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LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF WOOLWICH

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I have returned more than ever convinced that we have got to give a new turn to our conception of training for the ministry. We have too long been content to see this as training a professional core of men to minister to a passive congregation. What the New Testament requires of us is nothing less than the training of the whole Church for ministry to the world, or as St. Paul puts it, “the equipping of God’s people for the work of ministry, to the building up of the Body of Christ.”

I have visited lay training centres and centres from which the clergy are being refreshed and re-equipped for this task. But I am persuaded that such efforts will not touch more than the fringe unless they are geared into the regular life of the Church in a diocese. My visit has brought home to me how providential it is that we have been forced by the requirements of our Southwark Ordination Course to establish such a training centre of our own at Blechingley.

I should hope this may become a power-house of renewal, both for the clergy and the laity, alike in the parishes and in our industrial mission. In the last analysis such training must be done locally, where the people of God have to meet and to minister. But two things are becoming increasingly clear to me: (a) a diocesan centre, with the right person in charge, could do an immense amount to prime the pump; (b) lay training courses, except in large and well-staffed parishes, may best be done by groups of parishes working together. A pilot scheme of this kind is to be initiated in October by the Eltham deanery, whose team-ministry was described in last month’s Leaflet.

The final thing that my American tour impressed upon me is that anything worth doing in this direction must cost money. The Church has rightly seen training for the ministry in the narrower sense to be a priority for which large sums must be set aside. It has so far done nothing comparable in the wider field, though the Bishop of Sheffield recently told his diocese that it ought to think in terms of something like £3,000 a year for this task. The difficulties we have run into over equipping the house at Blechingley (which, alas, cannot now be ready till the new year) are a warning of what we must expect. But I am more than ever convinced by seeing what the Americans have

done that we must not be deterred. For nothing perhaps in the long run could do more to revivify the Church for her essential task in the diocese and in the world.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN WOOLWICH.

THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK'S NOTES

There is a particular appeal which I would like strongly to commend to those who are able to respond to it. Our minds are turning towards the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches to be held in November/December at New Delhi. We need to remember that the work of the World Council in co-operation and study, as well as its splendid and well-known work for refugees, goes on all the time. It is directed by the staff at Geneva. Until now that staff has been housed in rather temporary accommodation, some of it not of the standard which Christian employers would care to use. Now that the World Council is becoming an essential part of the Christian world scene, a new headquarters is to be built in Geneva towards the cost of which magnificent gifts have come from Churches and Christian people all over the world. For various reasons our response from Britain has been delayed. Now the British Council of Churches has issued an appeal seeking five hundred Christian people in these islands who will be prepared to make a gift of £5 each year under covenant for seven years for this object. Naturally, larger or smaller gifts, by covenant or otherwise, will also be welcomed, but the appeal is focussed in this particular way in the hope that some £25,000 can be raised over the seven years. (A further appeal to trusts and foundations is also being made.)

I do hope that there will be a number of people in the diocese able and willing to respond to this appeal. If they would write to me, I would send them fuller particulars. In this new headquarters the Churches of the world will have a visible symbol of their work of world-wide witness and service.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

Saturday, September 23rd, 5.0 p.m. Evensong. The Ordination Sermon will be preached by the Rev. D. M. P. Tasker, King George VI Training Officer, C. of E. Youth Council, and the Ordination Charge given.

Sunday, September 24th, 10.30 a.m. Michaelmas. Ordination by the Bishop of Southwark.

Saturday, September 30th, 2.30 p.m. Autumn Meeting of the Friends of the Cathedral in the Chapter House.

5.15 p.m. Commemoration of Founders and Benefactors. Preacher: the Rt. Rev. William Stannard, Dean of Rochester.

Advance Notice: The Installation of the Reverend Canon Ernest Southcott, Vicar of St. Wilfred, Halton, Leeds, as Provost of Southwark will take place on Saturday, November 25th, at 3.0 p.m. Further details of the arrangements for this service will appear in the October Leaflet.

Cathedral Lectures: Full details are now available of the Courses of Lectures, arranged in association with London University and the City Literary Institute, to be given in the Chapter House this winter. Apply to the Provost's Secretary, The Chapter House, St. Thomas's Street, S.E.1.

Personalia: The Revd. A. G. Baxter-Shawe has been appointed Priest-Vicar in place of the Revd. A. F. Christmas who is leaving to become Vicar of All Saints, South Wimbledon. A new Verger, Mr. Patman, has also joined the Cathedral Staff.

The Diocese and the Overseas.

Five priests of the Diocese are to serve overseas: John da Costa of St. Mary Streatham, in South Africa; John Fowler of St. Surbiton, in South Africa; John Sharpe of Holy Charlton, in New Guinea; Peter Thompson of St. Peter's Church, New Malaya; Peter Garnett of St. Blechingley, in Rhodesia.

There will be a short commissioning during Evensong at the Cathedral at 5.0 p.m. on September 29th, Michaelmas, at which the Lord Bishop will be present.

From: Canon W. R.

