

# The Chronicle

## Of All Saints

### Petersham

**Rector:** Rev. S. W. GISSING, Th.L.

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## RECTOR'S NOTES

My dear Friends,

New Year! — and all that the phrase signifies!

Many these days are being overcome by what is the most potent of all modern diseases — cynicism. They are refusing to allow the long-standing institutions of our society to work out their ameliorating effects. "Pragmatists" they like to think themselves as — and so denigrate all manner of customs and traditions that no longer suit their particular purposes. So "New Year" is seen as nothing more than a holiday — another of the increasing number of chances to get away from it all for a few days!

However the more sensitive and poetic spirits will still allow themselves to be influenced by the opportunities provided for positive gain in our romantic institutions handed down from earlier not so sophisticated but, I believe, wiser generations!

New Year will, to these latter, always be a wonderful opportunity to review the situation, cut the losses of earlier trends, and set new courses for the realisation of new hopes of a better future. To that end many will think perhaps somewhat soberly, about Resolutions for guidance to the attainment of goals that are recognised as being "what ought to be", and what we, deep down, "long to see".

It is on this basis that New Year provides an exciting religious prospect. "What ought to be" and "what we long to see" is very much related to our religious motivations. Jesus Christ came to this world to confirm the reality of the possibility of "what ought to be"; and also to impart the power for the realisation of "what we long to see". He came to put us back in touch with God. He offers us the way and the ability to a sharing in Divine Life — so often called the Life Abundant. That is what God intended for us — and what He longs to give us — BUT will not impose upon us. You and I are given in Christ the chance to achieve it in our personal experience. New Year, by its very associations, asks you "Do you want to share in that Newness of Life? — Christ is the Way!" The first sign of Jesus (John 2:1-11) is the New Year sign — He has the power and the desire to transform this human experience to what it was meant to be! "Behold I make all things new" says the Lord.

My word to you at this time is — "Give Him a chance. Open your heart in sincerity to Him — and prove for yourself how wonderful and loving is our Father God."

The New Year also has significance for us as a parish family — a significance closely related to what I've been saying is its personal relevance. We come to the time of Annual Meetings where we review the past twelve months and chart the course for the next year. All parish organisations should finalise their year at 31st December. Then when office bearers can complete necessary arrangements I will be happy to confirm dates of Annual Meetings and chair such meeting, prior to the Annual Parish Meeting which has been set this year for Monday, 10th March. At this Annual Parish Meeting (known as the Vestry Meeting) the Annual reports and Statements of parish organisations will be tabled for any public review. Let's be praying and planning now for the new opportunities of development in Christian fellowship and mission that await us in 1975.

Your Friend and Minister,

S. W. GISSING.

**"A MORNING WISH"**

by W. R. Hunt

THE sun is just rising on the morning of another day, the first day of a new year. What can I wish that this day, this year, may bring to me? Nothing that shall make the world or others poorer, nothing at the expense of other men; but just those few things which in their coming do not stop with me, but touch me rather, as they pass and gather strength:

A few friends who understand me, and yet remain my friends.

A work to do which has real value without which the world would feel the poorer.

A return for such work small enough not to tax unduly anyone who pays.

A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed.

An understanding heart.

A sight of the eternal hills and unresting sea, and of something beautiful the hand of man has made.

A sense of humor and the power to laugh.

A little leisure with nothing to do.

A few moments of quiet, silent meditation. The sense of the presence of God.

And the patience to wait for the coming of these things, with the wisdom to know them when they come.

**SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER**

- January 5: Donated by Mrs. Adams in memory of Rev. C. E. Adams and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hunt from their Daughters, and also by Mrs. Kent in memory of her Son Charles and Daughter Elsie; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- January 12: Donated by Mrs. D. Jones in memory her Sister; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- January 19: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- January 26: Donated by the Quin family in memory of their Mother; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- February 5: Donated by Mrs. I. Scott in memory of Mr. Norman Scott and by Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Sheriff; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

We gratefully acknowledge flowers for Christmas Day from Mrs. Cheetham and family in memory of Mr. Cheetham, from Mrs. Cragg and Noel in memory of Mr. H. Cragg and from Mrs. I. Butt.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

**Parents & Friends Association:**

At 7.45 p.m. on the 29th January, we will be calling a meeting of Parents of the Sunday School Pupils and Parishioners. The aim of the Parents & Friends Association is to organise the picnic Christmas Parties and any other activity of interest to the Children. The formation of this group will allow the Sunday School staff to concentrate more on the Bible teachings.

