

GREETINGS FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA

Although we recently flew more than 5,000 miles away from home my husband and I seemed to keep in touch with Hampton Hill. In less than a week after we had "touched down" in Victoria, B.C. our daughter Barbara drove us to Royal Roads Military College. There we were welcomed by Professor William Rodney, head of the History Department, and conducted over the former Hatley Castle built by the well-known Dunsmuir family. The Castle is built in the Scottish Baronial style and contains wonderful wood-panelling in all the rooms. From the terrace we had commanding views of the heavily snow-capped peaks of the Hurricane Range in Washington State, U.S.A., across the Juan da Fuca Straits. Professor Rodney recently published his book "Joe Boyle, King of the Klondike", about the very colourful character who resided at Wayside for a time, and was buried in St. James's Churchyard. The author was most appreciative of all the help given to him by the Vicar in 1971 when he visited Hampton Hill, and autographed the copy we had bought; unfortunately there is no picture of Wayside included, although one was specially taken. We were privileged to be shown over the newly-opened library and we envied the cadets of all three Services who can study in such beautiful surroundings, for the extensive grounds are delightfully laid out; these we explored fully on a second visit and had tea on the terrace. For our grandchildren the highlight of our first visit was seeing a raccoon up in a pine tree and watching the peacocks displaying their feathers!

On our second Sunday in Colwood, Barbara drove us about eighteen miles to the eastern side of the Island so that we could attend service at St. Stephen's, Saanich, where the Rev. Ivan Futter is Rector. Here we were in the midst of rich farming country, amazingly different from the thickly forested western side of the Island where we were staying. The church, a simple wooden building, ages with St. James, on each side of the front entrance are two enormous fir trees, first planted at Christmas 1862. Above the altar is a beautiful stained-glass window depicting the Annunciation; wood-carvings brought from Gloucester Cathedral hang on the side walls. No question of Series 2 or 3 here! Communion service as in the old Prayer Book was the order of the day; the hymn book now in use is that jointly compiled by the Anglican and United Church of Canada. We returned to the Rectory for tea and chat after the service and tried to give Ivan as much Hampton Hill news as we could. We left a copy of 'The Spire' with him and brought back St. Stephen's magazine with us.

We had intended visiting friends in Vancouver, but decided against this as the weather was so hot and there was such a long wait at the Ferry Terminals. However, we had a grand "get-together" with Dr. Rodney Bishop and his wife, Anne, and their two children, James and Sarah, in Vancouver Airport. They were waiting to greet Anne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Swindale, who were flying in on the very plane on which we were booked to fly home. As this was delayed for two hours we had ample time for a chat, and here again we tried to give Hampton Hill news. To our delight we were able to have a quick meeting with the Swindales too. Truly the world is a small place!

I.V.R.

THE NEW DEAN OF JOHANNESBURG

On Sunday, August 10, I asked from the pulpit for prayers for friends of mine, the Rev. Desmond Tutu, his wife Lear, and his children.

Desmond Tutu has been invited to be Dean of the Cathedral in Johannesburg,

South Africa. He has accepted this appointment, and flew on August 15 to Johannesburg. He will be installed as Dean on Sunday, August 31.

He is a South African African - or to use the phrase preferred now by the blacks in South Africa - a 'South African Black'. He has a degree from Fort Hare University and a B.D. from King's College, London. He has had a parish in England, has taught at the Federal Theological Seminary in Alice, South Africa, and at the University of Lesotho, Botswana and Swaziland. For the past five years he has been African Secretary of the Theological Education Fund, a post involving much travelling, and has been living in Grove Park in South East London where he and Lear have bought their own home. Their son, Trevor, is at Imperial College studying science, and Theresa, the eldest daughter, is doing her A levels. The two younger daughters will accompany their parents to Johannesburg.

