

## Announcement . . .

The family of The Most Reverend and Mrs. W. L. Wright cordially invite you to a come and go reception in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, to be held at Bishophurst, 134 Simpson Street, Sault Ste. Marie, on Friday August 1st, 1986, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Greetings only.

## Algoma Diocese delegates help elect our new Primate

By the Reverend Canon D. A. P. Smith

On Monday, June 16th, the 300 members of the 31st General Synod gathered in St. John's Cathedral, Winnipeg, and elected the Most Reverend Michael Peers to be the 11th Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. It was an historical as well as an emotional event made more meaningful for Algoma delegates because of the past associations of the new Primate with the Diocese of Algoma.

Members of Synod representing the Diocese of Algoma were the Bishop, the Right Reverend Leslie Peterson; four Priests: the Reverend Muriel Hornby, of North Bay; Archdeacon Eric Paterson, of Sudbury; Dean Lawrence Robertson, of St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie, and the Canon D. A. P. Smith, of Thunder Bay, and four lay representatives, Biff Gigg, of North Bay; Dr. David Gould, of Sault Ste. Marie; Miss Marion Page, of Thunder Bay, and Din Oosterbaan, of Sault Ste. Marie, and the youth representative, Jim Toohey, of Thunder Bay.

The Synod members gathered in St. John's Cathedral at 9:30 a.m. for the opening Eucharist, the senior Metropolitan, Archbishop Harold Nutter, presiding. Forty-six bishops, all in their purple cassocks, filled the chancel. A number of visitors, as many as could secure tickets, filled the transepts and the back of the nave. After the bishops had processed out, the Prolocutor of Synod, Diane Maybee, called the clergy and laity to order and explained the electoral process.

Then followed a long

wait for the House of Bishops to send back their nominations. This they achieved by an involved balloting process of their own in order that each of their nominees would carry a majority support amongst the Order of Bishops. In the meantime, clergy and laity chatted and drank coffee outside in the sunshine and, inside the cathedral, listened to some selections on the organ and the exquisite Mozart of a very fine string quartet, and prayed. Finally they were given a recess for a picnic lunch in the park across the road, sitting on the grass under a cloudless sky.

At last at 2:00 o'clock, five names came down from the House of Bishops; Archbishop of Ontario John Bothwell (Archbishop of Niagara), Archbishop of British Columbia Douglas Hambridge (Archbishop of New Westminster), Archbishop of Rupert's Land Michael Peers (Archbishop of Qu'Appelle), the Bishop of Ottawa Edwin Lackey and the Bishop of Western Newfoundland Stewart Payne.

Clergy and laity voted separately since a majority of votes was required in each order to make an election. After the second ballot, the name with the fewest votes after each ballot was removed from the list. On the fifth ballot, Archbishop Peers was elected.

Word was sent by the Prolocutor of Synod to the Bishops who had been waiting in their turn. They processed back into the cathedral with Archbishop Nutter escorting the new Primate while the organ pealed triumphantly. Spontaneous applause broke out and went on and on. Brief expressions of loyalty and sup-

port were made on behalf of the bishops, the laity and the clergy, and then the new Primate very quietly addressed the assembly. He said three things: that he was "no Ted Scott" and all had heard it first from him; that his family "would not rise up and bless you" for electing him; and that, quoting an ancient version of the Creed, he believed "in the Holy Spirit in the Holy Church" and that the Holy Spirit would continue to guide the church. Then, upon leaving the cathedral, the responsibilities of his office were immediately thrust upon him as he was surrounded by reporters.

Archbishop Peers at 51 is young for a Primate although his white hair and sagacious appearance lent him an air of dignity and wisdom. He is obviously able and has a firm grasp of affairs from the international to the parish level. He has a good sense of humour and is very approachable. He is an accomplished linguist. He comes originally from Vancouver and studied at the University of British Columbia and at Trinity College, Toronto. As a Divinity student, he spent the summer of 1958 in the Diocese of Algoma at Temagami and Bear Island where he speaks of a nearly disastrous experience on the lake. He served as a university chaplain in Ottawa before becoming Archdeacon in Winnipeg. He was then appointed the Dean of Qu'Appelle and Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral in Regina and was made Bishop of Qu'Appelle in 1977, and Archbishop of Rupert's Land in 1982.

It was a happy, although exhausting day, for the delegates who witnessed history in the making. They were caught up in an atmosphere of joyful expectation and promise of a future of growth and Godly development for the Church under the leadership of a Primate who, by the Hand of God, will give continued guidance to the Anglican Church of Canada in the years ahead.



CEREMONY AT SHEQUIANDAH: At the time of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Holy Trinity Church, Little Current, a unique ceremony took place at nearby Shequiandah, when two cultures came together for a special Sweetgrass Ceremony. Left to right in the picture are the Reverend W. Gary Dobinson, Rector; the Right Reverend Leslie Peterson, Bishop of Algoma; the Chief of Shequiandah, Norman Aguonic, and Elder Dominic Eshlaukogan. See page 3 for a description of this occasion. (Photo Manitoulin Expositor).

## The Reverend Peter Homann

By the Venerable Archdeacon F. R. Coyle

"A safe stronghold our God is still." We sang with strong voices. Like an iron rod of faith the words of the great German Lutheran hymn rang through the Church of St. James', Massey. It was Tuesday, June 10th, Bishop Peterson was celebrating the Funeral Eucharist for the incumbent, the Reverend Peter Homann. He had been killed in a car crash near Cutler on June 5th. Also killed had been Ivy Bray, his parish organist.

The church was filled and overflowing; more than half the clergy of Algoma were present. We had all come to know and love Peter, who at 44 years of age had begun in Massey his ministry as Deacon August 1st, 1985.

In less than a year he had gained the respect and love of those who knew him. At a recent Confirmation, he had presented 25 candidates.

Many of the native people from Gowan Gillmor Memorial Church at Spanish Reserve were there to mourn with us his sudden death. We also celebrated Peter's victory in Christ Jesus.

The loving prayers of Algoma go out to the people of Massey, Webbwood and Spanish River Reserve who have sustained a double tragedy.

Thank God for the of Ivy Bray and Peter witness and strong faith Homann.

## Annual meeting at Sudbury of Algoma Diocese A.C.W.

The Annual Meeting of the Anglican Church Women of the Diocese of Algoma was held at the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury on May 6th and 7th. Over two hundred women from across the Diocese gathered to launch the contribution of women in the Church into a second century.

The theme of the conference was "Algoma Aglow for Christ," and the motto was "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path," (Psalm 119:105). The keynote speaker was Madeline Critchell, from the Diocese of Newfoundland, who led the delegates in a series of talks and studies on the scriptures.

The meeting opened with the Eucharist at which the Bishop was preacher and celebrant; he was assisted by the Venerable Eric Paterson, rector of the host parish and Archdeacon of Sudbury/Manitoulin.

Along with the learning and business of the meeting there was time for fun and fellowship. Many of the delegates toured "Science North" and met Rolf the porcupine. The gentlemen of the Deanery prepared and served a delicious gourmet dinner which was followed by an entertaining variety show featuring many talented people from the Sudbury parishes.

Business included ratifying the budget for 1987 and electing two new officers to fill the executive board of the diocesan A.C.W.: Mrs. Barbara Garvin of Haileybury was elected to the office of diocesan Chairman of Girls, and Mrs. Margaret Ramsey of North Bay will fill the position of Chairman of Family Life. The meeting closed with the induction of these new officers along with the rest of the Executive Board of a second term.

## Diocesan Prayer Corner

Pray for parishes seeking a new Incumbent: St. John's, Sault Ste. Marie; St. James', Gravenhurst; St. Thomas', Thunder Bay.

\*\*\*\*\*

Please pray for: The Venerable George Doolan; The Venerable Cyril Peto; The Reverend Canon James Hinchliffe.

Sometimes these people are not known to some of you. They have served our Diocese well, and are now out of sight — let them not be out of mind!

## This issue

The last issue of your diocesan newspaper appeared in May and the present edition was delayed until after the meeting of General Synod. During the interval the Editor has received many contributions of

news, letters and articles, so many that it became necessary to hold several of these over until our September issue. We believe everything is in the paper this time that was promised, and regret space has been limited.