**Annual General Meeting:**

The annual general Sunday school teachers meeting will be held in February. The date will be announced later in January.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendant.

**BIBLEWORD. (Revised Standard Version.)**

Mark Chapter 11 verses 25-26.

And wherever you stand \_\_\_\_\_ if you have anything against any \_\_\_\_\_; so that your \_\_\_\_\_ also who is in \_\_\_\_\_ may forgive you your \_\_\_\_\_

But if you \_\_\_\_\_ forgive, neither will your \_\_\_\_\_ who is in heaven \_\_\_\_\_ your trespasses.

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## CLUB NEWS

**Ladies Guild:**

Our activities for 1974 closed on December 18th with a very happy pre-Christmas Party. The short Christmas message and musical programme was arranged by Mrs. Gissing.

It was indeed a pleasure to share the afternoon with a number of friends who have helped us in many ways during the year. To each of them we say a sincere thank you.

The Guild will resume on Tuesday, 4th February, 1975, at 1 p.m.  
E. BOSWARD, Honorary Secretary.

**Senior Parishioners' Club:**

After the Christmas and New Year festivities are over and we settle down once again to our ordinary living our club will resume on Thursday, 23rd January, 1975, at 1 p.m.

We hope to see all the familiar faces turning up to once again enjoy the fellowship of our club in "cards" and "housie" and a chat over afternoon tea.

IDA BARRETT, Honorary Secretary.

**Indoor Bowls Club:**

Our annual meeting was held recently and all the executive were re-elected.

Our Christmas Party was held on Wednesday, 11th December and, as is our custom, we invited the executive committee of Canterbury

Marrickville Churches Indoor Bowls Association. We also invite as many previous members as possible to show our thanks for their support. This night was very successful, especially with the presence of our patron, The Rector, and his wife. Games were arranged and small prizes were given to the winners.

On behalf of our club let me wish one and all The Seasons Greetings.

B. SEE, Honorary Secretary.

#### Boys Club:

I sincerely hope that everyone has had a good year in 1974 and wish everyone in the parish the best for '75.

The Boys Club will be recommencing on Monday, 20th January. Any boys wishing to enjoy the company and games please come along at 6.30 p.m. (age 8-16).

My sincere thanks to all those parents who contributed to the presentation night on December 9th.

J. ARROWSMITH, Leader.

The annual fete was once again a great success and the effort and continual work throughout the year is appreciated.

The following are the amounts received on 16th November. Where names are given, they are of those personally taking responsibility for the stall concerned.

Stall	Conducted by	\$
Fancy Work, Childrens Wear and Gifts	Mrs. D. Jones—\$1327.25	
Cakes and Sweets	Mrs. Clark—\$480.00	1807.25
Groceries and Jams	Y.M. and Friends	330.20
White Elephant	Sunday School	330.04
Jewellery	Mrs. Humphreys	645.00
Pottery	Miss Hunt for Mrs. Milleray	640.00
Books, Hoopla	Mrs. Hearn	134.00
Refreshments	Youth Group	154.77
Plants	Mrs. See	178.00
Floral Arrangements	Mrs. Woodall	85.74
Hot Dogs	Mrs. Sopwith	100.00
Girl Guides Stall	Y.C.I.	67.50
Train and Pony Rides	All Saints' Guides	20.66
	Mr. Bretherton	149.98
	Mrs. Willis	32.00
Donations	Mr. W. McCarthy—\$10	
	Others—\$35	45.00
	Indoor Bowls Club	47.80

**Grand Total . . \$4767.94**

**CREDO**  
**from Markings—DAG HAMMARSKJOLD**

From generations of soldiers and government officials on my father's side I inherited a belief that no life was more satisfactory than one of selfless service to your country—or humanity. This service required a sacrifice of all personal interests, but likewise the courage to stand up unflinchingly for your convictions.

From scholars and clergymen on my mother's side I inherited a belief that in the very radical sense of the Gospels, all men were equals as children of God and should be met and treated by us as our masters.

