

Mainly About People

PERTH
Rev R. Anderson curate Kalamunda has been appointed rector of Narembeen/Bruce Rock from Feb 1, 1976.
Rev Fred Buchanan rector of Kensington, has been appointed rector of Armadale from Jan 6, 1976.

GIPPSLAND
Rev B. Rainsford, from Diocese of Willochra has been appointed to the Co-operating Churches at Cann River.

Rev N. Richards, Assistant Minister at Leongatha has been appointed to the Parish of Omeo.

Proposed prayer book

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ADELAIDE
Rev P. G. Osborn has been appointed minister-in-charge of St Cyprians, North Adelaide from Oct 1, 1975 and also has been appointed assistant at St Peter's Cathedral.

Rev A. B. Williams has been appointed chaplain Repatriation Hospital, Daw Park.

WILLOCHRA
Rev R. Herde has been appointed locum in charge of Elliston-Lock-Wudinna.

Rev J. Barrows from Prestwick in Ayshire, Scotland has been appointed locum in charge of the South York Peninsula parish.

Prayer Book is of such significance that General Synod will want to vote on it, and will want to make it possible to have the Prayer Book available immediately.
Bishop Donald Robinson, Bishop of Parramatta, and a member of both the Prayer Book Production Committee and the Liturgical Commission, said today: "It is important that it is understood that this new Prayer Book is not a complete replacement for the 1662 Book. It will stand alongside it and complement it. It will, of course, not introduce any new doctrines or concepts of worship. On the other hand, after fifteen years of liturgical experiment, it will gather the fruits of that trial use and it will provide us with a genuine Australian book of common prayer."

While the Liturgical Commission has yet to determine the precise contents of the new Book in detail, it is expected that it will include a preface, Morning and Evening Prayer in the Sunday Services Revised style, shortened forms of Morning and Evening Prayer, a Holy Communion Service in the style of Sunday Services Revised, and a Holy Communion Service in the style of Australia 73, Collects and Scripture references, Psalms, Catechism, A Daily Office, and services for Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage and Burial — in some cases more than one for each office.

Guidelines for remarriage issued

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to make exceptions in certain cases. This is still the situation. The guidelines that determine exceptions may no longer consist of a reference to the decision of a civil court, but may be applied by the clergyman in consultation with the Diocesan Registrar in the following manner.

Every application for marriage after divorce must be treated strictly on its merits in light of the decision of the Appellate Tribunal. The two major factors which must be taken into account are those of genuine compassion and considerations of continuing ministry to each party.

There should be a genuine commitment to the life and worship of the church on the

part of those concerned and an honest belief on the part of the clergyman that a marriage in church is in their highest pastoral interests.

No encouragement should be given for the remarriage in church of a divorced person who may only want the use of the church for convenience or for social reasons.

When a clergyman is satisfied in his own mind with regard to these matters, he should submit the application with his reasons to the Diocesan Registrar who consults with and acts for the Archbishop in this area."

Dispute in council at church youth boatshed

A boatshed allegedly built illegally by a church youth group in the Sutherland Shire, NSW, has caused a rift among the local councillors as to whether or not council regulations should be "bent" to let the building remain.

The dispute has involved the council, Church of England, National Parks and Wildlife Service and Lands Department.

Church authorities thought the site, at Gogery's Point, was within the Royal National Park — but officers of Sutherland Shire Council found that a section extended onto council property.

They claim that the boatshed should be redesigned and reduced to one-story height to comply with council regulations. As the boatshed has already been completed, however, this would mean

CLAIM THAT BUILDING SHOULD BE REDESIGNED

that part of it would need to be demolished.

Councillor R. L. Ricketts has claimed that only 1.22m (4ft) of the site was on council permissive occupancy land, with the remainder within the Royal National Park.

He claimed that because of the 1.22m, church authorities would have to demolish the top floor and brick up the bottom floor.

The Church of England built the shed for use of its youth groups and intends to house 14 boats there permanently.

The building includes a loft where sails can be dried at the site, because of difficulty in taking boats away and returning them.

The council originally decided to adopt a recommendation from the town planning department that the building be reduced in size.

Appeal by Diocese

But the row flared again at the last council meeting when the Anglican Youth Department of Sydney Diocese appealed against the council's decision.

A letter from the church said the building had been structurally completed as it was believed to be within the National Park and that the park service had given its approval.

EVANGELIST RETIRES

Alex Gilchrist to end 40-year work



Mr Alex Gilchrist, a well-known evangelical leader in Sydney for the past 40 years, has announced his retirement as director of Campaigners for Christ (NSW).

A service of recognition to mark Mr Gilchrist's retirement will be held at the Ryde Civic Centre, Blaxland Road, Top Ryde, on Saturday, November 29 at 7.45 pm.

Mr Gilchrist was converted to Christ during one of the crusades conducted by the Irish evangelist, the Rev W. P. Nicholson, in 1928.

He soon became involved in evangelistic work in a voluntary capacity and was one of the founding members of Campaigners for Christ in NSW.

Following the war he succeeded his father-in-law, the late William ("Cairo") Bradley, as the NSW director of Campaigners for Christ.

During this period Mr Gilchrist had a wide ministry in evangelism, in broadcasting and in Christian missions.

Thousands of people throughout New South Wales associate the name of Alex Gilchrist with the "Gospel Message for Today", a highly-rated programme broadcast daily over Station 2CH for a period of 21 years.

Many also recall his links with the "This Is Life" monthly youth rallies in the city and the broadcasts each Saturday night.

In 1959 and 1968 Mr Gilchrist served as secretary and director for the Billy Graham Crusades in Sydney.

In 1961 he directed the Leighton Ford-Joe Blinco crusades throughout Australia.

On two occasions he has represented Australia at international congresses on evangelism — Berlin and Singapore — and has made several visits to various mission fields throughout South-East Asia.

As directors for Campaigners for Christ Mr Gilchrist has sponsored visits to Australia of a number of leading evangelical churchmen.

These have included Dr Oswald J. Smith, Dr Hyman Appleman, Larry Love, Sidlow Baxter, Corrie Ten Boom, Dr Edwin Orr, Francis Dixon and Major Ian Thomas.

Mr Gilchrist's resignation will be effective from the end of 1975.

