

The Chronicle

of The Parish of All Saints' Petersham

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The Morning of the Resurrection--Axel Ender

"And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead . . ."

—The Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

RECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1971**(April 1, 1971 to December 31, 1971)****TO THE PEOPLE OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH:**

It is my great pleasure to present to you this report covering the nine-month period between the last general report and the end of 1971, this shorter period being necessitated by the change in the Church of England, Diocese of Sydney, fiscal year. It has been a period of hard work and long hours for those who love All Saints' as we struggle on to keep our Parish alive, so as to carry on the work of the Christian Ministry in this place. Much has been accomplished, and although there are dark clouds on the horizon, we look forward with high hopes and resolute determination to the unknown future. Looking to Christ as our leader and wishing to go only where He leads, we pray that God will grant us such success as would please Him in our efforts put forth in His Name.

Parish Statistics: For the sake of easy comparison I have set out the statistics from the Parish record books to show the number of events for the whole of 1970, and the whole of 1971—1st January to 31st December. You will find the 1970 figures in parentheses. In 1971 there were 22 Weddings (27), 43 Funerals (57), 48 Baptisms (69), 22 Confirmations (0), and 3,128 acts of Communion (3583). On every Sunday of the year there were at least three services of worship with Sermon. You may find it interesting to note that each wedding couple receives at least four hours of the Rector's time, in booking and registration, in rehearsal and wedding ceremony, and in an evening of personal counselling. Each Baptism receives about an hour in booking, assisting, and service. A sermonette on the meaning of Baptism is given at each service, and the mother receives a gift of a book on the sacrament. Each funeral occupies the Rector for between three to four hours, taking him away from the parish for most of that time. The Confirmation class received fourteen two-hour sessions at the Rectory and ten one-hour sessions at Newington College.

Scripture Lessons: The Rector together with his several assistants continues to teach the Holy Scriptures in our neighbouring schools, the Rector himself lecturing for four hours a week in the high schools during the school term.

Welfare Work: One of the greatest demands made on your Rector's time is extra-parochial welfare cases. These are lost souls coming to the Rectory door for various kinds of assistance. Most can be momentarily helped with a meal or a grocery order, but if any attempt at all is made to get to the root of the problem in order to give real Christian assistance and counselling, as we are by conscience called to give, then literally days of time in the aggregate are consumed. These are seldom members of any parish. Your Parish Council allows the Rector a small welfare relief fund for this purpose.

Extra-parochial Church Services: On several occasions a year your Rector is asked to arrange or preach at religious services in outside institutions such as the R.S.L. Anzac services and special school services. Last year, the ANZAC service was held at the Town Hall, but this coming year it will be held in All Saints' Church.

Parish Roll: A considerable amount of effort has gone this year into the production of a new and up-to-date parish roll. It is designed to be continually kept up-to-date. Your Rector asks that each person who thinks of himself as a member of All Saints' Church makes sure that his name and particulars are on that list. A phone call to the Rectory will accomplish this.

Memorial Gift: We were very happy to receive this year as a memorial a new lectern Bible, in the New English Version. It is presently being inscribed and will soon be on the lectern and read at all services.

The Annual Fete: Everyone knows that in spite of rain our fete this year was a great success, one of the best in our history. The Rector and Council are extremely grateful to all individuals and groups who by their self-sacrificing effort made this victory possible. The net proceeds were \$3,256.64. All Saints' needs the fete earnings each year and will even more so in the next few years. We pray that God will help us to find the path He would have us to walk in the future—and if it is His will, to win enough hearts for Him and as a result to gain the natural support of enough people to make the financial maintenance of this Parish less stressful and more faithful.

Parish Council: The Parish Council which is the governing body of our Parish held a monthly meeting with the Rector in the chair. This parish is blessed with a very good record of attendance of councillors. These meetings handled a mountain of business, correspondence and maintenance, essential to the successful operation of a parish. You will agree that we are fortunate to have a strong parish council.

Organist: Upon the unexpected retirement of Mr. Keith Allen, our organist since 1970, we advertised for a new musician and are very pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Christopher Sillince who is already proving his worth. We wish him God-speed in all his efforts on our behalf.

Church Grounds: The congregation will have noticed that our Youth Fellowship have spent much time and effort keeping the lawns tidy and helping with the gardens. The Rector and Council are grateful for their help. It is a very valuable service that they do.

Centenary Endowment Fund: Among the good things that could happen to All Saints' in the future would be for some sizable gifts to be made to the Centenary Endowment Fund. The earnings from this fund could, if it could grow fairly quickly, see us safely over the difficult periods we are now beginning to face. We ask that our older members will keep their Church in mind when making out their wills.

