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MARLBOROUGH

Tower and Town

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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,

It should still be Christmastide when you read this letter — just. From a happy Christmas may there spring a happy new year for you all and for our parish. But first we should say grace for what we have received as a family in 1960 : I am thinking especially of the fruits of the Stewardship Campaign, of the new magazine, and the new life evident in many parish organisations.

Since I last wrote to you we have had our first Parish Communion with the Folk Mass Music. I am hesitant about commenting on this because one should not try to evaluate a spiritual experience — and there seems no doubt that we were caught up in an act of worship greater than any we had dared to imagine. So far I have met no-one who was disappointed or offended ; but many who are very grateful. It was an odd and happy coincidence that, on the choirboys' first attendance at this service, both the Cantors (to whom we owe so much) should have the name of Nicholas, patron of choirboys.

There is an important announcement on page 2 about where our services are to be held in future. The organ at St. Peter's has now reached a stage of dilapidation that no routine maintenance can hope to put right. It would cost at least £300 to make a reverent use of the organ possible. The P.C.C. has decided — it was a hard, though unanimous decision — that we are not justified in spending such a sum on ourselves for what is not a necessity. This hard decision will at least ensure that in future

everyone will know just where to go without having to refer to a list of services.

I have room here for only the briefest mention of two great parish projects, but you will find more about them on pages 6 and 7. One is the addition of more church families to the arbitrary list on which last year's Stewardship Campaign was based. The other is the proposal for a St. Mary's Guild supplementary to the Mothers' Union.

I hope that during the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (see page 3) each of you will join with our fellow Christians of other churches in at least one of the weekday observances which have been arranged.

I commend these three projects to your faith and prayers.

Your sincere friend and Rector,

FRANCIS BROWNE.

DIARY FOR JANUARY

SUNDAY SERVICES : *An Important Change.* **From Jan. 8th the 8 a.m. Holy Communion service will always be in St. Peter's. All the other services—9 a.m. Holy Communion, 11.15 a.m. Family Service (3rd Sundays), and Evensong—will always be in St. Mary's.**

Wednesday. Jan. 18th—Wednesday. Jan. 25th : WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY. *Details of all Services are to be found on page 3 opposite.*

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*).
8th	EPIPHANY I. Preacher at 6.30 p.m. : The Rev. Tom Pelham. (*The Parish. The Dornakal Diocese, India*).
11th	Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Coombe End House*).
15ht	EPIPHANY II. Parish Communion 9 a.m. Congregational Matins 11.15 a.m. Family Service and Holy Baptism 3 p.m. (*The Parish, especially TOWER AND TOWN*).
18th	Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Christian Unity* : *the Roman Catholic Church*).
22nd	EPIPHANY III. (*The Parish and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*).
25th	Wednesday. **Conversion of St. Paul, A.M.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Christian Unity* ; *the Free Churches*).
29th	SEPTUAGESIMA. (*The Parish, especially those preparing for Confirmation*).

Special Intentions at Holy Communion are printed in italics

SAINT OF THE MONTH — ST. PAUL. Many of us have learnt about him lately in the Sunday T.V. programme " Paul of Tarsus ". Jew of Asia Minor, Roman citizen, tent-maker by trade, zealous Pharisee and persecutor of Christians, he was on his way to Damascus to arrest all the Christians there when he saw a vision of Jesus, and was converted. He became the great apostle to the Gentiles. He is often linked with St. Peter in church dedications, as he is in our parish, and his emblem is a sword.

BISHOP COCKIN writes:

ARE YOU THINKING.

"I can't see why some people go on making this continual fuss about Reunion: After all, we live on very good terms with our Free Church neighbours: we even have a joint service from time to time. What more do we want?

Ask any missionary. He will tell you that when he preaches the gospel of the reconciliation of all men to God through Christ, he is met with the all too obvious retort — Why not try a little reconciliation among Christians first?

Ask any priest working on a housing estate. He will tell you what the outsider says about running two or three separate churches, which look to him like branches of competing chain-stores.

That is why in this week we need to be reminded of the sinful waste—spiritual as well as financial — of our continued division. Of course we don't pray for Unity only in this one week. But this week is a way of reminding ourselves that we ought to be praying for Unity all the time.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 1960

January 18th — January 25th

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

Wednesday, Jan. 18th	Congregational Church 7 p.m. Address by the Methodist Minister, the Rev. Maurice Hillier.
Thursday, Jan. 19th	St. Mary's 7 p.m. Evensong.
Sunday, Jan. 22nd	St. Mary's 11.15 a.m. Preacher: The Congregational Minister, the Rev. W. C. Gribble. St. Mary's 6.30 p.m. Preacher: The Methodist Minister, the Rev. Maurice Hillier. The Rector will preach in the Methodist Church at 11 a.m. and in the Congregational Church at 6.30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 24th	Methodist Church 7 p.m. Address by the Congregational Senior Deacon, Mr. H. J. Sawyer.

OIKUMENE is a Greek word meaning "the whole habitable globe": our English word *ecumenical* comes from it. In this emblem used by the World Council of Churches the ark surmounted by the Cross symbolises the Church and its world - wide mission.



A PRAYER FOR UNITY. O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst to Thine Apostles: Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: regard not our sins but the faith of Thy Church; and vouchsafe to grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to Thy will: Who livest and reignest God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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LINDA MACKRILL and SUSAN HACKER



ANOTHER proof that "church workers" are very often young, pretty and full of beans. Linda and Susan have taught in the Junior Sunday School for the last four years. meet together once a week to discuss their work, are regular communicants at St. Mary's. Linda serves on the Youth Fellowship Committee. Marlborough born - and - bred, since leaving the Secondary Modern School, she has been a saleswoman at *Gidens*. Susan, also an Old Girl of M.S.M.S., lived in Swindon until she was twelve; now works there for Loveday and Loveday. For these two lively people teaching Sunday School certainly isn't a case of "nothing better to do" — except in the sense of "nothing more worth doing".

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PERSONAL POSER

I have only just started coming to Church again and have forgotten what I was taught when I was confirmed. How do I prepare myself for Holy Communion?

Bless you; I think you have already done the best part of your preparation because you are obviously sincere. The service, you know, starts with a prayer for sincerity: it is sometimes called the "Collect for Purity", but people will get "purity" mixed up with "chastity", so the Collect for Sincerity is a better name for it. And we start with that because it's hopeless to try to put on an act before God.

Firstly: there may be something to do with your duty to God, or to your neighbour, that you ought to attend to. For the present I should advise asking yourself in each connection just two questions: *What is the most important thing I have left undone? What is the thing I am most ashamed of having done?*

Then tell God you are sorry for having hurt Him in this way. Do what you can to put it right. Then you can heave a sigh of relief because that is over and done with.

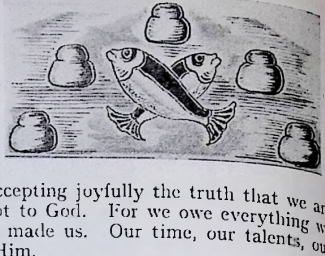
Do that a few days before you come. Then, on Saturday night, find hymn No. 316 in the English Hymnal—"Just as I am"—and pray it slowly. That is important.

Find the Communion service in your Prayer Book: just after the prayer for the Church there are three Exhortations. Read the last paragraph of the first one. If, but only if, you think this applies to you, you may have to put in another Poser. F.B.R.B.

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ARE YOU ASKING QUESTIONS about CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP?

Perhaps these are some of them



What is it? It is realising and accepting joyfully the truth that we are all — and always — in debt to God. For we owe everything we have and are to Him. He made us. Our time, our talents, our possessions all come from Him.

How do we show we understand this? By giving in three ways:
Giving ourselves to God in worship.
Giving our time and our skills and abilities in the service of His Church.
Giving our possessions, through the medium of money, for the extension of His kingdom in this parish and throughout the world.

How do I know how much to give? Will you miss 6d. or 1/- a week? If you will, that is your figure. If you won't, go on trying with 2/6, 5/-, 10/- and so on, until you hit a figure that will really cost you something. Then you will feel that all your income is being blessed and that you are taking a real, not a token, part in the world-wide mission of Christ in His Church.

Who decides? Each decides for himself, after asking God in prayer for help to do what is right.

What do I do with my envelopes? Bring them to Church Sunday by Sunday. There they are taken up to the Altar and offered to God.

Why was I left out when Stewardship started? That was the fault of those of us who organised the campaign: there were big gaps in our records. But we had to go ahead — and those who never make a mistake never make anything. Gradually we hope to invite everyone to join in.

PERHAPS YOU ARE ALREADY WISHING YOU COULD PLEDGE AND ARE ONLY WAITING TO BE ASKED? WE DO HOPE SO

But there are always Pledge Cards at the West End of the Church and our Stewardship Chairman, Mr. D. J. Turner, will gladly arrange for one of our Visitors to help you at any time. Mr. Turner's address is 33 George Lane.

A Prayer: *Dear Lord, I am not my own but Thine: teach me above all things to do Thy holy will. Amen.*

MOTHERS' UNION AND ST. MARY'S GUILD. Two very important, though unrelated, changes in our Branch of the Mothers' Union have arrived simultaneously. The one we have staved off for as long as possible and accept reluctantly; the other we welcome on the wind of change. The first is the *Retirement of Mrs. Hayman*, who owing to increasing commitments feels that she ought to retire as Enrolling Member of our Branch, which she has served for twelve years. She will continue to act as Presiding Member for the Marlborough Deanery. The second is a *New Plan*. When the Committee met to consider their recommendation to the Rector for a new enrolling Member, they had in mind the fighting address given by Bishop Bayne at the Albert Hall and the subsequent correspondence in the Press about the composition of the M.U. Feeling that the chief parish organisation for women should be not less comprehensive than that for men, they decided unanimously to suggest that the Branch should continue under the title "Mothers' Union and St. Mary's Guild", with the membership thrown open to all women on the Electoral Roll of the parish, and to invite Mrs. F. B. R. Browne to be the new Leader. *How It Will Start.* This new venture will be debated at a Coffee Evening on Tuesday, Jan. 17th, at 7.30 p.m. in the Court Room of the Town Hall. If you think the plan is wise and promising, or even if you have doubts about it which you would like discussed, please make a note of the day and come along. F.B.R.B.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES. For Boys —Tuesday, Jan. 10th, at 7 p.m. in the Rectory. For Girls—Friday, Jan. 6th, at 7 p.m. in Church Cottage.

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION. At the 9 a.m. Holy Communion Service on Sunday we always sing a verse of a hymn after the Epistle. This is called the "Gradual" (from the Latin word meaning "a step") and is supposed to be sung while a little procession goes out to read the Gospel. This is to remind us of the missionary work, at home and abroad, to which the Church and we as members of it stand committed. When you see server and celebrant come down to the chancel steps to read the Gospel you will be reminded of Our Lord's command to us to take the Gospel to others. We need that reminder week by week. F.B.R.B.

P.C.C. REPORT. Thirty members were present at the meeting on Nov. 30th when the discussion of a varied agenda was markedly lively. *St. Peter's Organ* was finally judged to be too unmusical to be used; owing to conflicting expert opinions, it was decided not to spend any more money on it at present and to hold only non-choral services there from the end of this year. The *Stewardship Chairman* gave us details of the "follow-up campaign" which would be launched in the New Year. The Publications Chairman reported a rise in the cost of production of TOWER AND TOWN and the Council unanimously decided to allot £100 per annum to the *Publications Committee*; agreeing that the success of the magazine was so great that this sum could be regarded as equivalent to a payment to Home Missions. The *Finance Committee* was bidden, as a matter of urgency, to consider payment by the Parish of some of the expenses incurred by the clergy in the performance of their duties—e.g. postages, telephone, car journeys. As an experiment it was decided to hold the *Annual Church Meeting* on Mar. 9th in the Court Room of the Town Hall. Not unconnected with this was the appointment of a *Public Relations Officer*. No prizes are offered for guessing his identity. W.F.H.

LENT WEDDINGS. A wedding is an occasion for festivity and rejoicing: Lent is a season of abstinence and discipline. As far as possible church people arrange for weddings outside the Lent season; and this is a rule of the Church. Where hardship or substantial personal inconvenience would follow on a rigid insistence on this rule—as with Service men posted abroad, or holiday dates which are intractable—the incumbent uses his pastoral discretion and does his best to help those involved. He assumes that, as the parties wish to be married in Church, they will readily understand that floral decoration of the Church and peals from the tower are out of place during Lent. F.B.R.B.

WEEKDAYS — the Holy Communion Service at 7.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and on Saints' Days takes only half-an-hour. It is always in St. Mary's unless a special announcement is made to the contrary.

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OVERS THAT ARE OVER

F. B. R. BROWNE

MY BOWLING action has always seemed to me to be an ordinary, if not an elegant one. But everyone else says that I bowled off the wrong foot. Certainly there used to be a gasp and sudden buzz of talk when I bowled my first ball on a strange ground.

"Tishy"

It was this peculiar action which saddled me with my cricketing nickname. There is an odd coincidence connected with that name. In the early summer of 1922 I bicycled with some friends from Cambridge to Newmarket to see the Cesarewitch. The favourite was a horse called Tishy, and it came in last: its failure was excused on the score that it had "crossed its legs". This was the theme of a famous cartoon by Tom Webster, who, on the eve of the 'Varsity match of that year, drew another cartoon of Mr. "Tishy" Browne in various crosslegged attitudes, ending with the entanglement of an umpire. The odd thing is that Tishy's Cesarewitch was the first flat race that I ever saw.

A World Record

Very occasionally my peculiar action made the ball slip out of my hand and soar high in the air. This accounts for my holding an unenviable world record. My name appears in Wisden, so I am told, as having bowled the widest wide in the history of the game. It happened at Bradford during the holiday called Bowlingtide, when Sussex was playing Yorkshire. The ball, which was to have been the fastest ball ever bowled, slipped out of my hand and was caught full toss by third-man standing deep, to the huge and derisive delight of the Yorkshire holiday crowd.

In-swingers

I remember that match well. It was the first time I had realised how I could get a ball to swing. There was something in the atmosphere there which



made it do some very odd things, and I got a bagful of wickets, five for twenty-seven, including Wilfred Rhodes', whom I bowled with a full toss which started off for second slip, curled round and hit the middle stump. If you play cricket at Bradford you will be wise not to sit on the grass: if you do your "whites" will be white no longer.

The Astronomer Royal

When and why a cricket ball will swerve still seems to be a bit of a mystery: the shine on a new ball, a raised seam, thundery weather, trees round the ground, a quartering wind — all these appear to affect the flight of the ball. I once tried to solve this mystery. I was dining at high table in my College at Cambridge, and, to my alarm, was put to sit next to the Astronomer Royal. Being desperate for something to say, I posed this problem to him. But he pooh-poohed my ideas. It could only be the wind; "next time it happens, Mr. Browne, light a cigarette and see which way the smoke blows". He was not, I think, a cricketer.

CRICKET IN JANUARY?

To remind us that
the sun can shine

THE AUTHOR?

known to us now as

THE RECTOR

once known to a
lot of people as

"TISHY" BROWNE

played for

R.M.A. Woolwich 1919
Cambridge 1922
Sussex 1919-1932

Stumped

Three-day cricket can be a little earnest at times: but not always. We were playing Lancashire at Eastbourne on that loveliest of grounds, the Saffrons. Maurice Tate had bowled magnificently and we had them hopelessly beaten when their last man, a famous fast bowler, came in. I knew he had got a duck in the first innings and planned a full toss to leg to save him from a "pair." What I did not know was that he had a bet of 10/- that he would make me stop on my run up to the wicket. When I started my run he started to run up the wicket waving his bat and the wicket-keeper, "Tich" Cornford, who was standing back, he ran too. So we ran all three. My full toss soared over the batsman's

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WELFARE STATE DOES *NOT* DO IT ALL — and where it stops the League of Friends of the Marlborough Hospitals carries on. Everyone who has been a patient in Savernake during the last three years knows the Trolley Shop, which is wheeled round the wards by volunteers three times a week, selling cigarettes, confectionery, soft drinks, writing paper, viewcards and toilet requisites. This is only one of the splendid things which the League of Friends has provided out of the £500 it has spent for the good of patients and staff at the two hospitals since its foundation in 1958. Then there are the teak seats and the garden swing for the Children's Convalescent Hospital: the six chairs for waiting patients near the Enquiry Desk at Savernake (replacing the old forms) and the unbreakable rust-proof flower vases for the wards; £50 for the Nurses' Recreation Hall Fund at Savernake and £150 for the Walter Maurice Memorial Chapel Fund at the Children's Convalescent Hospital. Add to the money spent, the services volunteered by Friends—letters written for patients, special shopping assignments, transport provided for relations in cases of hardship. Apart from special money-raising efforts—a garden fete, flag days, Christmas draws — the money has come from the subscriptions (minimum half-a-crown) of a lot of ordinary folk in the area served by Savernake Hospital and from many grateful patients. No-one who has been a patient can doubt the necessity or the value of the work done by the League, which is run entirely by volunteers—useful people doing a jolly good job in their spare time. Lots more subscribers are needed: could half-a-crown (six cups of tea) be better spent? Subscriptions for 1961 should be sent now to the Treasurer, Mr. D. Kendall, Barclay's Bank, Marlborough.

HASSOCKS FOR EVERYONE. With the 170 new hassocks embroidered for St. Mary's in use, 170 of the old hassocks have been "declared redundant." But it is pleasant to know that some of them have found a home in Christchurch, Savernake (Cadley), some in the chapel-of-ease at Clench Common, and the remainder in the Roman Catholic Church of St. Thomas More.

LLORAN HOUSE. *At our request Dr. Tim Maurice writes:* My great-grandfather, Dr. D. P. Maurice, bought this house in 1830. It was owned by the Baskerville family who were living at Rockley Manor, and they let him have it for the nominal sum of £100 because he was a personal friend. Previously it had been occupied by a Mr. Hancock who had a bank there—the old bank safe was still in the hall when we sold the house. His brother, Walter Hancock, made steam-engines and ran one between Marlborough and the City of London. The large oak pillar in the hall, which I successfully persuaded the Bristol Omnibus Co. not to paint or box in, was the centre piece of the cattle scales that were used on the ground floor of the old Town Hall and was salvaged and put there by my grandfather when the Town Hall was demolished about 1960. My great grandfather called the house Lloran House after a house near Llansilin in Denbighshire which was occupied by my Maurice ancestors.

WHAT'S COOKING? An Austrian sweet for that New Year Party—

Malakoff Torte

6 oz. butter, 6 oz. icing sugar, 1 egg yolk, 3 oz. melted chocolate, top-of-milk or Grade A milk, cooking sherry to taste, 20-30 sponge biscuits.

Mix butter, sugar, yolk and chocolate together to make a smooth cream. Line a square or oblong cake tin with a loose bottom with ungreased paper. Put milk and sherry into a basin. Dip the sponge fingers quickly, without soaking, into the milk and sherry mixture and fit into the bottom of the tin. Follow with a layer of the chocolate cream mixture. Continue to fill the tin alternatively with a layer of biscuits and a layer of cream until all is used up, finishing with a layer of biscuits on top. Place a lid on the tin and a weight on the lid. Put in the refrigerator or a very cold place for 2-3 hours. Turn out and, if going the whole hog, decorate with piped butter cream.

Our Resident Cook reports: *Quick and absolutely foolproof; delicious; not really expensive because so rich that helpings have to be small ones!*

School News *this month is bound to be last term's news but we are sure that our readers would not wish us to omit these interesting reports, which we print just as they were written for us. Ed.*

Infants' School

We are very busy getting ready for the concert next Friday. Shall I tell you what I am? I am the Fir Tree in the Nativity Play. We are going to have a party before we break up.

RICHARD LINDSLEY

(More beautiful handwriting. Ed.)

Marlborough Secondary Modern School

Our Commemoration Service and Prize Distribution, the most important events of the school year, took place this term. Although it was the wettest day of this very rainy season, the Mayor, Mayoress and many of the School Governors were present.

Once again we record our successes in Sport. Watts and Palmer have played three times for the Mid-Wilts football team. Watts has also been chosen to play for the Wiltshire team against Hampshire, and the school First Eleven has reached the semi-finals of the Mid-Wilts Football Shield.

SYLVIA HEAD

St. Mary's Girls' School

We have started making preparations for Christmas. In Art we have been making stained glass windows with cellophane paper, and cardboard Angels to hang upon the wall.

To-day, Dec. 5th, the Mayor is coming to show us some colour slides which he took on his visit to America.

On Dec. 13th we have the Carol Festival at the College Chapel. Some of the girls who play recorders are going to play at the Chapel: we are going to play "Angels from the Realms of Glory" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing". Only two schools are sending children to play recorders.

We have just acquired some reproductions of pictures by the famous artists Renoir, Gauguin, Van Gogh and Vermeer. We have one for each classroom.

On Dec. 20th we are having a Carol Service in School, and on the 21st we break up. This term we have been supporting the Pestalozzi children. Six guineas have already been sent.

CAROLINE NOSSENT

St. Peter's Boys' School

The top class took the Verbal Reasoning Test on Nov. 30th. Those who pass will go on to the main examination in January.

J. Witts, who runs the savings in the school, attended the Twenty-First Party of the National Savings. A piece of cake was sent to the school and this was shared among Class 4, the top subscribers this year.

The District Carol Festival for schools is on Tuesday, Dec. 13th, at 2 p.m. in the College Chapel. Miss Horsfall will conduct. Our School Party is on Tuesday, Dec. 20th, and we will break up for Christmas on Dec. 21st, until Tuesday, Jan. 10th, 1961.

M. BENCH

WRONG WAVE LENGTH

There was a big service for the deaf and dumb in a Cathedral. The verger was anxious about the proper seating. He thought that he spotted some of the Bishop's relatives sitting among the deaf and dumb. So he went to them and quietly whispered: "You are deaf and dumb, aren't you?"

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head into Cornford's hands and he was stumped by about ten yards, collected his "pair of spectacles" and lost his ten bob.

This same bowler, having consoled himself at the bar, confided in me how to get out our opening batsman, Ted Bowley. "Bowl short at his body. This will make him put his weight on the back foot. Then bowl him a yorker. You can't play a yorker with your weight on the back foot".

"One short"

An umpire story to end with. We — a country house side in Leicestershire — had made 28. Our village opponents had also made 28 and their last man was in. They ran a single. Our umpire, a one-eyed gamekeeper, called "one short". We got a wicket the next ball and saved the match — and, I suspect, the gamekeeper's halfcrown. Nobody objected in the very least.

F. B. R. BROWNE

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FAMILY NEWS

** *A Legacy.* The Churchwardens have received a cheque for £100 from the estate of the late *Mrs. Florence K. Potter*, sister of Mr. E. H. Marchant. £25 is for music for the choir: £25 for surplices for the choir: £25 for keeping the piano tuned: £25 for repairing stained glass windows.

** *90th Birthdays.* Congratulations and good wishes to *Mrs. Andrews*, Coombe End House, who was 90 on Nov. 25th, and to *Mrs. Polly Hall*, now at Stratton St. Margaret, who was 90 on Nov. 29th. They are both members of our M.U. branch. Mrs. Andrews is usually in church on Sundays, and still embroiders beautifully.

** *The Rev. H. J. Lloyd.* His address is: Kingston Vicarage, Wareham, Dorset.

** *Welcome to John Mundy*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mundy, home on leave after two years in Canada. It is just on ten years since he left M.G.S. After National Service in the R.A.F., he went up to the University of Exeter; became B.Sc. in 1955 and Doctor of Philosophy in 1958. In November that year he was awarded a Post Doctoral Fellowship at the National Research Council, Ottawa. Next month he takes up a Research Associateship at the University of Maryland, U.S.A.

** *A Family Joke.* Some of us will always have affectionate memories of that Evensong at St. Peter's when the Rector announced the hymn "Hark the Glad Sound" and (so he describes it) "the organ lugubriously responded with an irreverent imitation of an elephant with stomach-ache".

ROUND THE PARISH IN OUR PRAYERS — JANUARY

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

1st Sunday Sebastopol Square
2nd Sunday Macklins Court
3rd Sunday St. Margaret's Mead
4th Sunday Leaf Close
5th 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. J. Smart, 2 Mrs. Neale, 3 Mrs. G. L. Brown (odd nos.), Mrs. Marsh (even nos.), 4 Miss Glass.

HOLY BAPTISM

Nov. 20th Melton Clifford Curtis. Gary John Wells. Sandra Rogers.
Dec. 4th (In the College Chapel) Vidal Paul Wilson.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Dec. 10th Peter Frank Fraser to Susan Mary Rogers.

R. I. P.

Nov. 19th Rose Louise Hawkins, of 20 St. John's Close.
Dec. 10th Percy Frederick Jarvis, of 128 Five Stiles Road.

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

BUSY BROWNIES. Each Wednesday the Toc H Room is full of busy Brownies buzzing around with pots of paste, for we are all making Scrap Books. We have a different subject for each Six. Our Six is collecting flower pictures so we are all bringing along our old birthday and Christmas cards, to add to the already bulging books. There should be a fine collection when they are finished. We wish all our friends a very Happy New Year. THE PIXIES

The Scrap Books were the Brownies' Christmas Good Turn. We should like to thank Mrs. Odey very much for painting our ancient toadstool so beautifully. We have to congratulate Jane Lansley on gaining her Collector's Badge, Janet Odey and Catherine Noreross on their Golden Bars, and Sally Odey on her Golden Ladder. BROWN OWL

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

WHO CAN BELONG. Youth Fellowship meetings are on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Members must be thirteen and Confirmed, attending a Confirmation Class, or Sunday School, or belong to the Choir, and the membership fee is 3d. a meeting. Others interested but not eligible for any of these reasons may attend meetings as Visitors for 6d. a time. Meetings will begin again during January, with a New Year's Party. Watch the notices. M.H.

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

TARGET TRIUMPH. A Coffee Morning in the Town Hall on Saturday, Nov. 26th, added £48 6s. to the £86 7s. 6d. already sent to the Pestalozzi Children's Village at Battle. So we have overshot our target of £100 and provided enough to furnish a bedroom for four orphan children, with something to spare for Christmas. The new hassocks for St. Mary's added colour and interest to a most enjoyable social occasion. M.B.

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

IN THE FACTORY . . . , IN THE OFFICE . . . . In the third of his powerful talks on Christianity in Everyday Life, Bishop Cockin stressed the fundamental fact that Christ Himself was primarily interested in ordinary people. The sincerity of a man's religion is tested by his attitude to ordinary, everyday situations. The man at the factory bench or in the office sees the need for Christian standards from the inside. And it is laymen—much more than the clergy, who are necessarily on the outside—who could in time exercise a very real Christian influence in a sphere where such influence is so greatly needed. Explaining how this could be done, the Bishop suggested that older Christians could, by their example and encouragement, help youngsters to overcome the "blow you Jack, I'm all right" attitude which they faced when starting work. The Bishop also stressed the important part Christians could play by taking an active interest in local government. The Chairman expressed our thanks to the Bishop for his three visits.

Next month: Experiences in West Africa: W. H. Spray, M.A. D.C.B.

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

BELFRY NEWS. During the past two months we have had some fine ringing occasions: our annual visit to Everleigh, ringers from Oxford at St. Mary's, and a joint evening with the Overton ringers also at St. Mary's. A new member, Noreen Bishop from M.G.S., has joined us (and surprised us all by handling a bell very well): but there's still room for more! Nov. 19th was the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Ringing Guild, held as usual at Marlborough, as the most central point. Twenty-three members attended. Ringing began at 3 p.m. At 4.15 p.m. the Guild Service was conducted by Canon Browne, with Mr. Chun at the organ. After tea at Edith's Cafe, the business of the meeting was concluded by the election of Officers: Chairman: Newman (Baydon); Vice-Chairman: Fuller (Marlborough); Secretary: A. Palmer (Aldbourne). VALERIE FULL

READING THE BIBLE

Reading the Bible is a "must" for all who "profess and call themselves Christians". But although it sounds a simple rule, it's not at all easy unless you have a plan. This is just what the Bible-Reading Fellowship provides. It issues four series of Notes: A and B series are for Adults, the B series a little simpler than A; Y series is for Youth; C series is for Children. The Notes are issued quarterly and cost 6d. a copy. In addition each member of the Fellowship pays 1d. a year towards running expenses.

The Secretary for our parish is Miss Mabel Pearce (the *Familiar Face* in our October number) 36 St. Martin's. You have only to let her know you want to belong and she will do the rest.

CHOIR NOTES

Welcome to Brian Phillips, our latest recruit, who was admitted Chorister at Evensong on Dec. 11th, together with Roland Styles, Howard Cripps, Peter Lewis and Christopher Gwinnell.

Appointments. Andrew Stone, the Senior Chorister, "retired" after Christmas and Timothy Otton takes over in his place and will wear the Senior Chorister's medal with the red ribbon. Maurice Hillier, a Second Senior Chorister also retires. Tony Sawyer and Malcolm Webb fill the vacancies as Second Senior Choristers. Their badges of office are the two medals with the dark blue ribbons.

The medals with the light blue ribbon are worn by the five boys who have attended most regularly in the previous month, and often probationers are among them.

Retirement. We have recently had to say goodbye to Mr. Witts who has retired after many years in the Choir, though we hope to see him in the congregation.

Recruits. At the start of the new school term I am always very pleased to welcome newcomers to the Choir, both boys and grown-ups. Please let me know of anyone who may be interested — I am still waiting for those three tenors we need so much!

Folk Mass. We shall again be using Geoffrey Beaumont's setting of the Communion Service on Jan. 15th. If you have never been to a Sung Communion Service, then this music has been specially written for you: you will find the music easy to sing. If you have been on the 3rd Sunday, then why not bring along a friend to the service on the 15th?

TREVOR GARTSIDE

CHILDREN IN NEED

It used to be called the "Waifs and Strays Society" — a miserable name from the bad old days of extreme poverty. But there are still Children in Need, and the Society, now called the Church of England Children's Society, still looks after them. Over the years it has tended sixty-one children from the Marlborough district. It has 4,500 children in its care.

At a meeting in Ivy House on Nov. 24th the Lay Organising Secretary showed the Society's sound-film "Gateway to Happiness" and thanked the local officials and Committee for the money and gifts provided by Marlborough. Last year just over £150 was raised: the P.C.C. of St. Mary's and St. Peter's and Lent Purses £25, annual subscribers and box-holders £15, Flag Day £47, College Carol Services £64; clothes were sent by the Mothers' Union, and toys from the St. Mary's Crib Service.

The Committee was re-elected: Mrs. E. D. Smith (secretary), Mrs. L. Stevens (treasurer), Mrs. W. Brooks, Mrs. J. Edge, Mrs. T. A. A. Hunter, Mrs. Lilley, Mrs. Oscar Jones, Mrs. A. Smart.

A simple way to help: Mrs. Brooks, 60 High Street, is always glad to receive children's clothing to send to the Society.

Other Organisations

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, 61 High Street.

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

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John Betjeman

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FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Parishioners,

You will find some suggestions for keeping Lent on page 3. I will only add that it is very much better not to go it alone : others will need your help and you will need theirs, because we are fashioned to function as a family. The services in Church are the natural way for giving and getting this help, but even if through age or infirmity you are unable to come to Lent services, you can help quite unpredictably by praying for the family.

On the Wednesday evenings in Lent I am going to talk about the Church, what it is and what it is for : on Sunday evenings I hope to have a course of teaching sermons about some of the things we do as Church members in and out of Church. There will be an additional weekly celebration of Holy Communion on Fridays at 10.30 a.m. in St. Peter's.

The Christian Stewardship of money has been for some of us the point at which " following ", or " discipleship ", began. It is a way in which Our Lord has said, to those who already had an acquaintance with Him, " Come — follow me ". During the second week of February laymen will be calling on some of those who come to Church but were not visited last March. This occasion may serve to remind the rest of us that our pledge is a way — His way for this age it seems — of bringing us into practical contact with our Lord.

Further on you will find a list of the Missionary Societies which you are helping. The very first objective of our Stewardship Campaign was to double the response in money to Our Lord's command to " teach all nations ". The present urgency of this is expressed in the book commended to us last month by the Bishop — *God's World* ; you will find it on our Literature Stalls.

A very welcome addition to our Sunday services is the formation of a choir of younger men and older boys to lead the singing at the Sung Eucharist at 9 a.m. As well as giving a lead to the singing, a choir helps to bridge the gap in St. Mary's between the celebrant and the congregation.

The Annual Church Meeting this year will be on Tuesday, Mar. 7th. Please note the date and, in the meanwhile, if you are over 17 years old, make sure that your name is on the Electoral Roll of the parish.

My best wishes to you all — and especially to those who will be joining in the adventures of Lent for the first time.

Your sincere friend and Rector,

FRANCIS BROWNE

DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

SUNDAY SERVICES. *Until further notice*: **Holy Communion at 8 a.m. will always be in St. Peter's. All the other services — 9 a.m. Holy Communion, Matins, Family Service at 3 p.m. on 3rd Sundays, and Evensong — will always be in St. Mary's.**

1st Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Men's Society*)
2nd Thursday. Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Parish*)

5th SEXAGESIMA. (The Parish and the growth of Stewardship)
8th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Parochial Church Council at 8 p.m. in Church Cottage. (*The Parochial Church Council*)

12th QUINQUAGESIMA. (*The Parish, especially guidance for Lent Rule*)
15th ASH WEDNESDAY. Holy Communion 7 a.m. Schools' Service 9.5 a.m. Matins 10.30 a.m. (St. Peter's). Lent Evensong and Address 7 p.m. (*Services of Lent*)
17th Friday. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. (St. Peter's). (*Services of Lent*)

19th FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT. Parish Communion 9 a.m. The Litany will be sung at Matins. (*The Parish, especially the Youth Committee*)
22nd Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Lent Evensong and Address 7 p.m. (*The Additional Curates Society and the Conversion of England*)
24th Friday. St. Matthias, A.M. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (St. Mary's); 10.30 a.m. (St. Peter's). (*Vocations to the Holy Order*)

26th SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT. The Litany will be sung in Procession at Evensong. (*The Parish, especially the Sick*)

Feb. 22nd, 24th and 25th are Ember Days.

Special Intentions at Holy Communion are printed in italics

A FEBRUARY FEAST WITH THREE NAMES — Feb. 2nd commemorates the *Thanksgiving after Childbirth of the Blessed Virgin Mary* and the *Presentation of Christ in the Temple*, which took place, according to Jewish law, forty days after His birth. This was the occasion when Simeon, the aged and devout Jew, took the infant Jesus into his arms and spoke the words of thanksgiving we know as the Nunc Dimittis. The feast is also called *Candlemass* — from the custom on this day of blessing, distributing and lighting candles whilst the Nunc Dimittis is sung, and carrying them in a procession to commemorate the entrance of Christ, the True Light, into the Temple.

ARE YOU ASKING QUESTIONS?

Some Plain Answers about LENT

Why? In the Church's Calendar LENT represents Our Lord's Fasting in the Wilderness: it includes PASSIONTIDE, which represents His Suffering and Death. So the Church teaches us to make Lent a time of "special training". Our tools for the job are prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

How? MAKE a "training plan" well beforehand — or you may find Lent half over before you are ready to start. Make it a simple plan, using all three of the tools. Self-examination — that is, an honest look at ourselves — will show us what we most need to do. But some suggestions may come in useful.

Prayer? PRAYER could be remembering to say our daily prayers regularly. Or to pray more for others. Or to learn more *about* Prayer. On the Literature Stalls in both churches there are booklets costing only a few pence which can help us: the Church Album *When Ye Pray* (2/-) may give some of us a new idea of what Prayer is.
Or it could be deciding to receive the HOLY COMMUNION more often . . . . perhaps on a week-day . . . . to receive it better prepared . . . . to remember to say thank-you afterwards. Even perhaps all these.
Then there is that special LENT SERVICE on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
Or perhaps we ought to take a new look at READING THE BIBLE by using one of the modern translations by Phillips or Knox, which can be bought in paper-back editions for 2/6.
All these things can come under the heading of PRAYER.

Fasting? GOING WITHOUT OR GIVING UP — may be something very simple like restricting, or going without, the pleasure of cigarettes, sweets, cake or beer. Or giving up some of our leisure to make a more unselfish use of our time. It isn't difficult to think out this part of our plan so that it will really cost us something. The giving up of little things, which don't matter much, often makes it possible for us to give up, or take on, habits which matter quite a lot.

Almsgiving? Those who are already Pledged Givers to the Church may decide to give some of the shillings saved from sweets or cigarettes to one of the good causes which interest them. Those who are not Pledged Givers may think that this is a good time to start.

Together Whatever our Plan, we shall find it a great help to know that we do this together, as the Church Family of Marlborough. Retreating a little from the world, as Our Lord did when He went into the Wilderness, we shall learn to draw closer to Him. And we must ask ourselves whether there could be a better way to start on ASH WEDNESDAY, those of us who are not prevented by work, duties to children or old people, or by ill-health, than by meeting together as a family at the service of Holy Communion which will be celebrated at 7 a.m. in St. Mary's.

There are suggestions for Lent Reading on Page 6

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No. 6

Are you saying "How can an Unfamiliar Back be a Familiar Face"? But others will recognise that this photograph is very like the one in the Brochure we gave out at our Christian Stewardship Supper, and will be glad to be reminded of the devoted work of our Visitors in the Campaign. That work is still going on, as new members are drawn into our Stewardship Scheme. If you are not yet a member, but are one of the people we are now asking to join, please *Welcome your Visitor.* He will be a man of the Church whom you probably know well: all his work is voluntary; he has spent many hours preparing for it, and his call on you is part of his own stewardship of time in the Church's service.

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ANOTHER KIND OF STEWARDSHIP

What about spending one hour in Church as a tithe for every ten you spend with radio and television?

From "Parish Progress," St. Alphege, Solihull.

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PERSONAL POSER

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Do you think it is wrong to go to Church when one does not believe in the fundamentals of religion, e.g. the existence of Christ?

It cannot be wrong to be a seeker; to be a seeker is next best thing to being a finder, because he that seeketh findeth. You would in fact not be seeking Him if you had not already found Him.

I fancy that what has happened is this: up to now you have been using someone else's faith — your parents' or teacher's. So you have not lost *your* faith because you never had one of your own. Now you are looking for it — though "it" is "Him"—and He is looking for you.

You will find this put better than I have put it in the opening chapter of *Pilgrim's Progress*: "*Do you see yonder wicket gate?*" *The man said,* "*No*": *then said the other,* "*Do you see yonder shining light?*" *He said,* "*I think I do.*" *Then said Evangelist,* "*Keep that light in your eye and go up directly thereto so shalt thou see the gate: at which when thou knockest it shall be told thee what thou shalt do*".

You (or your friend perhaps?) cannot see the Door; and you are only vaguely aware of the light. When you come to Church you are making for the light. I suggest for you the seeker's prayer in Psalm 43, verses 3-6: "Send out Thy light and Thy truth that they may lead me; and bring me unto Thy holy hill and to Thy dwelling..." 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.

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PARISH PRAYERS No. 5

A prayer before the Service . . . .

Be present, O Heavenly Father, with me Thy servant, and guard my wandering thoughts, and fill me with a great love for Thee through Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*

NOT ON MONDAYS. The clergy work on Sundays when most of us have a day off. So in this parish Monday is the weekly holiday for the Rector and the Assistant Curate. Their teaching engagements at our Church schools make it difficult for them to take different days. *Tower and Town* suggests that we should all do our best to see that our parish clergy have the time off they need if they are to do their work properly. Only in emergencies should we worry them on Mondays: arrangements for weddings and christenings, meetings, forms to be signed, etc., etc., should be kept for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

NEW KNEELERS. A new Embroidery Class for St. Mary's kneelers will start on Tuesday, February 7th, at 2.30 p.m., in the Toc H Room.

CALNE PLAYERS. All those who have seen the Calne Players will have vivid memories of the professional standard of their acting and the devotion and imagination they bring to it. Next month they will be visiting us again. Their performance of *Christ Crucified* by Margaret Crocker in St. Mary's on Wednesday, March 22nd, will take the place of our usual Lent Evensong and Address, and will be part of our preparation for Passiontide.

ANOTHER DATE FOR THE DIARY is Tuesday March 14th when the Annual General Meeting of the Moral Welfare Association will take place in the Town Hall at 3 p.m. The Speaker will be EVELYN HOME—known to a great many people as the writer of the *Talk It Over* page in WOMAN. The meeting is open to everyone who would like to come.

FRIENDS-IN-NEED. Last month when *Tower and Town* was stuck for an illustration for the page on Christian Stewardship, Mr. Cyril Ford kindly came to the rescue at very short notice and produced the drawing of loaves and fishes. This month Mrs. E. G. Rumens of Country Churchman Ltd. (who publish the Church Albums we sell on our Literature Stalls) saved our bacon by offering special drawings for *Signs and Symbols* on page 7. We are very grateful to them both. The illustration on page 9 has been kindly lent by Marlborough Chamber of Trade.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS. The congregation at a service of Holy Communion is made up of individuals. Each of us brings his or her own special reason for thanksgiving and his or her special need of the moment. We are also the Church acting as a body. The "intention" at the service is the particular thanksgiving or need of the moment which is to be the concern of us all: it is part of the priesthood of the laity that it should be so.

THEME SONG FOR DISTRIBUTORS. There is a strong rumour that, to commemorate their Special Operation last month, *Tower and Town* Distributors are adopting a Theme Song — *Keep right on to the end of the road*! Free sample copies of the magazine were delivered to 350 addresses in the town: this was in addition to the delivery of copies to regular subscribers, now approaching 600. The cheerfulness and enthusiasm with which this job has been done by all concerned — involving, as it does, always a second and sometimes a third visit to each address — has been beyond praise. Next month we shall be able to tell you the results of the Operation — one of them will certainly be that we shall need more Distributors.

LENT READING — *Six possibilities*:

The Plain Man's Book of Prayers.
Wm. Barclay. Fontana Books. 2/6

The Meaning of Paul for Today.
C. H. Dodd. Fontana Books. 2/6

Screwtape Letters.
C. S. Lewis. Fontana Books. 2/6

God Our Contemporary.
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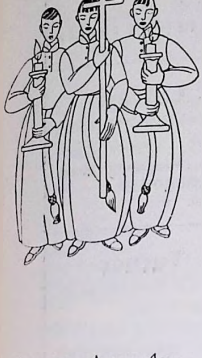
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SIGNS AND SYMBOLS

IN LENT



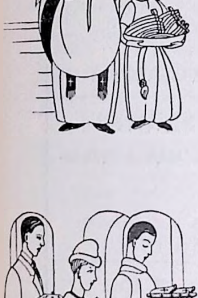
THE LITANY

The Litany has been called "The People's Prayers": as such it was the first service to be translated from Latin into English. Its form is a series of petitions, or invitations to prayer, to which the people make fixed responses.

It was first written to be sung in procession, and the Litany Book used to be called the Processional. Singing it in procession, as we shall be doing on the Sundays in Lent, is a way of symbolising our duty as Christians to go out into the world with our prayers and lives. It was the Litany that St. Augustine and his companions sang as they went to their memorable meeting with the King of Kent in 597 which led to the refounding of the Church in England.

It was Cranmer who put the words "miserable sinners" into the opening petitions: we should do better to read them as "pitiable sinners", which is what he meant.

The Puritans wanted to change the words "sudden death", and we may regret that their proposals were not adopted: the Latin makes it clear that it is "unprepared death" that we are praying against.



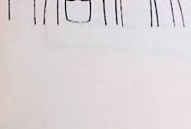
IN PASSIONTIDE

The original cross was not like the lovely symbol of victory on our altar — shining, shapely and jewelled. So at Passiontide we cover it up for two Sundays to remind us what Our Lord's cross was — a dreadful thing: and that the cross we have to bear is a reality which will bring us too, with Him, to the glories of Easter Day.

PALM SUNDAY

Branches of palm and palm crosses are blessed, distributed to clergy and people, and often carried in procession to represent Our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem when the people cut down branches of palm and strewed them in His way. The palm cross is held in the hand during the singing of the Gospel. After the service we take it home and keep it with our crucifix, cross, holy picture or Bible, until the following Ash Wednesday, when it should be burnt.

AND ON EVERY SUNDAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



THE OFFERTORY PROCESSION

Each Sunday at the 9 a.m. Sung Eucharist two of the congregation, representing the parish, follow behind the server who carries the alms and bring the bread and wine to the priest at the Communion rail. This Offertory Procession is a symbol of the life and work of the parish being offered to God in thanksgiving, and to be blessed to His service.

Anyone can volunteer to do this, and it is a good way of marking a personal anniversary — birthday, wedding day, Baptism, Confirmation or First Communion, Day of Remembrance, or special occasion of thanksgiving.

We used to have a list of volunteers and want to compile one again. If you would like to reserve a Sunday, will you give your name and the date to the churchwardens, who are the organisers, either by word of mouth or on a piece of paper marked "Offertory Procession".