Mr Ivor Jones, who recently completed a 14-year ministry with Campaigners for Christ in Papua New Guinea, will become the new director of this movement in NSW.

Church Army appointment

The Church Army in Australia has announced the appointment of the Rev Graeme MacRobb as Warden of the Church Army Training College at Belrose, NSW. He will take up the appointment in January.

As well as being responsible for the training of lay-

evangelists for the Church Army Societies in both Australia and New Zealand he will assist with the provision of in-service training for Officers already in the field and be available to conduct several evangelistic missions each year.

Mr MacRobb has had a wide experience of both pastoral and evangelistic ministry having served as a Church Army Officer before being ordained for the Diocese of Gippsland.

As a Church Army Evangelist he served as a Van Missioner in Western NSW; as Officer in Charge of the Church Army Mobile Mission to Aborigines and as a Parish Evangelist at St Paul's Canberra. He has also conducted Parish Missions in eleven Australian Dioceses.



The Rev Graeme MacRobb

Deficit by WCC

A forecast deficit of \$500,000 is forcing the World Council of Churches to slash its budget and put some of its property on the market.

The shortfall has been brought about by a number of factors, including the decline of the Swiss franc against other currencies. Now the WCC is cutting back in its communications and faith and order departments, planning on doing without an observer at the United Nations and freezing staff salaries till next year.

A plot of land behind the council's offices in Geneva is up for sale, and the rest of the deficit is expected to be met by a grant from an unnamed industrial foundation.

The WCC works on seven budgets, and its general budget is the one facing difficulties. The other six are funded by specialist Church agencies and are concerned with specific projects, but the general fund relies on donations from central Church sources. These donations are voluntary, and some member Churches contribute nothing.

Dr Philip Potter, secretary-general of the council, has written to the 271 members explaining the situation, and hoping that the forthcoming Nairobi conference will put finances on a sounder footing.

Full authorisation of the measures will have to come from the WCC Executive Committee, meeting immediately prior to the Assembly.

Dr Potter said the new measures will make it possible to go to the Assembly with the deficit for 1976 almost covered. Nevertheless, he thought that they are taken "without crippling the basic structure and programme of the World Council, and without too markedly prejudging the decision about programme priorities and finance by the Assembly and the ensuing Central Committee", the report stated.

PERSECUTION IN TIBET

The Tibetan News Agency communicated in July 1975 the result of its enquiries among the last refugees from Tibet.

According to them the most common tortures used by the Chinese seem to be public flogging and having to stand naked, being submitted to pelting by stones.

Tibetans are also obliged to eat human excrements. These punishments lead usually to death, either in the hands of the tormentors or afterwards by committing suicide.

There are also cases when Tibetans are buried alive, run over by motor vehicles, and prisoners are used for target practice after marking their bare chests with black spots.

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SENATE — FAM RUNS AGAIN

It was stated this week that since the announcement of the federal election to take place on December 13, there has been an overwhelming encouragement by Christians and people of goodwill across the State, for FAM — the Australian Family Action Movement — to stand again for the Senate.

Within several days of the election announcement the first FAM electoral office was opened in Tamworth and a \$1000 advertising campaign put in motion. The Wollongong Town Hall was booked by supporters in that city, and the FAM campaign was launched there on November 25, after extensive media coverage in the district.

The Wollongong committee wrote and prepared radio commercials, press releases in support of the campaign, and such has been the enthusiasm that every day up until the election, campaign rallies are planned throughout the State.

In the 1974 federal election, FAM was born only two weeks before the election, yet the Senate team of Mrs Frieda Brown, Rev Fred Nile and Ken Harrison, out-pollied the 8-year-old Australia Party by over 25,000 votes, to reach a total of 68,000.

Frieda Brown is the wife of the Anglican rector of St Barnabas' Roseville East in Sydney. She is the mother of four and has an MA from Oxford. At the recent national conference of the Australian Festival of Light, she was elected as national chairwoman of the movement.

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FAM does not regard itself as a 'political party', but rather as an independent

non-party-political movement based on a Christian platform, which seeks to uphold the family and Christian standards in the political arena as a protest vote against anti-family policies of the major parties.

Unlike political parties FAM does not direct preferences to other groups, therefore emphasising its non-partisan approach. FAM prints the How-to-vote guide which directs preferences to either major party and asks people to vote for FAM first and then vote for the major party of their choice.

The major objective of FAM is to "foster, promote, preserve a quality of life for the individual, the family and the community as demonstrated in the authentic Christian life-style". This basic aim has been expanded in fairly

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Archdeacon Fillingham

Archdeacon Robert Fillingham has been appointed General Secretary of the Anglican Home Mission Society, Sydney.

Archdeacon Fillingham, replaces the Reverend Neville Keen, who resigned after 13 years with the Society to take up parish duties at St Matthew's West Pymble.

Archdeacon Fillingham, at present Archdeacon for Parramatta and North Sydney, was previously General Secretary of the Society from 1949 to 1964.

He said today: "I see my task for the next five years as one of helping the Society to organise its structures to meet changing conditions. I think the General Secretary ought to be free of the detail of supervision of day-to-day running of welfare and

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ARCHBISHOP ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF COLLEGE GRADUATE

The Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, Archbishop M. L. Loane, has announced the appointment of Deaconess Margaret Rodgers, BA, ThL (Hons), as principal of Deaconess House, Sydney.



Deaconess Rodgers

Deaconess Rodgers at present is Warden of the Church of England Residential Hall for Women University students.

She will take up her new duties from January 1, 1976. At the same time, she will be able to complete her BD Honours course (in New Testament and Ecclesiastical History) at Sydney University.

In announcing the appointment, Archbishop Loane said: "Deaconess Rodgers is a very able young woman who was herself trained in Deaconess House, and has served on the staff of two church schools."

"From 1969 to 1973 she was vice-principal of Deaconess House while also studying at Sydney University."

"As warden of the Women's Hall during 1974 and 1975 she has been responsible for administration, advice to students in selection of courses, as well as pastoral care of the 30 young women in the Hall."

"I hope that as the new principal of Deaconess House, Deaconess Rodgers will find every encouragement and support from parish clergy as well as from the present students."

be a lot of hard thinking about the role of women in the Diocese", she said.

"Women trained in Deaconess House, even when they have engaged in parish work, often end up going back to their former job. They feel that parishes are not stretching them enough."

