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GREETINGS 1984: The Right Reverend Leslie Ernest Peterson, Bishop of Algoma Dioceses, and his wife, Yvonne, met with guests at Bishophurst, in Sault Ste.

Marie on Sunday, January 1st, in celebration of 1984. Shown here, the couple meet with Mr. and Mrs. Ted McClure (left) and Mildred Eaid (centre), wife of Dr.

Charles Eaid. The New Year's reception is an annual event at the residence on Simpson Street. (Photo by Keith Stephen)

Haileybury and Cobalt honor Rector on his retirement

A special event was held at St. Paul's Church, Haileybury, on December 21st, in honour of Archdeacon Roy Locke and his

wife, Isabelle, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Archdeacon's ordination, as well as the occasion of his retirement.

Parishioners of St. Paul's and St. James', Cobalt, were joined by friends from New Liskeard and former parishioners from Englehart.

A sung Eucharist was celebrated by the Ar-

chdeacon, assisted by the Rural Dean for Temiskaming, Fr. Frank Gower, of New Liskeard, with Gwen Middaugh, of Englehart, as organist.

This was followed by a pot

luck supper, presentation of gifts, and a skit entitled "Church Birdwatchers." The Rural Dean, who acted as M.C. for the evening, gave a brief talk telling how Archdeacon Locke was called to the priesthood.

He voiced the sadness of the parishioners at losing Fr. Locke after nine years as their Rector, and expressed everyone's good wishes for a happy and satisfying retirement. The Lockes will be living at Novar.

Bishop Peterson writes about Algoma Anglican

The Algoma Anglican is the voice of Anglicans of this Diocese. It gives the Bishop a chance to communicate with members of the diocesan family on a regular basis. It provides all readers with news about clergy appointments and events in the Diocese. It is an excellent medium of communication for us all. It is a means for us to share good news about the things God is doing in our midst.

The budget cuts in October, 1982, were drastic for *The Algoma Anglican*, and if it wasn't for the loyal service of Hugh Mackenzie and Bob Boyer, we would not be able to keep in print. However, I know they feel strongly that we need to keep information about our Diocese before people, and so do I. They have been giving their services generously, and in this spirit I am asking each one of you to encourage support of our diocesan paper.

+ Leslie Algoma



RECTOR RETIRES: Archdeacon Roy Locke and his wife, Isabelle, with Peter Garvin and Maurice Weight, wardens of St. Paul's, Haileybury, and Brian Parks and

Eileen Hunt, wardens, of St. James', Cobalt, are shown at a retirement party for the Rector. The Lockes were presented with handcrafted wallets and a cheque.

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A new kind of Lent

(Lent begins March 7th)

From the newsletter
of St. Thomas' Church,
Thunder Bay

(For the Sunday before Ash
Wednesday)

Ash Wednesday is a serious occasion. The Church across the years has traditionally reminded us of our mortality. These bodies do not live forever ("ashes to ashes, dust to dust"). Ashes are also a symbol of humility (sackcloth and ashes) lest our uncontrolled pride become too great.

Well and good. Beyond remembering that "Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "length," indicating the lengthening of days in the Springtime, let us try this year to have a new kind of Lent.

Let it be new, in that instead of "giving up" something, we should do something positive and practical and helpful for someone else. One Church suggests that during the first week parishioners express love for someone; in the second

week, to write a letter of appreciation; in the third, to make a special phone call.

In the fourth they are asked to send flowers, a book, or baked goods to someone new; in the fifth, pray for someone by name; and in the final week attend worship with someone outside their usual range of friendships.

Let's try it! We might enjoy it! Doing these things for other people is an expression of practical Christianity. Don't worry about being called a "do-gooder." The alternatives of being a "do-badder," or doing nothing, are worse. We still remember the deep spiritual disciplines of discipleship, always aware of the self-denial and suffering of our blessed Lord Jesus. We shall be serious, but not sad; reverent, but not ultra-pious; solemn, but not depressed.

Our Lenten Offering Folders will remind us of ways of strengthening our Church's mission.

The Apostolic Scriptures

By Canon John G. McCausland, S.S.J.E.