## Summer Thought

By Canon John G. McCausland SSJE

It is a pity that some of the most interesting and significant festivals occur during the summer "off-time." The Church seems to go on vacation. As a matter of fact, the return to the normal schedule in a parish is now delayed to the first of October in some places.

Let us take a look at the wealth of spirituality and devotion given to us in the revised Calendar (June to September). Justin Martyr (June first) is one of the earliest Christian Teachers. He became a Christian through his study of Greek Philosophy. Truth can come to us from many sources. The Age of Martyrs is not over: in 1977, Archbishop Luwum has joined others who were killed because they were Christians (June 3rd). On June 11th, we remember St. Barnabas. He was one of the "seven" whom the Apostles ordained to a ministry of service. Saint Barnabas had the wonderful gift of being able to settle quarrels, and solve misunderstandings. I am very glad that Bernard Mizeki has been added to our Calendar: his name also has a place in the Modern Martyrs Chapel in Canterbury Cathedral. He was a Lay Reader in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia). Opponents of the Christian Faith had him killed. He had been baptized by the SSJE Fathers of the South African Province.

The birth of St. John Baptist is kept on June 24th. As Ambassador for Jesus Christ, he was specially prepared for that mission by special grace, given at birth (Luke 1:15). The title, "Acts of the Apostles" is so-called because it deals with the Ministry, among the Jews, of St. Peter, and among the Gentiles of St. Paul. The Church is founded on the Confession of Faith of St. Peter (Matthew 16:16ff), and the Conversion of St. Paul (I Cor 15:10).

The Revised Calendar for July has three red-letter days. For many centuries St. Thomas' Day was December 21st, and was mostly neglected. Besides he is an "Easter" saint rather than a Christmas one. His date is July 3rd; we need his witness because every struggle with doubts and misunderstandings. Our Lord was very patient with Thomas. St. Mary Magdalene (July 22nd) should be the patron saint for all those who would appreciate the vocation of women in the Church. St. James the Great (July 25th), along with Peter and John, were present at the Transfiguration, in the Garden of Gethsemane, and in the early years of the New Testament Church.

Saint Stephen (old date December 26th; new date August 3rd) was also largely neglected, except for singing "Good King Wenceslas." He was the first martyr of the Church. He helped to bring in non-Jews to the Faith. Another gravely neglected festival is that of the Transfiguration. It has a special Preface and is concerned with the relationship between worship and Christian Welfare. The black-letter "Falling Asleep of the B.V.M." is raised to a red-letter day. St. Bartholomew is remembered on August 24th. While nothing much is known of his missionary labours, a sound tradition tells us he was born in Cana of Galilee, and after the Ascension of our Lord, he laboured in parts of India.

According to modern notions, a red-letter festival can be kept on the Sunday following, if necessary, and if it is a Feast of our Lord. The Sunday nearest August 6th is often the Civic Holiday weekend. If the Church, particularly in tourist places, emphasized that Festival of the Transfiguration, a step forward in understanding the mysteries of Jesus Christ might take place.

## Announcements

The Very Reverend Noel Goater, Dean of Brandon, has accepted the appointment to Trinity Church, Parry Sound, effective September 1st, 1986.

The Reverend Morley Clark (Trinity Church, Marathon) is to be the Incumbent of the Parish of Powassan, Callander and Restoule, as of August 1st, 1986.

The Reverend Edward Richmond is appointed to the Incumbency of Holy Trinity Church, Marathon, as of September 1st, 1986.

The Reverend Patrick Atkinson is planning a year of training for Chaplaincy in Correctional Institutions, and will be leaving the Parish of St. James', Gravenhurst, as of August 31st, 1986.

The Reverend Nigel Shaw will be leaving the parish of Holy Trinity, Sault Ste. Marie, and will be posted as a Chaplain to the Armed Forces, as of September 1st, 1986.

The Reverend Susan De Gruchy will be leaving the Parish of St. Michael and All Angels, Thunder Bay, and is to be the Incumbent of All Saints', Onaping, and St. Michael's, Azilda, effective June 1st, 1986.

### Retirement

The Venerable E. R. Haddon, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Thunder Bay, has announced his retirement effective October 26th, 1986. He and his wife Jean, will be living in Fort William at Apt. 104, 401 North Edward Street, Thunder Bay, P7C 4P5.

### Committee Chairman

The Bishop is pleased to announce the appointment of The Reverend Russell Nicolle, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Elliott Lake, as Chairman of the Diocesan Stewardship Committee.

The Reverend Canon Jack Crouch has been appointed, effective September 1st for one year, as Diocesan Planning Co-ordinator. He will be assisted in the work of his Parish, St. John the Divine, Copper Cliff, by the Reverend Gail Conrick-Pilon, deacon.

## Letters to the Editor

### Comments on book "For Christ's Sake"

Dear Sir:

It is a cause for sadness rather than anger to read the savage attack on my beliefs and motives in writing *For Christ's Sake* as expressed by your correspondent Gordon B. Wong, April issue.

Mr. Wong has obviously not even had the intellectual honesty to read my book for himself rather than third-hand press accounts in fifth-rate papers. This is Christian love in action?

He can quote scripture out of context until he is blue in the face but it will not change the basic reality that the bulk of orthodox Christian teaching today makes little sense to and has even less impact on the average Canadian.

The ironic thing is that my new book is being widely acclaimed (it is now in its third printing) precisely because it does state the central importance of Jesus in a manner ordinary people will, of course, object to being made to think. However, it is a command of no less than Jesus to love God

with all one's MIND as well as heart and soul.

Tom Harpur  
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

I was interested to see the heavily headlined warning against false teaching in the April, 1986, issue of the *Algoma Anglican*. Certainly, it is the responsibility of any Christian to shun false teaching at all times and to help others to do so.

In order to shun false teachings, however, the individual Christian must be able to distinguish between true and false. For this purpose the recommendations made by your correspondent are excellent and I venture to repeat them:

— Make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Redeemer;

(Continued on page 5)

## Letter from the Bishop—

### God is alive in our midst

I am writing this today conscious that by the time it is published a whole series of events will have taken place. Our Diocesan A.C.W. Annual at Sudbury; the election of a new Primate at General Synod; a Conference of the Theological Students preparing for Summer Ministry — the life of the Church in the Diocese percolates along — so many good and wonderful things to celebrate.

There are strong statements of opposition from some quarters — I have always appreciated loyal opposition. It is healthy in a good family to be open and honest, but supportive. I like the term the Government of Canada uses "Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition".

In the Church of Jesus Christ it is more than just a good idea, it is of the essence of our foundations that we work for harmony and truth in a loving fellowship. The authors of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission found that as they met together for a long period of time and shared their views and their understandings, that a Koinonia — a fellowship, developed that was greater than any of their individual perceptions.

I believe that we can experience this sense of deep fellowship that is broader than any denominational confession and experience when we take the time to be together, to listen to one another, and to love one another. Even though we see through a glass darkly as we seek to understand out different theologies, God's love binds us together — this is Koinonia.

The New Testament Christians were involved in a struggle as the mission moved outward towards new dimensions with those who demanded that the Church stay with its Jewish roots. Paul had a group follow him around and worked against his teachings. This kind of energy and sedition is nothing new; it has always been a part of the flip side of gospel teaching.

We can be sure as the Church, in response to the gospel action of Jesus Christ, responds to the cry of the poor and marginalized, that many who are being challenged to become more open, more generous will shrink — many will respond, and led by the Spirit of God, will move forward into the future with faith in God who leads us — with hope that justice will prevail, and with love flowing like a river from the Throne of Grace, build Koinonia.

Hang in there, Anglican people — God is alive and moving in our midst!

Yours in Christ,

+  
*Leslie Algoma*

Leslie E. Peterson,  
Bishop of Algoma.

## The Bishop's Itinerary

### JULY

July 13th — Llewellyn Beach — Visitation.

### AUGUST

August 1st to 4th — Diocesan Youth Synod — Thorneloe College.

August 1st — 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration — The Most Reverend and Mrs. W. L. Wright.

August 10th, 9:00 a.m. — Christ Church, Ilfracombe — 100th Anniversary.

August 10th, 3:30 p.m. — St. Mary's, Aspdin — 100th Anniversary.

