

# The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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"ALL SAINTS' MEMORIAL GATES

Our Cover Photo this month shows the Memorial Gates that were erected early last year at the south-west corner of the Church grounds. On Sunday, 2nd February, 1964, they were dedicated to the memory of two of our Church Officers, Mr. J. Ditchburn and Mr. J. Humphreys, who had each passed on during 1962.

The single gate, known as "The Children's Gate" that formerly stood at the corner of the grounds, has now been re-erected further down Church Street.

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### PERSONAL

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Craigie and her family in the passing of her Son, Mr. Donald Stuart Craigie, and to the members of the Quelch family in the sudden passing of Mrs. Quelch's brother, Mr. Arthur Griffith. We also express our sincere sympathy to the family of the late Mrs. Florence Mitchell, who was a regular member of our 8 a.m. congregation until her passing last month.

We also regret to record the passing of Mrs. Ethel Herkes, who lived in Shaw Street for a great many years, and whose funeral service was conducted by the Rector on 15th June.

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### PARISH FESTIVAL TEA

Wednesday, 18th August

Our Annual Parish Tea will be held on Wednesday, 18th August, commencing at 6 p.m. It has been suggested that we should hold a Buffet style meal this year, and the Rector has called a meeting of Tableholders and Parish organisations for 13th July to discuss the idea.

It would be appreciated if all who are associated with the Tea could make a point of being at this meeting, as the adoption of this proposal would mark a radical change from our past practice.

### Special Guest

Following the Tea and Church Service, the Rev. Ken. Child, Director-Chaplain of the Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission, will be our Guest Speaker. Mr. Child, who was Rector of St. Paul's, Redfern until last year, is leader of a newly-formed band of Clergymen of several denominations who work full-time in industry, providing counselling service to factory workers and by their presence, bringing the Church to those with whom it might have little contact otherwise.

Come along and hear more about this exciting new development which the Rev. Mr. Child is spearheading.

We also hope that the girls of our Physical Culture Club will be able to stage a display for us on this night.

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### CONSECRATION FESTIVAL SERVICES

In order to fit in with prospective Guest Preachers the final date for our Consecration Festival Services has not yet been decided.

However, it could be one of the early Sundays in August. Please watch the Weekly Notices, the "Guardian", and the August "Chronicle" for the actual date and names of the Guest Preachers.

The Consecration Festival this year will mark the 62nd Anniversary of the clearing of the debt on All Saints' Church building in 1903.

## NEW MONTHLY MORNING SERVICE

Commencing on Sunday, 18th July, a new Family Service will be held at All Saints' on the third Sunday of each month.

This Service, which will begin at 10 a.m., will replace the Services previously held on the third Sunday morning. These were Children's Service at 9.45 a.m. and Morning Prayer at 11 a.m.

The idea is being given a trial to see if we can get more parents to come along with their children to Church and worship together as a family. Previously, these Services were regarded more or less as separate ones for the children and adults respectively, while other parents who had children in the Kindergarten found it difficult to come at a time when the Kindergarten was not in session.

Under the new arrangement, the Kindergarten will meet at 9.45 a.m. and continue until the Church Service has ended, so that the younger children will be looked after throughout the Service.

The Family Service will use a simplified form of Morning Prayer. There will not be an 11 a.m. Service on the third Sunday when the Family Service is held.

We hope that all parishioners will support this new Service.

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

As there are now sufficient candidates to form a Confirmation Class, the Rector has agreed to ask the Archbishop to grant All Saints' a Confirmation Service later this year, and a Class will be held each Sunday morning, commencing on 4th July. It will be held at the 11 a.m. Service, or at the 10 a.m. Service on the third Sunday of the month.

Any further candidates who have not yet discussed their Confirmation with Mr. Champion should do so immediately.

## PARISH NEWS

● You are reminded that Evensong will start at 6.15 p.m. each Sunday in July and August. The commencing time will revert to 7.15 p.m. as from the first Sunday in September. As usual, Holy Communion will be celebrated after this Service on the third Sunday of each month.

● We are grateful to Mr. Neville Kennedy, one of our Parish Councillors who recently moved to Gordon, for coming along and cleaning the tops of all the arches in the Church. Mr. Kennedy possesses an industrial type vacuum cleaner, and we commend his services to any parishioner who might want any such cleaning done on a large scale.