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MARLBOROUGH WORTHIES

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Headmaster of Marlborough Grammar School



WHEN Charles II returned to his throne in 1660, the Puritan vicar of St. Mary's, an Oxford man named THOMAS HUGHES, felt that he could not conscientiously use the Prayer Book and so was turned out of the living in 1662. As he had a wife and six young children to support, he ran a private school in addition to ministering to his followers, at first in a meeting house and later in the woods and fields, for a quarter of a century. He is the real founder of the Independent (now called the Congregational) Church in Marlborough.

Rival Mayors and Burning Pulpits

A generation later Church and Dissent were at daggers drawn. The most famous boy to be born in St. Peter's rectory was HENRY SACHEVERELL, in 1673. His father, the rector of St. Peter's, and his step-father, the Vicar of Preshute, died while he was still a boy at the Grammar School where he was sent by his godfather, a Marlborough apothecary, and whence he proceeded to Oxford.

He has earned a place in our history textbooks as the exuberant leader of the High Church and Tory party in Anne's reign and the opponent in London of another Marlborough boy, Daniel Burgess, a Whig and a nonconformist, in the days when pulpits were burned in noisy demonstrations. When Marlborough was torn by political and religious strife, Dr. Sacheverell in 1710 made a dramatic appearance in the town and in 1714, when we had two rival mayors, one party cried "God bless the Duke of Marlborough", and the other "God bless the Church, the King, and Dr. Sacheverell".

Mackintoshes and Steam-engines

At the very end of the eighteenth century and the beginning of the nineteenth, two of the sons of WALTER HANCOCK, a Marlborough timber merchant and cabinet maker, were pupils of Mr. Gresley, the headmaster of a nonconformist school which existed where the Ivy House Hotel now stands. Neither probably helped to make the White Horse in Granham Hill for which the boys of this school were responsible, for THOMAS must have finished, and WALTER could hardly have started his education there in 1804.

Both boys went to London. Thomas became the real founder of the india-rubber industry, with four of his brothers, made early experiments in vulcanising, and entered into partnership with Charles Mackintosh, the well-known manufacturer of waterproof garments. Walter, trained originally as a watchmaker, turned his attention to the making of steam carriages on roads, and by 1840 had built a number of engines which made journeys particularly on roads near London. One of his engines, of which there are several prints extant in local hands, was named the "Marlborough".

Another Old Grammarian

THOMAS MERRIMAN, who founded the firm of Merriman, Porter and Long, was an old boy of the Grammar School and to that school sent all his eight sons, each of whom made a name for himself in the law, medicine, the Church or schoolmastering. He was a member of the Corporation all his adult life, Town Clerk for eighteen years, Principal Clerk of the Kennet and Avon Canal Company, and one of the founders of a local bank now incorporated in Lloyds Bank. Two years after his death in 1841, the porch

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OUR ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

On Tuesday, March 7th, at 8 p.m. in St. Mary's Schoolroom

This is the meeting at which the "shareholders" (members of the Electoral Roll) of the "company" (the Church in Marlborough) will approve — or otherwise — the reports presented on the activities of the Parish during the last year.

In addition, the "board of directors" (People's Warden and members of the Parochial Church Council) will be elected to conduct "business" during the ensuing year.

The increased activity and the greater income which have resulted from the Stewardship Campaign make it even more important than ever before that the members of the Parish should take sufficient interest in Parish affairs to attend this meeting.

By doing so the majority of the parishioners supervise and inspire the work of the P.C.C. which they elect. So please come to St. Mary's Schoolroom on Tuesday, March 7th, at 8 p.m.

"P.R.O."

Next month: "P.R.O." will contribute some more words of wisdom about the Parochial Church Council — What it is and What it does.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The following names have been added to the roll since the Annual Church Meeting last year: Miss R. Carmichael, Mrs. E. Chambers, Mr. C. J. Chandler, Mrs. P. I. Coupe, Mr. B. and Mrs. M. J. Evans, Mrs. P. M. Guillebaud, Miss S. Hacker, Mr. A. W. and Mrs. I. B. Harraway, Mrs. L. Hodge, Mrs. V. L. Hudson, the Misses D. M., G. M. and W. M. Hughes-Davies, Mr. R. B. and Mrs. M. R. Jones, Mr. A. E. and Mrs. J. I. Minty, Miss E. M. Nicholls, Mr. R. G. and Mrs. G. M. Parks, Mrs. R. Rossiter, Miss M. Shenstone, Mrs. C. M. Walsh, Mrs. D. Washbrook, Mr. R. I. and Mrs. I. W. Webb, Mrs. J. E. Wheeler. We welcome them and hope to see them at the Annual Church Meeting on Tuesday March 7th.

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in St. Mary's church was erected in his memory.

Fight Against Smallpox

DR. JAMES BLAKE MAURICE was the third in the line of a family of medical practitioners whose practice was founded in 1789. He led the fight against the smallpox epidemic in the High Street alleys in 1871 and was responsible for securing Marlborough's first isolation hospital. He was largely instrumental in securing a public water supply for the borough in 1891 and a sewerage scheme six years later. He was Chairman of the Grammar School governors for 31 years and was instrumental in the building of the present school in 1905 and of the present Town Hall a little earlier.

A Rector of St. Peter's

Many of the older generation of parishioners will remember CANON CHRISTOPHER WORDSWORTH, the Rector of St. Peter's Marlborough, from 1897 to 1911, and the Master of the Hospital of St. Nicholas, Salisbury, from 1895 to 1938, in which during his years of non-residence, as later during residence, he took a tremendous interest, devoting the considerable income largely to charitable purposes. He initiated the modern study of the Use of Sarum, that is the liturgy of Salisbury Cathedral in the Middle Ages, and made a catalogue of the muniments of the cathedral of which he ultimately became Chancellor.

A. R. STEDMAN

Are there any budding "Marlborough Worthies" among the twenty-two M.G.S. prefects mentioned on page 11?

DESTINATION?

A certain Vicar had the unhappy experience of reading in a newspaper a premature obituary notice of his death. Naturally, he was somewhat put out and the first thing he did was to telephone his Bishop.

"I'm just ringing up, my Lord, to let you know I'm all right" he said.

The Bishop, who had an Irish brogue, quickly replied: "And where would you be speaking from?"

From St. Peter's Newspaper, Barnsley.

"SOMETHING NEW OUT OF AFRICA". During the Christmas holidays twenty-two prefects of Marlborough Grammar School attended a four-day Conference in London, organised by the Council for Education in World Citizenship, entitled *Something New out of Africa*.

Three thousand sixth-formers from all parts of the country assembled in the Central Hall, Westminster, to hear a brilliant opening address by Mr. Ian Macleod, followed by lectures on the political, economic and social problems confronting Africa to-day. The many distinguished speakers included Sir Gilbert Rennie, Dr. K. A. Busia (formerly leader of the Opposition in Ghana), the Tunisian Ambassador, and Mr. Ritchie Calder, who gave a most interesting first-hand account of the recent upheaval in the Congo.

The afternoons were devoted to Discussion Groups; and one evening we attended a concert of International Music and Dancing.

The Conference succeeded in making us all more aware of the fact that African aspirations are likely to be one of the great problems in our adult life.

ALISON STEDMAN

1ST MARLBOROUGH GUIDE COMPANY. The Company is an open one and is not attached to any Church in the way that the 3rd Marlborough Brownies are attached to St. Mary's. We have Guides from most of the Churches in the town.

We work in four patrols. Our present Patrol Leaders are Carolyn Brown and Susan Dyson, both from St. Mary's, Rosemary Baker from the Methodist Church, and Diana Leach from Preshute.

We meet on Wednesday evenings at Toc H in winter and out-of-doors when possible in summer. Badges gained during the past year include Cook, Needlewoman, Dancer and Hostess. Guides are now working for their First Class, also Country-dancer, Home-maker, Map-reader and other badges.

At present the Company is at full strength, but any girl over 10½ years old is very welcome to put her name on our waiting list: we may even be able to take one or two recruits this term.

SELINA HONY, *Captain*

OLDEST SUBSCRIBER? *From one of our readers*: Mrs. Dance, a subscriber to *Tower and Town*, celebrates her 96th birthday on Feb. 25th. Born in Hungerford, she came to live in Marlborough nearly ninety years ago, and has many stories to tell. When she was nursing at Savernake Hospital, before there were 'buses up and down the hill, a donkey and cart was kept at the Hospital for carrying provisions from the town — there are probably people who can remember this. It seems that this same little donkey played quite a trick on Mrs. Dance when she was on night duty. Hearing a noise outside the window, she drew aside the curtains to investigate, and much to her surprise found the donkey peering in at her. He was looking very pleased with himself: she discovered later that he had broken loose and stripped the Hospital garden of all its cabbages.

Mrs. Dance's home is at 1 Kennett Place, and on three occasions the river has risen so rapidly that her house has been flooded to a considerable depth from front door to back. She accepts this sort of thing very cheerfully, as is her nature. She has been a widow for over seventy years, but is fortunate in having Mr. and Mrs. Raisey living with her to help her out of any difficulty.

Although suffering from deafness, Mrs. Dance is still very active and always takes her daily walks. Until recently she was a regular worshipper at St. Mary's Church, and at one time was responsible for laundering the surplices.

R.C.

WHAT'S COOKING?

Second Thoughts

Recent experiments with *Malakoff Torte* have revealed that sufficient cream for 30 biscuits (two packets) can be made with 4 oz. butter and ingredients in proportion. If the chocolate is melted in a little strong (real) coffee the cream has an even better flavour. A tea-cup of top-of-the-milk and a generous tablespoonful of sherry will be enough for this quantity of biscuits. (*An unsolicited testimonial*: I recommend this: I have had some: it is excellent. Before Lent of course. *Rector*).

The cream is also delicious with pears, tinned or fresh. Pipe it into the centre of each pear. For an extravagance, steep the pears in some kirsch beforehand: a miniature bottle holds enough for an awful lot of pears.

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ROUND THE PARISH IN OUR PRAYERS

FEBRUARY

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

1st Sunday : The Parade
2nd Sunday : Coldharbour Lane
3rd Sunday : Isbury Road
4th Sunday : " The street 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. Reeve
2 Mrs. G. Hunt
3 Mrs. Skittrall

HOLY BAPTISM

Dec. 31st Jane Victoria Peel
Jan. 1st Christopher John Horrll

HOLY MATRIMONY

Dec. 26th Percy Walter Howell to Patricia June Watts
Jan. 7th James Hutcheon Roy Mathieson to Hannah Parker

R. I. P.

Oct. 19th Margaret Hope Lewis of 24 Herd Street
Dec. 16th John Thomas Huckle of 21 St. Martin's
Jan. 16th Christopher Wyndham Hughes of St. Andrew's, Kingsbury St.

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FLOWERS FOR THE LADY ALTAR

Volunteers are needed for decorating the Lady Altar — for the first fortnight in February up to Ash Wednesday, and then from Easter onwards. Those who would be interested in undertaking this most rewarding work should get in touch with Miss Mabel Pearce, 36 St. Martin's.

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FAMILY NEWS

More Birthdays. Congratulations and good wishes to *Mrs. Augusta Hankey*, 90 on February 14th. She has lived in 27a High Street for 61 years. She is a regular reader of *Tower and Town*. Also to *Mrs. Dance*, 96 on Feb. 25th, whose reminiscences we print under *Topics of the Town*.

Weddings of the Month. A reader has suggested that we make news of forthcoming weddings a regular feature of the *Family News* page. We thank him for a good idea, and have pleasure in telling you this month that *Richard Broadway and Josephine Goffe of 1a The Green will be married in St. Mary's at 2 p.m. on Feb. 11th.*

Congratulations of an unusual kind to Mr. Jesse Chandler who has been chosen by the National Federation of Saddlers to provide the National Exhibit of Racing Saddlery for the Munich Trade Fair in June. The exhibit — a complete set of Racing Saddlery and Clothing — will be made by Mr. Chandler himself and his partner Mr. John Norman. The Board of Trade, who are the sponsors, hope that export business will result. Mr. Chandler was also chosen to provide the Saddlery exhibit for the Festival of Britain in 1951. The family firm, of which he is the seventh generation in a direct line, was founded in 1796 on a site adjoining the present *Marlborough Times* office, moved to what is now the *White Horse Bookshop*, then to No. 8 London Road and is now at No. 1. Jesse Chandler was a Visitor in our Stewardship Campaign, is a member of the P.C.C. and the Men's Society, and Advertising Manager for *Tower and Town*. Mrs. Chandler also devotes a lot of time to *Tower and Town* as a Distributor, and is a Street Warden. David, Christopher and Rosemary are all members of our Church.

Canon Thomas Jessett, baptised in St. Peter's by Canon Wordsworth, a member of St. Peter's choir and a boy at St. Peter's School, now a priest of the Episcopal Church in U.S.A., is the author of the book on *Chief Spokan Garry* — a North American Indian who became a missionary to Indians — which was the subject of a recent article by Bishop Stephen Bayne in the *Church Times*. Canon Jessett visited Marlborough in June 1959 and preached in both our churches.

Mothers' Union and St. Mary's Guild

NEW PARISH PROJECT. Over eighty people came to the meeting at the Town Hall on Jan. 17th when plans for the combined M.U. and St. Mary's Guild were outlined by Mrs. F. B. R. Browne. It is hoped that eventually this will grow into a comprehensive parish organisation for women, but no cast-iron constitution has been laid down yet. The M.U. Committee elected for this year will carry on, with power to co-opt two non-M.U. members. How to join? Simply come along to one of the 3rd Thursday afternoon meetings, or to one of the evening meetings which will be arranged for those who cannot come at the customary afternoon time, and pay the annual subscription of 3/6 (due at the next meeting). And you must be on the Electoral Roll. A printed programme of meetings, outings and sectional activities will shortly be published. The next meeting will be on Feb. 16th at 2.30 p.m. in the Toc H Room, when Mrs. A. A. France, of Chiseldon, Deanery Representative for the M.U. Overseas, will show slides of her visit to the Oberammergau Passion Play.

Mrs. Hayman, retiring Enrolling Member, was presented by Mrs. Brooks, on behalf of the M.U. members, with a copy of Mr. Stedman's *Marlborough and the Upper Kennet Country*, vouchers for Rawlings and Phillips, and a bouquet.

Refreshments, organised by Mrs. Skittrall, were followed by games. M.B.

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

WEST AFRICA. The January meeting, held in "C" House Marlborough College, was well attended, eighteen persons being present to hear Mr. W. H. Spray and the Rev. C. C. Perry, Vicar of Aldbourne, talk on their experiences in West Africa.

Mr. Spray, who was seconded from Marlborough College to be Headmaster of a Secondary School and Teachers' Training College in E. Nigeria, spoke of the impact of the West on rural areas. Although divided by differences in Race, Language and Faith, the people were united by one common aim — independence.

Mr. Perry talked on Ghana and the political consequences since independence. Relatively unimportant as a Crown Colony, Ghana is now a force in African affairs and Dr. Nkruma is a world statesman. A comparatively young man, he is likely to hold power there for many years to come.

Although these West African territories are predominantly Moslem or pagan, Christianity is making headway and the Bible is being printed in the local languages.

Our Chairman expressed our thanks to the speakers, and to Mr. and Mrs. Spray for their hospitality.

Next meeting: *Film strip* "*Christianity and Politics*": *The Rector*. J.E.C.

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

SAUSAGES AND CREAM CAKES may seem an indigestible mixture to our older readers, but they were made to disappear at an alarming rate by the fifty young people who went to the Youth Fellowship Party on January 17th. Enormous jugs of Cider Cup and trays of sandwiches also helped to supply energy for the strenuous programme of games and dancing arranged by the "Tuesday Nighters". Prizes for the dances were kindly given by Miss Pearce and members of the Committee.

Regular meetings, in the Toc H Room on Mondays, and in Church Cottage on Tuesdays, have now begun again. Mr. Hugh Swatton has joined the Youth Committee and is full of plans for the lighter evenings which are on their way.

For up-to-date information *Green* is still the colour to look for. M.H.

Other Organisations

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

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

Bell-ringers: Practices — Fridays 8 p.m. Beginners 7 p.m., St. Mary's Tower. Captain: Mr. J. Fuller, Juanar, Elcot Lane.

Missionary Societies: C.M.S. — Mr. G. Chilton: S.P.G. — Mrs. R. H. Lane, 15 George Lane: U.M.C.A. — Mrs. D. M. Field, 64 High Street.

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

SUPPORT FOR MISSIONS

Here are the amounts we have sent to Missionary Societies since we began Christian Stewardship: March - December 1960.

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S.P.G. General Fund	45	9	8
S.P.G. Medical Fund	15	0	0
C.M.S. General Fund	43	10	4
C.M.S. Medical Fund	10	0	0
U.M.C.A.	35	10	4
Dornakal Diocese	16	18	2
South India	4	11	6
Gibraltar Diocese	5	0	0
Salisbury Diocesan Missionary Students Fund	5	0	0
S.P.C.K.	5	0	0
Missions to Seamen	5	0	0
Total	£191	0	0

In addition, C.M.S. has been sent £47 9s. 8d. raised by the C.M.S. Group, mainly at their Summer Sale of Work.

F.B.R.B.

CHOIR NOTES

A New Choir. I have been asked several times to form a Choir to sing regularly at the 9 a.m. Sung Eucharist on Sundays, when the Full Choir does not attend. Last month we made a start, when six volunteers — mostly ex-Choristers — sang in the Chancel. The idea is that this new Choir should sing on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month only. We have agreed to hold no practices, so that there will be no inroad into our spare time. We shall wear robes, and we hope that some of the Servers, when not on duty, will also come and join us. No previous singing experience is necessary and there will be no voice test — should anyone be thinking of joining us.

The Full Choir. New recruits will still be welcome — please see me after one of the services. There are vacancies in the trebles and tenors still, which I should like to see filled. TREVOR GARTSIDE

MUSIC IN LENT

Just as music helps us to keep Christmas and Easter, so it helps us in our observances of the season of Lent. Some familiar things are given up; some less familiar ones are put in.

At the Sung Eucharist. Instead of Our Lord's Summary of the Law with the single response which we normally use, the Ten Commandments are recited and a response made after each one. The organ interludes during the priest's preparation and at the Communion of the people are omitted.

The Canticles and Hymns. At other seasons we sing the *Venite* in its shorter form, but during Lent (and Advent) we include the Admonition contained in the last four verses.

Instead of *Te Deum* we sing *Benedicite.* This is also known as the Song of the Three Holy Children — Ananias, Azarias and Misael, the young men who were cast into the fiery furnace by King Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel Chapter 3). In our new Shorter Prayer Book the different sections of this canticle are clearly marked: vv 3-17 refer to the inanimate forces of nature; vv 18-26 to earth and its creatures leading up to man; and vv 27-32 to Israel, the Church of God. This canticle expresses offering and praise by the people of God, and is particularly suitable on Septuagesima, when the story of the Creation is read, and during Lent.

From Septuagesima until Easter Eve it is customary to give up the use of hymns containing "Alleluia" — a word which we associate especially with the hymns of Easter Day. T.G.

"NOBODY SPEAKS TO ME"

The London Churchman has kindly given us permission to reprint this short article which they quote, with grateful acknowledgments, from the Quarterly Paper of St. Mary's, Hitcham:

If all the people who complain to me that nobody, except the Rector, ever speaks to them when they come to Hitcham Church, would start talking to one another, there would be a regular conversazione outside afterwards.

It should be so easy to talk to somebody who has been worshipping beside you: there are so many opening gambits: Here are a few suggestions. (1) "What a shocking draught there was in church this morning!" (2) "How uncomfortable those pews are. They catch you across the back." (3) "Why do we have the same hymns so often?" or (according to taste) "Why don't we have hymns that everybody knows?" (4) "What a dull sermon the Rector preached this evening!"

Try one of these on a total stranger as you come out of church next Sunday and you may make a bosom friend for life!

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May Marlborough towers call Marlborough town.
John Betjeman

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FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Parishioners,

This month, except for two days, our churches are going to be in battle-dress. During Lent there will be no flowers in the churches, the colours will be sombre, and there will be a note of discipline and penitence in the services.

At first sight this may seem plain silly — with the daylight lengthening, the March winds blowing and everything stirring to the impulse of Spring ; or even something worse than silly—hypocrisy or play-acting. But it isn't. We would dodge it if we could ; but we can't.

" We preach Christ crucified," said St. Paul. And he went on to say that to the Jews it would be a stumbling block and to the Greeks it would be foolishness : but Christians would find in it both the power of God and the wisdom of God. It really works. It really is through His cross and passion that we are brought to the glory of His resurrection.

The power of the cross to carry to resurrection those who carry it to Calvary is both the mystery (a discoverable secret) and the glory of our faith. Individually, but in the Church, we received the cross on our foreheads at baptism ; and individually, but in the Church, we have the thrill of discovering its virtue.

So it will be battle-dress — *except for two days.* One of them is Lady Day, March 25th, which we keep in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to whom our church is dedicated. And the other is Maundy Thursday, about which I have something to say to you on another page.

Your friend and Rector,

Francis Browne

DIARY FOR MARCH

SUNDAY SERVICES. *Until further notice*: **Holy Communion at 8 a.m. will always be in St. Peter's. All the other services — 9 a.m. Holy Communion, Matins, Family Service at 3 p.m. on 3rd Sundays, and Evensong — will always be in St. Mary's**

1st Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Lent Evensong and Address 7 p.m. (*Those preparing for Marriage*)

3rd Friday. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. (St. Peter's). (*S.P.G.*)

5th THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT. Parish Communion 9 a.m. (Beaumont setting). The Litany will be sung in Procession at Evensong. (*The Parish, especially the Officers of the P.C.C*)

7th Tuesday. Annual Parish Meeting 8 p.m. in St. Mary's Schoolroom.

8th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Lent Evensong and Address 7 p.m. (*Members of the Rural-decanal Conference*)

10th Friday. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. (St. Peter's). (*C.M.S.*)

12th FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT. **Mothering Sunday.** Family Service with Blessing of Flowers 3 p.m. (*The Parish, especially our Homes*)

15th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Lent Evensong and Address 7 p.m. (*Moral Welfare Associations*)

17th Friday. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. (St. Peter's). (*U.M.C.A.*)

19th PASSION SUNDAY. Parish Communion 9 a.m. (Beaumont setting). The Litany will be sung at Matins. (*The Parish and Christian Witness*)

22nd Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Calne Players in *Christ Crucified* 8 p.m. in St. Mary's. (*Religious Drama*)

24th Friday. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. (St. Peter's) (*Family Life*)

25th Saturday. **The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Family Life*)

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

26th PALM SUNDAY. Blessing and Distribution of Palms before Sung Eucharist 9 a.m. Preacher at Matins: The Rt. Rev. Dr. F. A. Cockin. (*The Parish, especially the Clergy*)

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in Holy Week there will be Evensong with a Short Address at 7 p.m. Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Dr. F. A. Cockin.

27th Monday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Lapsed communicants*)

28th Tuesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The unconfirmed*)

29th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Missions to Islam and to the Jews*)

30th MAUNDY THURSDAY. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Holy Communion*)

31st GOOD FRIDAY
8 a.m. Matins
10 a.m. Family Service
12 noon The Three Hours Devotion. Conductor: The Rector
6.15 p.m. Evening Prayer (said)
7 p.m. Choral Service of the Passion: *God So loved the World*

April 1st EASTER EVE. Matins and Ante-Communion 8 a.m. Evensong and Preparation 7 p.m.

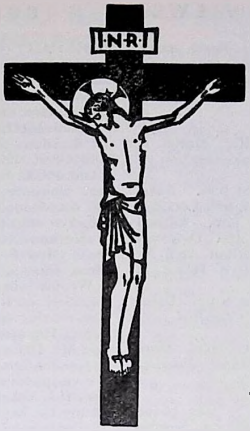
2nd EASTER DAY
Holy Communion 6.30 a.m., 8 a.m. (St. Peter's), 9 a.m. (Sung), 12.25 p.m.
Choral Mattins 11.15 a.m.
Festal Evensong 6.30 p.m.
(*Thanksgiving for Easter Victory*)

3rd **Easter Monday.** Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. (*Thanksgiving for the Risen Life*)

4th **Easter Tuesday.** Holy Communion 11 a.m. (St. Peter's). Transport can be arranged on request. (*Thanksgiving for the Hope of Glory*)

Special Intentions at Holy Communion are printed in italics

HOLY WEEK
DAY BY DAY



PALM SUNDAY

Christ's royal entry into Jerusalem. He weeps over the city. A short visit to the temple; He retires to Bethany.

MONDAY He goes into the temple and cleanses it — "My house shall be called the house of prayer". His enemies seek how they may destroy Him. In the evening He returns again to Bethany.

TUESDAY He goes again to the temple; the Chief Priests ask "By what authority doest Thou these things?" and "Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar?". The widow's mite. On the Mount of Olives He talks to the disciples about the Last Things and returns to Bethany.

WEDNESDAY In seclusion at Bethany preparing for the great trial. The Chief Priests consult how they may kill Him. Judas goes to the priests.

MAUNDY THURSDAY *The Day of Unleavened Bread when the Passover must be killed.* "Go and prepare us the Passover". The washing of the disciples' feet.

The Institution of the Lord's Supper. For the Paschal Lamb the unleavened bread is substituted, broken and given to the disciples with the Cup of Blessing — "This is My Body — My Blood — Do this".

Gethsemane. They go out into the garden at the foot of the Mount of Olives: the Agony — the Betrayal — the arrest and Peter's denial.

GOOD FRIDAY "He was crucified also for us . . . . He suffered and was buried".

EASTER EVE The Sabbath. A watch is set over the sepulchre.

EASTER DAY "The Lord is risen indeed"

GOOD FRIDAY
HOUR BY HOUR

6.30 a.m. The sentence of Pilate. "Behold your King."

7 a.m. The scarlet robe; the crown of thorns — a caricature of the laurel-wreath of the Emperor; the reed to represent a sceptre.

7.30 a.m. The carrying of the Cross. Hung round His neck was the white plate on which His crime was indicated. The cross was usually nine feet high.

8 a.m. Simon the Cyrenian forced to carry the Cross.

9 a.m. *The Crucifixion.* The refusal of drugged wine, in order that He might have the full use of His faculties at the crisis of redemption. The nailing to the Cross-piece.

9.30 a.m. The soldiers watch and gamble. The garments of the criminal were the property of the four soldiers who guarded the Cross; they cast lots for the seamless white under-garment.

10 a.m. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

11 a.m. "Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise.

12 noon "Woman, behold thy son. Son, behold thy mother."

12-3 p.m. The Darkness, not an eclipse, since it was the time of the Paschal full moon.

"My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?"

"I thirst."

The vinegar on a sponge, common wine brought for the use of the guard, into which a sponge was dipped.

"It is finished."

"Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit."

NEWS :: VIEWS :: COMING EVENTS

WARNING ! *Please don't throw away* the box which holds your Stewardship envelopes. New envelopes, for the year beginning Sunday Mar. 12th, will be sent to you very shortly.

DATES TO REMEMBER. March is full of important dates. Make sure you've got these down :

Thursday Mar. 9th at 7.30 p.m. *Ruridecanal Conference.* Church Cottage.

Tuesday Mar. 14th at 3 p.m. Annual General Meeting of the Diocesan Moral Welfare Association Area X. Speaker : Miss Evelyn Home of *Woman.* Town Hall.

Wednesday Mar. 22nd at 8 p.m. Calne Players in *Christ Crucified.* St. Mary's.

Tuesday Mar. 28th at 2.15 p.m. *Marlborough Grammar School Passiontide Service.* St. Mary's.

JOINING TOGETHER — our parish and Marlborough College on Sunday Mar. 5th in celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. The 9 a.m. service will be sung to the Beaumont setting. Afterwards there will be a Parish Breakfast in the Court Room of the Town Hall. This will be primarily for our young people and the College, but if there is room there will be a few tickets for those of riper years.

A FAMILY DAY. *Mothering Sunday.* Last year after the Family Service and Blessing of Flowers, for the first time, we had a Parish Tea Party for the children and their parents. This was a great success, so we are doing it again this year, but with a slight difference. The sit-down tea will be for children only : for parents there will be a buffet, so that they will be free to move about and talk together. We hope all parents with children will come to the service and to the Tea Party in the Town Hall afterwards. M.B.

TOTAL POPULATION — that is, every man, woman, child and infant-in-arms —of our Parish at the 1951 Census : 2251. Number of subscribers to *Tower and Town* at the beginning of February : 750 ; number of copies sold in February just over 800. Six months ago we thought 600 copies per month would be a pretty good circulation : now we don't know what to think — thanks to our Grade A, 1st Class Distributors.

THE P.C.C. — WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT DOES. There is one important difference between a " board of directors " and a P.C.C. A P.C.C. has no absolute authority. It is a case of the Council offering counsel to the Rector. All decisions and the resulting responsibility rest with him.

Our P.C.C. has eighteen ordinary members who are elected for three years ; the six seniors only retire each year, to preserve continuity, and are eligible for re-election. Retiring members this year are : Mrs. Field, Miss Hilliard, Messrs. Fleet, Gartside, Harling and Hope.

We are allowed to co-opt up to five members each year for one year only. The retiring co-opted members are Mesdames Hayman and Venters, Miss Barnes and Mr. Dancey.

Nominations for candidates for the six vacancies must be given to the Hon. Sec. (Lt. Col. W. F. Harling) *in writing,* before the beginning of the meeting, with the names of proposers and seconders. Nominees must be twenty-one or over and must be communicants.

Once again : Please come to the Annual Church Meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 7th at 8 p.m. in St. Mary's School-room.

" P.R.O."

PARENTS, GUARDIANS and GODPARENTS will be glad to know in good time that the *Confirmation Service* will be on Trinity Sunday, May 28th. It will be taken by the Bishop of Sherborne.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN ? *The Sign of the Cross.* The early Christians used it as " the sign of the Lord ", sanctifying every action in daily life from getting up in the morning to lying down to sleep at night, as an encouragement in temptation and trial, and also as a means of mutual recognition in times of persecution. When the Sign of the Cross is made on the child's brow at Baptism, by the priest at the altar, or if we make it when we pray, it also brings right home to us, in a very simple but very real way, that we should not be using it if Jesus had not lived in history, a man in Palestine, dying on a cross ; and it links us through every one of nearly 2,000 years with all the people who have believed that He was God and who are part with us of an uncountable army of believers calling themselves Christians.

"THE THREEFOLD DAY OF THAT TRIUMPHANT PASSION"

Sin is like that — we have got to face it. Human nature is like that, and we must face it. But God is like this." That is the theme of Holy Week.

We call it the most solemn week of the Christian Year. Solemn means sacred and splendid — not gloomy. The solemnity is a paradox of grief and joy, defeat and victory, penitence and forgiveness, death and life: the victim of Good Friday is the victor of Easter Day; the despised criminal on the cross is the world's creator, redeemer and king.

Palm Sunday

So on Palm Sunday we sing the famous hymn — "Sing my tongue the glorious battle — tell how Christ the world's redeemer as a victim won the day." The palms we receive, and take home with us, are palms of victory.

Maundy Thursday

The day is named after the Mandate, or new command, given by Our Lord at the last supper when He instituted the Holy Communion. The Eucharist of this day has always had a character of its own. White vestments and flowers are used for this service, after which the altars are bare until Easter.

Good Friday

The four services of Good Friday give ample opportunity for everyone to bear witness, one way or another, on this most solemn day of the year. For those who profess and call themselves Christians there is no escape from the challenge to keep it as Holy Day and not merely as holiday. The service at 10 a.m. is a family service designed for parents and children. It has always been understood that not everyone can, or should come to the whole of the Three Hours Devotion. Some coming and going is usual and is not admitted as a distraction by others.

Easter Eve

We shall decorate the churches in the morning: Easter weddings start in St. Mary's at 12.30 p.m. Evensong is a joyful preparation in anticipation of the Easter Communion. It is obligatory on all full members of the Church to communicate on Easter Day "with due preparation."

F.B.R.B.

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PERSONAL POSER

What sort of a boy must Christ have been? I don't think he can have been much fun: and if He was an ordinary boy He must have sinned, mustn't He?

Our Lord was as fully a boy and man as you are, or were, or will be. He grew up just as you did. He "increased in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and man". He also shared the weakness of our mortal nature. He needed, and we know He prayed for, the grace of God at least as much as we do. "For we have no super-human High Priest to whom our weaknesses are unintelligible — He Himself has shared fully in all our experience of temptation, except that He never sinned" — that was written about Him when many who had known Him were still alive. (Heb. 4 v. 15 in J. B. Phillips' translation).

Sin is not the same as being tempted. Sin is an action of thought, word or deed contrary to the known will of God. The bodily appetites, including the natural instincts and affections implanted by God, are not in themselves sinful. Someone has said "You can't stop the birds flying round your head; you can stop them making nests in your hair".

I think Our Lord had a sense of humour. Can't you see the last hairy leg disappearing down the throat of the Pharisee who strained at a gnat — and swallowed a camel? People certainly did ask Him to parties. After all, He did come that we might have life more abundantly. If you had been at school with Him, He would proably have been your first choice for a camping holiday.

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.

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PARISH PRAYERS No. 6

O Lord, Thou knowest how busy I must be this day: if I forget Thee, do not Thou forget me. *Amen.*

Sir Jacob Astley's Prayer before the Battle of Edgehill, 1642.

GEELONG

T. R. GARNETT, M.A.

IN JULY of this year I and my family are due to sail for Australia, where I am to take up an appointment as Headmaster of Geelong Church of England Grammar School. In August I flew out to look and be looked at. The journey by Comet takes thirty-five hours—that is, by stomach and sleeptime it takes thirty-five hours, but by the calendar, two days out and one day back.



We are very grateful to Mr. T. R. Garnett for sparing time in his last busy term to write this article for *Tower and Town*. Although it is his first, we hope it won't be his last: news from the other side of the world will be of great interest to us all.

12,485 Miles from London

The trouble is that a Comet goes so fast that each hop lasts only about five hours, so that sleep is difficult. On the way out we landed at Frankfurt, Beirut, Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok, Singapore, Darwin, Sydney and Melbourne: and on the way back we flew to Colombo from Singapore, then to Bombay and Bahrein. The most memorable moments were leaving Darwin at dusk as flights of parrots flew in to roost in the palm trees, and crossing the Aegean at 35,000 feet in bright sunlight, so that the whole of Crete and all the isles of Greece could be compassed in a glance.

Grammar Schools and Colleges

Each Australian State is responsible for its own educational policy. In the State of Victoria the Independent Schools are all Church Schools: if they are Church of England they are called Grammar Schools, if Presbyterian or Methodist, Colleges.

Geelong (accent on the second syllable) is about fifty miles south of Melbourne (accent on the first syllable), has 100,000 inhabitants and is an important port and manufacturing centre. The school, which was founded in 1858, moved out of the town before the First World War to the village of Corio (accent on the middle syllable) which lay then in flat country beside an arm of the great bay which leads up to Melbourne. But now the city has almost caught up with the school.

Two Hundred Miles Apart

I have spoken about "the school", but in fact there is a covey of schools. There is the main school at Corio (which includes a Francis Brown House, as well as a Junior Department), but there is one Prep School in Melbourne, fifty miles away, another Prep School in Geelong, seven miles away, and 200 miles away, on the edge of the Australian Alps, is Timbertop.

School in the Trees

This is a branch of the school to which all boys go for a year when they are about fifteen: there they play no organised games but live in units of fourteen in huts among the gum trees. They do ordinary lessons and are cooked for centrally, but otherwise they look after themselves entirely—for instance, they have as much hot water as they care to make for themselves by collecting wood from the nearby forest. This branch of the school is called after a mountain of the same name and lies on the edge of a large area of mountains with no roads in it and quite considerable snowfalls in winter. It was brilliantly fine the day I was there and hotter than any day I remembered last summer in England: next day it snowed quite heavily.

"Mossy Football"

Geelong is very nearly the only school in Australia which draws boys from across the State boundaries and from further afield: it has, for instance, a close connection with Thailand. It has a strong rowing tradition but the most popular game there, as apparently in all Victoria, is *mossy football*, which is played on a big oval ground with eighteen a side and a rugger ball. Most boys are boarders, but there is a small day boy house.

Getting a Water Supply

The school buildings of red brick extend in a wide arc with the Chapel in the middle and look across the lagoon to a property called Avalon, where everyone

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but the owners believes that the first rabbits in Australia were released.

When the school first moved out of Geelong, its only water supply was what it collected from the roofs which were therefore of corrugated iron, as are those of most houses in Australia. Mimosa (wattle) trees were just coming into flower when I was there, and in what will be our garden there was a lemon tree covered with fruit.

Humming with Life

Melbourne itself is a huge city and I believe it is nearly as far across from one side to the other as London is, largely because the great majority of the population live in bungalows with gardens. As you drive through the suburbs of Melbourne or Sydney you cry out — or at least I did — for a two-storied house.

I brought back an impression of a country that was humming with life and a most attractive one. But there is no doubt that there will be times when we shall be homesick for the green lawns running down to the Kennel, the deciduous trees of Wiltshire, and the people of Marlborough.

T. R. GARNETT

TOO LATE

When it was realised that old Mrs. X had not been invited to the Vicarage Garden Party, the curate was despatched to fetch her. "It's too late to invite me now, young man," she said. "I've already prayed for rain."

From the *Old Howe Record*

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Why

And reading about Our Lord in today's language, it will be easier to think of Him as dwelling among us today, our contemporary — just as reading about Him in out-of-date language may lead us to think of Him as out-of-date too.

So don't dismiss this new translation by saying "the Authorised Version is good enough for me". The Authorised Version will always be there, our treasured possession. But if we come with open minds to this new version, translated into the language of our own day, we shall find new treasure. *Truth is great and will prevail.*

HOW NEW IS NEW?

DO YOU sometimes find yourself practically believing that Jesus spoke in English? But in the English of the days of James I, often rather difficult to understand? Do you believe that *thee* and *thou* are special "religious" words? That not a sentence of our English Bible should be changed because everyone was dictated by God?

No: no sensible person really thinks like that. For now-a-days everybody knows that Jesus spoke in Aramaic; and that the Bible is a collection of books in Hebrew and Greek by different authors written over a period of 1,000 years which have been translated into nearly every known language of the world.

Then

The Authorised Version of the English Bible is a translation of the Hebrew and Greek made by the best scholars and the best literary advisers of the seventeenth century. Because that was truly a golden age of English literature, it is a translation which will probably never be surpassed for the poetry, the mystery, the passion and the power of its language. It has influenced all English literature since, and has permeated our daily speech to a degree we hardly realise. On Sunday March 12th there is to be a great thanksgiving service in Westminster Abbey to celebrate the 350th anniversary of its publication.

Now

Two days later there will be another great event: the publication of the first part, the New Testament, of the New English Bible. Again the best scholars and the best literary advisers have been at work, and in much the same way. This time, probably, the language will not be as "heavenly" as that of the earlier translators, for this is not a poetic age. This new translation will have different merits: it is the result of new research into biblical documents and new knowledge about the Hebrew and Greek languages. It will be plainer — but it will be more accurate. It will be easier to understand, for those who know the Bible as well as for the thousands who have not been brought up to know it.

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FAMILIAR FACE No. 7

TREVOR GARTSIDE

Have you ever stopped to think that a parish our size is pretty lucky to have an Organist and Choirmaster with all those letters after his name? We shouldn't be in this enviable position if we weren't able to share Trevor Gartside with the College. Appointed in 1954, after Cambridge and the Royal College of Music, he is a member of the P.C.C., was a Stewardship Visitor—he spoke at the Dinner, serves on the Diocesan Church Music Committee. At the College he teaches organ, piano, theory of music and musical appreciation. The singing of our Choir reflects his expertise, his high standards, his verve and enthusiasm —so does our ready acceptance of the Beaumont Folk Mass and the way the Special 9 a.m. Choir is getting down to the job. In fact, our church music is the pride and joy of us all. By the way —we still need tenors!

NOTHING EVER HAPPENS IN A QUIET COUNTRY TOWN

OR DOES IT? Perhaps there aren't so many smash-and-grab raids or robberies with violence, not so many delinquent children, not much gang warfare. But broken homes, illegitimate babies, marriages on the rocks, emotional tangles? These happen everywhere—even around Marlborough . . . Pewsey . . . Upavon . . .

That is why Miss Elizabeth Nicholls, Diocesan Moral Welfare worker for this area has travelled 2,089 miles in the four months since she was appointed, has given or made 163 interviews and visits, written 132 letters.

Moral Welfare? Some people think the name sounds odd, a bit patronising and censorious. May be. But the work is not, and neither are the workers. The work is the Church of England organising itself in the service of the family; and the workers are churchwomen who are trained to carry it out, and to do so in partnership with the parochial clergy and the social workers employed by other authorities—children's officers, probation officers, hospital almoners, health visitors.

The worker's concern is with people in their family life, building it up, mending it, helping it to a fresh start. Unmarried mothers, estranged husbands and wives, parents at loggerheads with children, adoptions: all these come within her province. Her job is to give help both as a friend and as a person with knowledge and skill, in the name of the Church.

How all this works out in practice you will be able to find out if you go to the meeting in the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 14th, at 3 p.m., when Miss Nicholls will give the Annual Report for her area (the Deaneries of Marlborough, Pewsey and North Avon), and Miss Evelyn Home of *Woman* will speak about the kind of problems with which Moral Welfare workers have to deal.

Diocesan Moral Welfare Worker: Miss E. Nicholls, 116 *High Street* (*Tel.* 478).

CONGREGATIONALIST CHURCH. All good wishes for his work here to the new Minister, the Rev. W. C. Gribble, who is due to take up his post on March 14th. He comes from Chumleigh in North Devon, which is quite a bit smaller than Marlborough, and is also set in the midst of lovely country, though of a very different kind.

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

SAVERNAKE HOSPITAL NEWS. At last the foundations of our new Training School have been laid: this, we understand, takes a great deal longer than setting up the building. The School, which will be between the Nurses' Home and the Tennis Court, is to have the most modern equipment possible. It is scheduled to be finished by March 31st. Many new recruits are signing on at the Hospital with a view to entering our first P.T.S. in the new School.

On Jan. 23rd Matron gave the Nurses a delicious dinner accompanied by hot punch! This was followed by a game of Tombola, which proved very popular with us all.

In September last year we had our first exam. of the hospital: five Nurses entered and five passed. They were Nurses Bassett, Cowley, Fribbins, Harben and West. Three more are taking it in March—we hope with the same result.

Matron has asked the Art Mistress at Marlborough Grammar School to design a badge for us: up to now we have not had one.

Our Recreation Hall funds are mounting up and the Nurses are hoping that the Hall will be ready by the autumn, when Matron and the Staff hope to hold a prizegiving—each Nurse being given her Certificate and Hospital Badge.

"A Nurse"

WHAT'S COOKING?

A Sandwich Spread

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Take 4 hard-boiled eggs, sieve the yolks, chop the whites finely and mix; skin 1 tomato (or use tinned tomatoes, but not too much juice), chop and add; add Lea and Perrins Worcester Sauce, salt, pepper and garlic salt to *taste* (don't be niggardly), and finally 1 oz. melted butter. Mix altogether. Will keep for some days in a fridge.

Marlborough Secondary Modern School

Our Christmas term ended happily with the Fourth Year party. We came back from the holiday to face our Half-Yearly Examinations in which the 4a pupils hope to gain their Leaving Certificates.

Once again we congratulate Dewick, who ran in the International Cross-Country Race on Jan. 2nd, being placed 43rd. Hockey and football matches took place against Southbroom School, Devizes. We enjoyed the matches, although Southbroom won in each case.

This Easter Mr. Lindsley hopes to take a small party climbing in Wales.

Sylvia Head

St. Mary's Girls' School

We are very glad we have room to print the whole of this splendid packet of news sent in by five young writers. Ed.

Miss Lewis comes as Meals Supervisor to help with the dinner children. Between seventy and eighty children usually have School meals. We have taken the last part of the Exam. on Jan. 18th and 19th. That is a weight off our minds!

Jane Lansley

We are following up the Queen's Tour of India. The Country Dancing teams are being picked for when we go to Devizes on Mar. 24th. About twenty-four to twenty-eight people can compete.

Susan Marsh

We are having the half-term holiday soon; we shall have four days counting the week-end. Jeannette Newby

On Jan. 24th Squadron-Leader Yates came from the R.S.P.C.A. and gave us a very interesting and pleasant lecture on how to look after our pets. He afterwards answered the questions we asked him. Caroline Nossent

As I expect some of you know we have been keeping a little leper girl. Now she is cured and is able to live as other children. So now we are helping another girl in Nigeria. We send £10 every year: but this year we were able to send more.

R. Sheppard

St. Peter's Boys' School

Mr. Yates of the R.S.P.C.A. came to us. He told us about all kinds of animals and how to keep them. If we asked questions on our difficulties on keeping our pets, he would try and answer them.

