

The Chronicle

Of All Saints
Petersham

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WILLIAM BANNAN WINDOW

HARVEST FOR ALL

It is very easy to be complacent about harvest. Every year the old festival comes round, and we give thanks in time-honoured fashion for the unfailing bounty of God. We give thanks, in the picturesque words of the Prayer Book, for "the fruits of the earth in due season". Yet there are two grim facts which all of us would do well to be concerned about. The first is that there are more hungry people in the world than even reasonably well-fed ones. An astonishingly large proportion of the human family lives on the subsistence level, either just enough to eat, or simply not enough at all. Very many indeed of the multitudes in the Far East and in India have, indeed, scarcely enough food to keep body and soul together. This is a sombre fact, and its gravity is aggravated by the staggering increase in the world's population during the last twenty years. Experts have called this the "population explosion", which is one of the sombre realities of the world we live in. More and ever more mouths to feed, is the order of the day, and the same experts foretell that this may well become one of the gravest problems which the human family will have to face in the not too distant future.

As it is, the standard of living as between the Western world and the rest shows a startling discrepancy. The hungry lands are not here, but they do exist over wide areas elsewhere of the world's surface. And this lack of balance between the haves—who include us—and the have nots, who include masses of our fellow human beings, is something which no Christian should fail to understand and be concerned about. Certainly, world Communism is concerned about it, and it is a hard fact that much of the appeal of the Communist way of life to the under-privileged multitudes in the hungry world comes from the feeling that they are more concerned to do something about it than we are.

What has this got to do with us, as we comfortably sing our harvest hymns here at home? Just this: that we shall have to learn to recognise, in the name of Christ and His compassion, that the needs of the under-privileged everywhere are of deep and immediate Christian concern. It is true that the West, that is, our world, is already doing much in the way of economic aid to these under-privileged. But more is needed. The world and its teeming multitudes can be fed; but only if full resources of science in which the West is so rich can be generously and on a vast enough scale placed at the disposal of the hungry sheep who at the moment look up and are not fed. It may be that the peace of the world in the years to come may depend upon the imaginative generosity which is shown over the next ten years or so by the well-fed and the well-found to the hungry and the poor.

(Ripon Cathedral Journal September, 1959)

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THE MEANING OF PRAYER

I like to call it Prayer
 To seek the heights and depths of thought
 And pause in silence there
 Some call it meditation—
 I like to call it PRAYER

To look out on the troubled world
 And find the true and fair;
 Some call it contemplation—
 I like to call it PRAYER.

To give oneself for others,
 To life and love and share;
 Some call it consecration—
 I like to call it PRAYER.

To sense a silent, reverent awe
 At beauty everywhere;
 Some call it adoration—
 I like to call it PRAYER.

Helen Lowrie Marshall.

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COLLECT OF THE FIRST DAY OF LENT, COMMONLY CALLED ASH WEDNESDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LENT

On Ash Wednesday begins the Season of the Christian Year known as Lent, which lasts for forty days, not including the Sundays. This season has been observed in the Church from very early times, and has always been of a sacred and solemn character, reminding us as it does of the forty days of our Lord's Temptation in the Wilderness, and leading on to the solemn commemoration of Gethsemane and Calvary.

Lent is essentially a revival or Mission Season, and it comes to us with the old old story with its same old call to repentance and self-denial and service. We must pray earnestly to God that a great blessing may descend upon this Parish, if it be God's will, that the season may prove one of rich blessing to ourselves, that there may be a more earnest spiritual life and zeal amongst us, that God will forgive us all our sins and that true religion may flourish and abound.

Church Services for Lent will be announced in the Weekly Notices.

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WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

The Bible is the world's oldest book in common use. It is the world's foremost book of religion. It is recognised as sacred literature in whole or in part by three of the world's principal faiths, Christianity, Judaism and Mohammedanism. Leaders of other faiths, such as the late Hindu Mahatma Gandhi, read and honour it.

The Bible has two great divisions, the Old and the New Testaments. Testament means covenant or mutual understanding.

The Old Testament records the history and religious literature of the Jews, who believed in one God—loving and just. The New Testament deals with the life and teachings of Jesus, and the deeds and writings of His Apostles.