● Advance notice is given of a Social Afternoon being organised by Mrs. Clark in aid of her Fete stall, on Wednesday, 20th October. Then, just one month later, on Saturday, 20th November, we will be holding another of our great Annual Gala Fetes. With the co-operation of all parishioners and parish organisations, this year's effort could be a greater success than ever before, so let's get cracking now with our planning.

A committee appointed by the Parish Council is expected to meet shortly with Stallholders.

## CLUB NEWS

### Senior Parishioners' Club:

We were happy to have several new members join us during the last month. We were pleased also to welcome back Mrs. Teal, Mrs. Herron and Mrs. Davies after the holidays.

We would like to mention here that membership of our Club is open to Gentlemen as well as Ladies. All will be made welcome.

Anyone interested in playing Bridge could ring me at 71-6967 and partners will be made available. Come along any Thursday at 1.30 p.m. to the Parish Hall. Afternoon tea and prizes are provided every week.

Mrs. Wilson and I are happy to report that in the not too distant future, we will be joined by Mrs. Nance, and we extend to her a sincere welcome to our Club.

— DOT SHAW

#### **Young Marrieds' and Friends' Club:**

There will not be a Meeting of the Young Marrieds' and Friends' Club in July. The next meeting will, therefore, be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 10th August, when a full attendance is requested as our part in catering for the Parish Tea will need to be considered.

Many thanks to all who sent donations or helped in any way to make our Street Stall last month such a success. Our next Stall will be held in front of our Church in Stanmore Road, on Saturday, 28th August.

Thanks also to all those who are saving "Herald" newspapers and old rags for us.

— IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

#### **Indoor Bowls:**

Our Club is well down the Competition lists. After a promising start, we have not played very consistently. However, while we may not have received many competition points, we have gained in fellowship with other Clubs.

New members are still wanted to play each Wednesday night in the Parish Hall, commencing at 7.30 p.m. 'Come along' and we will be very glad to teach you how to play.

— H. SHAW, Hon. Secretary

#### **Ladies' Guild:**

We were delighted to have Matron Allshorn with us on 22nd June to tell us of the working of "Braeside" since the changeover. Formerly a Church of England Maternity Hospital, it was recently converted by the Church to become a Hospital for the Aged and Chronically ill.

A Games Afternoon has been arranged for Tuesday, 27th July at 2 p.m. All ladies are assured of a warm welcome, and the usual donation of 2/- includes afternoon tea.

Friday, 16th July has been set down as the day for our next Street Stall, and any donations for sale at same will be greatly appreciated.

— E. M. BOSWARD

#### **Physical Culture Club:**

Classes have resumed after being in recess for five weeks, and are held in the Parish Hall each Monday night, commencing at 6 p.m. for the four years and under ten year group. Mrs. Ruth Dunn is a very competent instructress in both Physical Culture and Yoga, and will be very glad to welcome new members to the Junior Girls, Senior Girls, and Ladies' Classes.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the ladies who helped at our Club during my absence: Mrs. Clarke, Miss Beverley Dobell, and Miss Val. Harris.

Joining fees are 2/6 for the first night and 2/- per class thereafter.

— F. DITCHBURN, Hon. Secretary

**Young Churchmen's Institute:**

The Men's Club of the parish is still functioning well, and attendances at our most recent meetings have been well above average for this time of the year.

During May, we held meetings devoted to Indoor Bowls and the screening of members' Colour Slides, while last month the cost of the Opera House was debated and a Guest Speaker informed us of the workings of the Customs Department, especially in regard to smuggling.

Our next meeting, Friday 16th July, will see the compilation of another issue of our ever-popular "Manuscript Journal", in which items of interest, both general and parochial, are recorded for future interest.

All menfolk are welcome to any of our meetings, which are advertised on the Weekly Notices.

— JOHN MINITER, Hon. Secretary

**Parish Tea:**

All parish organisations are requested to send representatives to a meeting on Tuesday, 13th July, to discuss a new format, buffet style, for this year's Parish Tea. The meeting will be held in the Rectory at 8 p.m. on that day.

See the separate report earlier in this issue for full details of the Parish Tea, scheduled for Wednesday, 18th August.

