

The Chronicle

of

The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

All Saints' Rectory, Petersham.

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APRIL, 1955.



GOOD FRIDAY

8 a.m.—Holy Communion with address. 10 a.m.—Children's Service.
12 noon to 3 p.m.—Three Hour Service—Conductor: The Rector.
4 p.m.—March from the Domain to the Cathedral.
7.45 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

EASTER DAY

6.15 a.m.—Holy Communion. 8.15 p.m.—Holy Communion.
7.00 a.m.—Choral Communion. 10.00 a.m.—Children's Service.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Anthem: "The
Strife is O'er" (Ley).
7.15 p.m.—Festal Evensong. Anthem: "Blessed be God the Father"
(Wesley).

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Easter is with us again with its ringing note of faith and hope, the language of our Prayer Book, and the Scriptures at this season is the language of exultant victory. The Resurrection affects life and experience in ways so revolutionary and far reaching that those who really believe find themselves in possession of a wealth of spiritual power which infinitely exceeds the power of evil in the world around them. The reason Christ robs death of its bitterness, caused by man's unenlightened thought of it as a final ending. In man's experience of the Resurrection life, he sheds abroad the transforming light of his own great new beginning. "The sting of death is sin." The tyranny of sin crushes the very life out of mankind by filling the present with moral loss and degradation, and darkens the future with its attendant fears and forebodings. By Christ's Resurrection the reign of sin was broken. In the words of the late Archbishop William Temple, "The Cross was the devil's worst; but it is God's best." In the Cross evil attempts the overthrow of the power of good, and its defeat was decisive and irreversible. The reign of God stands vindicated, "The riddle of the painful earth" has its answer, creation is redeemed "from the bondage of corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God."

As the Resurrection reveals Christ's conquest of Death and sin, so it reveals also that the reign of evil will ultimately be completely abolished. "He must reign" is the exultant conclusion of belief and of our Faith, which grasps the cosmic significance of the Easter victory. "He must reign till He hath put all His enemies under His feet." The victory of the Resurrection is an enduring victory, it survives all shocks, and changes. Time cannot destroy or disturb what has once been firmly established as fact. Let this victory be ours this Easter.

I do hope that all parishioners will come to Church on Good Friday and on Easter Day. This year the services on Good Friday have been slightly altered. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. on Good Friday morning, Children's Service at 10 a.m., and the 3 Hour Service commencing at 12 noon, till three o'clock, and an Evening Service at 7.45 p.m.

Mrs. Johnson, Howard and Patricia join me in wishing you all a Holy, Blessed and Happy Easter,

God Bless you all,

Your sincere friend and Rector,

RONALD A. JOHNSON.

GIFTS OF FLOWERS WILL BE WELCOMED FOR THE DECORATION
OF THE CHURCH ON EASTER DAY.

THE CHURCH EXPECTS EVERY PARISHIONER TO MAKE
HIS COMMUNION ON EASTER DAY.

THE CHURCHWARDENS ARE ASKING FOR A NOTE OFFERING
ON EASTER DAY. PLEASE USE THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED.

PARISH PARS

We regret to record the passing of Frank Kinnings, for many years a devoted parishioner of All Saints', with a fine record of service in this parish. His funeral left the church he loved so well, and was attended by a large number of friends and business associates. The rector took the service at the church and later at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and pray that God will bless and comfort them.

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Last month Mr. and Mrs. Sopwith, Senior, celebrated the 60th anniversary of their wedding. Mr. Sopwith will be remembered as one time verger of All Saints' and we congratulate both he and Mrs. Sopwith and wish them many more years of blessing and health.

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Some of our boys have returned from N.S.T. Army service and it is good to see them back again. Colin Trounce is doing his N.S.T. with the Navy and we are glad to see him when on leave.

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We welcome those who are coming to Church from the various hostels within the parish, and trust they with their friends will link up with some of the activities of All Saints'.

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The first of the After Church Social Hours was held last month and proved to be successful. The Faith and Fact film, "Hidden Treasure," was shown to an appreciative congregation. A cup of tea provided by the Guild was enjoyed. Remember on the fourth Sunday of each month it will be held. A film will be screened.