The Old Testament is full of promises that God would give His people a deliverer. Christianity teaches that these promises were fulfilled in the life and death of Jesus; which gives the thread of unity linking the Old and New Testaments. The Old Testament contains many stories whose basic theme is faith and hope. The New Testament is filled with tales of love and tolerance.

The Bible is the world's best-known book for four reasons:

FIRST, it has been in existence longer than any other book. It was the first book to be printed in movable type (1456 A.D.) and has been continuously on the world's presses from that day to this. It is a perennial best seller.

SECOND, it has been translated into all the main languages of the world.

THIRD, no book was ever written more skilfully, or graced with such lasting and haunting beauty. It is our greatest literary heritage. Purely as literature it has made a deeper impression upon the human mind than any other book. The extent to which it has helped mould the world's ideas cannot even be estimated. No matter how much you may know of poetry or prose, you can't be considered well read until you are thoroughly acquainted with the Bible.

FOURTH, it has behind it the promotional machinery of the institutions of religion whose avowed purpose is to get its ideas effectively into the thinking of every person on earth.

Although bound as one volume, the Bible is not a single book. It is a collection of 66 different books. The word Bible itself comes from the Greek "biblia", meaning books.

These books vary in every conceivable way—in length, authorship, style and date of writing. They deal with almost every phase of life and thought and contain all kinds of material—codes of law, biographical sketches, building specifications, dramas, history, lusty war songs, tender love lyrics, sermons, proverbs and letters.

When we read of modern scientists and journalists using the Bible as a blueprint and guide it only serves to re-emphasise for the world today the eternal truth that the Bible is the most exciting book in the world; and that we can rely on its wisdom, inspiration and advice in practical affairs as well as matters of the soul.

(From "How To Read The Bible"—British and Foreign Bible Society.)

"Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the BIBLE tells me so"—
Little children ask no more,
For love is all they're looking for,
And in a small child's shining eyes
The FAITH of all the ages lies—
And tiny hands and tousled heads

That kneel in prayer by little beds
 Are closer to the dear LORD'S heart
 And of His Kingdom more a part
 Than we who search, and never find,
 The answers to our questioning mind—
 For FAITH in things we cannot see
 Requires a child's simplicity
 For, lost in life's complexities,
 We drift upon uncharted seas
 And slowly FAITH disintegrates
 While wealth and power accumulates—
 And the more man learns, the less he knows,
 And the more involved his thinking grows
 And, in his arrogance and pride,
 No longer is man satisfied
 To place his confidence and love
 With childlike FAITH in God above—
 Oh, FATHER, grant once more to men
 A simple childlike FAITH again
 And, with a small child's trusting eyes,
 May all men come to realise
 That FAITH alone can save man's soul
 And lead him to a HIGHER GOAL.

Helen Steiner Rice.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- March 3: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
 March 10: No donation; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
 March 17: An anonymous donation for the "Stone of Remembrance";
 arranged by Mrs. Clark.
 March 24: Donated by Mrs. E. Robertson in memory of loved ones;
 arranged by Miss Nisbet.
 March 31: Donated by The Craigie Family in memory of their Father;
 arranged by Mrs. Clark.
 April 7: Donated by the Hird Family in memory of Mother and
 Father and by Mrs. Beardow and Family in memory of Mr.
 Beardow; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Harvest Festival: I would like to thank the parents, boys and girls for their donations to the Harvest Festival services. All of the gifts were taken to the Home of Peace in Addison Road after the services.

Lenten Boxes: Lenten Boxes will be given out on the first Sunday in Lent and we ask the girls and boys to go without an ice cream or lollies during the weeks in Lent and place the money in the boxes for the Missions. The boxes should be returned to the Sunday School on Easter Day.

New Teachers: We still require two teachers for the Sunday School. Lesson books are supplied and if you are interested please contact me on 560-9972.

We also require someone to play the piano for the opening and closing service.

There are two hymns at the opening and one at the closing and they are from the Church Army Hymn Book.

NOEL CRAGG—Hon. Secretary.

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CLUB NEWS

Ladies Guild:

The ladies of the Guild will be pleased to welcome visitors to our "Focus on Cooking" demonstration on Tuesday, 12th March, at 10.30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. A donation of 30 cents includes morning tea.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.

Y.M. and Friends Club:

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12th March, at 8 p.m.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

Senior Parishioners' Club:

We were very sad during the early part of February to learn of the death of Mrs. Caroline Davies of Albert Street, Petersham. The late Mrs. Davies joined this club approximately 16 years ago and will be sadly missed by her many friends at the club and also the Parishioners at "All Saints'" Church.

