

# The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

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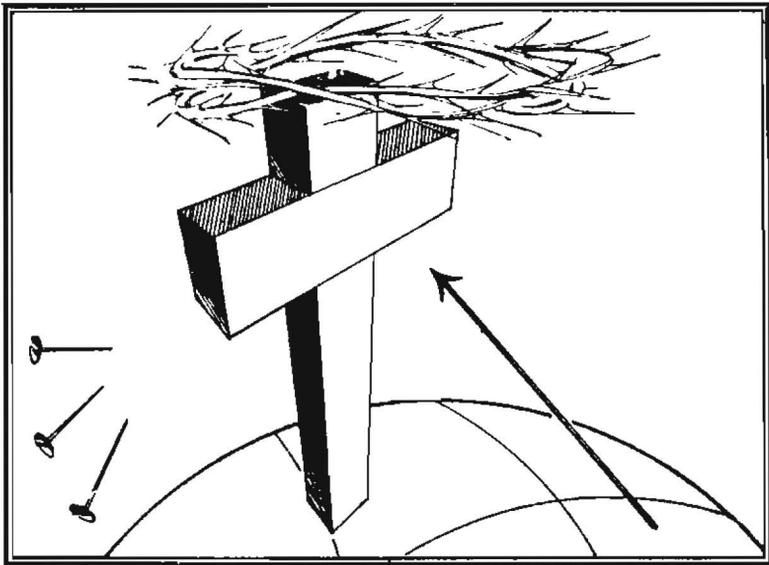
Minister: Rev Walter Collier

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Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

St. John 11:25.

**All Saints' Church  
Petersham.  
March 1993.**

**My Dear Friends,**

Our Church does not have large reserves of capital upon which to draw for

1. Maintaining the ministry of our Church
2. In renovating the property
3. Maintaining and extending the Missionary endeavours of the Church through the Societies which God lays on our hearts.

The Church is financed weekly by those who consider themselves its members. Many contribute a regular amount weekly. To enable you to systematically support your Church the Church Officers introduced the weekly freewill offering envelope scheme several years ago.

These envelopes are put in the collecting plate and with the offerings of others present are placed at the disposal of the head of the Church our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We believe in informing members of the financial position and needs of the Church and are confident that if we seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness all else will be added to us.

We invite all associated with the Church to become pledged members of the Church and so share in the work of the Kingdom of God.

If you would like a set of envelopes speak to one of the Church Officers or myself.

There is no identification on the envelopes. No-one knows how much you give, this is between you and God. The purpose of the envelopes will enable you to give in a regular and systematic way.

Let us keep before us the great truth that "GENEROUS GIVING TO GOD MEANS GENEROUS BLESSING FROM GOD."

**Your friend and Acting Rector,  
W. G. Collier.**

## Why I Come to the Altar of God.

I COME, NOT BECAUSE I am worthy, but because I have sinned and fallen short of what, by God's help, I might have been.

I come, not that there is any magic in partaking of Christ's body and blood, but because of the Lord's command, "Do this for the remembrance."

I come, because Christ bids me come. It is His table and He invites me.

I come, because here is portrayed the sacrifice of my Lord who gave Himself for me.

I come, because I find myself drawn closer to God, the Christ of Calvary, and to those who kneel with me at Holy Communion. Yes, I am made to feel my kinship to all those everywhere who proclaim Christ as Saviour.

I come, because I rise from the Lord's Table with a new strength, courage, and power to live for Him who died for me.

- Cathedral of St. Paul  
Fond du Lac.

**Remember, Christian Soul, that thou hast this day and every day of thy life: God to glorify. Jesus to imitate. A soul to save. A body to mortify. Sins to repent of. Virtues to acquire. Hell to avoid. Heaven to gain. Eternity to prepare for. Time to profit by. Neighbours to edify. The world to despise. Devils to combat. Passions to subdue. Death, perhaps, to suffer. Judgement to undergo.**

-St. Augustine

## WHAT IS ON AT ALL SAINTS'

### EVERY SUNDAY.

- 9-30am Holy Communion on the First, Second and Fourth Sundays.  
Family Service, which is a Service of Prayer and Word, on the third Sunday.  
Morning Prayer on the Fifth Sunday.
- 6-30pm Evening Prayer is said in the Side Chapel.

### DURING THE SCHOOL TERM.

- 9-30am Junior Sunday School every Sunday except the Third Sunday when there is a Family Service.

### EVERY THURSDAY EVENING.

- 7-30pm Home Bible Study held at the Home of Mrs. Willis.  
All welcome.

### EVERY FRIDAY EVENING.

- 7-30pm Youth Fellowship in the Parish Hall.

### COMING EVENTS.

Sunday 21 March, Annual Vestry Meeting in the Parish Hall after the 9-30am Service.

### EASTER.

Friday 9 April, Good Friday  
9-00am Litany of the Cross.  
Sunday 11 April Easter Day  
9-30am Holy Communion.





### FLOWER DONATIONS.

**MARCH 9** - Wedding flowers.

Arranged by the Wedding Party.

**MARCH 14** - Stone of Remembrance (Anon).

In loving memory of my sister Ella from Mrs. Beardow and family.

Arranged by Mrs. E. Carr and Julie.

**MARCH 21** - No donation.

Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.

**MARCH 28** - No donation.

Arranged by Miss D. Harrop.

### WALTERS & SON FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Office and Chapel:

433-35 NEW CANTERBURY ROAD, DULWICH HILL -

560-9999

890 CANTERBURY ROAD, LAKEMBA -

759-4044

You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.