The Mayor is coming to the school on Feb. 23rd to show us some films about his visit to Marlborough in the United States of America. He will show us what the town is like and what he saw there.

Mrs. Newman has been appointed to the Headship of Wootton Rivers School and will be leaving at the end of the term.

M. Bench

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4th Sunday: "The street I live in"

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

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3 Miss Barnes (West end)
Mrs. Bedbrook (East end)

HOLY BAPTISM

Jan. 15th Christopher Albert Harwood
Jan. 21st Michael William Bright

HOLY MATRIMONY

Feb. 11th Michael Broadway to Josephine Elizabeth Goffe

R. I. P.

Feb. 10th Ada Maud Williams formerly of Cherry Orchard
Feb. 16th Mary Evelyn Hope Hughes of 35 Kingsbury Street

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Bible Reading Fellowship: Miss Mabel Pearce, 36 St. Martin's.
Diocesan Moral Welfare Association: Worker — Miss E. Nicholls, 116 High Street (Tel. 478).

FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to the *Rev. John Montague* and his wife on the birth of a daughter —Charlotte Catherine Mary — on Feb. 8th. John Montague was curate of Marlborough from 1947-50 and is now Assistant Principal of Bishops' College, Cheshunt.

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The Treasurer of the Marlborough branch of the *Church of England Children's Society* acknowledges with gratitude the donation of £10 raised by the recent whist drive ably organised by *Miss M. E. N. Pearce.* Incidentally, if you are looking out for a Good Cause for your Lent almsgiving, the Society has collecting boxes available. There are some on the table by the door in St. Mary's and they may be taken from there.

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Christopher and Mary Hughes. Many tributes have been paid to the memory of Christopher Hughes. We add one personal to *Tower and Town*; it was he who drew the Tower designs which we use on our cover. When St. Mary's was bare, desolate and waterlogged during the restoration, it was Mary Hughes who cheered us by putting a vase of spring flowers on the bare altar. This was typical of her many acts of self-effacing kindness to the Over-Sixties and many others. We miss them both.

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Tower and Town is non-political but likes to acknowledge good enterprise even when it is connected with a political party. *Peter Morgan* (Chairman), *Tim Williams, Ian Reeve* and *David Hancock* are members of the Marlborough Young Conservatives who produce a lively monthly magazine called Phoenix. Tim Williams is the Editor. Any good ideas they have to spare will be given the fullest consideration by the Editor of their church magazine.

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OVERHEARD

Place: Outside St. Mary's Church. Time: After the 9 a.m. Parish Communion.

"Good morning, Betty and Richard! Coming to join us at the parish Breakfast?"

"We can't this morning. Sorry—another week perhaps!" And off they go. If they had stopped to give a reason why they couldn't join the breakfasters, they would probably have said either "We're too old. Only kids go!" Or "We enjoy our bacon and eggs on Sunday —only day we have time for a proper breakfast." Or even "Anyhow, what's the point?"

Let's try to find the answers.

We're too old. Only kids go. The Parish Breakfast was instituted for the Young People of the parish. (At what age does one stop being called young? Somewhere around twenty-five?) It is an opportunity to share in the fellowship of the Church, and true fellowship needs all ages and abilities. Those thinking of Confirmation need the help and assurance of those who have been Communicants for some time. Those who give their time to the work of the Church, servers, bell-ringers, choir-boys past and present, can all help those who are still unsure what "belonging to the Church" means. We know that many Sunday School teachers can only come on the 3rd Sunday, but how nice it would be to see them then and to share our experiences together.

We enjoy our Sunday breakfast. Of course we do, but couldn't we sometimes do without it? Do you remember the Breakfast by the Lake? The food must have been rough and ready—but the fellowship so satisfying.

What's the point, anyhow? The point is that having shared in the Lord's own service, we should also have a chance to talk to and share our companionship with those trying to follow in the Master's footsteps. It isn't a kid's game—and it's much too difficult for the kids to play without help.

M.H.

Junior Sunday School

WE ALL LIKED HELPING. On Fridays with Miss Lewis at Children's Corner we do all sorts of things. Last Friday three girls went to help her. When we got there we helped to polish the silver and brass, and one of us did the cross. Then we helped with the furniture, chairs, tables and the pulpit. Next came the arranging of the flowers, all very pretty. And then we had to clear up. But we all liked helping.

SUSAN MARSH

PARISH ROUND-UP

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

BACK TO SCHOOL? There was a good attendance, including ten new members of the Guild, at our meeting on February 9th to hear Mr. A. R. Stedman on *Our Two Marlborough Churches*. His talk and answers to questions, and the discussion which followed, were all greatly enjoyed. Mr. Stedman promised that as soon as it was possible, probably early next year, we should be among the first to be taken on a personally conducted tour of the new Grammar School.

Money was collected to send fruit and flowers to Mrs. Cahan, the victim of a bad road accident, now in Savernake Hospital far from family and friends.

First announcement of an important forthcoming event: A Fete in aid of the Pestalozzi Children's Village, Saturday, July 8th, in the Rectory Garden. *Next meeting Feb. 23rd:* A visit to Pelham Puppets.

M.B.

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

CAUGHT NOT TAUGHT. What happened between the Middle Ages, when the Church was the centre of each community, and our own day, when the average man feels that the Gospel is irrelevant and turns in a spirit of frustration to the cinema, the telly and the dogs? The Rector's talk at our meeting on Feb. 3rd *The Gospel in Modern Society*, illustrated by a film-strip, gave us the answer—the Industrial Revolution, the nineteenth century quarrel between Science and Religion, the false belief that new scholarship had revealed weaknesses in the Bible, the increasing attractiveness of the externals of life, and the Church's preoccupation with its own affairs blinding it to the needs of a new world growing up all around it.

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Parish Round-up: continued from page 13

Can anything be done? The remedy is in our hands: the Church must return to the people, and like the Franciscans, spread the Gospel by its life—and we are the Church. Religion is caught not taught: the plain man is not asked to preach Christianity but to be a Christian.

We are very grateful to the Rector for preparing this talk at short notice, as the promised film *Christianity and Politics* failed to turn up. *Thursday, Mar. 2nd:* Mr. David Jones, formerly Reuter's Correspondent in Moscow, on *Living behind the Iron Curtain.* G.C.

Mothers' Union with St. Mary's Guild: Enrolling Member: Mrs. F. B. R. Browne. COMING EVENTS. We hope that by now every member will have a printed programme of the events and outings arranged for 1961, but if you haven't been at the earlier meetings this year, you may like to know of the following: *Mar. 23rd. Lady Day Festival at Chiseldon Church.* Preacher: the Rev. Frank Smedley, Vicar of Overton. 'Bus will leave the Parade at 2.15 p.m. If you wish to go, inform Mrs. L. Stevens (hon. Sec.), 40 George Lane. *Lady Day Corporate Communion:* Friday, Mar. 24th, at 10.30 a.m. in St. Peter's *or* on Lady Day, Saturday, Mar. 25th, at 7.30 a.m., in St. Mary's. For our March meeting we are going to attend the Diocesan Moral Welfare meeting on March 14th in the Town Hall, at 3 p.m., when Miss Evelyn Home of *Woman* will be the speaker.

M.B.

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

OTHER LANDS. We started Brownies on Jan. 11th. A fortnight later Jane Lansley flew up to Guides and Christine Olroyd went up. We congratulate Olwyn Butler who gained her Golden Bar last week. On Feb. 8th Miss M. Abbott, a Commissioner from Tasmania, Australia, came to our meeting. She told us about Brownies of her country and brought flags and emblems to show us. Also she showed us a toy platypus.

THE LITTLE PEOPLE

Alison Wheeler would like to thank the anonymous Brownie who remembered her after her accident last month. She was delighted with the way the flowers were arranged.

The District Commissioner has asked me to say that the 3rd Marlborough Brownie Pack is *not* a closed Pack especially attached to St. Mary's Church, nor is the 1st Pack attached especially to the Methodist Church; but *both* Packs are open to Brownies of any denomination. BROWN OWL

CHOIR NOTES

Miracles Do Happen. We have always felt the need for a regular choir to help with the 9 a.m. service on Sunday, and we can now say that we have one! This is due to the generous help of ex-choristers and members of the Youth Club. This Special Choir sings on Sundays other than the 3rd in the month.

New Altos. Dorinda Brown and Geraldine Hodge have volunteered to sing Alto in the Full Choir. It is a great pleasure to welcome them and to report that they make good progress.

New Probationers. We also welcome Stephen Hart and William Swinfield: we hope that they will be admitted as choristers at Evensong on Palm Sunday.

Folk Mass. We shall be using the Beaumont setting twice this month—on the 1st Sunday, when the College joins us, and, as usual, on the 3rd Sunday. This involves some alteration in Choir attendances, so keep this list by you:

Mar. 5th—Lent 3. 9 a.m. Folk Mass: Full Choir. 11.15 a.m.: No Choir. 6.30 p.m. Litany: Full Choir.
Mar. 12th—Lent 4. 9 a.m. Merbecke: Special Choir. 11.15 a.m.: Full Choir. 3 p.m. Flower Service: Boys only. 6.30 p.m.: Adults only.
Mar. 19th—Passion Sunday. 9 a.m.: Folk Mass: Full Choir. 11.15 a.m. Litany: Adults only. 6.30 p.m.: Boys only.
Mar. 26th—Palm Sunday. 9 a.m. Merbecke: Special Choir. 11.15 a.m.: Full Choir. 6.30 p.m. Admission of Choristers: Full Choir.

"**God So Loved the World**" is the title of the Passiontide Devotion which we shall sing on Good Friday evening at 7 p.m. The service lasts under the hour and all present will be able to take an active part, as a special words edition will be available. There are seven sections, each consisting of a reading followed alternately by an anthem or a hymn. TREVOR GARTSIDE

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FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Parishioners,

Very early on Easter morning the Angel at the tomb said " The Lord is not here ; He is risen ". Later on in the day the two friends back from Emmaus burst in on the Church with the news " the Lord is risen " and find that they already know — " He is risen indeed ".

If that were all the story, Easter would still bring us great joy. In spite of all our selfishness, and a bias towards evil of which we are only too well aware, there is a persistent something in each one of us which recognises a perfect splendour in the life and death of Jesus Christ. We long for it to be true that this life was stronger than envy, hatred and malice ; that at the heart of reality goodness does prevail ; that the power behind the universe is love. On Easter Day God seals with His affirmation that very thing that we hoped so much might be true.

But that is not all the story : and we must not cling to the bare fact of the risen Lord, as Mary Magdalene did, because that may stop us from receiving something greater still. " He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood dwelleth in me and I in him " ; in each of us — each member of the Church which is His body — there dwells, by virtue of our Communion with Him, a principle of victory which is irresistible. " Because I live, ye shall live also ".

That is uppermost in my mind as I send you my best wishes for all the joys of Eastertide.

Your friend and Rector,
Francis Browne

DIARY FOR APRIL

SUNDAY SERVICES. *Until further notice*: **Holy Communion at 8 a.m. will always be in St. Peter's. All the other services — 9 a.m. Holy Communion, Matins, Family Service at 3 p.m. on 3rd Sundays, and Evensong — will always be in St. Mary's.**

1st **Easter Eve.** Matins and Ante-Communion 8 a.m. Evensong and Preparation 7 p.m.

2nd EASTER DAY. *For all Easter services please see page 3 opposite.*
5th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Easter Communicants of the Parish*).

9th FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. **Low Sunday.** (*The Parish, especially the Infants' Sunday School*).
12th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Church Cleaners*).

16th SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. Parish Communion 9 a.m. (*Beaumont setting*). Family Service and Holy Baptism 3 p.m. (*The Parish, and especially the Blind*).
19th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Marlborough Handicapped Centre*).

23rd THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. **St. George, M. Patron Saint of England.** (*The Parish; our Queen and Country*).
25th Tuesday. **St. Mark, E.M.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Bible Reading*).
26th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Diocesan Missionary Council*).

30th FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. Industrial Sunday: a Day of Prayer for Work To-day. Preacher at Matins: the Rev. A. F. Mackenzie B.Sc., Diocesan Chaplain for the Deaf. (*The Parish, especially those working in Industry*).

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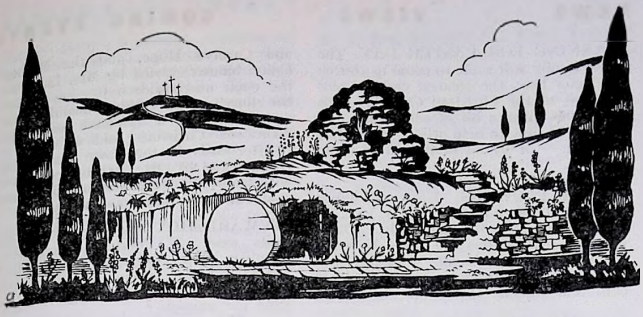
ST. GEORGE, M. PATRON OF ENGLAND. APRIL 23RD



The Rector writes —

The memory of St. George is less alive in England than in the Middle East, where they expect him to come back as leader in the final show-down with evil. British soldiers are always called "George" — never "Tommy". The Coptic Church knows him as the decorated guardsman (one of the "white-robed") who tore down an Anti-Christian Proclamation and was martyred for it in 303. The Roman Empire became—officially—Christian a few years after: so what St. George killed was Dagon, local heathenism, not really a dragon.

On St. George's Day 1943 (it was Good Friday) the London Division, with whom I served, went into the line, for the first time, in Tunisia. On the morning of Normandy "D" Day I said prayers at St. George's tomb at Lydda. Although he was known in England at least from the 8th century, St. George probably started to rank as Patron of England when Edward II founded the Order of the Garter under his patronage in 1347.



An angel of the Lord, in dazzling apparel, was seated at the sepulchre; which, when the women beheld they were affrighted and stood afar off. Then the angel answered and said unto them, " Fear not ye, for He whom ye seek among the dead now liveth, I say unto you, and with Him hath risen from the dead the life of all mankind. Alleluia ".

EASTER SERVICES

EASTER DAY

HOLY COMMUNION 6.30 a.m., 8 a.m. (St. Peter's), 9 a.m. (Sung), 12.25 p.m.

(*Thanksgiving for Easter Victory*)

CHORAL MATINS 11.15 a.m.

FESTAL EVENSONG 6.30 p.m.

EASTER MONDAY

HOLY COMMUNION 8.30 a.m. (*Thanksgiving for the Risen Life*)

EASTER TUESDAY

HOLY COMMUNION 11 a.m. (St. Peter's). Transport can be arranged on request. (*Thanksgiving for the Hope of Glory*)

PLANNING FOR EASTER DAY. The whole family will want to come to church on Easter Day, the greatest and the oldest feast of the Christian Church. This sometimes takes a bit of contriving, and we may be able to help others with offers to sit-in — or by an invitation to come with us.

EASTER FLOWERS. Easter weddings begin at 12.30 p.m. on Easter Eve, so the decorating will start early. Those who can give flowers are asked to bring them first thing. Anyone who can stay to help with the decorating at either church is warmly invited to do so.

INSTEAD of the prayers and responses usually made after the Sung Communion service, at *Easter* the priest says *The Lord is risen* ! And the congregation gives back the answer *He is risen indeed* ! (In the Russian Church this is the usual "good morning !" greeting at Eastertide).

"SCRUB, BROTHER, SCRUB" — but in this case it's *sister*. The usual bands of stalwarts spring-cleaned both our churches last month. Their reward is the reward of all housework — the fresh, tidy, shining look produced by their labours. Those of us who have not done any of the hard scrubbing and polishing, but only enjoy the results, owe them a big debt of gratitude for being so generous with their time and their energy.

MOTHERING SUNDAY. About eighty children and quite a lot of babies came to our Family Service and blessing of Mothering Sunday flowers on March 12th. Mothers and grandmothers and some fathers came too. The children took their bunches of daffodils, violets and primroses up to the chancel steps for the blessing. Afterwards the Rector told them about some of the mothers in the Bible, and especially about the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Lord Jesus, after whom our parish church is named. And also about another sort of mother — the Church. Then the Sunday School teachers explained what the Church teaches us at the font, the lectern, the pulpit and the altar rails.

Finally, led by the Cross, and with their Sunday School banner carried by Rodney Jones, with Shirley McCarthy and Carolyn Hope, and the Mothers' Union banner carried by Mrs. Lawrence, the choir and children processed round the church — the children beaming away and producing a splendid noise with "Onward Christian soldiers".

Afterwards in the Town Hall eighty children and fifty-five parents were served with tea by the Hostesses Committee, and a nice friendly time was had by all.

STEWARDSHIP. As a result of the visits made in February, twenty-two members of the congregation have joined our Stewardship scheme, and the parish income has been increased by a further £264 per annum.

DO YOU LIKE GARDENING ? Roses, given by the family of Mr. H. M. Friend in his memory, have been planted in St. Peter's churchyard. Mr. L. T. Smith and Mrs. Hart are looking after all the flower-beds for us. The Borough authorities mow St. Mary's churchyard twice a year, but suggestions and help are urgently needed *to stop that scruffy look.*

TOTAL TO DATE — 200. Twenty-eight more kneelers have been finished and are now in use, bringing the total to 200.

LOW SUNDAY. No one knows exactly why the Sunday after Easter is called "Low" Sunday, unless it is by contrast with the "high" feast of Easter Day. In the early Church it was the day when those baptised at Easter put off their white robes of rejoicing and took up the ordinary business of life again. Whatever the reason, it certainly doesn't mean that it is the Sunday when we "take a rest" after all the church-going of Easter Day. Every Sunday — every "first day of the week" — commemorates the Resurrection.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES. *Next dates* : Girls in Church Cottage on April 25th ; boys in the Rectory on April 28th.

WHAT IS HE SAYING ? *At Holy Communion.* Before the priest starts the service he makes his immediate preparation at the sanctuary step. He says Psalm 43, in which we can all join silently, and makes his own confession. He concludes with the "Our Father", to bring his thoughts into line with Our Lord's own teaching on prayer. He says this aloud so that we may know that the service is about to begin.

HAVING BABY "DONE"

Having Baby registered, vaccinated, inoculated against diphtheria, christened — they are all bits of the usual routine, all "being done". The law says the child must be registered, and medical science advises that little Susan or John should be protected from disease right from the start. What about christening? Well, this is a Christian country: it's the right thing to do.

So we make an occasion of it, knit and embroider, ice a cake, invite the family and our friends, who bring presents — pram covers, rattles, teething rings, perhaps a Bible. It's Baby's special day. But why? What does it do? What does it mean?

To find that out you have to go back to the church, to the point in the service when the Rector said these words:

We receive this child into the congregation of Christ's flock and do sign him with the Sign of the Cross *in token that he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under His banner against sin, the world and the devil, and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto his life's end.*

This is what it is all about, the reason for the party and the presents.

Easter is a good time to think about Baptism, for it was at Easter that the baptisms of the first Christians used to take place: a good time for all of us, but particularly for parents and godparents, to think about the promises made for the baby, and how a promise is a promise, whether it is a promise made to God, or to pay H.P. instalments on the telly.

Only God is more loving and trusting than the owner of the T.V. shop, and once you have had your baby baptised He won't take away His part of the transaction if you don't do your part. But what is your part? Your child is taught Religious Knowledge at school and you try to do your best at home. Isn't that good enough? Quite frankly, no. The best place to get to know your parents is at home. The best place for a child to get to know his heavenly Father is in His House — the Church, with the rest of God's Family.

Remember he is never too young to come to church with you. At four he can come to Sunday School. And the

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PERSONAL POSER

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Can you prove that Jesus lived: historically?

In a brilliant essay Ronald Knox "proved" that Queen Victoria wrote Tennyson's *In Memoriam*. In 1819 Archbishop Whately wrote a skit "proving" that Napoleon, who was still alive, had never existed. I mention this because you are going to have quite a lot of difficulty in getting *proof* of any historical event — that is if you mean the sort of proof that you can have for a mathematical truth or a law of physical science.

In history we have to rely on the integrity of our documents and on the course of events. The documents are the gospels, and the letters of St. Paul. Why did the writers write them? In the gospels the authors and their friends don't show up very well — indeed they appear as rather stupid and cowardly men. And there wasn't much worldly advantage to be got out of being an early Christian.

Then, the shape of events. Eleven frightened and not very clever men, in an obscure province of a great empire, are given the fantastic assignment "go teach all nations". In a few years they are hailed as those who have "turned the world upside down". You can't do that if you are a humbug and know you have made up your story.

On top of that is the witness of those who know Jesus as their contemporary in the Church which is His body. They are certain that, not only was He alive in the first century, but that He is alive now in the twentieth. F.B.R.B.

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Sung Communion Service is for all the family together.

No, having baby "done" isn't just a bit of the usual routine. In fact it isn't an end in itself. It's a beginning, the most important beginning of all.

FLORENCE HOOPER



The author of this article wrote to the Rector recently to tell him of the circumstances in which it was written. It is reprinted here by kind permission of the Editor of World Outlook, *New York. (Methodist Church).*

IN THE minutes of the 1959 annual church meeting of the Anglican parish of "St. Mary with St. Peter and St. Paul", in Marlborough, England, remarks of the Rector are reported as follows:

"The Rector reminded the meeting that his report was concerned only with ways and means, and not with ends; *the end, or purpose, of all church administration and supply was the worship of Almighty God.*" I did not, of course, attend this meeting, but last spring, in a brief interval of travel in southern England, I chanced upon St. Mary's, and was struck by something in the atmosphere of the place which suggested that this belonged in my "collection" (in memory only) of churches. When I turned toward the doorway of the neat little building, I was further confirmed in this intuition.

There, on a simple placard, were these lines:

Pause, ere thou enter traveller, and bethink thee
How holy, yet how humble, is this place;
Time that thou spendest here shall link thee
With men unknown who once were of thy race.
This is thy Father's house; to Him address thee,
Whom here His children meet with, face to face.
He, at thy coming in, shall bless thee;
Thy going out make joyous with His grace.

(There was no ascription: I have looked in vain for trace of authorship. I really suspect the Rector!)

The placard made me enter the church with mind prepared. I found no special beauty of architecture; no grandeur or evidence of great antiquity; just a clean, orderly, serviceable, Victorian "house of God". By the actual appearance of the church, by its careful housekeeping, and by the table, just inside the door, covered with pamphlets and prospectuses indicating a lively life for young and old "in the name of the Lord": bulletins of weekday and Sunday services for the nourishment and upbuilding of the life of the Spirit among its members, I was on every hand assured that this place met the test which I exact for a niche in my collection.

"A church is a living reality when the divine and the human build it, and dwell in it together". Here was a church dedicated first to worship and then to the practical application of the gospel to the needs of all people for work and play; outgoing activity for others and fellowship among themselves.

I met no one there but God and my day was "made joyous by His grace".

FLORENCE HOOPER

Mrs. Hooper is referring only to the chancel when she describes St. Mary's as "Victorian". The rest of the building is much older, ranging from the 12th to the 17th century.

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the greatest regret of the impending retirement of Mr. Bedbrook from the post of hon. treasurer. We cannot possibly begrudge him relief from a responsibility which he has carried for the last twenty-seven years with the minimum of fuss and the maximum of efficiency; we can only thank him with every sincerity for his splendid example. The four churchwardens were entrusted with the task of making recommendations for a new appointment. F.B.R.B.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

At the Vestry Meeting preceding the Annual Church Meeting on Mar. 7th. the Rector nominated Mr. E. J. Figgins as his Warden; the meeting elected Mr. P. Ford as People's Warden, and Mr. L. T. Smith and Mr. J. Manley as Deputy Wardens. (Owing to lack of space, details of the composition of the P.C.C. for 1961-2 must be held over until next month).

Officers elected were: Vice-chairman, Mr. Bedbrook; hon. treasurer, (vacant); hon. secretary, Mr. Harling; assistant hon. secretary, Mrs. Lane.

Reporting on "stones and mortar", the Rector said that the architect's quinquennial inspection had shown St. Mary's in need of extensive repairs to outside stonework. At St. Peter's some dry rot and wood-worm had been dealt with; the roof might have to be re-slated; the bells needed to be rehung; the floor of the bell-chamber was unsafe; the P.C.C. had decided not to renovate the organ.

The "very splendid gift" of 200 embroidered hassocks, representing hundreds of hours of work by many ladies, and candlesticks for the chapel at St. Mary's as part of the memorial to Miss Beatrice Brown, were gratefully acknowledged.

Turning to parish activities, the Rector reported that those long-established continued to thrive—the Church day schools, the Sunday Schools, the Mothers' Union and Young Wives' Group, the bell-ringers and our outstanding and enterprising choir. New activities which had arisen from the Stewardship Campaign were *Tower and Town*, Street Wardens, the Men's Society, a re-energised Youth Fellowship, and a resurrected St. Mary's Guild (whose programme, unfortunately, was unlikely to include the football matches of fifty years ago). To the many responsible for all these the parish was deeply grateful, as it was to the others who did the "housework" of the Church—the essential cleaning, polishing and decorating.

The annual accounts and the budget for 1961 were presented, examined in detail, and approved: copies of these are posted on the notice-boards of both churches. W.F.H.

At the subsequent meeting of the P.C.C. to elect officers we heard with

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FAMILIAR FACE No. 8

WALTER BEDBROOK

What shall we do without "Beddie"? Our cheerful, selfless hon. treasurer of the P.C.C. for twenty-seven years. Now he has retired. Appointed to Marlborough Post Office from Bournemouth in 1910, Walter Bedbrook twice refused transfers back to Bournemouth, and so was, he says, "condemned to Marlborough for life": he retired as Assistant Postmaster, his war service from August 1914 to March 1920 intervening. He has served town and parish as chairman of the Town United Charities, secretary and joint treasurer of Coronation Festivities, treasurer of St. Mary's Charities, joint treasurer of St. Mary's Restoration Fund, governor of St. Mary's Girls' School. On the lighter side, he is Captain of the Bowling Club, has represented the town at tennis, cricket and golf, and was a founder member and chairman of the Gay Nineties. Last year we had further cause to be grateful for his devotion to the Church, for he was chairman of our Christian Stewardship Campaign Committee. Thank you, Beddie!

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

STAY ALIVE THIS EASTER. *Inspector Baker writes*: Do you know that one person is killed on the roads of this country every eighty minutes and that one person is injured every two minutes? How utterly shocked we rightly are to hear occasionally that an air crash or train crash has occurred. Yet rarely does the number of deaths in one of these tragedies exceed the total road deaths during every five days and never does it produce anything like the daily total of 900 injured on our roads.

Soon many residents of Marlborough will be joining the happy stream and later the great flood of motorists making their way to holiday resorts to enjoy a well-earned respite from their daily routine. May I suggest that before starting your journey you make sure you leave behind those Imps — Impatience, Impoliteness, Impetuosity and Impulsiveness — for they are responsible for too many road casualties. E. BAKER

"Be alive to others on the road" is the slogan of this year's National Road Safety Campaign which will be launched at a national meeting in London on Monday, Apr 17th, followed by an inter-denominational service at St. Paul's on Saturday Apr 22nd.

SCHOOL IN BED. *News from the Children's Convalescent Hospital.* School in bed is quite different from school out of bed, because you can't do as many lessons, such as playing games, dancing, cooking and lots of other things. We still have our lessons such as English, Geography and History. We have a good rest in bed anyway. We have a spelling test on Friday; last week I got full marks for spelling. We do needlework on Thursdays and Mondays, and I am making an apron for my mum. I like doing sums. We have sums every morning first lesson. Our teacher's name is Miss Bullock and she is very nice and she is quite young and pretty. We have lessons on the wireless for singing and nature on the television. We have painting on Friday. I like painting very much. Last week for painting we did a picture about the night. I painted a house with stars and a moon on top of the house, and a lamp-post beside the house. I like reading sometimes; we have reading quite often.

PAMELA MCFARLAND

THIS TIME IT WASN'T "only the same faithful few" but practically every single member of the Congregationalist Church who took part in the rehabilitation of the Manse, carrying out entirely voluntarily work which under contract would have cost somewhere around £600. During the past six months windows and doors have been altered, toilet facilities added to, floors attacked by dry rot renewed, the house has been completely rewired for light and heating, and every room has been redecorated. Now it is ready for occupation bythe new Minister.

ANY IDLE BOOKS? The School Managers would be very grateful to receive "reference books of quality and literary books of merit" for the use of boys and girls in St. Peter's and St. Mary's schools. Shortage of such books is being felt as a handicap in many branches of the schools' work. As far as the reference books are concerned, really recent, post-World War II, children's encyclopaedias, books on geography and history (costume, social customs and so on) would be most acceptable — the books, in fact, which children who have now left the primary schools have just grown out of. The need for these was mentioned by H.M. Inspectors in a complimentary and encouraging report on their recent full inspection of St. Mary's. Offers should be made direct to the schools.

F.B.R.B.

WHAT'S COOKING?

An unusual kind of cake —

German Bread

¾ lb. flour, ½ lb. butter, 6 oz. ground almonds, 6 oz. sugar, white of one egg, rind of one lemon

Rub the flour together with the butter and make into a paste with the egg; knead till smooth. Pound the almonds and sugar together with the grated lemon rind. Work this well into the dough; roll it out and form into shape similar to Scotch shortbread. Brush over with egg and bake in a moderate oven.

Contributed by Mrs. M. Harrison

Marlborough Infants' School *Two nice reports to make up for February and March—Ed.*

We have some sticky buds on our nature table. They have opened now and the leaves are coming out of them. We are making a card to give our mummy on Mothers' Day.

NOEL MARSH

We have made an Easter card for our daddy. I put a chick and an Easter egg too. We have a frieze on the wall. It has lambs and shepherds on it.

BRUCE TAYLOR

St. Peter's Boys' School

All of us enjoyed a wonderful film show that was kindly shown to us by the Mayor and Mayoress. It was all about their tour of Marlborough, Massachusetts. They told us about what they had seen, and the places of interest. On the film they showed us a carnival and all the processions they had.

We have collected £29 1s. 6d. for the National Children's Homes. Rodney Jones will take the purse to the Town Hall on March 22nd when there is a Festival of Queens. A few weeks ago we started a Stamp Club. C. Moss is Chairman and R. Jones is Secretary. In the club we change and talk on stamps.

M. BENCH

St. Mary's Girls' School

Each Friday we have a collection and it goes to Africa to help cure a little leper girl. We have sent our little leper girl some blue wool and two pairs of needles since the nurse said, in her letter, that Ine was fond of knitting.

JENNIFER DAILEY

We have badges from the R.S.P.C.A. for all who have joined the Animal Defenders. We hope that those who wish will be able to go for a trip to London to see some of the famous buildings and to see the Royal Tournament in June. Two people in our class have to do the "eleven plus" on March 8th and 9th because they were away when we did it.

CHRISTA FRYSOL

On Wednesday March 1st we started to make posters about National Savings. We are entering a competition. The prize is a Silver Trophy.

CAROLE GREENWAY

We have started to dig over in the school garden. We had quite a lot of flowers in it last year. All round the horse-chestnut tree we have aconites, snow-drops and crocuses.

MARY HILLIER

Marlborough Grammar School

The Hobbies Club third exhibition in the Town Hall on March 8th was the most extensive in the School's history. Last September Mr. O'Regan enlisted the help of other members of the staff and also certain people in the town, to teach crafts of various kinds to small groups in the Junior School. From the staff, Mrs. Swinnerton has taught smocking and soft-toy making; Miss Read oil painting and the making of Christmas cards; Mr. Rainer has run a photographic club.

The Hobbies Club is however especially grateful to Mrs. Bedbrook, Mrs. F. B. R. Browne, Mrs. Hunt and Miss Tanner for lessons in canework, lampshade making and Christmas decorations; to Miss Fasken for teaching book-binding and mending; and to Mr. Chandler for instruction in leatherwork.

The 120 parents who visited the Exhibition saw examples of work in all these classes; also knitting, embroidery, dressed dolls, model boats, and collections of stamps and coins. Cakes, biscuits and sweets made by the girls were on sale and brought in about £11.

The Club receives no help from public funds and all tuition is voluntary. Donations are made by members, and through Miss Stevens' ingenuity as Treasurer, the Club is self-supporting. Further expansion is planned for next winter, so that by the time the School moves into its new building the Club will be able to take full advantage of the facilities for woodwork, metalwork, pottery and domestic crafts.

A. R. STEDMAN

MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK

A sign was displayed at a piano-tuner's office in Los Angeles: "Out for lunch. Bach at 2 p.m. Offenbach a little earlier."

NOT MOSSY. Did you wonder why it should be called "mossy football"? We can now reveal the reason — a typing mistake in Mr. Garnett's script. In fact, for *mossy* read AUSSIE!

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ROUND THE PARISH IN OUR PRAYERS

APRIL

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

1st Sunday : Cross Lane
2nd Sunday : George Lane
3rd Sunday : London Road, from the Roundabout to the Roebuck
4th Sunday : Pewsey Road
5th Sunday : "The street 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. Harvey
2 Mrs. Lane (south side)
Mrs. Stevens (north side)
3 Mrs. Snook
4 Mrs. Brooks

HOLY BAPTISM

Feb. 19 Tony Charles Beasley
Mark Clements
Andrew Michael Gay (parish of Savernake Christchurch
Heather Jane O'Brien
Feb. 26 Adrian Newton Holdsworth

HOLY MATRIMONY

Mar. 11 David Brian Daw to Patricia Mary Richards
Brian William Robert Lee to Valerie June Payne

R. I. P.

Mar. 9 Stephen Albert Price, 4 Lainey's Close
Mar. 14 Alfred H. Waite, 2 Isbury Road

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Illustrations. The Editor again acknowledges with thanks help from Mr. Cyril Fork. The Easter Garden on page 3 was drawn by him.

FAMILY NEWS

Miss Norton. Head Teacher of St. Mary's Girls' School, went to the Wingfield Morris Orthopaedic Hospital, Oxford, on March 9th for a further operation on the foot damaged in her accident at the school two years ago. We join with parents and children in offering all good wishes for a happy outcome and a speedy return. We all feel fortunate in having *Miss Slade* to act as Head Teacher until Miss Norton comes back to us.

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Christine Spanswick is another of our gay, energetic and devoted young Sunday School teachers — she has, in fact, been "at it" longer than any of them. She started nearly five years ago, just before she left school, helping Miss Pearce with the four- and five-year-olds. Now she is Senior Teacher under Miss Barnes, taking the children of six years. She writes about her work — "we start our Sunday School with singing and prayers, and then classes. My class consists of eleven children. Story-telling comes first, about the life of Jesus, and we end up with handwork, either modelling or drawing, which is greatly enjoyed by all the children".

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Weddings of the Month. On April 1st, all in St. Mary's : David Gareth Jones (Towyn) and Anne Douglas 12.30 p.m. ; John Alexander Millar and Janet Lorraine Rickard 1.15 p.m. ; Ronald Gould (West Tytherley) and Rita Patricia Wallis 2 p.m. ; Arthur Terence Baldrey and Wendy Baker 3 p.m. *On April 3rd :* Colin Oscar Spanswick (North Newnton) and Margaret Ruby Bower, St. Mary's, 2.15 p.m. ; Arthur Edward Cripps and Marjorie Irene Clarke (Marlborough) at Preshute 2 p.m.

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Congratulations to Sandra Knight, also one of our young teachers, who had two pictures accepted for the Marlborough Artists' Twelfth Annual Exhibition last month : *Angelic Musician* and *Hairwashing Night.* Sandra is still at M.G.S. She is a County swimmer.

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Best wishes to Anne Figgins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Figgins, who was married to *Anthony Shaw* of Andover on March 25th.

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PARISH ROUND-UP

PARISH AND COLLEGE

To the many debts of kindness owed to the town by the College yet another was added on March 5th when we were invited to attend Parish Communion and the Youth Fellowship Parish Breakfast which followed.

Most of us had never been to a Communion Service sung to modern "popular" music, and many were, to say the least of it, sceptical. Yet the only word which adequately described my feelings as I took part was "moved": moved into a completely new and refreshing attitude to worship; and I think I could claim this for many of the rest of us too.

Just as we had witnessed something new in worship, so we experienced something new in generosity and welcome at the Breakfast which followed. Nearly 200 young people were seated, which must have meant a lot of hard work beforehand. On enquiry I discovered that many of the Youth Fellowship had spent two hours on Saturday night putting up and setting out the tables. This alone was rather impressive. At the meal we were looked after by members of the Fellowship, who were zealous in pressing food upon us.

Mrs. Harrison welcomed us and gave out notices. She followed this with a short talk, as is customary at the Breakfast. Simple and direct, on the words "Be ye doers of the word", it could not fail to come home to us all. Usually guaranteed sermon-proof, many members of the College were seen to listen, and to hear.

Before we left, the Master thanked all who had made this occasion possible.

We'd like to do it again; another helping please!

ROGER HIGGS
Marlborough College

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

OUR MAN IN MOSCOW. On Thursday March 2nd we welcomed Mr. David Jones of Marlborough Grammar School, who gave us an insight into his experience in Moscow when he was working with Reuters as a news correspondent. He also described parts of the city which we all knew well by name — such as the Red Square and the Kremlin. His talk was followed up with some very interesting questions and answers.

Next month: Jesse Chandler talks on Coins and Christianity. H.W.H.

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

BELFRY NEWS. Since our last report in January we have enlarged our "learners class" and heartily welcome Mr. and Mrs. Colin Keen, Margaret Moore, Susan Eustace and Philip Gull. But we still need more!

Collingbourne Kingston was the scene of our monthly Guild Meeting on March 18th. Easter will find us ringing the Wedding Bells for two happy couples as they enter and leave the church.

VALERIE FULLER

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

A DATE TO KEEP. The Group is looking forward to a talk from Miss Mabel Shaw, a former missionary to India, on May 30th. Earlier in the same day Miss Shaw will be speaking at the M.U. Sale. G.C.

Mothers' Union and Young Wives' Group: Leader: Mrs. F. B. R. Browne, The Rectory

"OUR NEIGHBOUR". On March 3rd I represented Marlborough at the North Wilts Mothers' Union and Young Wives' Group Conference at Devizes. The speakers were Mrs. Shelley, J.P., on "What we can give through our Movement", and Mrs. Christie, J.P., on "What next"? They both spoke of the work that was being done and could be done for "our neighbour", through co-operation with the Moral Welfare Association the Probation Officer, and other bodies.

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For instance, foster homes for young children while their mothers are in hospital are very difficult to find, even although the child may have to be kept for only two or three weeks, and offers to help in this way would be much appreciated. The afternoon closed with a lively discussion. M.B.

MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS

At our meetings we have lots of fun. Sometimes we dance and play games. At present the girls are making kneelers. During the evening we can buy refreshments. The subscription is 3d. each evening. GLENDA MINTY

It is a good idea to join the Fellowship because there are not many other evening socials for teenagers. Here they can meet their friends and have some entertainment. The facilities could be better and the manner in which the evening is run could be improved. CHERRY MABBUTT

The organisation of the Youth Fellowship has been a little erratic, but we feel it has been enjoyed by all who have attended the weekly meetings. A MALE MEMBER

The club evenings are a great success. They produce something for the very "wild" teenagers and stop many youths from walking the streets aimlessly. The Youth Committee do a wonderful job and the members are very grateful. GERALDINE HODGE

Our club is starting to go. There is shooting and ballroom dancing. ANOTHER MALE

The Youth Committee would welcome suggestions for better organisation — and would particularly like further help with the following statement, sent in unsigned : " The facilities could be easily improved by having a new building ".

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

February 22nd was Thinking Day. We celebrated Lady Baden Powell's birthday. We met at the Toc H Room and walked on down to the Scout Hut. There we had tea and played some games. At the end we formed a circle and in the middle were some pieces of paper each with the name of a country in need of money. Then we put our pennies on whichever country we liked. We did some entertainments at the Scout Hut too. We took the letters out of ThinkingDay and thought of different countries beginning with each letter. Then we put them on a piece of cardboard and said a little rhyme to go with each one.

Brownies will begin again after Easter, on April 26th. THE FAIRIES SIX

CHOIR NOTES

Michael Bench is appointed a second Senior Chorister.

Welcome to Brian Pressley, Tony Rogers and Geoffrey Simmons who have signed on as probationers. And a thank you to Richard Bench and Tony Sawyer who have retired as trebles. Tony has now joined the Special Choir.

Choirboys' Course. Each year the church is able to send boys on a Choristers' Course. This year Michael Bench and Malcolm Webb go to King's School, Taunton, for a week's intensive training after Easter. We hope they will tell us something about their experiences next month.

Hymn Boards. Mention should be made of the valuable service that Maurice Hillier has been giving on Sundays by preparing the hymn boards. Without a verger, this job has been an extra load on the shoulders of the Churchwardens and I am sure that they are very grateful for Maurice's help.

New Psalters. Care of music and books is an organist's nightmare. From Mrs. Potter's bequest for Music we have bought psalters, and we can now say that we have a full complement of books in first-class condition.

Folk Mass. On the third Sunday of this month we shall be singing Psalm 150 and the Gloria to the Beaumont setting. Both are very easy to sing as the tunes already learnt are incorporated.

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May Marlborough towers call Marlborough town.
John Betjeman

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FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Parishioners,

Early in June I hope to welcome to No. 9 Silverless Street Lieut. Commander F. Armand Smith, R.N. (Ret.) and Mrs. Armand Smith. Commander Armand Smith has been studying at Salisbury Theological College for nearly three years and is to be ordained Deacon at Michaelmas, when he will become Assistant Curate in this parish. Meanwhile he plans to return to Salisbury for the summer term but to spend the week-ends here in Marlborough. In this way we shall be able to see something of each other, and we may hope to have his help in the Sunday School and elsewhere.

Our architect's report on the first quinquennial inspection of St. Mary's has an unpleasant surprise in it : the boards and joists in the floor of the nave and chancel have been damaged by wet rot, dry rot and beetle. We must be prepared for a recommendation to deal with this urgently when the architect comes to explain his report to the P.C.C.

The report contains a comprehensive schedule of less urgent repairs which will eventually have to be done on the exterior of the tower, the north aisle and the south aisle. The estimate under each of these three headings is around £1,500.

The churchwardens have been working out a plan to spread the load carried for so long by " Beddie " as our Hon. Treasurer. The straight job of keeping our books is in itself an assignment of ample proportions. We are happy in having found the ideal candidate for this in Mr. H. W. Hope of Lloyds Bank, who has so efficiently looked after our covenanted pledges. The treasurers of the existing Church Property Committees will be responsible to the P.C.C. for their own funds, as will also a new

officer, a Clerk of Petty Cash, who will handle day-to-day disbursements.

The article on page 7 describing some of the work of the Industrial Christian Fellowship is a sharp reminder of the immense field for missionary work in our own country. This problem of commending the Gospel to people who think it irrelevant is not unlike that which faced the Church in the Middle Ages. It was solved then by the Franciscans, and it may be solved again by the same example of humility and simplicity preaching love and forgiveness. It is of the relevance of the Gospel to daily bread and to daily life that the services of Rogationtide and Whitsuntide speak to us.

Many thanks to all of you for the generous collections of Easter Day through which you have ensured that Church finances will not suffer unduly from the ample and much appreciated Easter Offering budgetted for in our Stewardship Scheme.

I hope that you will find joy and blessing in the great Church Festivals of this month of May.

Your friend and Rector,
FRANCIS BROWNE

DIARY FOR MAY

SUNDAY SERVICES. *Until further notice*: **Holy Communion at 8 a.m. will always be in St. Peter's. All the other services — 9 a.m. Holy Communion, Matins, Family Service at 3 p.m. on 3rd Sundays, and Evensong — will always be in St. Mary's.**

1st Monday. **St. Philip and St. James, AA.MM.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Parish and Christian Fellowship*).

3rd Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Meeting of the P.C.C. in Church Cottage 8 p.m.(*The Parish Men's Society*).

7th FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. ROGATION SUNDAY. Rogation Processions in Church at Matins and Evensong. (*The Parish, especially Farmworkers and Gardeners*).

10th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Parish Prayer Groups*).

11th ASCENSION DAY. Holy Communion 7 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. (St. Peter's). Schools' Service 9.5 a.m. (*Thanksgiving for the Ascension*).

14th SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY. (*The Parish, especially Youth Organisations*).

17th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Diocesan Stewardship Committee*).

19th Friday. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. (St. Peter's) (*The Archbishop of Canterbury*).

21st WHIT SUNDAY. Parish Communion (Beaumont setting). Children 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion 12.25 p.m. Holy Baptism 3 p.m. (no choir). Festal Evensong. (*Thanksgiving for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit*).

22nd **Monday in Whitsun Week.** Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. (*Confirmation Candidates*).

23rd **Tuesday in Whitsun Week.** Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. (St. Peter's). (*Confirmation Candidates*).

24th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Ordinands*).

