

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

Rev R. Avery is an honorary assistant at The Good Shepherd, Curtin, ACT.

Rev E. Burton is assistant curate at St Paul's, South Wagga Wagga.

Rev R. Lamerton is assistant curate at St Matthew's, Albury.

Rev K. McCollim is Deacon-in-Charge at Kameruka.

Rev B. Turner is Deacon-in-Charge at Batlow.

MELBOURNE

Rev D. J. Conolly will be inducted by Bishop Muston on Monday, April 18th at 8 pm.

Rev W. C. F. Nellor of St Stephen's, Gardenvale to Incumbent of St Agnes, Black Rock. Date of Induction to be announced.

Rev H. E. Fawell will retire from Incumbency, Christ Church, Geelong as from 16th May, 1977.

Rev Canon G. Harmer resigned as Missioner of The Mission of St James and St John as from 2nd July, 1977.

Rev P. R. Monie resigned as Incumbent of St John's, Croydon from 31st July, 1977.

NEWCASTLE

Rev M. Chiplin from St John's College, Morpeth to Assistant Minister, Toronto.

Rev M. P. Davis, from Gosford to Assistant Minister, Singleton.

Rev K. M. Dean-Jones from St John's College, Morpeth to Assistant Minister, Christ Church Cathedral.

Rev T. G. Frewin from Singleton to Assistant Minister, Hamilton.

Rev B. E. Muller from Mayfield to Chaplain, Mitchell College of Advanced Education, Bathurst.

Rev P. S. Robertson from Hamilton to Assistant Minister, Cessnock.

Rev N. J. Schofield from Christ Church Cathedral to Minister-in-Charge, South Lakes.

Rev J. C. Speers from Rector of Braxton to Associate Minister, Coolangub.

Rev C. J. Taylor from Maitland to Minister-in-Charge, Experimental Pastoral Area of Telarah.

Rutherford.

Rev M. K. Timbrell from Company of Brothers in charge of Cunnamulla District to Minister-in-Charge, Weston.

Rev J. M. Brown, St John's College, Morpeth to Deacon Assistant, Gosford.

Rev C. E. Hampson, Church of England to Rector of Braxton.

TASMANIA

Rev J. L. May of St Peter's Parish, Sandy Bay has been appointed a Canon of St David's Cathedral.

Rev A. C. Cloudsdale has resigned as Rector of Parish of Brighton and been appointed Rector of Parish of St Thomas the Apostle, Howrah.

Rev C. C. Ruddock from Rector of the Parish of Beaconsfield and Exeter to Rector of the Parish of Sandford.

Rev G. F. Oliver from Precentor of St David's Cathedral, Hobart to Rector of the Parish of Brighton.

Rev W. T. Letchford inducted as Rector of Holy Trinity Parish, Launceston.

Rev G. Y. Canion appointed Rector of the Parish of Beaconsfield and Exeter.

Rev K. F. Ansell resigned as Rector of the Parish of St Thomas the Apostle, Howrah to Chaplain to the Avalon Community at Lara in Victoria.

Rev R. P. Robins of The Bush Church Aid Society has resigned from the Parish of Zeehan-Rosebery-Savage River to become Rector of the Parish of Derby-Broomie in North-West Australia in February.

SYDNEY

Rev J. Lousada, formerly Vicar of the Parishes of South and Central Johore in the Diocese of West Malaysia, will be inducted as Rector of Panania on 14th April.

The government of Czechoslovakia was described as "one of the most repressive in eastern Europe in regard to the exercise of human rights" by a spokesman for America's Catholic bishops. Latest evidence: a ban against joining religious orders of women that "will mean the liquidation of the twenty-two religious orders."

Christian School to hold open day for enquirers

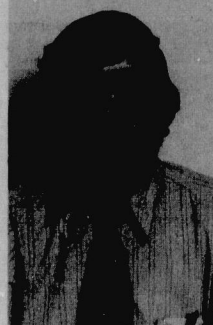
Following the successful completion of its first year, the John Wycliffe Christian Education Association is to hold an open day for enquirers.

The Association centred in the lower Blue Mountains, west of Sydney, has been running a school in temporary premises at Warrimoo. They hope to commence building their own premises towards the end of this year.

Mr R. Johnston, speaking on behalf of the Association, said: "The idea of an open day has been put forward to answer the many enquiries that people have been making concerning the concept of parent-controlled Christian education."

The programme, including a display of photos, students' work and teaching programmes will be supplemented with short lectures by parents, board members of the Association and the school's teaching staff. It is planned to run the programme from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm at St Martin's Church at Mt Riverview on Saturday, 16th April.

Mr Johnston is willing to answer any enquiries about the school or the open day. Enquiries may be directed to him by phoning 047 39 1491.



Robert Johnston

Christian education. People are keen to find out how to set up a school like the John Wycliffe school. This open day is designed to help such people with their planning and to help parents to consider the pros and cons of sending their children to such a school.

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Photo shows the Reverend Philip Fong of the Chinese Presbyterian Church with the Chinese Scriptures open beside him.

