

ANGLICAN CHURCH : PARISH OF THE
WATERBERG.

The Rectory,
Nylstroom.

26th October, 1939.

My dear Friends,

This letter is long overdue, and my only excuse is the feeble one, that time flies so swiftly and two or three months have passed without one noticing it. In future I shall have to have a fixed date each month for writing the Parish Letter.

Since I last wrote, war has broken out. I am going to quote some words of the Bishop's in this month's Kingdom; a practice I usually avoid because I feel that all Church people in the Diocese should read the Kingdom for themselves. "The British Empire could only have kept out of the struggle by signing a blank cheque for Might over Right, the tyranny of a great Power over the smaller nations, the crushing of liberty, the denial of justice and racial and religious persecution. It is against these hideous evils that Great Britain and the Dominions and Colonies stand united, together with our French Allies. We pray, then, not merely for the victory of our Forces, but for the triumph of those great spiritual values which are at stake in the present condition of Europe. The issue is not just a material one, but in very truth a ~~xxx~~ spiritual one; and it is through steadfastness and through faith in a great cause that we hope and believe and pray the victory may be granted."

I hope to commence Confirmation classes in December, and will be most grateful if any wishing to be confirmed will let me have their names as soon as possible. Nobody is ever too old to be confirmed and nobody is too far away from Nylstroom for me to give them classes. This letter would be much too long if I gave a long discourse on Confirmation, but I very strongly urge those adults in the Parish who are not already confirmed, to think very seriously about it, and, if you would like to talk it over, please write to me and I shall come and see you.

This, by the way, does not apply only to Confirmation. The Parish extends over too large an area for me to visit people systematically and frequently, but if anybody would like to have a talk with me at any time, please write to me and say so. I so often feel that I could be far more useful here than I am. Do please make use of me. That is what I am here for.