

The Chronicle

Of All Saints
Petersham

STANMORE ROAD, PETERSHAM

Rector: BRUCE WOOLCOTT

Phone: 569-4735

DECEMBER, 1983

Christmas Day Services

7.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

9.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

7.00 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to join in the celebration of our Saviour's birth.

Further details:-

REV. BRUCE WOOLCOTT

569-4735

The Rectory,

Petersham, 2049

18/10/83

Dear Friends,

The age-old rhyme says —

“Christmas comes but once a year,
And when it comes it brings great cheer”.

To me it seems that Christmas comes very, very often to many folk these days. We live in a land of unbelievable wealth, and in an age that hardly knows the meaning of hard work.

We ought not complain about our good fortune, or wish that days were tougher and tougher than they are. For our grandparents the test of their Christian faith was the harshness of the country and sheer hard work required to conquer this sunburnt land. To their credit, and to God's glory, they survived and gave us a great heritage. Today, our testing lies in a soft society which enjoys enormous wealth for many, if not for all. Our test — can we handle it without losing faith, becoming mere materialists or closing our hearts to others needs.

Christmas becomes yet another of the many celebrations — the New Year, Australia Day, Anzac Day, Easter Day, Labour Day, Queen's Birthday, Remembrance Day, Father's Day, Mother's Day, our own birthday, the wedding anniversary, the day we were engaged, the day we began work, the day we changed jobs, the day we were baptised, the day we were divorced, the day we were confirmed — and so they go on and on — the day we moved into our house, the day exams finished — on and on.

Christmas used to come once a year, but how often does it come these days? Maybe only one day is called Christmas, but if it's gifts and festivities that makes Christmas then it seems as if it happens almost weekly.

I guess it all comes down to what Christmas is all about. It celebrates the time that God burst into our human history.

Christmas celebrates the day that Jesus Christ, God's only Son, was born of Mary of Nazareth. God took human flesh and came and dwelt among us. He lived with men for thirty odd years — that is, until men rejected Him and tried to do away with Him by nailing Him to a cross. Strangely enough this was what God expected and yet God loved us and was willing to sacrifice His Son for us. Amazing Love!

Christmas only comes once a year in the celebration of the birth of a Saviour. However, Christ needs to be born in our hearts each day — a daily cleansing from sin.

The cheer Christmas brings to the believer does not leave a hangover the next day, or a broken toy the day after. The true cheer of Christmas is the joy of sin forgiven and the abiding love of God found in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Have a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Yours sincerely, BRUCE WOOLCOTT



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

FETE GROCERY STALL: I would like to thank all who made a donation towards the great success of the Grocery Stall this year. The Sunday School's stall made \$435 on the day plus \$20 paid in earlier in the year to make a grand total of \$455.

I would also like to thank the ladies who made the jam, the young folk who helped on the stall, and for the help I had on the Friday to set up the stall.

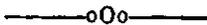
SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY: This year the Senior Sunday School will be joining with the Kindergarten for a Christmas Party. The party is to be held on Friday, 16th December, commencing at 5.30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: The Sunday School and Kindergarten will finish for 1983 at the Family Service on Sunday, 18th December, 9.30 a.m. Parents are encouraged to join with their children at this service.

We will resume lessons in 1984 on Sunday, 5th February.

I would like to thank the Rector for his continued help and support in Sunday School matters throughout the year.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent



★ SUNDAY SCHOOL GROCERY SALE ★

We still have some Groceries For Sale

HONEY For Various Sizes ● **HARRIS TEA BAGS**

60 Teapot Bags, 80c; 110 Tea Bags for cup or pot, \$1.50

If you would like to purchase any of these items, see Noel Cragg.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

As I write these notes, one of our loved members, Mary Pullen, is in Lewisham Hospital. Our prayers are with you, dear, and we hope you will soon be back with us as good as ever.

Our Club will now go into recess for the Christmas and New Year holidays. We resume on Thursday, 26th January, 1984. We hope on that day to see all our members back again with happy smiling faces; also, it would be nice to be able to welcome some new ones. Think about it!!!

Our Club members wish each other and all those around us the Blessings of Peaceful Happy Christmas and Good Health and Happiness in the New Year.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Sec.



WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

Well, the big Fete that we have all been working and planning for is over for another year. Many, many thanks to all our good friends (and there were so many) who donated to our Cake and Sweet Stall in any way. The proceeds of the Cake and Sweet Stall was \$392.33. Thanks to all once again.

We finish the year with a Christmas Party instead of a meeting on Tuesday, 6th December at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Mrs. Elizabeth Kizero and Mrs. Beverly Champion will be our entertainers. Please come and join us, I'm sure it will be a lovely afternoon. There won't be a charge, but if you wish to donate, there will be a plate at the door.

As usual, our Club will go into recess until the first Tuesday in February, 1984.

We take this opportunity to wish all a Happy Holy Christmas and Good Health in the New Year.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Sec.

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FLOWER DONATIONS FOR DECEMBER

- December 4—By Mr. and Mrs. Swankie and grandsons in memory of our Mother and Nanna.
By Miss Perry, a thanksgiving donation.
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.
- December 11—By Mrs. M. Willis in memory of Mrs. Willis, Senr.. Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.
- December 18—By Mrs. Rhodes in memory of Vera Dearing and son Peter Brian Moran.
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.
- December 25— By Babara and Stella in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, Sister Ena and friends Dorrie and Sallie.
By Mrs. Carr and family in memory of Alan Carr.
By Mrs. E. Cheetham and family in memory of Mr. C. Cheetham.
Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.