"The funny thing is — on the mission field women can do almost anything in the church. But back home, it's different."

There could be anxiety that the first new principal of Deaconess House for 23 years might be a woman's liberation enthusiast. Is she?

"If there is tension about that, it could be quite fruitful, but in fact I'm not really a keen liberation person."

"I am not a 'women's libber' because I disagree with their politics, social theories, and the way they make their point."

"But I am interested in the liberation of humans, women and men, so that they can be free to find themselves and their potential as human beings and God's children — which can only come through a real appreciation of the release and liberating power of Christ's gospel."

"The church has not always been a liberating force in this way." "What is her view of the ordination of women as priests?"

"Before that can happen I think there is going to have to

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EDITORIAL

Advent — the day to look forward to

The Season of Advent is on us again. The time of the year which traditionally focuses our attention on the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With so much talk by politicians on their plans and promises, their recipe for Utopia, their merits and abilities, Christians should never forget that we belong to another Kingdom, not of this world.

Regardless of what they say, happiness, contentment, fulfilment, serenity, stability, prosperity are not and cannot be found in their programs or personal influence. Only Jesus Christ can supply these. Only when men "cast their vote" for Him will they receive them.

Advent tells us that this is God's world. He has appointed a day when He will judge it in righteousness by Jesus. On that day all of man's achievements will fade away.

Advent promises to those who have repented of their sins and turned in faith to Jesus Christ, complete salvation. The advent of Jesus Christ will usher in the new age when truth and justice will prevail. It will be a time of reunion with those who have gone before.

Contemplation of this glorious event will stir us to holy living and force on us a proper perspective by which we can judge the transitory turn of events of this world. It will remind us that men and women face the certain

and awesome prospect of judgment and should stir us on to greater efforts of witness and evangelism. It will encourage us to regard lightly the things of this world knowing that they are destined to pass away.

Advent will be the final declaration that the Lord does reign supreme, but that nothing has ever or will ever pass outside His control. Advent will show to rebellious men He was right all the time.

The world might not consider these things as it rushes about its business, but they are true and we should constantly echo the prayer of St John The Divine — "Even so come Lord Jesus".

Notes and Comments

FAM and the Senate

The announcement that the Family Action Movement intends to run for the Senate again this election should be welcomed by every person concerned for the maintenance of family life.

Last year the Family Action Movement team polled over 60,000 votes, significantly out polling the Australia Party — the political arm of the Humanist Society. Last year Family Action Movement suffered two serious handicaps. One was the fact that their decision to run was made very late and they had little time to organise their

publicity or local structures. The other handicap was the fact that many voters had that if they voted for them somehow the major party of their choice would be disadvantaged. This of course cannot happen because if the Family Action Movement fails to gain a quota their votes are distributed in the normal way.

Last year the active issue was the Family Law Bill. The campaign failed by one vote in the House of Representatives to obtain significant amendments and the Act will come into force on January 5th next year.

This year the issue should centre around the media, the distribution of pornography, the constantly falling standards — TV and in the films.

When it is considered that just a few years ago it was rare even to hear swear words on the radio or TV, especially the ABC, now it is rare to see a locally produced show without them. The proportion of smutty scenes, the display of explicit sex scenes in Australian produced dramas, the unchecked growth of violence on the screen, and the increasing use of the ABC as a political weapon by the radical left are trends that should concern every Christian citizen. One way of showing this concern is to vote for Family Action Movement in the forthcoming elections.



The Rev John Davies

The other Jesus

This is the third of a new series of articles by the Rev John Davies, minister at Jannali, NSW.

In this issue, Mr Davies continues the examination of the lesser-known facets of Jesus' character.

... the dependent Jesus!

The child's T-shirt which said: "I gotta be free to be me" neatly summed up the thinking of many today.

The past 30 years have seen the unprecedented growth of movements throughout the world for liberation and independence.

The idea that every human should have the right to free — self-determination — has been accepted without question by a great many people.

It is inevitable that these feelings, which are so strong in society, should affect the thinking of many Christians.

O wad some Pow'r the giftie gie us
To see oursel's as others see us!
It wad frae mony a blonder free us,
And foolish notion.

(Scottish poet Robert Burns in an unknown ode).

So, many have seen in Jesus the Great Liberator, the champion of the rights of the individual.

They have been attracted to the figure of the strong Son of God striding onto the stage of history, challenging established authority, liberating people from their bondage to the law, and ultimately transforming the world.

All this is true, but it is only part of the truth. We must also take note of the other aspect of Jesus which we find in John's Gospel — the Dependent Jesus.

Time and again John records words of Jesus which express his total dependence upon his Heavenly Father.

• **Dependent for His Life:** "My life is my own" is a statement often heard from people today.

But such was not the attitude of Jesus, for he acknowledged that he was dependent on the Father for his life. He lived "because of the Father".

Furthermore, Jesus declared that his disciples were similarly dependent upon him (John 6:57, cf 15:5).

There is no such thing as an independent Christian. But rather than bind us, this truth liberates us from bondage to ourselves.

We find value and purpose centred not in ourselves but in the Will of Almighty God.

• **Dependent for His Ministry:** Jesus didn't come to earth because he wanted to help people.

Nor did he come to express himself, to "do his own thing".

He came because he was sent.

His ministry did not come from within himself, nor even from the needs of others, but from the will of God.

Jesus explicitly made this point clear a number of times: eg. "I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me" (John 6:38, cf John 5:19, 5:30, 17:3, 17:18).

Jesus' ministry was never in any sense independent, but a reflection of the ministry of his Father, subject to his Father's authority, and under his Father's command (John 5:19, 5:30, 12:49, 14:31).

It is this same sense of total dependence upon God that

should characterise the ministry of Christians, for our ministry is but an extension of the ministry of Jesus (John 17:18, 20:21).

• **Dependent for his Disciples:** It is not uncommon to think of Jesus as one who was very successful in winning disciples.

The picture that John gives is very different. Not only were many turned away by the forthrightness of Jesus' words, but Jesus declared that no one would follow him if it weren't for the activity of the Father in drawing him. (John 6:44, cf 6:37, 6:5.)

With the constant pressure for "success" in evangelism, and the temptation to look for methods which produce results, we need constantly to remember that no one can come to Christ "unless the Father draws him".

Independence and liberation may be the great ideals of our age, but they can have no place in the life of a Christian, at least in our relationship to God.

