

The Chronicle

of

The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

All Saints' Rectory, Petersham.

Tel.: LM 4735.

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Hon. Assistant: Rev. A. E. C. GARDNER, B.A., Th.L.

OCTOBER, 1955



IT'S YOUR CHURCH—WORK FOR IT, PRAY FOR IT, PAY FOR IT.

SERVICES

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (every Sunday) 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
Saints' Days as announced.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer. 7.15 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

Bible Study and Intercessions 7.45 p.m. Wednesdays.

Teachers' Training Class, First Wednesday in the month at 8.30 p.m.

9.45 a.m.—Sunday School. 9.45 a.m.—Kindergarten.

Churchwardens: Messrs. L. G. CALVER (Rector's), W. SOPWITH, E. QUELCH.
Parish Council: THE CHURCHWARDENS, and Messrs. A. H. THOMAS, T. H. BOSWARD,
J. M. BOYLE, H. G. BRODIE, J. HUMPHREYS, D. B. HUNTER, H. F. JONES, B.
PULLEN, E. HALE, K. GRANT, J. CARROLL, E. B. OLOFSSON.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. SOPWITH.

Organist and Master of the Choristers: Mr. W. ROWLAND EAGAR, D.S.C.M., L.R.S.M.,
L.T.C.L., F.I.G.C.M.

Verger: Vacant.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

The month of October will be a very busy one in Church affairs. The General Synod of our Church will be meeting in Sydney and one of the matters that will be discussed is the Constitution. If General Synod passes the present draft it will then be for the various dioceses to pass it. The Church will then be able to speak with one voice on many questions of great importance, and the Church does need to have a united voice. The Constitution setting up General Synod in its new form will achieve this. Under the new Constitution every diocese would preserve three things. Each would retain control over its own property, which would be held subject to the same trusts as at present. Each diocese would retain its own ritual and ceremonial forms intact. Each diocese would retain its own Prayer Book worship intact. Care has been taken to see that no vital doctrine of the Church of England will be imperilled. It is to be hoped that the Church as a whole will agree to the draft. We cannot hope to get a draft that will be wholly acceptable to everyone, but we must remember that we cannot preserve the fundamentals of our Faith and our Anglican Heritage by the framing of laws or by sets of rules and regulations, nor can one party force conditions upon another. It must be remembered that there are legitimate differences in the Church and the only way to overcome these difficulties is for us to approach them in the spirit of reasonableness having assured ourselves that the essentials are safeguarded. This present draft has gone further than any other draft in its guarantee of essentials.

I am pleased to be able to say that we shall have a visit from two of the visiting Bishops this month. Bishop and Mrs. J. A. G. Housden will be staying at the Rectory with us, and the Bishop will celebrate on Sunday, 2nd October, at 8 a.m., and preach at 7.15 p.m. The Bishop of Willochra will preach at 11 a.m. I trust there will be good congregations to welcome them, and hear their message.

At the end of the month we shall be celebrating our Patronal Festival. Special services have been arranged for October 30th being the nearest Sunday to All Saints' Day. The Confirmation of those now being prepared will take place in the evening of that day at 7.15 p.m. All Saints' Day falls on the Tuesday and there will be a service of Holy Communion at 7 a.m. and 10 a.m., with an Evening Service and a Special Film at 7.30 p.m. The following Sunday the Festival will close with Special Services throughout the day, and Lodge Prince Alfred will attend the Evening Service. I trust that these services will be a great inspiration to us all, and that we will make every endeavour to attend them.

The Churchwardens and Parish Council will issue an envelope with this month's Chronicle, asking for a special note appeal for our Church Funds. It has been decided that this note appeal will be made at Easter, Christmas, the Consecration Festival, and at the Patronal Festival (All Saints' Day). In our giving let us all give to God's work because we owe something to God, to dedicate a portion of our God given plenty to the furtherance of His work. Besides the ordinary running costs of the Church there is yet much to be done by way of maintenance, repair to Church property. Some eight hundred Chronicles are sent out each month, and we do ask that the eight hundred envelopes be returned with your offering to God.

I am still in need of District Visitors. This is very important work and you can help the work of God by volunteering for this work. Two vacancies need to be filled immediately.

