

Rev. Len Ewing new rector here

The Rev. Len Ewing took his first service at St. Alban's on Sunday, with Advent Carol service at 10.30 a.m. and the lighting of the first Advent candle.

The new rector and his wife moved to the rectory at 150 Jeffrey Ave. Tuesday of last week as he began Dec. 1 to assume the duties of his new parish.

It's been a long time away from Acton for Mr. Ewing. He was born here and was baptized at St. Alban's. He went to school here but moved away with his family at the age of nine. He has visited since and was here during the church centennial celebrations.

He has many memories of his childhood that come back as he looks around the town again. The house where they lived on the Crescent is still there. The Gus Clifford family were best friends, and Mrs. Snow, their daughter, is still here.

Seven children Long-time Actonians recall Mr. and Mrs. James Ewing and their family, Charles, James, Frederick, who are now deceased, and Jack, Dorothy, Len and Violet. Mr. Ewing came from England and worked at Beardmore while he was here.

Mr. Ewing finished his schooling in Toronto and then went into business—salesman, sales manager and vice president of his company before he took an early retirement.

He has always maintained his close ties with the Anglican church and continued studying during all his years in business. He had been a lay reader and was always involved in church groups and activities.

Ordained After a year's refresher

course at university, he was ordained in December 1968 at St. George's church, Guelph. He has had a two-point parish, Cayuga and York, since then. Cayuga is a town of about 2,000. A beautiful green crushed velvet armchair, from the congregation there, is proudly placed in their new living room in Acton.

Living with Mr. and Mrs. Ewing will be her mother, Mrs. Playford, who's 92, active, and hopes to get involved with the local senior citizens.

Last one Last member of the household is perky Dusty Ann, a delightful grey poodle.

Their three children are all away from home. The oldest, Bonnie Powell, is married with three children. Her husband is an ordained deacon and by Easter will be an Anglican priest. He is also in business. They live in Burlington.

Son Paul works at Waterdown; he's a musician as well.

Daughter Holly is in Toronto where she has an office job and is a free-lance writer.

They have cousins in Acton, Vic Bristow, Beatrice Anderson and Doris Kentner whom they're looking forward to getting to know better.

Interests Mr. and Mrs. Ewing are both particularly interested in young people. She has also been a Sunday school teacher, A.Y.P.A. leader and involved in Boy Scouts.

Mr. Ewing wants to spend time particularly with people who need him—those with problems or those who are ill or shut in.

They have always been interested in the church and all its aspects together.

Cheery and energetic, they're looking forward to Acton and St. Alban's.



NEWCOMERS IN St. Alban's rectory are the Rev. Len Ewing and his wife Ethel, pictured with their poodle Dusty Ann. Their three children are grown and away from home. Mr. Ewing lived in Acton as

a child and had a successful career in business before entering the Anglican priesthood. He took his first service here on Sunday morning.

The clergy speak out

Attitudes of give and take

By Rev. A. Walter Fosbury
Churchill Community Church
The Christian Church throughout the world is, at this time, recognizing once again the season of Advent. It has done this for nearly 2,000 years. During these twenty centuries, it has passed through alternating periods of spiritual and moral advancement and decline. This present period is one of decline.

The so-called "new morality" is no morality at all and is the result of the downgrading of spiritual things and the lack, on the part of so many professing Christians, of being ready to "stand up and be counted" when vital issues are at stake hanging in the balance.

We find we have to agree with the person who declares, "The Church dare not call the world to become like herself, for she is herself already too much like the world." My own impression is that too often the Church appears to the world at large as being prepared to stand for anything and, as a result, does, in the long run, really stand for nothing that is of first importance.

This is the time of year when we, who call ourselves Christian, are led to respond to the appeal to give to many worthy causes, and this we do. Most certainly most of us would never think of robbing some person who is in need, at Christmas time or any other season of the year. Yet there are times when what we do is, more or less, tantamount to that.

Under the guise of service rendered, we do not hesitate to take remuneration beyond what has been given. We have the ten-

dency to "take" so often rather than to "give." The recent glaring action of our regional council, in voting themselves salaries far beyond the service rendered, is a case in point. Four meetings per month for \$8,500 per annum surely is a bit out of line—this plus \$4,000 for "service" on the area council.

The average paid Aldermen in the Toronto Boroughs is \$8,195 per annum. Most assuredly their task is more time-consuming. The kindergarten attitude of what Santa is going to give me is one which appears to still hold the minds of many of our public servants. "Santa", of course, in this case, is the general public. That public includes many an old age pensioner who has to subsist on \$178 a month at the most.

Our Heavenly Father set the pace for the Advent Season, and for all seasons, when He gave His Son to the world as the Savior of mankind. What we need to-day is more giving of ourselves in the service of others and less taking for ourselves in that service.

We need to accept that glorious ideal of being our brother's keeper and to recognize, with Confucius, that "all men within the seven seas are brethren."

Every excessive demand we make of the general public hurts most the poorest person in that general public. Let us get back more to the spirit of giving and set aside the temptation to be everlastingly "on the take."

Let us put more of Christ into Christmas and make it a year-round policy.

Induction at Guelph

About 25 from St. Alban's attended the Rev. Harry Dawson's induction at St. James church in Guelph last Sunday at 7.30 p.m.

The Venerable Clarence Mitchell conducted the impressive induction with the sermon by the Rev. Percy O'Driscoll. Others taking part included Acton's new rector the Rev. Len Ewing and the Rev. Laurie Duby.

Specially prepared programs contained the order of service with hymns and responses as the congregation gathered to "rejoice in this new beginning."

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CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Churchill Road North
Minister: The Rev. A. Walter Fosbury, B.A., B.D.
124 Tiday Avenue
Phone 853-2386
Sunday, Dec. 9, 1973
11.00 a.m. Worship and Church School.
Sermon Subject "The Greatest Thing In The World"
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