For we are called to follow Jesus, who, although he was the Son of God, was dependent in every way upon his Heavenly Father.

Predestination is the secret unchangeable appointment of God: before all beginnings, by His counsel and wisdom, to life everlasting concerning His elect and chosen people. — Thomas Becon (Cranmer's private chaplain).

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Chief Executive Officer

PUBLIC LECTURE

EVELYN UNDERHILL
A WOMAN OF GOD

TIME: 7.30 pm, Tuesday,
2nd December, 1975

PLACE: Crypt of St Mary's
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SPEAKER: Rev D. L. Walker, DD MTh
(London)

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'TRENDS IN EDUCATION'

By the Rev Maxwell Bonner, BSc, BD, DipEd.

Mr Bonner was formerly a high school teacher and has taught in secondary schools in NSW and England. He is now minister of St Nicolas', Croydon Park, NSW.

Readers of "The Sydney Morning Herald" would have noticed a series of articles and letters in August constituting a debate on modern trends in education in Australia.

The debate has been sparked by the release of:

- The report of the Australian Schools Commission, and
- "The Base Paper on the Total Curriculum" — a document containing proposals for new courses for First to Fourth Forms in NSW secondary schools.

The controversy raises fundamental principles of education.

These are of vital concern to all parents and especially to Christian parents.

God has committed the responsibility for the training of children to parents.

This training includes the things of God, character training and all other things needed for the child's well-being and development.

This constitutes education. Parents are not to abdicate this responsibility lightly.

Nowadays much of the education is done at school and there is a tendency for many parents to think that education is the school's responsibility.

Formerly the role of schools was a scholastic one — ie children went to school to learn skills in special subjects (the three Rs), but the role of schools has been wider than that for some time now.

Every parent ought to be vitally concerned at what is being taught in schools and the values and standards towards life coming through the educational system, especially as they relate to character and morals.

While parents ought to be rightly concerned, there is, however, a delicate balance between right concern and interference.

NEW IDEAS

New ideas and methods are abroad today. There is a clear move away from the scholastic role to take over more of the total moulding of the child's life.

New emphasis and different values are beginning to come through.

In an article: "An Educational Look at Progressive Schools", Kirsten Blanch has written:

• "In some schools, children occasionally can leave a class to do something they believe is more fruitful or interesting to them at the time..."

• "Children of all ages move about in one huge room, and work together on whatever interests them..."

• "Students are encouraged to question a teacher's stance and may refuse to be taught by him..."

• Everyone has to work things out for herself or himself...

• "There is a popular joke among progressive teachers that the only thing which is compulsory at their schools is happiness..."

• "Some schools have a timetable which the student has the option of ignoring. Others have no timetable and trust the children to make sense out of everything."

THE WORD OF GOD

The Christian must always find this pattern for living in the Bible.

The Word of God must be known and applied to daily life. This applies in the training of children.

A child is to learn respect of authority, obedience, courtesy, thoughtfulness for others, control of his own personal desires, ability to apply

himself to and accomplish a task.

Standards and demands commensurate to their age are to be made upon children if their characters are to be strengthened and their potential realised.

One must question any educational methods which encourage too much independence at an early age, minimising the need to submit to the authority of teachers or parents, little demand of personal discipline for sustained application and standards to be reached, or a continual readiness to allow a child to follow his moods and fancy of the moment.

There is more than a tendency today to move away from subjects which are harder and require disciplined application and an increase in activities ("pupil involvement") which are more immediately interesting and seemingly relevant to the pupil.

University staff are complaining that students are entering tertiary institutions often unskilled in the basics of their subject.

Coupled with this is the elimination of external examinations.

In New South Wales there is now no external test for the School Certificate (4th Form) and there are rumours of the possible abolition of the Higher School Certificate (6th Form).

In all this is undoubtedly a question of balance but among educators and parents are those who think the pendulum has already swung too far and are the more concerned as pressures for more radical change are mounting.

CHRISTIAN PARENTS Christians ought not to remain inactive and silent in the present ferment.

The future of our children is at stake — their persons, character and knowledge.

What sort of adults will they become? Will they be able to cope with the pressures, strains and responsibilities of adult life if they have for the most part been allowed "to do their own thing" as a child?

Wrong training in childhood can lead to breakdowns and much unhappiness in later life.

There is a more sinister aspect to all this. If children never learn to submit to right authority and to control their desires, they

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Instilling character and morals should be parents' concern

While not all schools embody these principles, these and similar ideas are becoming increasingly widespread.

Schools today are being advocated as agents for social change. Is this the wish of parents and has the community at large approved to this suggestion?

Who will decide the direction of the new social order? There are surely lessons to be learned from countries in which Communist and Nazi powers have taken over and schools became agencies to consolidate political social change.

Christians must ask: Are these new emphasis and values good and right? Are changes always for the good?

Clearly, a change may not necessarily be for the good.

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Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle, will be open for prayer all night on the eve of the elections to be held on December 13.

People of all faiths are invited to use the cathedral to pray for the nation and its future.

The Dean of Newcastle, the Very Reverend R. G. Beal, has expressed the hope that people will come, in their working clothes or whatever is comfortable, and spend some time in praying silently, and privately with their fellow citizens for the welfare of the nation.

The purpose of the Vigil is not to promote the success of any individual or party but to encourage the citizens to pray for peace, justice and unity together with God's guidance for the new government.

At intervals during the night, representatives of the various churches have been invited to lead people's thinking in pray and a leaflet of prayer suggestions will be available to all who come.

The Vigil is being organised by the Dean at the request of the Bishop of Newcastle, the Right Reverend Ian Shevill, who has issued a card of specially composed prayers. He has invited the Governor-General and the leaders of the various political parties to join their prayers with those of the people of Newcastle at this time.

In speaking of the Vigil, the Bishop said: "It was Tennyson who reminded us that more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of and it was William Temple who pointed out that God is perfect love and wisdom. We pray, not in order to change God's will, but to bring our wills into harmony with his. It was St Ignatius who urged us to pray as though everything depended upon God and then act as though everything depended upon ourselves."

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CMS 150 YEARS OLD

A service of thanksgiving to mark the sesquicentenary of the Church Missionary Society in Australia will be held at St John's Provisional Cathedral, Parramatta, NSW, on Wednesday, December 3.