The  
Parish Register

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**WEDDINGS**

*“Those whom god has joined, let no man separate”*

13 February 1993. Ian Keith White and Filippa Buttitta.

20 February 1993. David Baldock and Deborah Granger.

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**What is happiness?**

One of the striking things about happiness to which Jesus refers in the Sermon on the Mount is that it is open for anyone to discover.

Here Jesus is different from any other religious teacher. Aristotle, the Greek philosopher, taught the happy life was open only to certain classes of people; it was not for slaves, for the diseased, for the dying or for the young. What a horrible kind of religion!

Buddha said a man cannot find happiness unless he gets rid of his own self - not merely his sinful self, but of the things that make real human life interesting. Only if he empties himself of all worldly desire in body and mind and puts in its place heavenly desire, will he find true and lasting happiness.

Other teachers have asserted that we must avoid pain and suffering and shrink from humiliation; and then if we are lucky we will be happy. Not so with Jesus. In the Sermon on the Mount He urges us actively to meet life, giving ourselves to it - but in the right way.

If a man does this, keeping his eyes fixed on what is really worth aiming at, and then trying to achieve it, he will find not necessarily material success,

**“How blest are those of a gentle spirit.”**

**Matthew Chapter 5 verses 1-13.**

but a personal life of character which is really “happy”. He will win respect from his fellow men, and above all the approval of God.

The religion of Jesus is free for all. He has no favourites. No one is debarred from discovering the happiness His way of life offers.

Through the centuries people have displayed many different signs to show they are disciples of Christ. The more common ones have been - the fish, the dove and the cross. Of course there is nothing intrinsically wrong with any of these. There is, however, a much better sign. One that is universal, one that will endure till Christ's return.

That sign is . . . Love.

Jesus says "A new commandment I give to you, that your love one another... by this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

These are familiar enough words. Notice, though, what is being said. Jesus is giving a command which includes a condition. An "if" is involved. If you are obedient you will wear the sign Jesus gave. Since it is a command, though, it can be violated. The point is this: it is possible to be a disciple without showing the sign, but if we expect non-Christians to know that we are Christians, we must show the sign.

In effect, Jesus is turning to the world and saying: "I've got something to say to you. On the basis of my authority, I give you a right: you may judge whether or not an individual is my disciple on the basis of the love that person shows to all Christians."

That's pretty scary! It's a reminder, though, of how important Love is. As far as Jesus is concerned, love is a priority. Such a priority that he gave it as a sign for us to wear before the world. How important is it then that we love! That we show love to our brothers and sisters in the midst of our differences - great or small - loving them when it costs us something, loving them under times of tremendous emotional tension. loving in a way that the world can see.

*"Let us not love in word  
or speech but indeed  
and truth."*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH PETERSHAM STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - JANUARY 1993

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENT	\$
Offeratories	1,793.28	Rector's Net Stipend	2,207.50
Fee for Wedding	50.00	Rector's Trav Allowance	540.00
Transfer of Funds		Organist	75.00
May Ruhle Endowment	1,038.00	Church cleaning	250.00
All Saints' Endowment	1,054.00	Hall Cleaning	250.00
Capital Reserve	1,278.00	Telephone Account	63.25
Restoration Fund	335.00	Cleaning Purchases	10.74
Special Purpose Fund	10.80	Flowers	0.00
District Visitor's		Morning Teas Expenses	10.89
Collection	50.00	Stipend for Revd. W. Collier	1,565.55
Investment Interest		Trav. Allowance for Rev. W. Collier	414.81
J. H. Douglass	659.17	Telephone Allow for Rev. W. Collier	29.00
Deposit Interest	0.34	Postage & Phone Calls	0.00
		Clear Rubbish from Rectory Backyard	700.00
		Green Material - Communion Table	159.00
		Advertising of Christmas Services	120.00
		Workers Compensation Insurance	81.20
		Two Bottles Communion Wine	9.70
		Duplicate Keys	10.00
		Foolscap Paper (10 Reams)	93.96
		Hall Electricity Account	159.45
	<u>6,268.59</u>		
Deficit for month	481.46		
	<u>6,750.05</u>		
		Surplus for month	0.00
			<u>6,750.05</u>
<b>BALANCE 1-1-93</b>	1,743.42		
Less deficit for month	481.46		
Plus surplus for month	<u>0.00</u>		
<b>BALANCE 31-1-93</b>	1,261.96		

### ACCOUNTS PAID JANUARY 1993

Jewel - Morning Tea Expenses	\$10.89,	Cleaning Purchases	\$10.74	21.63
Telecom Australia - Telephone A/c	13-01-93			63.25
D. J. Hocking - Clearance of Rectory		Rubbish		700.00
L & C Locksmiths - Two keys for mail		box & one for Vestry		10.00
Cumberland Newspapers P/Ltd - Advertising		for Christmas Services		120.00
G.I.O. Premium Workers' Compensation		Insurance 9-1-93 to 9-1-94		81.20
Church Stores Pty. Ltd. - Green material		for Communion Table		159.00
Sydney Electricity - Hall Account		2-7-92 to 31-12-92		159.45
Woolworths - Two bottles of Communion		Wine		9.70
Tower Alia P/Ltd. - 10 Reams of Foolscap		Paper		93.96

ALL SAINTS'  
CHURCH PETERSHAM  
RESTORATION FUND

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