

## **HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2009/2010**

Time flies past so soon, we often lose track of days and months. Nevertheless, from the time of the revival of the Anglican Communion, we have come forward. Our numbers which stood at an average of 12 a few months ago, have increased slightly to around an average of 18 to 20 at many of our services. The attendance at Festivals has been even better with as many as 50 at such services.

Our vicars overlapped their services to us for a very short time in April. Thus we bade farewell to Rev. Stefan Joel and welcomed Rev. Darryl Taylor who took over full time in May.

In June 2009, we hosted the Ordination of 2 priests and 7 deacons. We had a very good turnout for the service. Our Rev. Darryl Taylor was one of the priests who was ordained in the Anglican order. We shared all expenses with the Diocese for the Ordination.

In August we were fortunate to get the services of Rev. John Paul, as a Deacon for our church. This was a great help to us, as with his arrival we were able to have matins and vespers said every day. The dedicated services of both our priest and deacon were greatly appreciated, as were their house visits and other pastoral care.

We were also fortunate to get an accommodation for the deacon in the same premises as the vicar. This we furnished and equipped as comfortably as possible for him.

Cottolengo Convent is our main Outreach programme. This is an institution that cares for destitute, physically and mentally challenged children and adults. They all receive excellent care and attention with much love. For the joyful time of Christmas, we were able to entertain and share with them with music and singing by the Frank Anthony Public School Brass Band. After which gifts were distributed to all residents after a tea party.

The Christmas Season saw us celebrate with the Carol Service on 20<sup>th</sup>. and Midnight Mass on the 24<sup>th</sup>. night. Some of our friends of the C.S.I. congregation and from Christ Church, Basavangudi also shared their time with us for these services.

In February we hosted the Synod Meet of the Bishops of the Anglican Church of India. The bishops present were:

Most Rev. Samuel Prakash,	Metropolitan of the A.C.I. and Bishop of Dehra Doon Diocese.
Rt. Rev. Patrick Hosea,	Bishop of Nandayal Diocese.
Rt. Rev. Samuel T. Ponnaiah,	Bishop of Madras Diocese.
Rt. Rev. Roches B. Sandhu,	Bishop of Amritsar Diocese.
Rt. Rev. Lukose C. Varghese,	Bishop of Malankara Diocese.
Rt. Rev. Kuruvilla C. Puthett,	Bishop of Maddhya Pradesh and Kerala Diocese.

These bishops were comfortably housed in Sterling Apartments in Whitefield and were ably taken care off under the leadership and guidance of Mr. C.K.Dewars and Ms. Pia Marbaniang. All meetings etc. went smoothly without any hitches.

In February we also celebrated the Festival of Spring with a special service on the 14<sup>th</sup>. As is usual, the sisters from Cottolengo Convent also attend this service of ours along with other friends, and it gives us joy to support their work financially also.

The end of February saddened us all with the passing away of our beloved Jean Johnson. She was our senior member a stalwart supporter in all our endeavours and a source of strength to many. She will be greatly missed, may God rest her soul.

As we go through the season of Lent and prepare ourselves for Easter let us give thanks for all the bounty we have received from our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let us look forward to serving Him better in the time to come.

(Mrs. Sydney Smith)  
Hon. Secretary  
April 2010.