THE FETE

Now that the Fete is over, we can all relax a little. Thanks from the Rector and Parish Council are due to all who assisted in any way. There are big jobs and small jobs, and the small jobs are countless, right down to sustaining the stall workers with cups of tea.

The erection of the stalls and tents went smoothly and quickly due to an ample supply of male workers. We hope to see them more frequently.

All Saints Fete has always been a time of reunion with people who have left the Parish and this year they were abundant. It is some years since we heard Bernie Sayers voice in the choir but it came in very handy when I wanted to thank an unknown visitor for returning Mrs. Hunt's wallet. If you come to All Saints, your talents will be put to use.

There was a time when the Parish could debate how the Fete profit could be used, but that does not apply now. It goes straight into general income to help balance the budget, and with it the income from re-cycling cans and newspaper and magazines.

May I wish all of you a satisfying Spiritual Christmas and a Happy New Year, with the hope that your New Year Resolution will be to attend All Saints frequently.

PRIZE WINNERS IN THE COLOURING-IN COMPETITION
run in conjunction with the Fete.

REBECCA EDWARDS, DANIEL EDWARDS, MICHELLE
LEA, MATTHEW LEA, DONNA EGAN, SCOTT SHEP-
PARD, STACY SHEPPARD, JEFFREY BOURKE.

Each prize winner receives an Asterix Book.

FETE DOOR PRIZES:

Mr. K. CLARKE, 53 Bruce Street.

Mrs. B. PICKUP, Trafalgar Street.

F. HEARN, Fete Chairman.



INDISPENSABLE

(By courtesy of Clipper Tours)

Sometime, when you're feeling important,
Sometime, when your ego's in bloom,
Sometime, when you take it for granted,
You're the best qualified in the room.
Sometime, when you feel that your going,
Would leave an unfillable hole,
Just follow this simple instruction,
And see how it humbles your soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water,
Put your hand in it up to your wrist,
Pull it out: and the hole that's remaining,
Is a measure of how much you are missed.
You may splash all you please as you enter,
You can stir up the water galore,
But stop, and you'll find in a minute,
That it looks quite the same as before.

The moral of this quaint example is:

Do just the best that you can,
Be proud of yourself, but remember,
There's no indispensable man. . .

FETE 1983

STALLS	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
WHITE ELEPHANT	1129.00	900.00
MRS. RHULE'S WORK STALL	2152.93	2229.93
CAKES/SWEETS	392.33	351.60
MRS CHAMPION'S WORK STALL	765.45	1087.22
BOOKS	270.03	313.12
HOOP-LA	57.10	61.60
GROCERIES	483.06	417.63
JEWELLERY	74.40	401.60
PLANTS	205.79	189.80
HOT DOGS	97.35	111.40
POTTERY	379.45	434.73
REFRESHMENTS	228.36	322.56
DONATIONS	271.00	520.00
CASTLE	—	95.98
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LESS EXPENSES	118.24	398.10
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This year was not quite as good as last year but it is a good figure nevertheless.

Do we need and do we have any new ideas? As can be seen we have reduced running expenses to the absolute minimum.

WALTERS & SON
FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Offices and Chapels:

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.

**ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH PETERSHAM
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS — OCTOBER 1983**

RECEIPTS		\$	PAYMENTS		\$
Offerteries	.....	1101.23	Rector's Net Stipend	1126.25	
Recycling			Rector's Trav. Allow.	208.33	
Cans	100.80		Organist	75.00	
Papers	327.65	428.45	Church Flowers	60.00	
Church Flowers	.....	35.50	Chronicles	65.20	
District Visitors	.....	60.00	Church Cleaning	120.00	
Sale Church History	.....	1.00	Hall Gas A/C	16.00	
Donations:—			Annual Hal Licence		
Women-In-Friendship	.....	200.00	Fee	25.00	
OES Floodlights	.....	20.00	M.W.S. & D.B.	223.40	
OES Chronicle	.....	1.00	Organ Tuning &		
Miss Thomas Chronicle	.....		Maintenance	135.00	
		10.00			2054.18
Fete:—			Surplus for month	188.60	
White Elephant	.....	300.00			
Donation CTB of A	.....	75.00			
Grocery Stall	.....	1.10			
Rector's Telephone	.....			
Contribution 9/83	.....	9.50			
		2242.78			2242.78

Balance 1/10/83	.....	395.96
Plus surplus for month	.....	188.60
Balance 31/10/83	.....	584.56
Plus transfer from Capital Reserve Fund	.....	443.36
Balance 31/10/83		1027.92

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT — OCTOBER 1983

Fresh Flowers Pty. Ltd. — September Flowers	.....	60.00
James & James — November Chronicles	.....	65.20
Australian Gas Light Co. — Min. A/C Hall	.....	16.00
Local Govt. Office — Annual Hall Licence Fee	.....	25.00
M.W.S. & D.B. — Annual Account	.....	223.40
J. W. Walker & Sons (Alia.) Pty. Ltd — Organ Turning & maintenance. — Turning \$75, Maint. \$60	.....	135.00
BALANCE OF ALL ACCOUNTS AS AT 31st OCTOBER, 1983		

	LAST MONTH	THIS MONTH
General Account	395.96	1027.92
Capital Reserve	1441.46	1338.10
Endowment A/C No. 1	3948.83	3948.83
Endowment A/C No. 2	23487.12	23867.55
Bus Fund	3826.52	3861.30
General Missions	518.99	559.69
Columbarium Trust A/C	2309.19	2335.35
Restoration Fund	1870.29	1887.54
Special Purpose A/C	1.48	1.48
Organ Fund	1100.11	1182.61
Sunday School A/C	1706.05	1747.93
Build. Maintenance A/C	1000.10	1000.10
TOTALS	41606.10	42758.40