As I resign the Secretariat of the S.L.C.F. on September 30th, I would like to express my thanks for the great kindness and help I have received during my seven years. It has been a happy experience of working in the Diocese and I shall value all the friendships I have made.

I hope to be abroad for a few months and sail at the end of the month for Australia and on to New Zealand.

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Every good wish,
Yours sincerely,
W. R. HO

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W. R. HOUGHTON.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Southwark Ordination Course Summer School.

*The following report has been
written by a member of the
Course.*

The first summer school of the
Southwark Ordination Course was
held at Greyladies. Many of the

23 ordinands, who were there—
all of whom are doing a full-time
job—gave up their summer holi-
days in order to attend the two-
week programme of lectures and
discussions.

The Lectures covered a wide
variety of subjects, but the most
outstanding lectures were those on
"The Social Hope of the Christian
Church" given by Canon Stanley
Evans, and on "Pastoral Psych-
ology" by the Revd. Derek Blows,
a mental hospital chaplain work-
ing in the Diocese.

Evening lectures were on such
lighter subjects as 20th Century
Church Music, and the Church
and Drama; and a debate, brains
trust and an "end of term" con-
cert were also held.

The Bishop paid a visit towards
the end of the fortnight and gave
a talk on the Church and Politics
and allowed himself to be sub-
jected to questioning in the even-
ing.

The Southwark Ordination
Course has been described as an
experimental scheme but this first
year has been an outstanding suc-
cess. We pray not only that other
men will come forward and offer
themselves for ordination through
the medium of this Course, but
that other dioceses will start
similar training schemes.

Institutions. July 5th, Amyand
Richard Haggard, M.A., St.
Philip, Battersea, V. 26th, Peter
Herbert Penwarden, M.A., Benhil-
ton, V. 28th, Guy Milsom Jukes,
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Junior Clergy Wives. The Wives
of the Junior Clergy will be
meeting on Saturday, October
21st, at 17 Manor Way, Black-
heath. The speaker in the morn-
ing will be the Rev. Derek Blows
and in the afternoon Mrs. Anne
Hopkinson. A buffet lunch will
be provided. Invitations will be
sent later to those who have
been clergy wives less than 3 years.
As the available list of names may
not be complete, will any who do

not receive invitations before October 1st, please get in touch with Mrs. Moble, 31 Kidbrooke Grove, Blackheath, S.E.3?

"Help the Disabled" Week, October 1st to 7th. The Week will start with a service at All Saints' Church, Kingston on Sunday, October 1st, at 3.0 p.m., followed by tea. Car drivers and others are invited to help by bringing disabled persons. If those organising parties will kindly send in names and numbers, and specially the

number of chair-bound disabled, it will help. The Secretary, Vol. Association for Surrey Disabled, 4 Gloucester Road, Kingston-upon-Thames.

The "Princess Elizabeth Day" Organization will be holding their Annual Children's Day Appeal on September 30th. Collectors will be urgently needed both to sell Flags and to help with the house-to-house collection. Further information may be obtained from Canonbury 9411.

Michaelmas Ordination. The following are to be ordained by the Bishop in Southwark Cathedral on September 24th, at 10.30 a.m.

Deacons

Philip Akhurst, All Saints, Plumstead.
James Main Lindam Linton Bogle, St. Anne, Bermondsey.
John Ernest Nicholas Elliston, Christ Church, Gipsy Hill.
John Frederick Godfrey, St. Luke, Battersea.
David John Greenman, St. Stephen, Wandsworth.
David Leonard Nicholas Gutsell, St. Barnabas, Clapham.
Harold William James Harland, Reigate Parish Church.
George Conrad Hoffman, St. Luke, Wimbledon Park.
John Edward Hughes, St. Giles, Camberwell.
Charles Roderick Lansdale, St. Antony, Nunhead.
David McIlveen Murray, Mortlake Parish Church.
Alexander Gillan Wedderspoon, Kingston Parish Church.
Francis Nicholas John Taylor, St. James, Clapham Park.
Leslie John Whiting, St. Clement, Dulwich.
John Stuart Harvey Williams, St. Matthew, Redhill.
Jeremy Michael Whales, Wimbledon Parish Church.

Priests

Michael Barnard, St. Barnabas, Southfields.
Christopher Jonathan Bird, St. James, Riddlesdown.
John Butler, St. Barnabas, Sutton.
David Frayne, St. Michael, E. Wickham.
Peter James Gausden, St. Peter, Battersea.
Philip David King, Holy Trinity, Redhill.
Dennis Herbert Leigh, Holy Trinity, Roehampton.
Thomas Arthur Nodder, St. Mary, Rotherhithe.
Douglas Leigh Satterford, All Saints, Sanderstead.
Guy Roland John Shea, St. John the Divine, Kennington.
Anthony Charles Thiselton, Holy Trinity, Sydenham.
Charles John Webb, St. Saviour, Ruskin Park.
Alan Wait, St. Luke, Charlton.
Eric Whitton, Mortlake Parish Church.
Hugh Malcolm Wybrew, St. John, E. Dulwich.
Anthony G. Baxter-Shawe, Southwark Cathedral.

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