28th TRINITY SUNDAY. **Confirmation 3 p.m.** The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Sherborne. Festal Evensong. (*The Bishop of Sherborne and the Candidates for Confirmation*).

31st Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Diocesan Board of Finance*).

8th, 9th and 10th are Rogation Days. 24th, 26th and 27th are Ember Days.

Special Intentions at Holy Communion are given in italics

THE GREAT FESTIVALS

first

CHRISTMAS

then

EASTER

now

ASCENSION DAY

"Hail the day that sees Him rise —Christ hath vanquished death and sin—Take the King of Glory in". The babe of Bethlehem, the victim and victor of Calvary, returns in His risen body whence He came. The disciples return from the parting "with great joy" to await the coming of the promised Comforter.

WHITSUNDAY

The promise of power from on high is fulfilled. The members of the Church are filled with the Holy Spirit. The gift is both collective and individual; there are diversities of gifts but the same Spirit. The disciples are now equipped to carry out the Lord's command "Go—teach—baptise".

TRINITY SUNDAY

This is the "Harvest Festival" of the Church's year of teaching. We acknowledge with thanksgiving what God has revealed to us of Himself since Christmas Day. Trinity Sunday marks the end of the Festal Year, which started at Advent, and the beginning of the half-year long season of Trinity, during which we put into practice what the Festal Year has taught us.



CHRIST THE LORD OF ALL LIFE

God be in my head,
And in my understanding;
God be in my eyes,
And in my looking;
God be in my mouth,
And in my speaking;
God be in my heart,
And in my thinking;
God be at my end,
And at my departing.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL elected at the Annual Church Meeting on March 7th: the Churchwardens; members of the Ruri-decanal Conference: Mrs. Lane, Misses Barton and Phillips, Messrs. Bedbrook, Chandler and Chilton; elected members: Mesdames Browne, Field, Harrison, Skittrall and Webb, Misses Barnes, Hilliard, M. Pearce, M. E. N. Pearce, Slade and Watson, Messrs. Brown, Fleet, Gay, Gartside, Hope, Pratt and Turner; co-opted members: Messrs. Dancey and Harling.

DESIGNS FOR HASSOCKS. The embroideresses have often expressed their liking for the designs which have been produced by the team working under the direction of Mrs. Turner, and we are sure that everyone will readily agree that private ideas for designs must remain "ideas" only, and be submitted to Mrs. Turner for approval. It is important that the designs we use should conform to a certain standard, since the materials are provided from Church funds.

We expected to have 28 new hassocks in St. Mary's for Easter, but we have exceeded our best hopes by producing 50: so the total is now 222. M.B.

ENJOYABLE PROGRAMME IN ATTRACTIVE SETTING is anticipated by M.U. members when the Marlborough Deanery Mothers' Union holds its Garden Party and Bring-and-Buy Sale on Tuesday May 30th in the Rectory Garden, by kind permission of the Rector and Mrs. Browne. Time 3 p.m. Admission 6d. Country Dancing at 4.15 p.m. by pupils of St. Mary's Girls' School. Refreshments. If wet, in the Scout Hall. But this is more than a social event. It aims to raise money for the work of the M.U. Overseas. Miss Mabel Shaw, O.B.E., founder and for twenty-five years Principal of the Livingstone Memorial Girls' Boarding School for African girls, will be there to speak about her work as a pioneer educationist in Africa, and although she is now retired, she is still in close touch with African affairs through her many African friends. With Africa so much in all our minds, her talk should be of great interest to those privileged to hear it. S.H.

STEWARDSHIP MEANS MORE FOR MISSIONS. At the Annual Church Meeting on March 7th it was decided to increase the parish contribution to missionary work from £100 p.a. to £300. The missions we support were listed in the February issue of *Tower and Town*.

THE BOROUGH GOES TO CHURCH. At Matins on Trinity Sunday we shall welcome the Mayor at the beginning of his year of office, the Mayoress, the Aldermen and Councillors. They represent Authority — authority vested in the Corporation of the Borough. Their attendance at this service will be an expression of faith that authority is held and exercised under God.

Members of the Church should consider very carefully whether it may be their duty to take part in Local Government. Through the death of Christopher Hughes, a member of our congregation, there is a vacancy to be filled. Miss Margery Pearce, who is on our P.C.C. has been a Councillor since 1958.

To the Council in the year ahead will fall the responsibility for making soberly and executing effectively decisions which will influence the lives of men, women and children in the Borough. As members of the Church we must consider soberly and effectively to whom we wish to entrust this authority—and, when we have decided, confirm that decision by going to the poll to vote. F.B.R.B.

FROM THE DIARY: *Archdeacon's Visitation.* Archdeacons are the Bishop's principal officers. Each year after Easter they visit the parishes in their territories to admit churchwardens to office and to be informed by them of church affairs. On May 16th the Archdeacon of Wilts will hold his "court" for the Pewsey and Marlborough deaneries at Marlborough.

WHAT IT IS: *The Lesser Litany.* This is the little preparation, or tuning in, which we do together before we offer the Lord's Prayer at Matins, Evensong, baptisms, weddings and funerals — "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy". It is addressed to the three persons of the Holy Trinity and is thus a brief reminder of the majesty, love and power of the one God to whom we are to pray in the words taught us by our Saviour Christ Himself.

"PRAYING HANDS"



Are you one of those people who want to do Church work but because of family commitments, ill - health, old age, lack of time or experience, feel that there is nothing which you are able to do that is really needed?

Yet there is a service you can do — one of the most valuable of all — that of Prayer, of belonging to a group of people praying day by day in their own homes for the needs of the parish and for individuals in sickness, trouble or perplexity, and for the world.

In our parish there are already three such Prayer Groups. One is a group of individuals, with no other special connection, which started as a Prayer Group twenty years ago; a second is the C.M.S. Bible Study Group: the third and newest is the Mothers' Union Prayer Group which came into being last November.

But there is room for many more — there can't be "too many". Five or six people meeting once a week for twenty minutes in each other's homes to pray together, or a group of invalids knowing that they are praying together as a group day by day even though they cannot meet, are offering a vital piece of service to the Church. And it carries with it a great sense of being needed and of fellowship.

When you have gathered together your little group, the Rector will be very glad to show you how to start, how to arrange the time, and to suggest subjects for intercession.

But this is a two-way traffic. If you have some special need for which you would like prayers offered, the Rector is able to arrange for a Prayer Group to help. All groups have one unbreakable rule — that no subject for intercession is ever mentioned outside the Group, so absolute privacy is assured.

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PERSONAL POSER

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What is the reply to a man who says "I am as good as those who go to church"?

It is possibly quite true that your friend is not only as "good" but better than some of us who go to church, if by *good* he means — and he probably does — being a good neighbour, looking after his home and family, keeping on the "straight and narrow". But being good and being a Christian aren't quite the same thing.

A Christian is one who is a member, a living part, of Christ's Body — the Church — through which God continues His plan of reconciling the world to Himself and making the world the sort of place our friend would certainly like it to be. The Christian believes that human beings exist to know, love and serve God.

If your friend really wants the world to be a good world, he must fall in with God's plan for making it so. If everyone followed his example and decided that "being good" was enough and going to church unnecessary, there would before long be no churches and no visible Church, and the Christian standards which he agrees are important would soon wilt like a cut flower in a flower vase — one, in fact, without roots.

What he has noticed is sad, but it is nothing new — for our going to church is no more a guarantee of being good than is his staying away from it. But our reply to him is that we go to church because we are Christians, not because we think that by doing so we are being good. It is not going to church but why we go and what we do when we get there that matters. 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.

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NO ONE FROM THE CHURCH EVER VISITS ME!

Well it depends what you mean by *no-one*. Of course, Mrs. X your Magazine Distributor has just brought you this copy of *Tower and Town*. She is from the Church. Even if you pay a year at a time and the magazine is just put in your letter-box, you know who she is and where to find her.

But by "the Church" you probably mean the clergy.

Fitting it in

No doubt every parson in the land wishes he had more time to visit and get to know his parishioners — and the Rector and Mr. Fargus are no exceptions. But visiting the 1200 homes in our parish has to be fitted in round an enormous number of other duties: services on Sundays and weekdays, teaching in our Church day schools, hospital duty, baptisms, marriage preparations, weddings, funerals, Confirmation classes, attending meetings, dealing with correspondence and callers, composing sermons, writing articles for *Tower and Town*.

In addition, the Rector has his duties as Rural Dean, as head of the eleven parishes which form the Marlborough Deanery; and his work on Diocesan committees at Salisbury.

They must come first

Between and around all these important jobs, the clergy make their calls. Of course the sick, the bereaved, the old and housebound, and all those in any sort of trouble, must come first — as the rest of us who are well and cheerful would wish. For we can go to the church and find the clergy there morning and evening every day of the week except Monday, and make ourselves known to them.

Someone from the Church

To make sure that news of those really in need reaches the Rector quickly, the *Street Wardens* were inaugurated after the Stewardship Campaign last year. This is a new venture for our parish and it has taken time to arrange. But now every street has its Warden, its representative of the Church, ready to help you in any way she can. A complete list can be found on the Church noticeboards.

By the way — this is one article for *Tower and Town* which the Rector didn't write.



FAMILIAR FACE No. 9

MAY HARRISON

Leader of the Youth Fellowship, Chairman of the Youth Committee, Superintendent of the Senior Sunday School, Girl Guide District Commissioner for Marlborough, May Harrison's life is bound up with young people. She even goes so far as having two of her own — a son and a daughter; Peter is reading Theology at Cambridge with the intention of being ordained, Anne is training to be a Nursery Nurse. Mrs. Harrison says she has been interested in Youth Work ever since she began Guiding "in the long, long ago" (we quote!), and the interest has grown with the years. Before she came to live in Marlborough in 1955, she was Superintendent of the Junior Sunday School at Pewsey, and ran the Youth Fellowship there. For two years she was Chairman of the Marlborough Townswomen's Guild. She is a member of our P.C.C.; was the originator of the Parish Breakfast for the under twenty-fives who attend the 9 a.m. Sung Communion Service. For the last ten years she has enjoyed part-time teaching, but has now decided that voluntary Service of Youth is a full-time job.

THE CHURCH GOES TO WORK



Tony Geraghty of the **Birmingham Sunday Mercury** *writes in* "**I.C.F. 1960**"

Sunday morning. Up and down the country thousands of people go to church, listen to the sermon and walk home, pondering upon roast beef, Yorkshire, and two veg. Millions more take their moral uplift by T.V. or radio, untouched by hand and hygienically packed.

So it is astonishing—that a Midland vicar can start a potent Christian community with a household of men as ordinary as Enoch, Eli and Andy Capp. Astonishing—that a Wolverhampton house promises to be the base for the Church of England's most serious attempt to conquer industry.

The vicar is the Rev. David Wood, a 35-year-old ex-industrial Chaplain addressed as "Father David" and even "Father D." His parish is that of St. George the Martyr at the rough-and-tumble heart of Wolverhampton.

His ideal: "A ministry of understanding", particularly in the factories. Like most revolutionary ideas, his is simple. You don't preach, except when specially invited. You work to the edge of your strength, helping others in a practical way (sometimes by kicking them). You leave the rest to God.

Two groups of people live as one family of 18 in his rambling vicarage. There are the "ordinands": young men of good background who want to be priests. They are sent to Father D. if their local bishop feels they should see how the other half lives. Some, having seen it, decide not to become priests after all.

The other group, the Enochs and Elis, may include ex-prisoners and Borstal boys, or men who lost their way in life and came here because there was nowhere else to go.

But St. George's isn't just another do-gooders' circus.

Both ordinands and Enochs maintain the house with their own earnings from factories, garages and anywhere else where money is honestly come by. New arrivals, sometimes described as "industrial casualties", are kept by them. As each sorts out his personal problems, gets a job and feels his way back to independence, he pays whatever he can afford towards the house.

Some men stay only a few days, some a week or so. The man who is still there after four weeks has to decide whether he is going to take on some responsibility. More than that—he is expected to start attending 6.30 a.m. prayers.

In the evenings, girl friends are welcome to call: there is a television (little used) and a snooker table. There is also a washing-up rota. Some of the family go to the cinema or have a drink.

Above all there is the talk—rich in experience and sometimes ripe in expression. The evening meal produces a strange mosaic of rough hands and smooth voices, recollections of hell, glimpses of heaven and an occasional off-white joke.

Like all good ideas, this one is gathering momentum. Now an agreement has been made between St. George's and the Industrial Christian Fellowship, to produce a new type of industrial missioner. They will be laymen, who will "put the Christian point of view at trade union meetings, commercial conferences and work-study groups.". Gradually it is hoped, they will live together at centres throughout the country modelled on St. George's, which will remain the "mother house". Classrooms recently built into the church itself are to be used to train ordinands and I.C.F. missioners for the attack on industry.

It's an ambitious plan. The first of the lay mission guinea-pigs—a 40 year old blacksmith about to start work in Burton-on-Trent—is modest about it all. The job, he says, is a huge challenge. There will be no canteen sermons. First, he will establish contact with industry at all levels on a personal basis. Then

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he will try to recruit " one or two men to live together as brothers ". These men, while continuing to work in factories, will seek out anyone within arm's distance who is in any sort of trouble. They will try to help.

" Their witness ", he says, " is going to be through the way they behave on the shop floor, in the canteen and the committee room. On the other hand, we shall not be afraid to speak out on disputes that arise if we know enough about the circumstances."

It sounded preposterous. Here were the serried ranks of management and unions, jousting according to hallowed tradition—and here was someone wanting to intervene with nothing more original than kindness.

" Seriously ", I said, " don't you think it'll break your heart ? "

" Response matters little ", he replied. " Get self-pity and you lose your Christianity. And anyway, we'll come back here once a week to refresh ourselves spiritually ".

Preposterous ? Perhaps not — when you've seen St. George's.

TONY GERAGHTY

WHAT'S COOKING ?

Three in One

An American supper-dish—translated into English !

1 lb. minced rump steak ; 1 large tin cream-style corn ; 1 green pepper (not essential) ; 2 onions ; 4 sliced tomatoes ; ¾ oz. buttered crumbs ; 1 oz. butter.

Melt the butter in a frying pan, add the green pepper seeded and cut small and the onions cut fine. Stir until onions are light brown. Add the meat and cook for five minutes more. Grease a baking dish, and put in the meat mixture alternately with the corn in layers, sprinkling each layer with salt and pepper, ending up with meat. Arrange the sliced tomatoes on top and cover with the buttered crumbs. Bake at 350 F. (Mark 4) until the crumbs are brown—about 30 mins. *Contributed by Mrs. J. K. Monro*

GRAVE OUTLOOK

" During the clergy conference a skeleton staff will be left in each deanery for cemetery duty and emergencies ".

From an April Diocesan Leaflet

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

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APATHY ! APATHY ! APATHY !

January to April is the season of Annual General Meetings : Take a look at Marlborough :

Golf Club : 113 members. Present ; the Committee and two other members.
Savernake Cricket Club : An extra general meeting had to be called before any officers could be found.
League of Friends of the Marlborough Hospitals : 130 paid-up members. Present : about two-thirds of the Committee and seven other members.
Chamber of Trade : 68 members. Present : the Committee, four other members and two prospective members.

One prominent citizen said " the absentees are living on charity ". Another added " and moaning about it ! " *Why don't you do this ? Why did you have to decide on that ? Nothing ever lasts in Marlborough.*

Then, the Borough Council. At last year's election only 28% of the electorate voted. You don't like the people who are on it ? Who put them there ? You did, Sir, and you, Madam,—by not voting. Perhaps by not standing yourself.

Sport, commerce, good causes, local government, church . . . . Are you one of those who are living on the charity of the faithful few who do the work ? Are you a passenger ?

Nothing ever lasts . . . . Nothing ever happens . . . . As you say it, do you wonder why ?

NOT A " TALKING SHOP "

Bet it's all tea and talk ! husbands have been known to guess. But of course they are quite wrong. The Townswomen's Guild Movement has very definite objects, and the Marlborough Townswomen's Guild, founded in 1953, sticks to them : *To encourage the education of women to enable them as citizens to make their best contribution to the common good . . . . To serve as a common meeting ground for women irrespective of creed and party, for their wider education including social activities.* It is with these aims in view that the programme of monthly meetings—second Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. in the Town Hall—is drawn up and ranges over a vast variety of subjects : approved schools, poetry, Russia, paint-

ing, police work, embroidery, public speaking, refugees, gardening, local history, cookery demonstrations.

In addition there are sub-sections holding extra meetings: Arts and Crafts, concentrating on learning new skills; Social Studies for more informal and detailed discussion; Music—a flourishing choir has carried off honours at the Wiltshire Music Festival; and Drama. There *is* tea of course (when isn't there?), at the monthly meetings, and also half-hours of games and competitions.

The membership has provided three Town Councillors, a Magistrate, three Presidents of the Chamber of Trade. New members are welcomed from all age groups. There is something refreshing and stimulating in the uninhibited exchange of ideas between people of more than one generation who have come together for that very purpose, rather than through political, professional or religious affiliations: long may the T.G. flourish!

SIXTH-FORMERS IN CONFERENCE

The first Conference at Marlborough of the Student Christian Movement in Schools, organised by the Rev. E. J. Whiteley, Area Secretary, was held in the Memorial Hall of Marlborough College on March 16th, under the Chairmanship of the Headmaster of the Grammar School.

One-hundred-and-fifty

Mr. T. R. Garnett, as host, welcomed the sixth-formers from the five participating schools—the College and the Grammar School, Headlands and Commonweal Schools, Swindon, and Newbury High School, each of whom sent a contingent of thirty—150 equally divided between boys and girls.

Three Sessions

The form the Conference took was first an address by the guest speaker, Canon E. H. Patey of Coventry, on the subject of the Conference—*What is the Christian Message Today?*—then informal discussion in groups of fifteen, each school providing two leaders for each group (the M.G.S. leaders were Michael Stevens and Jennifer Hughes), finally discussion of some of the forty-four questions from the groups by a panel consisting of Canon Patey, the Rt. Rev. Dr. F. A. Cockin (Marlborough), the Rev. A. P. Kimber, a Methodist Minister (Swindon) and Mr. Hooper, a Baptist (Newbury).

In the News

Canon Patey introduced the theme by taking the day's issue of the *Daily Telegraph* and isolating the chief items of news—rape, murder, apartheid, trade union disputes—and showing that all arose from wrong relationships between individuals, social groups, races or countries. Then, reading from the New English Bible, which proved by its vigorous phrasing to be admirably suited to this sort of exposition, he interpreted the teaching of the New Testament about these relationships.

Basic Task

He then discussed how far the Christian Church lived up to this teaching today, whether we were, in fact, concentrating on this basic task of securing right relationships. Some branches of the Church, he felt, had chiefly the "cafeteria approach", dishing out buns and coffee in social entertainment: others seemed to be clubs for the like-minded, who would not be socially or intellectually acceptable elsewhere: yet others appeared to look inwards upon themselves, rather than outwards to the world.

Is it possible to believe to-day?

This led to the questions which the Church should be able to answer and which he now asked the groups to discuss: "Is it possible to believe in the validity of the Good News about God in the face of modern knowledge of man and his universe disclosed through the discoveries of the physical sciences and psychology?" and "Even if this Good News remains valid, has it any real relevance to the problems man faces in his home, his work, his country, and his world in 1961?"

Keen and Critical

The range of questions sent in by the groups illustrated the keen and critical interest which is to be found in so many schools today, ranging as they did, from questions of personal faith and conduct to apartheid and the ordination of women. Discussion was vigorous with cut and thrust from the panel and from the floor of the house, and everyone was sorry that it had to come to an end after an hour.

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4th Sunday: "The street I live in"

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

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Mrs. Washbrook (north side)
3 Mrs. Hope

HOLY BAPTISM

Mar. 19th	Sally Anne Strutt
	Mabel Louise Yockney
	Karen Ann Watts
Mar. 26th	Murray Antony Perrett
Apr. 3rd	Antony Edward Powell

HOLY MATRIMONY

Mar. 15th	Kenneth Lewis to
	Barbara Mary Bird
Mar. 25th	Antony James Bryan Shaw to
	Ann Marjorie Figgins
Apr. 1st	David Gareth Jones to
	Anne Douglas
	John Alexander Millar to
	Janet Lorraine Rickard
	Ronald Gould to
	Rita Patricia Wallis
	Arthur Terence Baldrey to
	Wendy Baker
Apr. 3rd	Colin Oscar Spanswick to
	Margaret Ruby Bower

New Zealand Wedding. On April 15th at St. Peter's, Wellington, New Zealand, Colin John Pratt to Margaret Jennifer Judith (Judy) Child, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. J. Child, of George Lane.

FAMILY NEWS

Confirmation. On Trinity Sunday boys and girls and grown-ups of our parish will be Confirmed and take their place as full members of the Church and thereafter "come with due preparation to receive the Holy Communion . . . . and go forth to serve God faithfully in the fellowship of His Church". This is a very special family occasion. Fathers and mothers and godparents, relations and friends, of those being Confirmed will all want to be there. So will all the rest of us who are able to, and by our presence we shall be assuring these new members of our Church family of our welcome, our support and our prayers. At this service too, directed by the Bishop, we renew the promises we ourselves made when we were Confirmed.

After the service tea will be served in the Town Hall to the newly Confirmed and their families and godparents. This will be the first visit of the new Bishop of Sherborne to our parish.

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Grateful thanks to Mrs. E. B. Webber for making and embroidering the new liners for the alms plates at St. Mary's.

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Congratulations to Michael Stevens who has been awarded a Drapers' Company's exhibition in Mathematics at Queen Mary College, London.

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Electoral Roll. We welcome the following, whose names have been added to the Roll since the end of January: Mr. A. Ainsley, Mrs. S. E. Ainsley, the Rt. Rev. Dr. F. A. Cockin, Mrs. O. M. Cockin, Miss A. Farrer, Mr. M. P. Fogden, Mrs. J. E. Fogden, Mr. J. Goffe, Mrs. D. A. Goffe, Mrs. E. M. Greenaway, Mr. R. H. R. Hancock, Mrs. L. M. A. Hancock, Mr. W. H. Heeley, Mrs. A. Heeley, Mr. I. H. Large, Mr. E. A. Maynard, Mrs. L. J. Maynard, Miss M. R. Mundy, Mrs. D. J. Odey, Mrs. G. V. Roff, Mr. H. Swatton, Mrs. A. C. Swatton, Mrs. J. E. Titcombe, Miss E. M. Titcombe, Mr. A. R. Samuels, Mrs. J. M. Samuels, Mrs. D. M. Walter, Mr. H. S. Wiltshire, Mrs. W. F. Wiltshire, Mrs. M. C. Woosnam-Jones.

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PARISH ROUND-UP

Youth Committee: Mrs. M. Harrison (Chairman). Forest Hill House. Both Monday and Tuesday Youth Fellowship Meetings are now in the Toc H Room.

JOHN O'GROATS NEXT STOP. On Thursday, March 30th, Roger Pearce planned an enjoyable Cycle Ride. Only eight members turned up, due no doubt to the rainy weather. We left Marlborough and went through Oare to Pewsey, making a stop on the Pewsey White Horse for a picnic lunch. From there we went through the Collinghournes, and on to Hungerford, where we stopped for sweets and lemonade. By this time our party had halved itself, and only four gallant but weary members remained. These completed the route via Ramsbury and Mildenhall. Thus we ended a pleasant tour of fifty miles through Wiltshire and Berkshire countryside.

The next week, on April 5th, Maurice Cooper arranged a ramble. Again the weather was not in our favour. However eight hikers completed a twelve mile walk, over the Downs and into Ogbourne and Preshute. Some of the members took their dogs, but towards the end I don't know whether the hikers were leading their dogs, or the dogs were leading them! Yet once again it proved a great success and we all look forward to many more such outings.

MARGARET MOORE

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

TALK POSTPONED. Many members were away for Easter, and as only a few were able to be at the Toc H Room on Thursday, April 6th, Mr. Jesse Chandler agreed to postpone his important talk on *Coins and Christianity* until the next meeting on Thursday, May 4th, when we hope that there will be a large gathering. We all felt that the talk would have been wasted on the handful present. The May meeting will be the last of the present session. Members are asked to make every effort to be there as future plans will be discussed and programme suggestions considered. All men will be welcome at this meeting. G.C.

St. Mary's Guild with the Mothers' Union and Young Wives Group: Leader: Mrs. F. B. R. Browne, The Rectory.

POUNDS FOR PESTALOZZI. We are holding a big open meeting in the Scout Hut on Thursday, May 11th at 7.30 p.m. The speaker will be Mrs. Mary Buchanan, the Organising Secretary for the Pestalozzi Children's Village, near Battle, Sussex. She will speak on the work being done in this country and in Switzerland, and will show coloured slides of the two villages and the children of all countries who live in them. There will be a Bring-and-Buy Stall, which we hope will be well supported, so that we can hand a good sum of money to Mrs. Buchanan before she leaves. Invitations to this meeting have been sent to the Wesleyan and Congregational Churches, and it is hoped that they will join us in organising a Garden Fete on Saturday July 8th, in aid of this very worthy cause. M.B.

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

TESTS AND BADGES. We congratulate Janet Odey, Julia Marsh, Angela Langford and Olwyn Butler for passing their Thrift Badge and Anne Mundy her Jester's Badge. On April 10th Sally Odey, Susan Marsh and Juanita Fuller went along to Mrs. Harrison (our Commissioner) to pass their Golden Hand. They passed all their tests except Semaphore which they have to take on April 15th. JUANITA FULLER

Marlborough Deanery News

THE LADY DAY FESTIVAL of the Mothers' Union this year was held at Chiseldon on Thursday, March 23rd. All nine branches were represented. Evensong was conducted by the Rev. S. W. A. Collins, Vicar of Chiseldon, assisted by the Rural Dean: Canon C. F. Harman, Vicar of Froxfield, read the Lessons; and the Rev. F. Smedley, Vicar of Overton, preached. The collection was for Moral Welfare in the Deanery.

There were such a lot of us — over 250 — that tea had to be served in the

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Chiseldon Memorial Hall, which was actually being used as a Clinic right up to 4 p.m. ; yet in spite of this, as Mrs. Hayman (Presiding Member) said in her speech of thanks to the Chiseldon branch, it was a splendid tea !

Mrs. Hayman explained that since our last Festival the Marlborough branch had become " The Mothers' Union with St. Mary's Guild " and now admitted all women of the parish to membership. She hoped that other parishes in the Deanery might see their way clear to doing the same thing some time in the future.

P. MANLEY

Church of England Children's Society.

SEEING FOR OURSELVES. The local branch is organising an outing to " Clouds ", East Knoyle, near Salisbury, our nearest Children's Home, on Friday, June 2nd. A coach will leave the Parade at 1.15 p.m. If you would be interested to see the Home and how the children live, please give your name to Mrs. Lilley, Lansdowne, St. Martin's, or to any member of the Committee.

Committee : Mrs. T. A. A. Hunter (Chairman), Mrs. E. Dudley Smith (Hon. Sec.), Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Browne, Mrs. Edge, Mrs. Oscar Jones, Mrs. Lilley, Mrs. A. Smart, Mrs. L. Stevens. M.B.

CHOIR NOTES

Tenors. Michael Huxley of Wye House is going to help us sing Tenor when he is home occasionally from school in Gloucester. Although this brings the Tenor strength up to three, all are, alas, part-time.

Assistant Organists. A thank-you to Joe Bernard and Victor Chun for their valuable help — it is particularly in holiday times that I call upon them, so that I can have the odd week-end off.

Whitsunday. There will be no Family Service at 3 p.m. on Whitsunday, so choristers will sing at Evensong instead.

Confirmation Service. The Choir will attend this service on Trinity Sunday as an " extra " attendance. Choirboys will be among those to be Confirmed.

Altos. It may not be generally known (I expect to get shot for this !) that the ladies of the Choir are affectionately known to us as " the penguins " ! I now report that our two " fledglings " look well in their robes, bought from Mrs. Potter's bequest, first used on Palm Sunday. TREVOR GAIKSIDE.

PARISH PRAYERS No. 7

Thanksgiving after Holy Communion

Holy Father, I thank Thee for all that Thou art in Thyself ; for Thy love in creating me : for Thy power upholding all things ; for all our needs supplied by Thee : for life and all its joys ; for food and sleep ; and for this most Holy Sacrament of the true risen life of Thy dear Son. Help me, by this gift, to praise Thee not only with my lips, but in my life. Thanks be to God. *Amen.*

BISHOP COCKIN will be broadcasting in the B.B.C. West Home Service on Fridays May 5th and 12th at 10.30 p.m. on " Lay Witness in the Church ". His book *God in Action* : *A Study in the Holy Spirit* has just been published in Pelican Books at 3s. 6d.

ANOTHER BULLETIN FROM " THE GOOD OLD DAYS ". From the *Marlborough Times* of 1886 : " St. Peter's Church Easter accounts, will, we are informed, show a serious deficiency and a reduction in expenditure will be necessary. It will therefore be proposed at the Easter vestry that a considerable reduction be made in the only part of the expenditure that seems capable of reduction, namely the stipends and salaries of the Rector and other officials in the church. It is hoped that parishioners will consider the matter before attending the Easter vestry." *Don't get mixed up about the date—April 3rd,* 1886 !

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FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Parishioners,

When Napoleon was in exile on St. Helena someone asked him—so the story goes—what was the greatest day of his life. The answer expected was perhaps the Battle of Austerlitz or Jena ; the answer he gave was " The day of my first Communion ". When those members of our church who were confirmed on May 28th make their first Communion, most of them on Sunday, June 4th, we can remind ourselves about what was perhaps the greatest day in our own lives, if we only knew it. I hope that many of you will be there to welcome these new Communicants.

A lot of people on our Electoral Roll are now finding something to do for the Church outside the Church Services : cleaners, bell-ringers, teachers, magazine distributors, street wardens, flower guild, servers, prayer groups, those serving in the various parish organisations, P.C.C., embroideresses, sacristans—the list goes on and on. We seem to be learning the significance of the phrase " He has no other hands but ours ".

But I am wondering whether the emphasis recently has been too much on taking part in the active weekday life of the Church and too little on the expression of that life in our worship together. My impression is that the congregational parts of the Services—the singing of the hymns, the saying of "Amen " and the joining in the Creed and Prayers, and latterly the congregational singing in the 9 a.m. Eucharist—have been less good than they could be.

The only way in which we can spoil what the choir does for us in leading the congregational part of the Service is by not responding to it : even " people with voices like mine ". Please do your best and don't be a passenger.

The report of our architect, Mr. Ruston, on his inspection of St. Mary's was discussed by the P.C.C. last month, and it was decided to invite him to a meeting of the P.C.C. to be held in June to advise us on what part of the work to be done is immediate and what parts can be spread over a term of years. I expect to be able to tell you more about this next month.

Your friend and Rector,
FRANCIS BROWNE

DIARY FOR JUNE

SUNDAY SERVICES. *Until further notice*: **Holy Communion at 8 a.m. will always be in St. Peter's. All the other services — 9 a.m. Holy Communion, Matins, Family Service at 3 p.m. on 3rd Sundays and Evensong — will always be in St. Mary's.**

1st Thursday. **Corpus Christi.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion*).

4th **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. First Communion Day.** (*The Parish, especially new Communicants*).
7th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Young Wives' Diocesan Festival at Sherborne Abbey. (*The Parish and the Young Wives' Group*).

11th **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. St. Barnabas A.M.** (*The Parish, especially the Choir*).
14th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The P.C.C.*).
16th Friday. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. in St. Peter's. (*Our Homes*).
17th Saturday. C.M.S. Garden Party 2.45 p.m. at Upper Cross, Cardigan Road.

18th THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Parish Communion (Beaumont setting). *The Parish, especially our Church Schools*).
21st Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Vocations to the Priesthood*).
22nd Thursday. P.C.C. Meeting in Church Cottage 8 p.m.
24th Saturday. **Nativity of St. John the Baptist.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Diocesan Evangelistic Council*).

25th **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.** (The Parish: Road Safety).
28th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Unity of Christendom*).
29th Thursday. **St. Peter A.M.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. in St. Peter's. (*Leadership in the Church*).

Special Intentions at Holy Communion are printed in italics

IN JUNE WE REMEMBER

CORPUS CHRISTI. On this day, which is always the first Thursday after Trinity Sunday, we say thank you for the means of grace, the Holy Communion. The Latin words simply mean "the Body of Christ". *June 1st.*

ST. BARNABAS, APOSTLE AND MARTYR, the friend and travelling companion of St. Paul, with whom he was at school. He was stoned to death at Salamis some time after the year 63. *June 11th.*

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST. He was the forerunner of Our Lord, whom he baptised in the River Jordan. *June 24th.*

ST. PETER, APOSTLE AND MARTYR. You will find news of him on p.3. *June 29th.*

HERO OF THE REVOLUTION



When Jesus, the Founder of the Revolution, was put to death, God raised Him up to life again. After forty days on earth, talking, walking and eating with His disciples and continuing to teach them, He withdrew into the heavenly life, and the men He had chosen to spread the Revolution began their work. This happened in the Jewish year A.M. 3794, in the reign of Tiberius Caesar, 786 years after the founding of Rome. The appointed leader of these men was Simon son of Jona, named Peter by his Master.

He was not at first a person of any importance, but a working man of Bethsaida, a fishing village near the trading centre and port of Capernaum on the lake Tiberias, about thirty-five miles inland from the Mediterranean coast. With his brother he owned a fishing-boat, in partnership with a man called Zebedee and his sons, James and John.

Simon Peter's brother, Andrew, introduced him to Jesus when they were all at Capernaum, and he became one of the Master's disciples, but for a time carried on with his trade. Enthusiastic, energetic, generous, he made his house and his boat free for Jesus to use at will. Some time later on he was formally called by Jesus to be an Apostle—a special messenger to preach His gospel—and gave up his work to follow Him through Galilee, as He preached and taught the New Life and healed the sick.

Peter's name comes first in all the lists of the Apostles given in the histories of the ministry of Jesus. He was a natural leader, the spokesman of the Apostles, rallying the others to the Master when the hard sayings of His gospel caused the defection of many disciples; and the first to acknowledge Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He was present on occasions when only the closest friends of Jesus were admitted—when the young daughter of Jairus was restored to life, the day on the mountain when Jesus was transfigured with heavenly glory, and in the garden of Gethsemane the night He was arrested by the soldiers of the High Priest.

With the arrest and the apparent failure of his Master's mission, fear overcame his ardent human love for Jesus, and he denied his discipleship. After the Resurrection Jesus appeared to him, but in spite of this sign of heavenly forgiveness, the bitterness of his betrayal was with him for the rest of his life.

But purified by failure and suffering, strengthened by the Spirit of God, he took up the leadership of the Revolution. Through faith and love he became a worker of miracles, whose shadow, even, healed the sick. He took the gospel to Antioch and to Corinth, and finally to Rome.

For him, as for all the early workers for this Revolution, there could be only one end. Peter was crucified at Rome during Nero's persecution of Christians in A.D. 64.

POSTSCRIPT All Revolutions have their Heroes and honour them with memorials. The Heroes of the Christian Revolution are called Saints, and churches are named in remembrance of them. Many churches throughout the world are dedicated to St. Peter. One is the largest Church in Christendom, St. Peter's Rome; another is a quite small church in Marlborough, our own St. Peter's.

June 29th is the day appointed by the Church for honouring St. Peter: for churches dedicated to him this is their *patronal festival*, or feast of the patron saint. We shall keep it by celebrating the Holy Communion in St. Peter's at 7.30 a.m. And we shall be glad to remember that it was St. Peter, with St. John, who was entrusted by Jesus with the preparations for the Last Supper in the Upper Room at Jerusalem, which was the first Holy Communion of all.

SAINT PETER APOSTLE AND MARTYR

Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build My Church

NEWS :: VIEWS :: COMING EVENTS

FIRST YEAR'S STEWARDSHIP. The financial results of the first year of Christian Stewardship in Marlborough have exceeded all expectations. Before the Campaign our parish income was £32 a week, apart from special efforts: it has now reached nearly £90, an annual income of over £4,600, including tax repayments.

This result has greatly encouraged the Stewardship Committee, which meets about once every two months to keep an eye on the scheme. Thanks to the way in which parishioners have honoured their promises, the task has been a light one. The percentage of pledgers who have not kept up regular contributions has been small, and, contrary to the fears of some gloomy prophets, only a handful of people have dropped out of the scheme altogether. The Follow-up Campaign in February made up for the small losses during the year.

Altogether, there are now 319 pledges —but many of these are family affairs, so the number of individual members of the church taking part and showing by their gifts that they are convinced of the rightness of the scheme is far higher. In view of the extensive repair work now necessary at St. Mary's, it is a tremendous relief to the P.C.C. to have this assured income. D.J.T.

GARDEN PARTY FOR C.M.S. on Saturday, June 17th, 2.45 p.m. to 6 p.m., at Upper Cross, Cardigan Road. The Rev. E. Corr, Area Representative for C.M.S., will show films about the Overseas work of the Society, and there will be a stall of books for sale. The Marlborough College Light Entertainment Society has promised to provide side-shows, and it is hoped that there will be a display by the College gymnasts and Scottish Dancers. Last year we sent nearly £40 to C.M.S. as the result of a similar effort. Please come and help us to make it £50 this year! G.C.

WHY NOT BE A REPORTER? The Editor is very grateful to those who already provide articles, reports and notices for *Tower and Town*. Contributions of interest to parish and town, news of old friends, suggestions of all kinds, are always welcome and carefully considered.

When you are writing it is a good idea to remember that while thirty people may have been present when the event took place, or the plans were drawn up, *Tower and Town* is read by perhaps a thousand people who were not—and they are the people you are writing for. So make it NEWS.

Here are some examples of NEWS and NOT NEWS:

Not news: "The M.U. Pantomime was most amusing". *News*: "Wearing a colander on her head, Mrs. Browne made a first-class Aladdin".

Not news: "The Rector's account of his war experiences was very interesting. Tea was served at 4 p.m.". *News*: "Rector Milks Cow at Salerno. This was one of the unexpected things the Rector told us when he spoke on his work as an Army Chaplain. We were so interested that we forgot to serve tea."

All matter for *Tower and Town* should be sent to 136 High Street by the 10th of the preceding month.

MINDS WILL WANDER. Here is a suggestion for keeping them on a leash during the long prayer in the Holy Communion Service *for the whole state of Christ's Church*.

Make the prayer your own Rogation Procession, by picturing various "Stations" in your mind: Buckingham Palace and Whitehall for "the Queen and all that are in authority under her"; then to Salisbury, and our own parish, for "Bishops, Priests and Deacons". A quick visit overseas for Missions, and back to our own "places of education and learning"—our three Church Schools and the other schools of Marlborough.

When you come to "this congregation here present" there will be the people in the pews round you, and the parish organisations to which you belong. Your procession will end with a round of the hospitals and streets, to visit with your prayers "those in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity"; and a moment in the churchyard to remember those of your family and friends who are "departed this life".

You will have left out yourself. But your turn will come at the Communion when you can make another procession with Him round your home and school, your friends and work and hobbies.

F.B.R.B.

FIRST COMMUNION

Like many other societies, our Church has rites of initiation.

Christian initiation consists of three grades—Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. These grades are not conferred indiscriminately. Guarantees are required before Baptism through well-chosen godparents: a period of instruction precedes presentation for Confirmation, and a preparation before First Communion.

First Communion is the final step of Christian initiation. But "initiation" means "beginning" not completion. It *is* only a beginning. It does confer the status of full-fledged, or Communicant, member of the Church, but First Communion alone cannot confer the status of full-fledged Christian.

What it does is to start us off on an adventure which will occupy all this life. For those who go to Communion do not merely go to a service; they go to meet Our Lord Himself, Who, having made an appointment where He may be met and loved and known, does not break His appointment.

For parents, godparents and the parish priest the day of First Communion is a happy day of many hopes. But both for priest and congregation it can also be a day of sad memories.

I know of one Rector who, on his last Sunday evening in the parish, took his Confirmation Register into the pulpit. Instead of preaching a sermon he read out the names in the Register. Most of the congregation knew how those in the lists had fared, and there were so many who had given up the adventure almost as soon as they had started on it. He would feel in part responsible, and so would the congregation, when they remembered how much they might have done to help by their prayers, example and fellowship. I think it probable that this last "sermon" was not the least effective one of his ministry to that parish.

F.B.R.B.

PERSONAL POSER

Why is it forbidden for an innocent party in a divorce case to come to Communion; and should this be so?

You have been misinformed. Communion after a divorce, as after any other falling away from Christian standards, normally rests with the individual conscience.

What you have in mind is undoubtedly a case of remarriage during the life-time of a former partner. In such cases the permission of the Bishop has to be sought when either or both of the parties "desire to be baptised or to partake of the Holy Communion".

Before according his permission, which is final in all dioceses of the province, the Bishop has to be satisfied that the parties after mature reflection and in all good conscience are fully persuaded that it is right for them to live together as man and wife. The Bishop must also be satisfied that their admission to the Sacraments would not give reasonable cause of grave offence to the Church nor be to the hurt of their own souls.

Busy as he is, the Bishop is never too busy to consider most carefully and charitably the hard cases which are put to him by the parish priest. The words "innocent party" rarely, if ever, mean exactly what they say, and those who apply—often in circumstances which appeal heart-rendingly to Christian compassion—are often required to accept an admission of their own fault by deferring their Communion until the next great festival or maybe longer.

Each case is considered carefully on its merits and demerits. There is never any question of the Church abandoning the pastoral care of those who, for any reason, have fallen short of that standard of Christian marriage which the Church has a divine commission to uphold.

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.

ARE WE DUMB?

No-one would think so if they heard us at a Parish Party or a football match, or joining in the choruses at the pantomime, or even yelling "Where's my shirt?" down the stairs on a Saturday afternoon.

Yet what about in Church last Sunday? Or next Sunday? Do we perhaps think "That's different"? Yes, it is different: it is the time of all times when we should lift up our voices—in "psalms and hymns and songs of praise" to Him whom we have come to church to worship.

Why is it, then, that our singing at St. Mary's sometimes sounds thin and poor? These are some of the reasons members of the congregation have suggested—and some of the answers!

We do sing, but the roof is so high that the sounds get lost. No, that won't do, for acoustically the church is excellent. And any way, sheer volume can always overcome large open spaces, as we noticed when the College worshipped with us recently.

So often we don't know the tunes. But is that a reason for not singing the ones you do know? Sometimes the best known hymns go no better than less-known ones, and our services are always planned so that we begin and end with popular hymns that everybody knows.

The tunes are pitched too high. A tune with a wide range must sometimes have notes a little higher than is comfortable for everyone, but much of our music is put in a lower key so that the notes are within reach of all.

We need more help from the Choir and Organist. It's true that when the choir sings in procession round the church there is a noticeable increase in the volume of singing. But surely so many of you could easily make much more noise than the comparatively few of us beyond the Chancel steps. Of course, the organ at St. Mary's is not a large instrument, and some of the sound does inevitably get lost.

I would sing if everyone else would. It is a fact that a lot of people feel self-conscious about singing loudly—but someone has to make a start. It is easy to sing well if you sing up, so try it! Hold your hymn book high, hold your head up, take a deep breath, and SING! Think about the words, think of the Lord to whom you are singing, and nothing else will matter.

TREVOR GARTSIDE



DIOCESAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Saturday, June 10th, eleven choirs from neighbouring parishes will be joining together in Marlborough College Chapel to sing Evensong at 5.15 p.m.

This is one of several choir gatherings which take place in our Diocese every year. The object of these festivals is not to sing one elaborate united service, but rather to provide music which can later be sung independently by the choirs taking part. Special emphasis is laid on improving the standard of the singing of hymns, responses and psalms, and particularly the said parts of the service, which are often neglected in the training of choirs.

The choirs arrive from their parishes at 2.15 p.m. and first rehearse the procession before moving to the Chapel for the music rehearsal, which will be taken by our own organist. After a picnic tea, which is eaten in the garden of the Master's Lodge, the Choirs return to the Memorial Hall to robe for the service. The procession, led by the College crossbearer, goes up the long flight of steps to the Chapel for Evensong, which will be sung by the Rev. C. C. Perry, Vicar of Aldbourne. The Lessons and prayers will be read by representatives from the Deaneries taking part, and a short address will be given by the Rev. P. F. Chapman, of the College.

Members of our congregation are warmly invited to come and take their part in this service.

We are most grateful to the College for once again allowing us to hold the festival there and for making us very welcome.

T.G.

A TOURIST'S IMPRESSIONS OF NEW ZEALAND

DENNIS SILK

"You are going to a country peopled with kindness."

The words were used by a notable Irish rugby player in a letter to me which, in wishing me good luck for the M.C.C. tour of New Zealand on which I was about to embark, voiced all the nostalgia which any person must feel who has once visited New Zealand.