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### SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

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| July 4th:   | Donated by Mrs. Ayrton and Ron in memory of their Husband and Father; arranged by Mrs. Malone.  |
| July 11th:  | Donated by Mrs. and the Misses Nisbet in memory of their Husband and Father, and by Mrs. G. E. Sharp in memory of her Father, Mr. H. E. Pryor; arranged by Miss Nisbet. |
| July 18th:  | Donated by a friend in memory of Mrs. F. Mitchell; arranged by Mrs. Clark.  |
| July 25th:  | Donated by the Quin family in memory of their Father and by Mrs. Garland and Mrs. Shiels in memory of Mrs. A. Sheriff; arranged by Miss Speight.                        |
| August 1st: | Donated by the Rector and Mrs. Champion in memory of Mrs. Champion's Parents.   |

On Sunday, 6th June, flowers were also donated by Mrs. Beth Rohr in memory of her Husband, Mr. Pat. Rohr; the flowers for Sunday, 13th June were also donated by Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Maxwell of Hobart in memory of their Son, Mr. Ted Maxwell.

On 27th June, additional flowers were given by Mrs. Bryce in memory of Miss Sands.

### WANTED: MORE CHILDREN

Children of all ages are sought to build up All Saints'  
Sunday School.

KINDERGARTEN: Children from three years of age welcome.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL: Caters for those from eight years to Confirmation.  
EXTENSION GROUP: For teenagers after Confirmation.

Bring your children along for enrolment next Sunday at 9.45 a.m.

## BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

## PROVERBS

Every nation, ancient and modern, has had its sages or wise men, whose message has expressed itself in short relevant sentences, described as proverbs, or some similar term. In our own time the mantle of the sage seems perhaps to have fallen on the news commentator, or columnist, who may command only a temporary hearing, but in the ancient world, the sage not only enjoyed respect, but gained a degree of permanence for his wisdom. In the world in which Israel lived, the wise man's sayings, committed to writing, formed a living part of the national culture, and the wisdom literature of Canaan, Egypt and Babylon is preserved in part, up to today.

In Israel, the wise man, or in some cases, wise woman, was an accepted part of the common life of the people. From the days of the Judges, when the nation first settled in the land of Canaan, there are evidences of the wise man's position and influence in the community. Throughout the historical books of the Old Testament the man whose wisdom is sought after, by both king and commoner, makes a regular appearance. Traditionally, the fountainhead of wisdom in Israel, was King Solomon whose wisdom and diplomacy is recorded in several striking instances in the book of Kings (e.g. 1 Kings 3: 26-28) and over three thousand proverbs or wise sayings were attributed to him.

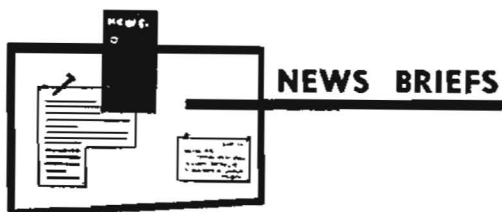
For our purposes, the wisdom of Israel that formed part of God's eternal message and guidance for all men, is gathered into several books of the Old Testament, the longest of which is the book of Proverbs. Here the virtue of wisdom is praised, all are exhorted to "seek wisdom". In practical details the plain virtues are urged on men, hard work, diligence, patience, chastity, duty to parents. Some of the proverbs such as "A soft answer turneth away wrath", "A wise son maketh a glad father" and others have become part of the inheritance of the English speaking world, as well as that of Israel. The proverbs touch the situations of everyday life that are unchanged by history, e.g. "Better to dwell in the corner of a housetop, than in a wide house with a brawling woman". "Weary not thyself to be rich". "Who hath redness of eye? They that tarry long at wine . . . it goeth down smoothly but at the last it biteth like a serpent". And if there is humour here it is surely unconscious. Again the praise of a virtuous wife, Ch. 31: 10-31 is an ancient rather than a modern concept and may provoke a smile from modern husbands as well as wives.

On the whole Israel's proverbs are earnest, and warn as well as encourage and guide. The foundation of all true wisdom is expressed in the beginning of the book "The fear (reverence) of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom". Without God, all man's cleverness and understanding is vain and empty. All wisdom is of God and the message of the book is simply put in Ch. 3 verse 5.

