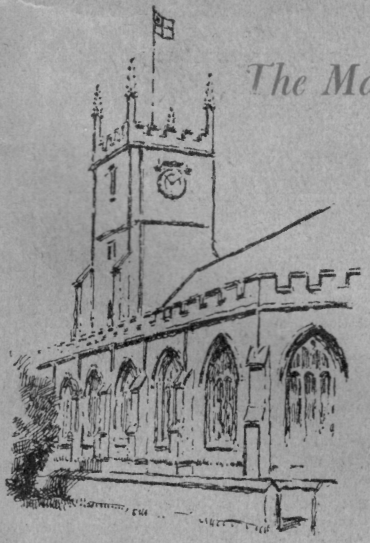
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Ring up good bells ! ring up ! ring down !
May Marlborough towers call Marlborough town.
John Betjeman

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FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Parishioners,

I should like my first words in *Tower and Town* to be a Thank You to the team which has put it in our hands : and, as my own contribution has been meagre compared with that of others, I can properly add my own congratulations to those which I feel sure you will want to offer.

The production team consists of the Editor, Advertising Manager, the Treasurer, the Circulation Manager, the Secretary, the printers, the two Supervisors, the many distributors and, of course, the correspondents and contributors. The brunt of the work has fallen on the Editor who has done an enormous amount of research and has coped with the many problems of production as well as the actual job of editing the magazine. It has been the spur of this example, reinforced by the co-operation of subscribers and advertisers, which has encouraged the rest of us to tackle our lesser assignments.

Those of you who read my July letter will understand why we have thought all this trouble to be worth while. The old magazine was out-of-date in its shape and make-up. Its stodgy look might have carried a suggestion that it was purveying stodginess : and whatever else the Church — the real Church — may be it is neither stodgy nor out-of-date. How can it be when Our Lord is the chief of our contemporaries ? It seems that if the good news is to come across as news, and its goodness as a continual surprise, we have got to use contemporary ways of saying it.

We have changed to the name *Tower and Town* to suggest that the Christian is both churchman and townsman : *Tower* and *Town* can be taken as twin symbols of the great commandment to love God and neighbour.

I have it on the authority of my dictionary that a magazine can be " a storehouse . . . a ship's powder-room . . . a periodic publication . . .". We hope that *Tower and Town* may be something of all of these ; that it will supply information to keep you in touch, powder and shot with which to defend the Cause, and something to look forward to each month.

Your affectionate Rector,

FRANCIS BROWNE.

: NEWS : VIEWS : COMING EVENTS :

RUN AT A LOSS — but it depends what you mean by profit. The *British and Foreign Bible Society* sells its books for what average people overseas can afford to pay — and trusts to Christians everywhere to make up the loss. Profit lies in countless individuals converted and whole Christian communities founded by the power of the written Word — 600 million Bibles and individual books of the Bible in 1,100 tongues distributed during the 150 years of the Society's existence. The Home Auxiliaries help to meet the deficit. The *Film Meeting* of the Marlborough Auxiliary — which raises £100 a year — is on *Tuesday, September 20th, at 7.30 p.m. in the Wesley Hall.* Please come. The films will show you what the Bible means to Christians in strange lands, and the sale of refreshments, gifts and handiwork, will give you the chance to take your part in this noblest of missionary enterprises.

HARVEST FESTIVAL — A CORRECTION. Our plan for a Harvest Supper on September 30th has to be abandoned because the Town Hall is booked for Quarter Sessions on this and other possible dates. Our Thanksgiving day will be Sunday, October 2nd : flowers and produce —which will afterwards be given to the sick and infirm—should be brought to both churches on the Sunday morning. And our Hostesses Committee hopes to arrange some other festivity in place of the supper later on.

THE REV. H. J. LLOYD : Institution and Induction at Worth Matravers on September 9th. As Worth church seats only 100, we are rationed to 12 representatives from Marlborough. If more than 12 wish to go, we shall ballot for places. Meanwhile, if you wish to go, please sign your name by September 5th on one of the notices (where all details will be found) which are on the notice-boards at both St. Mary's and St. Peter's.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH are sometimes presented by members of the congregation to mark a family anniversary. This makes our church decorations more " personal," and any others who would like to share in beautifying our church in this way are asked to get in touch, in good time, with the person responsible for the flowers for that week. The Flower Lists (giving names, addresses and telephone numbers) are now on the notice-boards in both churches.

IMPORTANT FOR SERVERS : The Altar Servers' Rota for September has already appeared in the August magazine. It is now on the notice-board at St. Mary's. In future the Rota for the current month will be printed in *Tower and Town*, but it will also be on the notice-board by the 18th of the preceding month, giving plenty of time for you to find a substitute if, owing to unforseen circumstances, you should be unable to fill your duty.

"PHIL ARCHER" says SAINTS AREN'T SAD!

In real life "Phil Archer" is Norman Painting whose "Stories of the Saints" have been broadcast. Recently he wrote this in "Radio Times" and he has kindly allowed us to reprint it:

I've always thought of myself as a fairly cheery person, and so I was rather surprised that friends looked so puzzled when they found I'd been writing plays about the Saints. I had to explain that the feeling I got from reading the lives of many saints was mainly one of joy: the joy of achievement, the joy of difficulties overcome, the joy of triumph, and the joy of humility. Most of the saints found true and lasting happiness in this life, and that is why it is worth while having a look at how they did it.

Many years ago a sage remarked that a happy man was a good man. This is where the saints come in: they were ordinary people like you and me, but they tried in a practical way to show that goodness brings with it happiness.

This doesn't mean that they were "goody-goody" or priggish or "preachy" or self-righteous; they weren't spoil-sports or kill-joys and they certainly weren't namby pamby. They were brave, fearless and above all humble, for they found this was the only way to try to live as much like Christ as was humanly possible.

Ack. to "Radio Times"

"Phil Archer" has sent us a special message: see page 6

SEPTEMBER SAINTS

Sept. 8 **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** On the birthday of Our Lady, Mary the Mother of Jesus, we like to remember our own mothers, and all they have done for us.

Sept. 21 **St. Matthew.** One of the Twelve Apostles and the Author of the first book of the New Testament. A Jew who had entered the despised service of Rome as a tax-collector, he was sitting at his custom-house at Capernaum, on the great overland route between Damascus and the Mediterranean, when Jesus called him to leave his well-paid job and be His disciple.

Sept. 29 **St. Michael and All Angels.** Latest to honour St. Michael is the new Coventry Cathedral where Epstein's tremendous bronze sculpture of St. Michael and the devil has been erected on an outside wall, where it will be seen by all who pass by.

Holy Cross Day, on Sept. 14th, is an ancient feast of the Church when we think particularly about the Cross of Christ.

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FAMILIAR FACES No. 1

UNA LEWIS

She taught their fathers—so Una Lewis was able to tell some of the seven-year-olds she taught in 1948. She began teaching in our Sunday Schools in 1914, and has just retired after ten years as Superintendent of the Junior School. Her work on the Christmas play and the Summer outing, the many hours spent visiting parents, have all been examples of the energy, the devotion and the patience which we shall miss so much.

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PERSONAL POSER

I am often bored in Church. Is this wicked?

Possibly; but you are more likely to be misinformed than wicked. If you go to Church to collect the sixpenn'orth of emotional fish and chips to which you feel entitled as a parishioner, you probably will be bored because you have come for the wrong thing. The reasons given in the Prayer Book for meeting together in Church are "to render thanks . . . to praise . . . to hear . . . and to ask . . ." There is no need for your emotions to be aroused by hearty singing or a spell-binding preacher before God can speak to you or you to God. He is as likely to speak to you in a "sound of gentle stillness" as in the wind, the earthquake and the fire.

But it is just possible that your boredom may be a kind of wickedness called "accidie" or the "hump", which is one of the symptoms of selfishness. Like the other sins called deadly, it can insulate you from God — and then of course you will be bored. The cure for it is to do something for others: it may be digging the garden or minding the baby — but it may be praying for them, or going to church to help them in their worship. F.B.R.B.

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If you have a Personal Poser which you would like answered on this page, send it to the Rector, giving your name and address, which will not be printed.

PARISH PRAYERS No. 1

An evening prayer . . .

Visit, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this dwelling, and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy: let Thy holy Angels dwell in it to keep us in peace; and may Thy blessing be upon us evermore. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.

From the service of Compline in the 1928 *Book of Common Prayer*

Our Parish

How much pleasure there is in knowing that our Parish is not an isolated community either in the Church or in the world. We print below good wishes from people and places all over England, and from a sister Church in the U.S.A. In every issue of *Tower and Town* there will be two pages of Marlborough Town News. Our Parish is part of the great Anglican Communion and it is part of our Town too.

Thank You To

Our Mayor, Coun. Eric Free, for his special message on page 10.

Ald. Christopher Hughes, for his drawing of the Towers on our cover.

Bishop Cockin, for contributing our first " leader."

Our Advertisers, without whose generous support this magazine could not appear.

Holy Trinity, Marlborough, Mass., for " warmest greetings . . ." " We are delighted with the idea of establishing a closer link with our sister church. Through the S.P.G., men were sent to these shores three centuries ago, leading eventually to the consecrating of our church here in 1887 — and the inclusion, among the English names, on our parish roll of names like Kozack, Garcia, Le Tendre and Hjulstrom . . . ."

" Phil Archer," who writes : " Good wishes to *Tower and Town*. From its connection with the Christian Stewardship Campaign I feel sure that it will be a fresh and enterprising venture, and one which deserves the greatest possible success in a world which seems to be obsessed to an ever greater degree with material things."

John Betjeman, for our " signature tune " on page 1.

Anthony West, typographer at the Oxford University Press, London, and the designer of our cover, for help and advice.

Parishes all over England for sending us their own " new-look " magazines and their encouragement : St. Mary's Osterley, St. Dunstan's Stepney, Christ Church Claughton, St. Alphege Solihull, St. Mary's Shirehampton, among many others.

Have you friends living in any of these parishes? Why not buy an extra copy of this number of Tower and Town *and send it to them?*

This Is Your Magazine

Please tell us what you would like to find in it. Send us news of our Church Family, bits for Topics of the Town, let us know about Coming Events. Tell your friends about it and help us to make it a success. YOUR EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

IT CAN'T STOP THERE

The Rt. Rev. F. A. COCKIN, *D.D., Bishop of Bristol* 1946-58

I haven't been long enough in Marlborough yet to write with inside knowledge of the needs of the parish or the town. But as one reflects on twelve years' experience in Bristol there are one or two things which are perhaps worth saying.

There have been few more encouraging signs in recent years than the obvious and widespread desire on the part of the laity to take a more active and responsible share in the life and work of the Church. Often enough, as here in Marlborough, it has shown itself in the first instance through a stewardship campaign. But the success of these efforts, and the experience gained in taking part in them, have left lay people in many parishes asking "And what next?"

Finding the right answer

It is absolutely essential that this question should be taken seriously, and *the right* answer should be found to it: for otherwise a parish may easily find itself in the apparently comfortable, but spiritually disastrous, position of having met its financial needs, and therefore feeling a strong inclination to settle down into self-satisfied inaction on the assumption that it has done all that is needed.

To which the short answer is: "Is money-raising all that the laity, 99.9% of the membership of the Church, are good for?"

We all know the answer to that one. But, just because for so long we have made the fatal mistake of thinking that lay responsibility ends with keeping the accounts and looking after the boiler, and that "spiritual" work must be left to the clergy, we do not always find it easy to know how to translate our conviction into practical form.

Some ways to get started

From my own experience in Bristol I would suggest three possible lines along which further development is urgently needed in what one might call "clergy-laity co-operation."

(1) In every parish there are a number of quite practical jobs to be done. And every parish priest and P.C.C. knows how easy it is for them to be left to the same handful of devoted people. Just to take one instance, but an important one, because, so far as the outsider is concerned, it cannot pass unnoticed. Most of us pride ourselves on our gardens. Does "God's garden," which people pass every day, look as if we took the same pride in it?

Go rather deeper

But the Church doesn't exist for itself. It exists for the whole community. And, if Marlborough is like other places, there must be a similar number of jobs of work not strictly parochial, hospitals, old people, young people, which are crying out for volunteers to give a hand.

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(2) Go rather deeper. As a result of a stewardship campaign some people who have lost touch with the Church make a fresh start. How long will they keep it up? And is this something which is the sole responsibility of the clergy? Pastoral visiting is indeed their special care. But it is astonishing what an impression can be made if some lay members of the Church show that they care enough to pay an occasional friendly visit on new-comers, or indeed old-timers. And there's no need to wait until somebody dies!

Making it permanent

(3) There will be some among those who took part in the money raising who wished that they had been rather more able to answer the questions that were asked, or even the criticisms that were made.

The Christian faith is not something that can be taken at "O" level or even at "A" level, and then dropped. An occasional series of talks followed by discussion, or a group meeting to read and think about a book on the Christian faith, can be an admirable way of turning a temporary effort into a permanent interest.

F. A. COCKIN

DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

4th TRINITY XII. Senior Sunday School (eleven plus) starts 10.15 a.m. at Church Cottage.
7th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.10 a.m. (*Our Sunday Schools*).
8th Thursday. **Nativity of the B.V.M.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Our Homes: M.U.: Y.W.G.*)
9th Friday. Institution and Induction of Rev. H. J. Lloyd at Worth Matravers.

11th TRINITY XIII. Junior Sunday School starts 10.15 a.m. St. Mary's, Infants' Sunday School 10.15 a.m. St. Mary's Infants' School.
14th Wednesday. **Holy Cross Day.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Ramsbury and Chiseldon parishes*).
17th Saturday. Choir Outing.

18th TRINITY XIV
19th Monday. P.C.C. Meeting, 8 p.m., Church Cottage.
20th Tuesday. B. and F.B.S. Film Meeting, 7.30 p.m., Wesley Hall.
21st Wednesday. **St. Matthew A.M.**, Ember Day. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Ordination Candidates*).
24th Saturday. Moral Welfare Association Jumble Sale 2.30 p.m., Wesley Hall.

25th TRINITY XV
26th Monday. C.M.S. Group, 7.30 p.m., Riverside.
28th Wednesday. Holy Communion. (*Our Street Wardens*).
29th Thursday. **St. Michael and All Angels.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Overton and Ashbourne Parishes*). M.U. Quiet Afternoon 3 p.m., St. Mary's. Conductor the Rev. D. V. Galloway, Vicar of Westbury.

Special Intentions at Holy Communion are printed in italics

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

I am grateful to be given this opportunity to wish the new parish magazine TOWER AND TOWN every success. As you will see, on reading this first issue, the Editorial Committee has realised that in this era Churches, irrespective of denomination, are slowly being drawn closer together, and hence this new magazine is no longer confined to Church News only. Thus it will serve to knit the whole of our community closer together. ERIC FREE, Mayor.

SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF. We were sad to say good-bye last month to the Rev. H. S. Stentiford and Mrs. Stentiford when they left us for Birmingham. Harold Stentiford's good work in the town was well-known to all, and Mrs. Stentiford's good nursing to many. Less well-known is the way in which the Congregational Church is tackling the probability that no new minister is likely to be appointed for at least a year. The deacons sent sixty letters to members of the congregation asking for hospitality for visiting ministers and students: twenty-five replies came back promising not merely the odd meal but bed and board for two nights.

