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Petersham*

The Friendly Church

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“Because there was no room for them in the Inn”

MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR



My dear friends,

Please accept my sincere thanks for all you did to give us the record-breaking Fete total of \$3,612. Much toil, sweat, and self-denial was necessary to provide the stocks that brought in this figure, and we are grateful to the stallholders, their assistants, and our custom-

ers for the parts they played, both throughout the year and on the big day itself. There are many others who made a contribution in one way or another, often in a silent way not known to me, and I thank you all most sincerely for your great efforts.

Our offertories over the last ten years have been \$2,740 per annum less than our regular Church expenditures hence part of the proceeds, after payment of Fete costs and Synod assessment, will be needed for our regular running expenses. We must also put a substantial sum in trust for the mammoth task of replacing the roof that will have to be tackled very soon.

December will be another heavy month at All Saints' and I look for your support for what we have arranged for you at thas Christmas-tide.

We are pleased that the Royal Philharmonic Choir, backed by its own Orchestra, will be coming on Sunday evening, 15th December, to render Handel's beloved oratorio, "The Messiah". Upwards of 100 performers will be taking part, with special guest soloists, and we look for a big congregation worthy of the magnitude of the performance.

On the following Sunday night, 22nd December, our annual "Carols by Candlelight" will be held at 7 p.m. The atmosphere in the Church is most inspiring, and the service always brings one of our biggest congregations of the year, hence I advise you to be early. Many popular carols will be sung, and the traditional Nine Lessons will be read to us by parishioners from a wide range of our organisations.

May I also seek your support for the Sunday School Prizegiving which will take place at Family Service on Sunday, 15th December, at 10 a.m. Parents of the Sunday School boys and girls are particularly invited.

The Christmas Day Services are advertised on the back page of this issue; there will not be an evening service that day, while the particular Services in which the Choir will take part are still to be decided. I will not be going away straight after Christmas, but hope to take two weeks of my holidays later in January.

I wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Leveina McLean of Wardell Road, Dulwich Hill, who passed away last month after a long illness. Mrs. McLean had been a regular attendant and faithful supporter of All Saints' for a great many years.

I am also sorry to report several ladies "hors de combat" in recent weeks. We are glad to see Mrs. J. Nance back again after an operation, while our best wishes for speedy recoveries go to Miss Slocombe, who has suffered a broken foot, and Mrs. D. Calver, who sustained a bad fall.

With 1968 drawing to its close, my wife and I wish to thank you all most sincerely for your faithful work for the cause in this parish

throughout the year. We wish to all a Holy, Happy Christmas, and may this Christmas and the New Year bring you God's blessing.

Yours very sincerely,

Eric Champion

PARISH FETE REPORT

Highest Total Ever

The great traditions of All Saints' Fetes were excelled on Saturday, 16th November, when the record figure of \$3,626 was raised.

This amount beats the previous record, established in 1965, of \$3,116, and is \$651 higher than last year's figure. This increase is the result of higher figures from most stalls over the amounts raised in 1967. The Visitors' Book was signed by 1,181 people this year, compared with only 1,021 in 1967.

The proceeds will be used to maintain Church finances, the expenditure from which, as reported in the November "Chronicle", has been \$2,740 per annum higher than our offertories on average over the last ten years. It is also necessary to put aside a substantial amount, possibly up to \$2,000, towards the replacement of our Church roof. The latter has already absorbed a lot of money on repairs, but the condition of the slates will require complete replacement within a year or two, and the cost may be well over \$10,000.

From the figures below, we have to deduct overhead expenses such as hire of train, merry-go-round, insurance, etc, while a fixed percentage must be sent, as in the case of all parish income, to the Diocesan authorities.

The following are the amounts received as at 19th November. Where names are given, they are those of the persons appointed by the Fete Committee to take charge of the stall concerned.

Stall	Conducted by	\$
Books	Mrs. Reid	202
White Elephant	Mrs. Humphreys	392
Fancy Work	Mrs. Jones \$508, Mrs. Clark \$333	841
Toys, Hoopla, Drinks	Fellowship	262
Cakes and Sweets	Y.M. and Friends'	243
Trackless Train	Y.C.I.	90
Children's Wear	Mrs. Bosward	361
Pottery and Cushions.	Mrs. Ingoldsby-Brown	94
Plants and Flowers	Mothers' Club	143
Vegetables	Y.C.I.	63
Hot Dogs	Y.C.I.	26
Merry-go-round	Mr. Gorman	52
Dried Flowers	Mrs. Sonwith	39
Groceries and Jams	Sunday School	337
Jewellery	Mr. Giddings	303
Refreshments	Women's Guild	165
Galah Competition	Mr. Jeffreys	4
Donations	9

Gross Total \$3,626

FETE APPRECIATION

Chairman of the Parish Fete Committee, Mr. H. Shaw, writes, "The Fete Committee wishes to thank the Rector and Messrs. G. Clarke and F. Evans for their help with our Fete preparations and the Stallholders for their co-operation".