Something of the enthusiasm of schoolboys going home for the Christmas holidays is in a New Zealand welcome to a touring team. It bore out my impression that Commonwealth ties become increasingly strong the further one travels from Great Britain. Almost anyone from England will be sure of a warm welcome in the Antipodes, but to a band of athletes the welcome seems doubly enthusiastic, for the New Zealander loves his sport, and his country is dedicated to the great outdoors more than any other country I have visited.



D. R. W. SILK, who has been a master at Marlborough College since 1955, captained the M.C.C. Touring Team to New Zealand this year. Previous M.C.C. Tours: East Africa 1957; South America 1958; Canada 1959.

Few Inhibitions

The average "Kiwi", as he calls himself, has few inhibitions, and is not one to stand upon ceremony. He takes you as he finds you, whatever your rank or position, and he judges you, not on a past record, but on present performance. Moreover he expects you to do the same for him. He is blunt to the point of abruptness, like the Mayor of a small South Island township who, making an official speech of welcome to the Springbok rugby team, said with disarming candour: "The last time I saw any of your countrymen was down the sights of my rifle in the Boer War!"

Sport and Sun

I have said the New Zealander is sports mad. Rugby is near to religion with him, and every New Zealander swims, water skis, fishes, sails and shoots whenever he has the chance, which is often. His country must surely be the best in the world for the young. There are literally thousands of miles of unsurpassed beaches, whither families betake themselves at weekends when the sun is shining, which is virtually a daily occurence in the summer.

Bush, geysers, fiords

The scenic variety is astonishing. In the subtropical North Island the giant tree fern towers above the dense virgin bush, which is so thick that a large plane which crashed in it two years ago, not more than ten miles from its airport, has not yet been found. Deer and pig abound in the bush, and everywhere lakes of deepest turquoise give scope to fishermen, who enjoy the best rainbow trout fishing in the world. Around Rotorua are the famous hot springs where steam issues from almost every crack in the ground, and the Maoris cook their joints in natural ovens and brew their tea in water taken straight from the ponds in their back gardens.

The South Island is a mixture of Norway, Texas and Warwickshire. The fiords are probably New Zealand's grandest sight, while the Gold Rush regions of Central Otago, now becoming one vast orchard under the new irrigation schemes, would afford perfect filming country for a Hollywood "western" director. Christchurch, largest of South Island cities, might be Stratford-on-Avon, but for its brightly painted bungalows and lack of American tourists.

Sheep

And behind it all is the placid, portly frame of the sheep. His baaing is the commonest sound, and the white dots which cover every hill and plain as far as the eye can see are testimony to his omnipresence in fact and thought. The commercial centres of Auckland resound

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FAMILIAR FACE No. 10

WALTER LOVETT

A man who likes boys to be boys, Walter Lovett, Headmaster of St. Peter's School since 1946, set himself at once to revive schools athletics in Marlborough, and later, in 1950, was the moving spirit in establishing the Junior Area Sports, of which he has been organiser and secretary ever since. He has also been local organiser of the Marlborough District Schools Carol Festival since it began in 1948; is on the District Committee for National Savings, and the Scout Committee. He likes shooting and gardening, is a keen ornithologist and naturalist. He is not "a local", but a native of Bottlesford, Leics., educated at King's School, Grantham, and St. John's College, York. But perhaps in his case the customary long probation as a "stranger" in Marlborough has been waived—for quite a lot of people must know him rather well! And feel grateful to him for his wise and conscientious care of their children at our Church school during the past fifteen years.

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

MAYOR FOR FOURTH TERM. Good wishes to Alderman Eric J. Free, elected last month to a fourth term as Mayor of Marlborough within a period of ten years. His father, Thomas Free, was Mayor six times between 1901 and 1936, and if Alderman Free really means it when he says he doesn't intend to try to emulate his father, he is surely going to have to dig his toes in pretty hard during the next fifteen years.

Asked if he had any special ideas for his 1961/62 mayoralty, he answered—unofficially—that he would like to be able to work out some constructive plan for the well-being of the over-sixties amongst our townsmen, and would examine most carefully any suggestions which those who have their welfare at heart care to put up to him.

We hope that both Alderman and Mrs. Free will manage to enjoy what most of us know is the real hard work of bearing office.

CHAPEL OF ST. LUKE—*Children's Convalescent Hospital.* In the Chapel porch a plaque reads: "This Chapel was completely renovated and refurnished in 1961 in memory of Walter Byron Maurice, Physician and Friend of Children of this Hospital from 1912–46".

On May 13th it was dedicated in honour of St. Luke (St. Paul's "beloved physician"), and in memory of Dr. Walter Maurice, by the Bishop of Salisbury, assisted by the Hospital Chaplain, the Rev. R. D. Shorten, in the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress. The Lesson was read by Dr. Walter's son, Dr. T. R. Maurice, and his grand-daughter, Miss Caroline Maurice, was with the Hospital Organist, Mr. Hyde, at the new organ.

This was the culminating point in a story of much generosity in time, talent and money, on the part of a whole host of people to make a fitting memorial for one of whom the Bishop said in his address "in his professional life his contacts with this hospital were probably his first love and there must be many former patients who remember this beloved physician. 'Inasmuch as ye

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have done it unto one of the least of these, My brethren, ye have done it unto Me' ".

The text of the Bishop's moving sermon was from the description of the building of Solomon's Temple—"And upon the top of the pillars was lily work : so was the work of the pillars finished ". And looking round the brilliant simplicity of this virtually new chapel, with its effect of whiteness and plainness contrasting with crimson altar hangings and the richness of embroidery, one could only feel that the work had indeed been fittingly finished.

SOMETHING ABOUT FISH . . . . Remember "Apathy ! " on this page last month, with its pitiful tale ? Read this and you'll feel better.

The Marlborough and District Angling Association, founded in 1904, has 225 members, 48 of whom are under 14. At its recent Annual General Meeting the room was packed. It is, and always has been, entirely self-supporting and never has to descend to bazaars, jumble sales, raffles, to raise funds. Of course, if you have 225 members a subscription of 10s. for boys and 20s. for adults goes quite a long way. During the past year they have carried out a great work of netting and restocking the waters they rent at Crofton and Great Bedwyn. This has meant that on three separate occasions twenty volunteers have worked all day, providing their own transport and refreshments.

There's certainly something about fish . . . .

WHAT'S COOKING ?

Rich Chocolate Mousse

6 ozs. plain chocolate ; 4 or 5 eggs ; 1 small coffee-cup black coffee ; $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. butter ; 1 tbsp. brandy.

Cut up chocolate and melt in basin over hot water, with black coffee. Take off heat, add egg yolks separately, beating well after each addition, then add butter cut in small pieces. When butter has melted, add brandy ; leave to cool. Whisk egg whites until very stiff, then fold into chocolate mixture until all the white disappears. Turn into glass dish ; leave overnight in cool place. Decorate with whipped cream, chopped nuts and flaked chocolate. A few drops of vanilla can be substituted for the brandy : (not so nice !).

Contributed by Mrs. R. O. Wheeler

Marlborough Secondary Modern School

Several outstanding events have happened since our last entry. During the Easter holidays nine boys had an enjoyable climbing holiday in Wales, arranged by Mr. Lindsley, and despite the rain it was very successful.

An excursion was made to Wembley to see the Schoolboys' International Football Match between England and Wales. Another party of boys spent an inspiring day at Lackham Agricultural College. The girls all enjoyed a McCall's Fashion Show at the beginning of the term.

We are now in the midst of much activity arranging Further Education for boys and girls leaving at the end of the term. SYLVIA HEAD

Marlborough Grammar School

When I first started writing these notes for *Tower and Town* the Editor told me " What we want is the interesting and unusual ". Last term something took place at school that comes under both these headings. I refer to the inauguration of a Tiddlywinks Championship contested between the School and Wye House. Two teams, boys and girls, on each side competed for this title. For the School, Stevens captained a team that included Williams, Reeve and Waters ; and the girls' team, led by Alison Stedman, consisted of Jo Child, Valerie Daw and Pauline Taylor. For Wye House, Salter led Steele, Day and Mr. Huxley, and Madeline Hiscock led Pauline Hidgkinson, Vivien Lovelock and Kate Sare. After both games had been hilariously won by the School teams, Matron presented the Captains with their trophies, and the umpires—Mr. Caswell and Miss Wildsmith—were presented with bunches of daffodils. Will this become an annual event ? All concerned hope so, and would also like to play any other team that may be formed. *Any challengers ?*

GRAMMARIAN

St. Peter's Boys' School

At the moment we are practising for the Area Sports at Elcot Lane on June 21st. We are entering for the high-jump, long-jump, the relay and the ordinary running.

We are very grateful for gifts of books from the Rector and Mrs. Browne, and also from Mrs. Latham.

We are settling down very well with our new teachers : Mrs. Peck takes us in the mornings and Mrs. Turner in the afternoons. M. BENCH

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ROUND THE PARISH IN OUR PRAYERS

JUNE

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

1st Sunday: Silverless Street
2nd Sunday: Homefields
3rd Sunday: Herd Street
4th Sunday: " The Street I live in "

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

The Wardens for these streets are:
1 Mrs. Hudson
2 Mrs. Rossiter
3 Mrs. R. P. Smith

HOLY BAPTISM

Apr. 9th	Laura White (at Ogbourne St. Andrew)
Apr. 16th	Andrew Peter Sprules
Apr. 30th	David Robert Cooper
May 7th	Paul David Hicks
	Peter Frederick Banyard (at Overton)

Correction:
Mar. 19th Rachael Louise Yockney

R. I. P.

Apr. 12th	Arthur John Bull, 4 Oxford Street
May 1st	Ada Walker, 56 Five Stiles Road
May 10th	Frances Maud Pocock, 18 High Street

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to the auctioneer's monotonous chant of wool prices. The quays of Wellington are jammed with carcasses for the home market. It is perhaps not surprising that the most impressive New Zealander of all is the old-established sheep station owner, sitting astride his patient horse, wrinkled brown face and clear eyes gazing at the sheep-studded horizon where New Zealand's past and future lie.

DENNIS SILK

FAMILY NEWS

A Family Welcome with best wishes to the young people of our parish who were confirmed on Trinity Sunday, by the Bishop of Sherborne, in our Parish Church: **Caroline Rosemary Janet Chandler, Katherine Leda Dobson, Susan Mary Eustace, Angela Dorothy Hart, Maurice James Hilliar, Richard William Hillier, Geraldine Gay Hodge, Patricia Lucas, Glenda Elizabeth Minty, Margaret Gladys Helen Moore, Janet New, Timothy James Ralph Otton, Brian Robert Phillips, David Ian Rowlands, Jacqueline Anne Russ, Stella Claire Smith, Margaret Elizabeth Spanswick, Deanna Elizabeth Sprules, Andrew John Stone, Michael Anthony William Thorpe, Sally Susan Thorpe, Lesley Joy Williams, Rita Marilyn Williams, Gordon Anthony Wootton, Raymond John Wootton.**

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Margaret North, one of our newest teachers, is to attend the Diocesan Summer School for Sunday School Teachers at Sidmouth this year. The P.C.C. is always glad to help teachers to attend these excellent courses.

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Dennis Silk's article on New Zealand, on page 7, was written specially for *Tower and Town*. While he was over there he visited *the Godfreys*. He writes: " I went to see the Godfreys when I was in Auckland and found them in great heart. Peter is doing a truly wonderful job for music in New Zealand and is tremendously well thought of throughout the country. His Cathedral choir is easily the best in the country. The girls and Sheila were flourishing and I greatly enjoyed my evening with them. The girls have become, to borrow a colloquialism, 'proper kiwis'!" Peter Godfrey was organist in this parish from 1949 to 1954.

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Thank-you, yet once more, to *Cyril Ford* for help with our illustrations. He has drawn our church emblems for us: the keys and sword for St. Peter and St. Paul, which we use on page 3, and the Crown and M for the Blessed Virgin Mary, which we shall be using next month.

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PARISH ROUND-UP

IT COULD HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE THIRTY PIECES—

That silver denarius we were passing round, one day's pay for a labourer like the thirty paid to Judas. Was this *lepton*—$\frac{1}{96}$d.—the actual "widow's mite"? Were any of these silver and copper coins issued under Pontius Pilate and Herod during the lifetime of Christ used by St. Matthew or St. Peter? Could this one have been the "tribute penny"?

These and many more questions like them occurred to those who saw and handled the coins Mr. Jesse Chandler brought with him from his collection to illustrate his talk on *Coins and Christianity* at the Men's Society on May 4th.

He spoke first on coins with Biblical associations, which as well as those already mentioned included coins issued by cities under the Greek empire—names with a familiar Old Testament ring: Tyre and Sidon, Antioch, Carthage, Athens—and by Roman governors in New Testament times.

Then he went on to talk of coins of general interest, ranging from cowrie shells to sovereigns minted in the present reign: from the three thousand years in between were Marlborough Tokens, Maundy Money, coins issued under Canute and Alfred the Great, and some from the time of Alexander the Great, 100 B.C., when numismatic art reached its highest peak.

The "lesson" of Mr. Chandler's talk was that *coins are history*, and he taught us the lesson in such a delightful and fascinating way that we are unlikely to forget it.

This was the last meeting of the 1960/61 season, apart from an "extraordinary" meeting on May 15th, when a working party got down to clearing the garden at the Curate's House. The new session will begin in October: meantime all enquiries should be addressed to Mr. C. Chilton, Merle Cottage, Kingsbury Street.

All members of the Men's Society would like to thank the ladies who have kindly made tea for them during the past season. J.F.

Youth Committee: Mrs. M. Harrison (Chairman), Forest Hill House. Both Monday and Tuesday Youth Fellowship Meetings are now in the Toc H Room.

GAMES AND BRAINS. Now that the longer evenings have come the Youth Fellowship usually meets out-of-doors for rambles, treasure hunts and expeditions. Miss Thelwall has kindly put her tennis court at the disposal of the Tuesday meeting, but unfortunately we have not yet found a court free on Mondays. Any suggestions please? The older and more thinking members meet on alternate Sundays for tea and either a debate or Brains Trust about questions of interest to their Christian life.

A keen group of younger members meets every Thursday: games, tracking, etc., are popular, but there is always time for prayer and Bible reading. M.H.

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

This month we said goodbye to Sally Odey who has left us to join the Guide Company. We welcome Helen Newton, a Brownie from Montreal, Canada, who has joined our Pack for the summer. In Canada the Brownies wear brown ties and little badges in their berets. We congratulate Susan Marsh and Juanita Fuller who have passed their Golden Hand. THE LITTLE PEOPLE

St. Mary's Guild with the Mothers' Union and Young Wives' Group: Leader: Mrs. F. B. R. Browne, The Rectory.

May 11th was a memorable evening for the Young Wives' Group. For nearly a year now we have been familiar with the name of Mrs. Mary Buchanan: every communication from the Pestalozzi Village is signed by her—and on Thursday evening she visited us in person. She gave us a wonderful story of the faith that has built the children's "Village of Peace" in Switzerland, and is now creating another model village in this country. Her talk was illustrated with coloured slides of both villages and the children of all nationalities who live in them. We were joined by the Young Wives' Group from Pewsey, members of the Methodist and Congregational Churches, senior girls from St. Mary's

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School, members of the Women's Conservative Association, and, of course, our own Mothers' Union. A raffle and Bring-and-Buy Stall realised £15 ; gifts of Ship Halfpennies and threepenny bits totalled 19/3 ; and Susan Marsh and Ann Mundy handed Mrs. Buchanan £2 8s. 4d. which was the result of a "sale" and raffle held amongst their friends.

Our next "Pestalozzi" date is the Summer Fair to be held in the Rectory Garden on July 8th. Make a note of it !

Facilities for playing Bowls are now available to Young Wives, and anyone wishing to learn should get in touch with Mrs. Bedbrook.

Mothers' Union. No special news this month, but a reminder that the Corporate Communion will be on Friday, June 16th, at 10.30 a.m. in St. Peter's. M.B.

CHOIR NOTES

Probationer. Welcome to Robert Huxley, who joined us last month.

Note for Parents. Chorister attendance is sometimes apt to fall off during the summer months, and I hope that parents will help us by seeing that their boys do turn up for practices and services regularly.

Choir Festival. The Choir will meet outside the Memorial Hall in the College at 2 p.m. on June 11th to take part in the Festival in the College Chapel (see page 6). TREVOR GARTSIDE

ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC COURSE FOR CHORISTERS

Michael Beach and Malcolm Webb were chosen to attend this Course, held at King's College, Taunton, in April, and were given very good reports. Ed.

Our arrival was somewhat early, so we had plenty of time to settle down in our surroundings. We were met at the main door by Mr. Waine, the Master-in-charge. In the evening he gave us a short talk about the Course : although this was very helpful, it took us a day to really settle down.

The boys were divided into four houses of twenty-four boys under a House Master and a House Captain. Each house had its own dormitory, music room and Common Room for recreation and games, table-tennis being the favourite game. The College had its own Chapel and dining-hall.

We got up at 7.30 a.m. and then the daily routine was breakfast, tidying the dormitories, Chapel practice, music instruction, full Matins or Litany, then Rounds, and break, followed by further instructional periods till dinner at 1 p.m. We had free time till Roll Call at 3.55 p.m., and then instructional periods carried on till supper at 6 p.m. Chapel practice started at 6.45 and Evensong was at 7.45. Bedtime was 8.30 with lights out at 9.30.

Each day a House was chosen to be duty choir. Their duty was to lead the service in the Chapel and to sing the House Anthem and Psalm. At the end of the Course we were given a test paper, and individual voice tests.

We had a half holiday on the Saturday, when we went by coach to Cheddar Gorge and Caves and Wells Cathedral.

On the last night we had a concert in which all Houses took part, with piano, cello and violin solos, with the final item a concerted effort by all the masters : this was a rousing song called *The Mulligan Musketeers.*

We thoroughly enjoyed the Course and thank the people who made it possible for us to go.

M. BENCH and M. WEBB

THINK THIS ONE OUT

A Welshman dreamed he had died and was singing "Cwm Rhonddha" in the Celestial Choir composed of 3,001 voices. He told his wife about it the next morning : "I was the one and only baritone in the chorus, and there were a thousand each of first and second tenors and basses. Suddenly the Archangel who was conducting waved us all silent, pointed me out with his finger and said, 'You, there, Davie Williams, not so loud, please !' "

PARISH PRAYERS No. 8

A morning prayer . . . .

O God, guard, guide and strengthen me, and all whom I love today. Keep us free from all sin and protect us from all danger. Send Thy holy Angels to watch over us. For Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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John Betjeman

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FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Parishioners,

The number of males confirmed in England during 1959 was 74,000, the largest number in one year since the war. The number of assistant curates rose by 240 during 1959. There was a further rise in the number of deacons ordained, which in 1958 exceeded 500 for the first time since 1940. Total ordinations rose from 512 in 1959 to 601 in 1960. I take these figures from the *Church of England Yearbook for* 1961.

All this is encouraging. But the same source reveals that in 1958 the number of Easter communicants was 2,248,229—a drop of 4.3% compared with 1956 ; and it points out that the weather of Easter, 1958 was " exceptionally foul," whereas Easter, 1956, " passed in dry quiet weather." It continues : " We cannot be particularly encouraged by the thought that weather conditions have an appreciable effect in discouraging the performance of such an important obligation as the Easter Communion ".

At this time of year we are again concerned with the weather—the lovely hot dreamy Sundays we all hope for. On such days relaxation in the garden or at the seaside is most alluring. But we have to remember that as Christians we have a priority engagement on Sundays—with One who never breaks His appointments. Then we shall really be able to enjoy with thanksgiving that relaxation and recreation which are also part of our duty to God, our neighbours and ourselves.

In last month's *Tower and Town* we read about our patron St. Peter. July 2nd, the Feast of the Visitation, is one of the festivals of our other patron, the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is not the day we have chosen to keep as our Patronal Festival—that will be at Candlemass, on February 2nd,—but all her festivals are important to us since our Parish Church

is dedicated in her honour ; and on page 3 you can read why this should be so, and the meaning and date of each one of them.

The P.C.C. meeting to be attended by our architect, Mr. Rushton, will not take place before this issue of the magazine goes to press, so my report to you on the repair work necessary at St. Mary's will follow next month.

Clergy holidays give an opportunity to welcome old and new friends. While Mr. Fargus is away on holiday this month, we shall welcome at Sunday services Bishop Cockin, the Rev. C. A. Wood, the Rev. W. D. Lewin of the Missions to Seamen, Mr. Laurence Ellis, Sarum Reader of Marlborough College, and Mr. George Bowman, Sarum Reader of Chiseldon.

Lt. Commander F. Armand Smith and Mrs. Armand Smith are planning to move into 9 Silverless Street on July 3rd. Commander Armand Smith is to be ordained Deacon, with title to this parish, on September 24th. He will return to Salisbury on August 14th for his last term at the Theological College, but hopes to be back with us on Sundays. I am sure you are with me in very much looking forward to their coming.

Your friend and Rector,

FRANCIS BROWNE

DIARY FOR JULY

SUNDAY SERVICES. *Until further notice* : **Holy Communion at 8 a.m. will always be in St. Peter's. All the other services — 9 a.m. Holy Communion, Matins, Family Service at 3 p.m. on 3rd Sundays and Evensong — will always be in St. Mary's.**

2nd FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. **Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** (*The Parish, especially all who do the "house-work" for our churches*)

5th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Diocesan Pastoral Committee*)

8th Saturday. Fete in aid of British Pestalozzi Children's Village 3 p.m. in the Rectory Garden

9th SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Parish Communion (Beaumont setting). Admission of Choir Boys at Evensong. (*The Parish and Christian Leadership*)

12th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Clergy Summer School*)

16th SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Preacher at Matins : Mr. L. Ellis, Sarum Reader. Evensong **6 p.m.** in Marlborough College Chapel. (*The Parish and Marlborough College*)

17th Monday. Marlborough Grammar School Commemoration Service

19th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Deanery Chapter*)

21st Friday. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. in St. Peter's. (*Christchurch, Savernake*)

22nd Saturday. **St. Mary Magdalene.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Diocesan Moral Welfare Association Area* X)

23rd EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Preacher at Evensong : the Rev. W. D. Lewin, Missions to Seamen. (*The Parish and Moral Welfare*)

25th Tuesday. **St. James, A.M.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Former Assistant Curates of the Parish*)

26th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Sarum Readers*)

30th NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Preacher at Matins : Mr. G. Bowman, Sarum Reader. (*The Parish, especially those leaving school*)

Special Intentions at Holy Communion are printed in italics



M "THE GIRL'S NAME WAS MARY"

She was the girl chosen by God our Father to be the means by which God became man. In their home at Nazareth, she fed Jesus when He was a baby, taught Him as a child, protected and cherished Him when, working with Joseph at the carpenter's bench, He knew the happiness and disappointments of every day human life. So through her love and care He was prepared as a man for His mission.

Her dignity is drawn from Him and we honour her for His sake. All through the year we remember the events of her life:

On March 25th, *the Annunciation*—when the angel Gabriel appeared to her and told her she would bear a child who would be called the Son of God.

On July 2nd, *the Visitation*: having learnt from the angel that her kinswoman Elizabeth had conceived a son, Mary went into the hill country of Judaea to visit her and to tell her the wonderful thing that had happened.

On December 25th, *Christmas*, the birth day of her baby, Jesus our Lord.

On February 2nd, *Candlemass*, the day when she went to the Temple to say thank-you for safe deliverance from child birth, as mothers still do to-day.

On December 8th we remember her own *Conception*, and on September 8th her *Birthday*.

All through the centuries the Church has given her many wonderful names: Our Lady, the Queen of all Saints, the Blessed Virgin. But perhaps the best of all was used by Elizabeth on that day of Visitation which we remember this month: "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby stirred in her womb. Then Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and cried aloud . . . . 'Who am I, that the mother of my Lord should visit me?'"

It is to the Mother of our Lord that our parish church is dedicated. From her we can all learn how we ought to accept the work God has chosen for us to do—with obedience, humility, confidence and love.

YOUR MONEY FOR THEIR LIFE. A "must" on Saturday, July 8th—Young Wives' Summer Fair in aid of British Pestalozzi Children's Village. 2.30 p.m. in the Rectory Garden (if wet in the Scout Hut): admission 6d. or by Lucky Programme obtainable in advance from any Young Wife. Competitions (Town Crier; Fancy Dress); Novelty Sports: A Wizard; Bowls; Ladder Golf; Old Crocks (which sort? Come and see!). Don't miss this Good Fun for a Very Good Cause. *What is Pestalozzi?* Read all about it on page 8!

DARING DAYLIGHT RAID ON CHURCH COTTAGE. A daring and colourful raid was recently made on Church Cottage. It would seem that a party of teenagers—possibly members of the Marlborough Parish Youth Fellowship under the leadership of Mrs. Harrison?—entered that part of the premises known as the kitchen. It was at first thought that hunger was the driving cause of the entrance being effected, but it transpired that the purpose was to clean and paint that part of the Cottage, for so long neglected.

The Trustees wish to extend a big "thank-you" to all concerned. The Cottage is a pleasanter place as a result of the time and effort given by these young people. Well done!

J. G. MANLEY

CHAIN LETTERS. I have a letter which promises me good luck if I copy it out several times and pass it on to others. It justifies this waste of time and paper by telling me that "it has been round the world four times and those who broke the chain had bad luck"—though it does not tell me how this information was, or could be, arrived at.

If you get one too, my advice to you is to say a prayer for those who sent it, and for an ending of all ignorance and unbelief. Then put it in the receptacle provided for the purpose—your w.p.b. F.B.R.B.

HOW TO READ THE NEW BIBLE —"It must be read for itself, and not with an ear-cocked to discern its difference from the Authorised Version. No-one will enjoy a raspberry pie if he is trying to taste a gooseberry one". *The Bishop of Mashonaland.*

"OUR FIRST COMMUNION TOO", the Rector told us in his address on June 4th, the First Communion Day for the young people of our parish who had been confirmed on Trinity Sunday. Ours, too, because it was the first time we had made our Communion together with these new members of our Church family. This was a very happy day when an extra large number of communicants came to welcome and support the newcomers. Perhaps we may look forward to a really well-filled church next year, with fathers, mothers and younger children—all the members of the family—accompanying the newly-confirmed on this most important day in their lives.

FROM THE DIARY. On Sunday, July 16th, we meet together for Evensong with Marlborough College. Preshute Church, the Methodist Church and the Congregationalists in Marlborough College Chapel at **6 p.m.** Attendance at this service, which looks like becoming an annual affair, is a real way of showing our will for unity between the Churches—and unity in Marlborough too.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. The Sunday Schools close down for holidays after Sunday, July 30th, and re-open on Sunday, September 10th.

WHO? WHEN? WHERE? *Potted history*

1*st Christians in Britain*: probably Roman soldiers and traders, before A.D. 100.

1*st British Christian Martyr*: St. Alban—executed for sheltering a missionary priest at St. Alban's, about A.D. 304.

1*st Archbishop of Canterbury*: St. Augustine—landed in England from Rome 597 to "refound the Church in England" which had suffered a temporary eclipse with the coming of the Anglo-Saxon invaders, though the British Church still survived in Wales and Cornwall.

1*st important Bishop of Winchester*: St. Swithin 852 (July 15th).

1*st Bishop of Salisbury*: St. Osmund 1078. He was a Norman who followed William I to England and helped compile Domesday Book.

100*th Archbishop of Canterbury*: Arthur Michael Ramsey, enthroned in Canterbury Cathedral on June 27th, 1961.

WHY KNEEL?

In our Church kneeling expresses worship, devotion, supplication and humility.

So the Book of Common Prayer bids us kneel at the most solemn moments of our Church services: for the Confession and Absolution, during the prayers of petition, and for the Blessing. At the Holy Communion service we also kneel for the prayers of preparation, at the Prayer of Humble Access, for the Consecration, and of course at the altar.

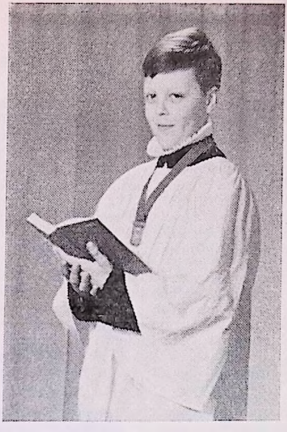
In our Infant Sunday School our children are taught to kneel (not to *crouch*) with closed eyes and folded hands—and this is a habit no single one of us is ever old enough to "grow out of". It helps us to keep our thoughts from wandering and to remember where we are and why.

But it is not always possible for some of us to kneel as much as we should like to: if we are getting on in years, for instance, or have some infirmity, or are boys and girls growing up rather fast. If we are one of these people it is best for us, when we come to the Holy Communion service, to sit during some of the time when people generally kneel, reserving our strength so that we shall be fit to kneel properly at the most solemn moments—for the Confession (*humility*), during the Prayer of Consecration and for as long afterwards as we feel we can (*worship*), and when we go back to our place after making our Communion (*devotion*).

Those who attend the 9 a.m. Sung Communion service but are not yet confirmed will find it a help to take a little book of prayers with them and to sit quietly reading it while the congregation goes up to the altar. It is easier then to remember what the service is about and why you are there.

To end on a more prosaic note: if we are fit and well, it is no great physical strain to kneel in St. Mary's or St. Peter's. The pews are solid and steady; and our hassocks at St. Mary's are not only beautiful to look at, but just right for kneeling on.

F.B.R.B.



FAMILIAR FACE No. 11

SENIOR CHORISTER

The Senior Chorister is appointed by the Rector and the Organist. He has to be responsible for the discipline of the choristers in the precincts of the church, to keep the record of attendances, and to see that the music is prepared in the choir stalls before the service. **Timothy Otton** was chosen for this important job last Christmas. He was born in Marlborough in 1948 and has been in the choir since 1955. His is one of the voices we have heard singing solos in our Christmas Carol Festival. Now at the Secondary Modern School, Timothy's ambition is to get into the Navy: this isn't a new idea but what he has wanted as long as he can remember. He is keen on football and cricket, and out of school and "off duty" enjoys cycling round the countryside with his friends. He was confirmed last Trinity Sunday.

As well as being a very good photograph of Timothy as Senior Chorister, we think this picture shows too how nice our choirboys always look.

"RECTOR MILKS COW AT SALERNO"

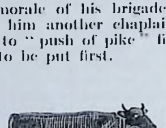
In reply to a reader's startled enquiry, the Rector writes:

Well, yes: I did milk a cow at Salerno—a friendly and opportune cow. It was two or three days after "D" day, and still rather touch and go. I met a man with a dixie in his hand who said "You don't know, sir, where I could get a drop of milk?" I didn't. There were some lovely Percheron horses, fields of vines and of excellent sausage-shaped tomatoes: but few cows.

However, when I looked, there was a cow just behind him, which lowed at us as though willing to co-operate. So we got the old lady into a stall and set about it. He thought it "wizard". To be frank, so did I, as I had done no milking since I was a boy. It was a very nice cow.

Our "D" Day was a Thursday. On Saturday evening I remarked to the General that it looked like being a busy day and that service times might be a bit difficult. His answer was "But, padre, we must have our Sunday service!" So we did. Evensong was not without distraction. There were shells, imports and exports, going both ways, doglights overhead, and innumerable belligerent mosquitoes. The altar was a folding card table covered with the flag of St. George. But it was as devout an Evensong as I have ever been to.

Two days later, in the same place, one of our brigadiers sent me a curt signal that he would not be responsible for the morale of his brigade if I did not send him another chaplain. When it comes to "push of pike" first things do tend to be put first. F.B.R.B.



PERSONAL POSER

I often pray to overcome my bad temper, but it seems to be worse rather than better.

There are such a lot of things that can cause bad temper: indigestion, over-work, worry, self-conceit are only some of them. You may have to direct your prayer and action to coping with one or more of these. Body and mind do not easily obey the orders of the spirit: that is one of the things the Fall has let us in for.

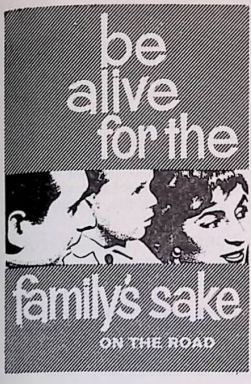
The good-news about it is this. Your instinct (fallen nature) is to feel that you will assert yourself properly by squashing the person who annoys you. In fact you will only assert yourself properly (as a member of Christ) when you forgive. To forgive is one of the highest, most god-like, graces to which man can attain.

"If you really want to score over your enemy, feed him when he is hungry, give him drink when he's thirsty", Father Ronald Knox wrote. "Someone has offended you? What fun—now's your chance to do some forgiving. The Christian's form of revenge is to return good for evil".

Peace among men is, to St. Paul, a primary manifestation of Christian love. Christ died to make it possible. "Be at peace with all men if possible, so far as it depends on you", and he goes on in Romans 12 vv. 14-21 to tell us how to set about it. "Bless those who make a practice of persecuting you": to bless is to wish well, and to turn the wish into prayer.

We can rely on the moral order of things to look after itself without any crude attempts on our part to uphold it by "getting even" with those who put our backs up. 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.



INSPECTOR E. BAKER
Wiltshire Constabulary
Marlborough Sub-Division

The mounting death roll on the roads of Britain has forced many previously apathetic persons to emerge from a state of self-imposed hibernation and to agitate for "something to be done about it": the roads must be wider . . . straighter . . . elevated . . . have fly-overs . . . Heavy loads should be diverted to the railways, the canals or to special roads . . . . The speed limit should be lowered, increased, abolished. More particularly—*why don't the Police clamp down on those persons who are transforming the highways into places of such appalling danger?*

A Matter of Conscience

There is also another solution—personal responsibility: responsibility to oneself, to each member of the family and to everyone outside the family. This responsibility, of course, is a matter for each one's conscience, but in this crowded community we should develop a sense of courtesy, consideration and tolerance.

Social Scandal

More persons were hurt on the roads of this country last year than in any previous year: this will result in a new peak for the sixth successive year.

WHITSUN IN WILTSHIRE

Friday to Tuesday

81 Accidents 59 Injuries

18 SERIOUS INJURIES

Although child deaths on the road are less than half the yearly number before the last war, there was an increase of 10 per cent. in 1960 as compared with 1959. Lord Elton once declared that the prodigious annual tragedy of the roads will be remembered centuries hence as the most flagrant social scandal of our day; the late Archbishop of York, Dr. Garbett, described it as one of the "sins" of our present age.

Instrument of Death

What can drivers do to help reduce the sufferings of their fellow men? They should remember that theirs is the greatest responsibility, for they are in charge of a vehicle which when misused can become an instrument of swift and sudden death, or cause years of confinement to a sick bed. Drivers should therefore drive *defensively*. A defensive driver is one who always drives his vehicle in such a manner that, no matter what conditions confront him, and from whatever source—whether arising from the unsatisfactory behaviour of other road users, from the state of the road, weather or vehicle—no action or lack of action on his part will contribute in any degree to the development of an accident situation.

Shared Responsibility

A large number of pedestrians are involved in the annual road casualties and the primary cause of such accidents is invariably the fault of the pedestrian. A pedestrian can be just as defensive as a driver.

The number of accidents on the roads can and must be reduced. It is a fallacy to say that accidents must rise as traffic grows; it is a policy of defeatism and despair. It is also wrong to attempt to impute the blame to others. We all share responsibility for the present situation and we can all check the deaths and the ghastly mutilations by facing up to our own personal responsibilities.

E. BAKER

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

"THIS PESTALOZZI STUFF"

"What is this Pestalozzi stuff you're going all out for? It's only a lot of z's to me!" remarked a mere male.

The Young Wives know about it. For them "Pestalozzi" is shorthand for the Pestalozzi Children's Villages, one in Switzerland, one in England at Sedlescombe, Sussex. But Pestalozzi was also a person, a Swiss humanitarian and educationist born in 1746 who worked for children orphaned in the Napoleonic wars. The Villages were given his name in memory of a life spent for children, the poor, and the ignorant.

It was another Swiss who created them: Walter Corti, a young doctor who during the Second World War was haunted by the thought of the children — abandoned, starving, dirty, living in the rubble of bombed towns, stealing for food, searching for parents who had died in gas chambers or labour camps; children blinded, lamed, disfigured; bereft of security and love.

His idea of an international children's village where these wounds could be healed met with an immediate response from the Swiss. The collection of funds and material began during the war, but it was not until 1946 that building could begin. The children who first haunted Walter Corti are grown up long since, but, as we all learnt during World Refugee Year, the misery and degradation caused by war go on.

The British Pestalozzi Children's Village has the same aims. So far it consists of a 174 acre site with an old manor house where the first group of twenty-one children from Displaced Persons' Camps, with some deprived British and Commonwealth children, are now living. A self-contained village is planned, where children of many nations who have never known what "home" can mean will live normal, healthy lives in small groups, and learn to be useful citizens before returning to their own countries.

But money is needed—for building, equipment, staff. Marlborough parish Young Wives' Group has already raised just over £150 in cash, and last autumn organised a knitted blanket competition among the other Groups in the Wilts Archdeaconry; seventeen beautiful blankets were sent to the village for Christmas. If the Summer Fair on July 8th is a success it could mean that twenty more children, from the long queue already waiting, could be admitted.

Please come to the Fair (details on page 4) and support this tremendously worth-while work, through which children of all nationalities are not only taught and cared for, but learn to know each other and how to live together in peace.

UP GOES THE PRICE OF POLECATS

The Rector writes: I am sometimes asked to find or verify something in our church records. While doing so recently I chanced to open the Churchwardens' Book at the year "From Easter 1759 to Easter 1760", the churchwardens being Vincent Head and Richard Harris. I can make a good guess at the meaning of these entries—"Four dozen of Sparrow Heads—4d.; Four Pole Catts—2/0; A Hedge Hog—4d.; Paid for Three Pole Catts—2/0". But why did the market value of polecats jump from 6d. to 8d. a head—or tail? And perhaps someone can enlighten me about "Penticostical Oblations—5/6?; His Majesty's Audit Mony 6/8; Mr. Mayor Good Friday Mony—6/8"?

Any ideas? And can anyone remember St. Peter's infested with polecats—"carnivorous mammals with blackish-brown fur, yellowish-brown underfur, bushy tails, and an offensive smell"? Write to the Editor.

NOTHING NEW FROM ST. PETER'S SCHOOL—

But something 110 years old. The Rector has recently been sent a copy of the original prospectus, dated October 1st, 1851, circulated by the Committee that proposed to erect a building to be known as St. Peter's School, comprising (1) A School-room for 150 Boys 50' x 18' (2) A School-Room for 150 Girls 50' x 18' (3) A School-Room for 81 Infants 27' x 18' (4) A suitable Residence for the Master (5) A suitable Residence for the Mistress. Total cost £1,350. The prospectus is illustrated with a nice little engraving of the proposed school, looking very much as it does today, when all that enormous space is taken up by only 125 Boys—no Girls, no Infants!

ANGLICAN TEENAGERS IN CONFERENCE

Delegates from a wide area of Wiltshire meet for a *Christian Youth Weekend* at Wye House from Friday evening, July 7th, to Sunday evening, July 9th, a conference sponsored by the Youth Committee of the Archdeaconry of Wilts. Leader will be Patrick Appleford, Youth and Education Officer of S.P.G., just back from a visit to the States: he is also well-known as the Secretary of the Twentieth Century Light Church Music Group and a composer of so-called "beat hymns". Subject of the Conference: *Christian Leadership in the World To-day.* Aim? To show what young people can do about it.

Representatives from Marlborough parish can have their expenses paid by the Parochial Church Council. Those between the ages of 15-plus and 21 who would like to be considered should give their names *without delay* to either Mrs. M. Harrison, Forest Hill House, or the Deanery Youth Chaplain, the Rev. G. J. F. Fargus, the Porch Room, St. Peter's Church.

GOOD PEOPLE OF MARLBOROUGH GET THANKED

From the Lay Organising Secretary of the Church of England Children's Society for this area: "I am writing to express the Society's very sincere thanks to all those good people who contributed items of clothing for the children in our care. There were so many parcels, and everything is in such excellent condition and will prove most useful .... The constant support that you have all rendered our work in this way is greatly appreciated, and I hope that we may look forward to having your assistance with clothing for many years to come. With a family of five thousand children to care for, clothing is obviously one of our main 'headaches,' and it is good to know that we can rely on the good people of Marlborough to help us in this very practical way".

And the Hon. Secretary for Marlborough, Mrs. E. D. Smith, also wants to say thank you both to helpers and contributors for the excellent result of the Flag Day last month, which raised £61 18s. 8d., nearly £20 more than usual.

CAN YOU THINK OF A BETTER ONE?

Tired of mulling over the time-worn excuses people give for not going to church, two clergymen compiled this list of reasons for not going to the Cinema:

1. The manager of the cinema never calls on me.
2. I did go a few times, but no one spoke to me. Those who go there aren't very friendly.
3. Every time I go they ask me for money.
4. Not all people live up to the high moral standards of the films.
5. I went so much as a child, I've decided I've had all the entertainment I need.
6. The performance lasts too long — can't sit for two hours and a half.
7. I don't always agree with what I hear and see.
8. I don't think they have very good music.
9. The shows are held in the evenings, and that's the only time I can be at home with the family.

From the Gibraltar Diocesan Gazette

WHAT'S COOKING?

Sydney Fruit Cake

It's child's play!

8 oz. S.R. flour; 12 ozs. mixed fruit; ½ teasp. mixed spice; 4 ozs. sugar; 4 ozs. melted margarine 2 eggs; 1 cup milk; few drops flavouring; small quantity of sherry (optional).

Put all ingredients into mixing bowl in the order given above, but mix flour, fruit, spice and sugar together first, to ensure even distribution of fruit. Beat all together with metal spoon (a child can do this, can in fact play with it for awhile). Put the mixture into a 7" or 8" cake tin which has been lined with grease-proof paper. Bake for 1 hour in oven Reg. 3 (gas) or 370° (electric) — reduce heat to Reg. 1 or very slow, for another hour. This is a fool-proof recipe and makes a delicious cake.

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JULY

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

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2nd Sunday :	Figgins Lane
3rd Sunday :	Kennett Place
4th Sunday :	Lansdowne Terrace
5th Sunday :	" The street I live in "

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

The Wardens for these streets are :

1. Mrs. Caswell (east end)
   Mrs. Barcham (west end)
2. Mrs. Brooks
3. Mrs. Reeve
4. Miss Joy

HOLY BAPTISM

May 21st	Diana Teresa Morris
	Philip David Sawyer
	Beverley Ann Sawyer
May 27th	Patricia Margaret Steer

HOLY MATRIMONY

May 20th	Brian Williams to Annette Smart

R. I. P.

May 26th	Elsie Rowe, 25 Kingsbury Street
June 5th	Esther Mary Jubilee Rogers, 8 Holt's Row

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FAMILY NEWS

Friend Memorial. There are two new seats in St. Peter's churchyard. These carry incised inscriptions : *In memory of Henry Melbourne Friend*, 1873–1957, *Churchwarden* 1933–1954 and *In memory of Clarissa Kate Friend*, 1881–1959. These seats stand close to the rose-garden also given by the Friend family. In spite of the traffic swirling round St. Peter's, the churchyard is very peaceful and with its seats, flowers and trees is a pleasant place for a little sit in the sun. Our grateful thanks are due to all those who have helped and still help to make and keep it so.

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Wedding of the Month : On July 29th at 3 p.m. in St. Mary's—Samuel Kennedy Brown to Mary Louise Beasant, of 7 Herd Street.

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Congratulations to Jesse Chandler, whose Saddlery exhibit at the Munich Trade Fair has won the Bavarian State Prize, a Gold Medal awarded by the Bavarian State Government. Unfortunately he couldn't go to Munich on June 8th to receive it at the hands of the Bavarian Prime Minister. He was asked to sit in the front row, too !

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Congratulations also to another member of the same family—*David Chandler*, who at the end of his second year at Cambridge has just obtained Second Class Honours in the Mechanical Sciences Tripos.

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PARISH PRAYERS No. 9

For Road Safety . . . .

Almighty God, who dost sanctify with Thy Spirit the common ways of life, give to us and to all who use the roads the spirit of courtesy and goodwill, of carefulness and self-control : that, by our thought for others, we may all be preserved from needless danger, and sudden death, and may live to glorify Thee in our going out and in our coming in ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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PARISH ROUND-UP

TOUGHNESS, ENERGY AND FAITH

What is your "picture" of a retired female missionary? If you heard Miss Mabel Shaw on May 30th you may know by now just how wrong you can be. Perhaps while you listened, a new and very different impression formed in your mind, conveyed through the intelligent eyes, the vigorous hair, compact figure and firm dry voice—an impression of human energy, courage, humanity and imagination.

The journey from London to Northern Rhodesia, which now takes one-and-a-half days, took nine weeks in 1914 when Miss Shaw started her missionary work—a young woman a long way from home in a completely strange world.