On the sick list we have Mrs. Vera Callaghan (a member for 17 years) of Sans Souci. We sincerely trust she will be back again with us soon.

Many thanks to Mrs. Rhyder and the ladies who helped her with the organising of the club during my vacation. Thank you also to Mr. and Mrs. Barron and Mr. George Clark. It is wonderful to have so many willing helpers.

While remembering to thank these good folk, I must also mention Mrs. Robertson, her generosity to our club is very greatly appreciated.

Ours is a happy Social Club held in the Parish Hall each Thursday, at 1 p.m.

Why not join now?

DOT SHAW, Hon. Secretary—797-6967.

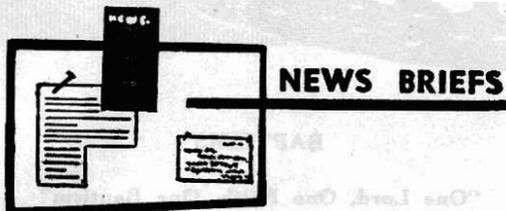
Youth Group:

Once again I would like to thank everyone who took part in the Rector's farewell on 17th February. For those who couldn't make it I am pleased to announce that there were close to 100 people in attendance and we were able to present the Rector and his family with a wallet containing close to \$US300. Thank you again to all those who took part, especially Mrs. Ivy Clark and Mrs. Sopwith.

At our last meeting John Arrowsmith was re-elected leader, Grant Elliott was elected assistant leader and Virginia Legg, Secretary/Treasurer. I am pleading again for new members. Anyone interested please contact either Debbie Mason (560-8629) or Virginia Legg (51-5220) for further information.

May I close by saying that I wish all organisations the best of luck for '74.

PETER W. GRAY.



● **White Elephants:** Mrs. Humphreys would be pleased to receive any articles which she may be able to sell. Proceeds of any sales go to the Fete White Elephant Stall.

● **The Storm:** Parishioners may be interested to learn that during the storm on 18th February the Church wall was struck by lightning. As a result bricks from the coping on the western wall fell to the ground. A number of charred pieces of stonework were collected and will be placed with the Church archives. The Rectory roof was also damaged.

● Articles for the April "Chronicle" are due no later than 24th March, 1974.

● The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on Thursday, 21st March, 1974, at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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, A. Graham, A. L. Granger, P. Gray, and A. F. Jones, Miss P. Kidd, Messrs. B. Livingston, H. E. Quelch, H. Swankie, and J. R. Williams.

HON. TREASURER: Mr. E. Quelch. **HON. SECRETARY:** Mr. A. Jones.

SIDESMEN: Messrs. V. C. Barrett, G. Clarke, A. Ingoldsby-Brown, G. R. Minter, and H. J. Shaw.

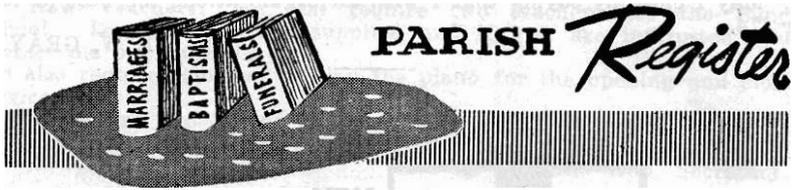
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. A. Jones.

KINDERGARTEN LEADER: Miss K. Williams.

EXTENSION GROUP LEADER:

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

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER: Mr. C. Sillince.



BAPTISMS

"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism"

- January 24: John Philip Arrowsmith.
 January 27: Julie Melinda Cleall.
 February 10: Desmond John Harris.
 February 17: Helen Narelle Boyd.
 February 17: Karen Maree Roach.
 February 17: Phillip Andre Suoronos.

WEDDINGS

"Heirs together of the Grace of Life"

- January 26: Terry Lawrence Edwards and Cheryl Ann Donovan.
 February 2: Wayne Leslie Montgomery and Karen Anne Chown.

FUNERALS

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

- January 23: Sarah Jane Riches.
 January 24: Mildred Jane Melton.
 February 4: Francis Norman Murphy.
 February 6: Caroline Davies.
 February 11: Ivy Allen Reardon.

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.