GOOD WISHES. Our good wishes go with the Rev. Morley Waite and Mrs. Waite who have left Marlborough for Southwold — where they first met and were married!

WELCOME to the new Methodist Minister, the Rev. E. Maurice Hillier and Mrs. Hillier and their children.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. Maurice Brown, Head of the Science Department at M.G.S., on the publication of his third book, "Chopin: An Index of His Works in Chronological Order" (Macmillan 35/-). Mr. Brown is a contributor to Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians, and is also a Schubert scholar of world repute.

JUBILEE CAMP. Eleven Marlborough Guides were among the 600 who celebrated 50 years of Guiding at the Jubilee Camp at Longleat. An American Girl Scout, one of the 25 foreign Guides from all over the world, was attached to the local group. High spot was the visit of the Chief Guide who gave an inspiring talk, and afterwards shook hands with every Guide present.

WHAT'S COOKING?

Marlborough Lardy Cake

½ *lb. baker's sponge*; 2 *oz. lard*; 2 *oz. sugar*

Roll out sponge to an oblong shape. Spread half the lard and sugar on one-third of it and fold in three, sealing both ends. Roll out again and spread one-third with remaining lard and sugar. Again roll out and fold in three. Bake in a hot oven. Fruit may be added if liked.

Contributed by MRS. S. BARCHAM

Do you know a genuine Marlborough recipe? Send it to the Editor for publication on this page!

QUIZ (answers below)

1 In what year did Marlborough first have a Mayor?
2 Which is the Chantry House?
3 What was "The Thorns"?
4 Who cut the White Horse on Granham Hill?

STOP PRESS. The death of Ald. Henry Cooper, twice Mayor of Marlborough and a Life Deacon of the Congregational Church, is announced as we go to press. We should like to record our regret, and offer our sympathy to his family.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1 1310. 2 No. 99 High St. (Pope's). 3 The Common. 4 Boys of the Marlborough Academy (43 High St. — Ivy House Hotel) in 1804.

St. Mary's Girls' School

Miss P. Lloyd, a member of our staff for twelve years, left us last term to be married. She had given devoted service to the school and was beloved by us all. We gave her an electric coffee percolator and a walnut fruit bowl, toast rack and butter dish. Girls from Form IV sang the descants at her wedding in Great Bedwyn Church on August 6th. *Open Evening*, *July 21st*: There is space only to say who won 1*st prizes* and to thank Mr. Stedman, for permission to use the Grammar School Playing Fields, the Rector, for presenting the prizes, and the parents who acted as judges and stewards for the sports. *Prizes*: Form 1—Rosemary Hedges; Form II—Anne Mundy; Form III—Jane Lansley; Form IV—Pat Newby; the Rector's Scripture Prize—Helena Gough. Florence Nightingale House won the House competition. *New term*: We welcome Mrs. J. Maynard as Miss Lloyd's successor. Our best wishes to all the children who left us in July, and to all newcomers this September. F.S.

Marlborough Secondary Modern School

We of the Secondary Modern School welcome this opportunity of keeping you up-to-date with our news—and begin the term by recording last year's successes.

Jennifer Fowler gained 1st place for throwing the discus at County Sports, and was 3rd in the South-West England Championships. G. Dewick was selected for the South-West England cross-country team which came second in the National Championship, Dewick gaining 24th place. T. Whatley broke three school records in our own Sports and won in the Schools' cross-country run at Pewsey. This spring four pupils met the Grammar School in a friendly quiz and gained 65 marks against 66½. In May our Violin Class won the shield at the Devizes Musical Festival.

To our summer leavers and to all newcomers to the school we extend our good wishes.

SYLVIA HEAD

Infants' School

When the term ended on July 22nd we said goodbye to 64 seven-year-olds who left us to go to the Junior Girls' and Boys' departments; and now we are welcoming a new group of five- or nearly five-year-olds starting their school life this month. We also said goodbye to Miss Cynthia Rolls, who had so ably helped us since January.

Parents who knew Mrs. Calvert will be glad to hear that the latest news of her is that she is much better and is now living in Oxford, where she hopes to be well enough to resume teaching. M.L.U.

Marlborough Grammar School

Most noteworthy of the activities at the end of the Summer Term was the opening of the new Pavilion—built by ourselves, with advice from Mr. Winchcombe and practical assistance from Mr. Pegrum.

The work started in 1958 under the orders of a committee headed by the Headmaster and Mr. Parsons. A squad of boys spent the Easter holidays digging the foundations, which—thanks to a conflict of advice—ended up sufficient for a church! By the end of the summer the bottom of the walls was standing. The last stages of the work took place under the orders of Mr. Gardner. The decor was devised by Miss Reed and executed by a large squad of boys and girls, with some staff, prominent among whom was Mr. Blagden. A mural was painted by a group of senior girls under the guidance of Miss Reed, and Mr. Bennett did all the electrical fittings.

Now the Pavilion is finished and in use, but many of us will still treasure memories of digging the hard-core at the Gasworks, of toiling with heavy blocks, of painting, and of the pleasant social atmosphere that pervaded. GRAMMARIAN

St. Peter's Boys' School

We hope to have some news from St. Peter's next month.

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FAMILY NEWS

** *Miss Gwen Williams* retires from her post of Diocesan Moral Welfare Worker at the end of this month. She has been doing this important work in Marlborough for sixteen years, and has dealt with an average of 80 cases a year, involving many hundreds of visits and letters and thousands of miles of travelling. She is succeeded on October 1 by *Miss Elizabeth Nicholls*, whom we welcome.

** We welcome *the Rev. Gavin Fargus.*

** Although the Infants' annual party on the Rectory lawn on July 26th was *Miss Mabel Pearce's* last duty as Superintendent, we confidently hope to see her at this party for many years to come. It is over fifty years since Miss Pearce started with the Infants' Sunday School, and we are most truly thankful for this example. Now we are looking for a successor or successors to volunteer to take over this rewarding and essential work.

** When the Rector presented the attendance prizes to the Junior Sunday School on July 24th, flowers from the children and a book-token from the teachers tried to tell *Miss Lewis* how much we shall miss her and how grateful we are for her love and care. We now have the good news that *Mrs. Venters* has promised to be our new Superintendent.

** News of the *Street Wardens* and the work they undertake was given in the June magazine: there is now a list of them on the notice-boards in both Churches. There are still some streets needing Wardens (shown on the list) and the Rector will be glad to hear of people to fill these gaps.

** Congratulations to *Joan (Penny) and David Perkins* on the birth of Andrew David on July 10th. It doesn't seem all that time since Joan was at M.G.S. and teaching the seven-year-olds in our Sunday School.

ROUND THE PARISH IN OUR PRAYERS
SEPTEMBER

This month please ask God to bless all who live in these roads, on the Sunday named, and the week following:

1st Sunday	Alexandra Terrace	3rd Sunday	Wellington Place
2nd Sunday	Alma Place	4th Sunday	"The road I live in"

"*O Heavenly Father, bless our neighbours, that they and we may share Thy Heavenly calling; through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.*"

If you know a family living in one of these roads, include their names in this prayer

The Wardens for these streets are: 1 Miss Glass, 2 Mrs. Pratt, 3 Mrs. Brooks.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Aug 6 Joseph Frederick Biggs to Janet Muriel Kathleen Palmer.

Aug. 13 Thomas Charles Masters to Pamela Mary Dent.

R.I.P.

Aug. 2 Ernest Alexander, of 5 South View Place.

PARISH ROUND-UP

Mothers' Union: 3rd Thursdays, 2.45 p.m. Toc H Room. Enrolling Member: Mrs. P. E. C. Hayman, Half Acre, Back-lane.

NOT GRANDMOTHERLY! The present strength of the Marlborough Parish branch is 81. Whatever you may hear to the contrary, our meetings are not gatherings of grandmothers, and friends of members are very welcome to come and see this for themselves, either as occasional visitors or with a view to joining us eventually. Autumn Programme:

Sep. 22 *Business and social meeting.*

Sep. 29 *Deanery Quiet Afternoon St. Mary's 3 p.m.: Conductor the Rev. D. V. Galloway, Vicar of Westbury. Tea and biscuits afterwards in the Toc H Room.*

Oct. 4 *Corporate Holy Communion St. Mary's, 10.15 a.m.*

Oct 20 *"Watch and Social Problems": Mrs. H. L. Philp, of Ramsbury.*

Nov. 8 *Whist Drive, Toc H Room, 7.30 p.m.*

Nov. 17 *"Young People and their Education in Russia Today —A Tour of Russian Schools": Mr. R. W. W. Pollock, of Marlborough College.*

Dec. 19 *Over-60's Party, Town Hall.*

SYLVIA HAYMAN.

Young Wives' Group: 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7.30 p.m., Toc H Room. Leader: Mrs. F. B. R. Browne, The Rectory.

AN AMBITIOUS PROJECT. Our plan for this autumn is to raise £100 by Christmas to furnish a bedroom for four refugee orphans at the Pestalozzi Children's Village now being built at Sedlescombe in Sussex. We made a good start on July 28th with a coffee evening and Bring-and-Buy stall, which brought in over £19, with Mrs. Bedbrook (Deputy Group Leader) and Mrs. R. Marsh in charge of the Coffee, and Mrs. J. Mundy, Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. J. Marsh running the Stall. *Next meeting:* September 8th—Glovemaking.

R. SMART.

Men's Society: 1st Thursdays, 8 p.m., October to May, Toc H Room: Correspondent: Mr. G. Chilton, Merle Cottage, Kingsbury-street.

NEW! The new Parish Men's Society starts its first full session next month. All men interested in the work of the Church are invited to attend. The first three meetings—on Oct. 6th, Nov. 3rd and Dec. 1st—will be addressed by Bishop Cockin on the New Testament and it is hoped that an interesting discussion will follow each of the addresses. The rest of our programme will be published next month. G.C.

Youth Committee: Mrs. M. Harrison (Chairman), Forest Hill House.

GREEN FOR "GO." No activities took place during August, but the brains of the Committee have been working overtime in planning for the autumn. It is hoped to arrange a variety of small evening meetings, so that everyone may find something to their liking. Suggestions so far include a midnight visit to Silbury Hill for seniors, a treasure hunt in the Forest, and the cultivation of Church Cottage garden. Please let me or another member of the Committee have your comments and more suggestions. Look out for *green* notices to be displayed on all three of the Church notice-boards. M.H.

C.M.S. GROUP: Meetings generally fortnightly, Riverside, High Street. Secretary: Mr. G. Chilton.

NEW SESSION. The First Epistle of St. Peter was studied during the session which ended on July 19th. The first meeting of the new session will be on Monday, Sept. 26th, when a missionary from East Bengal will address us.

The Garden Party held at Summerfield on July 16th produced £35 18s. 8d. which has been sent up to C.M.S. Headquarters. We are most grateful to all who contributed to the success of this afternoon. G.C.

NEWS FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS

Bell Ringers: Practices Friday 8 p.m. St. Mary's Tower, beginners 7 p.m. Captain: Mr. J. Fuller, Juamar, Elcot-lane.

RINGERS NEEDED NOW. Up to the present St. Mary's Tower has had twelve ringing members, some proficient, some learners, of which all but three have been Grammar School students. Although this may seem quite a good number, it has still been hard to find a team of six for Sunday service ringing, and unfortunately five of the Grammar School ringers leave us this month to take up work outside Marlborough —so anyone interested in taking up ringing will be welcomed to the Tower. Friday night usually sees the members teaching the learners method ringing, which is known as Bob Doubles, while those who can already ring that method are slowly progressing to Grandsire Doubles. In August, helped out by ringers from Burbage, Aldbourne and Baydon, we rang for two weddings.

St. Mary's has a fine ring of six bells, cast in local foundries between 1653 and 1724, and ringing for the Sunday services is our privilege. In fact, ringing is not only a great interest, it is also a fine thing to do for the Church which both sexes and all ages can undertake.

VALERIE FULLER,
Tower Correspondent.

Brownies: 3rd Marlborough (St. Mary's) Brownie Pack. Wednesdays 4 p.m., Toc H Room, finishing 5.15 approximately. Brown Owl: Mrs. J. M. Leach, Windrush, Manton Hollow. A WAITING LIST. Although the Pack is full, little girls of 7-years-old may have their names put on the waiting list and will be admitted as soon as there is a vacancy after they reach the age of 7½. We hope to hold an Open Meeting during the autumn, when parents will be invited to come and see the sort of work and games the Brownies are doing. Meanwhile I am always glad to see parents and am usually at Toc H by 3.30 p.m. on the day of the Meeting. The Brownies will enjoy writing their own letter for *Tower and Town* next month. J. M. LEACH.

Other Organisations whose reports we hope to print later on:

Bible Reading Fellowship: Miss Mabel Pearce, 38 St. Martin's.

Missionary Societies: C.M.S.—Mr. G. Chilton, Merle Cottage, Kingsbury-street; S.P.G.—Mrs. R. H. Lane, 15 George-lane; U.M.C.A.—Mrs. D. M. Field, 64 High-street.

Diocesan Moral Welfare Association: Worker—Miss G. Williams, 116 High-street (Tel. 478).

CHOIR NOTES

Choir Outing: Saturday, 17th September, leaving at 9 a.m. for Portsmouth and Southsea, visiting H.M.S. Victory, plus either a visit to a modern war-ship or a trip in a boat round the harbour; back about 7.30 p.m. Members of the Choir please record whether you will be coming by signing the notice in St. Mary's vestry, as soon as possible.

Probationers: At the beginning of a new school year we are always looking for new probationer choristers. I shall be visiting St. Peter's school early in the term with this in mind, though I am very glad to hear of new recruits at any time. T.G.

BACK CHAT

The Vicar, told by his wife that she had bought a new dress "because the devil tempted me," asked "Why didn't you say 'Get thee behind me, Satan'!"

"I did," she replied, "but he whispered, 'My dear, it fits you beautifully at the back'."

AN APOLOGY. We are very sorry that our first Familiar Face on page 5 should look rather like a ghost on a foggy night. Apparently we have been too economical: instead of accepting the free use of an amateur's happy snapshot, we should have done better to spend a few shillings on a professional photograph. We offer our sincere apologies to Miss Lewis and to our readers. And we promise to do better next time.

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FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Parishioners,

I expect that you are looking forward, as I am, to seeing the harvest decorations in Church. We are all descended from ancestors to whom harvest meant life or death, and it is from them that we inherit those feelings which stir in us when we see the corn sheaves, the flowers, the fruits and vegetables decorating the Church in thanksgiving.

If you look closely at the decorations you will discover that they include other things besides flowers and fruit and vegetables —eggs, honey, jam, a pair of kippers, a bottle of milk. And there is no reason to stop there ; we might have armatures, tiles and puppets. But even then we should be leaving unrepresented most of the work of the parish which goes on in homes and shops and offices. So on the altar we place a loaf of bread. That is the symbol of everyman's and everywoman's work and of God's work, reminding us of our partnership with each other and with Him.