And the work? Did you have some idea that the chief work done by missionaries was covering the nakedness of native ladies with voluminous cotton overalls? That's just an old idea out of *Punch*. Now you will be thinking instead of Henry and Monica Makalu, who from the most primitive beginnings in a tribal community have become highly trained teachers, thinkers, and workers for Church unity: Henry Makalu is, in fact, one of the leaders of the World Council of Churches at Geneva. You will think of the Ecumenical Foundation at Mindolo, near Kitwe in the Copperbelt, where the staff is composed of Anglicans and Free Churchmen: of the Y.W.C.A. in Kitwe where in 1959 the president was a Roman Catholic. The different communions of the Church are far closer to one another in Africa than they are in Europe.

At the Livingstone Memorial Boarding School for African girls at Mbereshi, which Miss Shaw founded and where she was for twenty-five years Principal, the educational aim was to make western and African cultures at home with each other. The natural African way of expressing worship is in dancing and singing: so dancing was brought into the church services at Mbereshi.

An African once said to Miss Shaw that, just as the separate countries of Africa would never make real political progress until they had unity, so unity is essential if the Church is to consolidate the great original impact made by Christianity on Africans.

The splendid toughness, energy and faith that missionaries are made of cannot be effective unless the prayers and money of the rest of us are behind it. We may be having our last chance in Africa: Miss Shaw left us in no doubt how important it was that we should go all out to take it. G.C. and J.B.

BROWNIE PROMOTIONS

A well-done was accorded Catherine Norcross of the Pixies on becoming a Sixer and to Olwyn Butler of the Fairies on becoming a Seconder. We congratulate Susan Marsh on being awarded a Collector's badge. THE FAIRIES

A WELCOME!

June 4th was the day chosen by the Youth Fellowship to have a Welcoming Party at Forest Hill House for the newly-confirmed. An energetic group iced cakes and prepared appetising snacks, while Malcolm Watts and Richard Hillier did some hard work putting up the trestle table and getting the games ready. Everyone gave advice on how to mix iced coffee—not without splashing and pools on the floor—but by four o'clock we were ready.

All had to wear a pictorial representation of a Bible Character, and much chatter accompanied efforts to identify them. Then Tea, including a most beautifully iced cake made by Mr. and Mrs. Hodge. A short talk by Mr. Graeme Walker, of Marlborough College, helped us all to realise the importance of pulling our weight in the Church. The Rector thanked him, and all those who had worked to make the party such a success.

Then everyone was free to do as they liked. Most of the girls made a bee-line for the record player, while the boys got busy with games. At 6 p.m. most of the guests left. Clearing up was tackled enthusiastically, and there was

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time for "having it all over" before catching the 8 p.m. 'bus home.

Our thanks to Carolyn Brown, Patricia Lucas and Raymond Wootton who have helped with this account of the festivities.

M.H.

SUCCESSFUL "GARDEN" PARTY

The weather on May 30th was rather changeable, so the M.U. Deanery Garden Party and Bring-and-Buy Sale had to be held in the Scout Hut after all. About 130 attended, most villages in the Deanery being represented. Stalls: Preshute—Produce, £10/3/6; Froxfield—White Elephant, £1/15/6; Baydon and Chiseldon—Fancy Goods, £10/2/8. Marlborough supplied Teas. Competitions made £6/4/-. Result: £38/10/- (including £2/10/- from Marlborough Branch) for the M.U. Overseas Fund. St. Mary's School gave an enjoyable display of Country Dancing and Recorder playing. Miss Mabel Shaw's immensely interesting address, which helped to spur our efforts, is fully reported on page 13. We are very sorry that Mrs. Hayman was unable to be with us owing to illness.

P. MANLEY

A CHALLENGE !

"The Young Wives' Festival is to be held in Sherborne Abbey this year, which means, we're afraid, that the Marlborough end of the Diocese won't be able to get there!" Last Wednesday *two coaches* left the Parade packed with members and their picnic suppers. Our Mothers' Union Diocesan Chaplain, the Rev. R. Sharp, took the service: the lesson was read by our host, Canon Wingfield Digby, and the excellent sermon was preached by the Bishop of Sherborne. Many of us had never been to the Abbey before, and to see it lit up and filled to capacity with over 900 people was a sight we shall never forget.

We were lucky in having a beautiful evening and the run over was lovely, with the elder and wild roses in full bloom, and the cottage gardens in Dorset far ahead of our own. Sherborne M.U. and Young Wives' Group had organised everything splendidly, and we were all able to have a hot cup of tea in the Abbey schools after the service. It was ten minutes to midnight when a startled Marlborough policeman was heard to exclaim, "Great Scott, however many more of them are there?"!

M.B.

STOP PRESS

St. Mary's Guild with the Mothers' Union and Young Wives' Group. *Alterations to printed programmes. July* 12th. Outing to Festival Service in Edington Church. Bus leaves Parade 1.30 p.m. Names to Mrs. Stevens, 40 George Lane. *July* 13*th*. No meeting. *July* 20th. Church Flower Arrangement Class 2.30 p.m. Toc H Room.

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

The Diocesan Children's Festival on June 17th is specially interesting to us this year. If you read the Diocesan Leaflet included in the June *Tower and Town* you will have seen that this time attention is to be focused on Gambia and the Rio Pongas diocese, and particularly on the Kristi Kunda boarding school. Every year our Junior Sunday School sends £5 to help educate an African boy called Cyril Baldeh—and Kristi Kunda is his school! So our eighteen ten-year-olds who are going to the Festival are very pleased and excited. Next month they will tell you all about it.

UNA LEWIS

BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY

This year the annual Choir "treat" is something of a "busman's holiday", for we have been invited to sing Evensong on July 14th at a Youth Rally at Edington Priory church, which is celebrating its sixth centenary this year. We understand that some "modern" music is to be included in the service. Afterwards there will be a barbecue.

TREVOR GARTSIDE

BEFORE AND AFTER. A Missionary in deepest Africa was being chased by a lion and fell to his knees in prayer. To his surprise, the lion stopped, sat up on its haunches, put its paws together too, and started to pray.

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FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Parishioners,

It has been very cheering to find that so many of you have taken to heart the appeal in my June letter to put more into the congregational singing and responses on Sundays. " I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have ", said the psalmist, and this can be part of our response to the Archbishop's Enthronement Sermon. He quoted, you may remember, from one of the early Fathers of the Church, Irenaeus : " Offer thy heart to God in a soft and tractable state, lest thou lose the impress of His fingers : lest by being hardened thou might miss both His craftsmanship and thy life ".

When the P.C.C. met to hear from our architect what needed to be done at St. Mary's there was little for our comfort. But there was something. The wooden floors of the nave and choir stalls will have to be taken up and repaired either with new wood (£1,300) or with tile covered cement (£1,800). Which of these it will have to be will depend on what we find when the floors are opened up. But we are assured that during the re-flooring we shall still be able to use the church, and the work can conveniently be carried out in stages. We have got authority from the Archdeacon to open up the floor and we now await a full scale investigation of what lies beneath.

Bearing in mind that a report on St. Peter's is due next year, and is likely to recommend extensive repairs to the roof, the P.C.C. was of opinion that the work at St. Mary's — the restoration of the stonework of the tower (£1,590), of the north aisle exterior (£1,414), and the south aisle exterior (£1,405) — would have to be spread over a period of seven to ten years.

It is true that our obligations as stewards do include the maintenance

of what we have inherited from the past, but we have other work for our resources beyond keeping ancient churches in repair, and we must keep a margin for the real work to which " Marlborough Towers call Marlborough Town ". In this number of *Tower and Town* you will find some enjoyable reading about our young people of all ages and what they have been up to in the past few weeks.

I plan to be away on holiday from August 22nd to mid-September. It is a happy chance that the first Sunday of the holiday month of August falls this year on the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord : this happened, you remember, when the disciples were on holiday with their Master : " Great things are done when men and mountains meet ; This is not done by jostling in the street ".

Your friend and Rector,

FRANCIS BROWNE.

DIARY FOR AUGUST

Our regular Services on Sundays and week-days are listed inside the front cover. Additional Services and changes in time or place are given below. For forthcoming events see the *News : Views : Coming Events* page.

2nd Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Farm Workers*)

6th TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. **Transfiguration of our Lord.** (*The Parish, especially those on holiday*)
9th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Prisoners and captives*)

13th ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. (*The Parish, and the Church in Africa*)
16th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The physically handicapped*)

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23rd Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*District nurses*)
24th Thursday. **St. Bartholomew, A.M.** (*The Church in Iran and India*)

27th THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Preacher at Matins : the Rev. N. E. Ashenden, M.A. (*The Parish, especially absent friends*)
30th WEDNESDAY. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Hospital Matrons and nurses*)

Special Intentions at Holy Communion are printed in italics

SAINT OF THE UNKNOWN SAINTS

ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE AND MARTYR (*August 24th*). His name is only one on a list : his personality is hidden in the silence of the unrecorded past. We know only that he was one of the twelve men whom Christ chose as His first disciples ; and that he was of those who waited, after the Ascension, for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We learn from St. Bartholomew that a necessary ingredient in the foundations of the Church is the ordinary man and woman of whom God has made so many because He is so fond of them. You and I are indispensable :

Not the great nor well-bespoke
but the mere uncounted folk
of whose life and death is none
report or lamentation . . . .

It was for service " to the mere uncounted folk " that St. Bartholomew's Hospital, the famous " Bart's ", was founded by Rahere, a courtier turned monk, in the reign of Henry I. F.B.R.B.

THE SIGNPOST AT MUNDRI



Mundri—in the southernmost province of Sudan—is not a very large or important place. It stands at the junction of two main roads. There are a number of houses, a police station, a couple of shops. The country around is pleasant but not exciting: a rather monotonous rhythm of grass and trees and low bushes is interspersed with little villages of mud, grass-roofed huts, here and there a school.

But at Mundri a signpost says *Bishop Gwynne College*: and the road leads on across the river to the only Theological College in Sudan.

First Missionary

It serves the whole diocese. It was founded in 1945 by the Church Missionary Society and named Bishop Gwynne College in honour of the late Bishop Ll. Gwynne, one of the first English missionaries in Sudan, who served in Sudan and Egypt for forty-seven years. Here men are trained, mostly in their own vernaculars, as priests and deacons; as evangelists; as teachers of Scripture; as leaders; and to minister through Arabic or English to the growing number of educated people.

Happy Family

The atmosphere is a happy one. The College very much resembles a village community. Married students bring their wives and children, each family having its own small cottage. The bachelor students, in groups of four, share similar cottages, with a common dining-room. These houses and other college buildings are arranged round the chapel, which is the centre of college life and worship. It is a community of men, women and children knit together by the common faith of its members.

The families learn many things from each other, and much that will help them when they return to their own part of the country. Language difficulties are there, but they are overcome. The students differ widely in age and in experience, in tribe, language and custom. Some are already priests and have come to gain a wider knowledge or to take a refresher course; some are proposing to be ordained; some will go back as evangelists. But all are there with the same purpose in mind—to train in order to serve their own people.

Wives Learn Too

Even the wives have a special course of their own. They are taught Scripture and how to lead Women's Meetings. They have classes in simple Arabic, vernacular reading, sewing and hygiene. At the end of the year they are examined, and finally commissioned by the Bishop at a special service in the College Chapel and awarded College Certificates.

So Bishop Gwynne College has a very important place in the life of the young Church in Sudan. Now a far-reaching scheme has been planned to train men from the four main language groups to the standard of a diploma of theology—a plan costing £20,000 to develop.

And We Help

This is just one of the many great tasks undertaken by the Church Missionary Society in which, through its donations to the Society, our parish has a part.

From information supplied by the C.M.S. and the "Sudan Diocesan Review".

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE. The chief missionary societies we support are the following:

Church Missionary Society: Mr. G. Chilton, Merle Cottage, Kingsbury Street.
Society for the Propagation of the Gospel: Mrs. R. H. Lane, 15 George Lane.
Universities Mission to Central Africa: Mrs. D. M. Field, 64 High Street.

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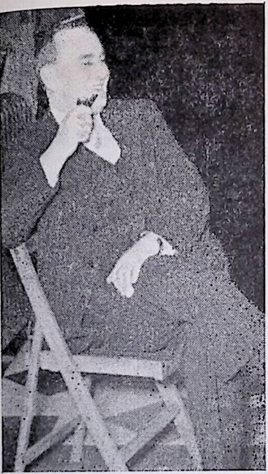
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FAMILIAR FACE No. 12

JOHN FIGGINS

Like an expert quick-change artiste, John Figgins can be seen one minute giving out prayer-books and in next to no time processing up the aisle in cassock and surplice. Rector's Warden for the last twelve years, he has been an essential piece of the backbone of the Choir very much longer—from the days when the Rev. A. E. G. Peters was vicar (and Miss Hayes organist) to 1923, rejoining in 1945 after his six years war service. In between he sang in choirs at Cirencester and Ealing: music is his great interest—he is a member of the Marlborough Madrigal Singers and their Treasurer. Marlborough born and bred, he is an Old Grammarian and played football for Marlborough Town. Treasurer of the Sunday Schools and a member of the Publications Committee as well as Rector's Warden, a Visitor in the Stewardship Campaign and a speaker at the Dinner, he is an indispensable figure in our parish scene, where his splendid laugh so often cheers us on.

PERSONAL POSER

You spoke in a sermon recently about the Ministry of the Laity: can you give me some suggestions as to what I can do?

Yes, I can make suggestions, but I can't prescribe wisely for you without knowing all about your resources, talents, time and money and, equally important, commitments. The only person who has that information is yourself. So it follows that you must do the prescribing, replying on our Lord to show you what to do. And you can trust Him to do just that if you ask Him in all sincerity. So begin by saying your prayers about it.

Then you will find that there *is* some thing for you to do. But don't be surprised if at first it is something quite simple and close at hand—perhaps even something you don't very much want to do! It could be singing in the church choir. It could be helping your neighbour with her shopping. Or helping to keep the churchyard tidy. Or taking part in one of the town activities like the League of Hospital Friends or the Over Sixties Club. All these things can be part of the ministry of the laity if they are done in our Lord's name. The seven deacons, you remember, began by serving at table.

You would not have sent in this question if you had not already realised that no-one can be a member of the Church without serving the Church. But the seven deacons had to be men filled with the Holy Spirit, so that in their own lives, in themselves, they would be witnesses for Christ. We receive the Holy Spirit through the Sacraments and the fellowship of the Church—when we worship in church together as one family, and come to the Altar together, Sunday by Sunday, to receive the Holy Communion, as the seven deacons and all our Lord's disciples did before us. So we replenish our strength. 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.

THIS IS OUR LIFE!



THE WORLD WASN'T MADE SQUARE

It's Sunday. To be exact it's eleven o'clock at night. That means Radio Luxembourg is inviting me to listen to TOP TWENTY, the hot records from the hot studio. NO, please don't "*run away*" (that's in the No. 1 slot again this week) just because you realise this is written by one of those pop-crazy young people, whom you look on as juvenile delinquents practically, noisy, ill-mannered and mixed up! "*Well, don't think you're getting away with that*"—you may be surprised to know we also enjoy being members of the Church.

Quite a Day

I'm in bed now, for we've had quite a day. At nine o'clock we were at Holy Communion, and some of us were in the choir, some took the collection, and others carried up the Offertory—the bread and wine. Then we went on to the Parish Breakfast.

We had laid up for this on Saturday evening, so when we'd got the milk and made the tea, the game was on for who could get the extra rolls. Afterwards there was a class for those not yet confirmed, and, of course, the inevitable washing up. Even then some still had another job to do—singing in the choir at Matins.

"Half Way to Paradise"

Before most of us had arrived at Forest Hill House for tea some of the boys had destroyed a wasps' nest and played several rounds of clock golf.

Sandwiches, biscuits and cream cakes gave our "cake-holes" twenty minutes hard work, and then, as usual, we followed this by taking time to think about some aspect of the Christian life. To-day we saw a filmstrip about Stewardship, not of money but of time and abilities.

Eventually we got home. Not that we've finished yet, for there's still some revision to be done for tomorrow's exams. You see we've had a busy day and listening to the TOP TWENTY is just a last bit of relaxation. Now we've got "*Half Way to Paradise*"—it's No. 6 this week.

Not All Chips and Coke

And this isn't all that the Young People do in Marlborough parish. We ring bells and help in Sunday School, and we try to help the Church in the week as well as on Sundays, for we need to be Christians seven days a week. During holidays we've painted the Church Cottage kitchen and cleared and weeded the churchyard. Every Monday and Tuesday we have our club evenings and on Thursdays a younger group meets for games, doughnuts and Bible study. But I must get on—we've got to No. 11 already: did you know "*Pop Goes the Weasel*" is now in the TOP TWENTY?

MARLBOROUGH'S LUCKY MONTH

Our week-by-week routine doesn't vary much, so we felt we were on the way up when Wye House was chosen for a Youth Conference. As we were the home team we lent a few of the necessities, such as hymn books, Bibles and about forty dises, which were kept spinning during all our free time. The Rev. Patrick Appleford was a splendid leader, for as well as being a natural clown and having an enormous appetite—we noticed this at the Parish Breakfast—he was also a great help when we got down to the serious sessions.

"King of the Wild Frontier"

Oddly enough, first of all we thought about Davy Crockett, Congressman, whiskey swigger and wife beater. But none of that got him his following. The point was that he was also King of the Wild Frontier, a poineer, forever breaking new ground. So we spent all Saturday morning considering the barriers facing the Church's work and how with some

of the same spirit we could help to break them down.

After lunch the home team took the visitors rambling in the forest. You could call this a success because most of them collected several blisters and slept much better than on the first night.

Borrowed a Dog-Collar

Ten of us from Marlborough were there for the evening, when we saw two films about S.P.G. work overseas, and then acted a mock T.V. programme about missionary work from Trowbridge to Trinidad. One of us played the Archdeacon of Beehuanaland, and decked out in a borrowed dog-collar, he actually looked the part !

Sunday morning was free except for half an hour when we were given a passage from one of St. Paul's letters to study.

"There Is My Vocation"

In our last discussion—"Where do we go from here?"—we found it surprisingly hard to decide exactly where we were aiming or what practical steps we could take, but we were told that we needed to learn about, pray for, and give to the work of the Church in the whole world, as well as to serve the Church in our own parishes. "Where my abilities meet the world's needs, there is my vocation" seems best to sum up what we really got hold of.

"*The Mystery of Time*" is the theme of No. 14—I really dig this tune—and perhaps it will take "*much more than time*" to know just how we benefited from the week-end, although we already know that we enjoyed it.



AND THEN . . . .

THE NEXT FRIDAY . . . .



Now it's No. 15, Linda Scott's "*I've told every little star*" and more than anything else it's the definite beat which stands out in this song. Much of the music used in church completely misses this, and that is why quite a lot of Church music now tries to be more up-to-date, like the Beaumont setting, and the modern tunes we heard at the Youth Festival at Edington on July 14th.

Choir On The Spree

There were four hundred of us there. The Marlborough Choir probably enjoyed the music most, because they knew it before they went. By the way, it was also their annual spree and, although rather hard work, I think they all enjoyed it quite as much as wandering round the Tower of London or paddling their feet in the sea. A barbecue, with a skiffle group, brought the evening to a great finish as we cooked bangers over "*a ring of fire*"—yes, we've got to No. 19.

That Theme

Just one more disc to go and it's almost time to go to sleep, and I'm wondering if the Church really is making as much impact on us as TOP TWENTY ?

For the last hour I've listened to a pretty feeble understanding of that great gift of love, for that theme is always there—in lines like "*I'm a boy, you're a girl ; I guess that's a pretty good start*", or in the one that's on now, "*The greatest thing you will ever learn is just to love and be loved in return*". Is the Church getting over the greatest thing, the greatest act of love—the good news of the Christian faith—or are we to be left with a second-best from Radio Luxembourg ?

It's twelve o'clock. Good night !

"PETER"

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* TOPICS OF THE TOWN *

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DELVING IN THE ARCHIVES

On Tuesday mornings during the last few weeks passers-by may have noticed in St. Peter's churchyard two Marlborough College boys sitting on one of the new seats, earnestly typing. The aim of this weekly session has been twofold. Firstly to provide a project suitable for a modern education, and secondly to investigate and produce a written inventory of various old manuscripts and documents stored in the Priest's Room above the church porch.

Log Books, Deeds and Wills

These had lain in boxes and trunks under layers of dust, virtually untouched for years. After a good deal of dusting and moving, the cases were ready for opening. Amongst books, log books, legal documents, accounts and letters, there were several interesting discoveries to be made.

In the pile of books was an old Vulgate edition of the Bible (in Latin of course), printed in 1714—and badly printed at that. In Log Books of St. Peter's School at the turn of the century, it was interesting to note the different methods of teaching and punishing. Incidentally, it seems that a death in the school by smallpox or scarlet fever was not a particularly rare occurence! The legal documents varied from property transactions of the late 17th century to copies of wills of the 19th, whilst there were numerous scraps of paper with Parochial Accounts and bills throughout the period.

Unhappy Paupers

Letters to a Mr. Carter, Overseer to the Poor in Marlborough in the 1820's and 1830's entailed much sorting. The letters mainly concerned Paupers and their unhappy situation a hundred years ago. Those who wandered from their home parishes in the hope of finding jobs were sometimes eventually compelled to write back for assistance. Often much correspondence ensued between the parishes concerned over expenses. Many of these letters contained such phrases as " Dear Sir, I am in the deepest distress, having had no bread for several days . . . . "

A Fruitful Enterprise

Throughout this Project we have constantly been made more aware of the social conditions prevalent in the 18th and 19th centuries. The enterprise has afforded us considerable satisfaction, and the fruit of our labours—namely the catalogue—is in the possession of the Rector.

NICHOLAS L. LOCKSTONE
ANDREW C. C. WYLIE
Marlborough College

We are grateful to Nicholas Lockstone and Andrew Wylie for this most useful piece of work, which has needed doing for a very long time. The documents have been sorted, docketed, tied up with pink tape and neatly labelled. They are now stored in the choir vestry at St. Peter's, and the catalogue has been housed in my filing cabinet. F.B.R.H.

THE FIRST OF MANY?

Pestalozzi: All the Results!

The Marlborough Parish Young Wives' Group together with representatives from the Methodist Church (Mrs. R. P. Mundy) and the Congregational Church (Mrs. W. Gribble) organised the Pestalozzi Fete on July 8th—the first joint effort of the Marlborough Churches in aid of a good cause.

After a doubtful start, the weather rallied, and the Rectory garden soon teamed with people. The Children's Sports (Methodist Church), the Town Crier's Competition, the Fancy Dress Parade, and the various sideshows were all a resounding success. The stalls sold out, and made a grand total between them of £61 11s. 11d. Mr. Michael Palmer's conjuring display (Congregational Church) drew an audience of 146 children —£3 13s. Competitions and raffles added another £28 19s. 10d. Teas, all home-made, realised £10 11s. 8d. On the gate Mr. Percy Ford collected, with the Programme money, another £14 9s. 3d. After expenses had been deducted, a cheque for £111 7s. 4d. was sent off to the Pestalozzi Children's Village in Sussex.

The Committee wish to thank the Rector and Mrs. Browne for lending their garden—which did so much to make the afternoon a lovely day-out for both children and parents.

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Mary's Infants' School

On June 21st it was Sports Day. Our School won four certificates. We had more than last year, we had one last year. Stephen Gilbert won one, Linda Boast won one, but I won two. Mr. Lovett and another man said hip hip hurray, hip hip hurray, hip hip hurray. One man took some photos of us running and of the three legged race.

GRAHAM NORCROSS

Marlborough Grammar School

As I write this the School is in chaos, as everybody rushes madly round preparing for the end of term activities. All the regular events are taking place as usual—swimming and athletics, Commemoration Service and Prize Giving, the Garden Fete, and visits for the juniors to Longleat, Stourhead and Blenheim.

On the last night of term we shall be holding a dance. This is not an old tradition, as the first Summer Dance was held only last year, run by a small group of Prefects. This year it is being run as a joint effort by the School and the Old Students' Association, who are also organising a tennis match against the leavers. It is hoped that all who leave this term, together with as many as possible who have already left the School but are not yet members, will in due course join the Association, which operates not only locally but also in London.

GRAMMARIAN

St. Mary's Girls' School

On June 8th 102 children and 62 grown-ups went for our School Outing to the Royal Tournament. It was a most exciting performance, and we all enjoyed it. Afterwards we had a drive round London, and were able to see many noted places.

Four National Savings Posters from our School were allowed to go in to the Poster Competition arranged by the National Savings Committee for this area. Valerie Smith came first and Sally Odey second for the Junior Schools. Each girl was awarded a certificate and Valerie Smith was given 15s. A Cup was also presented, by Mrs. Bullard King, and was won by the Grammar School and St. Mary's, each of the schools holding it for a year.

On June 21st it was the Junior Area Sports when children from our scho won twelve certificates; Susan Mars came first in the long Jump.

Unfortunately, Miss Norton is away from school still suffering from the injury to her foot. We all hope that she will make a good recovery and soon be able to be with us. We are fortunate to have Mrs. Taylor to help us during Miss Norton's absence.

CAROLINE NOSSENT

St. Peter's Boys' School

At the Sports on June 21st St. Peter's won sixteen awards; out of these seven were Firsts.

On July 8th there was a Town Crier's competition in the Rectory Garden. Andrew Moore won the 6–8 years and Robert Huxley won the 8–11 years.

Four of our boys are going to take the Second Class swimming test on July 27th. On June 17th we sent a team of three boys to Trowbridge for the County Swimming Championships and they came third.

Our Prize Day is on July 26th.

J. WITTS

WHAT'S COOKING?

Grasmere Shortcake

8 ozs. plain flour; 4 ozs. margarine or butter; 4 ozs. soft brown sugar; ½ tsp. bicarbonate of soda; ½ tsp. ground ginger. *For the top*: 2 ozs. (good) icing sugar; 1 oz. butter; ½ tsp. ginger, or a little chopped preserved ginger.

Sieve flour and soda together, rub in butter, add sugar and ginger. Put crumbly mixture into greased sandwich tin. Bake in centre of moderate oven at Regulo 4, about 25–30 minutes. Wait a few minutes before turning out. When cold spread butter icing on top. Eat.

Contributed by Mrs. F. Figgins

OUCH!

A missionary, after many years in the East, had acquired a taste for highly seasoned food. One day in a cafe he had brought with him a bottle of extra strong sauce. A fellow diner, not knowing it was his, asked him to pass it. He pulled an agonising face as he tasted it. "I've heard of you chaps preaching about hell fire", he said, "but I never knew you carried samples!"

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HOLY BAPTISM

June 18th Paul Thomas Cleverley
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Andrew German
Derek John Waters

HOLY MATRIMONY

June 17th Walter Jack Smith to Irene Helen West
July 1st Barry Douglas Lanfear to Joan Edna Castleman

R. I. P.

June 22nd Francis George Dance, of 7 Kingsbury Terrace
July 7th Edwin Godfrey Harris, of 3 Isbury Road.

PARISH PRAYERS No. 10

A Missionary Prayer . . . .

Bless, O Lord, all who bear witness in Thy name, by teaching, by healing, by leadership, in the far outposts of the world; and set our hearts on fire to serve Thee, and to spread Thy Kingdom; for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

From " Daily Prayer "

FAMILY NEWS

Wedding of the month: On August 12th at 2.15 p.m. in St. Mary's — Gerald Edward Maiden, of Ogbourne St. Andrew, and Patricia Annette Withers, of 32 St. Martin's.

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Miss Mary Figgins writes that she often goes to see *Miss Margaret Hayes*, sister of the Miss Hayes who was organist at St. Mary's. Miss Margaret Hayes lives at Woking and is now about 94.

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School leavers. The Editor will be glad to have news of school leavers to put in this column next month and in October.

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Racks for Prayer and Hymn Books have now been attached to the backs of the last pews in both aisles at St. Mary's. They look very nice and have made a great difference to the tidiness of the west end. It would be a help to the churchwardens and sidesmen if the members of the congregation would replace their books in the racks as they leave the church.

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MAKE A NOTE OF IT

Bell-ringers: Practices Friday 8 p.m. St. Mary's Tower, beginners 7 p.m. Captain —Mr. J. Fuller, Juamar, Eleot Lane.

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

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

Diocesan Moral Welfare Association Area X: Worker—Miss E. Nicholls, 116 High Street (Tel. 478).

Tower and Town: It would help in the production of the magazine if contributors would remember that the dead-line for each month is the 10th of the preceding month, *unless special arrangements have been made with the Editor.* Address for contributions—Editor, *Tower and Town*, 136 High Street.

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PARISH ROUND-UP

WE DIG THIS !

It was a great privilege to be allowed to forget one's age (definitely over twenty-five) and join in the Young People's Parish Breakfast on Sunday, July 9th, when the delegates to the S.P.G. Youth Conference were also invited. An atmosphere of uninhibited enjoyment and fellowship filled the Toc H Room after the Parish Communion (sung to Beaumont with zest: there was a splendid congregation with ninety-seven communicants). Fifty-eight sat down—counting those who did not, in fact, sit, but rushed hospitably around with teapots, jugs and cups—Youth Fellowship, servers and choirboys. With helpless admiration one watched the technique, displayed on all sides, of eating a vast amount in an incredibly short time: this had obviously reached a very high standard in some cases.

The eating over, Mrs. Harrison asked the Rev. Patrick Appleford to speak to us, and in an engagingly off-beat way he told us what had been happening at the Youth Conference, and why S.P.G. organised these missionary week-ends—to teach that every parish in the Anglican Communion throughout the world was interdependent and part of the One Church.

No good idea stops being "only an idea" and becomes a feature of parish life without unremitting labour and constant forethought by the initiator and the organisers. In this case we have to thank Mrs. Harrison, who started the Young People's Parish Breakfast last September, for her work and enthusiasm—also the members of the Youth Fellowship who every Sunday help to get the meal ready and clear it up afterwards.

The best ideas breed other ideas. Here are two which came to mind on July 9th. (1) It does us good and stirs us up to meet people from other parishes: could we not do this more often in our own deanery? (2) What about a Parish Breakfast once or twice a year in the Court Room for *everyone* attending the 9 a.m. Parish Communion?

J.B. AND B.W.

FINE WEATHER FOR C.M.S.

Fine weather favoured us at Uppercross on June 17th. After prayer by the Rev. R. Shorten and a welcome from Miss Priscilla Forester, speaking for her parents and our hosts, Mr. and Mrs. John Forester, at present in Rhodesia, the Area Secretary, the Rev. E. Corr, declared the Garden Party open. He introduced a young missionary from the Sudan, Mr. Neil Watson, who described how the Sudanese are being helped by missionaries to learn how to cultivate their coffee crops profitably. A Bring-and-Buy and Cake Stall, organised by Miss Phillips and helpers, brought in over £16. Teas were arranged by Mrs. Webb and others, and the Marlborough College Light Entertainment Society provided sideshows, background music and a fencing display. Mr. Corr showed two films: one dealt with three different types of missionaries in Kenya; the other with the Oji Leper Settlement.

Thanks to several kind donations and the great efforts of all the helpers, we hope to send at least £35 to the C.M.S. (all expenses having been paid). G.C.



AT SALISBURY CATHEDRAL

This is the first time a pupil from our Sunday School has written a letter in the *Tower and Town*. On Saturday, June 17th, eighteen girls and boys went to the Festival at Salisbury. Cadley and Preshute came with us. We had a picnic lunch on Old Sarum. Then we went down to the Cathedral. It was a beautiful service taken by the Bishop of Sherborne, with children carrying banners from other Sunday Schools. They marched up and down the aisle. After the service we had tea in the Cathedral gardens. Then we saw the Exhibition and colour slides of Gambia.

PAMELA RICHARDS

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A BROWNIE GAME

I am going to describe a game we play at Brownies, it is called Rabbits and Squirrels. First we have to get into our sixes. Then when Brown Owl tells us we skip around the room anywhere. Then when Brown Owl blows the whistle once we have to stand like statues, the last person to stand still gets a pen. Then when she blows the whistle twice we have to get in sixes again.

JUANITA FULLER

CHOIR NOTES

New Choristers. Congratulations to Tony Rogers. Robert Huxley and Geoffrey Simmonds who were admitted Choristers at Evensong on July 9th.

Holidays. During this month the Full Choir is on holiday and there are no Choir Practices. The services will be sung by volunteers from the Full Choir. Please note that on the 3rd Sunday the Choir will sing at Matins and Evensong, and will not be singing at the Sung Communion Service at 9 a.m. T.G.



FESTIVAL AT EDINGTON

As part of the celebrations of its 600th Dedication Festival, Edington Church was "at home" to the Mothers' Unions of the Diocese on Wednesday, July 12th. A coachload of our members and St. Mary's Guild members attended, and enjoyed a wonderful service in a church which many of us had not visited before. The Vicar, the Rev. R. Dudley, conducted the service, and told us something of the history of this little "cathedral" which serves a parish of only 600, and which has not changed since the July day of 1361 when it was consecrated by the Bishop of Salisbury. The Archdeacon of Wilts preached. Afterwards, tea was served in a marquee nearby, and we had time to wander round this incredible monument to man's expression of his worship of God. The craftsmanship—at a time when all tools were hand-tools—left us speechless and humble, and we returned home with a determination to remember the Archdeacon's words : "Worship, Work and Witness".

M.B.

"POP" AT THE PRIORY

We have all heard of Geoffrey Beaumont and sung his music. He is a member of the Twentieth Century Church Light Music Group, which is out to provide church music with a "beat" in the modern manner. The secretary of this group is the Rev. Patrick Appleford, who directed the Youth Conference at Wye House last month, when he suggested—at the Young People's Parish Breakfast—that we should one day have a shot at his own setting, Appleford in C, which has just been published.

At the Edington Youth Festival on July 14th our parish was asked to provide the choir to sing Evensong to "pop" music. The chief item was John Alldis's setting of the Te Deum and he was present to sing Cantor. He is known to us as the soloist on the record of the Beaumont setting which we have used for our practices. We also sang the Magnificat to a contemporary setting by Fr. Joseph Gelineau, S.J., a French priest who has done a lot to restore congregational singing in French churches.

What the Choir doesn't know now about the "moderns" is nobody's business !

TREVOR GARTSIDE

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May Marlborough towers call Marlborough town.
John Betjeman

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FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Parishioners,

With this September number *Tower and Town* starts its second year of publication. I need have no modest feelings about saying what a good magazine it is since all the work and worry of it falls on the Editor. So let me start the new volume with our most sincere thanks and congratulations to that disembodied and much enduring entity the Editorial Chair. But nobody, not even an Editor, can make bricks without straw. We have had a splendid team of contributors : I thank them, too, seizing the opportunity to point out that this is a family affair, produced by the family for the family, and that we should like to feel that every reader is "on the staff". Comment and contributions are always welcome.

It has been good to see Mr. Fargus back, safe and sound with himself and scooter in one piece, after his busman's holiday with the Episcopal Church of Scotland in Argyllshire. It was a well-earned holiday, as he has for a full year been unaided as my colleague in Marlborough while pioneering his work at Savernake Christchurch. We both of us look forward eagerly to the event of the month—the ordination as deacon of Commander Armand Smith in Salisbury Cathedral on September 24th. I know that the whole parish will be looking forward to this as much as we are, and we shall all be remembering him in our prayers on that day.

This is the month when many new starts are being made—the first job, first term at University, Secondary School, day School, or Sunday School. To all who start afresh, every good wish for God's blessing on the venture.

Your friend and Rector,
Francis Browne

DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

Our regular Services on Sundays and week-days are listed inside the front cover. Additional Services and changes in time or place are given below. For forthcoming events see the *News : Views : Coming Events* page.

3rd TRINITY XIV. Celebrant at 8 a.m. and Preacher at Matins: The Rev. W. J. Beale. (*The Parish; the Peace of the World*)
6th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Racial Harmony*)
8th Friday. Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The mothers of the parish*)

10th TRINITY XV. Sunday Schools start 10.15 a.m. Celebrant at 8 a.m. and Preacher at Evensong: The Rev. C. A. Wood. (*The Parish, especially our Sunday Schools*)
13th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Schools in the Parish*)
15th Friday. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. St. Peter's—corporate for Mothers' Union and St. Mary's Guild. (*Godparents and their Godchildren*)

17th TRINITY XVI. Parish Communion (Merbecke setting). Celebrant at 8 a.m and Preacher at Matins: The Rev. C. A. Wood. (*The Parish, especially the Chronic Sick*)
20th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Coombe End House*)
21st Thursday. St. Matthew, A.M. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*U.M.C.A.*)

24th TRINITY XVII. In Salisbury Cathedral at 10.15 a.m. Ordination: Francis Armand Smith, Deacon to Marlborough. Preacher at Evensong: The Rev. K. Whitfield, U.M.C.A. 7.45 p.m. U.M.C.A. Film in Toc H Room. (*The Parish; Francis Armand Smith, and all being ordained to-day*)
27th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Stewardship Committee*)
29th Friday. St. Michael and All Angels. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Church Militant*)

Special Intentions at Holy Communion are printed in italics

SEPTEMBER 29th **SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS**



THE PARISH LADDER

MAINLY FOR PARENTS

At the end of the Baptism service parents and godparents are told what they must do to ensure that the child does eventually "go forth into the world to serve God faithfully in the fellowship of His Church". To help them with this the Church in Marlborough provides a "ladder" for the children.

The rungs of the ladder are these. First, Holy Baptism. Then for the next five years the children receive birthday card reminders of their Baptism. At five years old they go to Infants' Sunday School; at seven they move up to Junior Sunday School; at 11-plus to Senior Sunday School and Junior Confirmation Class. Then comes Confirmation Class, and finally Confirmation and full adult membership of the Church, with the duty and privilege of coming to Holy Communion. And our Youth Fellowship is there to help the new members.

Yet there is this weakness in our arrangements—that the children see little or nothing of the family worship of the Church. They may even get the idea that worship is something you grow out of when you grow up—simply because they do not see grown-ups doing it too. In this way parents and godparents may even lose sight of the objective of the promises they made at the Baptism service.

The time we have been setting apart for a Family Service is 3 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month—perhaps not a particularly attractive or convenient time for parents except on one or two special Sundays. With this in mind we are now considering the possibility of arranging a Family Service to take the place of both Sunday School and Matins, at perhaps 10.45 a.m. on one Sunday in the month. This would be for children, parents, grown-ups and full choir, with an address for the children. I shall be telling you more about this in November.

In the meantime I hope you will encourage your children not to jump off

Continued in next column

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL HIS ANGELS

St. Michael is usually represented fighting the dragon with a drawn sword. Michaelmas is a necessary reminder that good does not happen spontaneously: it has to be won, and guarded.

The Christian's first commission, given at Baptism, is to fight "manfully"; but not alone or unbefriended. He has Michael and his squadrons to fight alongside of him; Gabriel and his companions to worship with him; and Raphael's companions to watch over him.

Angels attended on our Lord's birth, temptation, agony and Easter triumph, and He taught that they are spiritual beings who enjoy always the vision of God in heaven and will accompany Him at His Second Coming. Though with our limited knowledge we cannot tell how closely our idea of angels corresponds with the reality, yet as our Lord used their ministry so may we.

The angels keep their ancient places—
Turn but a stone, and start a wing!
'Tis ye, 'tis your estranged faces,
That miss the many-splendoured thing.

But (when so sad thou canst not sadder)
Cry—and upon thy so sore loss
Shall shine the traffic of Jacob's ladder
Pitched betwixt Heaven and Charing Cross.

Our picture on page 2 is of the reapers from the parable of the wheat and the tares. In the New English Bible translation: "At harvest-time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the darnel first, and tie it in bundles for burning, then collect the wheat into my barn . . . .' The good seed stands for the children of the Kingdom, the darnel for the children of the evil one . . . . The harvest is the end of time. The reapers are angels".

F.B.R.B.

Continued from previous column

the ladder if they are half-way up it and to climb on again if they have already jumped off. *The Sunday Schools start again on September 10th.*

FRANCIS BROWNE

NEWS :: VIEWS

HARVEST FESTIVAL. — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST. Please make a note of this important date. The Rev. John Goodman, Vicar of Wootton Bassett, will be the preacher at Evensong. Many of us remember Mr. Goodman as curate here before he went to Wootton Bassett in 1956. Gifts of flowers, fruits, vegetables, etc., for the decoration of the Churches will be very welcome: please put these inside the church on Friday or bring them on Saturday morning.

STEWARDSHIP. During the last month our Treasurer has received a cheque for £1,020 from the Income Tax Authorities. This represents repayment of Income Tax on those sums which parishioners have given to the Church under covenant during the first year of Stewardship. This, of course, is a very important item in our budget; so important that without it we should be very anxious indeed about coping with the recent outbreak of dry-rot at St. Peter's, the impending work on the floors of St. Mary's, and the refurbishing of our curate's house. We are most grateful to the covenanters and to the Covenant Secretary (then Mr. H. W. Hope) whose meticulous paperwork went without a hitch. F.B.R.B.

" THE YELLOW PERIL ". Once every two years the Parish has to complete a questionnaire from the Statistical Unit of the Church Assembly. This is ruefully known to Incumbents and P.C.C. Treasurers as " The Yellow Peril ". Here are some parish figures for the year 1960 which may interest you: *Baptisms*—Infants 40, adults 5: *Confirmations*—28: *Communicants*—Easter 361, Christmas 488; *Seating Accommodation*—St. Mary's 470, St. Peter's 410: *Subscribers to Planned Giving*—under covenants 59, others 257: Names on Electoral Roll—648.

HELP TO SEND THE BIBLE TO EVERY NATION by providing goods for the British and Foreign Bible Society Jumble Sale on September 16th in Toc H at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. John Figgins will collect and any churchwarden will pass on to her your message that you have a contribution to make.

COMING EVENTS

CAN YOU PLAY A HYMN TUNE? If so, will you volunteer to play at the Sunday Ward Service in Savernake Hospital at 11.15 a.m.? Perhaps one Sunday in the month? The Hospital always has a piano ready, the patients like to sing, but sometimes we have no pianist. Offers to the clergy, please. F.B.R.B.

A YOUNG MISSIONARY SETS OUT FOR AFRICA: why is he so willing and keen to forego the comforts of home and live and work in Central Africa? We shall find out the answer to this question when we see the U.M.C.A. film *Land of Opportunity*, which the Rev. Kenneth Whitfield will show in Toc H Room on Sunday, September 24th, immediately after Evensong. Tea and biscuits will be served first (by the Hostesses), then the film will follow. A short article on the urgency of the situation in Africa will be found on page 7. Please do your best to come both to Evensong, when Mr. Whitfield will preach, and to Toc H Room afterwards.

MISSIONARY OUTING. On Tuesday, September 26th, Mrs. Max Warren will speak at 7.30 p.m. in Devizes about the recent world tour which she made with Dr. Max Warren, the C.M.S. General Secretary. If you would like to join a party going to this meeting, either by car or coach, please tell Miss Waters, Riverside (next to the Rectory), High Street, who is making the arrangements. Names should be given in not later than September 19th. The cost will not be great. G.C.

CHURCH ALPHABET. *A is for* **Alb** . . . . The Alb is the white linen garment, reaching from neck to ankles, with tight-fitting sleeves, and held in at the waist with a girdle, which is worn by priest and servers at the service of Holy Communion. Like the surplice, it symbolizes purity. It has its origin in the ordinary dress of the first century Roman gentleman.

And also for **Amen** . . . . the Hebrew word meaning " So be it ! " which we use to express our assent at the end of prayers, hymns and creeds, thereby putting our own personal seal to all that has been said.

PERSONAL POSER

I don't understand what is meant by the "Eucharistic Sacrifice"

Men have been building altars since the start of recorded history—Jews in the wilderness and Jerusalem, Greeks and Romans wherever they went, Druids perhaps in the groves of Savernake Forest—all to meet man's need to offer sacrifice to God. That is what an altar is for. The word *sacrifice* means "an act of offering, dedicating, something to the use and service of a deity".

At the Christian altar we offer bread and wine, as our Lord told us to do, when at the Last Supper He blessed it and said "This is My Body . . . . this is My Blood". We offer it, priest and people together, first as a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; then we plead before the Father the sacrifice of Christ upon the Cross as a propitiation for the sins of mankind; and lastly we offer the sacrifice of ourselves to the Creator of all things.

But just as every beam of sunlight is composed of many rays, so every service of Holy Communion is made up of several aspects. At every Holy Communion service there is individual communion with God, communion through Him with our fellow men, thanksgiving, and sacrifice. We lose much if we think of one aspect only of the Holy Communion service to the exclusion of the others, whichever that aspect may be.

F.B.R.B.

PARISH PRAYERS No. 11

For the new school year . . . .