August 11th, 7:00 p.m. — Christ Church, Gregory — Visitation.

August 12th, 7:00 p.m. — St. Mary's, Southwood — Visitation.

August 13th, 7:30 p.m. — St. James', Port Cunnington — Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

August 17th, 9:00 a.m. — St. Augustine, Whitefish Falls — Visitation.

August 17th, 11:00 a.m. — St. Christopher's, McGregor Bay — Visitation.

August 18th — Camp Manitou — Visitation.

August 26th — Youth Seminar — Hanmer, Ontario.

## ALGOMA ANGLICAN

Official Publication of the Diocese of Algoma  
P.O. Box 1168, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario P6A 5N7

Subscriptions \$3.50 per annum.  
Second class mail registration No. 1423.

MAILING: Send change of address notices and subscription renewals to The Algoma Anglican, P.O. Box 1168, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, P6A 5N7.

The Right Reverend Leslie Peterson, Bishop  
Robert J. Boyer, Editor  
Donald Smith, Associate Editor  
D. Oosterbaan, Treasurer

Produced monthly by Muskoka Publications Limited,  
P.O. Box 1600, Bracebridge, Ontario, P0B 1C0.  
(Send articles for publication to this address)

# Holy Trinity Church, Little Current, celebrates 100 years

By Rosalind Waples

Holy Trinity Church in Little Current, Manitoulin Island, has a pristine, old-world charm about it that is not easily duplicated these days for the very reason of its age. The church officially celebrated its one hundred years of pastoral service on May 24th and 25th, 1986.

Celebrations for the centennial commenced on Saturday evening with resident rector Reverend W. Gary Dobinson and his wife Jane welcoming special guests, past and present parishioners and former residents of Little Current at a reception held in the courtyard of the church.

After mingling with various people at the reception Fr. Dobinson invited them into the church hall where a catered formal dinner was served to the over 100 people in attendance.

Special guests who graced the head table included the Bishop of Algoma, the Right Reverend Leslie Peterson; the M. P. P. for Algoma, John Lane, former Rector from 1951 to 1954; the Reverend Allan Haldenby, his wife and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Eadie; Millie Bond; Betty Hurd; the Wardens of Holy Trinity.

Barney Turner were doubly honoured as Centennial Committee members. Other committee members who completed the head table included Betty McHarg, Marg Glover, Joan Dangus and Jack Bailey. Dinner commenced with grace and Albert Eadie, the oldest member of the parish, led the toast to the Queen.

After dinner, Deputy People's Warden Cam Spec took the floor to welcome the guests and celebrants. He read a letter of greeting from Queen Elizabeth II bestowing "warmest wishes and thanks to the wardens and the parish for their continued loyalty to the Crown." Letters of congratulations from M. P. for Algoma, Dr. Maurice Foster, and Father Macdonald and Parish Council of St. Bernard's Catholic Church, located in Little Current, were read as well.

M. P. P. John Lane presented a plaque to the Reverend Gary Dobinson on behalf of Queen's Park to be displayed in the church and he offered his heartfelt congratulations to the people in attendance.

Millie Bond, the second oldest parishioner, led a

toast to the Church followed by former Manitoulin resident Betty Hurd, who now resides in British Columbia, cutting a special centennial cake presented by Little Current resident Freda Bond. Bishop Leslie Peterson then spoke of the Church and its history and thanked the congregation for inviting him to celebrate the centennial. Barney Turner thanked the Bishop and presented Holy Trinity with full artistic copyright to the drawing in celebration of this unique event.

The evening's festivities were completed with a musical tribute by the 90 children choral group from Little Current Public School who were presented with an inscribed picture of the church for the school library by Bishop Peterson.

Sunday's centenary events included a special 11:00 morning service with the Bishop preaching the sermon and

the presentation to the church of two stained glass windows. The "Trinity Window" was donated to the church by William Glennie and family and "Christ Calming the Waters" is dedicated to the memory of W. A. (Bill) Sims by his family. A special service was held at 7:30 in the evening, led by Bishop Peterson and the Reverend Gary Dobinson in celebration of Confirmation for members of the parish.

In remembrance of the church's centennial a book of the history of the church including lists of rectors and memorials, trivets to be used as wall hangings with renderings of the old church on them, Paul Mitchell's architectural drawing done on parchment, hasty notes and a special cook book have been completed and will provide a lasting tribute to this very special event.

Holy Trinity Church holds the distinction of being the oldest standing church structure in Little Current and with the full support of its dedicated

parishioners and clergy can look forward to adding to its record of pastoral support for the people of Little Current and area.



HOLY TRINITY, LITTLE CURRENT: This beautiful architectural drawing of the 100-year-old Holy Trinity Church at Little Current was the work of Paul Mitchell and was presented at the centennial dinner.

## A merging of two ideologies . . .

By Rosalind Waples

Manitoulin Island is unique in that it is viewed by the native people of the area as the sacred home of the Great Manitou, the greatest diety of the indigenous people. It has also become the home of many non-native people and a celebration of the sharing of the two cultures was held on May 25th in Sheguiandah, a reserve located south of Little Current on the island.

St. Andrew's Anglican Church held a special interdenominational ceremony conducted by the Right Reverend Bishop Leslie Peterson. Sheguiandah Chief Norman Aguonie, deacon and elder Dominic Eshkawkogan, from the Spanish River reserve, and the Reverend W. Gary Dobinson, Rector of the church.

The four celebrants entered the courtyard of the church for the outdoor service to the traditional

Anishabe music of a drum group from the Nipissing reserve. The congregation of over one hundred people then sang the hymn "Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory," and this was followed with Chief Aguonie welcoming the people to the service. Fr. Dobinson led the people in the scriptures and psalm and Bishop Peterson then said the prayers.

The very special ceremony known as "The Scared Sweetgrass Ceremony" was performed by Deacon Dominic Eshkawkogan. This ceremony holds a very special place in the hearts and belief of the native population and on this particular day it was all the more special for being the first held on Manitoulin Island and with the Anglican Church.

Deacon Eshkawkogan, who performed the ceremony before Pope John Paul II at Midland

in 1984, burned the sweetgrass and offered it to the attending congregation.

The sweetgrass consists of four native elements: cedar, sage, tobacco, sweetgrass and a fifth new element, the frankincense of the Church. The burning sweetgrass is offered to perform a purifying rite, for forgiveness of sins and the cleansing of all wrong thoughts and deeds by the community as a whole. The smoke is brushed over the hands and faces and then is allowed to rise to symbolize the congregation's prayers.

Deacon Eshkawkogan prayed in native Ojibway, invoking the four directions in a loud voice, to call the people's ancestors and guardian spirits to lead the people in wisdom and knowledge, purity of thought, word and deed and the strength to stand for their convictions.

Following the

sweetgrass ceremony the hymn "Abide With Me" was sung and the drum group played another native ceremonial selection.

Deacon Eshkawkogan — then spoke about the history of the Church, its attempt to take away the native cultural beliefs and the gradual intergration of the church and native cultures. He spoke positively of the acceptance of both beliefs being assimilated completely with no loss of grace, respect, and conviction by native and non-native alike.

Bishop Peterson thanked all the people for attending the service and ceremony and extended his best wishes to all those present. Fr. Dobinson offered a blessing and prayers to the congregation, followed by the drums and hymn. The company of people then shared in refreshments offered by the band of the reserve and ladies of the church.



CENTENNIAL CAKE: Former Manitoulin Island resident Betty Hurd cuts the centennial cake at Holy Trinity Church, Little Current, as Warden Cam Spec looks on. (Photo Manitoulin Expositor).



SCHOOL CHORUS ENTERTAINED: At the Centennial Dinner of Holy Trinity Church, Lit-

90-voice choral group of Little Current Public School students. (Photo Manitoulin Expositor).



SWEETGRASS CEREMONY; John Bind, from the Department of Indian Affairs, plans a documentary on Indian culture and was present at the Sweetgrass Ceremony held in Sheguiandah. The actual ceremony was not permitted to be filmed because of its sacred

# 83-year-old St. Thomas' Church, Orrville, to be replaced?

By Joan Gonder Kemp and Helen Hannon Forbes

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:  
... a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
... a time to keep, and a time to cast away."*

This timely excerpt from Ecclesiastes typified the problems, hopes and dreams of our forefathers in the early days of St. Thomas' and its congregation today.

