Pastoral opportunities in aftermath of conflict

BATTLE-SCARRED Port Stanley is returning to order with disheartening slowness — but the pastoral opportunities in the vastly increased parish are endless, the Rev. Harry Bagnall has reported.

Mr. Bagnall, the Anglican chaplain who lives in the Donnary at Port Stanley, has been to Port San Carlos by helicopter for a day and a night. He wrote to the Intercontinental Church Society in London.

It was his only chance to go to the remote settlements, and he spent an hour with each of the six families there. He also visited the RAF base, "living in great comfort in the basement."

In Port Stanley, parishioners made temporary hospital beds, rebuilding in progress, are turning for food and shelter to the undamaged Donnary, where the half-a-hut is still in regular demand among military personnel.

But the Islanders are going through a "flat period" of reactions, according to many like a "Para" he talked with who had lost a leg on the last night. "It may be that the most practical way we can help the Anglicans in the Falkland Islands is to provide transport so their families can go to see them,"

Mr. Bagnall and his wife, Iris, plan to stay on in the Falkland Islands until they return on leave next May. After that they would like to return indefinitely, they say — but the future depends on how the question of episcopal oversight is resolved.

Dramatic change

News of the dramatic change the Task Force brought to another remote part of the Anglican Communion has reached the USPG, who say the servicemen provided an exciting finale to the Rev. Richard Davison's missionary tour on lonely Ascension Island.

Fr. Davison, the former Vicar of St. Alban's, Heworth, Durham, was the only clergyman on Ascension in the diocese of St. Helena, which has a normal population of 1,000. When the war came, Ascension, 4,000 miles from the Falklands, became the nearest British base and vast numbers of men flooded in.

Fr. Davison and his wife, Margaret, gained good marks for their work, making canoes and coffee bars on the island of the St. Helena Club, which the local community organised for the purpose. But however little they kept the prices, so many servicemen used the coffee bar that they couldn't help but make a profit.

"We ended up with £400 to give to the missionaries, who were always a problem," said Fr. Davison, who said he had tried to correct the impression that this was an official Church document.

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Revised Inns of hymns defended

The organisers of peace events in both London and Manchester last weekend, held that the dropping of the first nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, deemed them a success and plan to make them annual occurrences.

"A very successful two days" was how Christian CND described last weekend's activities at St. James's Church, London. The Vicar, the Rev. Donald Reaves, led a lunchtime meditation for peace on Friday of last week; and a tea ceremony for peace, performed in ritual Japanese-style, was held later in the afternoon.

Tourists, including some Japanese, visited the exhibition, and the organisers are considering something similar for next year "only on a much larger scale."

At Woolwich, in South London, peace marchers started from St. Peter's Church and made a 40-mile run back and back for a service in the grounds of the church last Saturday morning. A large crowd was planted at the church last year as a sign of peace — and last year's service, which was organised by the recently formed local branch of Christian CND, will, said the Vicar, the Rev. Michael Horder, "become an annual thing."

And the Dean of Manchester, the Very Rev. Alfred Jowett, welcomed an ad hoc group to the Cathedral on Saturday for a "peace wave" on the sea. About 250 people turned up for a programme of talks, discussions and worship for what was this year's pilot project, but which they too plan to make an annual event.

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