Last month we looked into the position of the Creeds in the third and fourth centuries of Christianity. We discovered that the Creeds provided a summary of the facts regarding Almighty God, revealed to us through Jesus Christ, and developed under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Until recently, many Christians thought that there was one English translation of the Bible. If the individual read it diligently he/she would know the Christian Faith. When divisions among Christians occurred, the various opinions about the meaning of passages in the Bible produced controversy and more divisions. Differing opinions about the meaning of Holy Scripture occurred very early in the Church's life. After the death of the Apostles, there were no eye-witnesses of the Resurrection. The Church then collected the various letters (Epistles) and the Gospels. For historical background the Acts of the Apostles was studied and used: much later the visions and thoughts for the future of the Church were put down in "picture" form in the Book of Revelation.

Until A.D. 397 (Council of Carthage) the content of the Bible was not fixed. In addition many Greek, Latin and Syriac editions of the New Testament were in circulation. One Greek text of the Old Testament (Septuagint) was used by churches and individuals who did not know Hebrew. From what has been said, it is evident that the Bible is the chief document of the Church. Any book which deals with beliefs, behaviour, history, authority, etc. needs living authority (2 Peter 1:20). New editions of the Bible seem to be coming out every month. Some of them represent opinions and implications of the Group from which they proceed. Anglicans have a three-point plan for understanding Holy Scripture.

First of all, the Anglican Church (Church of England 1571) has made a definite pronouncement about the content of Holy Scripture (Prayer Book p. 700). Our Scholars continue to study the various texts. They compare their "findings" with the Creeds and the Tradition of the Church. Human reason is the great gift of God to the Humans. The Holy Spirit guides and anoints the scholarly studies and the Tradition. The last two questions, and the first question (pages 554, 555) of the Prayer Book Catechism, give a clear picture of the relation of the Bible to the Church.

Some modern Christians are discouraged because there is less Bible reading in our homes than in the 19th century. There is new hope in the enthusiastic reception of the new Eucharistic Lectionary. It is being used by Anglicans in most parts of our Church. The same or similar Lectionary is used by Lutherans, Presbyterians and Roman Catholics, and others. It should be noted that the "Text" used among these Denominations is that recommended by the church concerned. This is the method used by the Apostolic scholars. In other words, the Bible within the Church is most likely to represent the truth since the facts of Scripture are studied within centuries-old, but living, Tradition, and developments, coming from human reason, allow us to balance ancient wisdom with new aspects of truth.

Algoma Anglican editorial —

Your help is needed

The Algoma Anglican needs help. Last year our Diocesan newspaper had a deficit of approximately \$3,000.00 and this has severely affected our ability to produce an informative and professional publication. Costs in almost all areas of the Church's work have escalated dramatically during the past several years and some budget cuts have been necessary. The budget for The Algoma Anglican has been trimmed by more than one third.

We believe that The Algoma Anglican is worth fighting for and we hope you do too. One important function of our newspaper is its ability to act as a communicating link between the far spread parishes throughout our Diocese. It gives us a sense of identity and a sense of sharing with other people, whom we do not know, but with whom we share a similar faith.

If The Algoma Anglican is to continue to communicate effectively and regularly, your help is needed. We are asking you for a financial donation, no matter how small, as a tangible indication that you want our Diocese to continue to produce a newspaper. If you can help, won't you please do so now? Send your donation marked "Algoma Anglican," to The Treasurer, Diocese of Algoma, Synod Office, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

Announcements . . .

Archdeacon Frank Coyle, having been authorized by the Bishop to induct The Reverend T. J. Delaney as Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Sault Ste. Marie, the Service of Induction took place at 8:00 p.m. on January 18th, 1984.

The Reverend Canon Cyril Goodier, faithful Priest of the Diocese of Algoma, died in his 96th year on January 5th, 1984. The funeral was held in St. James' Church, Dundas, at 11:00 a.m. on January 7th.

Canon Goodier was ordained Deacon on June 19th, 1923, in the Chapel of St. Mark, Bishop's College, Lennoxville, by the Bishop of Quebec (for the Archbishop of Algoma).

He was Priested on October 19th, 1924, in St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie, by the Archbishop of Algoma.

In his retirement years he gave unstinting service to the Church, when he served at Marathon, Blind River, Gore Bay, Port Arthur and Fort William. He was Assistant Priest at St. Luke's Cathedral, after which he returned to Port Arthur, and he served again at Blind River. Canon Goodier then served in Port Sydney, taking his final retirement from Port Sydney in September of 1971.

