

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
6780 Memorial Drive
Stone Mountain, Ga. 30083
469-8551

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

SEE ENCLOSED LISTING

SUNDAY SERVICES

- 8:00 AM — Holy Communion
- 9:15 AM — Family Service, Holy Communion/1st and 3rd Sunday
Morning Prayer - 2nd and 4th Sunday
Nursery, Church School/Adult Classes
- 11:00 AM — Holy Communion and Sermon, 2nd and 4th Sunday
Morning Prayer and Sermon, 1st and 3rd Sunday
Nursery
- Social Hour — After the 9:15 and 11:00 Services
- Summer Schedule - 2nd Sunday in June thru Sunday
after Labor Day
- 8:00 AM — Holy Communion
- 10:00 AM — 2nd and 4th Sundays - Holy Communion and Sermon
1st and 3rd Sundays - Morning Prayer and Sermon
- Sunday School - Pre-School - 4th Grades
Nursery
- Social Hour— After 10:00 AM Service

MIDWEEK SERVICES

- 10:30 AM Wednesdays - Holy Communion

A BRIEF HISTORY
OF
ST. MICHAEL'S

On Wednesday evening, September 24, 1950, fifteen men, women and children living in and around the suburban communities of Stone Mountain and Clarkston met in a private home on Hambrick Road, about midway between the two towns. Their avowed purpose was to establish an Episcopal mission to serve the area between Decatur and Covington. Several were active members of Holy Trinity, Decatur, who had been urged and almost literally prodded by the Rector, The Rev. Harry Tisdale, to take the Church to the area. On the following Sunday evening, which was St. Michael and All Angels Holy Day, Mr. Tisdale—assisted by a very young lay-reader, Austin Ford—celebrated Holy Communion at the Stone Mountain Womens Club House. Twenty-four persons attended this first Service.

Taking a cue from the day as recorded by the Church Calendar, the group quickly decided that the new mission would be known as St. Michael and All Angels Church.

The *locus* of the Mission was determined by two factors—one the pride in his city of the late Julian Harris, then Mayor of Stone Mountain. The other was the generosity of the Commander of the local V.F.W. Post who offered use of the V.F.W. Hall every Sunday.

As V.F.W. Halls are not normally built primarily to serve as Churches, members of the budding mission found some problems not usually associated with preparation for Church School and Sunday Services. Youngsters, under the direction of mothers and members of the Altar Guild, were pressed into "yard bird" status every Sunday policing the grounds and the hall itself. If those young people—now grown—instinctively pick up empty beer cans and whiskey bottles, it stems from their early Church School conditioning. It may also be that this informal initial environmental condition accounts for the friendliness and spirit of bon homme which has characterized the congregation of St. Michael and All Angels. In any event, the Mission experienced its initial growth in the V.F.W. Hall's upper room chapel, soon furnished with gifts by individuals and other churches of pews, altar, hangings, and other effects.

The gift of a lot at the corner of Memorial and Park Drive by a member of the Congregation and his father, (a staunch member of the Stone Mountain Baptist Church), gave material status to the dream of a church structure. So it was that under varying proportions of dynamic leadership and persistent drive by The Rev. Edward L. Aldworth, the mission's first full-time Vicar described by Bishop Claiborne as "a man who will build a church," plans were drawn up for a building that was to serve the multiple functions of Church, parish hall, Church School, dining room, reception hall and any other need.

Again members and friends in and outside the Church joined to help in erecting St. Michael's first building. On the cold rainy Thanksgiving Day of 1953, St. Michael and All Angels building was a sturdy shell with gaping windows and door openings, without heat and a dirt floor puddled with the chill rain. But this was the day set for the first Service in the new building and Holy Communion was celebrated on that day in that building.

In this time of installment buying St. Michael's Congregation shouldered a mortgage. Thus began an era of bazaars by the members of the Guild, now the Episcopal Churchwomen, and frequent dinners planned, prepared and served by the Vestry and other men of the Church. So the Church became known for the quality of both its spiritual and physical food.