About 1870, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Haines and children, a pioneer family, came to Parry Sound from Charlesville in the County of Cork, Ireland. They settled on land that is now Camp Koinonia and Lodge Louise.

Misses Charlotte and Dora Haines held Anglican Sunday School in the small Christie Road school house for some years. Regular church services were held there also, from June 16th, 1902-1904.

In 1902, land in the Township of Foley, owned by a Mary Jane Vankoughnett, was deeded to the Diocese of Algoma. The Reverend G. E. Chilcott, of Parry Sound, enthusiastically proposed the erection of a church on this property. With the help of willing workers, material from the Peters Lumber Co., and donations of money from neighbors and friends in England and Ireland, the project was begun. The new edifice was a plain, unpainted, wooden structure, and was capable of seating 120 people. It was named St. Thomas' for the church in Ireland where all the Haines family had been baptized and confirmed. Some of the ladies instrumental in the building of the church were: Misses Haines, Mrs. W. Haines, Mrs. Drury, Mrs. Liness, Mrs. Alex Vankoughnett and Misses Liness and Nelson. The altar cloth was given to the new church by the Irish congregation, and a Miss Kitty Lawrence, a former teacher, gave the organ, patented in 1887, which is still playable today.

The opening of the church was held on May 8th, 1904, but it was not consecrated until 1905, as the church was not yet free of debt, "there being still Eighty Dollars owing." The offering taken up towards this debt totalled \$26.71. The choir from Trinity Church, Parry Sound, led the large congregation (160) assembled, "many being unable to gain admission." The Lord Bishop of the Diocese was present and the Rural Dean A. H. Allman and the Incumbent, the Reverend T. E. Chilcott.

As the years passed, the chief supporters of the church died or moved away. The mission was closed from August 22nd, 1915, to June 17th, 1917, with periodic services thereafter. The last recorded service was October 20th, 1929.

Since the 1890's, Anglican services had been held in the Christie Township Hall, Orrville, and in people's homes and were well-attended. The parish at that time was apparently known as Christ Church. The Reverend T. O. Curliss and the Reverend Joseph Waring were two of the priests during that time. Other clergy providing services were: the Reverend Lawrence Sinclair, a Cowley Father from Bracebridge and the Reverend Richard K. Bamber from Emsdale. Lawrence Sinclair would walk the circuit from Huntsville to Utterson, Rosseau, Orrville, Broadbent, Seguin Falls, Bear Lake, Sprucedale, Emsdale and back to Huntsville.

The Anglicans in Orrville had hopes and dreams for their own church too. Land was deeded to Algoma Diocese on November 6th, 1934, by Mrs. Catherine (Cassie) Magee, for the consideration of \$1.00. A group discussed using this land and re-locating the Haines Lake Church to Orrville, a distance of 13.5 kilometres. The fore-runners of the project were: A. E. Healey, Mrs. Magee, Joseph Hannon, Sr., and Joseph Hannon, Jr., Peter Hannon, Sr., Mrs. John Gunn, and Mrs. Arthur Thompson — a volatile mixture of Irish and English! A second location was preferred by some members on a lot near the Township Hall, owned by Mr. Healey. Permission was granted for St. Thomas' to be re-located in Orrville and dances and card parties were held to cover moving costs. In the fall and winter of 1934-35, the Haines Lake Church was dismantled and moved in sections by truck, and a horse-drawn sleigh owned by Albert Healey. Along with volunteer helpers, J. Penfold, a carpenter from Pointe au Baril, supervised the re-building which was completed in 1936, on a



Rectory of St. Thomas' Church, built in 1966



St. Thomas' Anglican Church, Orrville

rocky hill in the village, on the land deeded by Mrs. Magee!

The original name, St. Thomas', was retained, with the first service being held on Palm Sunday, March 21st, 1937. On August 7th, 1937, St. Thomas' was consecrated by the Right Reverend Rocksborough Remington-Smith, the fourth Bishop of Algoma, with the Reverend Richard K. Bamber as the Incumbent. Just as the service was to begin, Mr. Bamber selected Albert Healey as the Rector's Warden, and Joseph Hannon, Jr., as the People's Warden, positions they held for many years, without election.

Furnishings from the Haines Lake Church were transferred too, including over 100 chairs, the font and stand, and the original organ. The church was heated with wood stoves until 1954, when a partial basement was excavated and an oil furnace installed and the church wired for electricity.

As time progressed, additional furnishings came to St. Thomas' from various churches, as they were closed: the altar from Depot Harbour; a bishop's chair, handmade by Henry Pletzer, North Seguin, for St. John's Church, Dufferin Bridge, and many items from St. Paul's Church, Seguin Falls. These included: a brass missal stand, hymn books, Communion linens, candlesticks, sedilia seat, two matching ornate wooden chairs, an Easter frontal and a candlelighter and snuffer. The missal stand, sedilia seat and candlelighter were made by Hampton W. Swaine, a lay reader at St. Paul's. The carved inscription on the sedilia seat was a poignant message:

*In memory of the pioneers of Spence Township who built St. John's Church at Dufferin Bridge from which the material for this sedilia was taken.*

Mr. Swaine also embroidered the Easter frontal which depicts the sacrificial lamb. He was skilled in wood carving, brass and metalwork. From Seguin Falls, Hampton moved to Port Credit. Here he carved a wood cross which is suspended from the ceiling of Trinity Anglican Church, Stavebank Road in Port Credit.

From 1937-1951, St. Thomas' was ministered to by: the Reverend Richard K. Bamber, the Reverend C. Simpson, the Reverend A. P. Scott, the Reverend E. C. Boyer, the Reverend C. Darlington, the Reverend A. Haldenby, and the student-in-charge, R. Inshaw. Several other summer students from theological colleges served over this period: Guy Marston, Norman Pilcher, Arthur Brown, Lyndon Barclay, Stephen Gilbert, Hector Belton, Jim Jackson and Arthur Chabot. The latter student, on occasion, walked to St. Paul's, a distance of nine miles, to find an empty church!

Between 1951-1953, St. Thomas' became an official part of the Emsdale-Sprucedale Mission, under the student-in-charge, R. Inshaw. In 1953, Mr. Inshaw became the incumbent of the Rosseau Parish, at which time St. Thomas' joined this Parish and began to enjoy weekly services. In 1955, a 14-member choir was organized which travelled to Camp Koinonia and various churches in the area, on special occasions. The organist was Miss Myrtle Ditchburn, who played on a voluntary basis from 1937-1958. She passed away March 1st, 1978. A mother-of-pearl baptismal shell was presented to the Church by the A.C.W., in her memory. An Altar Guild was formed in 1955 and a W.A. group began in 1957 with the assistance of Mrs. Cyril Peto, Mrs. Jason Odd, Mrs. L. Fisk, and Miss Joyce Blake from Trinity Church, Parry Sound.

From 1955-1959, efforts were made to continue services without an Incumbent in Rosseau on a per-

manent basis. The Reverend J. S. Ditchburn, Archdeacon Cyril Peto, Archdeacon John B. Lindsell, Sister Theadora and Miss Gwladys Davis were assisted by lay people and summer students, Donald M. Landon and William Moore. Mr. Landon's mother kindly donated material for choir gowns, cassocks and surplices. A server's group was formed by Mr. Landon which included: Elburn Bradley, David Ditchburn, Bill Gonder, David Graves and Ken Redfern. Through Archdeacon Lindsell, a wooden Celtic cross was presented to St. Thomas'. This cross was made by a patient at the Gravenhurst Sanitarium, and gilt-colored by Frank Gonder. The missal stand made by Hampton Swaine was sent to Church House by William Moore for re-finishing, and its exquisite beauty enhances the altar today. Insul-brick siding was put on the Church in 1956, which improved the exterior appearance.

On August 11th, 1957, the 20th Anniversary of the Church was held with the Reverend R. Inshaw as the guest minister. The 21st Anniversary was commemorated on August 17th, 1958. The visiting priest was the Reverend Arthur D. Brown, a former summer student, now a Bishop in Toronto Diocese.