With the coming of warmer weather I trust that our congregations will greatly increase. We look forward to greeting you, and making you welcome. We all need to worship, and to feed upon the Living Bread. Much of our difficulty, our problems, in the world today are caused by spiritual starvation; humanity has neglected its spiritual life. At root our problems are spiritual and moral problems. Conscience dies when the voice of God has been stilled in the Soul. Worship is the spiritual

exercise for the soul, and develops the character as God intended it to be. The Bible, the word of God and the sacraments are food whereby the soul of man is fed. Public worship is a confession of our Faith before men, and can be a great help to us all. God has given us a great land, with wonderful opportunities. It has been handed on to us by the pioneers and also protected in two world wars by our own kith and kin. In both cases many paid the supreme sacrifice, giving their day that we might have ours. Surely we cannot betray such a trust that has cost so much? Yet in these days of peace we see so much around us that indicates selfishness, lulling us into a sense of false security that can only result in one end, the loss of this goodly heritage. The Christian Faith challenges us to awake and put on the whole Armour of God.

May God Bless you and yours,

With best wishes,

Your sincere Friend and Rector,

RONALD A. JOHNSON.

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PARISH PARS

It has been a great pleasure to see Mrs. McLean of Belgrave Street back at Church, and also to know that Mrs. Binns, who has been very sick is improving.

Mrs. Craigie has gone to Queensland for a holiday, and we trust that the warmer climate will help her to a full recovery.

All will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Mowll was able to take the trip to Honolulu with the Archbishop, and looked remarkably well on their return. The Archbishop addressed the Convention of the American Church.

The Rector gave the address at the Battle of Britain Service in Martin Place on Thursday, 15th, and also took the prayers at the Cathedral Service on the Sunday morning.

The visit of the Vice-Principal of Moore College was greatly appreciated. Our thanks to the Rev. A. E. Gardner for conducting the service in the absence of the Rector.

Our deepest sympathy is expressed with the following parishioners who have suffered bereavements during the last month. Mrs. Matthews, in the loss of Mr. Matthews of Cavendish Street; the relatives of the late Stella Collings of Hordern Avenue; the relatives of the late Beryl Taylor of North Street; and to Mrs. Hyland of Hunter Street in the loss of her husband. We pray that God's blessing may rest on them and comfort them in their sorrow.

Congratulations to the Superintendent and Staff, also the scholars of our Sunday School on the success of their Concert. A very good audience packed the hall and a most enjoyable and entertaining evening was held.

Our thanks to Miss Browning who has again written out all the invitations to the Youth Service to be held this Sunday, 25th September, at 11 a.m.

We were pleased to welcome members of the Order of the Eastern Star to the evening service on Sunday, 25th September.

Members of the Fellowship have paid for the Movie Projector. The members are to be congratulated on their raising over £40 for the Review.

The extension group, which meets on Sunday mornings, have been studying the History of the Church of England. They invite any adult folk to join them. Some have. If you are waiting for your son or daughter who is attending the Sunday School, then drop in and spend the time with us. An interesting time is assured.

The Bible Study and Intercessions, held on Wednesday evenings, is an important meeting. At present we are going through the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. The meeting commences in the Chapel at 7.45 p.m. and finishes by 8.30 p.m.; you will be made very welcome. Come and bring a friend.

Our thanks to Muriel and Frank Gunner for their help in the choir during the school holidays. We extend a hearty welcome to anyone wishing

to join the choir. Practice is held on Thursday nights. Junior Choir practice on Wednesday afternoons.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. D. Cooke has left the district and is now living at Cremorne. Mr. Cooke was a member of the parish council and a regular attendant at the church each weekend. We wish him well in his new sphere.

OCTOBER AT ALL SAINTS'

Sunday, 2nd—8 a.m. Holy Communion. Preacher: The Bishop of Rockhampton. 11 a.m., Morning Prayer. Preacher: The Bishop of Willochra. 7.15 p.m., Evening Prayer. Preacher: The Bishop of Rockhampton.

Sunday, 23rd—After Church Social Hour, with special Sound Film.

Sunday, 30th—Festival Services. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m., Morning Prayer. 7.15 p.m., Confirmation.

CRICKET CLUB

The 1955-56 season commenced last month, and although no wins have been recorded yet, players are finding their best form, and we are confident of repeating our successful performances of last year. The "C" Grade team has played two matches, losing both on the first innings. The second game, against last year's divisional winners, Drummoynne Baptist, ended in a very close finish, when All Saints' set 175 runs for an outright victory, had scored 5 for 159 at the close of play. Batting form in this innings should augur well for the coming games, when we are due to play a number of newer teams.

