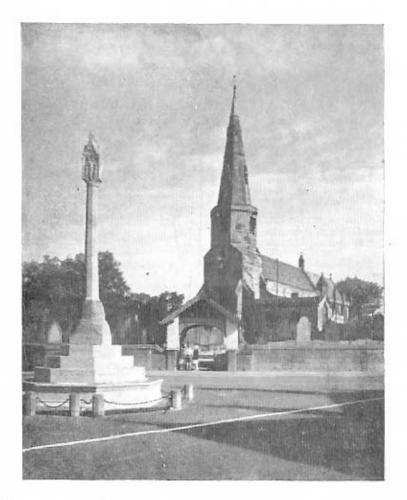
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Join your Parish party to see it

What the Archbishop says-

Task 6 shows in a highly unusual way the outworking of Christian love in areas where hate and poverty and sickness abound. You should not miss it. It is called "a new approach to personal mission." It certainly is.

You may find Task 6 disturbing. It is, But that is what we must expect when the Holy Spirit works among us. Perhaps instead of singing.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine,

it would be more truly Christian to sing Blessed disturbance, I am His,

and to work out the implications.

Donald Ebor

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ST. CUTHBERT'S, HALSALL, VISIT TO THE CATHEDRAL ON TUESDAY, 4th JULY AT 6.15 p.m.

We hope a large gathering of parishioners will assemble at church for the visit to this great exhibition. Will you please hand your names in to Mr. G. Porter (or to any of the wardens) as soon as possible in order that coaches may be booked. The cost is the fare to Liverpool plus the odd shilling for the brochure to guide you round the exhibition. Do not miss this opportunity and bring the children with you.

My dear friends,

This month a word about two very important events in the near future.

First of all the most important one "TASK 6." You see the details above. Here is the opportunity to come to a deeper understanding of what the Church is endeavouring to do in six continents. It is a new approach to personal mission. The exhibition is one of the most ambitious schemes ever staged in our Cathedral. I want to make a personal appeal to you all to join our parish party on Tuesday, 4th July, leaving the church by special buses at 6.15 p.m. Bring the children with you, they will enjoy it and there is no doubt at all that you will. Please let us have your names as soon as possible in order that we may give the cathedral staff the numbers. Remember every parish in the Diocese will be represented by varying numbers. Let us show what Halsall can do and that Halsall really CARES about the World Wide Church. Act now, hand in your name at once.

Now the second event is more parochial. The Field Day or Children's Day. This will be held on Saturday, Ist July and the opening ceremony will be performed by Mrs. J. Huyton. We are making the usual arrangements for your entertainment and it is hoped that a very large number of our children will turn up in fancy dress. They all looked so beautiful last year, let us have many more, remember it is CHILDREN'S DAY. I need not remind the various stall holders that we shall be depending on them as always for a great effort. We hope, this year to complete the repayments into the Fabric Fund, which we borrowed to pay for the organ. If we all do our fair share this will be possible,

Finally, you will find in this magazine several interesting and important financial items. Study these carefully and you will have a much clearer idea of the work of your church in your diocese.

Thank you all for your wonderful support, encourage others to join us, there is so much to do.

God bless you all.

Your sincere friend and rector, HERBERT BULLOUGH

THE BISHOP'S CALL TO BUILD

1. How far have we got?

The following projects have been completed in the past five years with the help (sometimes total) of the Bishop's "Call to Build" Fund:

Farnworth (St. John) Church Halewood (St. Mary) Church Hatton Hill (St. Paul) Church

Kirkby (St. Mark) Church - Hall and Parsonage

Kirkby (St. Martin) Church

Newtown, Wigan (St. Barnabas) Church

Orford (St. Andrew) Church

Childwall Valley (All Saints) Hall

Huyton Quarry (St. John) Church Centre

Parr (St. Peter) Hall Gateacre — Youth Centre Kirkby — Youth Centre

Sutton, St. Helens - Hall and Youth Centre.

2. Projects in the pipe-line

Probable B.C.B. Contribution £

Skelmersdale New Town —) Bishop Martin School, Digmoor)	12,000
Bootle (St. Leonard)) started	
replacement of temporary)	
Church)	24,000
Liverpool University Chaplaincy Centre	25,000
Padgate, Woolston Church	20,000
Huyton (St. George) - Vicarage	2,000
Kirkby (St. Mark) Church	20,000
Cantril Farm - Church Centre	40,000
Netherton - Church Centre	35,000
Netherley - Church Centre	35,000
Kirkby, Tower Hill - Church Centre	,
Stage 1	20.000

Sites in process of acquisition

Digmoor - Church

Kirkby, Tower Hill — Church Centre Parr (St. Peter) — second Church

There are at least ten other major projects in addition to those stated here for which provision must be made.

3. Cash Receipts to date are as follows:-

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A CONCERN OF OUR PARISH

Africa—Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman— Maintenance of St. Michael's Hospital, Batlharos.