Canon Goodier lived close to God and his life reflected this to those who knew him. He was meticulous in saying the Daily Office.

Bishop Peterson announces the following appointments:

The Reverend Gary Boyes, B.A., M.Div., has been appointed as the Incumbent of Trinity-St. Albans', Bala; All Saints', MacTier, and the Church of our Lady, Southwood, as of February 1st, 1984.

The Reverend Frank Mason, B.A. M. Div., has been appointed as Rector of St. Paul's, Haileybury; St. James', Cobalt, and St. Simon, Temagami, as of March 1st, 1984.

The Reverend Robert Cross, B.A., M. Div., has been appointed as Rector of St. Paul's, Manitouwaning; St. Francis, Mindemoya, and St. John's, South Baymouth, as of March 4th, 1984.

Motto for Algoma Diocese in the coming year

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33)

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Subscriptions, changes of address . . .

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Letter from the Bishop —

In the parishes, and at Deanery Councils in our Diocese, we are called to look at evangelism, its biblical basis and the way we as members of the Anglican Communion have been able to nourish people into a mature faith. I was reading St. Luke 5: versus 1 to 10, where Jesus asks Peter to assist him in the evangelistic work by lending him his boat. We all begin where we are with the talents and possessions we have, and when we offer them to Jesus he can use them to help him build up his Church.

I can see Peter holding the boat steady as Jesus teaches the people. Perhaps he was praying to the heavenly Father that Jesus' teaching would touch the hearts of his countrymen.

I am sure that if Jesus asked you to help him extend His Kingdom, by driving your car, or praying for your Rector, or supporting your parish work, that you would be glad to help, just as Peter was — and furthermore, you would discover as Peter did that there are many blessings and deeper things to learn as you work along with Jesus.

You never know all that God has in mind in your life, when you set out to follow Him — but He can be trusted.

Yours in Christ,

+ Leslie Algoma

Book review . . .

"Crossroads" — Times of decision for people of God — by Herbert O'Driscoll. 96 pages, paper \$5.95, Anglican Book Centre.

By the Reverend Clifford Elliot

"The spiritual journey, as we all know, is full of crossroads," says Herbert O'Driscoll in the introduction to this very readable little book of vignettes from the lives of people from Noah to Bonhoeffer, from St. Patrick to Archbishop Romero. The crossroads are places where we have a decisive choice to make. "At such places we encounter the Stranger. This encounter may be one in which we experience intense temptation, searing challenge, exhausting struggle, even the ultimate stranger we call death. The stranger will be both outside us and within us, the face unknown to us and yet well-known. The prize we struggle for at such crossroads is our deepest and most essential self."

Using characters from the Bible, from history and from our own day, O'Driscoll weaves a fascinating literary cloth with strands from biblical study, historical research and most of all, his own abundant imagination. This works well when the first two sources (biblical study and historical research) produce real content.

In the case of Noah, where there is little factual material, O'Driscoll's imagination is left to weave a story with very little yarn. But in his treatment of St. Paul (tentmaker, theologian, Apostle), he shows a superb ability to present biblical and historical background. The story of the stoning of Stephen, the first Christian martyr, and its effect on Paul, uses scholarly research in the service of exciting narrative in a most remarkable way.

When O'Driscoll identifies a moment of decision in a straightforward factual way, the choice is clear and challenging. In Dietrich

Bonhoeffer's decision to renounce his pacifism and to become involved in the plot on Hitler's life because he felt Hitler to be so evil, we have such an example. "In that decision, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, then 36 years old, pastor and theologian, not only went against his former most deeply held beliefs, he also took the first step to the scaffold."

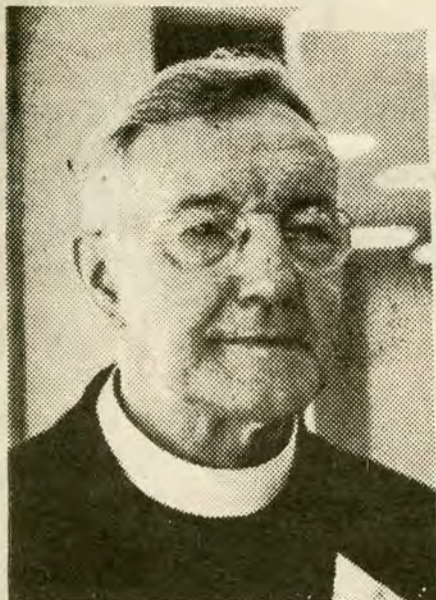
But when he lets his imagination run riot, O'Driscoll blunts the very point he wants to make. In the encounter of Nicodemus with Jesus, for example, he writes: "His (Nicodemus') face was working now in the moonlight, his eyes glistening with emotions longing to be released, his body leaning forward as if thirsty to drink at a well discovered in a desert place." Here we leave fact for fancy, and lose the point of the encounter. What we need is somehow to be involved in Nicodemus' choice. We seem to be left with a description of the landscape where the crossroads lay rather than with the drama of what happened at the crossroads.