Mrs. D. Jones wishes to thank all who made donations to the Fancy Goods Stall, all who patronised the stall, and the ladies who helped serve.

Mrs. Clark expresses her thanks to all who helped or bought from her Stall. She adds her best wishes for the Christmas season, and hopes to see all her friends at the Social Afternoons, which will resume in the New Year.

From the "White Elephant" Stall, which was once again second top stall in the amount raised, Mrs. Humphreys extends her sincere thanks to all who gave stocks for sale, to those who bought, and especially to those who served on the stalls.

Mrs. Champion writes, "May I say a very sincere thank you to Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. E. Jones, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Archer, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Salama, Miss Craigie and her neice Rhonda, Beverle and Ruth for the wonderful help, given so cheerfully in the Refreshment Room and kitchen. Thanks also to all who gave money, cakes, scones, biscuits and sandwich fillings etc., which enabled me to have all goods paid for before the day. It was a most successful effort—thank you all very much".

The Book Stall achieved greater success this year, attaining the figure of \$202.31; Mrs. Reid extends her sincere appreciation to all who donated books and helped to make this amount possible, and also to Mr. Les Brigg and Mrs. Trenerry for their help on the Stall.

Mrs. Bosward extends her sincere thanks to all who gave goods or money for the Children's Wear and Gift Stall, with special thanks to all who worked on the Stall.

The Y.C.I. Fete Committee is grateful to all who patronised or worked on the Vegetable and Hot Dog Stalls, Mr. John Minter for collecting the vegetables, and the Rector for making his trailer available.

Thanks are also extended to the countless other folk who supported the Fete: those who gave goods for sale, erected and dismantled the stalls, donated the hamper prizes, manned the visitors' book, distributed coloured dodgers, picked up donations, cleaned up the hall and grounds, and performed countless other valued acts, so often in a quiet, anonymous way. Thank you, one and all.

We congratulate Miss E. Craigie of Station Street and Tracy Naftel of Stanmore Road on winning the free poultry dinner hampers, and Mr. A. Zbikeris of Stanmore Road, who won Mr. Cook's watch prize.

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ALL SAINTS' CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Once again we are appealing to the generosity of our Parishioners and their friends for donations of soap, washers, talc., and ladies' and gents' handkerchiefs, or anything else suitable to make into Christmas gifts for the ill and aged people in nursing homes and hospitals within the Parish.

Many of these unfortunate folk spend many years in nursing homes and look forward each year to a visit from our Rector and several ladies of the Parish, with a little gift from "All Saints' Petersham". Just for the record, when we visit these homes, we present our gifts to patients of all denominations.

For many of them, we realise this could be their last Christmas, and it makes us truly happy to be able to provide just a little gift to

folk now unable to attend Church—but we always endeavour to leave the impression that the Church has not forgotten them.

A box will be left in the front porch of the Church from 1st December, and all donation of goods can be placed in this. Gifts of money will be very welcome (as we are able to buy in bulk at a discount) and can be left at the Rectory, or given to Mrs. H. J. Shaw. We apologise that as the January "Chronicle" will go to print early in December, it may not be possible to publish a full list of names of donors to this appeal.

For donations of money received since the November "Chronicle", we thank: Mrs. G. Watts, Mrs. Piper, Anonymous, Mrs. Perrett, Mrs. Kerry, Miss Slocombe, Mrs. B. Smith, Mrs. J. Wilson and Mrs. Stokes.

AROUND OUR ORGANISATIONS Christmas Time Highlights

Indoor Bowls Club:

Club members can look back with satisfaction on the achievements of the Club in 1968. The main things achieved were, (1) the election of one of our members, George Taylor, as President of the Churches' Indoor Bowls Association, (2) Our Club won its first competition, and (3) the first year of mixed bowling in the Club was a great success. Even though our numbers are not large, our Club is a very united and happy one.

At the annual meeting, Mrs. Ivy Clark was elected Assistant Treasurer. The selectors for 1969 will be Mr. and Mrs. L. Carroll, and Messrs. R. Minter and D. Sayers.

To the Rector and his family, we wish the compliments of the Season.