Yet the times were hard for the Mission. Casting about for additional revenue, the Women of the Church—who have been an especial strength at St. Michael's—decided to enter the world of trade in earnest. The Guild, as an organization, rented a ramshackle store building on Main Street and, without benefit of cash, a line of credit or resources other than faith, set about stocking it with merchandise. In the terminology of the used-car salesman, *pre-owned* clothes, books, furniture, kitchen utensils, notions, housewares, plumbing fixtures and anything which might be sold were collected, priced and displayed. Perhaps the fact that members recognize suits, ties, slacks and other articles which have mysteriously disappeared, being worn by other members also contributes to the communal spirit. The venture prospered with the profits going to the building fund, projects of the Episcopal Churchwomen and other contingencies. In 1962 after several moves, the Women, with the consent of the Bishop, purchased a brick building on Main Street where they remain in business, taking turns as janitors, stock girls and clerks.

As is the lot of Missions, Vicars come and go with rather greater frequency than is the case with Rectors of full-fledged parishes. After a period of lay-readers and the unstinting office of Archdeacon Womack, The Rev. Martin D. Gable came to St. Michael's in 1957 and ushered in the era of Young People. It was also in his tenure that the Women made, for the most part, the hangings and priests' vestments which never fail to bedazzle the eyes of visiting Clergy. The first Vicarage was purchased.

After a stay of just over a year, Mr. Gable left for study at Oxford and the Missions's lay-readers again did yeoman service until The Rev. Hugh Adams became Vicar in 1959. The largest adult Inquirers' Class in the Mission's life came into being with Mr. Adams. As a corporate action, this group sparked a drive to furnish the nave. The hand-me-down pews were once again passed along to a needier Church and beautiful new pews and other furniture were installed to match the pulpit, chancel rail and choir stalls which had been given as memorials.

Again in the Fall of 1961, almost like a pendulum marking out the span of time, St. Michael's was Vicarless. But during this period an international flavor was introduced. The Rev. Dr. Barton S. Babbage, former Dean of the Seminary in Melbourne, Australia, came as celebrant Christmas Eve and stayed to minister to the Mission through the Spring of 1962.

Shortly thereafter, The Rev. Blount Grant was sent to St. Michael's by the Bishop. He became the first priest ordained in the Church. The following year Miss Jennie Beene died and left a legacy to the Church. This bequest became the acorn which encouraged the Congregation to erect a two-story educational building and parish hall, resting on a sturdy foundation of Stone Mountain granite. The exterior and interior of the original building underwent extensive remodeling. A larger Vicarage, directly across from the Church was also purchased.

Then once again St. Michael's was without a Vicar, but its usual good fortune held. The broad "A" and the clipped mother tongue were heard again from the pulpit, chancel and sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Philip E. Hughes, recently of London and Editor of "The Churchman," a theological quarterly published in England, and professor of New Testament Greek Exegesis at Columbia Seminary (in Decatur) served St. Michael's on Sundays and visited the sick.