The service, to begin at 8 pm, will highlight the organisation's 150 years of service since it was begun in 1825 under auspices of the Rev Samuel Marsden.

CMS has fielded a total of some 800 missionaries throughout the world, since then, with 176 missionaries now serving.

The Archbishop of Sydney, Archbishop Loane, who is president of the Australian CMS, will preach at the service.

In a news statement this week, the society said its history went back to the Rev Samuel Marsden who was appointed second chaplain to the colony at Sydney in 1793.

He laboured for 45 years "and became the colony's senior chaplain" and as well was the "apostle to the Maoris of New Zealand and



St John's Provisional Cathedral, Parramatta

the Aborigines of Australia."

As a result of those missionary projects, he was able to form a CMS Corresponding Committee "as early as 1819".

Continuing interest in missionary work led him to form an auxiliary of the CMS in Sydney early in 1825. This body was primarily to forward the work of the society among the Australian Aborigines, as the statement said.

The political climate in relation to the forthcoming Federal elections on December 13 represents the most potentially explosive situation for many years, according to Australian Anglican church leaders.

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Trends in education: lack of moral concern

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may never be able to submit to God.

Their soul may be lost eternally.

The wisdom of the Old Testament puts it: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22.6.)

The Word of God is to be brought to bear on the total educational system of home and school, its teaching must underlie all true educational philosophy, for God's Word is to apply to the whole of life.

Christian parents are encouraged to take an active interest in their children's school and, where possible, become involved in any parents' organisation.

While they are to be discerning and at times perhaps to speak out, let their interest, however, always be sympathetic, kindly and constructively helpful.

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Anglican General Synod to seek 'philosophical approach' intended for ABC religious items

The Standing Committee of General Synod will seek from the Minister for Media clarification of his Department's intentions about the philosophical approach intended for the ABC's Religious Broadcast Department.

That was one of the decisions of the Standing Committee at its meeting in Sydney during October 23-24.

Synod decisions, in brief, included:

• Standing Committee agreed to a recommendation arising at the Primate's Consultation, held in Canberra in September, that it should sponsor an educational programme, with a limited budget of \$2000, to prepare the dioceses and

parishes of the Church for General Synod 1977.

• Bishop Donald Shearman of Grafton replaced Archbishop M. L. Loane (who was ill) as the Australian Church's representative at the consecration in Honiara of the Very Rev Norman Palmer as Archbishop of Melanesia.

• Standing Committee resolved to grant approval to a proposal that a company known as the Australian Hymn Book Pty Ltd be formed to publish the Australian Hymn Book.

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WCC 'equates Bible salvation with political liberation'

The Christian Affirmation Campaign sent copies of the Berlin Declaration on Ecu- menism to all UK delegates to the World Council of Churches' Nairobi Assembly which opened on Novem- ber 23.

This 18-page document is a criticism of the WCC; it claims that the WCC distorts the Gospel by equating biblical salvation with political liberation and by seeking to unite mankind on the basis of human brotherhood rather than Jesus Christ.

In an open letter accom- panying the document CAC

CLAIM BY CHRISTIAN BODY IN UK

says that it hopes the dele- gates will acknowledge the seriousness of these charges and will try to raise them at the Assembly.

"It is vital, says CAC, to 'promote an exchange' of critical opinion within the WCC which at present is lacking".

— CEN News

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The opening service in St Matthew's Anglican Church, Albury, as it now stands, was held on 13th January, 1876, and we plan to launch a year of celebra- tion with a Centenary Service at 9 am on Sunday, 11th January, 1976, followed by a luncheon in the Parish Centre. We wish to invite past Rectors, Assistant Curates and parishioners to be with us on that day and for inter- ested folk to contact St Matthew's Parish Office (PO Box 682, Albury) so that we will have some idea of num- bers for catering arrange- ments.

I would also welcome from any interested person, material that could help in setting up an historical display featuring St Matthew's Church, to be held in conjunc- tion with the celebrations on the 11th January.

REV B. FERNLEY,
Asst Curate, Albury.

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Letters

ACC replies

I write in reply to the article "Christians here support terrorism, missionary says", ACR 30/10/75.

I feel that this article is totally inadequate as it does not reveal the true position of the World Council of Churches. The \$176,000 for the three liberation move- ments in Angola and the \$120,000 for Frelimo — given over the past five years — was used for humani- tarian purposes such as medi- cines, schools, farming and skill training. A grant from the World Council of Churches trained the first black Mozambican doctor — hardly supporting "violent overthrow" — something the Portuguese colonial government had not achieved in four hundred years of colonial rule. Un- substantiated accusations (as are attributed to Mr Dowthwaite) are insuffi- cient and do not help in such difficult circumstances as exist throughout Southern Africa.

On 23rd July, the Rev Dr Philip Potter, General Secre- tary of the World Council of Churches, sent cables to leaders of the liberation movements and the Transi- tional Government in Angola urging the avoidance of full scale civil war. In an expression of the World Council's deep concern about Angola, Dr Potter commented "today these same movements are involved in a struggle for power which has brought death to thousands of innocent people. This can but worsen the dissension and division ... and postpone the day of reconciliation, national unity and reconstruction."

It is totally inadequate to see the World Council's assistance to Angola merely in political terms. The people of Angola, Christian and non-Christian (and let us remember that many Christians are involved in the liberation struggle because of, not in spite of, their faith) are seeking their freedom. The World Council regrets, and is deeply concerned at, the present situation in Angola, but can it merely sit quietly and watch 300,000 refugee people suffer and die in Angola because some "Christian" organisa- tion does not want the churches to help, because they may help people who have communist sym- pathies? It seems to me if the churches refuse to help these people in their great need, then they are almost ensur- ing that communism is looked to more than Christ- ianity.

Ecumenical Press Service of October 30th reports that the World Council of Churches is still able to get aid into Angola and is con- tinuing to send food, medi- cine and other aid through the Co-ordinating Commit- tee for Non-Government Aid (CAONGA) which has representatives from the three liberation movements. Similarly - Red Cross is working through CAONGA.

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that, in theory at least, we are "constitutionally and legally ... a Christian nation". Section 116 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth is: "The Commonwealth shall not make laws for establish- ing any religion, or for imposing any religious

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nursing activities as well as detailed office adminis- tration, in order to oversee the work as a whole.

