

All Saints' Episcopal Churchwomen gave a set of white Eucharistic vestments to the church in 1966, in loving memory of our former rector, the Rev. George A. Ernst.

In May 1969, Fr. Hammond, long a "walking blood donor" in the Philadelphia area, became a member of the Interfaith Blood Bank at the Plainfield Chapter of the American Red Cross. He frequently gave blood for children undergoing open heart surgery. In the summer of 1969 Rev. Joseph T. Hammond resigned.

Again the Diocese helped between rectors by sending the Rev. Canon Joseph H. Hall, III, to conduct our services. On one of those Sundays, Bishop Banyard was the Celebrant at the Holy Eucharist, and preached the sermon.

#### "AS IT IS NOW"

The Rev. John Robert Neilson, our present rector, came to us from St. Bartholomew's Chapel, Cherry Hill, N. J. He and his wife Sandy, and their little son Timmy, arrived at All Saints on Sept. 7, 1969.

At the Annual Meeting of the parish on January 26, 1970, he quoted from the Book of Proverbs, 29:18, — "where there is no vision, the people perish", and asked that, — "we develop the vision of a greater and more effective witness for Christ in our parish, — a further reaching out to share the 'good news' with others, — a deeper commitment to the principles for which our Saviour was born, died and rose again".

A Parish Council, sponsored by the Vestry, was formed, and as a result newcomers to the parish were being greeted, and visits were made to their homes in an effort to make them feel welcome. The Sunday Coffee Hour was started, and a guest book was placed in the church narthex. The Churchwomen's Evening Guild was re-organized.

As church income was down the third year in a row, a new Stewardship program was begun. For the first time in the history of All Saints' Church, the Altar Guild was given permission to hold such money-raising events as; — a Rummage Sale, and a Breakfast and Baked Goods Sale. An Altar Guild Gift Shop was officially opened in November 1970, with a wide and varied assortment of religious articles for sale at the Coffee Hour on Sundays.

Mrs. James D. Salisbury, a past Directress of All Saints' Altar Guild, died in December, 1969. At the time of her death she was President of the Episcopal Churchwomen of the Diocese. Early in 1969 the Rt. Rev. Alfred L. Banyard had presented her with the Bishop's Medal of Honor for her outstanding Christian Service in the Diocese.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Gracely have for many years been faithful, hardworking parishioners of All Saints' Church. Whenever there was work to be done, they were sure to be there sharing in it. In 1966, Carl, a business man, started studying for Holy Orders under the guidance of our rectors and Bishop Banyard. In 1967 he was elected to the Diocesan Foundation at the Convention, and served on the Field Service Committee. In 1969 he was asked to serve as a member of the Diocesan Nominating Committee and became a Deputy to the Annual Convention. He was elected to the Cathedral Chapter on April 24, 1971.

In 1970 All Saints' Vestry endorsed Carl as a candidate for Holy Orders, in accordance with the Canons of the Church.

On April 24, 1971, Carl B. Gracely was ordained to the Order of Deacon by the Rt. Rev. Alfred L. Banyard, D.D., S.T.D., in the Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, N.J. He assisted Fr. Neilson for the following six months.

On October 23, 1971, he was ordained to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood by our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Alfred L. Banyard. Many of our parishioners went to the Cathedral to attend one or both ordinations. Fr. Gracely is now serving as part-time assistant priest at All Saints' Church.

The stained glass window near the pulpit was installed in 1970. It was presented by former Mayor Roland F. Riblet of Fanwood, in memory of members of his family who worshipped in All Saints'. The window portrays St. Peter and St. Paul.

Before Lent in 1970, Fr. Neilson announced that the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, held in Houston, Texas, had authorized the beginning of trial usage of new Liturgical Rites and other services. This was to be an attempt to eventually revise the present Prayer Book and bring it more up-to-date with the times. Before the Trial Liturgy was first used at the Holy Eucharist on the first Sunday in Lent, our rector gave us instruction and background information, and asked for our co-operation and understanding.