Faith is a state of the mind and the soul. [ . . . ] The language of religion is a set formulas which register a basic spiritual experience. It must not be regarded as describing in terms to be defined by philosophy, the reality which is accessible to our senses and which we can analyze with the tools of logic. I was late in understanding what this meant. When I finally reached that point, the beliefs in which I was once brought up and which, in fact, had given my life direction even while my intellect still challenged their validity, were recognized by me as mine in their own right and by free choice. [ . . . ] the explanation of how man should live a life of active social service in full harmony with himself as a member of the community of the spirit, I found in the writings of those great medieval mystics for whom "self-surrender" had been the way to self-realization, and who in "singleness of mind" and "inwardness" had found strength to say Yes to every demand which the need, of their neighbors made them face and to say Yes also to every fate life had in store for them. [ . . . ]. Love—that much misused and misinterpreted word—for them meant simply an overflowing of the strength with which they felt themselves filled when living in true self-oblivion. And this love found natural expression in an unhesitant fulfillment of duty and an unreserved acceptance of life, whatever it brought them personally of toil, suffering—or happiness.

**Girl Guides:**

The parishioners will be aware that the Girl Guides meet in the parish hall each week and supported our fete by conducting a stall. We thank them for their support and wish them well in the New Year.

The Ashfield/Haberfield District of the Girl Guides is seeking a lady interested in working with girls and who would be willing to train to become a warranted Guider. The District is apparently a happy one and if anyone is interested or knows of someone who could assist would they please contact the District Commissioner, Miss Christine Stephens, on 797-9871 after 6 p.m. on weekdays or at anytime during the weekend.

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**FEBRUARY CHRONICLE**

Articles for the February Chronicle are due no later than 19th January, 1975.

## THE CHRONICLE

### THE DAY'S WORK

GOETHE

Use well the moment; what the hour  
Brings for thy use is in thy power;  
And what thou best canst understand  
Is just the thing lies nearest to thy hand.  
Art thou little, do that little well, and for thy  
comfort know  
The biggest man can do his biggest work no  
better than just so.  
Like the star  
That shines afar,  
Without haste  
And without rest  
Let each man wheel with steady sway  
Round the task that rules the day,  
And do his best.

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### CHRONICLE DONATION

Mrs. Jordon—\$2.00.

#### 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. **LITANY**—5th Sundays at 11 a.m.

**EVENSONG**—Each Sunday at 7 p.m.

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

**BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS BY ARRANGEMENT WITH  
THE RECTOR.**

**CHURCHWARDENS:** Messrs. E. Quelch (Rector's), F. G. Hearn, W.  
Williams.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** The Churchwardens and Messrs. J. H. Bretherton, N.  
Cragg, F. Evans, Mrs. Gorman, Messrs. B. Livingston, H.  
E. Quelch, B. Sayers, D. Sayers, C. Sillence, Mrs. W. Sopwith, Mr. H.  
Swankie.

**SIDESMEN:** Messrs. V. Barrett, G. Clarke and H. J. Shaw.

**HON. TREASURER:** Mr. E. Quelch. **HON. SECRETARY:** Mr. H. E. QUELCH.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:** Mr. N. Cragg.

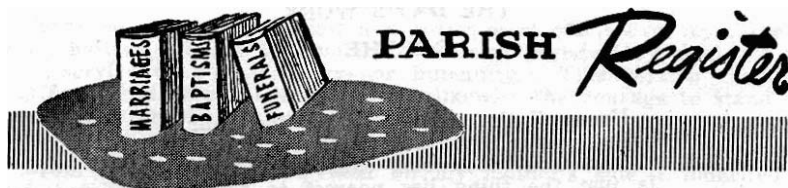
**KINDERGARTEN LEADER:** Miss J. Evans.

**EXTENSION GROUP LEADER:** Miss K. Cheetham.

**PUBLICITY OFFICER:** Mr. H. J. Shaw (797-6967).

**ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER:** Mr. C. Sillince.

**CHRONICLE EDITOR:** Mr. H. E. Quelch.



### HOLY BAPTISM

"In token that he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ Crucified".

October 27—Leach Ingrid Sharman of 15 Robert Street, Petersham.

### HOLY MATRIMONY

"Till death do us part, according to God's holy law, thereto I give thee my troth".

November 30—David John Pearson (Marrickville) and Sandra Joy Horspool (Earlwood).

November 30—Peter John Lanyon (Greenacre) and Wendy Ellen Wilbourn (Stanmore).

December 7—Gregory George Smith (Tuggerah) and Kathryn Granger (Stanmore).

December 7—Stephen Raymond Neville (Dundas) and Beverly Ann Jansson (Newtown).

### CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all be made alive".

November 19—Rose Lilian Clifton of 53 Fricourt Avenue, Earlwood.

December 1—Agnes Mary Bale of 37 Morris Avenue, Kingsgrove.

December 1—Tasman Henry McMillan of 12A Balfour Street, Dulwich Hill.

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## WALTERS & SON

### FUNERAL DIRECTORS

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People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.