"I envisage a director for each of the main areas of the Society's work, with the General Secretary representing the Society at the church and public level.

"It may be, with all the changes we have been seeing in welfare policies of the Australian Government, that the Home Mission Society will mark time for a while and plan to strengthen and co-ordinate its activities rather than commence many new activities."

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I feel most strongly that the real way to test the inspira- tion of the Bible, or any other book, is not by criticising its text, but by watching its influence upon human lives. In that, after all, we have definite and distinct evidence of its miraculous and supernatural character.

— Hudson Taylor.

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THE NEED TO BE SENSITIVE TO OTHERS

Archdeacon Fillingham's appointment was approved by the standing committee of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney recently and announced later by the Arch- bishop of Sydney, the Most Rev M. L. Loane. He retains limited duties as Arch- deacon of North Sydney.

"Perhaps because of the pride which is our greatest sin, perhaps because of failure of imagination, we are all too often insensitive to other people."

"Obviously, they are 'there' and we must take account of them; but our attitude towards them and our ordinary relationships with them are superficial rather than penetrative of their inner selves."

"They are external to us; we are external to them. This failure in imagination and sensitivity is back of man's 'inhumanity to man'; it allows us to be indifferent when not callous or cruel, to their experience."

— From an article in "The Expository Times" by Professor Norman Pittenger, of King's College, Cam- bridge.

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But in the August 1973 issue of Reader's Digest there was a report about two phenomenal discoveries which were recently made in Africa. These discoveries have shaken the anthropological world, because they challenge the validity of long cherished theories concerning the origin of man. One was the finding of a human skull, dated by evolutionists to be about 2.8 million years old. Most text books state that the first man did not evolve until around one million years ago. Yet the bones found are said to be even more modern than those of Pithecanthropus, our presumed man-like ancestor. Obviously these presumed an- cestors cannot be man's true ancestors, for who ever heard of parents being younger than their children?

The second was the finding of skeletons of so- phisticated humans who are reputed to have lived 100,000 years ago. They had developed the art of mining, were able to keep records, count, and had also developed sophisticated tools. But according to the evolutionists this type of so- phisticated humans was not supposed to have appeared on the scene until 65,000 years later.

I personally heard Richard Leaky, the discoverer of the 2.8 million year old man, speak in San Diego. In commenting on these two discoveries Mr. Leaky stated, "What we have discovered sim- ply wipes out everything we have been taught about human evolution, and I have nothing to offer in its place."

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Covetousness, idolatry and sexual immorality are coupled together in Ephesians 5:5 as absolute barriers to entrance into "the Kingdom of Christ and of God."

"Take heed and beware of covetousness," is the warning Christ gave His disciples and the warning is constantly repeated throughout the New Testament.

Lotteries, gambling and church raffles also, are based on and owe their appeal to the vice of covetousness.

The widespread grip that gambling and lotteries has on the community indicates how given over to covetousness our society is, and churchmen must be very careful lest they themselves fall into the same sin — lest covetousness becomes the undetected driving force of our money raising.

ousness, selfishness, and money objectives.

The third principle, and a most important one, is that the "objective" for which we ask people to give are real needs.

This means that our objectives will be more often outside the parish than within it.

To ask for money for better buildings in order that we (or the community) might be prouder of them or more comfortable in them is merely covetousness in disguise.

St Paul was an energetic canvasser for money; he didn't hesitate to ask the Corinthians to give, and he used the strongest arguments to urge them to it.

But it was not for himself nor for the Corinthian Church but for Jews in Palestine that he asked!

Only those touched with

Our Lord did not warn His disciples for nothing: "Let not thy right hand know what thy left hand doeth."

We despise this injunction at our peril. The question, who should be asked to give, is a minor one if our objectives that we put before those asked and our methods in asking conform to Scripture.

Nominal Christians will not give to spiritual needs outside their parish, nor will they give if the spirit of emulation is excluded by secret giving.

It is not for us to judge who are nominal Christians, their response will show to what extent they are nominal.

So long as we ask them to give for Godly motives and for true spiritual objectives, mostly outside the parish, no harm will come.

Lastly, it is important that canvassers who visit in the name of Christ should be seeking the true welfare of those whom they visit, and not primarily, seeking their money.

"I seek not yours, but you" St Paul told the Corinthians, and although he pleaded with them to give money for the needs of the poor in Jerusalem, he took no money for himself, deliberately going without and working for his own living, lest his ministry of evangelism to the Corinthians should be marred by his asking them for money to be spent on himself.

The principle: "I seek not yours but you", requires the canvassers to be burning with evangelistic zeal, otherwise by asking for money in the name of God, in an un-Christian way, we may do eternal harm to the souls of those whom we canvass, and for this we will not escape the judgement of God.

Fourthly, the methods we use must be in accordance with the mind of God. It is possible to extract money by psychological pressures, through appealing to community loyalty, or to a spirit of emulation, or to shame, or to the desire to be thought well of.

Because of these very great temptations our Lord commanded His disciples that their giving should be secret, not thought on by themselves or others.

There will be times when it is wise to give publicly, but as a general principle secret giving should be the rule.

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Remembered for eternity. Toynbee, God-fearer and moralist, gentlemanly and humble, at no time acknowledged any need for justification through faith, any belief in the substitutionary atonement of Christ or in the

magazine was devoted to tributes by some of those whose lives had been influenced by him.

It is sobering to consider that while Toynbee made the greater impact upon the stage of world history, it will be Murray whose work will be

ring to some of the more popular current works on the Christian family.

He had sought to use fresh material that catered for the needs of Australian families.

Subjects included the biblical basis of the family; husband-wife and parent-child relationships.

Some might find a few views provocative, but at least readers should be stimulated to think along biblical lines.

"We seem to have forgotten that the bible has much to say about family life that is both spiritually encouraging and practical," Mr Howard said.

"Wherever I have spoken, someone has asked for the talks to be in written form," Mr Howard said.

"With the encouragement and practical help of members of our congregation at Burwood East, we hope to have the book on the market before Christmas.

"Although it is definitely slanted at the young parent level, we believe it will have a wide appeal."

Mr Howard said he had deliberately avoided refer-

Testament of a christian teacher

"Testament of Faith"
William Barclay
Mowbrays 1975
124 pages.