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The visit of His Grace the Archbishop was greatly appreciated. His Grace made the visit in connection with the Barker Centenary. The Foundation Stone of the Church was laid by Bishop Barker in 1870. The Rector read an account of the history of All Saints', and the Archbishop gave an interesting account of the life of Bishop Barker, to whom the diocese and indeed the Australian Church owes so much. There was a good attendance, and the visit of His Grace was greatly appreciated.

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Many thanks to those who came and helped to clean up the Church grounds, also to those who have responded to the appeal for funds to buy our own mower.

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We would like to express our thanks to the T.A.A. Film Unit for providing a very interesting Film night. Wet weather prevented a good attendance, but thank you T.A.A., and also those who came to help a good cause. The proceeds go to the Y.C.I. Fete funds.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE OF THE PARISH FETE, THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 17th.

BOOK IT NOW :: PLEASE WORK FOR IT NOW.

OUR OBJECTIVE THIS YEAR £500.

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We welcome two new district visitors, Mrs. Ditchburn and Mrs. Thomas. If there are any more for this work we would be very pleased to hear from them. It is an excellent way of helping your parish.

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ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

The Annual Vestry Meeting of the parish will be held on April 20th at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. At this meeting the Rector's Annual Report is read; the Reports of Church Organisations; The Annual Statement of Accounts presented; The election of Church Officers. All parishioners over the age of twenty-one years may vote. Those standing for office must be over the age of 21 years, and confirmed members of the Church. In addition to the meeting there will be a short musical programme, and a short film shown. Do not miss this important meeting, remember the date, WEDNESDAY, 20th APRIL, 8 p.m. Supper will be served.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

April 3—Arranged by Mrs. Morris.

April 10—Donated by Miss Turner, arranged by Mrs. Johnson.

April 17—Donated by Kindergarten, arranged by Mrs. Grant.

April 24—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Quelch.

May 1—Donated by Mrs. Speight, arranged by Mrs. Morris.

May 8—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Clifton-Smith.

May 15—Arranged by Mrs. Grant.

May 22—Donated and arranged by Miss Norman.

May 29—Arranged by Mrs. Bosward.

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DONATIONS TO FLOWER FUND

Mrs. Spencer, 12/6; Y.M.C., 12/6; Fellowship, £1/5/-; Mrs. W. A. Angus, £1 (in memory of the late Mrs. Sharp).

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WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held on Tuesday, April 12th, at 2 p.m. and will take the form of an American tea. All members and friends are cordially invited to be present and support the effort in aid of funds for the stalls at the bazaar on November 17th, 1955.

A street stall has been planned for Friday, 29th April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside the Church gate. Gifts for sale will be most welcome and can be left at the Rectory.

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PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

We have much pleasure in welcoming Miss C. Hayes as our instructress this year. The girls are showing a very keen interest under her tuition and we are looking forward to their future activities. There

is always a welcome for members and it would be appreciated if senior girls, particularly of our own Parish, came along some Monday night just to see the splendid work our girls do. Perhaps it would inspire them to join their Church Club Physical Culture Classes and enjoy the facilities offered them for such little cost.—F. DITCHBURN, Secretary.

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Y.C.I.

In accordance with our usual custom, the first meeting of the new Institute year was devoted to Impromptu Speeches. The meeting was held on Friday, 4th March, and attracted a large attendance of members who took a keen interest in the many and varied subjects discussed.

Members also "rolled-up" in large numbers to the meeting held on Friday, 18th March, when our Annual Music Night was held. Although there was more noise than music, all who attended thoroughly enjoyed the meeting.

We are to hold a debate on the 15th April, and on the 29th April the 174th issue of the "Manuscript Journal" will be released. "Journal" nights are among the most popular items in our syllabus, copies of which are now available to those interested in the Y.C.I.—the men's club of our Parish.

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ALL SAINTS' CRICKET CLUB

With the conclusion of yet another season's cricket, I am glad to be able to report a year of improved play and happy fellowship amongst the players who represent your Church.

The "C" Grade team, as has been reported from month to month in the "Chronicle", had success in the majority of its matches, winning nine, losing four and drawing one, to finish second in our competition. The "D" Grade team, founded by Mr. G. R. Miniter, was inexperienced at the commencement of the season, but improved with each match, ending with 20 points. The "D" Grade is played on Saturday mornings, catering for lads under 15 years. This age limit will create a number of vacancies in this side for next season so that we would therefore be glad to hear from any prospective members.