The same field of wheat that provided this loaf also provided bread for milk-bar sandwiches, for breakfast toast and for the Holy Communion. If you can keep this loaf in mind as you read, further on, " What are they doing ? " and " Why a Carpenter ? " it may help to link together the " bread " of Holy Communion, of the daily round, and of the Harvest Festival.

As usual after Harvest Festival, we shall be using St. Mary's and St. Peter's alternately for the services at 8 a.m., 11.15 a.m. and

6.30 p.m. : the Sung Eucharist at 9 a.m. and the Children's Service at 10.15 a.m. will always be in St. Mary's. And don't be caught out by the end of Summer Time on Sunday, October 2nd !

I hope that the men of the parish, old and young, will come with their friends to meet Bishop Cockin at the opening meeting of the Men's Society on October 6th.

My best wishes to you all,

Your affectionate Rector,

FRANCIS BROWNE.

NEWS · VIEWS · COMING EVENTS

THE REV. H. J. LLOYD : *The Farewell Evening* — A cheque for £45 for Mr. Lloyd and an oil by Christopher Hughes for Mrs. Lloyd were presented to them on our behalf by Mr. E. J. Figgins. *A Letter*— "As many of you were unable to be present at our farewell gathering, we felt that we would like to express through the magazine, so as to reach you all, how happy we were to have been able to serve you. Thank you all for your kindness to us whilst we were with you, and for your generosity on our departure. Marlborough will ever remain in our memories as a very happy episode in our lives and we only hope that by the Grace of God we gave you something in return. Yours sincerely, Maidie and Harry Lloyd and the boys." *And some news* —It was a disappointment that, after all, we were unable to arrange a parish party for the Induction, but Mr. and Mrs. Chandler managed to go, and here is their report : " Our visit to Worth Matravers for the Induction Service of the Rev. H. J. Lloyd was a most rewarding experience. The delightful little Church at Worth was packed to capacity and the new Bishop of Sherborne, who conducted the service, made a great impression upon us by his great personality. Worth and Kingston are two lovely villages set in beautiful surroundings by the sea, and we came away with the impression that 'Harry' and his family were most happily settled in his new parish." J.E.C.

FUN-AND-GAMES DEPARTMENT : Keep Wednesday evening, November 16th, free ! More news next month.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES : The Rector invites all who would like to join a class, and are over 12 and under 16 years old, to come to the Rectory on Friday, October 7th, at 7 p.m. There will be two or three preliminary meetings before regular classes start in the New Year, to decide how many classes will be needed and where and when to meet. Those who are over 16 who wish to be confirmed are asked to inform the Rector or to come to the Rectory on Friday, October 14th, at 7 p.m. Special classes can be arranged for grown-ups and for married couples.

DRAMATIC RECITAL on Friday, October 28th, at 7.30 p.m. in St. Mary's : John Stuart Anderson in his solo dramatic presentation "The World Shall Remember", which he has given in cathedrals and churches throughout Great Britain, at four Edinburgh Festivals, and on B.B.C. television. Don't miss this. There will be a charge of 3d. for programmes and a retiring collection towards the expenses.

KNOW WHAT IT IS ? In this month's Diary—" *Diocesan Conference, Salisbury.*" This is the body, consisting of Bishop, clergy and laity, which looks after our affairs and finances. The laity are elected by each Ruri-Decanal Conference from its members. Our P.C.C. elects six of our parishioners to be members of the Marlborough Ruri-Decanal Conference, and of the eight members sent from our Deanery to the Diocesan Conference Mrs. Joyce Lane of our parish is one.

WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

THESE WORDS captioned a photograph of an open-air service of Holy Communion held at harvest time. It appeared in the parish newspaper of St. Dunstan's Stepney, when a team from the parish went—as they do every year—to work with the hop-pickers.

Of course we all know what we are doing when we join in the service of Holy Communion and what is being done at the altar. But it is not very easy to put it into words—if we are asked about it by friends who have not been confirmed, or by our children. And if we *can* explain it quite simply to others we are also helping ourselves to a better understanding.

This is how the people of St. Dunstan's explained to the hop-pickers the " bounden duty and service " which Our Lord has laid upon us all.

We do this in remembrance

QUITE EARLY every morning during the hop-picking season you will find members of the team from St. Dunstan's meeting together on one of the camps with a few of the pickers who live there, to hold a service in the open air.

A van appears, and is swiftly unloaded, and in no time a temporary altar is ready for use. The priest, wearing the special clothes for the service, pauses for a time in prayer a little distance from the altar before he goes up and reads the service aloud. One of the team kneels beside him and acts as his assistant or "server".

First come some prayers and two lessons from the Bible. Then the priest takes some bread and some wine from the server and offers them to God, in memory of Jesus Christ, who told His disciples " do this in remembrance of me".

The bread and wine that is used is quite ordinary bread (only baked in the form of thin wafers) and the wine is perfectly ordinary wine, as Jesus intended that it should be. For the bread represents the ordinary day-to-day work of ordinary folk, the product of all the work that mankind does.

When the priest offers the bread and the wine to God he is then offering more than just a few pieces of bread and a little wine —he is offering to God the life's work of the whole world around him. Then in the Prayer of Consecration the priest blesses the bread and wine in the name of God, and it becomes the spiritual food of the Body and Blood of Christ. As such it is taken and eaten by the congregation, who in this way receive strength from God to live a Christian life.

Day by day this service takes place in Churches all over the world, and so daily prayers are offered for all the people in their care.

Our Harvest

At our Harvest Festival we are offering to God not only the harvest from the great fields of our Wiltshire countryside, but the work of our hands and our heads in home and shop and office and factory, and thanking Him for all that has been safely and fruitfully accomplished. The special loaf we lay on the altar to be blessed represents it all and commends it all to God's care.

And throughout the year in the Holy Communion we can offer that work at the altar and receive fresh strength to do it in His Name.

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If all her years of service for the Church in various capacities were added together, the total would seem to some people enough for several lifetimes: fifty years with the Infants' Sunday School, thirty since she took charge of the voluntary church cleaners and the flower rota at St. Mary's, thirty sending the birthday cards to the children baptised in our two churches. A member of the P.C.C. Above all, she laid the foundation of our Junior Sunday School, and no-one can assess how much she has done for the young teachers who have had the privilege of helping her.

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PERSONAL POSER

People talk as though "keeping up with the Joneses" was a sin: but how can it be wrong to want the best for my family?

I think it may help to ask yourself two slightly easier questions before trying to answer this very hard one. First—"Is wanting the best for my family really my reason for keeping up with the Joneses? Or do I want to go one better, to put the Jones noses out of joint, or to show off?" And second—"What do I mean by 'the best for my family'? Does *best* mean only clothes, house, car, T.V. set and so on? Or does *best* include ways of thinking and behaving, duty to God and neighbour?"

With these two points cleared up, the original question looks a little easier. There is no harm whatever in your doing what the Joneses do—if the Joneses are right and if you can do it without upsetting your considered budget. But the Joneses may be wrong. With them it may be a case of "the more men have, the more they want". They may be victims of what has been called "the stimulus to insatiableness". That way lies unhappiness and trouble with the Tenth Commandment.

The answer is to try always to get the right priorities, remembering that the world has one set and God has another.

F.B.R.B.

If you have a Personal Poser which you would like answered on this page, send it to the Rector, giving your name and address, which will not be printed.

OUR CHURCHES AND CHURCHYARDS

Two visitors recently commented on St. Mary's. One said : " What a beautiful church ! " But St. Mary's isn't beautiful—except in the way that a plain child is beautiful to its parents : it is our own and we love it. But it is our privilege to be able to make it beautiful.

The other said : " What a barn of a church, but at least it's clean". But *least* isn't the right word. St. Mary's is splendidly clean and shining—thanks to an army of thirty-two voluntary workers. And that should make the rest of us think.

The same standard

We have put the Church in Marlborough on its feet financially. But, as Bishop Cockin reminded us last month, we can't stop there. Now, exercising the stewardship of time and talents, we must make our two churches and churchyards as fine and neat as our own houses and gardens. We have a high standard for our houses and gardens in Marlborough.

Everyone will be welcome

Will you, as part of your Christian Stewardship plan, join the army of workers who already do so much for our Church ? Here are the names of the people to get in touch with—if you will

Lend a hand with the laundering : altar linen (*the Sacristans* : *St. Mary's—Miss Williams, 1 St. David's Way ; St. Peter's—Mrs. Field, 64 High Street*) ; albs (*Miss Chun, 22 George Lane*).

Help with the hassocks : over a hundred kneelers have been embroidered already ; now volunteers (either sex) are wanted to help with the sewing up (*Mrs. Turner, Gallows Close, Kingsbury Street*). Meanwhile old hassocks have to be kept fit to kneel on (*Mrs. Sharman, 3 Riding School Yard, High Street*).

Stitch with the semptresses : those who once made nice things for the Church Fair can still use their skill for the Church. New cloths for the credence tables, which hold the vessels for Holy Communion, and new holland altar covers are needed at St. Mary's, vestments and linen have to be kept in good order (*the Sacristans*). Many churches have their own Needlework Guilds which not only mend but make, from materials paid for by the P.C.C.

Wield a hammer and chisel with the woodworkers who can enrich our churches with new hymn boards and stools for flowers, and can repair the pews (*the Rector*).

Collaborate with the cleaners : immediate vacancies for brass cleaners and for St. Mary's Lady Chapel (*St. Mary's—Miss M. Pearce, 36 St. Martin's ; St. Peter's—Mrs. Brooks, 60 High Street*).

Get going with the gardener (there's only one !) on the flower beds and the edges at St. Peter's, weeding the flagstones outside St. Mary's (*Mr. L. T. Smith, Ashfield, Back Lane*). A lot of churches have a men's rota (six at a time) for churchyard work.

And to all those already working, the rest of us say—thank you !

WHY A CARPENTER?

RICHARD KNOWLES

SOME YEARS ago when I was working on a building site, an old carpenter friend of mine said to me: "They say Our Lord was a carpenter; now I wonder why He chose this job?" It struck me at the time and I have often thought of it since.

Why did the incarnate Son of God choose to be a humble craftsman, or perhaps I ought to say a proud craftsman—for I am sure that He had a real craftsman's pride in His work. I believe that it was to show us ordinary men down the ages that doing a job well, whatever that job is, is just as much a vocation as the most high place in Church or State.

When He stood under the rafters, holding them on His shoulder while Joseph pinned them at the top (as carpenters still do today in pitching a roof), did He think of that other piece of timber that He would bear on His shoulder?

The parable of the mote and the beam was probably out of His experience in working on the bottom end of the pitsaw when ripping baulks of timber and the dust and bits of wood falling down almost blinding Him. All His words bear the stamp of the years of working class experience. The woman who has lost the housekeeping money may well have been His Mother. His first miracle at Cana, when He entered into the normal joys and the dilemmas of a worker's home, is yet another example of His compassion and understanding.

We workers are proud that He chose to be one of us. We think—of course—of Almighty God as the master craftsman, but Jesus Christ is more real to us as a carpenter. I am sure that He looks down with compassionate eyes at the apprentice, fixing battens on the roof in a bitter east wind, and the craftsman who "got over" the problem of the lantern tower of Ely Cathedral must have gladdened His Great Heart.

I am sure that He will greet my old friend Harry with something like this: "Surely, Harry, you know now after sixty years on the tools why I chose to be a carpenter. It might have been any other worker's job, you know, but it happened to be the one that was closest".

I believe that this is the truth of it. He did the job that was closest, the job that was waiting to be done, and did it well for some eighteen years, when He left it to do the job of reconciling God and man. And that job was done with the same discipline which He learnt partly in the workshop at Nazareth and partly in the great workshop of the Universe with His Almighty Father before the creation of the world.

Ack. to "London Churchman".

RICHARD KNOWLES

Richard Knowles left school at fourteen, had seventeen years in the building and ship building industries working as a plumber, and has held many offices in the Trade Union and Labour Movements. He is happily married and has a son of seventeen.

PARISH PRAYERS No. 2 *Jesus the Carpenter . . .*

Almighty God, who didst ordain that Thy Son, Jesus Christ, should labour with His hands to supply His own needs, and the needs of others: Teach us we pray Thee, that no labour is mean, and all labour is divine, to which Thou dost call us; to the glory of Thy holy Name. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.

From "Daily Prayer" (E. Milner-White and G. W. Briggs)

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OCTOBER 18TH

"The Beloved Physician"

St. Luke, who was probably a Gentile born at Antioch in Syria, wrote his Gospel from the accounts given him by those who were with Our Lord. He wrote the Acts of the Apostles in Rome, finishing it in the year 63. We especially like to think of him as the "beloved physician" of St. Paul, whose close friend and companion he was. He is the patron saint of doctors, and of artists—for he was also a painter. He is thought to have died by crucifixion in Greece, a martyr for the Faith.

DIARY FOR OCTOBER

After Harvest Festival, St. Mary's and St. Peter's will be used alternately for the Sunday services at 8 a.m., 11.15 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., beginning with St. Peter's on Sunday, October 9th. All other services in St. Mary's

2nd TRINITY XVI. Harvest Festival. Preacher at 11.15 a.m. the Rev. R. C. Unwin, Rector of Chilton Foliat. (*The Parish, especially thankfulness for our own harvests*).
3rd Monday. Stewardship Committee 7.30 p.m., Church Cottage.
5th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Men's Society*).
6th Thursday. Men's Society 7.30 p.m., Toc H Room. The Rt. Rev. F. A. Cockin, D.D.
9th TRINITY XVII. Harvest Festival at Christchurch, Savernake. (*The Confirmation Candidates*).
12th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Diocesan Conference*).
13th Thursday. Diocesan Conference, Salisbury.
14th Friday. Diocesan Conference, Salisbury.
16th TRINITY XVIII. Preacher at 6.30 p.m. a Delegate from the Industrial Christian Fellowship. (*The Parish, especially all who work in local industries*).
18th Tuesday. St. Luke E. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The staff of Savernake Hospital and all doctors and nurses of the parish*).
19th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The sick of the parish in hospital and at home*).
23rd TRINITY XIX. (*The Parish and Christian Stewardship*).
26th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Children's Society*).
28th Friday. SS. Simon and Jude, AA., MM. (*Diocesan Fellowship of Vocation*). Dramatic Recital by John Stuart Anderson, 7.30 p.m., St. Mary's.
30th TRINITY XX. (*The Parish, especially all working in shops and offices*).
31st Monday. Vigil of All Saints' Day.

PRAYING WITH THE CHURCH

Some of you may well welcome this as a guide for your private prayers.

In the Diary for the Month our Special Intentions at Holy Communion are printed in italics. At the weekday services of Matins and Evensong prayers are offered after the Third Collect on the following plan:

Tuesday	Church Schools and Education
Wednesday	The Parish
Thursday	The Church, Foreign Missions and the Anglican Communion Overseas
Friday	The Litany
Saturday	The Departed; the Sunday Services

The Sick are mentioned each day. F.B.R.B.

