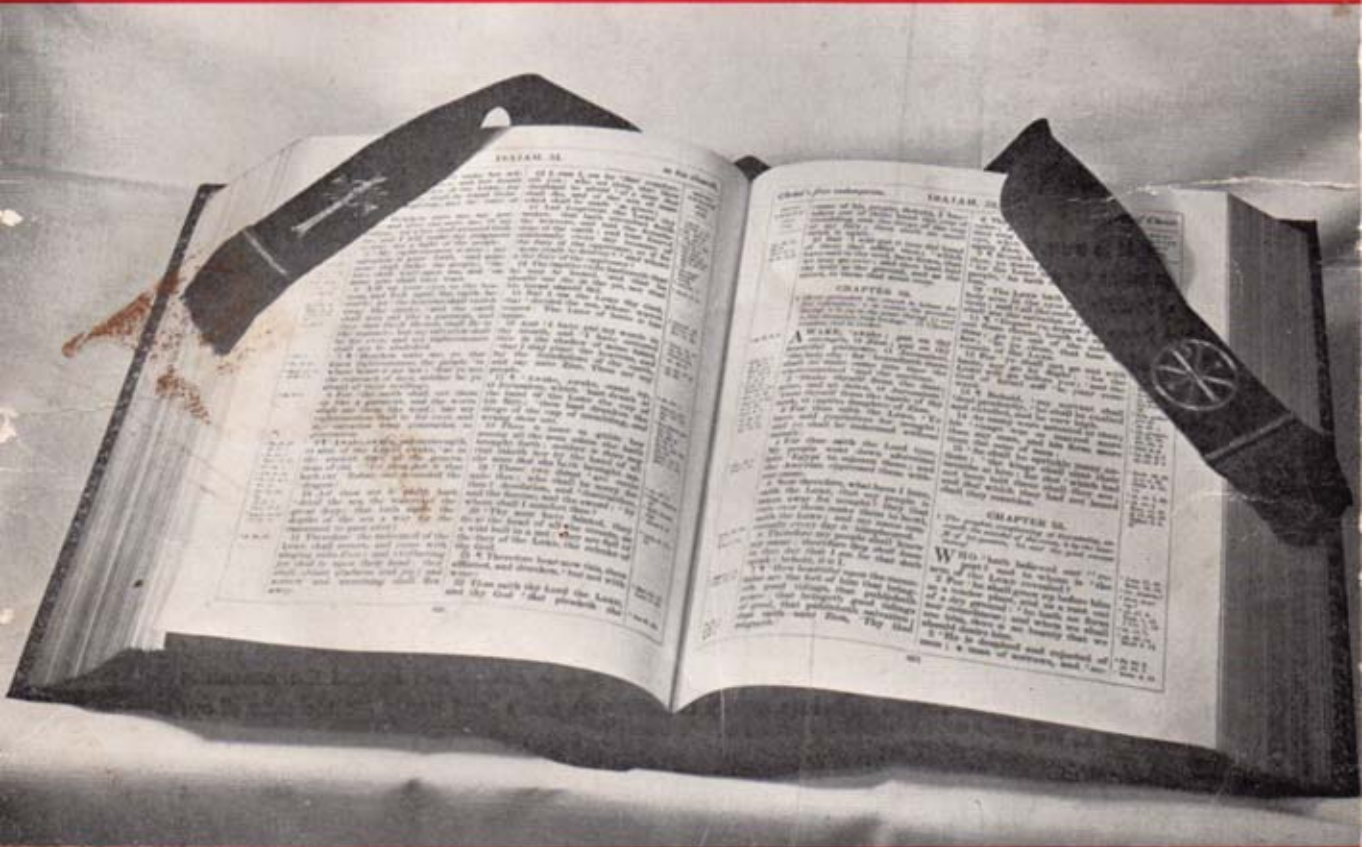


HAGGS PARISH CHURCH



**Christian
Giving
Campaign
1966**

**FROM
OUR
MINISTER**

Dear Friends,

It is now just over three years since we came among you as a family. Our family increased from four to five with the birth of David in the Manse in 1963. During this period we have much appreciated the warm and friendly welcome given to us by the other families in the Church. We have come very much to regard Hags Parish Church as our own place of worship.



