

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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CHURCH NEWS

Dedication of Ashes:

On Sunday, 11th September, the Rector will dedicate the additional ashes that have been received for the Columbarium since the initial service was held last April. This will mean that all ashes received to date will have been placed in their niches, and appropriate brass plates added.

The dedication will take place during the 11 a.m. Holy Communion Service.

Altar Rails Furbished:

The brass standards supporting the Communion Rails near the Altar have been baked with a clear enamel lacquer, in order to give them a bright shine that needs no polish.

The lacquer does not affect the appearance of the rails in any way at all, in fact, it will save the many hours of hard work that has to be put into polishing them with "Brasso" in order to keep their appearance respectable.

Even more difficult, however, to keep bright and shining is our large "eagle" lectern, which stands five feet high. It would save a lot of laborious work on the part of the devoted ladies who clean our brass, if this lectern could also be lacquered. The cost, however, would be \$80. The Rector would be very glad to hear from anyone willing to contribute towards this sum.

There is still a lot more brass in the Church to be polished, but if both the Communion Rails and the Lectern do not have to be done, the task will be brought more within manageable proportions.

Consecration Festival:

We were glad to have larger attendances than on normal Sundays for our special Consecration Festival Services on 21st August. Our thanks are extended to the Rev. T. F. McKnight, Rector of St. Augustine's, Neutral Bay, and the Rev. E. J. Storey, Rector of St. Stephen's, Hurlstone Park for the appropriate messages given to us.

The church was especially beautified for the occasion: the refurbished Sanctuary Rails were shining brightly and there was an abundance of lovely flowers. Our thanks go to all who gave them and arranged them to beautify God's House for this commemorative occasion.

Although this issue of "The Chronicle" goes to press before the night of the Parish Tea (Friday, 2nd September) we know that a lot of hard work will be put into this night by the hostesses of the tables, and extend our thanks to them for all they have done.

It was a special honour to have the Dean of Sydney, the Right Rev. F. O. Hulme-Moir, as our special speaker at the after-tea gathering, and it is very pleasing to learn that he will be returning to All Saints' for our Confirmation Service next month. The Bishop spent over ten years as Bishop of Nelson, New Zealand, where our own Rector served for 16 years, and his previous visit to us goes back to 1954, when he inducted former Rector, the Rev. R. A. Johnson, to All Saints'.

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CONFIRMATION SERVICE Bishop Hulme-Moir Returns

All parishioners are urged to give their support to our 1966 Confirmation Service which will be held on Tuesday, 4th October at 8.15 p.m.

The Sacred Rite of Confirmation will be administered by the Right

Rev. F. O. Hulme-Moir, Bishop Coadjutor and Dean of Sydney. This will be the Bishop's first Confirmation at all Saints' and all who heard his stirring address at the Parish Tea will welcome this opportunity to receive a further message from him.

Please note that this Service will be on the Tuesday night immediately following the Six-hour holiday week-end.

Our candidates are at present attending classes conducted by the Rector every Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. You can best show your support for and your interest in their spiritual future by attending this important service in their lives.

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PERSONAL

We regret to report the passing last month of Miss Mary Dulson, a faithful parishioner of All Saints'. The late Miss Dulson who was a member of our Senior Parishioners' Club, passed away after a severe illness, and the funeral Service was conducted by the Rector.

A number of our regular parishioners have been on the sick list over the last few weeks, and we wish them a speedy recovery to full health and strength.

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FAMILY SERVICE

Last month's Family Service coincided with the Consecration Festival, and was well attended. Can we dare to hope that this month's will be as well supported?

With the support of all parishioners and parents, it could be even better!

Special preacher at this month's Service, to be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, 18th September, will be our good friend, the Rev. A. H. Gallop, whose bright and breezy addresses will enliven the most dismal characters.

STOP PRESS: Family Service on 16th October will also be our Annual Youth Service. A well known public figure has been approached to speak at this Service. Watch for more details.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We would like to welcome Mr. Alan Granger to the Sunday School Staff. Alan offered to take Robert Champion's class after Robert went into the army.

Family Service:

For the past few Sundays the class attendances have increased but on the Sunday Family Service is held the attendances always drop.