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

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OUR MAYOR SUPPLIES SOME ANSWERS

Population? Around 20,000. *Buildings?* On Main Street, brick with slate roofs, concrete. Private houses of pine-wood, set in green lawns, no hedges or fences; no flower gardens. *Skyscrapers?* No. *Shops?* Some private businesses—but outside the town a large all-purpose self-service. store, with a garage for 1,000 cars. This is becoming the pattern of retailing for small towns in U.S.A. Will it come here? *Cars?* Everyone has a car; no scooters or motor-bikes. *Churches?* Two R.C. (many Roman Catholics), Congregational, Methodist, Episcopal (Anglican); large congregations fully supporting their churches financially. *Leisure?* Lots —nice long evenings; because they start early and work hard.

A further instalment in a later issue.

WHAT'S COOKING? Straight from the U.S.A.—*Baked or Grilled Gammon Steak with Pineapple.* Brush gammon steak generously with melted butter, sprinkle with demerara sugar and bake or grill. Drain the juice from a tin of pineapple rings. Sprinkle the rings with demerara sugar and put under a hot grill for a few seconds to caramelise the sugar. Arrange the rings round the steak and serve with sweet corn and french fried potatoes (chips in English).

Contributed by Mrs. Edna Free
Another mouth-waterer next month!

A "WELCOME" CELEBRATION. On September 8th the Marlborough Methodist Church and its outlying congregations at Axford and Avebury celebrated the arrival of their new Minister, the Rev. E. Maurice Hillier. There was a devotional meeting, followed by good things to eat, music to listen to, and a welcome from the Anglican Church conveyed by the Rector.

DO YOU WANT TO BE CHEERED UP? Then we recommend a visit to the Marlborough Handicapped Centre, which meets from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. every Wednesday afternoon at the Congregational Hall. A frequent visitor, who is much missed, was the Rev. Harry Lloyd. On being given a farewell gift of a tray made at the Centre, he said that what had always struck him most was the absorbed and happy faces and dispositions of the members, who bore their physical handicaps with such courage. Another invaluable helper, the Rev. Harold Stentiford, is also greatly missed. Are any able-bodied men free to give a hand in their place? Visitors are always welcome to call and buy the baskets and other handicrafts made at the Centre, and have some tea, which is served at 3.30 p.m.

W. M. Lyndon-Smith

IN THOSE GOOD OLD DAYS. *We are indebted to Miss F. E. Stagg* (86), *of Coombe End House, for this account of an incident which occurred when she was six years old.* Dr. James Blake Maurice was in practice. His coachman was named Cox, and one cold evening when we were sitting by the fire, the door opened and Mrs. Cox came in, saying "I felt I must come and tell you of something I have on my mind. My husband had to take the Master a bitter cold journey this morning to visit a sick patient living in a cottage on the Downs. The Master seemed extra long there, and my husband said he pulled his collar up and did what he could to keep warm. Eventually the Doctor came out looking very grave, saying 'Oh Cox, I've just seen such a sorry sight. After I had attended the man I went downstairs to find the cloth was spread for dinner, plates round the table. I made it my business to see what they had got. Cox, would you believe it, on each plate a slice of stark naked bread and half an onion. I looked hard at the woman, saying 'Surely you have pudding or soup?' 'No sir, nothing else.' Then the Doctor said he would get Mrs. Maurice to pack up some food and send it." This incident occurred either seventy-nine or eighty years ago.

St. Peter's Boys' School

Seven boys have gone on to the Marlborough Grammar School and twenty to the Secondary Modern. Twenty-nine boys came up from the Marlborough Infants' School.

The fifteen boys who passed the Learners' Swimming Test in July have now received their certificates. They were: P. Chandler, I. Rumbold, M. Beasant, R. Cripps, G. Bensley, G. Hodge, L. Harding, D. Brown, S. Cook, P. Cosham, J. Witts, P. Jones, N. Young, M. Mabbutt, J. Troman. We congratulate Paul Lanfear who passed the Second Class Test.

Mr. T. Gartside has been to the school to get new Material for the Parish Choir. Those selected were John Hunns, Peter Lewis, Christopher Gwinnell and Roland Styles.

M. BENCH

St. Mary's Girls' School

School re-opened on September 5th with 38 new admissions, and 139 on the roll. We are very glad to welcome Mrs. L. J. Maynard, who teaches Form II. The new House Leaders and Vice-Captains are as follows: *Florence Nightingale House*: Jane Lansley (C), Angela O'Keeffe (V.C.); *Elizabeth Barrett Browning*: Juanita Fuller (C), Mary Hillier (V.C.); *Kathleen Ferrier*: Susan Marsh (C), Susan Whalley (V.C.); *Mary Slessor*: Jeannette Newby (C), Joan Hart (V.C.).

F.S.

Infants' School

We were very pleased to welcome Mrs. Lintern to our staff when the new term began on September 5th. She is taking the class of new entrants who have to spend most of their school day at Church Cottage, but Mrs. Lintern has already made their class-room so attractive that we are sure they will settle down and be very happy there with her. The rest of us are getting used to our new classes, and looking forward to a busy term of work and play.

M.L.U.

Marlborough Secondary Modern School

Many interesting things happened at the end of last term. The third year had talks and saw films on careers in the W.R.A.C. and W.R.A.F. A fashion parade displaying garments made by the girls in their needlework lessons was much enjoyed. In an athletics match against Wootton Bassett our school gained a convincing victory.

To Susan Newman, an old pupil, we send our congratulations on her excellent examination results and best wishes for her nursing career at King's College Hospital, London.

We welcome our 126 new first year girls and boys and hope they will be happy and successful here.

SYLVIA HEAD

Marlborough Grammar School

This summer's G.C.E. results were quite pleasing. Three scholarships were won, a State Scholarship going to Stevens, and County Scholarships to Wheeler and Angela Joy. P. Boys received a County Further Education Award, and Bowerman and Foster will take up County Scholarships deferred from last year. A particularly pleasing result was in British Constitution at "A" level, this year being the first time the school had entered candidates in this subject: both candidates, Mary Askwith and Angela Joy, received good marks.

The "O" level entries were a record number and produced some quite good results, a reasonable number of people passing in six or more subjects. For the first time we entered some candidates from the Fourth Year, and their results amply justified the experiment.

By the time you are reading this, the new term will be well under way, and we shall have welcomed several new members of staff, including Mr. Huxley, who takes over as Housemaster of Wye House in succession to Mr. Parsons.

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FAMILY NEWS

** A week or two ago the Rector heard some better news from *Canon Swann*. He wrote: "I am able to drive the car for short journeys now, which is a great pleasure, but I'm still very lame." He added that he had much enjoyed a recent visit from the *Hardings*.

** Good wishes to those who start training for their future careers this autumn: *Mary Askwith*, Eastbourne Training College; *Ann Batten*, *Susan Child*, at a London branch of the Midland Bank; *Mary Dobson*, St. Mary's College, Cheltenham; *Rosemary Dobson*, Weymouth Training College; *Julia Gwinnell*, studying photography at Salisbury College of Further Education; *Angela Joy*, Coventry Training College; *Bruce Liffey*, apprentice at De Haviland's; *Ann Rushen* at Bristol United Hospitals; *Anthony Smith*, student apprentice in civil engineering at Reading; *Martin Taylor*, St. Luke's Training College, Exeter.

** We have had to say goodbye recently to the *Mead* and *Yeoman* families, and we must thank them all for much good work done for the Church. The Meads are now living at Dinton Marsh; Mr. Mead was a Visitor in our Christian Stewardship Campaign, and William was in the Choir. Mrs. Yeoman took expert care of the Lady Chapel at St. Mary's for nearly three years, and the twins were in the Choir; Mr. Yeoman is now caretaking at the St. Aldhelm Secondary Modern School, Sherborne. Another Christian Stewardship Visitor who has left the Parish is *Christopher Ray*, who has gone to join his family at Groombridge. We wish them all happiness in their new surroundings.

** Congratulations to *Michael Stevens* on his State Scholarship.

** We offer our sincere sympathy to *Mrs. E. K. Smith*, of 32 High Street, on the death of her son in London last month.

ROUND THE PARISH IN OUR PRAYERS — OCTOBER

This month please ask God to bless all who live in these roads, on the Sunday named, and the week following:

1st Sunday Angel Yard
2nd Sunday Back Lane
5th Sunday "The road I live in"
3rd Sunday Upper Church Fields
4th Sunday Union Place

"*O Heavenly Father, bless our neighbours, that they and we may share Thy Heavenly calling; through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.*"

If you know a family living in one of these roads, include their names in this prayer

The Wardens for these streets are: 1 Mrs. Pratt, 2 Mrs. Harvey, 3 Mrs. Adlam, 4 Mrs. Neale.

HOLY BAPTISM

Aug. 21 Clive Robert Flippence. Ivor James Brown.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Aug. 20 Ronald Walter Light to Rosemary Sawyer.
Louis Henry Nutting to Alice Winifred Wright.

R.I.P.

Aug. 12 Victor Gingell, of 2 North View.
29 Eliza Munday, of 31 Salisbury Road.
Sep. 5 Edmund Beauchamp, of 2 Marlow Cottages, Elcot Lane.

PARISH ROUND-UP

Youth Committee: Mrs. M. Harrison (Chairman), Forest Hill House.

LOOK OUT FOR GREEN !

Do you like Witches ?
Do you like Stitches ?
Do you like Walking ?
Do you like Talking ?
If you find pleasure
In these forms of leisure
Then Tuesday's the day
Whatever you say !

On the 1st Tuesday of every month, beginning with October 4th, a teen-agers' evening (games, dancing, etc.) will be held in the Toc H Room from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. *Weekly* activities will include Mechanics, Cooking, Hallowe'en Party, Dancing: details on the Green Notices. SO LOOK OUT FOR GREEN ! M.H.

Senior Sunday School and Junior Confirmation Class: Mrs. M. Harrison.

Every Sunday at 10.15 a.m. in Church Cottage. Boys and girls of twelve years or over are very welcome even if they have not attended Junior School previously. M.H.

C.M.S. Group: Meetings generally fortnightly, Riverside, High Street. Secretary: Mr. G. Chilton, Merle Cottage, Kingsbury Street.

DATE FOR THE DIARY—Mr. Cyril Hooper, C.M.S. Youth Secretary, will be visiting Marlborough from Nov. 5th to 8th. A joint meeting of the C.M.S. Group and the Men's Society will be addressed by him in the Toc H Room at 8 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 7th. Non-members will also be most welcome. Mr. Hooper was once a missionary in Kenya. He is no stranger to Marlborough: as a boy he was at the College, which he represented at Rugby Football between 1930 and 1935. G.C.

HARVEST FESTIVAL — YET ANOTHER CORRECTION ! One of those gremlins which bedevil proof-readers made us pass *Sunday* instead of *Saturday* as the day on which Harvest decorations should be brought to both Churches. We hope this silly mistake won't mislead anyone.

Brownies: 3rd Marlborough (St. Mary's) Brownie Pack. Wednesdays 4 p.m., Toc H Room. Brown Owl: Mrs. J. M. Leach, Windrush, Manton Hollow.

FOUR SIXES. Our Brownie Pack has four "sixes." This is a message from one of them: We began Brownies again after the holidays on September 7th. We are sorry to say good-bye to Alison Wheeler and Clare Payne, who have gone to boarding school, and welcome Lindy Eyles, Marilyn Witts, Lynne Bensley and Catherine Mundy. Next month the Fairies will be writing a small passage like this. THE LITTLE PEOPLE

Men's Society: 1st Thursdays, 8 p.m., Toc H Room. Enquiries to Mr. G. Chilton.

OFF TO A GOOD START. Bishop Cockin's three addresses, October 6th, November 3rd, December 1st, open the programme. Here is the rest of the fixture card:

Jan. 5 *West Africa*: a *Discussion between Mr. W. H. Spray and the Rev. C. C. Perry.*
Feb. 2 *Film Strip*: *The Rector.*
Mar. 2 *Behind the Iron Curtain*: *Mr. David Jones.*
Apr. 6 *Coins and Christianity*: *Mr. Jess Chandler.*
May 4 *Film Strip*: *The Rector.*

Please try to keep these dates clear, so that there may be full discussion of the various subjects. Cut out this programme ! Please also see note under C.M.S. Group. G.C.

Young Wives' Group: 2nd and 4th Thursdays 7.30 p.m., Toc H Room. Leader: Mrs. F. B. R. Browne, The Rectory.

BEDSPREADS FOR PESTALOZZI VILLAGE. Only one meeting has been held since we last reported: a demonstration of Glove-making by Mrs. Bedbrook and Mrs. Figgins. Those members not making gloves knitted squares to be made into bedspreads which will be sent to the Pestalozzi Children's Village.

J. SMART

NEWS FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS

Bell Ringers: Practices—Friday 8 p.m., Beginners 7 p.m., St. Mary's Tower. Captain: Mr. J. Fuller, Juamar, Elcot Lane.

BELFRY NEWS. On September 3rd we had ringing visitors from Cookham who had been on their Guild "ringing" outing in the Winchester area and were making Marlborough their final tower on the way home. Nice ringing was heard which included rounds and Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, Stedman, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor. Three new learners have joined us—Peter Fleet, Peter Prosser and Juanita Fuller, who is only ten years old and doing quite well. We were very sorry to lose the Rev. Harry Lloyd, who learnt the art of handling a bell and took part in call changes on practice nights. If Mr. Fargus likes to join us in his place, we shall make him very welcome.

VALERIE FULLER,
Tower Correspondent.

S.P.G.: Secretary: Mrs. R. H. Lane, 15 George Lane.

STUDY, PRAY, GIVE—three things which all Christians should do for the Church Overseas. Study "Oversea News", 2d. a month, and you will learn about S.P.G.'s work. Then you will know what to Pray for. Or you may like to take the Quarterly Intercession Paper, price 6d. a year, which covers the work of all Missionary Societies. Studying and praying, you will want to Give. "Oversea News" is full of suggestions, but if you are not certain what to do, the Secretary will be very glad to help.

JOYCE LANE

Mothers' Union: 3rd Thursdays, 2.45 p.m., Toc H Room. Enrolling Member: Mrs. P. E. C. Hayman, Half Acre, Back Lane.

Other Organisations

Bible Reading Fellowship: Miss Mabel Pearce, 36 St. Martin's.

U.M.C.A.: Mrs. D. M. Field, 64 High Street.

Diocesan Moral Welfare Association: Miss Elizabeth Nicholls, 116 High Street. (Tel. 478).

CHOIR NOTES

Leavers. During the holidays we said goodbye to William Mead and Timothy and John Yeoman, who have left the Parish. Jimmy Bushrod and Michael Skinner have now "retired" and are going to sing as altos. Ian Large, too, has temporarily left us.

Senior Choristers. Andrew Stone has been appointed Senior Chorister, and Maurice Hillier and Timothy Otton as Second Senior Choristers.

Newcomers. We welcome Christopher Gwinnell, John Hunns, Peter Lewis and Roland Styles as probationers.

What about the Future? I appeal to all members of the congregation, especially the parents of young boys, to support the work of our Choir by assisting in the recruitment of suitable boys, who will sing not only as trebles, but will be the tenors and basses and Churchmen of the future. Although the ideal age for joining is between nine and ten, boys between eight-and-a-half and twelve would be considered. We must find at least two more, if our present strength is to be maintained.