—J. E. GORMAN

Y.M. and Friends' Club:

The next meeting of the Y.M. and Friends' Club will be held on Tuesday, 10th December at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be our Christmas Party night, and we hope all members will be able to attend.

After this, the Club will be in recess until Tuesday, 11th February, 1969.

We wish to thank all who made cakes and sweets for our stall at the Fete, and all those who helped in any way to make our effort such a wonderful success. At the end of the day, we were very proud to hand in the total proceeds of \$242.

We take this opportunity of wishing all our many friends in the Parish everything that Christmas means to us all, as well as health and happiness in the New Year.

—IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

Y.C.I.:

Sympathy: All members of the Y.C.I. would like to take this opportunity of expressing their sincere sympathy to Mr. Charlie Whiting on the death of his Wife.

Guest Speaker: We were fortunate to have Mr. Bert Dick again as our Guest Speaker on Friday, 27th September. Bert showed a film, "The Green Monster" and gave those present an insight into the tyre industry, as well as helpful hints to follow when buying tyres.

Slide and Record Night: In lieu of a Theatre Party, which we were unable to arrange, the Y.C.I. held its first combined Slide and Record night. The evening proved so successful that members moved that it be made a regular feature on future Y.C.I. syllabuses. Messrs. A. Jones, A. Boyle and R. Boots screened slides, while those who provided records were Messrs. A. Boyle, F. Evans, R. Boots, R. Champion, G. Nasr, J. Gorman and A. Jones.

"Manuscript Journal": For the 228th issue of the "Manuscript Journal", only seven articles were received, unfortunately, one of the lowest on record. The editorial by Mr. Sopwith was entitled, "The Right to Strike".

Invitation to Ladies' Night: An invitation is cordially extended to ladies of the parish to come to our Social Night on Friday, 6th December. It will be held in the Y.C.I. Club Room, commencing 8 p.m. A bright programme, followed by supper, is being arranged. A special welcome will be extended to wives of Y.C.I. members: make sure your husbands bring you along!

Bucks' Christmas Party: After entertaining the ladies of the parish on 6th December, we will have our men's Christmas Party on Friday, 20th December, to which all menfolk of the Parish will be welcome.

—G. W. GORMAN, Hon. Secretary

Senior Parishioners' Club:

With the year 1968 drawing to a close, I wish to thank all members of the Senior Parishioners' Club for their very regular attendance and splendid co-operation in making our Social Club the popular meeting place that it is. I thank most sincerely all the kind folk who come alone on Thursdays and help with the organising.

It is no menial task to prepare afternoon teas for around 50 people every Thursday and I am indeed grateful to all who provide the afternoon tea, serve it, and clear away afterwards. Thank you all and may God Bless you for your kindness in making my job as Organiser much easier.

Our Club party for Members will be held on Saturday, 14th December at 2 p.m. after which we shall be in recess until 16th January, 1969.

Our good wishes for a speedy recovery to members of the Club who are ill and may not be able to join us again this year. We hope to have you back again in 1969, along with new members joining us in January. We wish a Happy and Holy Christmas to our Rector, Mrs. Champion, and Family, and thank sincerely the Rector for the interest he has always taken in the Club.

A Happy Christmas to you all.

—DOT SHAW, Hon. Secretary

Ladies' Guild:

Our 1968 Break-up Party will be on Tuesday, 10th December at 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall, after which we will be in recess until Tuesday, 11th February, 1969. To our Rector and Mrs. Champion, Robert and Ruth, and may I include Beverle, our very best wishes for Christmas and 1969.

—E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary

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SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

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| December 1st | Donated by Mrs. Archer in memory of her Husband and Daughters Beryl and Norma, and by Mr. and Mrs. Swankie in memory of their Mother, Ellen; arranged by Mrs. Malone. |
| December 8th | Donated by Mr. R. Minitier, John and Margaret in memory of Mrs. R. Minitier, and by Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Willis, Senior; arranged by Miss Nisbet. |
| December 15th | No Donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark. |
| December 22nd | Donated by Mr. Myers in memory of his Sisters and Brother; arranged by Mrs. Clark. |
| December 25th | Christmas Day. Donation of flowers or money with which to buy flowers will be gratefully received. If giving flowers, would you kindly leave them at the Church by 11 a.m. on Christmas Eve; arranged by |

- December 29th Champion and helpers. All donations will be acknowledged in the February "Chronicle".
 Donated by Mr. V. Bryce and Mrs. Quine in memory of their Parents; arranged by Mrs. Malone.
- January 5th Donated by Mrs. Adams in memory of the Rev. C. E. Adams and by Mrs. Kent in memory of her Son, Charles and Daughter, Elsie; arranged by Miss Speight.