We would like to see more scholars attending Family Service. Scholars who attend this service receive double the number of marks given on a normal Sunday.

Teachers' Meeting:

A teachers' meeting was held on the 23rd August. At this meeting arrangements were discussed for the grocery stall for the coming Parish Fete. Any gifts that you may be able to make to our stall in the form of groceries or jam would be most thankfully received. Donations of sugar will be especially welcomed, as we can give them to ladies willing to make jam for us. This is more profitable, of course, than selling the sugar itself on Fete day, which is why we make this special appeal.

N. CRAGG, Hon. Secretary

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

NAHUM & HABAKKUK

These two short, prophetic books do not stand in the mainstream of contemporary Christian attention to the Old Testament but each book has its own special contribution to make towards the total revelation of God in the Bible.

NAHUM—

The Book of Nahum has one central message declared in oracle concerning Nineveh. In 612 B.C., Nineveh, capital city of Assyria, fell to a coalition of invading forces headed by the Babylonians. To the Jews, whose land and cities had been long oppressed by the Assyrians, this defeat was a sign of the judgement of God on an empire who had shown no mercy to others and whose arrogance and pride had become a byword. To the Jew it was impossible that man should build and prosper in contempt of God and afflict the helpless without mercy, and that God should look on unmoved. Thus Nineveh's fall was seen as the judgement of God in history.

The second and third chapters particularly, describe in vivid terms the final assault of the invading cavalry upon Nineveh as the last lines of defence give and the horsemen and chariots pour into the defeated city. The book is a grim reminder of the reality of the judgment of God upon impenitence and pride.

HABAKKUK—

The Book of Habakkuk may have been roughly contemporary with that of Nahum but its theme is very different. The collapse of Assyria did not mean a period of peace and prosperity for Israel but rather the exchange of one overlord for another. Habakkuk shared the religious and moral horror one encounters in Isaiah and Micah at the social and religious conditions of his day—"spoiling and violence are before me . . . the law is slackened" (ch. 1:vv. 2 and 3) Therefore God will visit and judge his people in a way unexpected by them.

Chapter 2 consists of prophecies of doom upon aspects of Israel's corporate life, against land-grabbing, human pride, especially in building for self-aggrandisement, drunkenness and idolatry. ?

The third and final chapter of the book consists of a psalm or prayer where the prophet prays for a demonstration of the power of God in his own day, and a revival of the great acts of God in the past (3:2-6). However, as his mind turns to the present his heart fails (3:16) as he contemplates the effect of the judgment of God on his own generation, and "though the fig tree shall not blossom . . . and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord . . . I will joy in the God of my salvation, . . . the Lord is my strength".

For us all, when our heart fails, and we are deceived into thinking that life offers little hope, we are led back to fundamentals, that Christ is our true joy, that His joy no man can take from us and, as for Habakkuk and the Psalmist, "that God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever". — (Psalm 73:26).

Next Month: ZEPHANIAH and HAGGAI

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EVENSONG TO START LATER

Winter has gone. The colder nights are now behind us. Accordingly, the time of Sunday Evening Services will revert to 7 p.m. on and from Sunday, 4th September.

We trust that parishioners found the earlier time of 6.30 p.m. more convenient for the winter months.

CLUB NEWS

Young Churchmen's Institute:**September 9th: President's Night**

Our President, the Rev. T. E. Champion has arranged as the Guest Speaker for this year's President's Night, Mr. A. Callaway, a former very well known cricketer. We look forward to a good attendance by members on this occasion.

September 17th: Parish Car Drive

This year's Parish Car Drive will be to Bobbin Head, a round trip of about 50 miles. On the outward journey, we will travel via Gladesville Bridge, the new North-western Expressway, and the North Shore, while on the way home, we will come down through Hornsby, Ryde, and the Concord bridge.

Passengers are asked to be in the Church grounds ready to leave no later than 1.30 p.m., while drivers are asked to be there a little earlier, about 1.15 p.m. Parishioners who have spare room in their cars for passengers are kindly asked to contact Alan Jones (56-5218) by 7th September, as this will assist greatly in the organisation of the Drive. When late offers of transport are received, it is difficult for us to find more passengers at the last minute.