Quite a squash

Dr. Donald Mackenzie looks back over his first nine months at Batlharos reflecting that "it was very exciting to meet at last the people about whom one had heard so much. We had seen so many photographs and slides of the hospital that we felt we knew the place. We were also delighted with our house which had only recently been completed by Geoffrey Barnett, the Maintenance Officer. This hospital has undergone enormous extensions and improvements in the last few years. We now have 215 beds but as many as 250 in-patients, and one gets used to seeing two or three children in a cot, and having to examine patients kneeling on the floor beside a mattress. Naturally this makes the nursing of patients very difficult, and considering this, our nurses do quite magnificently. Last night we had 280 patients—quite a squash!

A drop in the ocean

"This hospital is situated in a semi-desert area, which is now virtually complete desert due to prolonged drought," continues Donald Mackenzie And in this context the Archdeacon of Mafeking, the Ven. H. V. Crossley writes: "Our people are suffering badly from the effects of a long and ruinous drought, and they really are poverty stricken. The Government does something towards relief but it is a mere drop in the ocean, and it certainly does not leave them with much to give to the Church. There is little or no hope of growing any viable crops in our own area owing to the drought, the poor quality of the land and the serious over-grazing

by goats. The African is very loth to part with his stock, of which goats form the greater part, as it represents to him his only tangible wealth, poor as it is. This will for ever be a problem as the well intentioned efforts of government to cull stock are always resisted by this pastoral people who cannot see that over-stocking is in fact ruining them."

Back on its feet

Back to Donald Mackenzie who describes "our catchment area which is some 5,000 square miles containing an African population of 45,000 living mainly in the designated 'Bantu Homeland' surrounding the hospital. The town of Kuruman is 13 miles distant and this is the centre of a growing mining area (asbestos and manganese) and the many hundreds of African miners add to our number of patients, For long periods in 1964 the hospital was without a doctor but in 1965 Dr. Guy Daynes put it back on its feet. He completely re-organised and expanded the hospital so that medically and economically it is now on a sound basis.

"The many improvements which were carried out under his guidance would have been impossible without the generous help of the Department of Bantu Administration and Development. Due to them we now have a new laundry, an improved operating theatre, new sluice blocks in all wards, and numerous other smaller improvements which go to make an efficient hospital. This has also given much needed employment to the village,"

All this goodwill

"Any time one is away from the hospital one is leaving work undone and one never seems to finish a day's work when the time comes to go to bed. But publicising the hospital is of enormous advantage to us all. For example, I took one whole Sunday off to go to Kimberley and addressed seven of the churches there, European, Coloured and African. Since then we have received money, gifts and donations, and we are hoping the congregations will present us with a new operating table to replace our old and really dangerous one. I showed a number of slides of the hospital and of our work here and was amused to find that those that went down well were inevitably the most gruesome!

"It is obviously important to leave the hospital sometimes in order to win friends in the locality. I very much hope that all this goodwill will increase and I am glad to tell you that one of the local Mines have recently presented us with a reconditioned ambulance which is a great step in the right direction...

"All in all, I think this has been a kind of consolidating year building on the foundations laid by Guy Daynes. This year has seen an enormous expansion of the services offered by St. Michael's, especially in the field of obstetrics, surgery and indeed all other branches"

Malnutrition

"The general medicine, both male and female, continues to increase, and malnutrition in all its forms is disgracefully common here. The staple diet is mealies and water—nothing else whatever. There is also some increase in gynaccological cases both in the hospital and at the clinics. The TB wards are crammed and have been over-full for the whole of the year, and our TB cases overflow into all the other wards.

"Our clinic work continues to expand and we have opened two new clinics this year. It is difficult to know how much of this work we should do. A week ago a deputation of local chiefs came to ask me to open no less than eight clinics over this widely scattered area. There are a few District Surgeon's clinics dotted about, but due to overwork, he rarely visits any of these clinics more than once or twice a year. I would dearly like to help these people, but we get very little help from Government sources and we really do not have the time to take on any more. From this it can be seen that the work of this hospital is rapidly increasing and even with three doctors instead of one, we are kept at full strength.

THE BUDGET 1967 AS ADOPTED BY THE DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

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THE MOTHERS' UNION

On Tuesday, 6th June we are all looking forward to the visit of Lady Mary Hesketh who will be the speaker at the Gardens Meeting at the Rectory at 3 p.m. when we shall welcome the members of St. Cuthbert's North Meols Branch.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

June 4 Mrs. C. Shacklady.

11 Mrs. H. Grimshaw.

18 Mrs, J. Huyton. 25 Mrs. H. Gaskell,

Mrs. J. Silcock. 2 July

SERVERS' ROTA

June 4- 8.00 a.m. Gordon Midgley,

June 11- 8.00 a.m. Brian Heaton.

10.30 a.m. Harold Grimshaw, Roger Dutton,

June 18— 8.00 a.m. Malcolm Serjeant.
6.30 p.m. Raymond Juba.

June 25— 8.00 a.m. John Pounds.
10.30 a.m. Harold Grimshaw, Tony Gaskell.