Reverting to the "C" Grade, statistics reveal that Erik Olofsson scored most runs (462), Peter Marshall secured the best batting average (26.2), whilst Erik took most catches (16). Bowling strength improved greatly from last year, and of the 1,834 overs which we bowled, all but five were delivered by seven bowlers, none of whose averages exceeded thirteen runs per wicket. On behalf of the players of both teams, I would like to express my thanks to all our friends and supporters for their assistance and encouragement during the year. It is hoped that a full report will be available for distribution to players and supporters towards the end of this month.—A. JONES, Hon. Secretary.

FELLOWSHIP

At Fellowship on 8th March we had a film night at which the Rector showed some interesting documentary films ranging from "The War of Want" to "Peter and the Potter." We now have our opening services in the Chapel so members are reminded to be there promptly at 8 p.m.

We have welcomed two new members to the fellowship in the last month and we hope they will stay with us. We are getting on with our revue practice each week so remember "F.F.F.F."

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HOLY BAPTISM

"One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism."

March 6—Debbie Adrienne Harris; Raymond Philip Rushton; Laramie Margaret Ruby Elliott.

March 13—Robert Reginald Bevear.

March 20—Janelle Elizabeth Horton; Michelle Susan Scowen.

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CONFIRMATION

"Defend, O Lord, these thy servants—that they may continue thine for ever."

March 27—at Saint Andrew's Cathedral by the Rt. Rev. C. Venn-Pilcher.
Bruce Cecil Smith; Helen Edith Smith; Lorna Anne Rice.

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HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

March 4—Jeffrey Robert Richardson to Merryl Dorothy Wainwright.

March 5—Ernest Ray Firman to Eileen Joyce Sheather.

March 5—Gordon James Hill to Daphne May Hatter.

March 12—Clifford Allen Melbourne to Elsie Ellen Miller.

March 18—Allan William Murray to Dawn Rosemarie Angus (by Rev. D. G. Johnson).

March 19—Ralph Edward Hunter to Merlyn Ruth Robertson.

March 26—Horace Hailwood to Enid Marie Armitage.

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BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

March 9—Francis James Kinnings, in his 85th year (Northern Sub. Crem.)

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COLLECTIONS AND COMMUNICANTS—MARCH

	General Fund	Missions	Total	Com'cants
March 6	15 8 0	31 16 8 (a)	47 4 8	52
March 13	14 16 0	2 7 3	17 3 3	114
March 20	13 11 2	5 15 10	19 7 0	44
March 27	18 11 1	3 11 3	22 2 4	96
Mid-week Services & Saints' Days	12 9	4 14 11	5 7 8	124
	62 19 0	48 5 11	111 4 11	430

(a) includes £28/6/9 for Flood Relief.

DONATIONS

MOWER FUND—Received with thanks: Mrs. Holland, £2; Mrs. Watt, 10/-.
 ROOF FUND—Miss Dean, 10/-; E. M., £1; Miss Frost, £1/1-.
 C. E. ADAMS MEM. FUND—Mrs. Spencer, £1/1-; Mrs. Binns, 5/-.
 PROJECTOR FUND—Anon, £2/-/7.
 COLLECTION—10/- Mrs. Angus.

DISTRICT VISITORS

Per: Mrs. Pullen, £1/15/6; Mrs. L. Evans, £1/1-; Miss Moxham, 10/6;
 Mrs. Milarey, £1/2-; Mrs. Furnell, £3/7-; Mrs. Barrett, £2/14-; Mrs.
 Ditchburn, £3/13/6; Mrs. Oldfield, £3/16/6; Miss Bayley, £2/12/6; Mrs.
 Taylor, 15/-; Mrs. Mitchell, £2/2-; Mrs. Smith, 5/-; Mrs. Humphreys,
 £7-/6; Mrs. Thomas, £4; Mrs. Cooke, £2/15/6; Mrs. Olofsson, 18/-; Mrs.
 Robertson, £5/3/6; Mrs. Grant, £1/4-; Mrs. Pullen, £1/8/6; Mrs. Angus, 10/-.
 Total, £46/13/6.

OPPORTUNITY IN NEW BORNEO CENTRE

A new step in the C.M.S. work in North Borneo has been heralded by the recent visit of the Rev. Walter Newmarch to Lahad Datu, the second largest town in the C.M.S. area.

