



The clergy speak out . . .

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Acton Baptist Church

THE GUELPH REFORMATORY

I would preface my remarks today with a quotation from a man called Jeremiah: "Is it nothing to you all you that pass by? Lamentations 1:12.

There is a place with beautifully kept grounds, a clear running stream, a lake for fishing, picnic tables for the public's use. It is known to most of us as The Guelph Reformatory. We pass it every time we go to or come from Guelph. At times, especially in the spring or summer, we drive past blue dressed lads working on the grounds keeping them attractive for the passerby's enjoyment. Here, too, you will see the khaki clad guard keeping a watchful eye as they perform their work.

The question I would ask myself, and all of you, is how often do we drive past on our way to business or pleasure and fail to give even a passing thought to this enclosed community of between 800 and 900 persons?

I speak to all of us today, for I too was guilty of passing by for many years without a thought of all it meant to so many behind those stone walls and steel gates.

There are those of the clergy who visit those of their denominations regularly. I have the privilege of doing this for the Baptist boys who may have run afoul of the law. I shall never forget my first experience nearly three years ago, walking in the front doors as in any office or public building, down a long corridor, neat, clean, many lovely flowers in pots displayed there, the work of the inmates—then suddenly turning one more corner and coming to a heavy steel door. A guard was there with a large key in his hand.

After identifying myself, he turned the key and let me through. Then came the sound of that key again in the lock. I was inside with steel doors facing me in every direction.

Standing in the part called the tower, I saw the long rows of visiting tables with their partition a foot high down the middle. There sat mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, girl friends, young wives some with a wee baby not much higher than the partition, looking over at Daddy. Some held hands in this awkward position.

They talked and visited with their loved ones who had broken some of the laws of our land.

These are not hardened criminals as some suppose. Oh, yes, some of them would have us think they were tough, but most of them I found are frightened, scared, needing very much to know that somebody cares. The average age is between 16 and 23 with just a few older men. The guards in the main are kindly men. Some are fine Christians and are able there to bear a witness to God's love and concern for the inmates.

Finally, some may ask, what do we do for these lads? We do what we can. There are resident chaplains there—Salvation Army, Protestant, and Roman Catholic. There is also a fine chapel called 'Hope Chapel'. The work of building and furnishing it was all done over the years by inmates, and it is a credit to their skill.

Services are held there on Sundays. Bible study is conducted during the week. Many attend these voluntary studies; some are taking Moody study courses provided by the institution. Our work as we visit is mainly to listen to them, let them talk, not preach at them. But many have been turned to a faith and a trust because of these interviews.

Some having found the Saviour have gone out to start a fresh life. Some are not able to reach, but we are encouraged by hearing from some of them after release. Letters and cards at Christmas have been our rewards in this work. We write letters to parents, wives or girl friends for them. Sometimes we can write the parole board on their behalf.

When you, Mr. John Public, pass this place the next time, remember, those inside. Say a little prayer for them, and for yourself, for but for the grace of God any one of us could be in their place.



Walter Safely says, "Kneel or sit low in a canoe. If upset, HANG ON to the canoe until help arrives."



RECEIVING THEIR First Communion at St. Joseph's church Sunday morning were 15 girls and 13 boys, Agnes Slaven, Nancy Roach, Rita Mancini, Mary Lou Lindsay, Darlene Roach, Mary Ann Vinski, Rosella Daigle, Maureen Rouse, Sandra Lynn Jennings, Karen Paton, Frances Fryer, Patricia Gordon, Frances Cunningham, Michelle Field, Rosalind St. Pierre, Christopher

Conroy, Steven Vander Eycken, Henry Roach, David McGilloway, Robert Rowe, Tony Geng, Steven Blanchard, Paul Lowe, Michael Zions, Frank Van Opstal, Roland Daigle, Delphin Roach and Richard Tchorezewski. They are pictured with the Rev. V. J. Morgan.—(Staff Photo)

No mortgage

New Apostolic church to be dedicated Sunday

A new church without a mortgage? Acton's New Apostolic Church, which will be officially opened and dedicated this Sunday morning, has the unique distinction of being clear of any debt.

Situated at the corner of Main St. S. and the entrance to Fairview cemetery at Ransom St., the attractive buff brick building will be officially dedicated by Bishop E. Wagner of Kitchener-Waterloo, assisted by the minister Rev. K. Eckstein of Guelph.

The New Apostolic Church has built 36 new churches in the past year in Canada and the United States, including the one in Acton which was started back in October, 1968.

The Acton Congregation has been holding services in a member's house for the past five years. They've outgrown those quarters, Mr. Eckstein explained, and it was necessary to expand. Frank Austin and William Eiling, two Acton members of the congregation, played a large part in the decision to build a church in Acton and they continue to play an active role as Sunday school teachers. Stanley Eckstein, the minister's son and a deacon will be organist and choir leader.

Concerned lest the other churches in Acton should think they are interlopers, Mr.