BIBLE SOCIETY GETS WORD TO CHINA

It was in 1900 that the Chinese peasant people rose up in revolt and brought their vengeance down upon the church — 180 missionaries and 30,000 Chinese Christians were massacred.

Just 47 years before, the Bible Society had launched an appeal to print one million Chinese New Testaments for distribution throughout that vast land. These were not all distributed because the climate towards the church changed, and eventually the uprising in 1900 took its horrifying toll.

But the Church of Jesus Christ has been established in China. The ancient/wise eastern culture, exposed to the incisive power of the Gospel of Christ, brought forth fruit to glorify the Lord.

The Bible Society is again wanting to share God's Word in China, but the operation is different. Instead of a printing press there is a microphone and an immediacy of reaching many millions of people with the spoken Scriptures.

The Far East Broadcasting Co (FEB) broadcasts the Scriptures for the Bible Society. Powerful FEB transmitters beam in the spoken "Word" at dictation speed. Ten dollars an hour is the cost of producing these programmes.

Revelation 3:20 applies to millions of Chinese people every day. Our responsibility is to pray that God's Word may penetrate, comfort and undergird.

Pastor Philip Fong of the Chinese Church in Sydney said recently: "China is very dear to my heart. The beaming of Scriptures by radio into China is exciting and I would ask you to support the Bible Society in their campaign."

"The Word of God is alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword..." Hebrews 4:12a.

CANNON HARRY SUTTON RETURNS TO AUST

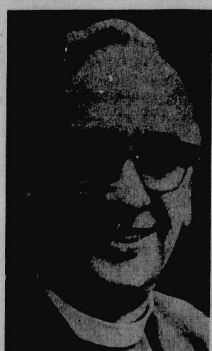
Last year Canon Harry Sutton, of England, made a memorable visit to Australia in his role as Canon Missioner of the South American Missionary Society.

In June he returns to Melbourne to conduct parish missions and diocesan workshops on church growth.

Canon Sutton was ordained in 1941 and in 1946 was appointed Vicar of Christ Church, Lowestoft.

In 1951 he became Vicar of St Mark, Layton, Blackpool. In 1957 he became General Secretary of the South American Missionary Society.

For the next 15 years Harry Sutton travelled widely, working tirelessly and



Canon Harry Sutton

helping extend the Church in South America.

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CONFERENCE ON BAPTISM

The first of the Conferences for 1977 arranged by the Conference Sub-Committee of the Anglican Church League is to be held in the Moore College Common Room, Carillon Avenue, Newtown at 8 pm on Friday, 29th April.

The subject is "Baptismal Discipline in the Anglican Church" and the subject will be introduced by a paper presented by Rev Milton Myers, Rector of St Andrew's, Summer Hill. A panel of four will then assist in answering questions raised by members of the conference. Each of the panel has had experience in a different field of Anglican witness and opportunity.

The panel includes Rev Max Corbett, for 15 years a missionary with CMS in East Africa; Rev John Dyer, Rector of Holy Trinity, Beacon Hill, 14 years in England; Rev Ralph Fraser, Rector of All Saints', Woollahra, Immigration Chaplain for 4 years and Hospital Chaplain for 7 years; and Rev Kelvin Tutt, Rector of All Saints', Balgowlah, 7 years in New Zealand.

The purpose of the ACL Conference Sub-Committee is to encourage and inform through debate on current issues. This conference is open to all who would like to

attend — men, women and young people in Fellowship groups.

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COUNCIL OF CHURCHES DECIDES ON VICTIMLESS CRIMES

The NSW Council of Churches, in response to the recent seminar on Victimless Crimes has passed a series of policy statements to clarify its position and offer some guidance to the Christian public.

1. The New South Wales Council of Churches write to the NSW Attorney General thanking him for having an official representative from the NSW Council of Churches at the final session in the Victimless Crime Seminar, and advising him of the continued interest of the Council in possible changes to the law in the areas discussed at the Seminar, and informing him of the Council's willingness to participate and assist in subsequent discussions.

2. The NSW Council of Churches disputes the blanket definition of "Victimless crimes" and supports Professor Stanley Cohen's proposition that each crime should be argued separately.

3. The NSW Council of Churches encourage the NSW Government to proceed forthwith to decriminalise the laws relating to vagrancy.

4. The NSW Council of Churches urge the NSW Government to continue the policy of de facto decriminalisation of the law relating to drunkenness, but to immediately proceed to the creation of proper intake rehabilitation centres, and to the definition of the "authority" of welfare officers in relation to the intake of drunks, before changing the present laws in this area.

5. The NSW Council of Churches commend to the attention of the NSW Government the facilities available and operating in caring for such people, with

special reference to the work of the Salvation Army and the Sydney City Mission, and suggest that the Government should work through such institutions rather than creating alternative Government centres of help and rehabilitation.