Special Occasions: We have had many special occasions this year, being our Centennial year. Among them of note were the Annual Parish Tea, which this year had some happy differences, and was extremely well attended. Also there was the Confirmation Service at which twenty-two youngsters were admitted to full communion in the Church of England. With Bishop F. O. Hulme-Moir doing the honors we had a nearly full Church. The highest point of the year might have been our Centennial Service of Dedication and Marriage Re-dedication on the 31st of October. For this service, friends from far and wide were present and the Church was full. It was a great success. Your Rector wishes to extend his sincere congratulations to the Senior Parishioners' Club on their extraordinary Christmas Party.

Parish Outlook: The all-Parish survey and invitation now in progress is pressing home the challenging truth that All Saints', Petersham, is surrounded by a sea of non-Church of England souls of many and varied ethnic and religious backgrounds. While this situation makes our task very difficult, it does not make it impossible. More and more new approaches will be needed to reach out into this new and still-changing community in Christ's name. Your Rector and many helpers are making this survey, and soon invitations in the Greek and Italian languages will be in use. It seems to me that any hope for the future of our Parish depends on our successfully reaching these new people and having done so, making them welcome and at-home in our midst. It is very warming

to see already African and Egyptian families worshipping with us, and I dream of seeing souls of every race, creed, and clime, worshipping together in God's House. From lands far away they can bring to us the best that is in their culture and add great beauty and depth to ours. May God grant us such wisdom as we shall need to accomplish His purposes.

A Challenge: We have inherited from the past a lovely Church building and a useful parish plant. Men and women who loved God sacrificed much to erect it here. It is now our duty, and our privilege to carry on that good work. Therefore we must be Christ's missionaries, taking His message of love and hope to all people around us, and to invite and encourage them to come to His Temple and learn of Him and worship God, and help in the work of lifting the human race to the highest goals. We must be about our Father's business. Therefore we must not give up because the going is hard. We must also keep a sharp watch over our own souls, that we fail not in the spiritual race, lest when we have preached to others we ourselves be cast out. Each one must walk close to Christ and work honestly for the good of His Kingdom. If each one of us struggles to do that, we shall have pleased Him, whatever may be the future of earthly estates.

May God Always Be With You, My People,

C. A. CAMPBELL, Rector.

LENT AND EASTER

Good Friday: As well as our own services, which we appeal to all Parishioners to support, there will be the annual Good Friday Service of Witness in Hyde Park, at 3.30 p.m. The Archbishop will give the address, music will be led by the "Ramblers" group, and Mrs. Maggie Britton from T.V. will read the Lesson. All parishioners are invited.

Easter Day: All service times are given on the back page of this issue. Kindly note that the second Service begins at 8.30 a.m.

Lenten Boxes: We ask parishioners to return their lenten boxes or envelopes on Easter Day. If you have not yet got a box for the purpose of collecting your financial sacrifices this Lent, please apply to our Church Officers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Lenten Boxes: Lenten boxes were distributed last month throughout the Sunday School and I would like to remind the boys and girls that we are asking them to put money into the boxes regularly, so that when they are brought back on Easter Day, we will have a large amount to send to the Australian Board of Missions.

Annual Meeting: The annual general teachers' meeting will be held later this month on a date to be fixed.

Prizes: I would like to remind the scholars that prizes are given to the girl or boy who brings along a new scholar to the Sunday School, providing the new scholar stays at least one month.

Attendance: Now that the school summer holidays have been over for a while, the Sunday School staff would like to see 100% attendance in each class. We are looking to the parents to support us by sending their children regularly on Sundays.

NOEL CRAGG, Hon. Secretary.

● Sanctuary Guild:

The Rector is deeply grateful to Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Hill for responding to his appeal for the formation of a Sanctuary Guild. These ladies will look after the Altar linen, communion vessels, etc., and will be a separate group to the Flower Guild.

KNOW YOUR PARISH

The second in our series of background articles on the activities within All Saints' Parish is contributed by Mrs. Shaw of the Senior Parishioners' Club. Throughout 1972, we will be featuring articles on the various clubs and other groups at All Saints'.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

It was way back in 1957 when I first started the "Senior Parishioners' Club" with the full co-operation of our previous Rector, the Rev. T. E. Champion. We had seven people come along on the first Thursday, over the years our numbers grew to 62, now however they have declined to around 50 members, with an average each week of 35 to 40.