We gratefully acknowledge gifts of flowers for Sunday, 3rd November from the Rector in memory of his Parents, from Mrs. J. Scott in memory of Mr. Norman Scott, and from Mr. W. C. Whiting and family in memory of Mrs. Whiting. We also acknowledge the gifts on Sunday, 10th November by Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker in memory of Mr. Walker's Mother, and by Mr. V. Bryce and Mrs. Quine in memory of Mr. Bryce's Wife.

An Appeal: As one of our regular ladies on the flower roster, has had to leave the work for health reasons, we would very much like to hear from someone willing to arrange the flowers one Saturday morning in each month. Please ask Mrs. Champion, 56-4735, or Mrs. Bosward 56-2778 for any extra details.

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PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

A party open to all — the "Parish Christmas Party" — will be held in the Hall on Wednesday, 18th December, at 8 p.m. There is no admission charge, but we have a pleasant custom of giving and receiving gifts. Just bring a small item, costing no more than 30c., and you will receive a gift in return.

The party, which takes the form of a Social evening, is open to all parishioners, especially those who are not members of parish organisations. Please take this as your own personal invitation to this parish-wide "get-together".

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Fete:

The Grocery stall at this year's Fete was an enormous success. We would like to thank the following people and companies for their generous donations and help:- Mr. Plowman, Mrs. Champion and all the Ladies who made jam, the parents, children and teachers of the Sunday School and also Traders Pty. Ltd., Eta Foods Pty. Ltd., William Arnott Pty. Ltd., Kellogg (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., The Milford Company Pty. Ltd., H. Jones & Co., Cottees Ltd., The Weston Biscuit Co., Sanitarium Health Foods, Bushells Pty. Ltd., Samuel Taylor Pty. Ltd., Colgate-Palmolive Pty. Ltd., Cadbury-Fry-Pascall Pty. Ltd., Hoadley's Chocolates (N.S.W.) Pty. Ltd., Peerless Emulsion Pty. Ltd., Gordon Edgell Pty. Ltd., Mountain Maid Food Co-op. Ltd., P.M.U. Food Products, Woolworths Ltd., and Pepsi-Cola Metropolitan Bottling Co. Inc., We are also grateful to Mr. B. T. Sayers for providing us with an attractive game of skill. Our proceeds totalled \$337.

Donations: I would like to thank the Indoor Bowls Club for the donation for our annual prizes and all the other parishioners who have made donations to the Sunday School.

—NOEL CRAGG, Hon. Secretary

● **January "Chronicle"** Because of the holidays, the January "Chronicle" must go to print early, and items should be left at the Rectory, or given to Mr. A. Jones by Sunday, 8th December.

NEWS BRIEFS

● **Holy Communion:** The Rector will again provide Holy Communion to those unable to come to Church on Christmas Day. Hospital matrons and other parishioners knowing of persons wishing to partake of private Communion are asked to let Mr. Champion know not later than Sunday, 8th December, so that he can arrange to visit everyone in the very limited time available before Christmas.



● **"Carols by Candlelight"** This year's Service will again be a most impressive occasion. The popular "Festival of Nine Lessons" will be the central theme, plus carols sung by soloists, the choir, and the congregation. You will enjoy taking part, so join us on Sunday, 22nd December at 7.00 p.m. Candles will be available at the Church.

● **Broadcast Service:** The special recording of Evensong that we made recently will be broadcast on 2FC at 4.30 p.m. on Australia Day holiday, Monday, 27th January.

● **The National Trust has declared All Saints' Church to be an historic building worthy of special preservation. Watch next month's "Chronicle" for further details of the Trust's plans.**

● Only sad note about the Fete was that the Rector's car was hijacked from the grounds just after 9 p.m., and had to be written off because of damage sustained in a short "joy-ride" by the culprit. So while the parish gained very nicely from the day's events, the Rector's pleasure was somewhat diminished by the need to dig into his pocket for the cost of a new car, so essential for his parish work.

● **Christmas Cards:** It is not Christmas without Christ! Therefore, when buying your Christmas Cards, please don't forget to select ones that have a Christmas message.

Christmas Services

CHRISTMAS DAY—WEDNESDAY, 25th DECEMBER

7.00 a.m.—Holy Communion

8.15 a.m.—Holy Communion.

10.30 a.m.—Family Service and Shortened Holy Communion.

NOTE:—There will not be an Evening Service on Christmas Day

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