Many people ought to read this book. Those who have benefited from this man's wide ministry and those who teach others about God will be stimulated by such a book.

The book reveals that in his attitude to issues such as the death of Christ and universalism, the author can be described as Liberal Protestant.

But to see how he comes to such conclusions is to see one of the strengths of the book.

It is very personal. "I cannot discuss my attitude to death without talking about my daughter's fatal accident."

He sees how profoundly his life has affected his understanding of God.

It is challenging. William Barclay considers the need for close contact with people

BOOKS

The purpose of this manual is to give the working pastor assistance in the planning and conducting of the wedding service and related guidance.

Its emphasis on American law (each State explained in turn) and upon non-Anglican services will not make it a large seller among Australian Anglicans.

In fact, only one-third of the book is directly relevant to an Australian Anglican.

In this remaining third of the manual there is very little to command the interest of the working pastor.

R. K. Luscombe

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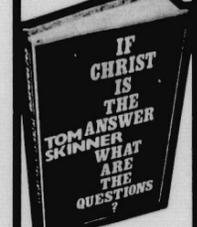
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One reason for the freshness of these sermons is that each was put together from notes taken by his hearers. They are well set out, not long, and there is a warmth about them.

I find a volume like this helpful at the end of a preaching series when wishing to give one or two textual sermons for a change. The sermons provide good devotional reading.

Christian Focus Publications are a new venture and

their standard of works to date is encouraging. Perhaps they might consider paperback for a wider public.

— Donald Howard

The family: from a Biblical viewpoint

"The Family: here today — gone tomorrow?"
By Donald Howard
The Covenant Bookshop
1 Wellington Street
Croydon, NSW, 2132

This book on the family from a biblical point of view is expected to be on sale shortly.

The first section consists of six studies which the writer has delivered in person.

Subjects are God's Family Plan; Who Is Head Of The House? (an exposition of Ephesians 5:20-22); The Modern Child; Problem Parents; Positive Parenthood and Home Sweet Home.

This is followed by six appendices which deal with contemporary problems such as the commune, the generation gap and the working mother, plus historical developments in family life.

There is a detailed set of references for the first section of the book, plus questions suitable for group discussion on the six themes of the studies.

Adept Printing Co is preparing the work for the Covenant Bookshop, 1 Wellington Street, Croydon, NSW.

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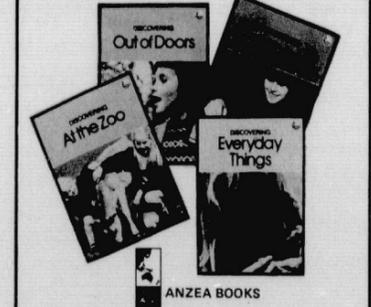
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 Rev Canon A. H. Funnell retires as Rector of Pymble as from 29/2/76.
 Rev T. Middleton, CIC of Oak Flats, will be inducted as Rector on 7/12/75.
 Rev A. G. Tress, from the Diocese of Willochra, SA, will become Rector of Fairy Meadow as from 1/2/76.
 Rev R. B. Telfer, Chaplain at The King's School, Parramatta, will become Rector of Gladsville as from February, 1976.
 Rev O. W. Thomas, Rector of South Hurstville, resigns on 1/1/76, and will take up a position at Trinity Grammar School.

GIPPSLAND
 Rev C. Dodd has resigned from the parish of Trafalgar to take up an appointment from 5th January with ITIM as an industrial chaplain in the Latrobe Valley, Gippsland.

Rev M. Purtell is to resign from the parish of Leonagatha to take up an appointment as Chaplain with the Victorian Council of Christian Education in Victoria.
 Rev R. Tongue, Assistant Minister at North Albury, has been appointed Rector of the Callide Valley, Diocese of Rockhampton, from 1st December.

ST ARNAUD
 Rev D. J. Stevens, Vicar of Charlton and editor of the St Arnaud Churchman has announced his resignation effective from Jan 1976. He will take up a position as Assistant St Peter's Eastern Hill in Diocese of Melbourne.

WANGARATTA
 Rev K. Stevenson has left parish of Rutherglen to become Rector of Chinchilla in Diocese of Brisbane.
 Rev M. Vine of Tallangatta has been appointed to parish of Warrnambool.

CANBERRA-GOLDBURN
 Rev W. C. Stegemann, Rector of Berridale, has accepted appointment as Chaplain to Canberra Grammar School Junior School from January, 1976.

Rev P. Read, Rector of Sorell, Diocese of Tasmania, has been appointed Rector of Tumut from mid-December (Induction 14th December).
 Rev R. Keynes, Rector of Port Augusta, Diocese of Willochra, has been appointed Rector of North Goulburn with effect from early February.
 Rev R. Hockley, formerly of Sydney, but recently returned from study in the USA, has been appointed Chaplain to Kenmore Hospital and the Goulburn Training Centre.

The Society of The Sacred Mission has been confirmed in charge of the Parish of St Alban's, ACT, for a further five years. Rev T. W. G. Brown, SSM, has been nominated Priest-in-Charge by the Society, and appointed by the Bishop.

Rev J. E. Sutherland, Rector of North Albury, has been appointed Vice-Warden of St John's Theological College, Morpeth, from late January.

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Parties called on to declare viewpoints

The National Anglican Social Responsibilities Commission today called on both Labor and Liberal-National Country Parties to declare the details of their policy on quality-of-life issues before the election on December 13th.

In a statement released today the chairman of the Commission, Archbishop G. T. Sambell said: "In an affluent society like Australia it is disturbing to realise the extent of poverty and the degree to which so many people are denied equal opportunities, the fulfilment of their basic human rights and access to adequate service."

"Clear statements should be made as to how the recommendations of the Poverty Enquiry and other related reports would be implemented by each Party when in office.

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APPEAL FOR TIMOR

A National Appeal for at least \$250,000 for emergency food and shelter for the people of Timor was launched in Sydney on November 6.

Eight community and Church Overseas Aid agencies combined to sponsor the appeal: Australian Catholic Relief, Australian Council of Churches, Austcare, Community Aid Abroad, Freedom From Hunger Campaign, St Vincent de Paul Society, UNICEF Australia and World Vision.