Tenors Please! The Choir is desperate for tenors—we have no tenors who are free to sing every Sunday—and our work is being seriously hampered. Most church music is written for four parts, and to try and sing it with only three is not merely difficult, but impossible! If any of you who read this paragraph think you might be able to help us, or know of someone, I should be grateful if you would tell me or any adult member of the Choir.

TREVOR GARTSIDE

CAPPED

A certain chapel roof needed repair very badly, and the minister was appealing for funds one Sunday morning when a big piece of plaster hit him on the head. "Goodness, my friends," he said, "I had no idea it was as bad as that; I will have to start the fund with £5 myself." At once there was a shout from the back of the church, "Strike him again, Lord—get another fiver out of him!"

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John Betjeman

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FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Parishioners,

A month or two ago I told you how the choir boys in Salisbury Cathedral had delighted in a " modern " Te Deum by Donald Swann. Since then Mr. Gartside has been finding out how helpful this " new music " has been in parishes comparable to our own — and on Sept. 19th the P.C.C. debated what we could or should do about it.

After a brief introduction from Mr. Gartside and myself, we listened to a recording of the *20th Century Folk Mass* by the Rev. Geoffrey Beaumont. The upshot was a unanimous vote in favour of using parts of this setting for a trial period of three months at the Parish Communion on 3rd Sundays.

This did not mean, of course, that all the members would themselves prefer this sort of music to the Merbecke setting which we now use. It did mean that the evidence before us showed overwhelmingly that the younger generation would find the change a much needed help in their worship — to start with at any rate. Since then our experience at Youth Club meetings and Choir Practice has dramatically endorsed this.

You will find more about the music overleaf, and a little bit too about the service itself—just enough to remind you that what we are doing is a lot more important than how we are doing it.

Your affectionate Rector,
Francis Browne.

WHAT WE ARE DOING: "THE NEW MUSIC"—

" It seems that if good news is to come across as news and its goodness as a continual surprise, we have got to use contemporary ways of saying it "

This is what the Rector wrote about our new magazine, and it applies equally to our plan to introduce the Rev. Geoffrey Beaumont's setting of the Communion service, known as the 20th Century Folk Mass, at 9 a.m. on the 3rd Sunday of this month.

The idea behind the music

Mr. Beaumont's intention was to provide some Church music in the idiom of the people of to-day. Church music has become so unlike any popular music—and it wasn't two hundred years ago—that many non-churchgoers find our music dull, out-of-date and not easy to get accustomed to.

Not jazz

This new music is not jazz—far from it—but there are many off-the-beat notes, as there were in the religious music of Byrd and Gibbons of the sixteenth century, and it is in a style familiar to the modern listener: there is an echo of the negro-spiritual, a beguine for the more solemn passages of the liturgy, and what may be called a big " hit " tune—reminding one of the Dambusters' March.

Easy to learn

Certain musical phrases occur over and over again in different parts of the service and the whole composition is sung by dictation—a phrase sung by the Cantors repeated by the congregation. This and the contemporary idiom make it easy to learn and particularly suitable when people not used to church are beginning to learn the Christian faith.

How we shall start

The style may surprise you at first, but I believe that after only a short acquaintance you will find it acceptable and worthy of its purpose. We intend to introduce the new setting gradually on 3rd Sundays. During the last month our Choir and young people have been learning the music, and after Evensong on November 13th everyone will have an opportunity to hear and sing some parts of it.

A stepping-stone

In its rightful place of worship, you will find this music strong, energetic and joyful, with no suggestion of frivolity. It is intended that our young people who are attracted by it should regard its use as a stepping-stone to the more traditional music of the church.

TREVOR GARTSIDE.

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HE gave it when, in the night that He was betrayed, He took bread and broke it and said " Do this". So Sunday by Sunday, Christians use the Lord's own service on the Lord's own day.

IT is always the same service at whatever time it is celebrated, whatever the celebrant wears, whether people say their part or sing it. Whenever we use this service, we can't mean more than Our Lord meant when He said " This is My Body—this is My Blood", and we dare not mean less. F.B.R.B.

'Twas God the
Word that
spake it,

He took the
Bread and
brake it ;

And what the
Word did
make it ;

That I believe
and take it.



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Freeman of Marlborough, indefatigable defender of local rights and preserver of the ancient amenities of our town, painter in oils and water-colour, Christopher Hughes is a regular member of St. Peter's congregation. Art Master at Marlborough College 1920-1946. First elected to the Borough Council in 1928, he has been Mayor four times, in 1935, 1944, 1955 and 1958; was elected Alderman in 1952, and given the Freedom of the Borough in 1958. The illustration on page 9 is from his book *Marlborough: The Story of a Small and Ancient Borough.*

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PERSONAL POSER

Does the Bible teach that our loved ones are awaiting us on the other side?

No one can know what happens after death, but the Bible teaches us in the Epistle to the Hebrews that our loved ones who have died are part of a "great cloud of witnesses," watching and encouraging us in the race of life and still interested in us—and therefore we may assume ready to welcome us when we die.

But it does not teach that the chief attribute of Heaven is survival after death and the reunion of those who have loved on earth. Heaven is the everlasting enjoyment of God. It is being with God and enjoying His fellowship perfectly: it is in Him that we find our loved ones and everything else that is desirable. That is, our reunion with our loved ones will be a consequence of our union with Christ.

It is not as "waiting for us" that we should chiefly think of them but as enjoying a fuller, more vigorous life than we have power to imagine: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."

If you have a Personal Poser which you would like answered on this page, send it to the Rector, giving your name and address, which will not be printed.

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NEWS : VIEWS : COMING EVENTS

PARENTS — The next meeting of 12-to-16 year-olds who wish to be confirmed will be on Friday, Nov. 4th, at 7 p.m. at Church Cottage. If you are not sure whether your child is ready to be prepared for **Confirmation** and would like to talk it over with one of the Clergy, please tell the Rector. F.B.R.B.

WHY NOT NOW? Are you older, perhaps married, and not confirmed? Unable to come to Holy Communion? But you would like to be a full member of the Church? You would like to talk about it privately? The Rector invites you to telephone, write or button-hole him for an appointment. F.B.R.B.

NOTHING WILL KEEP YOU AWAY — we hope — from the *Parish Social evening with Buffet Supper* on Wednesday, Nov. 16th, at 7.30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Tickets 2s. each, obtainable from the Hostesses whose names and addresses are on the notice-boards in both churches. Only 300 tickets available, so *join the queue now.* Everyone aged 15 and over is welcome, and also younger teenagers who have been confirmed. M.B.

OUR BISHOP will be broadcasting a Pastoral Letter on the West Home Service, VHF 92.9 m/cs, on Friday, Nov. 25th, at 10.30 p.m. The Rector asks everyone who possibly can to listen to this.

DID YOU KNOW? That the use of *different colours in Church* goes back to the time when many people could neither read nor write and was a simple way of teaching congregations about the seasons of the Church's year. In November four different colours are used: white for rejoicing on All Saints' Day; green for the last weeks of Trinity-tide (green for growth); red for St. Andrew, Apostle and Martyr; and purple for the solemn "preparation" season of Advent.

P.C.C. REPORT. Should the "off-the-beat" setting for the Holy Communion known as the *20th Century Folk Mass* be given a trial? We heard a recording of the Creed, then discussion ranged widely — as far as a dissertation on the well-worn subject of English Hymnal v. Hymns A. and M., reference to negro-spirituals, and an attempt at a definition of Jazz. Finally the largely middle-aged P.C.C. decided unanimously that if this New Music would help young churchmen to feel at home in church, it ought to be tried. *Extremely satisfactory reports* were received from the Chairman of the *Stewardship* and Publications Committees. There are 330 pledge-givers, with only ten defections to date: the estimated annual income is £4,600. The circulation of the magazine has increased by 50%, *Tower and Town No. 1* was favourably received and had sold out: tribute was paid to the goodwill of the advertisers (not unconnected with the hard work of the Advertising Manager) and the energy of the thirty-three people concerned with Distribution. The strenuous and successful efforts of these two vital committees were acknowledged with acclamation. *Other items* dealt with were the elimination of dry rot from the roof of *St. Peter's*, the state of its organ, the storage of tools, and the repair of its windows; the purchase of 250 new prayer-books for *St. Mary's*; the clearing of Church Cottage garden by the Youth Club; and — welcome news — the appointment of *Mrs. Venters* as Sunday School Superintendent and of *Miss Barnes* to the Infants' Sunday School.

W. F. Harling, Hon. Sec.

SPECIALLY FOR MARLBOROUGH —when he heard that we proposed to use his 20th Century Folk Mass, the Rev. Geoffrey Beaumont wrote us a letter about his music. This was only received as we went to press, but we hope to publish it next month. T.G.

PARISH PRAYERS No. 3 *After Holy Communion . . .*

O God, Who in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of Thy passion: Grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may ever know within ourselves the fruits of Thy redemption; Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

ALL SAINTS

On November 1st we celebrate all Christian saints known and unknown. A great Christian writer says of All Saints' Day that it is not only the Feast of every heroic soul, but even of every single heroic act inspired by God since man began on earth. The Gospel at Holy Communion on All Saints' Day, from the Sermon on the Mount, tells us how we may recognise these Christian heroes.

ALL SOULS

The Church keeps November 2nd as the special day for remembering before God the souls of the departed. We pray for the dead, as we do for the living, to express our love for them. If we wish, we can use the special prayer from the Burial Service: "Grant unto them, O Lord, eternal rest and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

The Churches are now being used alternately for the Sunday services at 8 a.m., 11.15 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Sundays Nov. 6th and 20th: St. Peter's; Sundays Nov. 13th and 27th: St. Mary's. All other services in St. Mary's.

1st Tuesday. **All Saints' Day.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Courage in Christian witness*)

2nd Wednesday. **Commemoration of All Souls'.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Faithful Departed*).

6th TRINITY XXI. C.M.S. Sunday. Preacher at 11.15 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. The Rev. Cyril Hooper, Youth Secretary of C.M.S. (*The Parish, especially thankfulness for our membership of the Church*).

7th Monday. Joint meeting of C.M.S. Group and Men's Society 8 p.m. Toc H Room: The Rev. Cyril Hooper.

8th Tuesday. Holy Communion 10.15 a.m. Corporate for the Mothers' Union. (*Our homes*).

9th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The old and the lonely*).

13th TRINITY XXII. **Remembrance Sunday.** Matins 10.55 a.m. Congregational Music Practice after Evensong. (*The Parish, especially our prayers for the peace of the world*).

16th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Parish Social 7.30 p.m. Town Hall. (*Those working for the Parish Social*).

20th SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT. Parish Communion 9 a.m. Family Service and Holy Baptism 3 p.m. Preacher at 6.30 p.m. The Rev. Leonard Chamberlen, R.N. (ret.). (*The Parish, especially the young people*).

23rd Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Ruri-decanal Conference*). Ruri-decanal Conference 7.30 p.m. Toc H Room

27th ADVENT I. (*The Parish, especially our observance of Advent*)

30th Wednesday. St. Andrew, A. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Foreign Missions*). Parochial Church Council 8 p.m. Church Cottage

Special Intentions at Holy Communion are printed in italics

ADVENT is a solemn season when we prepare ourselves for the two comings of Our Lord — His coming at Christmas in great humility to be our Saviour, and also His second coming in glorious majesty at the end of the world to be our judge. Advent Sunday, which this year falls on Nov. 27th, is the first day of the Church's year.

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HIGH STREET CHANGES ....

HISTORY is always about people. These little histories of some of the people behind the changes in the High Street are as much the History of Marlborough as any records of what the High Street looked like before the Great Fire.

"Russell's"

When Russell Bros. closed down in August 1958 it had been going for 200 years. No one, Mrs. J. Russell told us, quite knew when the firm was founded, but it already existed in 1760 when Dunford's boot-making business was started. Russell Square is called after the Russell family, for to begin with the tailor's shop was at No. 110, now the Conservative Club, and the Russells owned the surrounding property. The family provided the town with several Mayors, the last being John Russell, in 1916, whose brother Edward helped to found the Scout Movement in Marlborough. The premises at Nos. 102/3 were pulled down this summer and are being rebuilt for Messrs. Rawlings and Phillips, the corn-chandlers.

"Tiny Tots"

Connection with the Scout Movement has also been the great spare-time interest of Miss M. Hutchins, who opened her wool and baby clothes shop "Tiny Tots" in 1934, and sold it to Mrs. M. Bradshaw in May this year. Miss Hutchins was first involved in the Scout Movement in 1933—and continued to run the Marlborough Wolf Cubs until 1959. Most of us have vivid memories of a gaggle of youngsters waiting for her outside "Tiny Tots" on Tuesday evenings. Miss Hutchins has lived in and around Marlborough all her life. Now, in her happy retirement, gardening is her chief hobby.

"Knapton's"

Miss L. Knapton is another Marlburian who is enjoying her retirement. Knapton's Bakery was started in 1904 and closed down in June 1959. Until 1919 they used an oven under the pavement ("a jolly good oven too," said Miss Knapton), and then opened a bakehouse in a building, originally a carriage-house, in the yard. Miss Knapton's house, No. 115 was (with Nos. 111-114) formerly the Hart Inn, where Samuel Pepys is known to have stayed. The cottages behind (recently demolished) were the servants' quarters. The inn yard was traditionally known as "the old theatre" where travelling players

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

HOW OTHER PEOPLE LIVE. *The Rev. Harold Stentiford, now Minister to the Lozells and Aston Park Congregational Churches in Birmingham, writes to tell us about his parish*: To walk through the area where my Churches are set is to walk past rows and rows of drab houses: if there is a garden in front it is about the size of a postage stamp and looks as if it has seen too many stray dogs. But at night when the rooms are lit — clean and bright with flowers in the windows — one can see the courage of these people. On each street corner there is the Pub, well-lit and very Victorian in appearance. My great discovery is that though I have the care of two Churches I am not expected to run things. In both of them there are many youth activities and there are people who see to it that these activities go on. Only last evening I found all 32 of the Life Boys in the care of a girl who had done a day at the office: at the other Church one of the men was painting a door, and the church treasurer and a member of the Youth Club were decorating a room: they had simply decided it was time it was done. In another part of the building girls were holding a sewing class, and although the leader, a widow, had had to visit her son in hospital after leaving the school where she works, she had turned up to look after them. This is how these people see things: they do what needs to be done because it is the expression of what they believe.

H.S.

LIVE THEATRE. M. A. D. O. S. (Chairman: Deputy-Mayor Howard Lansley), is putting on a show this autumn for the first time for three years — an excellent farce, *Fool's Paradise* by Peter Coke. Place: the Town Hall. Time: Nov. 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Cast: Mrs. T. W. Edwards, Mrs. L. Ross, Mrs. H. Milton, Mrs. T. Clay, Mrs. B. Lansley, Mrs. B. Simpson, Mr. R. Gardner, Mr. R. White. Producer: Mr. R. Gardner. Those who see this play will find their pleasure increased by the knowledge that they are supporting a grand example of initiative and courage on the part of their fellow-townsmen.