The family have enjoyed the freedom of London to the full. They go now into an apartheid society. They cannot go where they want. There is one international hotel into which they can go freely, and that is at Jan Smuts Airport. At all other hotels in white areas they will be denied entry. If the manager, seeing who Desmond is, stretches a point and allows him in, it only needs one white visitor to object and the black man will be turned out. The family cannot go to the theatres, concert halls and cinemas in the white areas of South Africa's big towns (although some selected non-whites are being allowed into one of the Cape Town theatres now). They cannot go to the public swimming-baths which are designated for whites. They cannot enter the stations by the same entrances as the whites or enter any carriage on the train; there are carriages for whites and carriages for blacks. There are second-class taxis for the blacks. There are second-class buses and separate bus-stops. They will be living in an area which is designated only for blacks. Social amenities are available but limited in the black areas.

The two young daughters will go to school in Swaziland; they would not comprehend the Bantu Education system of conditioning blacks from an early age to a permanent second-class citizen status. At any moment the South African Government could cancel the children's passports to Swaziland. During holidays it won't be possible for these girls to rush around everywhere (they have just been on a school party to Switzerland); if their parents take them out for a picnic they will have to be careful not to sit at the pleasant way-side picnic areas where there are rustic chairs and tables - passing white motorists would shout abuse at them. The parents will carry passes indicating name, address, age, tribe, that permission has been given to live in an urban area, up-to-date tax receipts, etc. The most junior white policeman will be able to ask to see their passes, to be rude to them and know that he can get away with it. The police have a right, on suspicion, to search any black home between the hours of 1 and 4 a.m. for liquor or for people who they think may not have permission to be in the area. The police will have been warned to be careful of the Rev. Desmond Tutu because he is a world figure. He and the family may get away with not having to undergo too much unpleasantness from social pressures, but this will be by luck and not by right.

Desmond Tutu will have a key job where he will be in a position to bring out the respect of the white people for his great spiritual strength. For him, and particularly for his wife and family, our most sincere and deep prayers are needed at this time.

Hannah Stanton

AUTUMN SERIES OF TALKS

The Hampton and Hampton Hill Community Care Group, with the help of the Richmond Council of Voluntary Service, is arranging a series of talks during the autumn, starting on Tuesday, September 30. There will be 11 talks on Tuesday mornings, from 10 - 11.30, and they will be held at the United Reformed Church, next door to 35, High Street, Hampton Hill.

The talks are for those who want more training in advising and helping people. They are not only for our C.C.G. office-workers; they are for all who are interested.

Subjects include: Statutory and Supplementary Social Service Benefits, Department of Employment, Education, Housing, Landlord and Tenant, Matrimonial Problems, Community Health Service, Consumer Law.

Already about 20 people have enrolled for these talks; some are coming to all, others to a selection. Enrolment forms are in the C.C.G. office in the United Reformed Church: these should be filled in and left with the helper on duty. Office hours: 9.30 - 12.30 and 2 - 4.

Hannah Stanton

ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS CHURCH ST. GILES, HIGH STREET, LONDON W.C.2.

Some of our congregation went to the above church last year to hear Dr. William Neil lecture on Isaiah 40 - 55, and found this most interesting.

This year starting on October 6, and every Monday until November 24, at 7 p.m. he will be talking about the "Sayings of Jesus", and what was meant by them (32 in all). This is a wonderful opportunity for us to understand better what our Lord meant by many of His sayings.

Transport can be provided for those who wish to travel up from Hampton Hill. We shall leave at 6.15 p.m., and shall return home by 8.40 p.m. approx.

There is no charge for these lectures, but we have to apply for tickets. If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity please let me know as soon as possible.

Don Rawlins

A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP

For over a year now a group of people in our parish who wished to seek a closer relationship with our Lord have been meeting together at Seymour's house once a fortnight to read scripture, meditate on its meaning, and to pray together seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We have found joy in the presence of the Lord, as we have become more and more aware of the glory and power which is God's alone.

The early Church was well aware of the importance of prayer. Prayer was the power of the Church. By prayer many miracles were performed and are indeed still performed to-day. The successful parish is the parish that prays together in the power of the Spirit. This makes a living Church.

God's glory is manifested in Christ, and when we pray earnestly in the Spirit God's glory and power will be reflected among Christ's people.

For those who have not yet taken part in a "Prayer Group", and perhaps feel that they would not like to join a group that has been running some time, there is an opportunity to join a new group which is starting at 75, Burton's Road, in October, at 8 p.m. and will meet every other Wednesday. Come along, and let us all seek together a closer fellowship with our Lord, and from this will come greater love and fellowship with each other in the body of Christ.