While O'Driscoll's book is called "Crossroads" it is in fact more a fascinating collection of vignettes of important personalities whose lives span thousands of years. Sometimes a crucial decision is involved, and at other times we are given an imaginative profile of the person captured in a particular act. At times we wish he would let the snapshot speak for itself. We are on holy ground. A place to simply stand and take off our shoes. At other times we are grateful for all the subtleties of light and shadow which the artist paints: for the intriguing features he highlights, and which we might have otherwise have missed.

Ever confessing
Thee, I will raise
Unto Thee blessing,
Glory, and praise,—
All my endeavour,
World without end,
Thine to be ever,
Saviour and Friend.

—Obituary—

The Reverend Canon Cyril Goodier, L.S.T., 95



Canon Cyril Goodier

By the Reverend
Canon D. N. Mitchell

A retired priest of Algoma, Canon Cyril Goodier, who for the past 12 years had been a resident at St. Joseph's Villa, Dundas, Ontario, passed from this life on January 5th at 95 years of age and after a long ministry of service in the Church, nearly 60 years as a priest of the Diocese of Algoma.

Canon Goodier had continued his active service although officially retired. His last parish in Algoma was Christ Church, Port Sydney, where after eight years he concluded his work there at the age of 83 in 1971.

Born in Lancashire, England, he came to Canada in 1908 and after a few years farming in Saskatchewan, he followed his trade of carpenter in Hamilton, Ontario. Here he came under the influence of Canon P. L. Spencer and began to read for Holy Orders. In 1918 he became a lay missionary at Elk Lake, and after serving for three years entered Bishop's University, Lennoxville, Quebec. After graduating he was ordained Deacon at the Chapel of St. Mark at that University by the Bishop of Quebec (for the Archbishop of Algoma), on June 19th, 1923.

He returned to Algoma and was located at Kirkland Lake, where he established St. Peter's Church, at a time when his parish included all the area north of New Liskeard to the height of land. He was Priested on October 9th, 1924, at St. Luke's Pro-Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie, by the Archbishop of Algoma. For health reasons he left his northern mission in 1926 and spent two years as a curate in the Diocese of Wakefield in England. He returned in 1928 and was

named Priest-in-charge of Milford Bay. At this time he married the daughter of his old mentor, Florence Amy Spencer, who had just returned from ten years of missionary work in Japan.

Three years later the Goodiers moved to Gravenhurst, where he was Rector of St. James' Church for five years. Next he was at Sturgeon Falls for ten years, until his appointment to St. Paul's, Haileybury, where 12 years later he "retired." Soon after retiring from Haileybury, and while they were living at Harriston, Ontario, they volunteered to return to Algoma. In following years Canon Goodier served at Marathon, Blind River, Gore Bay, Port Arthur and Fort William. He was assistant Priest at St. Luke's Cathedral, then returned to Port Arthur, and served again at Blind River.

Canon Goodier then was appointed in March, 1963, as Priest-in-charge of Port Sydney, where he succeeded the late Canon Pinnington. The Goodiers remained there until 1971 when illness forced him to resign, and he and Mrs. Goodier went to live at Dundas. He was able to assist regularly at St. James', Dundas, officiating at a weekly Eucharist for several years and also with services at the Villa where they lived. Mrs. Goodier predeceased him a few years ago.

The Requiem and Burial Service for Canon Goodier took place at St. James' Church, Dundas, on Saturday, January 7th. Bishop Peterson was represented by the former Bishop of Algoma, the Right Reverend Frank Nock, who read a message from Bishop Peterson.



