late Mr. P. Jones.
- 12—Mrs. R. Roberts, Beryl and Gary in memory of Mr. William John Roberts.
- Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Shiels.
- 26—Mrs. Hillery in memory of her husband Bertram Hillery.

### September

- 23—John and Lindsay in memory of their father Greville Jack Nance.
- Mrs. Willis and Mrs. Garland in memory of Mrs. Sheriff.

Those who like to remember their loved ones by contributing for flowers in our Church are asked to contact Rector about six (6) weeks or more to the desired date.

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## FLYING ANGEL FETE

of the  
Missions to Seamen  
at  
Flying Angel House  
Macquarie Place in the City  
on

FRIDAY, 17th AUGUST, 1979  
from 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

We invite your interest and participation by:—

- Donating saleable items (jams, cakes, fancy goods, Books, plants etc).
  - Volunteering to help staff a stall.
  - Attending the Fete with your friends.
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## WHAT IS FAITH ?

by George Muller

Faith is the **EYE** by which we look to Jesus. A dim-sighted eye is still an eye; a weeping eye is still an eye.

Faith is the **HAND** with which we lay hold of Jesus. A trembling hand is still a hand. And he is a believer whose heart within him trembles when he touches the hem of the Saviour's garment, that he may be healed.

Faith is the **TONGUE** by which we taste how good the Lord is. A feverish tongue is nevertheless a tongue. And even then we may believe, when we are without the smallest portion of comfort; for our faith is founded not upon feelings, but upon the promise of God.

Faith is the **FOOT** by which we go to Jesus. A lame foot is still a foot. He who comes slowly, nevertheless comes.

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## FAITH

Faith is needed all the way, Faith to toil and faith to pray;  
Faith to learn and faith to teach, Faith to practice, faith to preach;  
Faith to start each day anew; Faith to bear, in patience, wrong;  
Faith to smile, though sad within; Faith to conquer every sin;  
Faith to ask Him for His care, While we earthly trials bear.  
Faith to smother every sigh; Faith to live — and faith to die.

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### SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS AT ALL SAINTS

MORNING WORSHIP is at 9.30 a.m.

Holy Communion on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.

Morning Prayer on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

(Family Service is the 3rd Sunday)

SUNDAY SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN is at 9.55 a.m.

EVENING WORSHIP is at 5 p.m.

(This changes to 7 p.m. during summer months.)

Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Evening Prayer on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.

Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals by arrangement with the Rector.

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## WALTERS & SON

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

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