The "D" Grade side has played only one match, and were beaten on the first innings. Some good performances were notched by some of our lads, but the team's manager, Mr. R. Minter, would be glad to hear of more boys, under 15 years, who could fill the positions still vacant in the side. Matches are played on Saturday mornings, and the team meets at Petersham at 8.30 a.m.

The Club is desirous of expressing its appreciation to a number of interested gentlemen who have accepted Vice-Presidentships, and also to the Rector, who has accepted the position of Patron. To all who are interested in witnessing our "C" Grade games, we extend a cordial invitation to meet at the Church at 1 p.m. on Saturdays, and transport to the grounds will be provided at a nominal charge. Lists of fixtures are also available for all who may be interested.

A. JONES, Hon. Secretary.

YOUNG MARRIEDS' CLUB

The club will hold a Luncheon on October 12th at 12.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There will be a special speaker and musical items. A hearty welcome is extended to all.

The Tennis Club meets on Tuesdays at 10.30 a.m. More players are requested.

I. BARRETT, Hon. Sec.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

It has often been said that it pays to advertise, and in connection with our concert this statement has proved itself once more. We would like to thank all those parents and friends who came along to see the scholars' efforts as well as supporting the Sunday School in a financial way. We feel sure that all who attended went home satisfied, for the scholars and teachers who put on items spared no effort to ensure their success.

We would also like to thank Mr. Thompson for his good work at the piano.

During the month we received the resignations of Mr. and Mrs. Erik Olofsson from the staff. We were very sorry to lose these two teachers and hope that they may soon be replaced.

KENNETH GRANT, Secretary.

Y.C.I.

Our meeting, held on Friday, the 2nd September, was "Hobbies Night." Several members detailed their hobbies, and much interest, as well as

amusement, was aroused, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all members who attended the meeting. On the 16th September, our Rector, who is President of the Y.C.I., delivered an address, "The Church and the World." Members had been eagerly looking forward to this talk, and their expectations of a very interesting meeting were more than realised, as evidenced by the questions and discussions which followed. Among our fixtures ahead are the "Ladies' Night," to which the Y.C.I. invites the ladies of the parish. It will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday, the 14th October, commencing at 8 p.m., and promises to be a very enjoyable function. Our 176th issue of the "Manuscript Journal" will be released at the meeting set down for Friday, the 28th October. All men of the parish are invited to attend the meetings of the Y.C.I., which is the Men's Club of All Saints', Petersham.

L. CALVER, Hon. Secretary.

FELLOWSHIP

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that the Church Projector has been paid for. This was done with the proceeds from our Revue. The result was very pleasing, and well worth all our efforts. We made a total of over £43, and I would again (on behalf of all members) like to thank all those who gave their support to our venture.

The next meeting is to be a debate on "Is All One Reads in the Papers, True?" This will take place before these notes are published, so look for next month's issue for the result.

Always willing to accept new members, so if you are interested, contact any of the Fellowship members or come to me.

YVONNE ARNFIELD.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION REPORT

We are glad to report that our number has increased to 24 and the average attendance at meetings is 15. To the recent C.M.S. Annual Sale we sent d'oyleys, hankies, and a dressed doll, which was awarded third prize, and our congratulations go to Judith Pullen. We sent swab sticks, hankies, woollen scarves, cotton wool dressings, trimmed stamps, bandages, school magazines and old linen into headquarters for distribution to missionaries. We have collected £3/10/- from our fees and will give this amount in at the annual demonstration on 29th October in the Assembly Hall.

O. H. CARROLL.

BASEBALL

In the Western Suburbs Church baseball competitions recently concluded the All Saints' teams met with varied success.

The "A" Grade side, led by Erik Olofsson, after a good start, when they led the competition for several weeks, came down the scale one place, to finish in second place to last year's premiers, Latter Day Saints. Bob McConnell was the outstanding pitcher of the grade and won the "Diamond Digest" trophy for that position. The team was a good fielding combination, but the batting could have been stronger.

The "B1" team, comprising several new players, battled hard, under Skipper Dave Gum, several close games being played; but they just could not get there, yet they played the game in a manner expected of All Saints' men.