INDUCTED AT GORE BAY: The Reverend Leonard A. Shaw was ordained a Priest on Wednesday, November 30th, and on the following Monday, December 5th, was inducted as Priest-in-charge of the Churches of Kagawong, Gore Bay and Silver Water. The service of Induction was at All Saints' Church in Gore Bay, and was conducted by the Venerable Archdeacon E. B. Paterson. Left to right in

the picture, kindly supplied by The Manitoulin Recorder, are: Archdeacon Paterson; Father Shaw; Lorraine Hester (server); Father Wayne Putman, of Espanola; the Reverend M. Roberts, of Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay, and the Reverend Canon J. S. Crouch. The Reverend Ian MacDonald, of Silver Water United Church, also took part in the service.

Muskoka Day of Prayer for Peace in the World

On Wednesday, December 21st, 1983, the Churches of Muskoka opened their doors from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. to focus on a Day of Prayer for Peace in the World.

Volunteers within the Churches, members of the Muskoka Peace Group and the local Ministerial Committees organized and publicized this special community Day of Prayer.

Although the weather on December 21st was very cold and blustery, a steady flow of people was reported throughout the day and evening. In the various Churches, members were on hand to greet visitors and to personally support the message of Peace especially at the Holy Season of Christmas.

Muskoka Peace Group president, Barbara Scott, commented that the Prayer Day helps to raise the consciousness of people and hopes it will become an annual event.

Win McGinn, of St. James' Anglican Church, Gravenhurst, reported good attendance and interest at the Anglican Churches of Bracebridge, Bala and Parry Sound. The following handwritten prayer was offered to those who shared in the Day of Prayer at St. James' Anglican Church, Gravenhurst.

WORLD PEACE PRAYER

Our Heavenly Father:

Lead us from Death to Life, from Falsehood to Truth.

Lead us from Despair to Hope, from Fear to Trust.

Lead us from Hate to Love, from War to Peace.

Let Peace fill our Hearts, our World, our Universe.

"Let us then pursue what makes for peace and mutual understanding." Romans 14:19.

Executive named for Camp Gitchigomee

At the annual meeting of the General Camp Committee for Camp Gitchigomee was recently held at St. Thomas' Church in Thunder Bay.

The camp dates for 1984 were set to enable everyone to allow a week's camping at this Church Camp for their children. All camps are co-ed. The dates are:

Juniors (ages eight and nine): July 1st to 7th; Intermediates (10 and 11): July 8th to 14th; Seniors (12 and 13): July 15th to 21st; Teens (14 and up): July 22nd to 28th; Canoe Trip (13 and up): July 29th to August 4th.

The Reverend E. P. Moyle, of St. Luke's Church, Thunder Bay, is chairman, and other executive members are:

Dr. E. Gilbert, co-ordinator; Mrs. R. A. Wanlin, treasurer; Mrs. M. Lawson, secretary; D.

Williams, envelope secretary; Mrs. P. W. Nicholas, registrar; G. Nunn, property; Dr. M. Richardson, purchasing; J. Sovereign, promotions; Mrs. W. Meakin, personnel, and Mrs. D. Reid, president of Ladies' Auxiliary.

At the annual meeting it was reported that the 1983 camping season was very successful, with 109 children attending, and it was said that the "combination of a great staff and warm weather made a happy time for all."

The committee is still paying off the \$17,000 loan from the Diocese, procured in 1979 for new buildings and renovations. The balance on the loan was reported as down to \$5,000 and the committee is hoping very soon, with the support of donors, to retire the loan in the near future.



VESTMENTS DEDICATED: At All Saints' Church, Coniston, on December 6th, Eucharistic vestments, made by Grace Cresswell, were dedicated. The picture shows the Reverend Robert Lumley and Grace Cresswell.

Beautiful vestments made and presented

A new set of Eucharistic Festal Vestments were dedicated in All Saints', Coniston, on December 4th. They were presented by David and Grace Cresswell in memory of their parents.

The vestments were made from start to finish by Grace, who is well-known in the Sudbury area as a sewing and quilting teacher.

David has been a member of All Saints' all his life. He served overseas with the R.C.A.F. during the war. In

fact it was while serving in the London area that he met Grace Watts.

Grace came as a war bride to Coniston and has been prominent in many organizations in the town including All Saints', where she was Treasurer for many years.

David led the All Saints' Golf Team in the Deanery Tournament last Summer and did very well.