Almighty God, giver of all good things, mercifully behold Thy children now going forth in Thy name to school. Teach them Thy Way, and keep them innocent in heart and mind, that both by word and good example they may faithfully serve Thee to Thy glory and to the strengthening of Thy Church. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*



FAMILIAR FACE No. 13

DEREK TURNER

To be called to a meeting, subject unspecified, and within two months find himself chairman of a completely new committee, has been the fate of Derek (Bill) Turner. For after volunteering as a Visitor in our Stewardship Campaign, he was asked at the end of the Campaign to take on the responsible job of Chairman of the Stewardship Committee, which keeps a continuous watch over our Planned Giving. Bill Turner came to Marlborough in 1955 as Senior Geography Master at M.G.S. Married a year later, he and his wife Elizabeth (a member of the Youth Committee) now have a son, John, who is nearly two. At M.G.S. he advises on careers and has taken parties of pupils on expeditions to North Wales during school holidays. He has been Secretary of the enterprising Marlborough Film Society since it started in 1957. In addition to his work for Stewardship, he is a member of the P.C.C. and the Finance Committee, is a sidesman, and helped to form the Men's Society. Obviously there is nothing unlucky about Familiar Face No. 13 as far as the parish is concerned!

WITH A FRENCH TOUCH

JOAN BARTON

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Coming down from the Pyrences to spend a few days by the Atlantic seemed a good idea until we got there, and found the heat wave hotter in the dunes and forests of the Landes, too many cars, dirty picnic places and too many people. Hot, tired and despairing, we turned inland: at S———, a country town the size of Marlborough, the guide book said there were two small hotels.

As soon as we saw it we knew it was just the place. The hotel was built Spanish fashion round three sides of a square, one storey high, white with red tiles, standing back from the road in a large shady garden. In the dusk the deck chairs stood invitingly empty on the loggia. Not a soul was in sight.

There were no other guests—" clients " as Madame called them. Young, pretty, competent, she explained to us, as she served our first delicious meal, that she had not intended to take in anyone over the week-end, for there was to be a great family feast with forty guests for the First Communion on Sunday of her son Pierre. However, if we did not mind the *bruit* and the *brouhaha*, which might go on till midnight, we could stay—and we should, of course, benefit from the feasting.

" But, Of Course, There Aren't Any ! "

So all was arranged, and telling us to be sure to close the shutters before switching on the light in our bedrooms " because of the mosquitoes (*les moustiques*)—but, of course, there aren't any " Madame bade us goodnight. Those non-existent *moustiques* ! As we tossed and turned during the few hours of darkness, we wondered how the felicity of the days could possibly compensate for the agony of the nights. If only the *moustiques* would just strike and be done with it, instead of zinging ceaselessly round our heads: if only it weren't so hot lying defensively covered up to the hairline: if the beds were less hard; if the church clock would strike the quarters only once instead of twice . . . .

But in the morning, wounded though we were in a dozen places, everything seemed different, and, oddly enough, there never were quite so many *moustiques* again, and the beds got mysteriously softer.

Town, Sea and Forest

Idly we explored S———: its spotless decent little shops; the hand laundry with its scrubbed tables and comfortable smell of ironing, where our frocks were washed and returned to us in less than twenty-four hours: the warm, shallow lake amidst the pines; the magnificent sports stadium with football ground, running track, tennis courts and fronton for pelota.

We went to the sea five miles away and bathed. Again, now that we were rested, everything looked different. Beyond the dunes stretched mile on mile of clean empty sands, with the enormous rollers of the Atlantic roaring in. The bathing could be dangerous and was regulated by a system of warning flags: the very first day we saw the " master of bathing " go out in his rubber dinghy to rescue a swimmer trapped beyond the sand-bar by the out-going tide. Nevertheless, everyone bathed, from nine months to ninety, dunking about on the edge of the water, and there were no inhibitions about undressing on the beach. Bikinis were the wear for all under thirty-five—with hats. Long flowing hair was very much " in ".

And, after all, the Landes fascinated us—those hundreds of square miles of forest, pines and cork oaks, smelling of resin and loud with crickets, criss-crossed by straight sandy roads leading to remote villages—a few one-storey houses of pink brick and timber, each with its patch of vines on one side and maize on the other, surrounded by a stockade of brilliant canna lilies, gladioli and great ragged dahlias: and in every garden hydrangeas in all gradations of blue, from milky white through sea-blue and royal to deepest violet.

A Great Family Occasion

Sunday, the day of the great family feast, arrived. The Mass for the First Communicants was at eight o'clock, and in very good time young Pierre set off with his godfather. More cars, stuffed with uncles, aunts and cousins, followed. Then we too made our way to the church, which was packed and very hot. There were nearly sixty First Communicants, twelve-year-olds, a few more girls than boys: the girls in full length white dresses

with long sleeves and white veils, the boys in servers' albs. All carried lighted candles with which they first processed down the centre aisle and then carried to the altar at the Gospel. The service was very simple, the only music the unaccompanied hymns sung by those young voices, the collection taken by two teenagers. It was easy to follow, for it is the same service as our own. The new communicants went first to the altar. Afterwards all the families and friends made their communion too.

"Bon Appetit!"

When we got back from our morning bathe the feast was about to begin. The long tables were ready, white flowers were everywhere, the menu cards—adorned on the outside with Pierre's name, the date and a picture of a First Communicant boy looking devout—were in place. What was inside the menu cards we were about to discover.

We ate outside on the loggia. First we had small melons with the flesh scooped out, soaked in port wine, and replaced; then salmon from the Pyrenees with Russian salad; fillet steak topped with real foie gras followed; then young turkeys stuffed with truffles and served with mushrooms; a choice of five or six cheeses; a gateau of choux pastry and caramel; finally peaches. It took us an hour and a half to eat this luscious meal—and then we staggered away to deck chairs and lay supine for a long, long time. And all the while we were entertained by the revelry within: corks popping, laughter, singing—solo and communal, applause, corks popping, speeches, waiters (hired for the occasion) dashing in and out. Pierre and his young cousins dashing in and out too and tearing round the garden, corks popping, Jockey the dog dashing in and being dashed out, corks popping . . . . Three and a half hours after the feast had begun we went off for another bathe: they had just reached the turkey then.

"Au Revoir!"

The morning we left, two days later, we were honoured by Madame and her mother with an invitation to visit the kitchen, with its splendid *batterie de cuisine*. In their non-existent English and our scrappy French we somehow engaged in an animated discussion of the party, the menu, the cooking of each dish, the cost of living, the weather,

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A SLOW DAWN

For many centuries Africa was a tortured continent, the victim of greed, fear, hate, disease, starvation and cruelty. Muslim slave raiders from Zanzibar, European pirates trading with the West coast, African tribesmen selling their fellow Africans into servitude—all contributed to the agony of Central Africa before the Prince of Peace set foot within her bounds.

Many men and women of the Christian Church have helped to ease this suffering. Slowly the Dawn has been breaking over the benighted continent.

But other forces were gaining strength—relentlessly thrusting Africa back towards the shadows. Today there is **Crisis in Africa.** The Advance of Christianity is checked by many powerful forces:

* The stubborn opposition of Islam.
* the weakening of the bonds of family and community by the development of mining and industry calling men to a rootless life in the towns.
* the increase of tension and suspicion between the races
* the stubborn survival of witchcraft, superstition and fear of evil spirits.

Never has Africa needed Christ more

What the Universities Mission to Central Africa can do to help Africa, **what we can do** *through U.M.C.A., we shall be told on Sunday, September 24th, at Evensong by the Rev. K. Whitfield, who will afterwards show a film in Toc H Room.*

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and Marlborough. In between we discreetly paid the bill. We were such "*bon clients*" Madame cried, as we said goodbye, that she hoped we would soon come again. We could think of no reason why we deserved this compliment. Far from it — for as we drove away (everyone waving to the last) we began guiltily to visualise the frieze of squashed *moustiques* which we had left decorating the walls of bedroom number three.

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

SERVICE AND ADVENTURE OVERSEAS

Two young Marlborough men are shortly setting out for "foreign parts" under the auspices of the Voluntary Service Overseas organisation. Christopher Crook, nephew of our Mayor, has just come down from Balliol with Second Class Honours in P.P.E. Nicholas Maurice, elder son of Dr. Tim Maurice, left the College last term. Chris is off to Viet-nam and Nicholas to Togoland. Our warm appreciation of their public spirit and enterprise and our very best wishes go with them. We hope to publish reports from them both in due course.

WARMING TO WORK

A new pump and a larger boiler are to be installed in St. Mary's Infants' School to serve one extra radiator in each small class-room and three in the large class-room. In St. Mary's Girls' School there are to be high level electric heaters for the extremities of the long class-rooms which are some way from the stoves. There is to be a new electric heater in St. Peter's Boys' School.

JAPES, JAZZ AND JOLLIFICATION

College Light Entertainment Society In Action

Seven years ago a group of about fifteen boys from Marlborough College joined together with the aim of increasing happiness for those who are often forgotten and depressed. Now, under the title of the *Light Entertainment Society*, we provide entertainment for people who, by reason of illness or age, are unable to enjoy the amenities of the theatre or cinema, and also help to make money for charitable organisations. For instance next term, on September 30th, we are running a fete at the College in aid of the Recreation Hall for the Nurses of Savernake Hospital, and on November 18th we are doing a concert in the Town Hall in aid of the League of Friends of the Marlborough Hospitals.

In the summer we enjoy helping with Parish Fetes, and it is usually with great enthusiasm that our members encourage onlookers to "Try their Luck,", although there was some hesitation when volunteers were called to sit under the ducking stool.

In the winter terms we take to concerts, and in many ways resemble a repertory company, having to adapt ourselves to any setting. The stage managers in the Society have ample scope for their art, being compelled to turn anything from a sitting room to a vast ward into a miniature theatre by the magic of curtains and spotlights. From the members' point of view it gives them a chance to use their various talents of acting, singing, reciting or playing, and it is often both amusing and satisfying to spend time creating new sketches and acts.

Among the charities we have helped in the past are the Wiltshire Association for the Blind, the League of Friends, the Children's Convalescent Hospital, Coombe End House, the Mothers' Union, and many Church organisations including the Student Christian Movement and the Church Missionary Society. We look forward to helping at many fetes and concerts in and around Marlborough in future.

J. H. Ap Rhys Price

MARLBOROUGH SECONDARY MODERN SCHOOL

This term has been an exciting one. Mr. Cullis took a party of boys to Windsor for the Royal Counties Show. Two boys, due to the generosity of Major Henderson, spent a wonderful day at Lords. At our Annual Sports East House won the School Cup and individual winners were—Rosemary Whiting, Ann Talmage, M. Bevan, G. Dewick and G. Payne. For our Swimming Sports we had a perfect day and once again East House won. Finally, at our Fashion Show, attended by some parents, the girls displayed the garments made in their Needlework Classes during the year.

Sylvia Head

BE WARNED

There will be a procession next Sunday afternoon in the grounds of the Monastery; but if it rains in the afternoon, the procession will take place in the morning. *Notice in Irish Church.*

CRICKET: W.G. IN 1869

There was a never-to-be-forgotten cricket match in 1869 at Marlborough, when no less a man than W. G. Grace came to play against the College, and was quickly bowled out by a very small boy for a very small score. The College organist who was no sportsman had already chosen the hymn for the evening service—to be amazed at the enormous chorus which broke into the line, *The seamy triumphs Grace hath won!*

From Edith Olivier's "Willshire"



WHAT'S COOKING?

A Fish Supper Dish

1 lb. cooked fish; 1 pt. cheese sauce (white sauce with 4 oz. grated cheese); 2 or 3 cooked potatoes; 3 tomatoes; 3 bacon rashers; pinch mixed herbs; juice ½ lemon; ½ cup breadcrumbs; 1 hard-boiled egg roughly chopped.

Well grease an oven dish with tasty dripping or butter. Place half the cooked fish in dish; sprinkle some lemon juice and then pinch mixed herbs over it; cover with half the cheese sauce and half the egg. Repeat, using rest of fish, lemon, more herbs and rest of sauce. Cover with thick slices of tomato; dice cold potatoes and put on top; sprinkle with bread-crumbs; dice bacon rashers and place on top again; finish off with knobs of butter or dripping. Place in moderate oven until well heated through and tomato and bacon are cooked (about 20-30 minutes). Serve very hot. Enough for three or four, normally; but is your family normal?

Contributed by Mrs. P. M. Guillebaud

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ST. PETER'S DOVECOT

Once upon a time rectors used to keep pigeons in St. Peter's Church. There is still a spiral staircase at the north-east corner of St. Peter's leading to a space above the chancel vaulting which was once the dovecot. I climbed up to it a few days ago, but there are no pigeons there now.

No Fresh Meat

"Mangel-wurzels killed them". That sounds an odd explanation for the disappearance of dovecots but it is a true one. In times past, before the days of root crops, there was no fresh meat for the table during many months of the year. Because of the lack of winter feeding, all animals surplus to the breeding stock were killed at Martinmas (November 11th) and the meat was salted down for use during the months before the young stock of next year was grown.

13,000,000 Pairs?

Pigeons helped to fill the gap. Every five weeks, from March to September, each pair of pigeons would lay two eggs and fatten up the resulting squabs. It is believed that there were 26,000 dovecots in England and Wales in the seventeenth century. Reckoning 500 pairs to a dovecot, the amount of damage done to farm and garden must have been prodigious. When root crops were introduced into England the need for the dovecots vanished.

Dabbling In Witchcraft

A recent correspondent in *The Times* names three church dovecots—at Elkstone, near Cheltenham, at St. Peter's, Marlborough, and at Collingbourne Ducis. He mentions, too, an entry in the accounts of Jesus College, Cambridge, which is even more mysterious than those given in the July number of *Tower and Town*: "for a roasted dog and comin seed—00.2.0". This seems to allude to an old recipe of witchcraft sometimes called Salt Cat which was normally made by "baking a cat with comin seed and some other ingredients as a decoy for your neighbour's pigeons".

There are probably enough pigeons in Marlborough gardens now without the Rector keeping a supply in St. Peter's Church.

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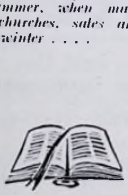
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We do our best to keep the racks filled up. In the summer, when many strangers visit our churches, sales are very fast. But in the winter . . . .



YOUNG MARLBOROUGH No. 1

SETTING OUT IN LIFE

P. R. Morgan

I think most of us would agree that our minds are not at first fully made up as to the careers we intend to follow, so we choose something in which we have some interest hoping that it will turn out a worthwhile and absorbing job.

I had not been out in the field of trade and business very long before I decided that my interest lay in the art of Salesmanship, and with this in mind I chose to spend eighteen months as a clothing salesman at Messrs. Sloper and Co., Marlborough.

Having served this period, and finding my interest continuously growing, I resolved that my aim must be to obtain a position as a Representative for a high class manufacturing company. Application was duly made and I was most fortunate in obtaining my present situation as a Trainee Representative with a well-known clothing firm.

In a short time I was asked to report to their Head Office in Leicester. I soon realised that to be a Representative involved a considerable degree of training in many fields besides the art of Salesmanship. Before I could start to sell the "end product" I must learn exactly how the article was produced. So I had to begin on a training which would take me through the various departments.

The first department, called Cloth Control, dealt with the testing and measuring of cloth. I spent a month in this section and found it most interesting. The next period of training dealt with the system of contracting between the wholesaler and retailer. Having spent a month there, I went next to the department which deals with the buying and selling to our own chain of retailers, and I am at present completing this part of my course.

Eventually I shall move on to other sections over a period of two years. Then with this training behind me, I shall spend six months "on the road" with a fully qualified Representative, taking particular notice of methods employed in the representation of the finished product. Finally, I shall be allotted the area in which I shall myself represent my company. P. R. MORGAN

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SEPTEMBER

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2nd Sunday : St. John's Close
3rd Sunday : London Road (Roebuck to Bridge)
4th Sunday : " The Street I live in "

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

The Wardens for these streets are :
1 Miss Carmichael (1—21)
Mrs. Smith (22—33)
2 Mrs. Harvey
3 Mrs. Stone

HOLY BAPTISM

Aug. 6th Nicholas George Biggs

HOLY MATRIMONY

July 29th Samuel Kennedy Brown to Mary Louise Beasant
Aug. 12th Gerald Edward Maiden to Patricia Annette Withers

R. I. P.

July 20th Ernest Dunford, of 120 High Street

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Swimming Club or in School Swimming Sports, and in some cases both : *Leslie Bennett, Carolyn Brown, Robin Chandler, Rosemary Chandler, Marion Cook, Susan Eustace, Kathleen Fisher, Sandra Knight, Paul Lanfear, Glenda Minty, David Roe-lands, Andrew Timmer, Carole Sherkey, Margaret Spanswick, Christine Westall, Jeremy Wills.*

Congratulations also to *Christopher Broome*, who when he won the High Jump for the under-fifteens in the Marlborough College sports last term, created a new record with a jump of 5' 1".

FAMILY NEWS

Weddings of the month. September 2nd : Roy James Trim and Josephine Elizabeth Rodda, St. Mary's, 2.30 p.m. ; *September 6th* : Michael Chesterton Webb and Diana Margaret Gribble, St. Nicholas, Pyrford ; *September 23rd* : William Patrick Gowers and Caroline Molesworth Maurice, St. Mary's, 2.30 p.m. ; *September 30th* : Michael Anthony Francis Ponting and Wendy Margaret Watson, St. Mary's, 2.30 p.m.

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Legacy for St. Peter's. The Church-wardens have gratefully received from the executors of *Miss Nellie Stagg* a bequest of £25 for the use of St. Peter's church. Miss Stagg lived for the last few years of her life at Coombe End House. She was known to many of us as a keen and generous supporter of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and to an older generation as a Methodist lay preacher.

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Former Curates Department. The Rev. W. J. Montague, Vice-Principal of Bishops' College, Cheshunt, has been appointed Canon Missioner in the diocese of Wakefield. He will take up his duties early in 1962.

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Congratulations and best wishes for the future to *Diana Purton* and *Carol Eustace* who have both completed their Teacher Training Course and will share rooms in London when they start work this month : Diana will teach at St. James's Mixed School, Bow, and Carol at Manorfield Primary Mixed School, Poplar ; and to *Christopher Lovell*, who has been selected as a cadet under-officer at R.A.F. College, Cranwell.

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BAD LIGHT STOPS PLAY

The annual cricket match between choir men and choir boys was played on the College ground on July 24th. The choir boys, by tradition, batted first. They encouraged the bowlers with two fairly quick wickets, but then the skipper, Timothy Otton (36) was joined by Gareth Thomas (51) and put on 80 runs for the third wicket. When they declared at 117 for eight it was clear that there would be a race against the light. Bushrod (10), Hancock (22 retired), Hockey (13 not) and Armand Smith (18 not) set about the task valiantly, but after 40 minutes the light made it dangerous to go on.

F.B.R.B.

MOVING UP

When the Sunday Schools start again on September 10th, the following will move up *from Infants' Sunday School to Junior Sunday School*: Linda Boast, Valerie Elmer, Yvonne Spaekman, Carol Wilson, Philip Hart, Noel Marsh, Richard Martin, Graham Norcross, Philip Palmer, Roderick Watts. *From Junior to Senior Sunday School*: Susan Ellis, Carol Greenaway, Joan Hart, Jane Lansley, Susan Marsh, Sally Odey, Linda Portsmouth, Rita Sheppard, Elizabeth Styles, Sylvia Ward, Michael Cady, Kenneth Chandler, Rodney Jones, Jeremy Witts.

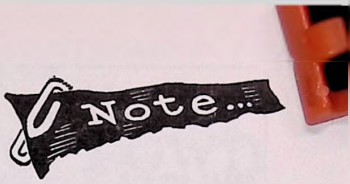
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ACTION STATIONS

A reader has sent us this "footnote to the Rector's article on the Ministry of the Laity in August *Tower and Town*". We are very glad to print it:

A lovely sunny day, a delightful coach-ride through the glorious countryside of Hampshire and Wiltshire, a fascinating steamer trip round Southampton Water, a welcome high tea in a well-known hotel in the New Forest—all these things helped to make the Marlborough Handicapped Centre outing on August 2nd a day to remember. Yet it was even more heartening to witness the courage and cheerfulness of the members, and above all to see the spontaneous and willing help given so unselfishly by the steamer crew, the coach driver, the local police and the Centre helpers. Are they not indeed sharing in the Ministry of the Laity?

"One of the Party"



FIRST DATES FOR AUTUMN

Sep.	5th	Tuesday. *Youth Fellowship* meetings begin again in Toc H Room. In future all meetings will be on Tuesdays.
	8th	Friday. First full *Choir* practice at 7 p.m. Boys' practice may start before—please watch for notice in vestry.
	10th	Sunday. *Sunday Schools* start
	13th	Wednesday. *Brownies. Mothers' Union, Young Wives' Group, St. Mary's Guild*:
	16th	Friday. Corporate Communion St. Peter's, 10.30 a.m.
	21st	Thursday. "Coins and Christianity": Mr. J. H. Chandler, Toc H Room, 2.30 p.m.
	27th	Wednesday. *Stewardship Committee*: Church Cottage, 8 p.m.
Oct.	4th	Wednesday. *Parochial Church Council*: Church Cottage, 8 p.m.
	5th	Thursday. *Magazine Distributors'* Annual Meeting, with tea: 136 High Street, 4 p.m.
	5th	Thursday. *Men's Society*: Toc H Room, 7.45 p.m. (See below).

MEN'S SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the 1961-2 session the speaker will be Mr. Dennis Silk, who will tell us about his experiences when captaining the M.C.C. cricket team in New Zealand earlier this year. We shall certainly have a fascinating evening. Roll up in force, men of the parish! The complete programme of meetings on the first Thursday of each month until May will be published in the October magazine, and can be obtained now from G. Chilton.

G.C.

CHOIR NOTES

A new school year comes round again this month, when we look for new probationer choristers. I hope to visit St. Peter's School early in the term with this in mind, though I am always glad to hear of new recruits aged 9—11 at any time.

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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,

It is not so very long since Harvest meant, if not life or death, at least the difference between bare survival and the prospect of a winter with enough to eat. This was the case for so many centuries that the memory of it is still there buried deep in our consciousness. It is not surprising, then, that Harvest Festival brings so many people to church : and that we experience a satisfying uprush of joy and gratitude when we see the harvest gifts and decorations.

But even if we are less aware than we used to be of our dependence on those " fruits of the earth " which we now buy so easily over the shop counter, as Christians we must become ever more aware of the " fruits of the spirit "—which St. Paul lists as love, joy, peace, patience, endurance, kindness, goodness, fidelity, gentleness and self-control. On this harvest depends, at least, the difference between merely being alive and having a life worth living ; at most, the life or death of our civilisation. The ingathering of both harvests is conditional on man's active partnership with God. Nothing good can come from doing nothing.

The refrain " body and soul, body and soul " which runs through our Church services is heard very clearly in our Harvest Thanksgiving. We live by bread—yes, but not by bread alone : and our Lord's prayer for the wage-packet—" give us this day our daily bread "—fits into its proper place after " Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done ".

First plans for the autumn begin in October : preliminary classes in preparation for Confirmation in 1962 ; our one-year-old Men's Society has its opening meeting of the new session on the first Thursday ; and

on the last Sunday there will be the first Festival Service of our five-year-old Young Wives' Group. More about all these will be found on pages 4 and 13.

Your friend and Rector,
FRANCIS BROWNE



DIARY FOR OCTOBER

Our regular Services on Sundays and week-days are listed inside the front cover. Additional Services and changes in time or place are given below. For forthcoming events see the *News* : *Views* : *Coming Events* page.

1st	TRINITY XVIII. **Harvest Festival.** Children's Service 3 p.m. Preacher at Evensong: The Rev. John Goodman, Vicar of Wootton Bassett. (*The Parish and thanksgiving for Harvest*)
4th	Wednesday. **St. Francis of Assisi.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. P.C.C. meeting, Church Cottage, 8 p.m. (*The Parish Men's Society*)
8th	TRINITY XIX. (*The Parish, especially Confirmation Candidates*)
11th	Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Diocesan Conference*)
15th	TRINITY XX. Parish Communion 9 a.m. (*The Parish, especially the Marlborough Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society*)
17th	Tuesday. Marlborough Deanery Mothers' Union Quiet Afternoon, St. Mary's, 3 p.m. Conductor: The Rev. Colin Perry, Vicar of Aldbourne
18th	Wednesday. **St. Luke, E.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Doctors who work in the Parish*)
20th	Friday. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m., St. Peter's. (*The sick of the Parish*)
22nd	TRINITY XXI. (*The Parish, especially those who work in shops and offices*)
25th	Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The United Nations Organisation*)
28th	Saturday. **St. Simon and St. Jude, AA., MM.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Prayer Groups in the Parish*)
29th	TRINITY XXII. Young Wives' Group Festival 3 p.m. (*The Parish, especially the Young Wives' Group*)
Nov. 1st	Wednesday. **All Saints' Day.** Holy Communion 7 a.m. St. Mary's; 10.30 a.m. St. Peter's. (*Thanksgiving for the Saints*)
2nd	Thursday. **All Souls' Day.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Faithful Departed*)

Special Intentions at Holy Communion are printed in italics

PARISH PRAYERS No. 12

A prayer for world peace . . . . .

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray Thee, in the hearts of all men the true love of peace, and guide with Thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity Thy kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of Thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IS IT AN OPTIONAL EXTRA?

Why is it that thousands of people who have been confirmed never come to Holy Communion except at the great Festivals of Easter and Christmas? That thousands of others who own allegiance to our Lord never give it a moment's thought? For vast numbers of Christians it is in fact not an essential part of the Christian Faith but only an optional extra.

Yet at this service we continue to do the thing that our Lord Himself did the night before He died—when He sat with His friends at supper and took bread and wine and blessed it and gave it to them and told them to do this henceforward in remembrance of Him.

And we know that they did just that. The New Testament tells us how they began at once after the Resurrection to carry out our Lord's command.

So this is no ordinary service, devised by man, but one in which the Church continues something which began in our Lord's own time. Throughout the centuries in tiny churches and great cathedrals, all over the world, the Bread and Wine which represent the Body and Blood of Christ, given for us on the Cross, have been offered and the faithful have received them: and so have become one with Him, and have received from Him strength and grace for the business of life.

And because He who told us to come has also told us that we are children of one Father, we do not come alone but as members of a family. It is always God's family gathering together to take part in this service, just as the disciples did with our Lord as their head.

No, far from being an optional extra, the service of Holy Communion is the great essential, our "great service"—the only one that comes from our Lord Himself.

FRANCIS BROWNE

Next month: HOW OFTEN?

THE NEW ENGLISH BIBLE



The New English Bible has now been in our hands for six months and many of us have been using it for our private Bible reading. Convocation has passed a resolution welcoming it and commending it to the clergy and laity for private study and for use from time to time in public worship "without thereby according it any claim to be an authorised or standard version of the Church of England". So we must now make up our minds how we are going to use it in our services.

My own impression is that, generally speaking, something is lost by using it for the Gospel readings in the Sunday lessons: but that its use for the rest of the New Testament—especially for the Epistles—means such a huge gain in clarity that, except in a handful of passages, this far outweighs any advantages of familiarity and dignity in the earlier versions.

For an experimental period our normal practice, then, will be to use the older versions for lessons from the Gospels, and the New English Bible for lessons taken from the rest of the New Testament. At Holy Communion we shall invariably use the Gospels, and normally the Epistles, as printed in the 1928 Prayer Book, which already corrects the Authorised Version in some cases. But when a particularly difficult Epistle is made easier to understand by the new translation we shall use that.

I should like to emphasise here that this new translation of the Bible has not been made so that religion should seem more attractive to teenagers; nor to "bring religion up-to-date". It was undertaken in order to make available to all of us the fuller knowledge previously available only to the few about what the writers actually did mean to convey by what they wrote.

FRANCIS BROWNE

CONFIRMATION CLASSES. We have found it a very useful thing to have two or three preliminary monthly meetings before we start the regular weekly Confirmation Classes after the Christmas holidays. The first of these introductory meetings will be on Tuesday, October 3rd, at 7 p.m. in the Rectory: this will be for boys and girls under 16. Those over 16 who would like to hear about the classes, and any under 16 for whom Tuesday is quite impossible, are invited to come to the Rectory on Friday, October 6th, at 7 p.m. By the way, no-one need be afraid they are "too old". F.B.R.B.

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YOUNG WIVES' GROUP FESTIVAL. It was in October five years ago that a Young Wives' Group was started in Marlborough. To mark this fifth birthday, and five thoroughly happy years, the Group will hold a Family Festival Service in St. Mary's at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 29th. As "family" includes not only Fathers but children of all ages (prams are expected) the service will last only about forty-five minutes. We are sure it is not really necessary to say—but we say it, just in case—that *any family* in the parish, whether there is membership of the Y.W.G. or not, will find a welcome at this service. F.B.R.B.

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YOU CAN GO INTO ANY BOOKSHOP AND BUY A BIBLE—in this country. But there are a whole lot of countries where the Bible can only be obtained through the Bible Society. That is why we must support the *British and Foreign Bible Society* with our prayers, our money, and our presence at its meetings. The next meeting of the Marlborough Auxiliary is on Tuesday, October 17th, in the Congregational Schoolroom at 7.30 p.m. It is the Annual General Meeting with stalls and tea, when a special film in colour and sound will be shown—"The Potter's Wheel"—illustrating how the Bible is taken to the people of India: it gives an interesting glimpse too of Indian village life. Please write the date in your diary, so that you won't be saying the next day, "I did mean to go, but I forgot!"

ALL SAINTS' DAY (November 1st). On this day we give thanks for all the heroes of the Church, known and unknown, throughout the centuries. There will be celebrations of Holy Communion at 7 a.m. in St. Mary's (*not at* 7.30 *a.m.*) and at 10.30 a.m. in St. Peter's. I hope that many of you will want to come to Holy Communion on this important day, and that these times will, between them, cater for both old and young, those who go out to work and those who work at home. On *All Souls' Day* (*November 2nd*) when we remember before God those who have departed this life, there will be Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. in St. Mary's. F.B.R.B.

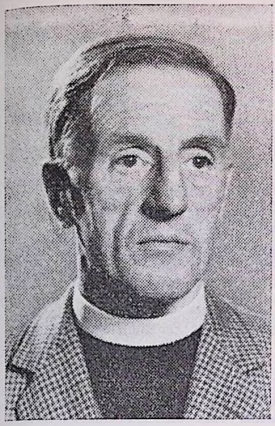
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"HELP THE DISABLED WEEK," October 1st–7th. The Bishop called our attention to this week in his September letter in the *Diocesan News*: its purpose is to work for better understanding between the public and the handicapped. Disabled people from a wide area, roughly from Aldbourne to Ludgershall, meet each Wednesday in Marlborough at the Congregational Schoolroom from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Miss Arney, of the British Red Cross Association, is the Centre Leader; the Secretary is Mrs. Lyndon-Smith; Mrs. Bedbrook and Mrs. George Hunt supervise the handicrafts; Mr. Bernard is Treasurer, and Mrs. Figgins looks after the Tea Roster. Visitors are always welcome and much appreciated and they will be especially so on Wednesday, October 4th. In the nature of things, the handicapped do not find it easy to get to church. We are going to make a special effort to offer transport to the Marlborough disabled for the Harvest Festival Services on October 1st (which is also the Sunday in "Help the Disabled Week"), through Mrs. Lyndon-Smith, who will be O.C. transport for us. F.B.R.B.

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CHURCH ALPHABET. *B is for* **Benedictus** . . . the short anthem that comes after the Sanctus in the Sung Communion service. It is so called after the first word of the Latin sentence, which we translate and sing as "Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest".

And also for **B.R.F.** . . . . read all about it on page 13.



FAMILIAR FACE No. 14

FRANCIS ARMAND SMITH

Even if he isn't yet a "familiar face" to everyone—for he only became Curate to Marlborough on September 24th—he certainly soon will be. But he is, in fact, already known to a lot of people in the parish, and especially to the children, for he has been helping with the Sunday School ever since he and Mrs. Armand Smith settled into 9 Silverless Street in July. Francis Armand Smith served in the Navy from 1924 to 1945 on Home, Mediterranean and China Stations (we hope to get some stories for *Tower and Town* from him later on); on his retirement he went into business, and then became a schoolmaster, teaching at Gordonstoun, Bryanston and Milton Abbey, until in 1959 he entered Salisbury Theological College. He has two sons, aged 24 and 18. He has asked us if we can find room for the following message: "*To Canon and Mrs. Browne, Members of the P.C.C., and all Parishioners: My wife and I would like to thank you very much indeed for your great kindness to us, and for the welcome you have given to us and our family. It is a joy to be starting my Ministry with you in Marlborough.*"

PERSONAL POSER

I noticed the quotation in your August letter about "when men and mountains meet": isn't this the reason the "blue-domers" give for not going to church?

It is certainly very like it, but I think *excuse*, rather than reason, is the right word: though mind you I have considerable sympathy with the Old Testament folk who built altars on the high places—though not with what they did when they got there.

The fact seems to be that when people go on holidays—and "holidays" can include the weekly holiday of Sunday—they are consciously looking for refreshment for body and mind; and subconsciously too they are hoping for relief from their inner tensions and disquiets. The snag about this is pointed out by Dr. Leslie Weatherhead—"They cry with Job, 'Where shall wisdom be found and where is the place of understanding?' But the deep saith, 'It is not in me', and the sea saith, 'It is not with me'." And the golf course and the mountains say much the same.

There is only one source of inner peace and healing, and only one Name given unto men whereby they must be saved: going to your "mountains" can't make up for not going to your church.

The Psalmist packs the answer to the blue-domers into the opening of Psalm 121: "I will lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come? My help comes from the Lord . . . ."* F.B.R.B.

* *Revised Standard Version translation*

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.

SUMMER TIME ENDS on Sunday, October 29th, at 2 a.m. Clocks should be put back one hour.

THE FAR-AWAY ISLANDS

GAVIN FARGUS



They have been called *The Islands that Like to be Visited*, for they are said to cast a spell on the visitor, drawing him back over and over again; and there is an old Gaelic belief that the Land of Eternal Youth—*Tir Nan Og*—lies somewhere west of the Hebrides.

These islands that lie off the north west coast of Scotland are peopled by a kindly folk who live simply and have a folk-lore of their own. Their ancestry goes back to a legendary western civilization which had its birth in Ireland, and which has left traces of a highly cultured people who were the first to forsake the old pagan gods for a new faith from the East. The island on which they lived became the centre from which the Christian faith spread to the Scottish mainland to tame the wild tribes who lived there and who had held out against the armed might of Imperial Rome.

This island, whose beaches are of pure white sand made from the shells of myriads of crustaceans pounded by the Atlantic surf, became known as Iona, and has been a centre of pilgrimage for 1500 years. The Book of Kells—the illuminated book of Gospels of unsurpassed beauty and craftsmanship which was on exhibition in London earlier this year—was written in the Abbey which is now the home of the Iona Community, whose founder, the Rev. George Macleod, leads it in its purpose of presenting a still new faith to the world.

The Far Cuillins . . . .

Iona is reached in summer by steamer from Oban, and at other times of the year via the beautiful and mountainous island of Mull. Below lie Colonsay, Juta, Islay and Arran, in waters favoured by yachtsmen and dinghy-sailors, who are careful to avoid the infamous whirlpool in the Straits of Corrievreckan, which is capable of swallowing a ship in a matter of seconds. Fingal's Cave is to be found on Staffa, and to the north west are Tiree and Coll, and the "cocktail islands"—Rhum, Eigg and Muck.

North lies the misty island of Skye, the largest and perhaps the most beautiful of the Inner Hebrides, wild and rugged, its coast-line surrounded by sea-lochs. It possesses the only real mountain-range in the British Isles—the Cuillins, which are the training ground for Himalayan explorers. At Broadford on Skye I have seen the Northern Lights, and at Strathaird lodged close to the habitat of the Golden Eagle.

Island Life

Donald Mackinnon, the Strathaird shepherd, whose family makes me welcome each year, is typical of the kindly, rugged, dependable islanders of Skye. Donald and his wife Mary Anne and their four sons, Ian, Ewen, John and Angus, live in a white and green one-storey cottage by a rocky burn, surrounded by the Cuillin peaks and the moorlands stretching out to the sea-loch. Donald, Ian and John farm the family croft when their day's work on the Estate where they are employed is done, and Ewen is an apprentice-electrician at Kyle on the mainland. Angus and his friends from the three or four surrounding cottages attend the village school at Elgol. In the evening when it is dark and the collies have been fed, the family gathers round the peat and coal fire discussing local news and the events of the day, the shepherd puffing at a strong pipe of twist. In the winter there are ceilidhs (pronounced "caylies") which are family parties from the neighbouring crofts, when Highland songs are accompanied by the accordion, the young people dance to Jimmy Shand or Rock 'n' Roll, and the old folk exchange stories of long ago, the younger children sitting open-mouthed at their feet.

The Shop Closes

Communion Day, once every three months, usually on a week-day, is a great local event when work ceases and the village store is shut. Preparation for

this starts several weeks beforehand, for to attend Communion is the mark of a committed and dedicated life. In outlying districts, where the children cannot attend church, the Church of Scotland sends out a month's instruction by post to each boy and girl enrolled in the scheme, and a lesson is done each Sunday, written answers to questions being returned the following week. The gaps are filled in by the parents and grandparents, and the local school teacher, or "dominie", on weekdays.

For the religion of the isles folk is deeply woven into their way of life and the way in which the two are bound together cannot be better expressed than it is in that old Irish hymn, "St. Patrick's Breastplate"*;

"I bind unto myself today
The virtues of the star-lit heaven,
The glorious sun's life-giving ray,
The whiteness of the moon at even,
The flashing of the lightning free,
The whirling wind's tempituous shocks,
The stable earth, the deep salt sea,
Around the old eternal rocks . . . .
The wisdom of my God to teach,
His hand to guide, His shield to ward;
The word of God to give me speech,
His heavenly host to be my guard."

GAVIN FARGUS

* Eng. Hymnal 212

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Francis was only 44 when he died. He was one of the great men of the Middle ages: Dante said that he rose like a sun and immediately the world was filled with his light. It wasn't really the sermons he and his followers preached that made converts: they themselves were the message, with their gaiety, their joy, their humility and their poverty.

The *Little Flowers of St. Francis* is a collection of legends and traditions about the saint and his companions: how he preached to the birds is one of these. Seeing a great number of birds in some trees he decided to preach to them, and they remained quite still and listened to him. This is part of what he said: "God feeds you and gives you mountains and valleys for your refuge and high trees wherein to build your nests; and because you do not know how to sew or spin, He clothes you and your little ones. Guard yourselves, therefore, my sisters the birds, from the sin of ingratitude and be always mindful to give praise to God."

SAINT OF THE MONTH



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

October 4th

Round the walls of the great church of St. Francis in Assisi are frescoes by Giotto and his pupils depicting scenes from the saint's life. They are gay with heavenly blue, pink and scarlet and gold, green trees, birds and animals and angels. They are very like St. Francis himself: for he was equally full of gaiety not only when he was a beautiful, rich young man, but also when he had only a peasant's rough brown tunic to wear, no shoes, no food except the leftovers he collected in his beggar's bowl.

Born in 1182, the son of a prosperous cloth merchant, after a normal childhood he entered his father's business. Gallant, high-spirited and generous, he was the natural leader of the fashionable young men of Assisi. Then when he was twenty-one he had a serious illness and his whole outlook changed. We would say, baldly, that he was "converted", but it was no sudden switch to a life of "good works". It was a long inner conflict which lasted for several years, during which he gave up his gay, comfortable life, and spent his time ministering to lepers (for whom he had always had an intense aversion), in rebuilding three churches with his own hands, and in preaching. His fellow townsmen derided him, sometimes even threw stones at him; his father disowned him.

But all the time he was growing more certain that this life of poverty, preaching and service to the outcast was his vocation. Then a few of his friends joined him, and in 1209 the great missionary Franciscan Order was founded, with its Rule of poverty, of taking up the Cross, of taking nothing for the way . . . . By 1218 there were 5,000 Franciscans in Umbria. Then the movement spread throughout Italy: it went East with the Crusaders: west to Spain and Morocco; crossed the Alps to Germany and France; and in 1224 four Franciscans landed at Dover. It was a Christian revolution.

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

MOP FAIR SEVENTY YEARS AGO

We asked Miss C. F. Tanner to tell us about it. Ed.

When I was very young I remember being thrilled at the idea of being taken to the Mop Fair, and looked forward to seeing the swing boats, galloping horses and coconut shies. But when it came to the point, I didn't enjoy it much: there were so many rough men and women about with whining voices, very dirty children, and lots of our dogs and lurchers. But I loved the little bantams that scratched about under the caravans.

Seventy years ago there were none of the lovely caravans fitted out with every luxury which there are today. But every van was gaily painted in many colours and drawn by a horse, generally driven by a woman, with the children looking out of the half-door at the back. Sometimes the chief van was followed by a roofed-in cart driven by a boy or a girl, sometimes a donkey and cart. The men strode along by the side. The big stuff was drawn by a steam engine, which supplied the power to turn the galloping horses or the switchback.

But the Wild Beast Show was always my undoing—the smell was so awful. There were only one or two lions, a bear and a couple of monkeys.

There were side-shows: Strong Men, Fat Women, a Calf with Two Heads (this was most disappointing as it was stuffed with straw !), coconuts, brandy snaps and a theatre—but the play was very poor.

Since in those days the Mop really was a Hiring Fair, the men who sought to change their jobs stood about waiting for someone to come along to hire them. They wore symbols of their trade either in their hats or buttonholes—bits of sheep's wool, a twist of coloured whip-cord, or a few ears of corn-straw.

The fair people were allowed into the town on Friday at twelve o'clock and had to be out on Sunday morning before nine, but on one occasion a van was allowed to stay three or four days because a gypsy's wife had given birth to a baby.

The horses and ponies were turned out in a meadow at the side of Port Hill: they were a rough looking lot, but we always understood that the men treated them well and were kind to them.

I remember one year a young cousin and I were taken round the fair by Dr. Haydon. He had not been in Marlborough long, so it was new to him, and he not only took us on the galloping horses but rode one himself.

C. F. TANNER

MARLBOROUGH TOP AT SWIMMING

Tower and Town offers its best congratulations to the Marlborough Amateur Swimming Club which has been awarded the Buckle Trophy this year by the Wiltshire A.S.A. Also to *John Haines*, Wiltshire junior free-style, breast-stroke and back-stroke champion over 100 yards, who has just been awarded the M.A.S.C. trophy for the outstanding swimmer of the year.

SCHOOL NEWS

Next month we hope to print first reports of the winter term from all five schools. But quite apart from the "official" reports, we are always glad to receive contributions from school boys and girls of any age. We should like to hear of interesting projects outside school in town, country or abroad.

A TEDIOUS HARVEST HOME

The harvest comes late in the hills of Inverness-shire. In the old days before the first war the laird of Corriebrough was accustomed to give a harvest-home supper to the tenants if they got their oats in before he went South towards the end of September. This did not happen very often. One year when it did—and it was a very good harvest—he gave them champagne. Half way through the evening one farmer was heard to say to another, "Mon, when will they be bringing the whiskey? I find these mineral watters verra tedious".

F.B.R.B.

YOUNG MARLBOROUGH No. 2

"BLACKBOARD JUNGLE"

Roderick J. Hunt

Having completed the two year training course for teachers, I took up duties as an assistant English master in a boys' secondary modern school in South London two years ago.

I found myself appointed to a building of the late nineteenth century variety with green tiles and bars, reminiscent of quite another kind of public building. The school itself was reckoned to be a difficult one, though I should not like to say how "tough" it was comparatively. At any rate, I was told on my first morning that by the afternoon break every boy in the senior part of the school would know that I was not qualified to use the cane.

My initiation into the teaching profession began with a double English period with 4e, and in the confusion of shouting, upturned desks, spilt inkwells and paper pellets which ensued while I helplessly tried to bring the class to order, one of the more gentle of 4e's forty members informed me that I was being given the "once-over".

I therefore found the first six months of my career almost intolerably depressing, probably because I had received such a severe smash in my rose-tinted spectacles.

For boys to do what they were told seemed to them a sign of weakness and I was confronted with pupils who were work-shy and often vindictive. College lectures seemed, somehow, to have overlooked the fact that the young teacher might be faced with problems such as these—which, in retrospect, I realise can only be dealt with by experience. In many cases boys who could hardly read or write were following a "watered down" Grammar School curriculum, unsuitable both to their abilities and temperaments. Consequently they would develop a veneer of toughness to hide their feelings of frustration and inadequacy. It was also distressing to me that the attitude of my pupils was a reflection of their environment. There was the boy who had beaten up his father and threatened me with the same treatment if I didn't "watch out"; and to many boys insolence and abusive behaviour were just the normal way of asserting themselves.