The "B2" team, made up of last year's juvenile squad, under the capable management of Mr. Reg Minter, gave a good account of themselves, and had the best pitcher of the grade in Peter Whalon, who carried off the "Digest" trophy for his grade. They are a side with great possibilities.

The junior boys in the morning coaching squad, include several likely players, and it is surprising the amount of talent displayed by these lads and the keenness they showed. The two teams competed for a trophy kindly donated by Mr. Kennedy.

FLOWER ROSTER

October 2—Arranged by Mrs. Morris.

October 9—Donated and arranged by Miss Turner.

October 16—Donated and arranged by Fellowship.

October 23—Donated and arranged by Y.M.C.

- October 30—Donated by Kindergarten, arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
 November 6—Arranged by Mrs. Morris.
 November 13—Donated by Mrs. Aitkinson, arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
 November 20—Donated by Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Calver, arranged by Mrs. Grant.
 November 27—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Quelch.

DONATIONS TO FLOWER FUND

Mr. Aitkinson, £1; Mrs. Angus, £1; Mrs. Quelch, £2/10/-; Miss Speight, 13/-.

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HOLY BAPTISM

"Suffer the little children to come unto me"

- September 4—Robert Francis Paxton.
 September 11—Kim Anthony Ward, Toni Mary Morton, Theresa Frances Morton.
 September 18—Karen Ann Vera Billett.

HOLY MATRIMONY

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

- August 31—Donald Edward Southwell to Dorothy Grace Kirkpatrick.
 September 1—Norman Williamson to Jean Howard.
 John Patrick Martin to Norma Patricia McRitchie.
 Frederick George Pogson to Faye Deanna Bryant.
 September 17—John William Batman to Marie Davis.
 Leslie Maskill to Joan Margaret Hendericks.

BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

- August 30—Harold Stanley Matthews, aged 58 years (Woronora Crematorium).
 September 6—Stella Gertrude Collings, aged 73 years (Rookwood Crematorium).
 September 16—Beryl Cynthia Taylor, aged 39 years (Rookwood Cemetery).
 September 21—William Morton Hyland, aged 83 years (Rookwood Crematorium).

COLLECTIONS AND COMMUNICANTS

General Fund	Missions	Total	No. of Communicants.
£75/12/9	£12/2/6 (a)	£87/15/3	283

(a) Includes Moore College Appeal, £2/19/6.

DISTRICT VISITORS' COLLECTIONS

Mrs. Taylor, £3/8/6; Mrs. Humphreys, £9/5/-; Mrs. Mitchell, £1/11/-; Mrs. Oldfield, £3/14/6; Mrs. Furnell, £3/3/-; Mrs. Robertson, £5/10/-; Miss Taylor, 4/-; Mrs. Grant, £1/2/6; Mrs. Cook, £2/7/-; Miss Bayley, £3; Mrs. Craigie, per Mrs. Ditchburn, £3/2/6; Physical Culture, 14/6; Total to date, £37/2/6.

Roof Fund: Miss Hyatt, 10/-.

Mower Fund: Anon, £1/10/-; Anon, per Miss Bayley, £1.

Projector Fund: Fellowship, £35.

Festival Tea: £2/9/- — GRAND TOTAL, £36/5/-.

NEW MISSIONARY ARRIVES IN MALAYA

Sister Kathleen Collett, latest addition to the C.M.S. team in the new villages of Malaya, arrived at her new work last month. She is now living at Salek South, new village, near Kuala Lumpur in Malaya, where she is assisting Sister Rhoda Watkins of South Australia.

She writes: "One of my first introductions to Malaya was to attend the Communion service at St. Mary's, Kuala Lumpur, conducted in English by an Indian with a Chinese pastor assisting — such a lovely service.

"I have already had the opportunity of meeting many of the staff here and it is a great privilege to be 'allowed of God' to have a share in this work."

There are now 600 new villages in Malaya and the Christian Church is working in about half of them.

SUCSESSES AT SOUTH INDIA HOSPITAL

Every nurse in training at St. Mary's Hospital, Khammamett, South India, passed in the recent examinations, reports Dr. John Cranswick, C.M.S. missionary at Khammamett.

Another important event at the hospital was the installation of electricity, making possible many new advances for the medical work. This was greatly helped by the very generous gift from a Gippsland (Victoria) farmer and his wife.