July 2- 8.00 a.m. Jim Heaton,

SIDESMEN'S ROTA

June 4 a.m. G. Porter, S. Park.

p.m. J. Cheetham, H. Gaskell.

June 11-a.m. E. Grimshaw, E. Gawne,

W. Leadbetter, N. Britnell p.m.

H. Huyton, A. Grimshaw, June 18-a.m. J. Heaton, J. Banks.

p.m. June 25-a.m. T. Swift, T. Hunter.

July 2—a.m. E. Serjeant, D. Swift, P. Saunders, T. Grimshaw, p.m. C. Shacklady, J. Balmer.

HOLY BAPTISM

"Entered into the family of Christ's Church"

May 14-Pamela Jane, daughter of Albert Raymond and June Thompson, 3 Morris Lane, Halsall, Julie Ann, daughter of Robert and Joan Elizabeth Halsall, Greenacres, Carr Moss Lane. Halsall.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD

"In sure and certain hope"

April 21-Charles Aindow, aged 67 years, School Lane, Haskayne.

May 10-May Stringfellow, aged 65 years, Morris Lane, Halsall.

FROM YOUR MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENT

C.M.S. Hospital, P.O. Box 65, Omdurman,

Republic of the Sudan.

May 1st, 1967

Dear Everyone,

This letter was begun some time ago and is long overdue. I am sitting in the garden under a Jemon tree at 8.30 a.m. on a pleasantly cool morning with a fresh breeze blowing, though doubtless you would think it hot (86°F in the shade). I have been fortunate to have come to the Sudan in winter. I arrived in Khartoum in the early hours of January 3rd, and it is only in the last few weeks that it has been getting really hot in the day. We had two very hot, stuffy days and nights last week ending in a dust-storm (haboob) and then a little rain. It was my first experience of a "haboob," and it certainly makes a mess, the dust getting into the house even through closed windows.

Omdurman is a very large, dusty, noisy town. My house is on a corner at a busy crossroads a short distance from the hospital. If one walks down the main road to the West, one reaches the desert. The road in the other direction takes one to the river, which is just beyond comfortable walking distance unfortunately. Omdurman lies on the West bank of the White Nile and there are bridges linking it with Khartoum and Khartoum North, the third of the Three Towns. Khartoum itself is at the confluence of the Blue and White Niles, the White to its West and the Blue to its East and North - and it really does look blue at times. I do recommend "The White Nile" and "The Blue by Alan Moorhead as background reading. They are well written and most interesting. For those who want to know about the early days of C.M.S. here, there is "Bishop on the Nile" about Bishop Gwynne, and now our present Bishop Allison's book "A Pilgrim Church's Progress," There are only a handful of C.M.S. missionaries here but there is a Swiss doctor and a sister who run a clinic in Omdurman under C.M.S. auspices and a number of American Presbyterian missionaries. There are no missionaries in the South now.

Yesterday was the Coptic Easter and today is a public holiday so I am off duty until I p.m. Soon after I came there were several days of holiday and feasting which ends the long Muslim fast of Ramadan. It is the custom to visit people in their houses at this time and we visited the homes of several of our Muslim staff. Another Muslim feast, when they commemorate the offering of Ishmael (as they say) fell during Holy Week. Easter was celebrated quietly here and I went to services at the cathedral in Khartoum. Friday is the official weekly holiday and Sunday is a working day for government departments, including schools. I still find

this strange.

Soon after my arrival I started having Arabic lessons and I am still working only part time in the hospital though I take my share of evenings on duty and the weekend rota. I find Arabic fascinating but by no means easy and am only just beginning to learn Arabic script. All the missionaries here speak and write Arabic, Most of the nurses do not understand English and they have their lessons and examinations in Arabic.

The hospital has about 75 beds and is for women and children only, but men are admitted to the leprosy wards which are separate. This is the only hospital where leprosy sufferers can obtain treatment and the number of new cases seen each week is rising, I look after the children's ward and isolation block and also do a women's clinic once a week. The children's ward has not been full until recently but at present we have a number of children very ill with pneumonia, dysentery or anaemia. We have also had a few cases of meningitis. Dr. Gamal, a young Egyptian doctor, does the children's outpatient clinic. He lives in Khartoum where his wife, also a doctor, works at the Civil Hospital. Dr. Margaret Coles, the medical superintendent, looks after the women's wards and the leprosy patients as well as the administration. Hazel Caren is matron and we also have a Swiss sister, Rose-Marie, but she is leaving in July. We hope that another English sister will join us soon. There are several Sudanese sisters but only about a dozen female nurses in training. There are some senior men who take it in turns to do night duty, which the girls never do.

The Church in Omdurman is composed mainly of Southerners who have come North to find work. There are Southerners of many different tribes scattered throughout the Northern towns in daily contact with the Muslim population. This is their great opportunity and there are many difficulties. Please pray for them

and for the political leaders of this land. Thank you for your letters which are much

appreciated even if unanswered and for your concern and support. Watch the papers for news of what is happening in Africa and try to read in between the lines in order to understand.

With my good wishes and prayers for you, and thanks.

Yours sincerely,

BARBARA HITCH

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