The dates for meetings this year are as follows:-

22 October
5 November
19 November
3 December
17 December
31 December

If anyone wishes to know more about this, please get in touch with me.

Don Rawlins

ECONOMICAL USE OF BUILDINGS

On the basis that a house is in use seven days a week, an office or restaurant about fifty hours, a church must be amongst the least utilised buildings at about five hours - barely 3%.

Can a church building be put to more use without detracting from its essential atmosphere on a place for worship and spiritual refreshment?

With careful thought, replanning and a certain amount of reassessment of an individual's outlook of established church atmosphere, it would seem possible and even practical, if the costs involved appeared worthwhile.

At St. James's, with a seating capacity of about 350, but normally less than half used, it would be possible without any structural alterations or additions to provide the following facilities:-

1. Seating capacity of 106 for normal services.
2. Seating capacity of over 250 for special occasions.
3. A chapel for 8 a.m. Holy Communion and weekday morning services with seating for 30.
4. A fitted bookstall area.
5. A chapter-house/vestry for council meetings with seating for 28.
6. The font within the body of the church.
7. A kitchen of adequate size.
8. Male and female toilets.
9. Storage space for extra seating and general clutter.
10. An extended chancel platform for religious presentations.
11. An open area with space for tables and seating for 105 for harvest suppers, annual general meetings and similar events.
12. Improved natural lighting and more effective heating.

Is this the type of building we would wish for St. James's church and if so would it be worth the quite considerable cost involved?

R.J.C.D.

THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL

The specially-devised afternoon service was full of life and zest and incident. The members of the Junior Sunday School presented a series of episodes showing how people of many different kinds in many different centuries - including of course our own St. James - have answered 'Yes' to God. The junior choir sang with great gusto a new hymn 'Fisherman James' - looking back, it was a pity that they did not sing it right through a second time, then we would have been more certain of the tune and there would have been more enthusiastic congregational participation. There was no sermon or address: instead, we heard the Jerusalem correspondent of the Capernaum and North Galilee Times, on the day after James's execution, seeking information from a representative of a fishing firm who had once been a foreman employed by Zebedee and Sons when James was one of the partners about his background and early life. This brought out in a vivid and dramatic way the kind of impact a man like James must have had on his contemporaries.

After the service a sumptuous afternoon tea was served, but it had to be in the church and not on the churchyard lawn because of the vagaries of the weather. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make it a happy and memorable occasion.

THE PARISH CONFERENCE

It is hoped to have leaflets containing full details, preparatory material for study, and a booking-form, available in church by the middle of September, after the Stewardship Committee has planned the agenda.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

Last year we were alerted by meetings at Mary Sumner House to a number of social problems peculiar to these times and which come within the scope of municipal Social Services. At Branch level we have looked into some of these in small morning groups, and feel that we cannot leave it there. So at our October meeting, I am glad to be able to tell you that a probation Officer from a neighbouring Borough will be coming to talk to us and hopes to bring with her a voluntary worker in the Service.

Constantly we hear that the Social Services are being overloaded and that our modern society is leaning more and more heavily upon them. This meeting is obviously of vital concern to M.U. members - cf. Fourth and Fifth Objects - but it will also be of interest to others who will welcome the opportunity to meet and hear from the Probation Officer, so please spread the news of this meeting, which will be an open one, on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 at 2.30 at Wayside.**

May I remind you that on Tuesday, September 30 at the Deanery afternoon at St. Mary's, Twickenham, we must take as much saleable material as we can in support of Overseas Workers?

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THE INFANTS' SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Infants' Sunday School has grown stronger over the past year, with an average attendance of about a dozen children. We have now started using a Scripture Union project "Beginners' Activity Leaflets". These have proved a great success and they provide the children with a variety of things to colour, make and do, at the same time illustrating with stories the basics of Christianity.