During language study at Dornakal Dr. Cranswick has been able to make several trips with medical teams into nearby villages.

He reports that, though Christians are often the poorest section of the community, living in awful conditions, they manage to keep their homes spotlessly clean.

He adds: "In the villages we visited each home in turn. I was able to see the sick folk and tried to examine all the children I could coax to come near enough to me as, by assessing the children, one can find out a lot about the general health of the village."

CHURCH MUSIC OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER, 1955

Sunday	Morning	Evening
October 9 Trinity xviii	Holy Communion. Choral (Merbecke). Hymns 724, 356, 555.	Hymns 531, 530, 540, 701. Psalm 107. Anthem: "Thou Knowest Lord" (Purcell).
October 16 Trinity xix	Morning Prayer. Hymns 511, 425, 658, 254, 267. Psalm 113.	Evening Prayer. Hymns 20, 229, 300, 534. Psalm 121. Anthem: "The King of Love" (Bairstow).
October 23 Trinity xx	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Psalms 124, 125. Hymns 298, 316, 322, 324.	Evening Prayer. Hymns 274, 276, 733, 679. Psalm 126. Anthem: "Wash me Thoroughly" (Wesley).
October 30 Trinity xxi	Festival 8 a.m., Holy Communion. Hymns 437, 316, 446. Morning Prayer Hymns 439, 675, 222, 427. Psalm 111. Anthem, "Lo Round the Throne" (Ley).	CONFIRMATION SERVICE Hymns 349, 271, 280. Anthem: "O For A Closer Walk With God" (Glover).
November 1 ALL SAINTS' DAY	7 a.m., Holy Communion. 10 a.m., Holy Communion.	Evening Prayer. Hymns, 619, 428, 437, 438. Sound Film.
November 6 Trinity xxii	Children's Festival Special Hymns. Psalm 116.	Grand Thanksgiving Service. Visit of Lodge Prince Alfred. Hymns 679, 360, 428, 477. Anthem: "Worthy is the Lamb" (Messiah-Handel). Sevenfold Amen.

HUGE SCHOOL WORK IN TANGANYIKA

More than 19,000 African children attend Church schools in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, the missionary diocese of the Australian C.M.S. in East Africa.

This figure is revealed in a recent survey of educational work in the diocese.

More than half of these children are in primary schools, and the remainder are in secondary or bush schools.

The diocese is responsible for 222 school teachers in Primary, Secondary and Middle schools, and there are 145 teachers-in-training.

INDIAN EVANGELISM IN AFRICA

The arrival in Tanganyika of an Indian clergyman will mean a great advance in the work amongst Indians in East Africa.

He is the Rev. K. Mathai John, of Dornakal, South India. Mr. John is attached to the staff of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Dodoma, but will spend most of his time working amongst his own expatriates.

There are more than 60,000 Indians in Tanganyika alone and they make up to a large extent the "small businessmen" section of the community. They also hold many government positions and, generally speaking, are persons of influence in the community.

Several moves have also been made in the diocese of Mombasa to expand evangelistic work amongst Indians.

84th All Saints' Patronal Festival

BACK TO ALL SAINTS'. OPENED ALL SAINTS' DAY, 1871.

SPECIAL SERVICES. SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 30th — NOVEMBER 6th.

SUNDAY, 30th

8 a.m., Holy Communion with address.

11 a.m., Morning Prayer and Sermon.

ANTHEM: LO ROUND THE THRONE (LEY).

7 p.m. Organ Recital.

7.15 p.m. CONFIRMATION SERVICE.

ANTHEM: O FOR A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD.

NOVEMBER 1st, ALL SAINTS' DAY

7 a.m., Holy Communion.

10 a.m., Holy Communion.

7.30 p.m., EVENSONG and SOUND FILM.

NOVEMBER 6th

8 a.m., Holy Communion (First Communion of newly Confirmed).

11 a.m., CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL SERVICE.

7 p.m., Organ Recital.

7.30 p.m., FESTAL EVENSONG. Grand Thanksgiving Service. MASONIC CHURCH SERVICE. ANTHEM: WORTHY IS THE LAMB (Messiah, Handel).

Preacher: Bro. The Rev. R. A. Johnson, Th.L.

Return the enclosed envelope on any of the above days with your Thank Offering to God for the 84 years' service rendered by this Church to the Community of Petersham.