Afternoon tea will be served by the Y.C.I. at Bobbin Head. We will provide tea, sugar, and milk, but ask parishioners to bring their own food and cups. There are lots of good scenic views along the route, and we suggest you bring your cameras.

Tickets for the drive will cost 60 cents for adults and 30 cents for children.

GEOFFREY W. GORMAN, Hon. Secretary

Senior Parishioners' Club:

We are sorry to report the death recently of Miss Dulson, a regular and very generous member of the Senior Parishioners' Club. She will be sadly missed by her many friends in the Parish of All Saints'.

We would like to increase our attendances, as many of our members have either left the district, or in several cases, entered Nursing Homes. We invite Senior Citizens within the district to be our guests any Thursday afternoon at 1.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Games, prizes, and afternoon tea are provided.

Your donation is voluntary. We entertain approximately 40 people each week during the winter, and even more when the weather is warmer. Anyone interested may ring 71-6967 for further information.

Our thanks to Miss Chippindall and Mrs. Whiting for their help during the absence of Mrs. Nance due to illness.

DOT SHAW

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PLEASE TAKE THIS AS A PERSONAL INVITATION

The Annual Card Party in aid of St. Luke's Hospital will be held in our Parish Hall on

WEDNESDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER, at 1.30 p.m.

Donation 30c.

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No extra charges

Everyone from All Saints' is invited — arranged by our Branch of St. Luke's Centre

VISIT FORT DENISON: You are invited to join St. Luke's Centre on a tour of this historic spot on Wednesday, 12th October.

Watch next "Chronicle" for more details,

Indoor Bowls Club:

On his retirement recently, Mr. Ossie Olofsson moved to a new home that he had purchased at The Entrance, Tuggerah Lakes. The Bowls Club owes him a debt of gratitude as he was one of the initial members who helped me to organize this Club at All Saints' 7 years ago.

The members of the Indoor Bowls Club wish him every success in his new life.

Vacancies still exist for new members. Come alone any Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m.

BERT SHAW

Ladies' Guild:

The Guild continues to meet in the Parish Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. With a total membership of only 12, it isn't easy to do all we used to do. We would welcome any assistance, especially if you can sew, and the material will be willingly supplied.

We would like to say a sincere thank you to all who gave and helped the Guild Tables at the Parish Tea.

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PARISH REGISTER**BAPTISMS**

"One Lord, one faith, one Baptism"

July 17th: Glenn Leslie William Hartley.

July 17th:: Robert Thomas Gurr.

July 24th: Garry John Pearce.

July 24th: Scott Alan Pitt.

Aug. 14th: Samuel Paul Evans.

**MARRIAGES**

"Whom we bless in Thy Name"

July 23rd: Les Barolits to Edna Verburg

August 9th: Douglas Alexander Taylor
to Lyndall Janet Black.

August 13th: Kerry Neil Bales to Helen
Maydos Clarke.

August 20th: Allan James Young to Kay
Annette Werrell.

August 27th: William John Houston to
Denise Elizabeth Rayner.

FUNERALS

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

August 2nd: Florence Robertson.

August 3rd: George Frederick Wood.

August 10th: Walter Cornelius Walker.

August 23rd: Mary Eleanor Dulson.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

4th September: Donated by Miss Pearce in memory of Miss Darke, and by the family of Mrs. Elizabeth Jones in her memory; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

11th September: Donated by Mrs. Anderson and her Son in memory of Mr. James T. Anderson, by Mrs. Humphreys and Allan in memory of Mr. Jack Humphreys, by Mrs.

- Rhodes in memory of her Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adams, and of Bishop Hilliard, and by Miss Graham in memory of her Mother; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- 18th September: Donated by Mrs. Ditchburn in memory of Mr. J. Ditchburn, by Mrs. Bryce in memory of her Mother, and by Mrs. Quelch in memory of her Parents; arranged by Mrs. Quelch.
- 25th September: Donated by Mrs. Willis and Mrs. Shiels in memory of Mrs. Sheriff, by Mrs. Sumner and Family in memory of Mr. A. Sumner, by Mrs. Pullen in memory of her Parents, and by Mrs. Maxwell and John for the birthday of her Mother and his Grandmother; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- 2nd October: Donated by Mrs. Cook in memory of her Parents, and by Mrs. Bosward and Family in memory of Mr. Tom Bosward; arranged by Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Bosward.