COINCIDENCE. Mr. Anthony West, the typographer who has helped us with the lay-out of *Tower and Town*, turns out to be a great-nephew of Herbert Leaf, who was a master at the College and the town's foremost benefactor of recent years. The Borough Council was able to light up the town through Mr. Leaf's gift of an electricity installation to the College, and when he died in 1936 he left the town £15,000 and eleven cottages.

WHAT'S COOKING? Just the thing for those winter days —

Marlborough Faggots

1½ lb. pig's liver, ½ lb. fat pork, ½ pt. bread-crumbs, 2 eggs, 1 teasp. each sage, parsley, thyme and pepper, 2 teasp. salt, 1 good-sized onion, pinch of nutmeg, caul.

Mince the meat finely, mix with seasonings and steam in a basin for one hour. Cool; add the crumbs and beaten eggs. Scald the onion, chop finely and add. Beat mixture to mix well, form into balls, wrap each in a piece of caul and bake in a slow oven until nicely brown. Sheep or calves' liver may be used or a kidney may be added.—Contributed by

MRS. S. BARCHAM

What next?

High Street Changes (*from p. 9*)

acted — Shakespeare's company amongst them, so possibly even Shakespeare himself. Amongst the other ghosts, the delicious smell of newly-baked bread must now haunt Russell Square. The shop has been sold to Mr. Prout who has opened a cafe there. Miss Knapton is a distributor of *Tower and Town*.

"Dale's"

Dale's the ironmongers was already long-established when Mr. Jack Fletcher took it over in 1926. The house has a panelled room, and one day, rummaging in the cellars, Mrs. Fletcher found a collection of painted tiles showing scenes of Savernake Forest. Mrs. Fletcher and her sister Mrs. Webber (widow of a former Mayor), two very good embroideresses in a town noted for expert needle-

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St. Peter's Boys' School

The Fair and the Circus brought a lot of excitement to the school. We have an extra view because a lot of the Fair comes down from the Common on the lane beside our school.

On October 3rd Dr. Topham conducted a medical examination on the boys who were born in 1949 and 1952.

The boys who go to school dinners now cross the road at a different place because there are a lot of lorry accidents along by the surgery. We cross by Figgins Lane. M. BENCH

St. Mary's Girls' School

Mrs. Bowman our 1st Form mistress is unfortunately ill, so we now have Mrs. Norris who is taking over the 1st Form. We are also pleased to welcome Mr. Fargus, who comes every Tuesday to take Prayers and to help with our Church teaching.

We have been very fortunate with our crop of apples and have had quite a few each.

We have started country dancing again and we hope to take a team to Devizes next year. JANE LANSLEY

Marlborough Secondary Modern School

Once again Gwynne Dewick hits our headlines, this time as a candidate for International fame. He has been selected to run for England in the International Cross Country Match against France, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

News of two old pupils continues to inspire us. Norma Streader has won a County Scholarship which enables her to take a course at a school of Dramatic Art. Iris Robins, a State Registered Nurse, is now in America on a Year's Exchange Course, nursing in a New York Hospital.

A very successful Harvest Festival, a visit to see the film "The Ten Commandments" and a Fashion Show by Simplicity Patterns are three of the events which have already made this term interesting.

David Watts and Robin Palmer played for the mid-Wilts team against North Dorset when mid-Wilts defeated North Dorset 4 – 3 in the English Schoolboys Football Shield Contest.

SYLVIA HEAD

Marlborough Grammar School

One of the regular features of life in the school is the activity of some eight or nine school societies. They are always increasing in number, and hardly a day goes by without one of them holding a meeting. So great is the demand for after-school time that there is no longer time for all the societies to hold the weekly meetings most of them would like. Some of these societies, such as the Music Society, Dancing Classes and Discussion Group, work entirely within the horizons of the school, but a few, such as the History Society and Christian Fellowship depend mainly on outside speakers. The Discussion and Debating Society and the Christian Fellowship both hold occasional joint meetings with the College, and are now looking forward to one such, a Forum organised by the Christian Fellowship, at which the guest speakers will be the Rector and the Rev. Maurice Hillier, the Methodist Minister.

GRAMMARIAN

High Street Changes (from p. 10)

women, have been helping with the new hassocks for St. Mary's. Mr. Fletcher sold his business to Mr. W. F. White of Pewsey in March 1959.

"Milburn and Phillips"

When, in 1886, Miss Irene Phillips' father came as manager to the business later known as Milburn and Phillips it was at least seventy years old. Richard Howse, clock and watchmaker, advertised in the first issue of the *Marlborough Times* in 1859 that he had been established "over forty years" as a china and glass merchant. His daughter Phoebe married Joseph Milburn, then in business as an iron-monger at the premises now Nos. 8/9. On his marriage he moved to No. 139 — and also built Highfield on the Common. Mr. Phillips went into partnership with Joseph's son Ernest in 1919. Miss Phillips sold her business in June to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kearslake; and since her retirement has worked for the National Savings Movement, and on the distribution of *Tower and Town*.

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FAMILY NEWS

** Those who live at *Coombe End House* have written, through their Matron, to say thank you for the present of Harvest Festival produce, and especially for the Harvest loaf, which "was greatly enjoyed by all and made their tea a delight".

** Grateful thanks to *Mr. and Mrs. F. Blanchard* for giving the parish an invalid chair.

** Congratulations to *Carole Sheekey* on her County and inter-club swimming successes. Carole was one of our 1958 Confirmation candidates.

** In October the *Ramsbury Church Magazine* — recently chosen as one of the four best in the Diocese — paid *Tower and Town* some compliments and urged Ramsbury people to buy it. Ramsbury's editor is *Miss Hilda Lawrence.*

** *Mrs. Turner* asks for all *kneelers* to be returned to her finished by Nov. 19th, so that they can be mounted ready for the Dedication ceremony on Dec. 11th.

** This month we enclose a form suggesting that a subscription to *Tower and Town* would make a good Christmas present for that son or daughter or friend who has left Marlborough but still likes to know what goes on in parish and town. Christmas may seem a long way off still, but we have to know by Nov. 17th how many extra copies of the December number will be needed. So fill in the form soon and send it to Mr. L. T. Smith, Ashfield, Back Lane, and he will do the rest — send off the magazines each month enclosing a slip to say they come as a present from you, and arrange for your Magazine Distributor to collect the money: 8s. postage paid for twelve issues.

ROUND THE PARISH IN OUR PRAYERS—NOVEMBER

This month please ask God to bless all who live in these roads, on the Sunday named, and the week following:

1st Sunday Barn Street
2nd Sunday The Green
3rd Sunday Lainey's Close
4th Sunday "The road I live in"

"*O Heavenly Father, bless our neighbours, that they and we may share Thy Heavenly calling; through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.*"

If you know a family living in one of these roads, include their names in this prayer

The Wardens for these streets are: 1 Mrs. Chandler, 2 Miss Mabel Pearce, 3 Mrs. Ford (Nos. 1-14), Mrs. Baulch (Nos. 15-42)

HOLY BAPTISM

Sept. 18 Tina Louise Fry. Susan Jean Barugh. Martin James Cheetham. David Christopher Ponting.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Oct. 1 William Alexander James Hawkins to Barbara Sawyer.

R. I. P.

Sept. 22 Charles Masters, of Poulton Cottages.
Oct. 11 Caroline Edith Maurice, of Lower Lloran.

Youth Committee : Mrs. M. Harrison (Chairman), Forest Hill House.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARISH BREAKFAST. Twenty young people attended the first Parish Breakfast on Oct. 9th and tucked into tea, cereal, rolls and bread-and-butter with various spreads. From now on Breakfast will be served in Church Cottage every Sunday after 9 a.m. Holy Communion. All are welcome and it would be a great encouragement to the younger members of the congregation if those who have joined the adult Church during the last few years could come and give their fellowship sometimes. Dorinda Brown has undertaken to make the tea and clear up the kitchen : Geraldine Hodge and Marion Cooke are two of her helpers — but we don't want them overworked : who can help ? *we expect fifty breakfasters on Nov. 20th : Will you be there ?* M.H.

Youth Fellowship

FUN OF ALL SORTS. The winter programme began well with Music at Church Cottage and Games in the Toc H Room. Both parties then joined up to hear a recording of the *20th Century Folk Mass* which Mr. Gartside had brought. After we had practised a bit, he recorded our singing — and, it was discovered that it wasn't all that easy ! We hope to improve. *Hallow'een Party* Oct. 31st : any surplus nice eating apples could be made good use of ! Ring 651 for collection. M.H.

Brownies : 3rd Marlborough (St. Mary's) Brownie Pack, Wednesdays 4 p.m., Toc H Room. Brown Owl : Mrs. J. M. Leach, Windrush, Manton Hollow.

" FLYING-UP." We are very sorry to say goodbye to Alison Garnett and Margaret Davis who have gone to Calne to School. We also have said goodbye to Sheila Phillips who has gone up to Guides. When people go up to Guides we call it a flying-up ceremony, because they have gone up to higher classes and are seniors, if they have gained their Golden Hand (1st Class). When we have a flying-up ceremony we all go to it and the Guides too, and who ever is flying-up is introduced to their Captain. On Nov. 2nd we are going to have an open meeting to which all the parents are welcome. THE FAIRIES SIX

Men's Society : 1st Thursdays, 7.45 p.m., October to May, Toc H Room : Correspondent : Mr. G. Chilton, Merle Cottage, Kingsbury Street.

STIMULATING. Our first meeting on Oct. 6th was most stimulating. Bishop Cockin gave the first of his three talks on the work of Laymen in the Church — in other words, Christian Faith and Everyday Life. During the break for refreshments the Bishop left us, so that we could talk over what he had said " without benefit of clergy." The twelve members present thought up some questions for him on his return half-an-hour later — *how can a man gain in knowledge of religion ? . . . what is the real function of sermons ?* . . . After a general discussion of all the points raised, we went home feeling that it had been a well-spent evening, and looking forward with pleasure to the next meeting on Nov. 3rd. Please note future meetings will begin at 7.45 p.m., not 8 p.m. G.L.E.B.

C.M.S. Group : Meetings generally fortnightly. Secretary : Mr. G. Chilton, Merle Cottage, Kingsbury Street—from whom all information can be obtained.

A THRILLING STORY. On Sept. 26th Miss Priest gave us a most moving account of the work on which she and sister Pat Bennett are engaged at the hospital at Bollobhpur in East Pakistan, with inadequate supplies of drugs and equipment and, usually without a doctor ; no gas or electricity is available and kerosene is rationed. We heard of miraculous recoveries from illness which Miss Priest attributed to the prayers put up at home by friends of the hospital ; and the whole inspiring story centred around the three daily meetings for prayer in the parish church or hospital chapel.

Important Notice. The Rev. Cyril Hooper will speak to the C.M.S. Group and the Men's Society on Monday, Nov. 7th, at 8 p.m. in Toc H Room.

OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS

Young Wives' Group: 2nd and 4th Thursdays 7.30 p.m., Toc H Room. Leader: Mrs. F. B. R. Browne, The Rectory.

TERRIFIC SUCCESS! was the verdict on our Social Evening with Buffet Supper on Oct. 13th in aid of the Pestalozzi Children's Village, to which we invited Young Wives from all over the North Wilts Archdeaconry. Over 250 Young Wives were present, the Bring-and-Buy Stalls made over £40, ten knitted quilts (also for the Children's Village) were entered for competition — winners were Holy Trinity, Trowbridge. Altogether a most successful evening — good fun, and a good contribution towards our £100-by-Christmas. M.B.

Mothers' Union: 3rd Thursdays, 2.45 p.m., Toc H Room. Enrolling Member: Mrs. P. E. C. Hayman, Half Acre, Back Lane.

A NEW EXPERIENCE. The Quiet Afternoon conducted by the Rev. D. V. Galloway, Vicar of Westbury, in St. Mary's on Sept. 20th was the first held in our Deanery and was attended by 110 members from nine parishes. The service was based on Evensong, and the Address, given in two parts divided by a hymn, was a simple, helpful "meditation" on the 23rd Psalm. Afterwards we all had tea together in the Toc H Room.

Two Corrections: The *Corporate Communion* will be on Tuesday, Nov. 8th at 10.15 a.m. in St. Mary's. The *Whist Drive* will be on Friday, Nov. 11th. (Prizes wanted). Tribute is due on Nov. 17th. C. STEVENS

Bell Ringers: Practices—Friday 8 p.m., Beginners 7 p.m., St. Mary's Tower. Captain: Mr. J. Fuller, Juamar, Elcot Lane.

BELFRY NEWS. Once again the weather was very kind to us for our annual Guild outing on Sept. 24th. Two coaches left for the Ross-on-Wye area with ringers from the Marlborough and District Branch. Some very good rings were heard from towers with six or eight bells. Two more learners joined us this month: Alan Lilley (brother of a former ringer) and Diana Rolls — another ten year old. We welcome them both. We still have room for more — we want the Marlborough Christmas bells to be really something!

VALERIE FULLER

Other Organisations

Bible Reading Fellowship: Miss Mabel Pearce, 36 St. Martin's.
S.P.G.: Secretary — Mrs. R. H. Lane, 15 George Lane.
U.M.C.A.: Secretary — Mrs. D. M. Field, 64 High Street.
Diocesan Moral Welfare Association: Worker — Miss Elizabeth Nicholls, 116 High Street. (Tel. 478).

CHOIR NOTES

Goodbye. Yet another farewell — this time to David Moore, who leaves us for Cardiff University. He has been with us for over six years as Treble, Tenor, Bell-ringer and Server. We wish him well and hope to welcome him back in the Choir during his vacations.

Third Sundays. With the introduction of the Beaumont Folk Mass on 3rd Sundays, the boys in future will have the choice of attending *either* Parish Communion *or* Matins on this Sunday, whilst continuing to sing at Holy Baptism at 3 p.m. The adult members of the Choir will attend the 9 a.m. and 11.15 a.m. services as usual.

Filmstrip. The Rev. G. Fargus has promised to give the Choirboys instruction in the Holy Communion service at a practice this month, and he hopes to be able to show us a filmstrip about the service.

Harvest Apples. One of the traditional "perks" of choristers is an apple from the Harvest Festival decorations. As usual these were much enjoyed, and this year we felt we ought to include John Figgins (although not strictly entitled to it!) because he was recovering from a short illness. TREVOR GARTSIDE

FINALISTS

Some flies were having a game of football in a saucer. The captain of one team said — "Come on, chaps, play up. We're playing in the cup tomorrow!" *Ack. to St. Peter's, Barnsley.*

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FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Parishioners,

In the Creed which we say at the Holy Communion come the words " and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man." That is a tremendous thing to say.

Because this tremendous little phrase can slip off the tongue without the mind registering what it is that the lips are saying, it is usual for celebrant and people to make a tiny pause and to bow or kneel as they say it ; just as a reminder that they are saying something quite tremendous.

The Advent season serves the same purpose as this moment's pause in the Creed. It is a reminder that we are poised between two Advents, or comings, of God into this world of ours and His. We are poised between Christmas Day and a Second Coming when we shall see Him as He is, and He will see us as we are.