The beautiful Vestments were worn for the first time on Christmas Eve at All Saints'.

Advent service at St. James', Lockerby brought choirs and young people together

As part of their ongoing Anglicans in Mission, the choirs, men, and young people of Lockerby, Minnow Lake, and Coniston, came together on December 4th at St. James', Lockerby, for a pot luck supper, and a service of Advent Meditations, Lessons and Hymns.

They were joined by Muriel Hyndman, the choir director of St. Mark's, Garson, and Genny Rollins, A.I.M. co-ordinator.

Almost 80 people enjoyed the supper served by the young ladies with Janice Jacklin showing the way, and then went upstairs for the service.

Bruce Burns read the first meditation on the subject of "Judgment" followed by Patrick McNally reading from Malachi. Pairs of

Meditations and Lessons followed, interlaced with the lovely hymns of Advent.

Other young people giving meditation were: Daniel Cippolone, on "Time"; Norman Hann, on "The Stars"; Lisa Yellow, on "Youth" and Steven Cippolone, on "Law."

The gentlemen reading lessons were: Robert Burns, Dr. David Turner, Jim Hann and Don MacKay. The organist was Nadine Lumley. Blair and Bryan McNally were Servers.

It was heartening to see so many young people taking part in the Readings, the choir, at the organ and at the supper, and the encouragement that the men of the Parish gave to them. The collection went to the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

The Bishop's Itinerary

February 2nd to 4th — Bishops in Training.

February 6 to 10th — Canadian House of Bishops.

February 17th — Matrimonial Commission.

February 21st and 22nd — Provincial Ministries, Sudbury.

February 22nd and 23rd — Examining Chaplains, Sudbury.

February 23rd and 24th — Diocesan Executive Committee.

February 25 — Quiet Day — Coniston.

March 4th — Visit to Thorneloe Chapel.

March 9th — Matrimonial Commission.

March 11th — Wawa and Hawk Junction.

March 18th — Ordination of Mark Mooto to the Diaconate, St. Chad's Chapel, Saskatoon.

March 22nd to 24th — P.W.R.D.F. Allocations Committee Meeting, Toronto.

March 25th — 11:00 a.m. St. John's New Liskeard, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

March 25th — 7:30 p.m. Christ Church, Englehart, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

March 26th — 7:30 p.m. St. Paul's, Haileybury, Holy Eucharist.

March 27th — 7:30 p.m. Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, Christ Church, North Bay, combined with Candidates from St. John's.

Around Algoma

The bulletin of Christ Church, Lively, records the retirement of the Church organist: "After thousands of hymns, hundreds of Church services and countless choir practices, our organist, Edith Johnson, has retired. The congregation has enjoyed the leadership which Edith has provided. The choir and servers will miss her fellowship that was shared in the choir room before and after services. We hope that Edith enjoys retirement and we want her to know that she is missed. Take care, Edith. You're important in the parish." The Reverend Robert T. Flowers is Rector of Christ Church.

At the Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury, for the second time the Advent season was opened by a Festival of Advent Carols sung by the choir and congregation under the direction of Lawrence Leverington, the church's able and dedicated organist. The service followed the traditional form with carols and hymns within the structure of Mattins. During Advent also, Bible studies on the contents of the new lectionary were offered with an encouraging response from members of the congregation and visitors. The Christmas services were, as always, crowded and joyous occasions. On the Sunday before Christmas a parish wassail party was held when the Church — including a 30-foot Christmas tree, given by one of the parishioners — was decorated. At the midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve a packed congregation joined happily in the worship of the newborn Christ. The clergy were assisted by Jim Gillespie who had just been licensed by the Bishop as a lay administrant and Neil Maki who has been serving in that capacity for some time. The Old Testament lessons were read by Perry Chuipka, a theological student. In that connection the parish is happy to report that it has three of its members studying for Holy Orders — Susan de Gruchy and Perry Chuipka, at Huron College, and Robert Clubbe, at Trinity College, Toronto.

At St. Thomas' Church, Thunder Bay, the annual Christmas Choral Evensong was held Saturday evening, December 10th. A congregation of 353 were present to hear the three choirs of the Church (youth, senior and bell choir) for their annual presentation. Fifteen members of Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra assisted. The leader for the occasion was Frank Pierce.