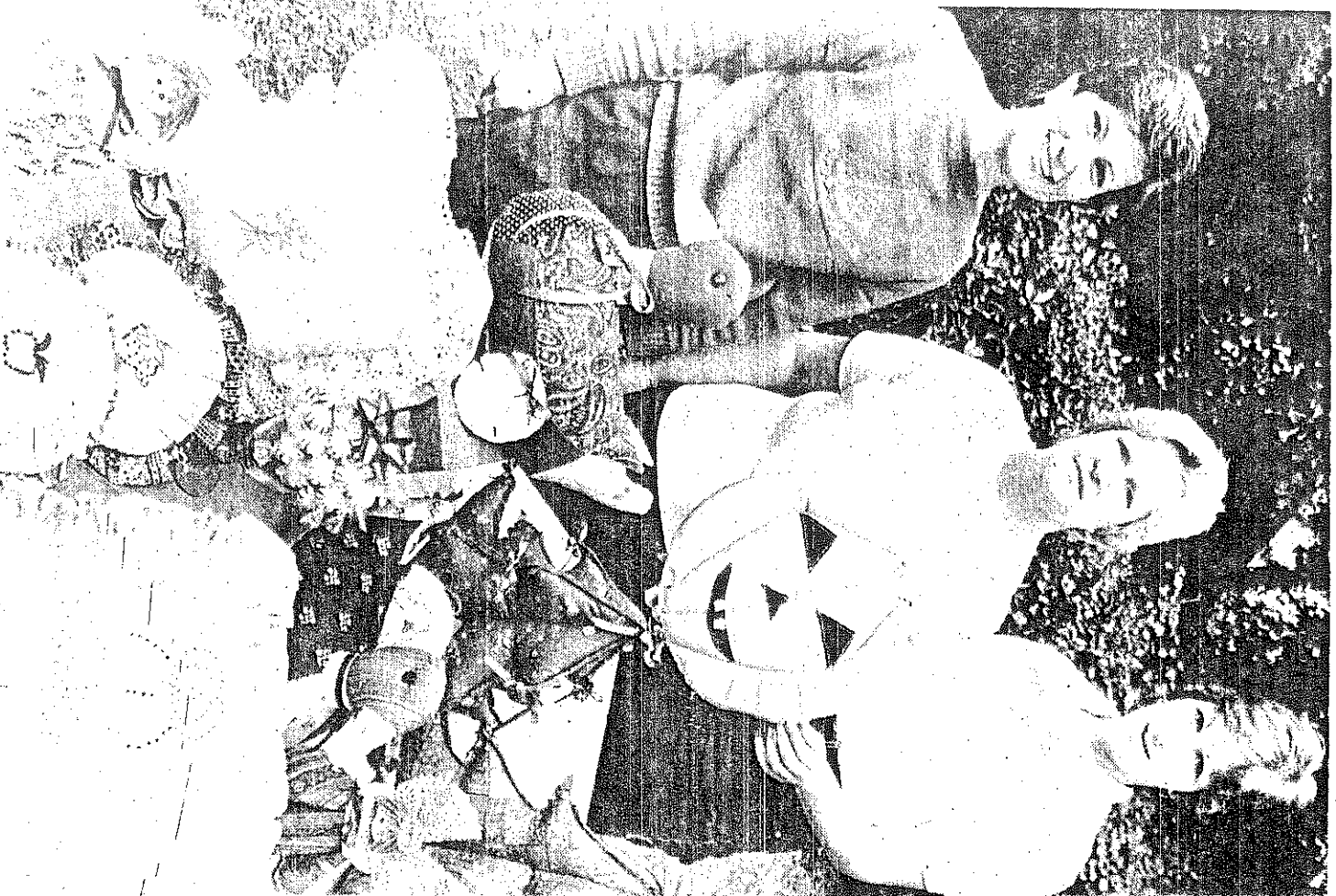
In due time the Vestry concluded that growth to full parish status would require a full-time priest. With

the concurrence of Bishop Claiborne, following consultation with Archdeacon Womack, a Calling Committee was established with the objective of finding and persuading a man interested in pushing the aided parish to full parish status, to become Vicar of St. Michael and All Angels. By good fortune—and a suggestion from the Archdeacon—such a man was found serving missions at Tryon and Rome.

After meeting with the Vestry, The Rev. George N. Forzly came to St. Michael's on August 15, 1967, then a congregation of 156 communicants. At the congregational meeting of January 1968 the decision to operate as, and petition for, full parish status was made. Favorable action by the Bishop and Standing Committee was taken at the Council of 1969, with the formal installation of The Rev. George Forzly as first Rector in September 1969.