Under the ministry of the Reverend Robert G. Charles between 1959-1982, St. Thomas' experienced, for the first time in its history, a sense of sustained continuity in its services and spiritual guidance. In the early 1960's, summer students Ian Nichols, Ken Gibbs and Rod Brazil assisted Mr. Charles.

Changes were initiated from time to time to im-

(Continued on page 5)



The Reverend Richard H. Bamber Incumbent, Emsdale-Sprucedale 1913-1917



The Reverend Stephen Gilbert Summer Student 1942 Now retired in Ganges, B.C.



47th Anniversary, August 20th, 1985 The Reverend Donald M. Landon Joseph Hannon, Lay Assistant The Reverend Robert Davies

St. T  
(Conti  
prove  
Trinity  
remod  
Albert  
then s  
local h  
Archd  
transf  
ed in  
bell w  
Harbo  
miles  
reads:  
W  
W  
Fu  
floor;  
centre  
line i  
remod  
Hurst  
presen  
foundi  
Gonde  
Vestry  
was m  
W.A.  
memo  
Mary  
one of  
Or  
Peto,  
ing gi  
Church



Ha  
Inc



## St. Thomas' Church, Orrville —

(Continued from page 4)

prove and beautify the Church. The congregation of Trinity Church, Parry Sound, gave pews which were remodelled by Frank Graves and refinished by Albert E. Hurst. The original wooden chairs were then sold for \$1.00 each. Some of these are still used in local homes. In 1959, through arrangements made by Archdeacon Peto, a bell, weighing 500 pounds, was transferred from Sprucedale to Orrville, and installed in the town by Mr. Graves and assistants. This bell was originally in the Anglican Church in Depot Harbour, and it could be heard in Parry Sound six miles away. The inspirational inscription on the bell reads:

*When I do Ring — God's Praises Sing.  
When I do Toll — Pray Heart and Soul.*

Further improvements included: the tiling of the floor; insulation; kneeling pads, vestibule rug and centre aisle runner; a new furnace (again) and hot line in the partial basement. The chancel was remodelled and refinished by Mr. Graves and Mr. Hurst to accommodate new furnishings. The W.A. presented a brass altar cross to commemorate its founding, and a dossal curtain in memory of Annie Gonder, the first secretary of the W.A., and the first Vestry Clerk of St. Thomas'. A new fair linen cloth was made and donated by Mrs. Pat McPherson, a W.A. member. Other gifts included: cruets in memory of Morely Sawdon; vases in memory of Mary Malkin; a missal in memory of Albert Healey, one of the original founders of the Church in Orrville.

On July 31st, 1960, the Venerable Cyril H. G. Peto, Archdeacon of Muskoka, dedicated the following gifts to St. Thomas': the pews given by Trinity Church, Parry Sound; the dossal curtain in memory

of Annie Gonder; a prayer desk in memory of Joseph Hannon, Sr.; lectern and screen in memory of John and Harriet Sawdon, and Morley Sawdon; a pulpit in memory of S. T. Malkin; and a communion rail in memory of Mr. and Mrs. P. Hannon and Mr. and Mrs. J. Graves. The bell was re-dedicated at this time. Attending this service were John Haines and Miss Margaret Haines, grandson and granddaughter of the early pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Haines.

The west memorial window was dedicated on July 12th, 1961, by Archbishop W. L. Wright. The window is beautiful in its simplicity and colors, and portrays our Lord with the children. The baptismal font is appropriately placed beneath this window. Members of the Haines family were present for this special occasion, including Canon Richard Haines, who spent all of his ministry in Algoma Diocese. The Haines Memorial window inscription reads:

*To commemorate the founding of St. Thomas' Church at Haines Lake on the Christie Road, 1905 A.D., and in loving tribute of its founders, Miss Charlotte Haines, Mr. Thomas Haines, and Mr. and Mrs. William F. Haines. Erected by the sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Haines.*

Archdeacon Peto, the Reverend Peter Park, Bala, and the Reverend Kenneth Gibbs assisted the rector, Mr. Charles, in the service of Evensong.

Mr. Stan Izon, of Camp Koinonia, also made arrangements with Mr. Charles for a memorial window, with the result that the east window over the altar was installed on Labor Day Sunday, 1961, "to the memory of Margaret Gardiner by her friends from Camp Koinonia." The sanctuary walls had been freshly painted in blue by A. E. Hurst, to complement the beautiful window which features a Cross in the Centre panel, flanked by the Bible and the Chalice. In later years new hymn books were presented to the Church in memory of Guy V. Shrider, Frank Graves, Duncan Robertson and Mrs. Catherine Hannon. New prayer books were given in memory of Grace and Terrence S. Herron and Morley Sawdon.

In 1964, the congregation discussed the merits of building a rectory to accommodate summer clergy on holiday who would be willing to assist Mr. Charles in his busy schedule. The rectory was subsequently built in 1966, with volunteer help, and was used for its original purpose for a few years. By May, 1971, the debt on the rectory was paid in full. It was later rented to various families to offset its expenses. At present, the Rectory is rented to our faithful organist, Mrs. M. Sawdon, and it has been used for Sunday School classes since February, 1984, with her kind permission.

In December, 1982, Mr. Charles retired after a zealous and fruitful ministry. The congregation of St. Thomas' presented Mr. and Mrs. Charles with a gift of money and their good wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

From January to May, 1983, the Church was closed. The parishioners anxiously awaited Bishop Frank F. Nock's advice with regard to a new incumbent to the Rosseau Parish. Finally, in May, the Reverend Robert Davies was appointed to the Parish.

With the advent of new families in the area, a small choir and Sunday School were organized in February, 1984. Youth groups were started and Bible Study classes organized under Mr. Davies' direction. On Thanksgiving Sunday, the church was colorfully decorated and presented with four dossal curtains by Mrs. Sawdon, in memory of the Sawdon and Robertson families.

On August 20th, 1984, the 47th Anniversary of St. Thomas' was celebrated, with the Reverend Donald M. Landon as the guest speaker. The Reverend Robert Davies had served as assistant curate to Mr. Landon at St. Paul's, Thunder Bay. At this service, Joseph Hannon was officially designated as a lay assistant, a position he has fulfilled with dedication since 1937.

The years have taken their toll — and the vestry minutes from 1952 on show many recurring, expensive repairs, as well as substantial improvements to the Church. In January, 1984, the Vestry appointed a Building Committee to investigate the nature and

costs of repairs, also, the possibility of building a new extension. The Committee reported to the Vestry in November. In their opinion, it would be extremely difficult to repair the building so that it would sit level on a strong foundation. The general feeling of the members present favored a new church building, rather than spending thousands of dollars on an old structure.

In September, 1985, after many meetings and inspections of the condition of the building, "it was unanimously decided that a new church building should be considered to be built in phases, so as not to incur debt, rather than repairing the present one." Further discussion dealt with the size, costs and other factors. The Vestry decided a new building should be slightly larger, with a full basement to accommodate Sunday School classes, kitchen and washroom facilities (a first!) and other functions. The existing furnishings, appointments and memorial windows are to be incorporated into the new building. A Fund-Raising Committee was formed at this meeting also. The first official appeal was launched in December, 1985. Through Church projects, A.C.W. contributions, memorials, and private donations, over \$27,000 has been raised to date toward the erection of a new Church, a far cry from the amount needed to complete a new building.

The congregation of St. Thomas', Orrville, therefore, are appealing to all readers of *The Algoma Anglican* for your prayers and goodwill in making our hopes and dreams a reality.

Joseph Hannon is the Treasurer of the Building Fund. All monetary donations will be most gratefully appreciated and acknowledged with an official receipt for income tax purposes. Mr. Hannon's address is R.R. 3, Parry Sound, Ontario, P2A 2W9.

We wish to acknowledge and thank all those who contributed to our research. If anyone has additional data or pictures to augment our history of St. Thomas', Orrville, we would appreciate hearing from you.

## Remember history at Uffington

At the conclusion of his Spring itinerary in Muskoka this year Bishop Peterson officiated at a Confirmation service held in St. Paul's, Uffington. Making his first visit to this, one of the oldest churches in that part of the diocese, he was assisted by the priest-in-charge, Canon D. N. Mitchell, and the Venerable J. H. Watson, who acted as Bishop's Chaplain. The organist for the service was Ernest Peeling, a son of the Reverend Henry Peeling, one of the early missionaries who held the charge of Uffington, Vankoughnet and Purbrook. Mr. Peeling has recently moved there from Sault Ste. Marie to live in a new house he has built at Uffington.