The Christmas Pageant at St. James', Lockerby, involved the children, the choir and the congregation, and was written, composed and produced by Madge McNally, the Sunday School Superintendent.

Helen McComber, treasurer of St. George's, Minnow Lake, in Sudbury, sent a \$500.00 cheque to Anglicans in Mission before Christmas. This completes in full St. George's commitment to Anglicans in Mission.

**For this column,
please send
news items from
the parishes
of Algoma.**

Events in Muskoka arranged by the Devotional Committee

By Lenore W. Marsh, Gravenhurst

As the new Muskoka Deanery Devotional Chairman, I am delighted to report that 1983 has been a year of challenge, and opportunity for spiritual growth, as three special "times apart" from our usual, busy, every day lives, were held.

First, in May, a quiet day was held at Trinity Church, Parry Sound, guided by two of the Evangelical Sisters of Mary, who are part of a small, celibate community, begun in Germany during World War II. A young girl's Bible class felt a deep sorrow for their country's actions, and as they experienced the reality of God in His holiness, and His forgiving love — a movement of repentance and revival was begun in them, and during the next three years, led to the founding of the Mary Sisterhood. The joy in the lives of the Sisters is very evident, and they taught us the source of that joy — repentance of our sins and forgiveness of others, leading to God's forgiveness of us. They also have a music ministry, songs of joy and praise, composed by Mother Basilea Schlink, the head of their order. It was a happy, refreshing, day.

On November 8th, a Study Day was held in Emsdale at St. Mark's, conducted by Reverend R. Brazill, the theme being "Anglicans Be Alive!" There were 31 ladies present. He told us we should be Christians first, and Anglicans second, strengthened by the sacraments the Church offers. If we fail in our Christian walk, we must renew and re-establish our relationship with God. Fr. Brazill

told us that if he didn't care — he wouldn't do anything — that he knows he is alive because he cares. Caring means action — as the disciples were active when they saw that Jesus was alive — they moved from fear — into new life!

The third "time apart" was actually two days, and was a workshop on prayer, conducted by the Reverend and Mrs. Tom Gracie. Tom is rector of the Church of the Messiah in Toronto, and Betty Gracie is the Canadian Co-Ordinator of the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer, under whose auspices the workshop was held. Trinity Church, Parry Sound, hosted the event, which was sponsored by their A.C.W. and the Diocese of Algoma. It was open to men as well as women, and many clergy were present, including our Bishop Les Peterson and his wife, Yvonne.

We were given help on "how to" pray, and we had several opportunities to share and pray on a one-to-one basis. There were two or three urgent prayer requests shared with the whole group, and as we lifted these requests up before the Lord, there was a beautiful sense of oneness and of joy, and I know, personally, of one of those requests that was answered in a wonderful way.

The Gracie's gave us a great deal of resource information to pursue on our own, and they were fun to be with. Ruth Fazal provided special music and her guitar, violin and her beautiful voice, as well as her own compositions, were a delight.

I believe that each person who attended the "Prayer in Practice" Workshop, came away enriched.

Book review . . .

BASIC QUESTIONS

THE OTHER SIDE OF '84: Questions of Churches. By Leslie Newbigin. (British Council of Churches).

By David M. Paton in *The Church Times*

In 1981 the British Council of Churches began to think about a conference on Church and Society, to take place in 1984 and cock a snook at Big Brother. In the discussion some held that, if the Church wanted to more than echo broadminded British public opinion, it would have to dig deeper and start further back.

The grapevine has it that, among these objectors, were Professor David Jenkins and Bishop Leslie Newbigin. In this little book Bishop Newbigin asks from the standpoint of the gospel, as sharply as he can, where exactly we have now got to: and he invites others to join in the discussion. He articulates in one form an unease and uncertainty that is very widespread. There is a feeling about that we are at the end of an era, even if the beginning and nature of the era are matters for debate.

Bishop Newbigin's formulation is that the assumptions that have guided Western civilization since the 17th century, and been responsible for the world-shaking success of science and technology and much else, are now outdated. The assumptions about knowledge, reason and faith of the Enlightenment no longer carry conviction — any more than the modern State, whether in its "free-enterprise" or "socialist" forms, carries conviction. We are, the Bishop thinks, in something like the position

of St. Augustine, who, amidst the death-throes of the Greco-Roman civilization, proposed a wholly new approach summarized in his famous phrase, "I believe in order that I may understand."