On Sunday, 21st August, flowers were also donated by Miss Fry and by Mrs. Latham and Family in memory of Mr. Latham. On 28th August, the flowers were also donated by Mrs. Gordon in memory of Mr. Gordon.

—oOo— LATEST FETE NEWS



The Fete is drawing very close. Set down for Saturday, 19th November, the big day is now only two months away.

Here are some notes of the work being done by some of the stalls already active:

Jewellery:

Mrs. Millarey, who is concentrating on Jewellery only this year, is still looking for lots more stocks. If you have any old items that you no longer wear, you would be doing a service if you sent them along to the Rectory so that Mrs. Millarey can brighten them up for sale at the Fete.

But please remember to give them now. Late donations can't always be re-strung or repaired in time. Every little donation will help. Please see what you can do to assist.

Groceries and Jams:

The Sunday School staff and scholars have again volunteered to look after the Grocery and Jam Stall, and we commend to your earnest consideration their appeal contained in this "Chronicle". Any donations that you may be in a position to make will greatly encourage the young people in their effort for us.

Fete Attractions:

Mr. Bert Shaw has been on the job for some months and has secured some outstanding entertainments to attract people to the Fete. We're going to keep you in suspense for a little while about the details, but believe us, they'll be outstanding performances that will be well worth coming a long way to see. Watch for further announcements.

SOCIAL AFTERNOON

You're invited to Mrs. Clark's SOCIAL AFTERNOON on Saturday, 1st October, starting at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Admission, covering door, cards, and games prizes, and afternoon tea, is only 30 cents, all proceeds going to Fete funds. Card players are welcome: bring three friends and make up a foursome. There will also be a stall with Christmas Gifts for sale.

We hope to see you there !

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS !

B.O.O.K.S., an All Saints' search and collect mission for books, magazines, and comics, has swung into full operation since you received last month's "Chronicle".

We gratefully thank all who have already donated books. However, our stall still has space for lots of educational, paper backs, magazines, and comics, and we ask you to keep your gifts coming in, c/o the Rectory.

"What you give today—will be repaid tomorrow".

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GOD IN THE HOME

Although the Church can reasonably take a considerable measure of credit for the growth of schools and hospitals and perhaps even the burgeoning industry of tourism (long ago she encouraged "folk to go on pilgrimages" as Chaucer reminds us), the family is an institution far older than Christianity, and is itself of divine origin. "God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it". (Genesis 2:27, 28).

The Christian family is not basically different from other families. nor, for that matter, is the human family greatly unlike the families of other mammals, or even of birds. The duty of honouring father and mother was not discovered by the Church, and neither was it invented by Moses: it goes back to the very beginning, long before the Decalogue.

But the Christian religion does lay upon each member of the family special responsibilities because they are followers of Christ. And it holds up before us an example one particular family: the Holy Family of Nazareth. It is, therefore, not surprising to find that the Book of Common Prayer has a lot to say on the subject.

Thus, we are told that "Matrimony is an honourable estate, instituted of God Himself, signifying unto us the mystical union that is betwixt Christ and His Church, ordained for the increase of mankind according to the will of God, and that children might be brought up in the fear and nurture of the Lord, and that the natural instincts and affections, implanted by God, should be hallowed and directed aright, and for the mutual society, help, and comfort, that the one ought to have of the other, both in prosperity and adversity: for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part" (solemnization of Matrimony).

A Christian child is to be "virtuously brought up to lead a Godly and Christian life". (Public Baptisms). The Catechism reminds us that duty to one's neighbour, like charity, begins at home. Much is explicitly stated, much also is implied. For example, the father is the natural priest of the family; it should be one of his duties to "say Grace" before meals (in a Christian family, every meal is a little Communion). The Godly old custom of family prayers led daily by the Father seems regrettably to be dying out; it ought to be revived.