Eckstein said he feels there are souls in the town and district that the other churches were not reaching. He expects many new members of his congregation to come from them.

Mr. Eckstein said the New Apostolic Church was "re-established in the 1830's in England and moved to Germany where the head is now." Head of the church is the Chief Apostle Schmidt and "under his care the work of the Lord is done in Apostle districts."

"We are the church of today with living apostles as Christ ordained and instituted it to be," Mr. Eckstein said. "He chose and ordained the first apostles under the activity of the Holy Spirit with the commission to preach and baptize in His name."

Committed to a program of fellowship the new church will along with other small congregations meet regularly in one of the larger centres as well as having services here at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Sunday and a mid-week service on Wednesday. Sunday school classes will also be held every Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

Floors in the new edifice are completely covered in thick carpeting both upstairs and down. The church auditorium is simply but attractively decorated and there's a mother's

room where children may be taken, equipped with pews and sound proof facilities, so the mothers may hear and take part in the services without disturbing other worshippers. Also on the main floor is a sacristy, with a wide foyer. Steps enclosed in carpet lead both upstairs and down.

The downstairs portion is equipped with kitchen facilities, washrooms, flower room and heating plant which circulates air under the floor. The large room downstairs will also be equipped with an altar and an organ similar to the one in the church auditorium. Sunday school classes will be held downstairs.

A parking lot at the back of the church at the Ransom St. entrance will hold several cars. Mr. Eckstein and his attractive wife are looking forward to Sunday's dedication service. They feel it will usher a new spirit into their Acton work.

The Bible today

By the Canadian Bible Society

Scripture distribution does not normally depend upon the time of year. But there are some seasonal opportunities which make it especially convenient. One of these is presented in Europe by the annual arrival in northern European countries of the migrating "guest workers" for the summer.

The Bible Societies of Europe are specially concerned to use the opportunities thus created, and are making Scriptures in all the needed languages readily available.

The chaplain to a hostel for guest workers in Ludwigshafen, for example, was able to order the Selection giving the story of the 'Prodigal Son' in Italian, Spanish, Arabic, Greek, Portuguese, French, Turkish, Persian, and English, for distribution there.

Some 100,000 special selections of this kind have just been produced by the Bible Society in Stuttgart, but the demand is virtually unlimited.

Board okays night school

Night school programs will be operated in Burlington, Oakville, Milton and Georgetown, Halton County Board of Education was advised Thursday in a recommendation from the

Advisory Vocational Committee. The courses offered will all be included in one brochure and will be open to citizens from any part of the county, according to Trustee W. Priestner.

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Churchill Road North
Minister
Mr. Robert G. W. Hyde, B.A.
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SUNDAY, JUNE 1st, 1969
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and Sunday School.
8:00 p.m.—Special Folk Service.
All are Welcome at the Church on the Hill

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon
Res. 144 Tiley Ave., Phone 833-1615.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1st, 1969
9:45 a.m.—Church School and Adult Bible Class.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
"The Father of Life."
No Evening Services during June, July and August.
Monday, June 2 — Mission Circle. 8 p.m.
Wednesday — 6:30, Explorers; 8:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study.
Thursday — Choir at 8:00.
Friday — 7:00 p.m., B.H.F.
"Feed the Rock of God which is among you." 1 Peter 5: 2.
All Welcome

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
Minister:
The Rev. Gordon B. Turner, B.A., B.D.
Director of Music:
Dr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1st, 1969
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 a.m.—Nursery to Grade 4.
11:00 a.m.—Grades 5 to 8.
We Welcome You and Your Family to Take Part in the Life and Worship of Trinity!

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Rev. H. J. Dawson, B.A., B.T.E.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1st, 1969
Trinity I
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m.—Church School and Nursery.
10:30 a.m.—Choral Eucharist.
1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays
Matins
2nd and 4th Sundays

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.
Minister
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A.
Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY, JUNE 1st, 1969
9:45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15 years.
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship and Confirmation of New Members. Sermon theme, "The Pearl of Great Price."
Next Sunday — Ordination and Induction of New Elders.
Everyone Most Welcome

EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 833-2715.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1st, 1969
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Evangelist R. L. Hoover, Winnipeg, will minister at both services.
— also on —
Thursday and Friday evenings, May 29 and 30, at 8 p.m.
Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Prayer Service and Bible Study.
Friday, 7 to 8 p.m. — Crusaders.
Psalm 127: 1 — "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
81 Maple Ave., Georgetown
Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Lohnes

SUNDAY, JUNE 1st, 1969
Here is our sincere invitation to the whole family to attend church.
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School. All ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Evangel.
Georgetown 877-6665

BETH-EL
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Minister — Rev. F. Brouwer, B.A., B.D.
Acton, Ontario

SUNDAY, JUNE 1st, 1969
10:00 a.m.—English Service.
11:10 a.m.—Sunday School.
4:00 p.m.—English Service.
Everyone Welcome

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