Thus in the span of 24 years St. Michael's has proceeded from Mission to Aided Parish and, since January 1969, has functioned as a full-fledged Parish, with over 500 communicants. Some of the charter members remain, but most are newcomers. Since 1959 the church has ministered to a stream of people who, in this age of mobility, have passed its way as temporary residents of Stone Mountain, Clarkston, Pine Lake, Tucker, Lilburn, Lithonia, and outlying points. With the ever growing population of its parish area, St. Michael and All Angels looks forward to an era of further growth and increased service to the community. It may well be that St. Michael's in turn, will sponsor a mission thus repeating the cycle which gave it life.

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St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church
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Here's A Sample

These ladies from St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church display various items for Saturday's church bazaar which will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The bazaar will be at the church at 6780 S. Memorial Dr., three blocks before the west gate at Stone Mountain Park. Pictured are Martha Clark and Millie Garner, both of Stone Mountain, and Diane Harrell of Clarkston. There will be plenty of crafts, Halloween and Christmas items, baked goods, and cloggers. Food will be available. (Staff Photo By Paul Eiland)

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Striking Musicians Play Free During Strike

Alice Oglesby of Tucker, a violinist with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, displays current ASO salary figures during free concert at Northlake Mall. The ASO is in the second month of a strike, citing

low salaries for the musicians. Atlanta has one of the lowest-paid salary figures of the major symphony orchestras, averaging at \$29,120.00 (Staff Photo By Paul Efland)

RELIGION BRIEFS

*Diocese of Atlanta
DeKalb Extra
Sept. 30, 1991
Catholic*

Episcopal Church has announced to the women of the church that the Executive Board of the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Atlanta, is looking for nominations for several ministries in their diocese. One person will be elected to a three-year term on the Mikell Camp and Conference Board of Governors. Also, a United Thank Offering coordinator and four members-at-large will be elected to the Executive Board of the Diocesan ECW. For information, call 365-1024.

SENIOR PASTOR NAMED:

Christ Church, which meets in the DeKalb Christian Academy building, recently called its first senior pastor: David Seifried and his family moved here from Manhasset, N.Y. The Rev. Seifried, his wife, Jill, and four children are living in Tucker. The Rev. Seifried and his wife formerly worked as missionaries in Spain for seven years.

CATHEDRAL QUARTET ON TAP:

The Cathedral Quartet will be appearing at the Redan First Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Oct. 6. The quartet has received four Grammy awards and 10 Dove Awards, including "Southern Gospel Album of the Year" in 1989. The group will perform as part of a monthlong celebration of the church's 120th anniversary. For free ticket requests and information, call 482-8551.

FEMALE NOMINEES SOUGHT:

Saint Michael and All Angels

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St. Michael's Vicar Ordained Priest in Ancient Church Rite

In solemn rites, Whitsunday, June 2, the Rev. Blount Hamilton Grant Jr., vicar of St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church, Stone Mountain, was ordained to the priesthood.

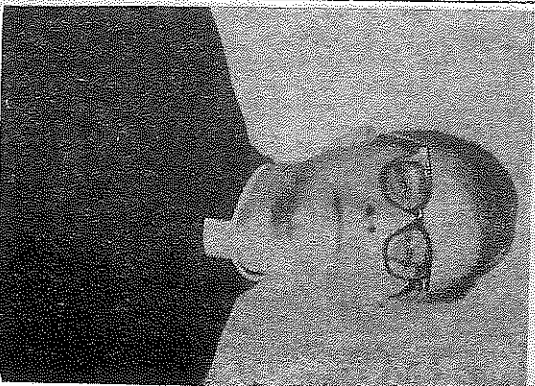
The Rt. Rev. Randolph Royall Claiborne Jr., bishop of the diocese of Atlanta, conferred the ordination. The Ven. John L. Womack, archdeacon of the diocese, presented the ordinand to the bishop, and the Rev. Douglas Winn, rector of the Church of the Ascension, Cartersville, preached the sermon.