6. The NSW Council of Churches urge the NSW Government forthwith to establish Select Parliamentary Committees to examine in depth any proposed changes in the law relating to prostitution, homosexuality and the use of marihuana, and to allow full public participation in such deliberations, and further to advise the NSW Attorney General that the NSW Council of Churches desires to place before such Committees evidence of the dangers to the community of putting homosexuality on an equal level

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Last month three young coconut trees were planted on Santo Island in the New Hebrides to mark the start of an important new undertaking — the translation of the Old Testament into Bislama.

The translation team will be working to complete their task before the coconuts on the trees ripen — probably in five or six years time.

The project will make the full Bible available for the first time in the language most people in the New Hebrides use. (Translation of the New Testament has just been completed.)

The main part of the translation work is being done at a centre which has been established in the town of Luganville on Santo. The centre has been named Kokonas (coconut tree) and it is there that the coconut trees

were planted. The project is being supported by the Bible Society and by the churches of the New Hebrides. It will require a budget of about \$20,000 a year. Three New Hebridean men, Pastor Willie Mowa (Presbyterian), Father Charles Ling (Church of Melanesia) and Mr Morrie Tabi (Churches of Christ) and one Australian, the Reverend Bill Camden (Presbyterian) form the translation team.

Anglicans appeal on behalf of needy

The Social Responsibilities Commission of the Anglican Church recently voiced its opposition to the pressure from Treasury for cuts in the Australian social security and welfare budget.

The Commission's Executive, meeting in Sydney recently, issued a statement on the Budget discussions currently being held in Canberra.

The statement said: "We believe that welfare benefits are just getting to the point where they are liveable. There are still people on pensions and benefits existing below the poverty line. This is especially true of supporting mothers."

"But it would be a calamity for thousands of disadvantaged Australians if cuts were made in the overall welfare budget. The result would be severe hardship in many specific cases."

"The most deplorable proposal in the present discussions is the abolition of the office of Child Care."

"This would place thousands of working mothers,

on whom the Australian manufacturing industry now depends, in the very serious position of neglecting their children."

"It is the Federal Child Care budget which provides, through the States, long-term day care for the children of working parents."

"We believe the Government should stand by its public commitment to maintaining the level of welfare benefits and child care services."

"At the same time we want to say we totally deplore the irresponsible bid for votes by the Leader of the Opposition in suggesting that all unemployed women at home deserve the dole."

Guest Editorial by Rev G. Robinson.

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Brian Billingham

EDITORIAL

It is part of the perversity of the Australian nation never to accept defeat. Each year on Anzac Day we celebrate a major national defeat as other nations celebrate victory. Yet out of that defeat the Gallipoli Campaign gave a special quality of victory and achievement because it raised Australia to the status of Nationhood.

There was another apparent defeat — a complete disaster — which Christians have ever since rightly interpreted as a tremendous victory. It happened on the day that they nailed Jesus Christ, the Son of God, to a cross of wood. It seemed that all that was good, fine and decent was smashed, but this proved to be God's moment of triumph. Here His plan worked out right on schedule.

Make no mistake about it. That gallows cross is a stark fact of history. He died at a particular spot at a particular moment in time. Had you been there, you would have felt the hot sun blazing down on your neck. Had you run your hand up that cross you would have risked a splinter in your finger. You would have heard the nails being hammered through the flesh into the wood; you would have heard the curses of the soldiers and the

groans of the victim. You would have seen the blood trickling down through His fingers and down into the dust. It was as real as that.

But it was no tragic mistake. The Bible says that it was planned from before the beginning of the world that the Son of God should suffer and die a death deserved for the very worst of criminals. It must have been a desperate situation to need such a desperate remedy. It was. Man on his own was, and is, in a tight corner.

Man because of his rebellious, headstrong attitude towards God has alienated himself from God. We just do not have the resources of peace, joy, strength, decency, sense of purpose, that we long for — because we are separated from God. If proof is needed, read any newspaper on any day. What a picture: war, hunger, hatred, racialism, violence, jealousy, greed. All because we are separated from God. But Jesus Christ came to bridge that gap.

The Bible says He gave His life to make atonement for us before God. By His death He Himself carried our penalty. We may not fully understand how this works because we cannot understand the inner workings of God's mind, but

VICTORY OUT OF DEFEAT

the Bible is emphatic on this point.

The prophet Isaiah says of Jesus: "It was OUR grief He bore, OUR sorrows that weighed Him down. He was chastised that we might have peace; He was lashed — and we were healed! We are the ones who strayed away like sheep! WE, who left God's paths to follow our own. Yet God laid on HIM the guilt and sins of every one of us."

(Isaiah 53:4-6, "Living Bible")

But Christ's death does not automatically make amends for a person's sin. We must accept what He has done for us. We must acknowledge our faults and our rebellion and be ready to put an end to them, and to give Him our allegiance. When Christ died they also executed two robbers, one on either side. One threw himself upon Christ's mercy confessing his sin, and acknowledging the Lordship of Christ. The other continued his stubborn defiance. The first received the fulfilment of Christ's promise of Glory because Christ carried his sin. The other continued his journey to Hell.