It would be a mistake to keep the Advent part of getting ready for Christmas in a self-conscious apartness from all the rest of it—the cards and presents and fun-and-games. Any " apartheid " which keeps our religion apart from our daily life is really a denial of the Day on which God came to dwell among us.

The preparation in Church, the preparation for Holy Communion, and the preparations at home are part of the same thing. As God's children far and wide, even the more reticent, express good will and draw nearer to their neighbours in charity, they are also drawing nearer to God.

That, perhaps, is why the great congregations of Christmas are so reverent. When we come *down* off our high horse of aloofness, we find ourselves *up* on the level of God made man in Bethlehem. So in Advent down we come.

My best wishes to you for all the many joys and blessings of Christmas

Your affectionate Rector,

FRANCIS BROWNE.

NEWS : VIEWS : COMING EVENTS

TOWER AND TOWN FOR JANUARY. If you don't get your January magazine by Dec. 31st don't think that we've forgotten to publish it. Owing to the Christmas holidays the printing can't be finished until Jan. 3rd, but everyone should have their copies by the 6th. All the services up to and including Jan. 6th are shown in the Diary on page 7.

THE NEW LIFE. *Confirmation* is a great day in anyone's life, since it is the day when a fuller Christian life begins. The candidate takes on himself the promises made long ago by his Godparents at his Baptism. When he kneels before the Bishop and the Bishop lays his hands upon him, just as the Apostles laid hands on the first converts to Christianity centuries ago, he receives the power of the Holy Spirit to lead the Christian life and is entitled henceforth to share in the family meal, the Holy Communion.

Regular preparation classes for Confirmation will begin after Christmas, but there are preliminary classes as follows: Girls on Friday, Dec. 2nd, at 7 p.m.. Boys on Friday, Dec. 9th, at 7 p.m.: both in Church Cottage.

If you should wish to be confirmed, or you have a child you wish to have confirmed, please ask one of the Clergy about it now. F.B.R.B.

WERE YOU THERE ON NOV. 16TH? If so, you won't need us to tell you what a good evening it was, from the very first sight of the long white table all candles and flowers and laden with delicious food. (The jellies and the hot sausages were a contribution from the Youth Fellowship). Competitions to heat up our brains, supper to satisfy the terrific appetites given us by all that intellectual exercise, games to relax over —the thirty hostesses, who had worked so hard under their Chairman, Mrs. F. B. R. Browne, to make the evening a success, must have had their reward when they saw how much we all enjoyed it. But we were all taught to say "thank you" after a party, and *Tower and Town* takes great pleasure in saying it now on behalf of all who were there. Of course, if you weren't there and could have gone, you are probably kicking yourself.

SEEN ANY GOOD WEEDS LATELY? Luckily we had a colour film in the camera to take all those bright jeans and stockings, blues and yellows and greens and reds, when the members of the Youth Fellowship with Mrs. Harrison attacked the weeds outside St. Mary's during the half-term holiday. It was a glorious sight from every point of view!

AN EXCITING STORY. An important "date" for all of us is the Dedication of the new kneelers on Dec. 11th at Evensong. Turn to page 15 for the whole exciting story. For the small sum of 15/- (cost of materials) anyone can have a special Memorial kneeler, embroidered with the initials of the person remembered, made by one of the workers: some of these special kneelers are among the 170 finished.

WHY MIDNIGHT? It has been the custom since the fifth century that a Sung Eucharist at midnight should be the first service on Christmas Day. It was chosen to symbolise the tradition that Christ was born at midnight. *When all the world was in profoundest quietness and night was in the midst of her swift course, Thine Almighty Word, O Lord, leaped down from heaven out of Thy royal throne* (*E.H.* 667 *from Wisdom* 18.15-16).

Don't forget that our service begins at 11.45 p.m.



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BELOVED IN CHRIST

Let us prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem, and see the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark the story of God's loving purposes and of the glorious redemption brought us by this holy child; and let us make this Parish Church, dedicated to His pure and lowly Mother, glad with our songs of praise.

But first let us pray for the needs of His whole world and for peace and goodwill over all the earth. And because this of all things would rejoice His heart, let us remember in His name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love Him not, or who by sin have grieved His heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ Himself has taught us:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen

The Almighty God bless us with His grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

From the Bidding Prayer used at the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

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Is Stephen Brown — 2 years and 10 months — the youngest regular member of our congregation? His parents bring him every Sunday to our Sung Communion service; he has been taken to the family Eucharist ever since he was five months old. We know George Brown best as the hard-worked Recorder of our Stewardship Giving; he was a Visitor during the Campaign, is on the P.C.C. and Finance Committee, belongs to the Men's Society and is a bellringer. Muriel Brown is also a bellringer (not much hope for Stephen!), is a distributor for *Tower and Town* and a member of the Young Wives' Group. The family came from the parish of St. Michael, Aldershot, when George was moved to the Marlborough branch of Barclay's Bank in 1959, just a year ago.

* *

PERSONAL POSER

I heard you say in a sermon: "Be not anxious for the morrow: everything is all right". How can I believe this when there is so much to dread?

You add to your question four specific instances of extreme pain, poverty, anxiety and loneliness.

The Gospel nowhere says that Christians are going to be comfortable or rich or admired. It merely says they need not worry and that they will be happy. Each Christian has the thrill of finding this out for himself.

The good news is full of apparent absurdities—paradoxes we call them—about people being happy or "blessed" in impossible circumstances; about losing life and finding it, and the way of the Cross (*Ugh! A Cross!*) being the way of life.

St. Paul had had the full treatment—beatings, shipwrecks, prison, wild beasts and perpetual ill-health of some kind. He writes that he is plumb sure that nothing whatever in this life or the next can separate him from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus Our Lord.

My impression is that the instances you give are not your own but that you are worried because they might be. I ask you to draw on your own experience of lesser illness, comparative poverty, loneliness and anxiety. Were you tried above that you were able? Or was the Grace of God sufficient for you? F.B.R.B.

If you have a Personal Poser which you would like answered on this page, send it to the Rector, giving your name and address, which will not be printed.

TWENTIETH CENTURY FOLK MASS

THE REV. GEOFFREY BEAUMONT WRITES TO TREVOR GARTSIDE

It is good to hear that you are going to do the *Twentieth Century Folk Mass* at Marlborough. I cannot help feeling that you must have all the right ideas about it if the P.C.C. has given it a unanimous vote.

Bringing One New Person Each Time

This music was not written as a gimmick to attract young people to church. It is, however, meant to help the new-comer once he has been persuaded to come to church and to the Eucharist. It always seems to me a pity that someone who is struggling to learn the Faith and its relevance both to eternity and to his life here and now, should have immediately to wrestle with music in an unfamiliar idiom. The repetitions may get boring to the regular congregation, but if each member brings one new person each time I think he will realise its importance.

No-One Can Spoil The Music

There is no intrinsic merit in the music itself—so you can tell your congregation, from me if you like, (I always tell mine) that they cannot spoil the music however rancid anyone may think his voice is. On the other hand they can spoil the corporate offering of the Eucharist by not trying to join in.

For Every Day

I hope too that they will find something in the music that reminds them of their everyday lives: It is our everyday lives which we believe God wants offered to Him so that He can cleanse, transform and fortify them, and not always and only some special part of ourselves which we keep for church.

If We "Know Our Stuff"

You may find that it is those who are afraid of compromising themselves by coming to church who will object most strongly on the grounds of irreverence or even blasphemy; but I have frequently found that the older members of the congregation who "know their stuff" appreciate the opportunity of associating the Presence of Our Lord with their likes and dislikes, loves and hates, as well as the places, activities and people which He came to redeem.

Is Anything Worthy?

Of course, the music is not worthy of the worship of God; and part of its value may be that it reminds us that neither are we, nor is any other music we use, nor is the Parish or its homes, its industries, its public services, and it is on behalf of all this and more that we offer the sacrifice of the only Perfection the world has ever known, and ourselves in His wounded side.

Geoffrey Beaumont

October, 1960



DIARY FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS



The Churches are now being used alternately for the Sunday services at 8 a.m., 11.15 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Sundays Dec. 4th, 18th (except Evensong) and Jan. 1st: St. Peter's; Sundays Dec. 11th and 25th: St. Mary's. All other services in St. Mary's.

PREPARATION IN ADVENT

Dec.

4th ADVENT II. Admission of Choir Boys at Evensong. (*The Parish, especially the Bible Reading Fellowship*).

7th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Marriage Guidance Councils*).

8th Thursday. **Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Teachers' Training Colleges*).

11th ADVENT III. Dedication of Kneelers at Evensong; also Congregational Practice for the Beaumont Folk Mass. (*Those preparing for Ordination*).

14th Wednesday. **Ember Day.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Salisbury Theological College*).

18th ADVENT IV. Parish Communion 9 a.m.: St. Mary's. Congregational Matins 11.15 a.m.: St. Peter's. **Blessing of the Crib 3 p.m.**; Evensong (said) 6.30 p.m.: **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols 7 p.m.**; all in St. Mary's. (*The Parish: Our Christmas Services and the lapsed*).

19th Monday. Marlborough Grammar School Carol Service 2.15 p.m.: St. Mary's.

21st Wednesday. **St. Thomas A.M.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*For faith*).

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

25th CHRISTMAS DAY
Midnight Holy Communion (sung) 11.45 p.m.: St. Mary's.
Holy Communion 6.30 a.m. (St. Mary's), 8 a.m. (St. Peter's), 9 a.m. (said) (St. Mary's), 12 noon (St. Peter's).
Choral Matins 11 a.m.: St. Peter's (note change of time).
Congregational Evensong with Carols 6.30 p.m.: St. Mary's.
(*Thanksgiving for the Incarnation*).

26th Monday. **St. Stephen M.** Holy Communion 11.0 a.m.: St. Peter's. Transport can be arranged by telling the Clergy. (*Thanksgiving for vigour offered to God*).

27th Tuesday. **St. John A.E.** Holy Communion 8 a.m. St. Mary's. (*Thanksgiving for age and learning offered to God*).

28th Wednesday. **Innocents' Day.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Thanksgiving for youth and innocence offered to God*).

Jan.

1st FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS. **Circumcision of Our Lord.** Festal Evensong 6.30 p.m. (*Thanksgiving for* 1960: *confidence in* 1961).

4th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Diocese of Salisbury: William our Bishop*).

6th Thursday. **Feast of the Epiphany.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Thanksgiving for the wideness of God's mercy*).

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HOW OLD-FASHIONED IS CHRISTMAS ?

Old-Fashioned or a new gimmick: what can we make of our stream-lined modern life — supermarket, self-service store, "contemporary" look — trimmed up with Christmas trees, garlands of holly and mechanical carols? In the general uncertainty some people "hate Christmas", others speak as though it were a racket invented by tradesmen to milk their customers.

Here in Marlborough two Christmas trees provided by the Chamber of Trade will flank the Town Hall, and at the Chamber's request many shopkeepers will put up their own trees. A week before Christmas we shall see the fronts of our old houses pin-pointed with lights that lead the eye up to those glittering trees at the end of the High Street where the dark tower of St. Mary's church looms up behind the Town Hall.

Gimmick or not, designed or not to bring trade, to encourage spending on presents and cards and food and drink, these lighted trees — effective even under the sodium arc lamps, enchanting in the late afternoon when the lamps themselves, newly lit, glow like enormous oranges in the dusk — arouse in us subconscious memories of great antiquity.

Lest the Sun should Die

How old-fashioned is all this? It goes back much further in time than the birth of Christ; so far in fact that there are no records of where and when our ancestors began to light bonfires and decorate their houses with evergreen at Midwinter. But we know they believed that the Sun was dying as the hours of daylight grew fewest and that they could keep it alive by imitating its fires on earth; that the life of the dormant seeds could be protected and encouraged by the ritual use of living, ever green branches.

With the coming of Christianity these ancient ecremonies were taken over by the Church: "*the Spring Gods became identified with Christ and the birthday of the Sun with the birthday of the Light of the World*".

The Evergreen Bough

So the evergreen boughs which had adorned the temples and groves of the heathen gods were to be found decorating our churches after the conversion of England in 597, as they still do today. For many centuries evergreen wreaths embellished the outsides of houses — a custom revived lately in the holly garlands tied with scarlet ribbons which we hang on our doors. That essentially English decoration, the Kissing Bough, has also come back into our homes: an evergreen crown or sphere brilliant with candles, glass balls and polished apples, finished off with a bunch of mistletoe — tradition says one kiss for each berry. But the Christmas Tree from Germany, probably of pre-Roman origin, which became popular in England only after the Prince Consort had introduced it at Windsor in 1841, is now our favourite evergreen.

The giving of presents on the birth day of the gods was part of the Saturnalia, the winter festival which the Romans kept at the time when Christ was born.

Even our traditional food goes back a long way: mince pies were eaten in Shakespeare's England; Christmas pudding was so-called by 1670 and had been known as "plum porridge" before that.

Where the Carols came from

The carols came to us from the mystery plays which at first, in the thirteenth century, were acted in church. One of these was the Office of the Shepherds, performed on Christmas Eve, when the shepherds were played by the clergy, carrying crooks and accompanied by real dogs and sheep, and the angelic host by the choir. In another, about the slaughter of the Innocents, the Innocents were unaccountably played by choirboys. Later these plays were acted on a stage or wagon in the market place — in Marlborough

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

LANDMARK IN LOCAL HISTORY. *We are greatly indebted to Major R. K. Henderson for this review of Mr. Stedman's book, which was published at the end of last month.*

Marlborough and the Upper Kennet Country: A. R. Stedman

Here is the book that many have waited for through the years — an accurate scholarly history of Marlborough and the surrounding country. Waylen's history of the town is dated 1854, F. E. Hulme's history was published in 1881, while the history of the College is 37 years out-of-date. Scrappy notes occur in various Guides, while Christopher Hughes's delightful story of the Borough whets the appetite for something more solid.

Here are some 400 pages divided into 33 chapters. Start where you like and you will fall under the spell of the narrative if you have the least liking for Marlborough and its country. We have the good fortune to live in an area of great historical interest.

Here you can trace Marlborough from the dawn of history and follow the fortunes of the great families who once controlled the destiny of the inhabitants. Here we have the panorama of life in the middle ages. Later comes a good account, drawn mainly from contemporary sources, of the Great Fire of 1653. We can see the working of the Marlborough Courts and the story of the Grammar School — so ably told by Mr. Stedman in a previous book now out of print. A chapter on village industries, notably those of Aldbourne, is of much interest.

The story of the rise of the College, once spurned as a bankrupt institution and now the dominant factor in the life of the town, is well told, while local educational progress, if slow at times, has changed the outlook of the Kennet valley.

There are as illustrations some unusual drawings and prints and a careful map, drawn by Miss V. Daw.

This, then, is a book of outstanding interest and importance which will not be superseded for many a long day. It is the work, I believe, of over twelve years of fact collection.

