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Bishop Dedicates New Reredos at St. George's

Dedication of a new oak reredos was a special occasion at St. George's Anglican Church Sunday evening, when the Right Reverend Walter Bagnall, Bishop of Niagara, officiated at the dedication and preached an inspiring sermon on the meaning of the altar in the church.

The beautiful reredos, which forms a background for the altar, was presented to the church by the members of the Ruston family, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ruston and their family, long associated with church affairs.

At the same time, Bishop Bagnall dedicated red look markers presented in memory of Harry Matthews, an active church worker during his residence in town.



BISHOP W. E. BAGNALL

The rector, Archbishop W. G. O. Thompson took part in the service and Edwin Wilson served as Bishop's chaplain. The entire service of carols and Christmas hymns was repeated from the Christmas Eve service.

Present to witness the dedication service were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ruston of Toronto, Mrs. Harry Matthews, and Mr. Henry Matthews of Kitchener, and Mr. Robert Matthews, a divinity student at St. Chad's College, Regina.

Timely New Year's Message at St. John's

On the last Sunday of the year at St. John's United Church, Rev. John M. Smith gave a very fitting sermon at the morning service on "Facing the Future."

It was naturally a time of looking back over 1952, probably remembering the high ideals with which we started its clean pages, and now feeling as did the artist as he gazed at the picture he had worked at so long and so hard, and then prayed "God forgive me for not making a better job of it." If we have this awareness of sin, and seek forgiveness of God as did the artist, so that we have the awareness of forgiveness too, then we are in a right attitude to look forward to 1953 with a humble dependency on God, which along with our own sincere efforts, should make it a grand year of opportunity and achievement.

As Mr. Smith's text put it: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you," these other necessities and desires as God decrees are wise for us.

But as we check backward and look forward, we should also look inward and make sure our aims for 1953 are as God would have them be, not selfish but for others, world wide, so that God's cause in the world may have prospered, and advanced because of our way of living through this New Year.

Then too, we should look upward. We are stepping out onto a road which we have not trod before, or as Joshua told the children of Israel as they faced the promised land: "For ye have not passed this way heretofore." If we enter the year in our own strength, we will probably take its joys as a matter of course, and when its sorrows, pain or sufferings come, we will be liable to worry, fume and complain but if we look upward, and enter the year accepting our joys with thanks to God and meeting our troubles seeking His comfort and guidance and doing our very best to help Him meet any situation which may arise, then leaving the rest to Him, at the end of the year we should be able to count our blessings with gratitude and have a sense of opportunities improved and difficulties overcome, characters strengthened, and a trust and love that the world is at least a little nearer God than when we started.

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God or as the poetess put it, whom our late King quoted, "Step out into the unknown, put your hand in the hand of God and that shall be to you better than a light, and safer than the known way."

During the service, Mrs. Kidney sang: "Ring Out Wild Bells."

At the evening service pictures were shown illustrating the work of the church in India, and making quite evident the great improvement in health and living conditions and suggesting very definitely the great mental and spiritual improvement.

Mr. Smith stressed the fact that it was the Apostle Paul and others, men and women like him down through the years, full of zeal for the Gospel of Christ and willing to sacrifice almost everything that it should be spread over the whole earth, that had brought Christianity to the high place it holds in the world. If we believe that Christianity had the best answer to the world's problems, then we should be doing our utmost to have it told among the nations, for there are others who have a different belief and who are very zealous in pressing it upon our world. We have just been very enthusiastic in celebrating the birth of Christ; let us be as zealous in obeying His command to "Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Miss Isobel Dobson was pianist for the service of praise.

IMPERIALS HOLD PARTY AT HERBERT HOME

The Imperial Section of the local branch of the Canadian Legion held their annual Christmas party last Saturday at the home of one of their members, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Herbert.

The party was well attended reflecting the tremendous growth of the Section in the last year. Lunch was served and a fine song held.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

A holiday guest with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wilson was Mrs. Wilson's sister, Mrs. Helen Harrison of Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gunning spent the Christmas vacation in Windsor with Mrs. Gunning's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elley.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Clark, Beverley and Donald of Wanstead were visitors in town during the holiday week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Garfield McGillivray.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Noble and Ann Lorraine spent Christmas at Moorefield with Mr. and Mrs. George Crocker.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Carney and son Daniel have moved to their new apartment on Avenue Road North in Toronto. They have been staying in town with his mother, Mrs. William Carney.

Clark, and Mrs. Clark were guests of the section, as were past president and Mrs. Dave Bowman.

The party was always a wonderful one, and members were undoubtedly saying how much they

Band Concert Presented At Centennial Manor

On Sunday, December 21st, the Lorne Scots Band, and a group of Georgetown vocalists, presented a Christmas concert at Halton Centennial Manor for the elderly residents of the new Halton home.

Carols and hymns were played by the band around the Christmas tree. Anna Spitzer sang several selections, including "Bless This House" and a Georgetown quartette, the Rhythmettes, were also a part of the program. Girls in this group are Sue Crabtree, Bev Hyde, Jacqueline Graham and Pat Willson.

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The damp, foggy evening and absence of snow did not spoil their enthusiasm and their music was enjoyed by a number of elderly and invalid folk at whose homes they stopped to sing the sweet Christmas music.

The evening was organized by the new music teacher, Kenneth R. Harrison, Mr. Harrison and Mrs. Howard Wrigglesworth took a group to the park district. The Principal and Mrs. Harold Henry were in charge of a second group which toured the Queen Street district.

Afterwards the group met in the school for tea and a short program which included some games of Twenty Questions. Judy McCumber, on behalf of the students, presented a pair of gloves to Mr. Harrison for his work in organizing the evening.

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