Mr. Newmarch recently visited Lahad Datu from Tawau, where he is stationed.

The Church of England has no representative in Lahad Datu and owns no land. It is hoped that shortly land will be purchased and a Church built.

The arrival next month of the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Perry, new C.M.S. missionaries from Victoria, will probably enable new work to be done in Lahad Datu.

When Mr. Newmarch visited the town, which has a population of 5,000 (together with another 20,000 in the district) he found a very warm welcome. There were a number of people seeking baptism and others interested in the work of the Church.

MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT IN PAKISTAN

A Mobile Medical Unit—the gift of a number of Australian friends of C.M.S.—has revolutionised village work in the Sukkur District of Pakistan.

The Mobile Unit was taken to Sukkur recently by the Rev. Philip Taylor, with his wife, Dr. Kathleen Taylor and Dr. Judith Terry.

Once a week the Mobile Unit goes out to the villages, staffed by medical and evangelistic missionaries.

Attached to the unit is one tent for the use of the doctor and nurse and another for interviews and dental work. The back of the main truck is a sterilising room and the trailer is used as a general wash room. The opportunity is taken for explaining the Christian Gospel and distributing Christian literature.

INDIAN CLERGYMAN IN TANGANYIKA

The problem of providing a suitable ministry for the many Indians in East Africa may be partly solved shortly by the appointment of an Indian Clergyman to the Staff of the Diocese of Central Tanganyika.

The Bishop of Central Tanganyika, the Rt. Rev. Alfred Stanway, has recently announced a plan to bring a clergyman from the Diocese of Central Travancore, South India, for this work. This will fulfil long hopes in this direction.

A major event in Central Tanganyika recently was the ordination of 12 deacons at Kongwa. The ordination took place on the 20th anniversary of the Bishop's own ordination to the diaconate.

AFTER CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR

On the fourth Sunday evening of each month an after Church Social Hour will be held. A film will be shown from the Faith and Fact Series. These films are of unique interest. Come and bring a friend.

LETTER FROM HOME OF PEACE

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you once again for the bountiful gifts, donated to the Home of Peace, from your recent Harvest Festival Services, and I do want your parishioners to know how much we appreciate their continued practical interest in this very important work of God. Will you kindly convey to all concerned our sincere thanks and appreciation.

As usual, from All Saints', everything sent in was most acceptable—fruit, vegetables, eggs and groceries—and all in such good supply. As you well know, we make good use of every gift. We are all the more grateful for such donations now, as we have the two branches of our work, here at Petersham, and our new venture at Wahroonga, so that we are caring for over 100 patients. As well, there are over 65 staff to cater for each day.

Thanks to the practical help from such parishes, as yours, we are assisted in maintaining this hospital, despite rising costs, and we are able to admit patients, even though they cannot afford to pay. This is why donations in kind mean so much to us.

With renewed thanks.

Yours sincerely,

F. I. CLAYDON,
Matron.

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Christianity is not something merely to be believed but to be experienced.
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ANZAC DAY

Anzac Sunday will be held on April 24th and special services will be held to commemorate the day. The evening service will be of a special character and all ex-Service men and women with their friends are invited to be present.

CHURCH MUSIC, APRIL 9 TO MAY 1, 1955.

Sunday	Morning	Evening
April 10 Easter Day	Matins and Holy Communion. Psalm 111. Hymns 126, 131, 134, 140. Anthem: "The Strife is O'er" (Ley).	Hymns 134, 37, 131, 504. Psalm 113. Service Harwood in A Flat. Anthem: "Blessed be the God and Father" (Wesley).
April 17 Easter I	Hymns 243, 193, 50, 296. Psalm 57.	Hymns 302, 503, 304, 125. Psalm 103. Anthem: "With a Voice of Singing" (Shaw).
April 24 Easter II Remembrance Sunday	Hymns 200, 545, 724, 297. Psalms 121 and 122.	Hymns 706, 298, 232, 531. Psalm 65. Anthem: "What Are These" (Stainer).
May 1 St. Phillip's and St. James'	Hymns 200, 531, 545, 520, 297. Psalms 124 and 125.	Hymns 706, 298, 232, 693. Psalm 81. Anthem: "Grant us Thy Peace" (Mendelssohn).