R. K. Henderson.

Available from the author at the Grammar School, price 42s. wrapped ready for posting; or from the bookshops.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED. *What is the Chamber of Trade?* The Chamber is an association of traders whose object is to act for the benefit of its members and for the good of the town. Its only funds are the subscriptions paid by the members and from these funds all expenditure whether charitable or otherwise is met. As a town we owe to it, among other things, many outings and parties for the old folk, the production of at least three editions of a Borough Guide (of which a large number of copies are supplied free to the Borough Council every year to send out in response to postal requests from would-be visitors), the provision of the Coronation decorations for the High Street, and — so important that we now take it completely for granted — permission to park without lights in the centre of the High Street, a concession which the Chamber successfully fought for in 1935. Through its affiliation with the National Chamber of Trade, our Chamber is a staunch supporter of the rights of the private trader.

PROPHET WITH HONOUR? When Mr. Maurice Brown, Science Master at Marlborough Grammar School, and world expert on the composer Schubert, lectured at the Nottingham Schubert Festival last month, every seat was sold out in advance. When are we going to have the pleasure of hearing Mr. Brown lecture in Marlborough?

WHAT'S COOKING?

For Christmas night —

Lamb's Wool

1 quart of good nut-brown ale, 1 stick cinnamon, ¼ of a nutmeg grated, ½ teaspoon ground ginger, 1 pint sweet white wine; 3 small baked apples or the equivalent in weight of crab apples, moist brown sugar.

Heat the ale, spices and wine slowly together. Mash the apples and pour the ale over them, first removing the cinnamon. Strain through a sieve or aluminium strainer, pressing well. Reheat, adding sugar to taste.

This is a modified form of a recipe used at the Royal Court in the seventeenth century. The apples used then were crabs; "When roasted crabs hiss in the bowl" wrote Shakespeare of this steaming syrup.

Potent? We don't know yet — we're going to find out!

Infants' School

We are going to have a Christmas concert. I am going to be Joseph. Ann is going to be Mary, and Mummy is coming to the concert. We hope we are going to have it on the last Friday of the term.

STEPHEN BROWN

(We wish our readers could see Stephen's nice handwriting. Ed.)

St. Peter's Boys' School

On Nov. 7th Mr. Hooper of the Church Missionary Society came to the school to give us a talk on his journeys to other lands. He told us about a village in Africa and how they taught the children, and the way of life in the village.

We have just started our carols for the carol festival at the Marlborough College Chapel which will be held on Dec. 13th. Many other schools will be taking part at this occasion.

On Nov. 4th the photographer came and took our photographs. We all were taken and we hope they look all right.

M. BENCH

Marlborough Grammar School

The School Drama Society are very busy at the moment preparing for their production in December. This Society was revived last year, when it put on three one-act plays. This year's production is to be *The Miser*, a translation of Moliere's *L'Avare*, with Howard Weston as Harpagon and Christine Willder as Elise. Those who saw last year's production will remember Weston's performance as the irrepressible clown in *The Invisible Duke*. Two members of St. Mary's parish are in the cast this year: Ian Reeve and Tim Williams. The producer is Mr. Gardner. The play will be performed in the Town Hall on Dec. 7th and 8th.

GRAMMARIAN

BREATHLESS

A temperance reformer was conducting her campaign outside a public house. As a man came out of the door, breathing heerily, she put her hand on his arm and said "Reflect — if you arrive at the gates of Heaven with your breath reeking of liquor, do you think St. Peter will let you in?"

"My good woman", said the man, "when I go to Heaven I expect to leave my breath behind!"

Ack. to *The Pylon*, Plumstead.

YOU'RE RIGHT IN THE GROOVE!

An anonymous tribute from a reader:

We find it here, we find it there,
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With apologies to *The Scarlet Pimpernel.*

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it may have been on the Green. Comic interludes were interspersed, and we find that the familiar themes of to-day — jokes about the weather, about taxes, about nagging wives — were just as familiar then: no doubt they too are older than Christmas itself.

The Coventry Carol, which we still sing, is from one of the mystery plays which were acted in Coventry. Carols, in fact, were part of Christmas for four centuries, going "underground" when the Puritans abolished them but not quite dying out, and rescued in the nick of time in the mid-nineteenth century by diligent researchers who noted down the singing and oral memories of elderly people.

In the later eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries Christmas music (but not carols) was played in the streets by "waits" — paid bands of musicians drawn from the town watchmen. Later, carols, rediscovered, were sung around the town by both secular and religious choirs, sometimes accompanied by musical instruments or by handbells. They were not sung again in Church until, in 1878, Bishop Benson of Truro created the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols and invited the townsfolk of Truro to come to the Cathedral and take part in it. That was the start of the service, made famous by the choir of King's College, Cambridge, and now familiar everywhere, which we hold here in our parish church on the Sunday before Christmas.

Even if there are two Christmasses

All that we do in Marlborough at Christmas time as a community, for whatever reason, links us with the Marlboroughs of all the past centuries, and if there are, as someone has said, two Christmasses now-a-days — the believer's and the non-believer's — both are festivals with roots deep as life itself. J.B.

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FAMILY NEWS

** *The Rector* writes: On my way home from Lee Abbey I called to see *Canon Swann* at Combe Florey. It was very good to hear him laugh and say that his top half was very well. He was busy adding a rose to a series of flower portraits which he is making in water-colour. Though very lame on a painful leg, he took me all round their lovely garden. It happened that Mrs. Swann was out, but Canon Swann asked me to convey greetings and good wishes from them both to you all.

** We are always glad to print on this page news of members of our Church Family who have left Marlborough. Send suggestions to Miss J. Barton at the White Horse Bookshop by the 10th of the month for publication in the next month's issue.

** Those who have heard that some weeks ago *Miss Marjorie Pearce* had a purse stolen from her shopping bag in church will be glad to read a contradiction of the story that this occurred during the 9 a.m. Holy Communion service. The money was, in fact, taken on a Saturday morning when Miss Pearce was arranging the church flowers. Acting on her description of two strangers who had been in the church at the time, the police later caught up with the alleged thieves, but were unable to prove a charge against them.

** Perhaps some *Tower and Town* news will interest the many readers who have so kindly expressed their good wishes for its success. At the time of going to press the total number of subscribers is 550: in addition, a further 70 copies of the November issue were sold either in the two churches or in the bookshops. There are now 30 Distributors who are looked after by two Supervisors, *Miss I. Phillips* and *Miss G. Hilliard.*

** It's not too late to give a subscription to *Tower and Town* as a Christmas present (as we suggested in our last issue) starting with the January number. If you have lost the form, a postcard to *Mr. L. T. Smith*, Ashfield, Back Lane, will do instead.

ROUND THE PARISH IN OUR PRAYERS—DECEMBER

This month ask God to bless all who live in these roads, on the Sunday named, and the week following:

1st Sunday	Cherry Orchard	3rd Sunday	Hyde Lane
2nd Sunday	Chimmage Close	4th Sunday	"The road I live in"
	1st Sunday in January	Sebastopol Square	

"*O Heavenly Father, bless our neighbours, that they and we may share Thy Heavenly calling; through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen*".

If you know a family living in one of these roads include their names in this prayer. The Wardens for these streets are: 1 Mrs. Spanswick (Nos. 1–28), Mrs. Westall (Nos. 29–60). 2 Mrs. Bedbrook. 3 Mrs. Neale. 5 Mrs. J. Smart.

HOLY BAPTISM

Oct. 16th Katrina Dawn Heath. Andrew Clements. Debra Kim Ainsley.

R. I. P.

Oct. 15th Eva Hilda Stevens, of Wheatlands, Five Stiles Road.
Oct. 21st Florence Ellen Mills, of 26 St. John's Close.

PARISH PRAYERS No. 4. *An Advent Prayer . . .*

Almight and Eternal God, Who didst send Thine only begotten Son that our eyes might see, our ears hear and our hands handle the Word of Life, the everlasting Christ: That which the Scriptures openly declare, grant us most joyfully to believe; through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*

Based on 1st Epistle of St. John, Chapter 1

Brownies: 3rd Marlborough (St. Mary's) Brownie Pack, Wednesdays 4 p.m., Toc H Room. Brown Owl: Mrs. J. M. Leach, Windrush, Manton Hollow.

OUR OPEN NIGHT. On Nov. 2nd we had an Open Night to show the parents what we do at Brownies. The Commissioner and Mrs. Browne came too. We acted the Brownie story, had some games and did some activities. The Commissioner enrolled four new Brownies, Marilyn Witts, Catherine Mundy, Lindy Eyles and Lynne Bensley. We gave them a Grand Howl. We ended with our usual prayers and Grace and Brownie Bells. The evening was a great success.

The Brownies wish you all a happy Christmas. THE ELVES

Youth Committee: Mrs. M. Harrison (Chairman), Forest Hill House.

DOWN TO EARTH! Seventeen young people attacked the weeds surrounding St. Mary's during the school half-term, on the only fine morning during that week. The job isn't quite finished yet, but if the weather is kind another attack will be made during the Christmas holidays.

Meetings continue to be held on Mondays in Toc H Room and on Tuesdays in Church Cottage. Keep an eye on the notices. M.H.

C.M.S. Group: Secretary—Mr. G. Chilton, Merle Cottage, Kingsbury Street.

THIRD GENERATION MISSIONARY. Like his father and grandfather before him, Cyril Hooper was a missionary in Kenya, until four years ago he became C.M.S. Youth Secretary. In this capacity he visited Marlborough on Nov. 6th and 7th, preaching at Matins and Evensong, and speaking to St. Mary's and St. Peter's Schools. To a combined meeting of the C.M.S. Group and the Men's Society he showed slides of Kenya, including some of an Approved School which boasts an Old Boys' Association! His interesting and witty talk impressed upon us the need for the outpouring of prayers that more men and more money may become available for the mission field, and for Kenya in particular at this critical time. G.C.

Young Wives' Group: 2nd and 4th Thursdays 7.30 p.m., Toc H Room. Leader: Mrs. F. B. R. Browne, The Rectory.

MAINLY SINGING. We have had two very good meetings this month. The Mayor and Mayoress gave us a talk on their trip to America, illustrated with colour-slides. At our last meeting Mr. Gartside told us about the Beaumont Folk Mass and, after playing us excerpts, recorded our first efforts at singing it, which were far better than we expected. The evening closed with Carol singing, and we arranged to organise a family carol-singing party on Thursday, Dec. 22nd. Our Whist Drive on Nov. 3rd raised £9 10s. for the Pestalozzi Children's Village, bringing our total to £69 10s. M.B.

Men's Society: 1st Thursdays, 7.45 p.m., Toc H Room. Correspondent: Mr. C. Chilton.

1860 AN AGE OF BELIEF — what about 1960? Speaking of today's lack of faith, Bishop Cockin, at our second meeting, said that if we were to make our faith effective for ourselves and others we must know what we believed. From the ensuing discussion three vital questions emerged: How Christian in fact had the past generations been in view of conditions in our large towns a century ago? What is the role of the Church in the Welfare State? What is the meaning of the phrase "religious capital," on which many people live today? Talking it over with the Bishop, one of the important conclusions we reached was that the end of the need to "feed the poor" gave the Church its opportunity to show what it really had to give. Next month: *How Belief Works from Monday to Friday.* It isn't often laymen get the chance of a no-holds barred discussion with a Bishop—don't miss it! D.J.T.

U.M.C.A.: Secretary—Mrs. D. M. Field, 64 High Street.

FROM LIVINGSTONE TO FATHER HUDDLESTON. The Universities Mission to Central Africa, which covers five dioceses, started with Livingstone, and has Fr. Huddleston as its newest Bishop. Nyasaland was being ravaged by the slave trade and tribal wars when, in 1860, Livingstone appealed to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge to send out a missionary expedition: now its Cathedral, built entirely by African workers, on Likoma island where witches used to be burned, has a congregation of 2,000 each Sunday morning.

OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS

The diocese of Northern Rhodesia, staffed by twenty-four priests, one doctor, ten laymen and twenty women (teachers, nurses, welfare workers), is roughly the size of France and Spain put together and has about 2,000,000 African and 50,000 European inhabitants.

In the Zanzibar diocese the great aim has been the creation of an African Church, and there are now thirty-seven African priests and six deacons. Zanzibar Cathedral stands on the site of the old slave-market.

The newest diocese, S.W. Tanganyika, lies across the main Cape-to-Cairo road and occupies a strategic place in the future development of Africa. Work among lepers in the Masasi diocese was started by an Englishwoman who was herself a leper. It is as Bishop of Masasi that Fr. Huddleston is soon to be consecrated.

Free leaflets about the work and needs of U.M.C.A. are always in the literature racks in both our churches — also the Mission's lively illustrated magazine, *Central Africa* (3d. monthly) and the children's *African Tidings* (2d. monthly).

One easy way to help — send on your magazines and newspapers to those who go out to serve in the Mission: they often feel isolated and out of touch. The secretary will be glad to arrange for you to be given the name and address of a suitable recipient — and this makes an interesting personal link with missionary work.

D. M. FIELD

CHOIR NOTES

Welcome to Howard Cripps, a new probationer. At Evensong on Dec. 4th four probationers will be admitted as full choristers and will receive their surplices.

Thank you to Nicholas Hinton and Nicholas Maurice of the College for giving us a lead last month with the Beaumont Folk Mass. Hinton was Senior Chorister of Salisbury Cathedral, and Maurice is the son of Dr. T. K. Maurice of our parish.

Carols. The Choir does not visit the homes in the parish to sing carols, but sings its Christmas music in Church, mainly at the Carol Service. We welcome parents of all present choristers, and especially all former members of the choir to that service, for which the choir has been working very hard.

Reminder that Matins on Christmas Day is at 11 a.m., not 11.15, at St. Peter's, so please remember to be in plenty of time.

TREVOR GARTSIDE

EMBROIDERY STORY

The *Young Wives* thought of it; Mrs. F. B. R. Browne met Mrs. Henry Turner in a train; the P.C.C. voted some money; and now we have 170 embroidered kneelers for St. Mary's. That sounds like a game of Consequences — except that it hasn't been a game, but a real imaginative labour of love.

In January ten Young Wives began to learn the stitches. By the end of the month sixty people had signed on, mostly from our own congregation, but a few from Mrs. Turner's classes at Chiseldon and Ludgershall: some of the Chiseldon workers had children who had been confirmed in St. Mary's.

Statistics: 1. The work was organised by Mrs. Browne, Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Gladwin (treasurer). 2. £25 came from a legacy to the Church; £50 was voted by the P.C.C. 3. Nine different designs by Mr. and Mrs. Turner and Miss Fasken, with five different backgrounds, have been used. 4. It took the organisers three-quarters of an hour to prepare each kneeler for working. 5. At the beginning Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Gladwin and Mrs. Webber spent three days a week teaching. 6. Ten people have been busy at the not-so-interessing but vital job of backing, filling and sewing up the completed kneelers. 7. A runner for the altar rails, designed by Mr. Turner, is being worked by Miss Knapton, Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Gladwin: it is in three sections each 5' 10" long. 8. Mr. Guy Barton has designed two special kneelers for use at Confirmations and weddings. 9. The kneelers will be dedicated at Evensong on Dec. 11th.

But — to quote Mrs. Turner — 170 kneelers are only "a drop in the ocean" in St. Mary's: so embroideresses are still needed to finish the job.

J.B.

Other Organisations

Bible Reading Fellowship: Miss Mabel Pearce, 36 St. Martin's.

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