Bishop Newbigin's argument is openly indebted to Michael Polanyi's now classical *Personal Knowledge*; and he doesn't, therefore, wish to attract us back to a fifth-century Augustinian theology. Rather, he asks us to examine the nature of our crisis, especially in five areas.

The first is what it means to be a human person: is the government principle equality or relatedness? — and, if the latter, what does it say about our economic system, and on what is it based? Secondly, what is happiness? Rich and poor together have to ask what are true models of world development. Thirdly, what can be rightly expected of government? Fourthly, what vision of the future do we have, and where are our signs of hope? Fifthly, and most fundamentally, "what is involved in knowing?" At the heart of this last question will be the Christian dialogue with science and philosophy.

The book is rather densely written, and many will find it not easy reading (though it's nothing like as tough as Michael Polanyi!); but the questions are very important indeed — issues of life and death. We are in debt to the BCC for raising them; and ways must be found of getting them chewed over, refined and re-stated in every part of the Christian community.



APPOINTMENTS: In this issue Bishop Peterson is announcing the appointment of three clergymen to parishes. The Reverend Gary Boyes (seen above at left) is to be the new incumbent of Bala, MacTier and Southwood; he has been Priest at Heyden and Searchmont, since his Ordination in December, 1981. The Reverend Frank Mason (centre) has been appointed as Rector of St. Paul's, Haileybury; St. James', Cobalt, and St. Simon's, Temagami, and will move there from Wawa, where since his Ordination in September, 1979, he has been in charge of St. Paul's, Wawa, and the Churches at Hawk Junction, Franz and White River. The Reverend Robert Cross (right), who has been Priest Assistant at St. Luke's Cathedral since his December, 1981, Ordination, has been appointed as Rector of St. Paul's, Manitowaning, and the Churches at Mindemoya and South Baymouth.

Cathedral Choir excelled in Nativity presentation

At St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie, on the Sunday and Monday evenings before Christmas, the Choir presented a memorable musical drama which has accorded a most enthusiastic response.



NATIVITY DRAMATIZED AT CATHEDRAL: At St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie, on December 18th and 19th, the choir presented "The Nativity according to St. Luke," a musical drama in seven scenes, by Randall Thompson. The above photograph, kindly supplied by The Sault Star, shows the Angel Gabriel (Marcus Kramer) with Mary (Theresa Thibodeau).

In his review of the presentation in *The Sault Star*, Dave Robertson wrote: "Although the story of the birth of Christ has been set to music several times, surely 'The Nativity according to St. Luke' by composer Randall Thompson and as presented by the St. Luke's Cathedral Choir in Sault Ste. Marie must rank among the best.

"This is the Christmas story told with dramatic impact but with a minimum of acting and stage sets. Indeed its sparse presentation lends at once, to the joyousness and the solemnity of the occasion.

"The cast, Zacharias, a priest, sung by Lyndon Slewidge; Gabriel, by Marcus Kramer; Mary, by Theresa Thibodeau; Elizabeth, wife of Zacharias and cousin to Mary, by Sister Barbara Ianni, and Anna, a prophetess, by Debra Ollikkala, were all in fine voice and backed by the excellent cathedral choir.

"Special guest Toronto organist Michael Bloss and a small orchestra led by Guy Traficante, concert master of the Sault Symphony, with Patty Gartshore conducting, all added up to an excellent evening.

"The work is set in seven scenes with the text taken from the first two chapters of the Gospel according to St. Luke except for Mary's lullaby in scene 4, which is by Richard Rowlands, a 17th century poet.

"The sets were merely a half-dozen beams with flats and drapes serving most effectively throughout, from the opening scenes to the great Alleluia and final Amen.

"Some of the entries from the wings and from the cathedral's front door to the altar added to the drama.

The other singers also giving highly credible performances were: Bob Nisbitt, first priest; John Gould, second priest, and John Muirhead, third priest.

"Shepherds were: Janes Depew, Jeremy Carriere, Anna Gartshore, Sarah Gartshore, Robbie Hamilton and Todd Trussler.

"Joseph was sung by John Hooper, Simeon by Lyndon Slewidge, Acolytes by the Reverend Robert Cross, Bill Huzar and Ian Muirhead and the chorus of angels, shepherds and the faithful, sung by the choir."

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