This Club is a service to the community in that our members belong to varied denominations, many belong to other districts, but they all love to get together on Thursdays at 1 p.m. in our Parish Hall. Afternoon tea and small prizes are provided each week for the small donation of just 20 cents.

Our aim has always been to give a happy social afternoon away from the daily chores. We try to seek out the lonely ones, and the folk who do not go out very often.

This does not mean however that our Club is restricted to all elderly people, many of All Saints' smart younger matrons are also members.

Nor is this a Pensioners' Club. When it was named "Senior Parishioners'" it was intended to include our own parishioners from All Saints' Church and their friends.

For quite some time I was assisted in this work by Mrs. I. Clarke and Mrs. J. Wilson, two very devoted and loyal workers and a great asset to the Club and likewise to the Church. In more recent years I am grateful to Mr. George Clark, Mrs. Gallagher (an original member) and Mr. & Mrs. G. Barron, not forgetting Mrs. Humphreys whom we hope will be back again very soon.

Our Club has raised over \$1,000 for our Church. This has provided many useful amenities as well as assuring the Club of such useful equipment as laminex tables, good crockery, teapots, etc., which we hope will last for many years ahead.

The highlight of the year for our Club members is our Christmas Party. In recent years, we have been most fortunate in having popular T.V. stars such as Alan Dean, Col Joye and Sandy Scott to entertain us. A really lovely party with lots of goodies to eat and many lovely free gifts.

If you do not already belong to this friendly Social Club, we sincerely invite you to join. Ladies and Gentlemen are most welcome.

And above all else we do ask for God's blessing for a long and happy future for "All Saints' Senior Parishioners' Club."

DOT SHAW, Secretary-Treasurer.

CLUB NOTES

Ladies' Guild:

We hope to have all members present on Tuesday, 14th March to finalise arrangements for our luncheon on 21st March. Would members please note that, including this month, all our meetings will now commence at 1 p.m.

We extend an invitation to all Parishioners to attend our Luncheon on Tuesday, 21st March. We can assure you of a very interesting talk, to be given by Miss Boole.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.

Y.M. and Friends' Club:

I would like to remind members that our next meeting will be held in the Y.C.I. Clum Room on Tuesday, 14th March, at 8 p.m. Any ladies who would like to see what we do are cordially invited to come along as visitors.

Thanks to all who gave to or bought from our Street Stall on Saturday, 4th March.

Indoor Bowls Club:

The Bowls Club is arranging a series of weekly competitions for new members who haven't previously played the game. It is intended to give separate tuition to new players immediately they join, and provided there are at least two players, that a short friendly game will be organised at the end of the evening. The winner will receive a prize. Beginners will be able to compete in this category for two months.

At the same time, the existing members will be divided into two sides for a mixed fours competition, playing against each other for prizes. The Club has three mats; let's see if we can get enough new men or women players to bring them all into use!

F. HEARN, Hon. Secretary.

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- March 5: Donated by Mrs. Townsend and her Daughters in memory of Mr. Townsend; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- March 12: Donated by Miss G. Norman in memory of her Parents, Sisters, and Brothers; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- March 19: Donated by the Sanderson family in memory of their Mother and Aunt, with an anonymous donation for the War Memorial; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- March 26: Donated by the Craigie family in memory of their Father; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- April 2: **Easter Day:** Donated by Mrs. Beardow and family in memory of Mr. Beardow and by the Hird family in memory of their Mother; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

We also wish to acknowledge the donation for Sunday, 23rd January, from Miss Norman in memory of her Father.

BAPTISMS**"Born Again"**

- February 6: Jason Douglas Greenwood.
- February 6: Kelly Burgess.
- February 6: Christopher John Edwards.
- February 13: Kerry Anne Jones.

MARRIAGES**"Whom We Bless in Thy Name"**

- January 29: William Knight to Leonie Margaret Stevens.
- February 12: Robert James Eades to Yvonne Jean Ash.
- February 12: Roy William Smith to Judith Anne Carroll.
- February 12: Graham Frank Northey to Janet Elizabeth Tynan.

FUNERALS**"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"**

- January: 28: George William Gommesen.
- February 1: John Evelyn McGuinness.
- February 3: Mabel Emily Dryden.
- February 7: John Thomas Weaver.
- February 21: John Stooss Mackie.
- February 21: Howard Francis Swanbury.

NEWS BRIEFS

● **Organist Appointed:**

The Rector has announced the appointment of Mr. Chris. Sillince as our new Organist and Choirmaster, Mr. Sillince who has been acting as Organist since early January, was previously Assistant Organist at St. Paul's Burwood, with whom he still has some service commitments. We extend a hearty welcome to him, and trust he will have a long and happy time at All Saints'. We are also grateful to Mr. John Nance, who is officiating at our 8 a.m. Services.