Also making this event a link with its former history (St. Paul's had been the parish church of the Mission) was the fact that several members of St. Stephen's Church, Vankoughnet, attended the service, and together with six members of St. Paul's, there were four persons from St. Stephen's presented for the Laying On Of Hands.

Following the service, which took place in the evening, the congregation enjoyed refreshments in the narthex of the church served by the ladies of St. Paul's.

The Confirmation concluded a busy day in the Bishop's schedule, beginning with a conference with the Rector and honorary clergy of St. James', Gravenhurst, then taking part in the regular weekly Communion Service in the chapel. The Bishop was next taken to the Muskoka Carewell Nursing Home in Gravenhurst

where he was given a tour of the extensive work being done there and where he met with several patients, including The Reverend Horace Garrard, S.S.J.E., who has been in the home for several years. At noon the Bishop was guest of honour at a luncheon held by the staff.

## Letters to the Editor

(Continued from page 2)

— spend some time each day in the study of the scriptures;

— review the creeds and prayers we profess, and the word review is significant.

— Engage in daily prayer.

The study of the scriptures needs to be guided and informed. The Bible is a very difficult book and needs, may I say, professional guidance by those who have been trained in it. The quotation of proof texts which happen to appeal to us is not what is meant by serious study of the scriptures.

Your correspondent and others like him would find it very helpful to seek guidance in their bible studies. In that way the exciting and imperishable message of the scriptures would become even plainer to them.

F. A. Peake,  
Sudbury, Ontario.

"You are the Salt of the Earth."

—Diocese of Algoma motto for 1986



Haines Memorial Window



Canon Harry Garbutt  
Incumbent, Emsdale-Sprucedale



Mrs. Annie Gonder  
First Vestry Clerk  
1952-1958 and W.A.  
secretary 1957-1958



The Reverend  
R. Inshaw  
Incumbent Rosseau  
Parish  
1953-1956



The Reverend  
Robert G. Charles  
and Mrs. Charles  
(Retirement party 1982)  
Incumbent, Rosseau  
Parish 1957-1982



The Venerable  
Cyril H. G. Peto



Margaret Gardiner  
Memorial Window  
1961  
(Camp Koinonia)



First Servers,  
Bill Gonder



St. Thomas', 1957  
David Graves

# G.A. Festival was a bright event of April



North Bay, second place tie, choral speaking



St. Thomas', Thunder Bay, posing before afternoon banquet



St. Matthew's, Holy Trinity, St. Luke's — first place, tie, drama



St. Paul's, Thunder Bay



St. Michael's, Thunder Bay, second place, dance



This year the annual Girls' Auxiliary festival was at the cathedral at Sault Ste. Marie from April 18th to 20th. Bishop and Mrs. Peterson were present for the entire program. Archbishop and Mrs. Wright were special guests at the closing banquet.

Miss Kyla Landy, Thunder Bay, was chosen as Miss G.A. for the year. The Archbishop Wright trophy for overall points

was won by Thunder Bay Deanery.

In the competitions the winning Deaneries were:

Dance: 1 Algoma, 2 Thunder Bay, 3 Temiskaming.

Choral Speaking: 1 Thunder Bay, Algoma and Temiskaming tied for second.

Singing: 1 Thunder Bay, Temiskaming and Algoma tied for second.

Drama: Thunder Bay and Algoma tied for first.



Archbishop and Mrs. W. L. Wright attended 11:00 a.m. service and the closing banquet.



The Bishop and "Miss G.A."



Mrs. Linda Barker, Diocesan G.A. Secretary



Parade to Cathedral, led by Alison Weir

The Algoma Anglican appreciates having received these pictures.

Groups participating for which no pictures were available were St. John's, Sault Ste. Marie; St. John's, Schreiber, and St. Joseph Island.

## Archdeacon Haddon to retire in October

The Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Thunder Bay, the Venerable E. R. Haddon, on Sunday morning, April 13th, announced to his congregation his resignation from the parish to take effect October 26th. He stated that if a new

Rector wishes to commence his duties prior to October 26th he would be prepared to step down at an earlier time.

Following a shortened morning service on Sunday, May 4th, 20 nominations were received for a

Concurrence Committee, and 225 parishioners voted by ballot to elect seven committee members, as follows:

Shirley Koza, Margaret Landy, R. A. Morrison, Frank Pierce, W. Reszityk, T. Rudolph, S. B. Turner.

## Bishop of Algoma visits Muskoka Parishes

The Right Rev. Leslie Peterson, Bishop of Algoma, in April visited a number of congregations in Muskoka. April 15th was given over to a meeting of the Bishop with the clergy of Muskoka Deanery, with a Confirmation service in the evening at St. James' Church, Gravenhurst and April 16th at 7:30, he conducted a Confirmation service at St. Paul's Church, Uffington, in the Bracebridge East Mission.

On Sunday, April 13th, at 11 a.m., Bishop Peterson conducted Confirmation at St. Mark's Church,

day evening was at St. Thomas' Church, Bracebridge. Monday evening he celebrated Holy Eucharist at St. Mary's Church, Beatrice.

The service at St. Thomas' Church, Bracebridge, was one of special interest when Bishop Peterson dedicated a beautiful memorial window, placed in the north wall near the pulpit, which depicts the Baptism of our Lord. The stained glass window was presented by William Elliott in loving memory of his parents, Hilliard and Florence Elliott, aunt Gertrude, brother Jack

The service of Confirmation followed, with eight confirmands, presented by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Stanley Tomes. Music of the service was led by the church choir, directed by Ruth Walsh, and the anthem was "Come my Way." Those confirmed were Casey Ball, Karen Clarke, Dana Vaughan, Trevor Hudson, Lisa Mayville, Jonathan Hall, Christopher Andison and Stewart Breithaupt.

The summer days are come again;  
The birds are on the wing;  
God's praises, in their loving strain,  
Unconsciously they sing.  
We know who giveth all the good  
That doth our cup o'erbrim;  
For summer joy in field and wood,  
We lift our hearts to Him.

## Rector of Gravenhurst leaving to enter prison chaplaincy service

An announcement which surprised the congregation of St. James' Church, Gravenhurst, on Sunday, April 27th, was made by the Rector, the Reverend Patrick Atkinson, who stated that after consultation with Bishop Peterson, he would be granted leave of absence from the Diocese to conclude his pastorate at Gravenhurst at the end of August. He is to take up chaplaincy work with the Ontario Ministry of Correctional Services.

During his seven years in Gravenhurst, Father Atkinson became chaplain with the Beaver Creek Correctional Camp at Reay, and has been well regarded for his work there.

He came to Gravenhurst from parish work in the Diocese of Keewatin, at Atikokan. He is a native of India and came to Canada almost 30 years ago, completing theological studies in this country. He is married, with four sons of school age.

In an interview with Judith Brocklehurst on behalf of *The Algoma Anglican*, Father Atkinson told of the new form of ministry he will be undertaking later this year.

This fall, he will start an 11-month training period in Supervised Pastoral Education with the Civil Service Commission, which will qualify him for chaplaincy and internship work. "I hope at the end of that time to go into correctional work," he says.

He expects to find the work "more challenging in a sense; it's working with the whole person on an individual basis, more



**RECTOR LEAVING:** The Reverend Patrick Atkinson, of St. James' Church in Gravenhurst, has obtained a leave of absence, beginning at the end of August, from the Diocese of Algoma. He will take up chaplaincy work with the Ontario Ministry of Correctional Services. (Judith Brocklehurst photo).

concentrated," he said. "if you help one or two people to come back into society you will have done a good work."

Educated at St. Paul's High School in Palampur, India, he came to Canada in 1957. He has a degree in Theology from Huron College, London, and an M.A. in Sociology from Lakehead University. He has been a priest of the Anglican Church of Canada since 1961 and Rector in Gravenhurst since 1979.

He has worked with the developmentally handicapped, with mental health programs for native Indians and battered women, on Children's Aid Societies

and has been a civilian padre for the Canadian Armed Forces.