'Neighbours in next street from Darwin'

At the Appeal launching in the Sydney Anglican Offices, Bishop John Reid (on behalf of the Archbishop of Sydney's Overseas Relief Fund) said: "Australians were generous after the

BEACH MISSION ACTIVITY INCREASES

This coming Christmas, a record number of 4100 voluntary workers — 150 more than last year — are expected to be involved in Beach and Inland Missions at holiday resorts throughout Australia.

Announcing this, Scripture Union Federal Secretary, David Claydon, said that the Beach and Inland Missions were "one of the most strategic outreach activities" conducted by the Christian Church.

"It's not often realised that 17.5% of Australians go camping in summer in caravans and tents, mostly in country areas," David pointed out. "We'll contact thousands of people who rarely come near any other church activity — and we'll get the chance to work with children in the context of their families."

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ARCHBISHOP ISSUES EXORCISM GUIDELINES

The Archbishop of Sydney, most Rev M. L. Loane, has issued instructions on the practise of exorcisms in the diocese of Sydney. He took this action in response to a request from the diocesan synod in October, calling for a way of defining minister's role in relation to such activities.

In a letter to his clergy he stated: "The recent session of the synod passed a resolution (17/75), the first part of which reads as follows— "That synod, having received the report of the Commission of Enquiry into the occult, expresses its deep concern at the increasing fascination with the occult, and respectfully makes the following requests:— "(a) His Grace the Archbishop to consider in what ways, if any, the practice of exorcism by licensed clergymen should be limited and/or authorised".

"The last recommendation of the Report of the Commission of Enquiry on page 30 is as follows—

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Directors and Staff of the Australian Church Record extend to all our readers the season's greetings.

The next issue of The Australian Church Record will be January 20, 1976.

EDITORIAL The two Christmases

The contrast between Christianity and Christmas as we know it, is amazingly clear and yet too often it is not even noticed. A whole host of Christmas music affronts the ear in stores, on radio, on TV, and at parties. Side by side are hymns about Christ and songs about Santa Claus, or even worse.

CATHEDRAL SERVICE HELD IN SYDNEY FOR FED ELECTIONS

People walking down George Street in the busy lunch hour on November 26 between a guard of honour provided by 350 boys from the Cathedral School thought they had to walk the gauntlet to Church whether they liked it or not.

Actually the chain of boys provided the human links between the steps of the Town Hall and St Andrew's Cathedral next door. At 1.15 pm precisely the newly elected Aldermen, preceded by the Supervisor of the Town Hall were followed by the Lord Mayor, Alderman Leo Port and the Town Clerk, Mr L. P. Carter.

The Lunch-Time Service attended by business and professional people was conducted by Dean Lance Shilton and Archbishop Marcus Loane, as Acting Primate issued a call to pray for the present political situation. The lesson was read by the Deputy Lord Mayor, Alderman Briger.

Bishop Dain, in his address emphasised what responsible citizenship means today:

"Citizenship involves more than loyalty and prayer for our civic and other leaders. It carries a challenge to each one of us in the manner of our behaviour.

What will determine the kind of city we are building here in Sydney — not the buildings or the facilities or even the social services, important though they are, but our manner of life. A city is people — capable of evil and of good, people capable of the whole range of human relationships.

The Cathedral and the Town Hall stand together in this task — they need each other — they compliment



Dean Shilton

a case of special emergency. I would ask him only to act after consultation at first with a member of this panel and then his Regional Bishop.

"I do not believe that exorcism is a practice to be carried out in a large number of cases, or more than one at a time, or in circumstances which attract publicity. Nor do I believe that glib assurances can be given to the effect that such practices are modern parallels to New Testament ministries.

"Therefore, I draw your attention to the Report of the Commission of Enquiry into The Occult, and the Resolution (17/75) passed by Synod. I also draw attention to Appendix 3 in which the Rev Dr R. Alan Cole provides a careful and balanced summary of Scriptural teaching on this subject. I express the hope that clergy will act with caution and restraint in an area about which so little is known."



Beach missions cater for all members of the family. Here is a Minimitte session in action.

FESTIVAL, MAYOR AND PORN

The Festival of Light supports the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman Leo Port's criticism of the sex shops which are seriously affecting the social, moral and business life of Kings Cross.

"We agree with Alderman Port," said the Rev Fred Nile, "that these porn shops, theatres, strip joints and massage parlours 'BATTEN ON TO HUMAN DEPRIVITY' and are only required, according to Alderman Port, for 'HUMAN ANIMALS'."

"However, we strongly reject Alderman Port's proposal that these moral pollution centres be moved away from shopping areas apparently into residential areas.

"We are surprised," said Mr Nile, "that a person such as Alderman Port should use Hamburg's official prostitution zone as an example to be followed by Sydney, especially as the Hamburg arrangements originally had strong links with Hitler's regime prior to World War II."

The affluence of Christmas presents a contrast not that giving and receiving presents is wrong, just that the generosity involved is so restricted. In contrast to the pattern of self-giving that is evidence of the Kingdom of God, Christmas giving is often only evidence of how effectively we have been caring for ourselves.

Even that giving is restricted to people who are extensions of ourselves: our family, our friends. The cost of the gifts is sometimes a display of wealth, sometimes an apology for it. Not often enough does it represent a compassionate concern for others, a thankful response for our prosperity. The affluence that Christmas displays is in marked contrast to the poverty of the one who emptied Himself and took the form of a servant.

This One, presents a set of contrasts in Himself. He who was rich beyond all splendour for our sakes became

BUSY STUDENTS AT EAST GEELONG



A group of prep students at St Matthews, East Geelong (Vic), make a figure of Noah out of the plastic milk bottles. The students attended daily classes held during the last school vacation.

Deaconess House appointment

From page 1
 "For me it's a non-issue. Some think the ordination of women question is the crystallisation of the women in the church issue, and may be it is.

"But the question is a much wider one: What will the church give women to do and for how much longer will the Church of England ignore the potential for service bound up in its women members?" she said.

Miss Rodgers won the Rachel McKibbin Prize for BD Honours students in 1974 and sat for a New Testament exam the day before her appointment was announced.

Born in Dorrigo, NSW, she grew up in Dapto and was involved in church life at St Luke's Dapto.

She completed her Deaconess Diploma with Honours and her ThL with First Class Honours, in 1964, and served on the staff of Meriden and



Lord Mayor of Sydney, Ald Leo Port, with Bishop Dain.

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