The official age range of the Infants' Sunday School is 5/7 years, but younger children are accepted at the discretion of the Superintendent. At this time of the year we lose quite a few of our older members to the Junior section of the Sunday School, and if you know of any parents who would like their child to come along to our department, we would be delighted to hear from them. The Infants' Sunday School re-opens on Sunday 14 September after the Summer break. We meet at Wayside at 11.15 each Sunday except the fourth Sunday in the month, when there is a Family Parade Service in Church at 9.30. Should you require any further information please contact either Mrs. Pamela Atkinson (898 6171) or Miss Gill Gostling (977 0847).

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HARVEST HAPPENINGS

Decorating

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday October 5 and gifts of flowers and greenery, fruit, vegetables and groceries for decorating the Church can be left at 19 St. James's Road on Thursday October 2 or brought to the Church on Friday October 3 at 9.30 a.m. Help in decorating the Church will be most welcome any time from 9.30 a.m. onwards.

Distribution

In case you ever wondered what happened to all the grocery and flowers given at the Harvest Festival - they are all distributed to the elderly and not-so-well of the parish. This is done on the following morning, after the Harvest Services - this year October 6. If anyone would like to help with this distribution you would be more than welcome, both by the helpers and the recipients; it is very pleasant visiting the people and they are always pleased to see you. You don't have to have a car as several people go round in each car and it doesn't take so long. If you would like to help please let the Vicar know, or just turn up on that Monday morning.

Harvest Supper will be held on Thursday October 9 in the Parish Hall at the usual time of 8 p.m. doors open at 7.30 p.m. As always it is necessary to limit the tickets very strictly, so you would be well advised to get your tickets as soon as they are ready for distribution, this should be by the end of September.

Mrs. Severn, or any of the ladies of the Social Committee would be most grateful to have the names of volunteers to help with the tables. Without the help of at least sixteen extra ladies this function is not able to take place. Please give it thought. The cost of the supper this year is 50p.

LADIES' SINGING

The ladies' singing-afternoon started last week, the next meeting is on Monday September 22 and every alternate Monday after that. We are at the moment meeting in the Vestry at 2.30 p.m. as all the notes play on that piano!

If there are any ladies with small children who would like to join us but fear their children might be a distraction, it may be possible, if we have a non-singer in our midst, that she would like to child-mind in the other room at Wayside - should we go back to meeting there. Please come anyway and we will see what our needs are.

A READER BECOMES A DEACON

On St. Matthew's Day, in St. Paul's Cathedral, with many of his friends present, Seymour Harris will receive 'Authority to exercise the Office of a Deacon in the Church of God'. Will this make any difference? As regards

ministry within the setting of the Church's worship, hardly any at all: he will not be able to do much more than he is doing now - to administer the chalice, to read and preach the Gospel. In terms of function and practice, Readers have become Deacons in all but name, and so there has recently been strong support for a proposal to declare the Office of Deacon superfluous and abolish it. And Seymour's vocation is not to the Diaconate but to the Priesthood - so why not ordain him a Priest straightaway?

An answer to such questions might run along these lines. The Diaconate does stand for and emphasise one important element in all Christian ministry - that of **service**. It demonstrates how the love of God can be 'deaconed' to men in acts of humble service which help them to realise their true humanity and dignity as sons of God. When a Deacon goes on to receive the Order of Priesthood, he does not cease to be what he is - the Office of Deacon is not discarded but implemented: the Priest is also a Deacon for the rest of his life, and to help him to remember this it is good that he should minister only as a Deacon for a limited period. So the Church still retains the old traditional Office within the framework of the Apostolic Ministry, which it believes is not something invented by men but one of Christ's precious gifts to his Church.

DEANERY INTERCESSION LIST

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| September 14 | All other Christian Denominations |
| | 21 The Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace |
| | 28 Wel-Care |
| October 5 | The Bishop Wand School |
| | 12 The Diocesan Staff at the London Diocesan Office, Bedford Square. |
| | 19 The Lay Chairman and Members of the Deanery Synod |