His work as chaplain at Beaver Creek Correctional Camp, near Gravenhurst, has continued to reflect the dual thrust of the Gospel towards caring for the whole person, offering both spiritual and practical help.

He is well aware of the difficulties and hazards of prison work, but feels a deep concern for those incarcerated, especially young offenders.

"The age of the inmates in the federal system is getting younger," he said. "It used to be 35 and older. I feel sad when I see some just 20 or 21 going in there. When I see a young person, they're coming up against some hardened boys. I know I'm being used at times: I don't kid myself."

Prison work is a situation of high tension, he said. "The padres are in the gap, between the officers who have to get hardened, and the criminals; you'll be accused by both sides, too."

As he talks about the problems of a prison ministry, he shows his awareness that this is not a question of "saving souls." He clearly has little time for the evangelist who wants to chalk up "souls for Christ" like notches on a gun; all souls are Christ's. "You don't push; they may or may not listen; it's being there, low profile, confidentiality. . .

"They know there are different reasons why men in prison become religious; and how soon they forget it. You hope that you can help people to become ready for the world instead of being locked up.

"Hopefully, God willing, it's a new way the Lord is showing me to serve."

## New Rector Inducted at St. John's, Chapleau

What a wonderfully inspiring Service. When the hymns were sung, it was like a well trained choir; and so beautiful with all those male voices. It was wonderful how there was only one "Amen" at the end of the prayers and hymns.

These are only a few of the many positive comments that were heard at the conclusion of the service on April 22nd at St. John's Church, Chapleau, when the Reverend Fred H. Carson was inducted as Rector. The singing, praying and celebration were outward signs of a true and lasting unity we have in the Lord Jesus Christ . . . there was a oneness that caused many to remark that "this was the nicest induction I have attended."

With over 20 Clergy pre-

sent, three Deaneries were clearly represented. There were also priests from the neighboring Diocese of Moosonee, as well as representation from some of the local churches in the community.

As our Bishop, the Right Reverend L. E. Peterson, conducted the installation and especially as we partook in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we became aware once more of the strength and healing the Lord gives us in it. As we traditionally knelt to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord, brothers and sisters in Christ, we knew once more that we were bound together in a unique manner by the Holy Spirit of God.

The Service of Induction reminds us of the respon-

sibilities of the priest as he ministers to and among the people of his parish; but such a Service also affords an opportunity to concentrate on the whole ministry. And the Dean, the Very Reverend I. L. Robertson, preacher for this special occasion, was used of the Lord to inspire all the people of St. John's to get involved in the total ministry of the Church, based on Romans 12:1-18.

We thank God for April 22nd, and for the many ways in which we were blessed. We thank Him especially for the renewed sense of unity we have with fellow Christians throughout the diocese and beyond. . . "to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ, Amen."

## The Rev. C. J. Morden Ordained at Thunder Bay

The Reverend Christopher John Morden was ordained a deacon in the Church of God on the evening of the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 9th, in St. Paul's Church, Thunder Bay, where he was appointed as Assistant Curate last February 1st. A large congregation filled the church and nearly all the clergy of Thunder Bay Deanery and some from beyond were there to support the candidate.

The Bishop was the preacher, and his chaplain, Canon Harry Morrow of Sault Ste. Marie, was in attendance. The presenters were the Reverend Timothy Delaney and Bill Kidd, rector and lay reader of St. Matthew's, Sault Ste. Marie, where Mr. Morden was a student-intern last summer; the Reverend Timothy Foley, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto, where the new deacon did his student work, and Michael Wrenshall, the People's Warden of St. Paul's where Mr. Morden is now serving.

Also present were his mother Mrs. Frances Morden, from St. Thomas, Ontario, and his sisters, Mrs. Shirley Fowler, of London, Ontario, and Mrs. Marion Huntzinger of Laughton, Oklahoma.

The Reverend Jack White representing the Thunder Bay Council of Clergy and Monsignor R. A. Carroll, of St.

Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral, attended also.

The preacher was Canon Mark Conliffe, Rural Dean of Thunder Bay, and the Retreat Master was Canon Fred Roberts, Rector of St. John's, Thunder Bay.

The Reverend

Christopher Morden has had connections with Parry Sound where his family managed a seasonal business, and he has worked with disturbed young people in Group Homes before studying theology at Wycliffe and Trinity Colleges in Toronto.



**MADE A DEACON:** The above picture was taken at the Ordination service at St. Paul's Church, Thunder Bay, and shows, left to right: Canon Harry Morrow, Bishop's Chaplain; Bishop Peterson and the Reverend Christopher John Morden, Deacon.

## The Pastoral Institute of Northern Ontario CO-ORDINATOR OF PASTORAL EDUCATION

(Full Time)

The successful candidate will be a mature person with an ability to work in an ecumenical church community (some formal theological education an asset). Must have teaching and supervisory skills in leadership development training and in adult education; excellent communication and small group skills. Bilingualism would be an asset.

This position offers an attractive salary and benefit package. Applications must be received by September 1st, 1986. Starting date negotiable. Job description available on request. Please send resume to:

Rev. John P. Romeril, Chairman,  
Board of Directors,  
Pastoral Institute of Northern Ontario,  
Huntington College,  
Laurentian University Campus,  
Sudbury, Ontario P3E 2C6.

## Special Social Action Conference

Applications are invited for persons interested in Social Justice issues, to spend an intensive weekend in Sudbury on October 3rd to 5th, 1986, at Villa Loyola. The Registration fee is \$20.00. We plan to have four to five people from each Deanery willing to learn social analysis skills and share with resource people, so that an action network can be established in our diocese.

We have some serious issues to look at, and as a Church we need to reflect on the response we need to make, and the action we need to take.

If you are willing to get involved and would like to take part in this process, you are invited to apply. Send your application to: The Reverend R. Duncan, 353 Eyre St. S., SUDBURY, Ontario, P3C 4B5.

## Public Education Feedback Where do you stand?

Results are of responses to a questionnaire published in *The Algoma Anglican* and all other Diocesan newspapers of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario in January, 1986. Following are responses received by March 21st, 1986:

Many respondents provided comments under an "Other Comments" question. These have yet to be analysed.

(1) It is important to maintain strong public schools which offer a comprehensive programme open to all. Strongly agree 567, agree 64, disagree 10, other 12, total 653.

(2) Children and young people in Ontario elementary/secondary schools should be taught about religion and values at all grade levels. Strongly agree 359, agree 171, disagree 74, no answer 16, other 35, total 655.

(3) With regard to the extension of public funding to Roman Catholic Separate Schools to the end of grade 13, I think: Funding should be extended without delay 30, funding should be delayed until the matter is publicly debated and the implications are clear 196, funding should not be extended under any circumstances 404, other 36, total 666.

(4) With regard to the granting of public funding to private, independent schools, I think: These schools should be fully funded 42, these schools should be partially funded 85, these schools should be funded if Roman Catholic schools are funded 49, these schools should not be funded 443, no answer 25, other 7, total 651.

Questionnaire response forms are on file in the Programme Office, Diocese of Ottawa, 71 Bronson Ave., Ottawa, Ontario, K1R 6G6. Telephone (613) 233-6271.

## Around Algoma News of the Parishes

No fewer than 18 received the Laying on of Hands on Tuesday evening, April 15th, by Bishop Leslie Peterson, at St. James' Church, Gravenhurst, at a service of Confirmation and Eucharist. The candidates were presented by the Rector, the Rev. Patrick Atkinson. Groups of the ACW of Bess Meade and Ruth Rose entertained at a reception following the service. The following are the names of the adult class: Robert and Heather Embury, Donald and Barbara Smales, Ruth M. Williams, Ellen MacDonald and William W. Jones; young people included Jennifer L. Jones, and Sherri Jones, Lorna Jackson, Cecil Embury, Cecil C. Embury, Koreen P. King, Wendy Brousseau, Michael Fountain, Chris Fountain, Tammy Bennett and Sean D. Scammell.