Others participating with these in the ancient rite of the laying on of hands were: the Rev. Charles Demere, vicar of St. Bede's, Atlanta, who was the libanist; the Rev. Bruce Green, vicar of St. Mark's, Copperhill, Tenn., gospeller; and the Rev. Harwood Bartlett, chaplain to students at Georgia Tech and Agnes Scott College, preacher; Julian Dia Jr., junior warden of St. Michael and All Angels, epistoler; and Rev. John Ball, rector of St. Anne's, Atlanta, master of ceremonies.

The choral music of the Holy Eucharist was sung by the choir of St. Michael and St. Bede's, with Mrs. Annette Archer as organist.

Robert Bullock was the crucifer; Bill Chapman the bishop's server; and Sandy Delorme, Bill Evans Jr. and Wilbur Willis were acolytes.

The new priest has been vicar of St. Michael and All Angels since



REV. BLOUNT H. GRANT JR.

July 1, 1962. He and his wife moved to Stone Mountain after living in Virginia.

Following the service, the wardens, vestry and Episcopal Churchwomen honored Mr. Grant and Mrs. Grant at a reception at the Stone Mountain Women's Club.

Guests attending the ordination were Mr. Grant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Grant Sr. of Cedar-town, his sister, Miss Martha Grant of Atlanta; aunts, Misses Ann Hamilton and Joy Harper of Rome; Mrs. S. R. DeFresne of Rome; Mrs. John Spoblam of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spoblam and son, Dick, of Strayna,

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St. Michael and All Angels Church Dates from 1950

The history of the church of St. Michael and All Angels dates from September 15, 1950. On that date a meeting of Episcopalians was held in Stone Mountain, conducted by the Rev. Harry Trisdale, Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Decatur, Georgia, the Church which the Stone Mountain Episcopalians attended. This initial meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Beene, on Hambrick Rd. Twelve people were present, and these twelve became the charter members of the new congregation. Mr. Julian Harris, of Stone Mountain, was elected as Senior Warden. The Right Reverend John Moore Walker, then Bishop of Atlanta, appointed Mr. Austin Ford, of Decatur, a seminary student to be the minister in charge. The first service was held on

the 29th of September, 1950, and the church was named St. Michael and All Angels. September 29th being the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. This first service was a celebration of Holy Communion, and the celebrant and preacher on that occasion was the Very Reverend Raimundo de Oryas, Dean Emeritus of the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta.

The local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars very generously offered space in their building for the congregation to use for worship services, and this was accepted, and used for three years.

After several different student ministers, Bishop John M. Wainwright appointed the Rev. Edward L. Aldworth as the first resident priest in-charge. A Vuilage was procured, and in September of 1952 Mr. Aldworth assumed charge of the Mission. Under his direction, a lot was purchased on the corner of Memorial Drive and Park Circle, and the first unit of the church was built. This first building is a combination Church-Parish House, and continues to serve the needs of the congregation.

In January of 1956 Mr. Aldworth retired from the active ministry, and in June of that year the Rev. Martin Dewey Gable became the Vicar of the Mission.

The congregation has grown from the original twelve people to 140 communicants, and 220 baptized people. St. Michael and All Angels' occupies an important place among the other Episcopal Churches of DeKalb County, and among other Churches of Stone Mountain.

DeKalb parents 'insecure'

Episcopal Church to offer 'strong academic' high school

By Helen Ordner

A private school to be noted for academics, just a few months into the planning stage, is already drawing wide interest.

"People in DeKalb are feeling insecure. Nobody knows where their child will be a year from this fall, and that's not a very comfortable feeling," said spokeswoman Nancy Binford.

In Gwinnett parents face increasing overcrowding.

Children are attending schools with trailers for classrooms, she pointed out. A child of middle school or high school age "doesn't need" to be in a school with those conditions. "Three thousand students can't be a

community," she said.