SOME DATES TO NOTE

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| September 14 | 11.15 Infant's Department of Sunday School re-opens (W); 14.30 Rectory Sunday School re-opens (Rectory School); instead of Evensong, WELCOME SERVICE at 16.30 |
| 15 | 10.30 Editorial Board (21 St. James's Road) |
| 16 | 20.00 Parochial Church Council (W). |
| 17 | 07.30 Holy Communion; 20.00 Wayside Project Training Session (W). |
| 18 | 20.00 Prayer Meeting (69, St. James's Avenue). |
| 19 | 20.00 PARISH DANCE (Hall). |
| 21 | SAINT MATTHEW'S DAY: No Parish Communion or Breakfast, but other Sunday arrangements as usual. Coach leaves at 09.15 for ORDINATION in St. Paul's Cathedral. 17.15 Senior Members of Church lead service at Laurel Dene. |
| 22 | 14.30 Ladies' Choir (Vestry). |
| 23 | 20.00 Tuesday Club (W). |
| 24 | 07.30 Holy Communion; 20.00 Welcome Group (21 Longford Close); 20.00 Deanery Synod (St. Mary's, Twickenham). |
| 25 | 20.00 Liturgical Committee (63, Park Road). |
| 26 | 20.00 Meeting to plan next year's Lent Study Groups (63 Park Road); 20.00 Singing of choruses from 'The Messiah': all welcome (in church). |
| 28 | N.B. Instead of parading on this fourth Sunday as usual, our uniformed groups will be coming next Sunday morning on the occasion of our Harvest Festival. 17.15 Members of YPF lead service at Laurel Dene. |

- 29 **SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS:** 07.30 Holy Communion.
 30 10.00 First in series of lectures on Social Issues (U.R. Church Hall);
 14.30 Mothers' Union Deanery Afternoon at St. Mary's, Twickenham:
 Service in Church, Overseas Sale, etc.; 20.15 Hall Management Com-
 mittee (19, St. James's Road).

October

- 2 20.00 Prayer Meeting (69, St. James's Avenue).
 4 10.00 - 17.00 **PARISH CONFERENCE** (All Saints' Church Hall, Isleworth).
 5 **HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY**
 6 09.30 Distribution of Harvest gifts; 14.30 Mothers' Union Open Meeting:
 The Probation Service (W).
 7 20.00 Hampton & Sunbury Council of Churches: AGM & Open Meeting -
 'Marriage and Divorce' (St. Mary's, Sunbury); 20.00 Tuesday Club (W).
 8 07.30 Holy Communion.
 9 20.00 **HARVEST SUPPER & ENTERTAINMENT** (Hall).
 10 19.30 **STRANGERS TO LOVE:** A Vision for Evangelism Today. The main
 speaker will be the Archbishop of Canterbury. The aim of this multi-media
 presentation is to inspire Christians to a deeper commitment to evangelism
 in and through their own local church (Central Hall, Westminster:
 admission by ticket 40p).
 12 09.20 Junior Department of Sunday School re-opens (W); instead of Evensong
 the second **WELCOME SERVICE** at 16.30.
 16 20.00 Prayer Meeting (69, St. James's Avenue).
 18 **SAINT LUKE'S DAY:** 07.30 Holy Communion.
 19 - 26 : **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE.**
 19 No Evensong here, but **UNITED SERVICE** at 18.45 at St. Mary's, Hampton.
 21 20.00 Vigil for Racial Harmony (St. Francis de Sales).
 22 20.00 Prayer Meeting (75, Burton's Road).

BAPTISMS

July

- 27 Claire Suzanne Ellis, 59 The Wick, Bengoe.
 Gregory Charman Richards, 20, Chandos Road, Staines.
 Greer Brenda Sylvia Smith, 20 French Street, Sunbury.
 Robert Charles Stone, 67 Rectory Grove.
 Paul Charles Taylor, 34 Wordsworth Road.

August

- 10 Paul Anthony Harfey, 28 Myrtle Road (Adult Baptism at the Parish Communion)

BURIALS & CREMATIONS

July

- 28 Florence Tagg, 82 High Street, aged 82 years.
 29 Annie Allison Clarke, 160 Uxbridge Road, aged 76 years (at South-West
 Middlesex Crematorium: Ashes interred in Garden of Rest in Churchyard
 on August 13).

August

- 18 Albert Longman, 31 St. James's Road, aged 73 years (at South-West
 Middlesex Crematorium)
 Sarah Whitfield, Laurel Dene, aged 88 years (at Kingston Crematorium).