At St. Thomas' Church, Thunder Bay, over 100 of the G.A. and J.A. with their mothers and grandmothers attended their annual banquet. The setting of the tables was most attractive. The Juniors entered the hall with lighted candles and placed them before each mother or grandmother, as well as the visitors. The visitors included Jean Brayshaw, Diocesan ACW President; Sylvia Wright, Deanery ACW President; Ena Conliffe, Deanery G.A. Secretary; Archdeacon and Mrs. Hadson; the Reverend and Mrs. R. Russell and Frank Pierce. Following the dinner, a special presentation was made to the Archdeacon, who will retire this year, of a scroll and a cabbage patch doll dressed in Junior uniform.

The quilt display and tea arranged by St. Brice's A.C.W., North Bay, was held Wednesday, May 28th, with perfect weather. People came from far and near to see this excellent display of quilts, the result of many hours of work. Forty quilts were displayed. The plant and bake table proved popular.

Teenage Sudbury Young Anglicans from All Saints', Coniston and St. James', Sudbury, spent an afternoon at Science North on Saturday, April 26th. Then all went to St. James' Rectory for supper following games. Plans were made for June. On Saturday, June 7th, there was a day-long canoe picnic starting from Wahnapiæ up to Emery Falls. Boys' canoe trip is June 23rd, 24th, 25th, starting at Ashagami Lake, but meeting at All Saints'. Teenagers from other parishes were welcome to join in both of these events.

The second "spring annual" of A.C.W. Deanery of Temiskaming was on Thursday, June 5th. The proceedings began with a "shared" lunch which was provided by the Parishes in North Bay. A "Hymn Sing" followed lunch and many of the "old" hymns were enjoyed. A video series on Visiting (part one, "Do's and Don'ts") given by the Reverend Canon D. A. P. Smith brought the day to an end. The Reverend R. Flowers gave the closing blessing. Christ Church ladies were the hosts for the day.

With proceeds going to the building fund, a successful chili dinner was held in the Holy Trinity Church, Sault Ste. Marie, parish hall on April 25th. Another parish event was the A.C.W. fashion show, and then, on May 24th, a giant yard sale for the building fund.

At St. James' Church, Gravenhurst, on Sunday, April 13th, the men of the Parish held their annual Corporate Communion at the 8:30 a.m. service. Breakfast in the Parish Hall was then enjoyed by 28 men. Assisting Doris Jordan as convener of the breakfast were Ruth Rose, Elaine and Clarence Smith, Mary Shay, Mary Winlow and Mary Middlebrooks.

At Holy Trinity Church, Sault Ste. Marie, the prayers of the congregation were asked for the ordination to the priesthood of Karen Davey Dukes on April 20th at St. Peter's Church in Brockville. The ordinand is daughter-in-law of Reba Dukes, of Holy Trinity Church. Prayers also were asked

for Benon Kiwanuka, brother-in-law of Bob Burns, of Holy Trinity, Ordained at St. Paul's Cathedral (Church of Uganda), at Namirembe, Kampala, Uganda, April 27th.

A memorial window was recently installed at St. John's Church, North Bay, in memory of a former Rector, the Rev. Canon Large. The memorial was made possible by the contributions of members of the Parish.

On April 20th, 46 young people and leaders gathered at St. Stephen's, Thunder Bay, to enjoy supper, a sing-song and a slide presentation. Special guest for the evening was Fr. Doug Fenton who is from Rainy River in the Diocese of Keewatin. Fr. Doug is the Keewatin Diocesan Youth Chaplain and is also a member of the National Youth Unit. He was invited by the Thunder Bay Deanery Unit to come and speak to the Anglican youth of the city about his trip to Mexico and Nicaragua in October/November of 1984. The group learned more about Central American culture, the political situation and the aid that our church is giving from Fr. Doug's slide show entitled "Vayamos" meaning "Let's Go!" Special thanks were extended by Jim Toohey of St. Thomas' to Fr. Doug for coming, to St. Stephen's ACW for funding for the supper and to all who attended the evening. The Thunder Bay Deanery Youth Unit is now making plans for a gathering of the recent confirmands in the city.

### Metropolitan of Ontario urges endorsement of statement on Sunday closing laws

In a letter to all Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, the Metropolitan, Archbishop John C. Bothwell, has reported on a recent dialogue between four Anglican Bishops and four Roman Catholic Bishops. "After exploring our differences over school funding tentatively, we made a long list of other issues which we have in common," the latter states.

The Bishops will meet again on September 29th, and will receive the report of educators from both Churches on the question of school funding, and then begin planning for a possible seminar on some aspect of Faith and Culture in a couple of years' time.

"As an immediate public demonstration of good will between Anglican and Roman Catholic Bishops, in spite of our acknowledged differences over public education, our consultation agreed that I should ask all Anglican Bishops in this Province to endorse publicly a statement on Sunday Closing Laws prepared by our Roman Catholic brethren," Archbishop Bothwell's letter advises.

The Metropolitan notes that the Sunday Closing statement expresses what most Anglicans believe, too, and he has asked that it be given the widest possible publicity. The statement is therefore published in this issue, as follows:

#### Sunday Closing Laws

It has been traditional in Canada and Ontario to observe Sunday as a day of worship of God and as a day of common rest. This has the overwhelming support of the people of this province.

Even in a pluralistic society we cannot expect to have several days of rest/worship; the social structures do not permit this. However, there can be at least one common day of rest and our present social structures support Sunday as such a day. A Sunday common day of rest is in no way prejudicial to others who



MUSKOKA DEANERY CONFERENCE: This happy group of people from Muskoka Deanery enjoyed a weekend conference with Bishop Peterson at Geneva Park, Orillia, in May. Sponsored by the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer, the conference focussed on baptism, eucharist and ministry. Beautiful weather and excellent facilities combined with time for fellowship, as well as quiet meditation, to set the tone for a weekend to remember.



Bishop Peterson with some of the leaders at the conference. Lake Couchiching in the background.

### Reflections of A Week-end Apart

By Audrey Westover

About a year ago Bishop Peterson asked that a weekend retreat be organized, based on 2 Corinthians 5:18.

Sponsored by The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer and Muskoka Deanery, and nursed by Betty McDowall and John and Bette Thompson the first annual Bishop's weekend retreat came in to being May 9th to 11th at Geneva Park Conference Centre.

In his inimitable pastoral way Bishop Peterson led us into a new awareness of our baptism

which is, as he told us, participation in Christ's death and resurrection, and is a "Renewal of the Spirit." He also reminded us that the Eucharist is the renewal of our baptism. The Bishop shone through as a powerful leader — yet one of the people.

It was an eclectic experience with something for everyone. The Bishop's lectures were interspersed with structured exercises, music, liturgy, and group discussions. There was time for reflection, meditation and nurturing. We wor-

shipped in song, in silence, in community, in liturgy.

Special thanks go to Norman Wolske and Derek Shakespear who, with music, effectively established an atmosphere enabling us to both praise and meditate.

The exercises, organized and presented by Margaret Johnston and Lynn Uzans served to clarify our individual gifts. We then used this knowledge to make personal and private intentions around our individual ministry (as our baptism calls us to do), whether that ministry is within a parish or beyond the parish lines into the community. We are stewards of God's world.

In Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and the Eucharist the Book of Alternative Services was used. All present participated in the worship and liturgy.

A highlight for many was a service of "Reconciliation for a Penitent" with the laying on of hands and anointing with oil by Bishop Peterson.

#### Order of St. Luke North Bay Chapter

By Ivy Clenday

The North Bay Chapter of the International Order of St. Luke the Physician sponsored a workshop on "Stress Management" Saturday, April 12th at St. Brice's Parish Hall. The workshop was led by the Reverend Leslie Bonnell, Chaplain at the North Bay Psychiatric Hospital, and Archdeacon H. Ross Kreager, Rector of St. Brice's Anglican Church, North Bay, Chaplain of the North Bay Chapter of the Order of St. Luke.

It seems to us that the so-called economic argument for a wide-open Sunday is self-defeating and really beside the point. Our concern must be to better family life and retain the social benefits of Sunday closing for the vast majority of citizens.

We would, therefore, ask the government to see that present Closing Laws are applied strictly but also fairly, with any retail openings kept to the minimum. The common good should override the wishes of those who would have it otherwise.

Ontario Conference of Catholic Bishops  
67 Bond Street, Suite 304  
Toronto, Ontario M5B 1X5  
May 6, 1986