Pressures on parents have increased as a court decision holds possible busing over the heads of DeKalb parents, and concerns in growing Gwinnett have mounted since voters failed to pass a school bond referendum.

It's not just parents of older children who are concerned however. Parents of a two-year-old have joined in the planning because they want such schooling to be available for him.

Half of the people on the steering committee don't have children, Mrs. Binford said, but they see it as a project really needed in the community — a strong academic community

where children can thrive.

Episcopal Church planning for the new school officially began June 23 with a meeting at St. Michael and All Angels' Church. The school is being planned to serve the eastern section of metro Atlanta. Five sites, in central and north DeKalb and in Gwinnett are being considered, mostly along the Highway 78 corridor.

Episcopal schools, like Catholic, are noted for high scholastic standards and that's what parents are looking for, Mrs. Binford said.

This area was chosen, she said, because of the many parents there who are making a long commute to get their children to Woodward, Lovett

or Westminster. "There's really a need for this sort of school in the area," she said.

Plans are for the school to start with the seventh, eighth and ninth grades, Mrs. Binford said, and add a grade a year as students progress. By the time the opening class graduates, she said, the school will have completed the certification process and, it is anticipated, be accredited by both the state and private school agencies.

The school will not be limited to Episcopalians, she said; in similar schools they make up about 30 percent of the student body.

The common denominator is expected to be a quest for academic excellence. Parents

taking part in the planning include members of St. Luke's, St. Phillips, St. Michaels and All Angels', Holy Trinity, and St. Bede's, she said. Also, parents at St. Martin's, where there is already an elementary school, are especially interested in the founding of a high school where their children can continue.

Neither tuition rates nor entrance standards have been determined at this stage, but an admissions committee has been established. Testing is the standard procedure for considering applicants, Mrs. Binford said, but an instrument hasn't been chosen. When a headmaster is chosen he will have input into this

area, she said.

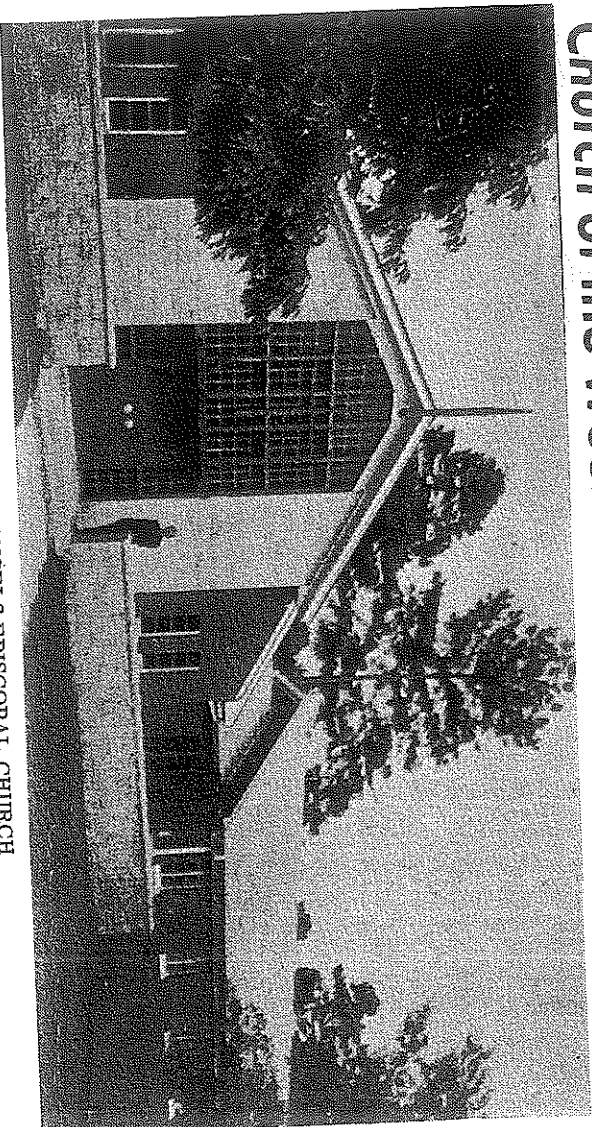
This will not be "a white flight school," she said. There is a determination that it will be integrated racially, culturally and economically and funds are being set aside to make that possible.