Thanks to your generosity and loyalty the work of Renovating the Church has been totally completed. We now turn to the work of Development. We plan to extend and expand the amenities and facilities within the Church Buildings, partly for our own needs and partly for the sake of our children who are going to be the worshippers in the years to come.

The great movement of Christian Stewardship has been re-vitalising the Church throughout the world and I am now happy to lead our own family and congregation in this Campaign within the Parish of Hags. I earnestly ask for the support and prayers of every member and wish upon all of you at this time the Blessing of Almighty God.

Jack Robinson

OUR CHURCH—The Building and the People NOW!



OUR CHURCH—The Congregation of THE FUTURE!



**What sort of Building and Parish they inherit depends on us NOW
Do we care about the Spiritual Lives of Our Children?
OF COURSE WE DO**

This Concerns Every Family of Our Congregation

THE CAMPAIGN

This is a lay campaign. The Ladies have completed their part in organising the Dinner. The Men's part begins now. Every family will be visited at home, by one of our own men. We shall be asked to consider carefully and prayerfully, our responsibility and privilege as Christians, to plan our giving to God, for the work and extension of His Church. We shall be asked to make a Family Pledge to our Church, as follows:—



★ The Budget Pledge

Each family is asked to pledge an amount of **not more than five shillings per week**, towards the ordinary running costs of our Church, for the next three years. This amount is called a Family Unit towards the Budget Costs, and should be entered on the first part of the Pledge Card.

Our Giving begins, when we have met this responsibility.

★ The Development Pledge

Now, having met their obligation, families will be asked to pledge an additional sum towards the Development of the Parish and the world-wide Church. This should be entered on the second part of the Pledge Card. This amount, **which alone is true giving**, may be spread over a period of three years or more, and may be paid weekly, or if preferred, at some other regular interval, e.g., monthly, quarterly.

Gifts may be designated for any of our needs, and of course, Bonds of Annuity are most welcome.

★ THE PLEDGE IS:

The combined gift of all members of the family.

TOTAL giving to the Church—there will be no more fabric envelopes, no more appeals, no more special collections, etc. Social events will be run as social events, and NOT as money-raisers for the Church.

Merely a statement to TRY to give, so can be altered if necessary.

A major decision in life. It must be SACRIFICIAL, i.e., it must mean something to the family, to make it worthwhile.

How Much Should we Give ?

No one **CAN** tell you

No one **WILL** tell you

Only YOU as a family can decide

*Where do you put Christ and His Church
in your family budget ?*

At The Bottom ? or Not In At All ?

*Where do **YOU** think He should be put ?*

We have many commitments, but surely our giving to God must compare favourably with the amounts we spend on other items—Holidays—Cigarettes—Petrol—Cosmetics—Clothes—(A few yardsticks to set you thinking).

*What does **YOUR** Faith mean to you in these terms ?*

Think about these questions carefully and prayerfully. Be honest and truthful with yourself in answering them, and you will arrive at the right response.

Our Church seeks equal sacrifice from our families—Not Equal Amounts, Pounds pledged by one family may entail no greater sacrifice than a few shillings from another.

A GIFT INVOLVES THOUGHT AND SACRIFICE, IF THERE IS NO THOUGHT AND NO SACRIFICE, THERE IS NO GIFT, ONLY TOKEN OFFERING—AND IS THAT GOOD ENOUGH FOR GOD ?

The Bible Says . . .

“Render unto Cæsar . . .” We have no choice—Income Tax, Purchase Tax, Rates, Etc. . . .

“Render unto God . . .” We have a choice—What is your decision ?

We know that everything we have comes from God. The question each one of us now has to face is, “How much ought I to give **back** to God in thanksgiving ?”

“FREELY YE HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE.”

SOME COMMENTS FROM OUR MEN . . .



Mr. Brownlie, our Treasurer—"What I particularly like about this campaign is that it makes us all think—and by signing this simple card, which is obviously not a legal document, our Church will know its anticipated income, and will be able to plan properly and spend the money wisely and economically."



Mr. Miller, our Senior Elder—"This is new to me, and yet it is old. This is the way the early church provided its income—each family giving according to its circumstances, but all giving sacrificially."



Mr. McKay, our Session Clerk—"It's nice to know that the pledge is total giving to the Church—and the Church will no longer have to beg. We all now know where we stand, because we will be asked for nothing else for the Church."