**"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart  
And lean not upon thine own understanding".**

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● The importance of what we do is not measured by what we get out of it, but by what we become through doing it.



● **Umbrellas Available** We have for sale some very nice umbrellas, both ladies' and gents', and in spite of the lovely weather, we all enjoy, it would be a great pity to miss the opportunity of purchasing one for yourself—or perhaps as a gift for someone.

The prices are reasonable and the proceeds go to Church funds. They can be inspected any Thursday afternoon after 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall or at the Rectory at a time suitable to Mrs. Champion.

● Members of our growing and reinvigorated Choir spent several of their Saturdays in June working around the Church. Hundreds of Anthems and other Church music, which would undoubtedly cost many hundreds of pounds if we had to buy them all today, have been sorted out and cleaned up and we will probably soon be hearing some of these pieces that have been tucked away in dusty corners for years. In addition, during a "Spit and Polish" afternoon, choristers had a special working bee shining up the marble and lectern in the Chancel. Our thanks should go to all who have been helping in these tasks.

● **New Paintwork.** As part of the unending job of maintaining our valuable property in satisfactory condition, a further coat of paint was applied around the exterior of the Church during June. In addition, after some years of trying to find a willing signwriter, the Stanmore Notice Board, setting out Service times etc., was rewritten. This board now has an attractive design, and incorporates the recent changes in our Service times. We are grateful to all who have contributed, either by donation or by their labour, to these improvements.

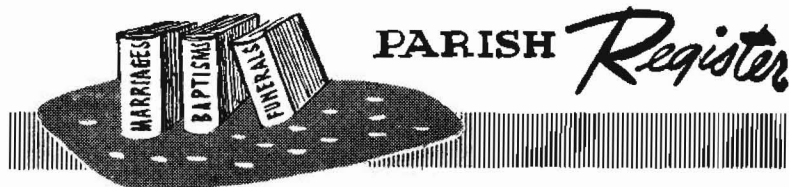
● Club Secretaries are reminded that material for the August issue will be required by Sunday, 18th July. Now is the time, of course to start publicising your attractions at the coming Fete.

● **Roll of Honour:** During June, a donation from Miss Dean enabled us to add two names which had been omitted from the First World War Roll of Honour. The gift also enabled the complete board to be renovated and returned to the appearance it must have had when originally installed.

● **Lead Flashing Goes West:** The Y.C.I. has denied that its members were the guilty parties who removed all the lead flashing from around the Parish Hall and some from the Church last month. The Y.C.I., of course, participates in the scrap metal collection held in conjunction with the Fete, but they have been exonerated from this charge. The lead, which disappeared during the middle of the night, has been replaced with a much cheaper material that should not warrant the attention of any thieves!

● **New Flooring:** We are pleased to report that it has at last been possible to replace the complete flooring of the southern part of the nave of the Church. In Stage II of the job, the boards against the back wall of the Church are being replaced. When the older timber was removed, it was found that the bearers under the boards where

the Church Officers collect the hymn books, had almost rotted right through; if the work had been left any longer, we might have lost some of our Parish Councillors !



#### BAPTISMS

"Born Again."

May 23rd: Tracey Lee Smith  
 May 30th: Kenneth Douglas Blaydon  
 June 13th: Andrew John Edward Webb

#### MARRIAGES

"Heirs together of the Grace of Life"

May 29th: Denis David Cruden to Daphne Elaine Jenkins  
 June 5th: John Richard Keegan to Judith Lynnette Harris  
 June 5th: John Ernest Kenneth Forster to Carol Denise Kee  
 June 12th: Allan Stanley Kinghorn to Beverleyanne Jacqueline Smith

#### FUNERALS

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

May 25th: Alan William MacMaster  
 " 25th: Sloper Edward Lowe  
 " 25th: Ian James Dunn  
 " 26th: Stuart P. Foster  
 " 26th: Lillian Grace Dudley Winter  
 June 1st: William Littlefair  
 " 2nd: Ada Ruth Wright  
 " 2nd: Donald Stuart Craigie  
 " 8th: Vera Moore  
 " 10th: Florence Ethel Mitchell  
 " 15th: Ethel May Herkes  
 " 18th: Winifred Emma Neale  
 " 21st: Ethel Amelia Sherman  
 " 23rd: Arthur Alexander Griffith

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