Funding and guidance are coming through the National Association of Episcopal Schools which endorses college preparatory education based on the values of the Episcopal Church.

Persons interested in the new school are invited to attend a planning session at 10 a.m. Aug. 18 at St. Bede's Episcopal Church, 2601 Henderson Mill Road. For more information, telephone Mrs. Binford at 498-2989.

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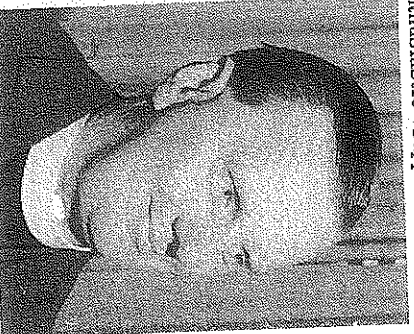
St. Michael's Flourishes

From small beginnings some fifteen years ago St. Michael and All Angels is now a flourishing young church, serving the general area of Stone Mountain, Tucker, and Clarkston. The decision to make a start with the work was taken on Wednesday, September 24, 1950 at a gathering in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Beene, with the ready encouragement of the Rev. C.H. Tisdale, who was at that time Rector of Holy Trinity, Decatur.

On the Sunday following, the inaugural service attended by 24 persons was conducted by Mr. Tisdale in the Women's Club House at Stone Mountain. Subsequently, services were held every Sunday in the Y.F.W. hall.

Among the enthusiastic supporters of the new mission were the late Julian Harris, then Mayor of Stone Mountain, and his wife Margaret Harris.

Next came the donation of a building-site at the corner of Memorial and Park Drives. In due course, thanks to the generosity of members



DR. PHILLIP E. HUGHES

and friends, the present attractive brick church and faced with Stone Mountain granite was erected on the site, and more recently another dream was realized when the fine annex of church hall and schoolrooms was opened and dedicated by the Bishop of Atlanta in

1964.

The first Vicar of St. Michael's was the Rev. Edward L. Aldworth, and he has been followed by the Rev. M. Dewey Gable, the Rev. Hugh Adams, and the Rev. Blount H. Grant, Jr. For some months early in 1962, during the interregnum between the going of Mr. Adams and the coming of Mr. Grant, the services were conducted by the Rev. Dr.

S. Barton Babbage, formerly Dean of Melbourne Cathedral, Australia, who had taken up appointment as Guest Professor at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur.

The present Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Phillip E. Hughes, is likewise a Guest Professor at Columbia Theological Seminary. Coming from London, he continues to edit THE CHURCHMAN, an Anglican theological quarterly published in England. He commenced his duties at St. Michael's on March 1, 1965.

St. Michael's Church now has some 160 communicant members and is growing steadily. A fine spirit of fellowship prevails.

On Sundays, at 10 a.m., between the regular services which are held at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., the church school meets, with classes for adults as well as for the different children's age-groups. There is also a nursery for toddlers. Currently, Lenten services are being held on Fridays at 7:30 p.m., preceded by supper in the hall at 6:30 p.m.

A warm welcome is waiting for any wish to attend the different services and functions of the church. Mention must also be made of the Episcopal Church-women of St. Michael's to whose dedicated service the church and the community owe much, not the least part of their work being the thrift-shop which they own and operate on Main Street in Stone Mountain.

The Episcopal Church of St. Michael and All Angels is a healthy teen-ager, growing apace, ecumenically minded, and committed to the apostolic doctrine of the New Testament. Inquirers should get into touch with the church secretary, Mrs. Annette Archer (469-8551 or 378-3356) or the Vicar (378-7382).