● **Wanted — New Choir Members:**

Mr. Sillince would like to have a lot more adults and children in the Choir. Senior Choir practices will be held after Evensong on Sundays, while a practice time for the girls and boys has still to be fixed. Anyone interested in joining, or wanting further details, is cordially invited to contact Mr. Sillince as soon as possible.

● **Prayer Books:**

In order to avoid a shortage of Church Prayer Books at Easter and other services, it would be appreciated if parishioners with their own Prayer (and Hymn) Books could bring them on such occasions.

● **On Personalities:**

John Maxwell left us last month to take up a teaching position at the Narooma High School. We will miss him, especially from the Sunday School and Choir, with both of which he had been closely associated for several years. Congratulations to Alan Granger for passing his final year Law exam and gaining his B.Ec. degree at Sydney University. John Nance has returned to Drummoyne School, now as Deputy Master, his brother Lindsay is exploring London and has even climbed to the cross on the top of St. Paul's Cathedral (from the inside that is).

● **Private Communions:**

The Rector is happy to take the Lord's Supper to the bedsides of sick folk and to other "shut-ins" in the parish. He would like requests for private Communions to be made either by the participant or by someone in the home or immediate family, so that firm arrangements can be made, as to place and time. Those wishing to receive an Easter Communion are kindly asked to contact Mr. Campbell as early as possible.

● **Vestry Meeting:**

As this "Chronicle" went to print before the Vestry Meeting on 25th February, a report on that meeting will be given in our next issue. However, it has been possible to include herein the main parts of the Rector's Annual Report, which Mr. Campbell prepared for that meeting.

● **Weekly Envelopes:**

By making your offertories in our Weekly Envelopes, you help All Saints' to receive a more regular income. In view of the parish's rather desperate financial position, we appeal to more parishioners to use these envelopes, which also enable you to make regular donations to the missionary work of the Church beyond this parish. Sets of envelopes may be obtained from the Church Officers—please ask for your set now.

● **District Visitors:**

We have an urgent need to replace two ladies who have been forced to retire from the work of District Visiting. Could we have some offers from folk—either ladies or gentlemen, willing to pay just one visit per month to the Anglican homes in a small area of the parish? The work consists of leaving a "Chronicle", receiving donations to Church funds, and acting as a bridge between these folk and the Church. Please contact Mr. E. Quelch if you can assist.

YOUNG CHURCHMAN'S INSTITUTE

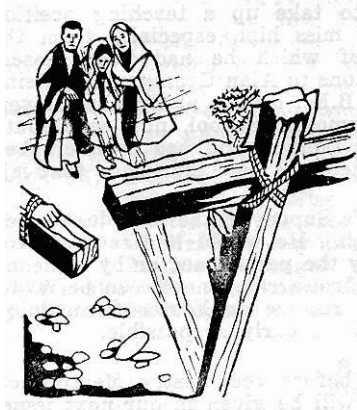
Annual Meeting:

Twelve members attended the 61st Annual Meeting of the Y.C.I. held on Friday, 18th February. At this meeting reports were received from the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, and office bearers for the coming year were elected. It was decided that the Y.C.I. in future would only meet on the 2nd Friday of each month. The meetings would be divided into two sections. At 7.45 p.m. a short business meeting lasting half an hour, followed at 8.15 p.m. with the subject of the evening, which would be opened to all parishioners and friends. It was also decided that there would be no printed syllabus this year, only a photo-stat sheet, listing meeting nights.

Next Open Evening: 10th March, 1972

The first open evening on the new Y.C.I. programme will be a "Calypso" Slide Night, at which the Rector, Rev. C. A. Campbell, will screen his slide collection of the West Indies. Anybody may attend. A light supper will be served, no charge.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES



PALM SUNDAY

26th March

Holy Communion	8.00 a.m.
Sunday School	9.45 a.m.
Holy Communion	11.00 a.m.
Evensong	7.00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

31st March

Holy Communion	8.00 a.m.
Family Service	10.00 a.m.
Devotional Service	2.00 p.m.
Open Air Service	3.30 p.m.

EASTER DAY

2nd April

Holy Communion	7.00 a.m.
Choral Communion	8.30 a.m.
Sunday School	9.45 a.m.
Holy Communion	11.00 a.m.
Evensong	7.00 p.m.

"AND NOTE that every parishioner shall communicate at least three times a year, of which Easter shall be one"—Book of Common Prayer.

WALTERS & SON

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