I have deliberately painted a black picture because it is true to the impressions of the first few months of my career. As I have grown in experience as a teacher many of my difficulties have resolved themselves. I have found it to be a job which becomes easier and more enjoyable as time goes on.

Of course, not *all* boys are little horrors —but then they say the first ten years are the worst! RODERICK J. HUNT

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor,

I have just turned up the entry under *Marlborough* in the 1950 edition of the A.A. Road Book. It reads ". . . . St. Peter's Church has a fine and lofty late Perp. tower, where the curfew bell rings nightly . . . ." Can any reader tell me when the curfew was last tolled? Yours, etc., BARBARA WATSON

WHAT'S COOKING?

Brussels Sprout Soup

½ lb. Brussels Sprouts; 2 oz. chopped ham; 1 medium-sized chopped onion; 1 oz. butter or margarine; 1½ pts. stock (can be made from bouillon cubes); 1 egg yolk; ½ pt. milk and/or cream; seasoning.

Wash and clean sprouts. Boil rapidly in salted boiling water until nearly tender. Strain off boiling water, rinse in cold water, strain and squeeze out all liquid. Melt ham and onion in butter until soft. Add stock and sprouts; simmer gently for half-an-hour. Pass through fine sieve into clean saucepan and bring to nearly boiling. Beat egg yolk and milk together in a bowl, add a little of the hot liquid and return mixture to the pan and stir until soup thickens but do not allow to boil. Season with salt, pepper and nutmeg to taste. Serve with croutons. *The sooner we get that "touch of frost" the better!*

Contributed by Miss R. Jacques

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Aug. 20th Brian John Walker
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Sep. 2nd Roy James Trim to
Josephine Elizabeth Rodda

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Aug. 30th Ellen Draper (80).
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Aug. 30th Albert Edward Cook (80).
of 16 Cherry Orchard

Sep. 6th Frederick Charles Smith (63)
of 5 North View

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Young Marlborough series. We hope our readers like this new series, through which we shall be able to give an insight into the great diversity of careers taken up by young Marlburians of both sexes.

FAMILY NEWS

More news wanted of school leavers, those who have started careers, or changed their jobs. We see them at church when they come home for week-ends or holidays, but it's very difficult to catch them at the right moment to ask for " the latest ". So, families and friends, please send us the gen.

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M.G.S. Leavers : *Ian Reeve writes*— " The end of the summer term saw the departure from the School of all but one of the Prefects. No doubt some will wish they had been at School for the opening of part of the new school in September. *Timothy Williams* has started as a sub-editor on the *New Daily* in London ; Also in London will be *Michael Stevens*, at Queen Mary College, London University ; *Josephine Child* starting a trainee-buyer's course at Selfridges ; *Alison Stedman* studying at a commercial college ; and *Sandra Knight* at Trent Park Training College. *Ian Reeve* is working at Lloyds Bank, Marlborough. We wish them all great success in their new ventures and hope that the years spent at the School will always remain as a pleasant memory ".

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Young Sunday School Teachers. We are very glad to give the names of those who started teaching in our Sunday Schools for the first time when the new term began last month. In the Junior Sunday School : *Glenda Minty* and *Pat Mundy* ; in the Infants' Sunday School : *Rosemary Chandler* and *Margaret Moore.*

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Fresh woods and pastures new. Everyone who has read *Young Marlborough No. 2* on page 9 will enjoy hearing that *Roderick Hunt* has been appointed and has just taken up his duties as Assistant English Master at a fine new school— Matthew Arnold School, Cumnor, Oxford —where there are even " curtains at the windows and wallpaper on the walls " !

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MARLBOROUGH PARISH MEN'S SOCIETY

The Men's Society meets in the Toc H Room at 7.45 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month from October to May. All men are very welcome. Any further information may be obtained from the Chairman, G. Chilton, Merle Cottage, Kingsbury Street, or from any member. Our provisional programme, with all details so far received, is as follows:

Oct. 5th	Mr. D. R. W. Silk on the M.C.C. Tour of New Zealand
Nov. 2nd	The Rev. P. F. Chapman, of Marlborough College
Dec. 7th	Mr. A. R. Stedman, Headmaster of M.G.S., on some local historical subject
Jan. 4th	The Rector: Film Strip
Feb. 1st	Mr. S. H. J. Gregory, of M.G.S., on Railways
Mar. 1st	The Rt. Rev. Dr. F. A. Cockin
Apr. 5th	Wing-Commander Jones: By Seaplane from Malta to Khartoum
May 3rd	Mr. Lewis on the Work of the Forestry Commission in Savernake Forest (meeting in Toc H as usual!) G.C.

WE CAN'T GET ON WITHOUT IT—

—For we know that we are making things extra difficult for ourselves as Christians if we don't read the Bible. But it's often hard to know just how to set about it. That's where the **Bible Reading Fellowship** comes in, with its system of Daily Readings with Notes. There are four series of these B.R.F. Notes, issued quarterly (October now ready): A and B series for Adults; (B prints the passages to be read, as well as notes); Y for Youth; C for Children. They cost 6d. a copy, and in addition each number of the Fellowship pays 1d. a year towards running expenses. The Secretary is *Miss Mabel Pearce, 36 St. Martin's.* You have only to let her know you want to belong and she will do the rest.

MOTHERS' UNION WITH ST. MARY'S GUILD AND YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

Programme for October

Oct. 3rd	*Tuesday.* Presiding Members and Young Wives' Representatives from the Archdeaconry meet at Marlborough Rectory, 2.45 p.m., to discuss Winter Programme with Mrs. Brocklebank, our Archdeaconry representative on the Diocesan Committee.
Oct. 12th	*Thursday,* 7.30 *p.m.* Young Wives' Group and St. Mary's Guild: The Art of Handbell Ringing
Oct. 17th	*Tuesday,* 3 *p.m.* Deanery Quiet Afternoon in St. Mary's. Conductor: The Rev. Colin Perry, Vicar of Aldbourne
Oct. 19th	*Thursday,* 2.30 *p.m.* Mothers' Union: Mrs. O'Hanlon and a Calne Forum
Oct. 26th	*Thursday,* 7.30 *p.m.* Young Wives' Group and St. Mary's Guild: Members' Evening and Exhibition
Oct. 29th	*Sunday,* 3 *p.m.* Young Wives' Group Family Festival in St. Mary's. (See *News* : *Views* : *Coming Events*, page 4)

Enrolling Member of M.U. and Leader of Young Wives' Group with St. Mary's Guild: Mrs. F. B. R. Browne, The Rectory. M.B.

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The second *Tower and Town* Annual Meeting and Tea will be on Thursday, October 5th. The main business of the meeting will be—unashamedly—tea and talk! Tea will be served continuously from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. at 136 High Street (side entrance up Chandler's Lane). Everyone connected with the production and circulation of *Tower and Town* is invited, and it is hoped that everyone will come—even if it makes it a bit of a squash: there will just about be standing room for fifty, if people don't rush about too much. J.B.

WE SAW THE SEA . . . .

On Sunday, September 3rd, twenty-three members of Marlborough Youth Fellowship and Auxiliary Choir went on a day-

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trip to Weymouth. Although the weather when we left Marlborough wasn't at all promising, on arrival at Weymouth we found it warm and sunny. A packed lunch was eaten in the coach, and then the party split up, each group seeking its own pleasure. The beach was crowded, but the water was reasonably warm, and everyone who went swimming thoroughly enjoyed it. Amusement arcades and the Fun Fair were also popular.

At five o'clock we all had a cooked meal together, and then made ourselves respectable to go to church. We went to Weymouth's parish church—St. John's—and we all agreed that it was a good service: we were made very welcome. The coach met us near the church, and we eventually arrived back at Marlborough, everyone tired but well-pleased, at 11 p.m.

On behalf of everyone who went, we should like to thank Mrs. Harrison and Miss Hilliard, and all the others who were involved, for giving us a very successful and enjoyable outing.

S.D. and R.H.

CHOIR NOTES

Leavers: David Bentley has left the Choir to join the special choir for the 9 a.m. service; Gareth Thomas has also "retired" and we hope to see him in the special choir too. Are there any more volunteers to help at the 9 a.m. service?

Welcome to Robin Meays who has recently been posted to the Marlborough Constabulary. Fortunately he is a tenor, and we hope to have him singing with us when he is not on duty. The number of part-time tenors is now up to four—but there is still plenty of room for a permanent one in addition. T.G.

MONEY FOR MISSIONS

We have received acknowledgments and thanks from the C.M.S. and the U.M.C.A. for money sent to them when the missionary collecting boxes were opened in June. These are boxes held by individul members of the church, and the money in additional to the contribution we make to Overseas Missions from our Planned Giving. £8/12/6 was sent to the C.M.S. and £1/19/9 to the U.M.C.A.

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Youth Fellowship: Tuesdays in the Toc H Room. All information from the Youth Committee—Mrs. M. Harrison (Chairman), Forest Hill House.

I'D LIKE TO GO TO CHURCH, BUT—

A is for Aunty who will come to tea,
B is for Bed which won't release me.
C is for Car, "we do need fresh air",
D is for Dinner that Mum must prepare.
E is for Extremes, too "high" or too "low",
F for my feelings—when they're right I go.
G is my Garden, much "nearer God's heart",
H is my Husband who won't play his part.
I for Intruders who sit in my pew,
J for the Jealousy shown by a few.
K all that Kneeling which tries me so much,
L the old Language, it's so out of touch.
M is for Money, they always want more,
N for New Tunes that I've never heard before.
O is for Over-time, double on Sunday,
P the Preparing I must do for Monday,
Q for Queer Noises which come from the choir,
R for the Rector, he ought to retire.
S is for Sermons, as dull as can be,
T for the Telly I really must see.
U for Unfriendliness I always find,
V for the Voice of that woman behind.
W for Weather—too much rain or snow.
X is for Extras, too busy to go.
Y for Young Rowdies who sit at the back,
Z is for Zeal, and that's just what I lack.

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John Betjeman

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RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Parishioners,

When we are worried the best line to take is to make up our minds what, if anything, we can do about the cause of the worry. If the answer is " Something " we must begin to work out what that something is. If the answer is " Nothing " then we must accept it. In either case we shall stop worrying.

Two big worries of the ordinary man to-day are the possibility of catastrophe from nuclear bombs or from a collapse of morals. There is something we can do about both these.

We may or may not be certain as to who is in the right of it about unilateral disarmament ; but whether for, against, or undecided, we can all pray about it. Why and how we should do this the Archbishop of Canterbury has been telling us on T.V. and radio : in case you missed this we have given the substance of it on page 3. For the danger lies in men's minds and in recesses of the spirit accessible only to prayer.

The second cause of our disquiet—the decline of morals—is thought by some to be the greater. You do not need me to tell you all that it involves, for you can read in your newspaper every day about depravity and violence and about incitements to self-interest and self-indulgence as the be-all and end-all of life. Again we can do something about it : indeed we are not behaving as Christians unless we do. Our every act of worship and witness, in church and out, *is* doing something about it. As a writer in the *Spectator* put it recently, " the Christian directive remains as humdrum and as vigorous as it has always been ; prayer and the sacraments, doing battle with all one's loveless impulses, being faithful to one's family, one's friends, one's fellow-believers, caring for the poor and the sick, accepting the unlovable and unattractive ".

November, with its themes of thanksgiving for the example of the saints and Remembrance-tide, is a particularly good time to think about this. For the Christian life is always a warfare, it is always "fighting the good fight": there is much encouragement to be had from remembering the victories of our faith.

Your friend and Rector,

FRANCIS BROWNE

DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

Our regular Services on Sundays and week-days are listed inside the front cover. Additional Services and changes in time or place are given below. For forthcoming events see the *News* : *Views* : *Coming Events* page.

1st Wednesday. **All Saints' Day.** Holy Communion at 7 a.m. in St. Mary's and 10.30 a.m. in St. Peter's. (*Thanksgiving for the Saints*)

2nd Thursday. **Commemoration of All Souls.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Departed Souls*)

5th TRINITY XXIII. Sunday in the Octave of All Saints. Special Preacher for C.M.S. at 11.15 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.: The Rt. Rev. John Mann, D.D., formerly Bishop of Kyushu (Japan). Congregational Music Practice after Evensong. (*The Parish and Christian Leadership*)

8th Wednesday. Commemoration of the Saints, Martyrs and Doctors of the Church of England. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Communion of Saints*)

12th TRINITY XXIV. **Remembrance Sunday.** Matins 10.55 a.m. Congregational Music Practice after Evensong. (*The Parish; the Peace of the World*)

15th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The will for peace in Russia*)

19th TRINITY XXV. Parish Communion 9 a.m. (Martin Shaw setting). (*The Parish and Christian Fellowship*)

21st Tuesday. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. St. Peter's. (*The parishes of the Deanery*)

22nd Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Rural-deanal Conference*)

26th SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT. (*The Parish, especially the Stewardship of Time and Talents*)

29th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The old and the lonely*)

30th Thursday. **St. Andrew, A.M.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Vocations for Missions*)

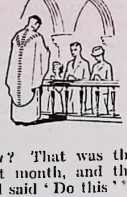
ALFRED SWANN, *PRIEST*

Canon Alfred Swann, D.S.C., M.A., Canon Emeritus of Salisbury Cathedral, former Dean of Hong Kong, Rector and Rural Dean of Marlborough 1941-1952, died at his home at Combe Florey, Taunton, on October 7th.

Many of you had experience at first hand of the wonderful fortitude and grace which enabled him to overcome a pain and disease which brought him to the very edge of the grave before he left Marlborough. No-one in his full strength could have been more generous of time and trouble in handing over his parish than Alfred Swann in his weakness was to me. His great wish and work for Marlborough was the unity of the parish. We are truly grateful for that work, and for the witness of courageous acceptance which he maintained through years of pain. We offer Mrs. Swann and the family our affectionate sympathy. A Memorial Service was held in St. Mary's on the day of the funeral, Wednesday, October 11th.

FRANCIS BROWNE

HOW OFTEN?



Is it an optional extra? That was the question we asked last month, and the answer was "Our Lord said 'Do this'". The next question is bound to be *How Often?* For to go to Holy Communion is not merely to go to a service: it is to go to Someone—our Lord Himself.

Such a great privilege and duty can't be a matter for last minute decisions, for fitting in when we have time or aren't feeling tired, so we must make a rule about it. When we were Confirmed one of our first duties was to make this rule. But we don't have to stop there: rules need revising as we grow and develop.

Perhaps our first rule was once a month. Next, then, we shall begin to make our Communion also on special occasions: special Church occasions, such as Ash Wednesday, during Holy Week and on parish festivals like St. Peter's day and the feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and on our own personal special occasions—anniversaries (birthday, Confirmation Day, wedding day), when we are taking up new work, if someone we love is ill, or when we want to say thank-you for a particular happiness.

Then our Prayer Book gives us guidance. The rule we find there, of "not less than three times a year", is amplified and buttressed by the provision of Epistles and Gospels for the Holy Communion service for every Sunday in the year and many Holy Days as well. The first Christians partook of the Lord's Supper every first day of the week.

There can be no such thing as "going too often", as long as we never go without the proper preparation of prayer and penitence. It isn't what we *feel* when we go that matters—trying to "feel holy" never got anyone anywhere. We don't have to worry about that. What happens to us at Holy Communion we can safely leave to our Lord: He has told us we shall find Him there.

FRANCIS BROWNE

Next month: *HOW TO PREPARE*

THE BOMB

On Sunday October 15th, and again early on the following Monday and Tuesday mornings, the Archbishop of Canterbury broadcast a message on Praying for Peace. This is what he wrote about it in his Diocesan Notes last month:

"No one wants war, least of all Russia, which like the rest of us, would gain nothing from war except her own destruction in the general holocaust. If the Powers possessed only conventional weapons there could be the risk of an aggressive war being planned, and with the existence of the present balance of deterrence every Power knows that an aggressive war can achieve nothing.

"Yet the nuclear weapons, while they deter aggression, provide the constant danger of war erupting through some foolish, impetuous action on someone's part. Hence the need is more urgent than ever for a detente, with the will to discuss. Because this depends upon the collective will of the leaders, it can be affected powerfully by the prayers of those who will pray.

"I ask that in the coming weeks the clergy will specially lead the people in the parishes in prayer for peace. Pray for the leaders that wisdom may guide their actions, and that whenever there is obstinacy, cynicism and fear they may yield to willing co-operation, concern for humanity and trust.

What We Can Do

"Pray for the people of Russia, that their love for peace may influence the actions of their leaders. Pray that we may light the evil of Communism by the submission of ourselves more truly to God's purposes in the care for the impoverished wherever we may help them, and by practising urgently that love and respect for persons which Communism denies.

"There is nothing new for Christians in being near to danger: the first Christians felt themselves very near to the end of the world. But they were enabled to possess the peace of God in their hearts in a God-given serenity and trust. That gift God still gives if we ask Him".

CAN'T WE GET TOGETHER AGAIN SOON? *We miss the Church Fair . . . . can't we have another party? . . . . what about something new?* We "had it all over" in the P.C.C. last month, and we hope we shall succeed in pleasing everyone with the result: *First—A COFFEE EVENING* (7 p.m. to 9 p.m.) in the Town Hall on Wednesday, November 29th, with Stalls and Competitions. Everyone on the Electoral Roll will receive an invitation, but anyone else reading this who attends our churches will be very welcome, too. At Christmas we like to remember the children, so we hope to make a good sum of money during the evening to divide between the Church of England Children's Society, the N.S.P.C.C., and the Pestalozzi Children's Village. *Second—A BUFFET SUPPER AND SMOKING CONCERT* in the Town Hall on Wednesday, February 7th. So be practising your parlour tricks—conjuring? a song? or maybe something more ambitious? M.B.

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LAND OF CHERRYBLOSSOM and of earthquakes, of Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples . . . . but also of 93 million people in an area only half as large again as the United Kingdom, the most literate country in the world—where scarcely one-half per cent. of the whole population is Christian: that is the field for Christian missionaries in Japan, an immense and continual challenge. The week-end of November 5th to 6th will find us hearing about their work. Bishop John Mann, who was formerly Bishop of Kyushu, will be preaching on behalf of C.M.S. at both Matins and Evensong on the Sunday, and on the following evening, Monday, he will be showing a new C.M.S. film about Japan, in the Toc H Room at 7.45 p.m. The Rev. E. Corr, C.M.S. Area Secretary will also be at this meeting.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL. Parents will like to know that for the time being the Sunday Schools will go on just as usual. Mr. Armand Smith will take over the leadership of the Junior Sunday School when Miss Lewis sails, with our love and best wishes, to New Zealand. It seems possible that new proposals may emerge from the enquiries we are making, but until they do it will be "Sunday School as usual". F.B.R.B.

NEW MUSIC. The P.C.C. has been very glad to endorse Mr. Gartside's suggestion that we should enlarge our repertoire of music for the Sung Communion service yet further. The music by Martin Shaw, which many churches use as an alternative to Merbecke, is a setting for congregational singing which is more tuneful than Merbecke, without being either jazzy or off-beat. We shall have congregational practices of Shaw after Evensong, as we did last year before using the Beaumont setting. These will be on November 5th and November 12th. We shall use the Shaw setting first at Parish Communion on November 19th, and then for the next few Sundays up to and including the Parish Communion on December 19th. By then we shall know how well we like it and shall be able to discuss how often it should be sung as an alternative to Merbecke. F.B.R.B.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL GIFTS—"*The Season's Greetings*". On the Monday morning after Harvest Festival forty or fifty visits are made round the Parish. First the harvest gifts are arranged in baskets, each with a bunch of flowers. A name is then put in each basket from a list which includes some who can no longer get to church, some who no longer have a garden of their own, and some who we know will especially like to have this greeting. These tokens of remembrance and affection are invariably greatly appreciated. We shall always be grateful to those who suggest names for this list and enable us to give this pleasure. F.B.R.B.

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BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY. Mrs. H. E. Lansley, writes that the Jumble Sale on September 16th raised the very satisfactory sum of £28, and asks us to express the Society's thanks to the very willing helpers, and also to all those who came to buy.

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ONLY SIXPENCE—the special B.F.B.S. edition of St. John's Gospel in the New English Bible translation. This attractively produced booklet is now on sale in both our churches. If you haven't yet read the New Testament in the new translation and are not sure whether you like the idea of the Bible in contemporary English, why not use this "sample" to try it out?

PERSONAL POSER

Do I have to believe in Hell?

"The whole conception is wicked, shocking, and monstrous, and not a splinter of its nauseous wreckage can be retained". That was the view of Canon Percy Dearmer. He was speaking of a doctrine which, put crudely, asks us to suppose that God created millions whom He knows to be destined to endless agony; and that He has devised means of torment for these unfortunates whose lives He will prolong for ever in order that they may be for ever miserable.

This is a crudity that need not trouble you. It is not a doctrine of our Church. God is love. Believe nothing of God which you cannot believe of Jesus Christ.

But what other word would you use for the experience of finding out that something for which you had schemed and worked because you thought it would satisfy you was, when you got it, quite worthless? And that you wanted something quite different which it was now too late for you to find?

To use a very rudimentary example: it might be a fisherman's hell to catch enormous fish day in day out for ages; a hell because he was made for something more than that. It might be the only way for him to learn what he *was* made for—that the chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him for ever.

If there is a happiness, a Heaven, to be found in attaining the goal for which we were created, there must also be a misery, a Hell, in the loss of it by our own fault. Yet the great gulf fixed, which separates us from what alone will give us joy—that gulf is not fixed by God but by us. His love continues and He has all eternity to work in.

F.B.R.B.

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FAMILIAR FACE No. 15

AUGUSTA SIMONS

When we see Mrs. Simons' cheerful, determined figure walking up the High Street to church it is hard to believe that she will be 85 on Christmas Eve. All her long life has been lived in Marlborough and around St. Peter's Girls' School; she was married in 1903 in St. Peter's Church; and her husband was a sidesman there from 1906 till his death in 1947. Mr. Simons, who came from Thame in 1897 and was the proprietor of the baker's and confectioner's shop at the College end of the High Street, was twice Mayor of Marlborough—and Mrs. Simons enjoyed being Mayoress. She has very happy memories of church work, particularly when Mr. Hoste was Rector—of sewing parties at the Rectory and of helping with the Sunday School treats in the days when, after a service in St. Peter's, all the children walked up to the Forest for a picnic at Bradon Oak. To-day she is an enthusiastic member of the Over Sixties, the Bright Hour, and Preshute W.I. It was rather hard work persuading her to be Familiar Face No. 15, but we are very glad we succeeded.

A WEEK TO REMEMBER

IRENE PHILLIPS

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I have just experienced the most memorable week of my life: I have been to Lee Abbey.

Some of you may not have heard of it, so I will begin by telling you what Lee Abbey is and stands for.

It is a large country house, standing in its own grounds of 260 acres of the most lovely North Devon coastland, two miles west of Lynton. The estate was bought in faith in 1945 by means of a large sum of money raised through gifts and loans from a number of men and women who believed that if an ordinary, everyday life could be lived out somewhere by ordinary but vitally Christian people, others could come and live with them for shorter or longer periods, and a good holiday could be combined with an opportunity of discussing the deeper things of life.

Holiday with a Difference

Lee Abbey is staffed by a community of dedicated Anglican Christians, some fifty in number and of all ages, and the house accommodates about 130 guests in rooms for from one to four people. Guests, who need not belong to the Church of England although the majority do, are asked to attend the evening Epilogue, when talks and discussions take place dealing with some of the essentials of Christian faith and living. But there is no compulsion on anyone to attend the morning sessions for training in Christian leadership and evangelism which are held for those who wish to learn more of their faith. So nearly all day can be free for guests who want to take advantage of the lovely walks and drives, the tennis and bathing, which are within a stone's throw of the house—if you are good at throwing stones!

Hard to Describe

There is a service at the conclusion of each party at which those who wish can become "Lee Abbey Friends". A Friend must be willing to declare acceptance of Christ as his or her personal Saviour, must be prepared to work for the conversion of others within the life of the Church, and undertake to pray for the renewal of the Church, for the work of Lee Abbey, and for other Friends. Seven thousand people have made these promises in the fourteen years that the house has been open.

This bald description can give no idea of the wonderful atmosphere of Christian love which permeates the house. Under its influence visitors of all ages have come to understand that God needs them for special work, and very many have answered the call to become missionaries and to take up all kinds of social work.

St. Francis Again

You will have read in last month's issue of *Tower and Town* about St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis called his monks together for a great conference before sending them out on their missionary venture—it was called "the Chapter of Mats" because the monks were housed in straw-thatched huts. This was the origin of the "Chapter of Friends" which I attended from September 9th to 16th, when 500 out of the 7,000 Friends gathered at Lee Abbey to consider "Our Task for Tomorrow". Needless to say, we could not all get into Lee Abbey itself, so we were quartered in hotels in Lynton, Lynmouth and the surrounding area: and we met in a huge marquee on the lawn —rather perilously it seemed sometimes, as we caught the tail end of "Hurricane Nancy" and a working party with mallets was kept constantly on the go hammering in the tent-stakes.

Our programme was very full. Every morning we had a most inspiring Bible Study from Canon Wallace Bird on "The Kingdom of the Spirit", followed by talks on the changing aspects of the world from various points of view. Then in the afternoon we met in groups of a dozen to talk over the theme of "The Lee Abbey Friends in the Life of the Church", when we considered any special aspect or need which had been experienced by members of the groups. Finally at night we met again in the marquee for "Meeting Point", when the results of the afternoon group meetings were announced and again discussed in a body. It was surprising how often the same need had been felt by several groups.

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THE LAST OF THE HOLIDAYS

LOBSTERS AND TIMINIES



"I did like all the timinies in the pools", said a small London boy at a seaside outing; and it took his teacher a moment to recognise the quotation from the Fourth Commandment—". . . . the sea and all that in them is". You meet with lots of timinies when you go lobster fishing.

We use a team of three creels which we set alongside cairns of stones which are going to stay covered at low water. The best bait is garnets, which are tough and tasty, but any fresh white fish will do such as haddock or whiting. We sometimes use mackerel or herring but these are liable to attract dog fish which are useless, and conger eels which are unpleasant companions in a boat —" If we get a conger Dad gets out and walks!"

It is fun lifting the pots. Sometimes there is a lobster, or even two or three; but more often not. But the creel is never empty. The lobsters keep the creel to themselves, but if there is no lobster there will be crabs, perhaps twenty or thirty. The green "Jack Ablers" and the brown "Shiners" are useless. The eating crabs, if they are hard shelled, are very welcome. There will be whelks, and hermit crabs in whelk shells; these are nice people whom the ruthless use for bait on their fishing lines, tapping the end of the shell to get the crab to walk out. Twice friends of ours have caught an otter in their creels. Otters are fond of conger eels, for food not company, and will sometimes follow a conger into a creel and get drowned. Sometimes there are star fish in variety and prawns too greedy to leave the bait.

On the way to set the pots we usually see porpoises and sometimes seals, and we have met whales. On a calm day there is a lovely world to be seen on the sea bed; the sea urchins, anemones, scallops, flat fish and the tangle of weed and wrack. We may not get lobsters but we do see some lovely timinies.

F.B.R.B.

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Top Speakers

The Chairman of the Council, the Bishop of Coventry, was one of the speakers. Others were the Bishop Suffragan and the Archdeacon of Maidstone, the Bishop of Liverpool, the Bishop Suffragan of Crediton, the Bishop-elect of Whitby and the Rev. Donald Knight, Rector of Harlow New Town (all members of the Lee Abbey Council); Father Mark Gibbard, one of the Cowley Fathers, who spoke on the Liturgy; Mr. Donald Hughes, Headmaster of Rydal School, on the changing background of youth to-day; and the much-loved Warden of Lee Abbey, Geoffrey Rogers. Everything was quite informal and we laughed a good deal more than seemed possible, considering the seriousness of the subjects under discussion—another link with St. Francis.

Looking Forward

The Chapter ended with a closing address by the Bishop of Coventry, and then all 500 of us received Holy Communion. Afterwards we said goodbye to the friends we had made and hoped to meet again at another gathering, all of us very much heartened and eager to know what God had in store for us.

IRENE PHILLIPS

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

RETIREMENT OF MISS F. M. SLADE

It is twenty-eight years since Miss Slade joined Miss Marjorie Pearce, then a newly appointed Head Teacher, at St. Mary's Girls' School and started a career of teaching service in Marlborough for which innumerable families must be grateful. It is proposed to mark the occasion of Miss Slade's retirement at the end of this term with an expression of this gratitude. Miss Marjorie Pearce, 36 St. Martin's, has kindly agreed to act as Treasurer of a "Miss Slade Testimonial Fund", and will gratefully acknowledge every gift to the Fund which is sent to her.

As Chairman of the School Managers I commend this Fund to you most warmly and ask you to make it known as widely as possible among old pupils and their parents. F. B. R. BROWNE

SEEING THE WORLD

During the summer vacation I spent three-and-a-half months in North America. To defray part of the cost of getting there and seeing the country, I worked for two months in a paper mill, on the engineering side, in Kenogami, about 100 miles north of Quebec City. The whole district is French speaking and only a few people there are bilingual. The country is rich timber land and many of the rivers have hydro-electric plants. Thus the paper mills have power and raw materials on their doorsteps. The trees are cut in the fall and pulled to the river banks. In the spring they are floated down to the mills. Some of the wood is used immediately and some stacked for the winter.

In the mill I became friendly with a Canadian student who had always wanted to do a tour of America, but had never been able to find a travelling companion. He had a car and so we set out for the West coast, picking up his brother and two of my friends on the way. We saved on living costs by camping and cooking our own meals. We travelled 6,500 miles in the car: from Kenogami west to Vancouver, south to San Francisco and Los Angeles, and then east across Arizona, Texas and Oklahoma to St. Louis. I travelled the rest of the way to New York by bus. A cruise round Manhattan and a ride on the Staten Island Ferry completed a wonderful holiday. D. H. CHANDLER

NEWS BRIEFS

Marlborough Congregational Church. Advance notice: Christmas Sale in the Schoolroom on Saturday, December 2nd. Fancy Goods, Provisions, Teas. To be opened by the Mayoress. Doors open at 2.45 p.m.

Savernake Hospital is extremely grateful to the boys of Marlborough College for their hard work at the successful fete which they held at the College on September 30th in aid of the Nurses' Recreation Hall. £102 was raised. All the Nurses are now busy in their off-duty periods knitting and sewing for the Hospital Christmas Fayre which is to be held in the Town Hall on Saturday, November 18th.

Christopher Crook was unavoidably prevented from joining the Voluntary Service Overseas Organisation in Vietnam. He has now been appointed to the Secretary's Department of the Central Electricity Board in London.

N.S.P.C.C. is holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday, November 4th, at 2.30 p.m. in the Toc H Room.

SCHOOL NEWS

Marlborough Convalescent School

Our school is small in comparison with most schools: there are 70 to 80 pupils at present and six teachers, including the Headmaster. The children here now come from many different places —Walsall, London, Oxford, Swindon, Weymouth, Bridgwater and the Isle of Wight.

We keep to a timetable. The form-master takes us for all our lessons except Art and Handicrafts. A woman teacher takes the girls for needlework, while the boys go off to do leather-work or basketwork. We also watch a Science programme on the television, and listen to a Music programme and another Science one on the radio.

During the morning children with asthma have to be excused for about

twenty minutes while they do breathing exercises with the physiotherapist. Also those who need leg exercises or sunray treatment have to go to the special room while the others continue with their lessons. Some of our school hours are spent seeing the doctor, or having blood-tests in our own ward.

The view from our windows is very pleasant. We are able to see the various caravans parked on the Common ready for the Fair. On some days the College boys pass by, either doing cross-country running or training for rugby. Tractors go up and down the road, their drivers sometimes stopping to check if the cows are contented. The Secondary Modern School is about 180 yards away from us. We can often hear the school bell and their voices echoing across the Common.

Most children enjoy the school and greatly appreciate all that the staff do for them. FAY EAVES

Marlborough Infants' School

After the summer holidays we have a lot of new children and a new teacher called Mrs. Hope. The rest of us all went into a new class. I am in the top class now. REBECCA LAWRENCE

St. Mary's Girls' School

At School the Prefects have been chosen. Kathryn Kuster is Captain of Elizabeth Barrett Browning House (Yellow), Lindsay McLeish of Florence Nightingale House (Red), Janet Raisey of Mary Slessor (Green) and I am Captain of Kathleen Ferrier (Blue). We are very pleased to welcome Mr. Armand Smith who comes to teach Form II Scripture on Tuesdays. We have not had much fruit this year in the school garden because the frost killed most of the blossom. CHRISTINE EDWARDS

Marlborough Grammar School

At the beginning of this term we welcomed three new additions to the staff—Mesdames Pearson, Pollock and Hardstaff, all of whom have joined us at a very difficult period. With part of the new building already in use, it has been an almost impossible task for the Headmaster to draw up a practical time-table. Nevertheless, we have by now settled down to a somewhat different routine, even if it does mean catching 'buses to lessons!

The School Rugger XV have made a very promising start to the new season —mainly due to their fitness. After all, who wouldn't be fit after missing the 'bus a few times and having to walk three-quarters of a mile uphill!

GRAMMARIAN II

St. Peter's Boys' School

Our autumn term started on Monday, September 11th. This year we have the lowest number of boys on record —only 112. We extend a hearty welcome to Mrs. Dimmock, who has come to teach the boys in Standard 3. We hope she will enjoy many happy years with us. The following appointments have been made: *Prefects*: John Hunns, John Dobie, Roland Styles, Brian Mabbutt. *'Bus Prefect*: Nicholas Flippence. *Librarians*: Brian Mabbutt, Robert Dyson. *National Savings Monitor and Dinner Boy*: R. V. Huxley.

R. V. HUXLEY

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor,

I think St. Peter's Curfew Bell was stopped when the 1914 War started. If I remember rightly all bells were stopped. I have lived near St. Peter's Church all my life and remember the Curfew ringing each evening at eight o'clock. It also rang the date of the month. As children we used to count the strokes to see if the right date had been remembered. St. Mary's rang at 9 o'clock. I remember my mother telling me when I was a child of a family that was lost on the downs and it was the Curfew Bell that guided them back to Marlborough. Yours faithfully,

A. E. SIMONS

WHAT'S COOKING?

Scotch Black Bun

Pastry: 8 ozs. flour; 4 ozs. margarine; milk to mix. Filling: 1 lb. currants; 1 lb. raisins; ½ teasp. Jamaica pepper; ½ teasp. black pepper; ½ teasp. mixed spice; 8 ozs. flour; 4 ozs. brown sugar; ½ teasp. ground ginger; 1 teacup milk.

Prepare pastry and with it line an oblong tin, leaving sufficient for lid. Mix all ingredients of filling together, press into the tin and put on pastry lid. Bake in a hot oven for 10 minutes, then at a moderate heat for 2 hours. Very strengthening!

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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 : Forest Hill (top)
2nd Sunday : High Street 1-50
3rd Sunday : Queensway
4th Sunday : "The street I live in"

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

The Wardens for these streets are :
1 Mrs. Harrison
2 Mrs. Pratt
3 Miss Bradshaw

HOLY BAPTISM

Oct. 8th Debra Crole

HOLY MATRIMONY

Sept. 22rd William Patrick Gowers to Caroline Molesworth Maurice

26th David Alexander George Verney to Judith Susan West (at Huish)

30th Michael Anthony Francis Ponting to Wendy Margaret Watson

R. I. P.

Aug. 24th Frederick William Charles Rushen, of Herd Street

Oct. 4th Alfred Swann, Priest, at Bicknoller, Taunton. Formerly Rector of Marlborough

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PARISH PRAYER No. 13

For All Saints'-tide . . . .

Grant, O Heavenly Father, that in the communion of saints we may become true companions of those who have loved Thee in this life, and with them keep Thy commandments unto the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Milner-White, "Daily Prayer".

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* FAMILY NEWS *
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Bon voyage to Una Lewis who sets out for New Zealand on November 30th on the S.S. Orcades sailing from Tilbury. She will arrive at Auckland on January 6th (after three days in Sydney) and expects to be met by her sister Winnie and her brother-in-law, and also by the Godfreys. She plans to be home again for Christmas 1962, but we shall hope to hear from her often in between.

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Thank you to Mrs. E. H. Webber for giving a tapestry mat of her own working for the font at St. Peter's to replace the worn one which went astray at this year's spring-cleaning.

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Five members of the congregation offered cars to take *the Disabled* to church on Harvest Festival Sunday.

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Stephen Speight, a former chorister and later a tenor in the choir, and an old Grammarian, writes that he is marrying a German girl in Hamburg at Christmas. He graduated from Oxford this summer with second class Honours and has just begun teaching at a new Comprehensive School in Slough.

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The Ruri-decanal Conference meets in Marlborough on November 22nd. This is the body to which each *P.C.C.* sends lay representatives to join with the clergy in a Conference of the Rural Deanery (in our case 13 parishes). This Conference in turn chooses lay representatives to join with clergy and ex-officio members in the *Diocesan Conference*, from which members are chosen to serve on the *Church Assembly* in London. The number of representatives each P.C.C. may send to the R.D. Conference depends on the number of names on each electoral roll. Marlborough sends six: they are Messrs. Bedbrook, Chandler and Figgins, Mrs. Lane, and the Misses Phillips and Barton.

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YOUNG MARLBOROUGH No. 3

WORKING A PASSAGE

Nicholas Maurice

Four of us, all members of the Voluntary Service Overseas organisation, sailed from Liverpool on the evening of August 31st to the strains of " Land of Hope and Glory " and the hooting of tugs. We were working our passage and so occupying seamen's cabins, which were not uncomfortable but extremely cramped.

Our first morning on board the bosun handed us a swab and a pail of warm water each and took us along to the crewdeck (which is one of the holds in the most forward part of the ship) and told us to swab down the deck head. The next day was spent chipping rust and painting over it with lead oxide paint. And then we got down to painting the whole deck head. The painting was frightful. There we were, right for-ard, where one got the maximum amount of motion, perched on trestles which rocked backwards and forwards, almost tipping us off. The smell of the paint, its sickly green colour, the continual reaching upwards and sloshing backwards and forwards, which made your arm feel like dropping off, all added to our discomfort. I was the only one to drop a full pot of paint and succeeded in doing this on two occasions !

As we were working and messing with the crew we got an inside view of merchant seamen. (Suffice it to say, they were just what seamen are reputed to be !) Unfortunately we were unable to use the facilities and activities laid on for the passengers, so our greatest enemy was boredom. But after exactly a week without sight of land, we arrived at Bathurst, capital of Gambia, where we had three hours shore leave and where we got our first taste of AFRICA. Delicious ! Two days later we reached Freetown. This occupies a glorious position with a high range of forested hills rising sharply behind the town. Three days later we docked at Takeradi or rather we anchored in the harbour, as there was street rioting due to a dock strike and we were not allowed ashore. And then, finally, Lagos.

From Lagos two of us flew to Cotenen in Dahomey, and then on to Lome, capital of Togoland. I now await my

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PARISH ROUND-UP

NEWS OF MEETINGS

The Men's Society had a good attendance with several new faces, at their first monthly meeting on October 5th when Mr. Dennis Silk described the M.C.C. New Zealand tour, which he captained, and showed some excellent colour slides. This good start to the season is being followed up on November 2nd with *the Rev. P. F. Chapman*, of Marlborough College, speaking on *The Parson's Job* : no holds barred to the laymen present when it comes to the discussion afterwards. All men very welcome. D.G.C.

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The Mothers' Union, St. Mary's Guild and Young Wives' Group have their important *Business Meetings on November 9th at 7.30 p.m. and November 16th at 2.30 p.m.* when Officers and Committee will be elected for a three-year period, and the 1962 programmes will be discussed. If you want interesting, lively programmes come along and make sure the right people are elected to the committee ! M.B.

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All those who attended the **U.M.C.A.** meeting after Evensong on September 24th will want to thank the Rev. Kenneth Whitfield for his talk and the fine colour film (which was up to the best professional standards) on the work of the Mission. Also the hostesses for serving tea. An enjoyable evening
D.M.F.

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During the third week in September the **3rd Marlborough Brownie Pack** were busy doing jobs to earn money for the County fund. We raised a good sum, enjoyed ourselves and hope that we were really helpful. On October 4th we met the Guide Company for an enrolment and a flying-up ceremony. We formed our ring inside the Guides' horse-shoe and Gillian Curnick, who was to be

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marching orders for Sokode, a small town 300 miles inland, where I expect to remain for the coming year.

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enrolled, was taken by her Sixer to the toadstool where she recited the law and made her promises. Brown Owl then presented Susan Marsh and Juanita Fuller with their wings and a patrol leader from the Guide Company fetched them from the Brownie Ring to her patrol in the horse-shoe.

THE LITTLE PEOPLE

FACADE

I was playing at a wedding last month, and an approving glance in my "driving mirror" told me that the Senior Chorister had got himself a pair of spectacles. My mind suddenly flashed back to the choir of 1956. Stephen Speight, a tenor at the time, wrote a poem about them, beginning

"May drowsy laymen never realise
What choirboys do while parsons
sermonise . . . . "

I wondered what had happened to these choristers—some of them we still see, some have left Marlborough. And the rest . . . ?

Choirs are like football teams—some years better than others—but it is a very odd team that loses seven front row forwards between seasons! But that is exactly what happened to our singing team at the start of this year's play. David Bentley, Andrew Timmer and Gareth Thomas have all joined the special choir. The others—no names—are just casualties. Though the rest of the team is in good heart, and playing well, may "drowsy laymen" never realise what organists have to suffer!

TREVOR GARTSIDE

IS THERE A CHANCE FOR THE WORLD?

Yes: "In His Hand are all the corners of the earth". A party of sixteen from Marlborough heard this challenging message from Mrs. Max Warren when she spoke at Devizes on September 26th on her world tour with her husband, the General Secretary of C.M.S.

Some would describe the world of 1961 as without God and without life, but everywhere the Warrens met people, Christian and non-Christian, seeking for God.

"Behold I stand at the door and knock". Missionary propaganda is Jesus knocking at the door: in Malaya, where it is illegal to mention Christ to a Muslim and where the local church asks for new missionaries to replace those about to retire; in Iran, where the new Persian bishop needs a secretary; in Nigeria, where Judge Mbanefo, whose sons are at Marlborough College, claims that it is Christianity that has made independence come so soon, and where the Bishop needs a chaplain; in India, where the headmistress of St. Thomas's School, Meerut, needs an English Christian teacher.

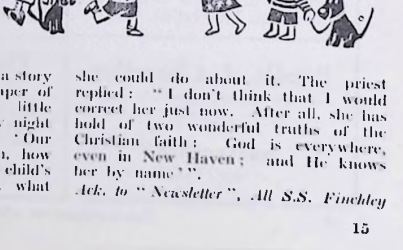
How can we help? We can all pray. The Church is one, and by our prayers we answer the knock at the door. Some can go to the mission field. Committed members of C.M.S. are another need. Money, too, is needed: if C.M.S. is to do all that it should do this year it must have 33s. for every £ it collected last year. Without this money it cannot open the door.

The above is a bare summary of a most moving address. If it inspires any one to become a member of C.M.S. please let me know at Merle Cottage and I will provide forms.

GEOFFREY CHILTON

IN THE HOME

LEARNING TO PRAY



"Harold be thy name". This is a story from the *Little Chronicle*, the paper of the American Franciscans. "A little girl kept making a mistake every night when she said the Lord's Prayer: 'Our Father, who are in New Haven, how did you know my name?' The child's mother asked her parish priest what she could do about it. The priest replied: "I don't think that I would correct her just now. After all, she has hold of two wonderful truths of the Christian faith: God is everywhere, even in New Haven; and He knows her by name'".

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John Betjeman

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FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Parishioners,

I saw a newspaper cartoon the other day which showed two children talking : the caption read " What are you going to be, if you grow up ? " The jest is a grim one, but it gives particular relevance this year to the Advent season of repentance and of preparation for a day which is bound to come, sooner or later, for us all. Then Christmas comes and the grimness is resolved in good tidings of great joy—" Fear not, for unto you is born . . . . a Saviour ".

" *Fear not* ". In the Form of Service used for the commissioning of new ships in the Royal Navy there is a sort of Litany between the captain and his crew. It ends with three questions from the captain—" What do ye fear, seeing that God the Father is with you, that God the Son is with you, that God the Holy Spirit is with you ? " Each time the Ship's Company replies " We fear nothing ".

The happiness of Christmas comes across as it does because people give it to people : it is Person to Person—the way that God chose when He sent His Son, the only effective way of fulfilling the law of love. God will use that way in our Christmas Communion, when He will come to each one of us Himself. And He will rely on us to give of ourselves to others, Person to Person.

Christmas Eve falls this year on the last Sunday in Advent : there will be two alterations in the times of the Sunday services (page 4). I hope that families will include in their plans the 10.45 a.m. service with the Blessing of the Christmas Crib, and the Carol Service at 6 p.m.

My best wishes to you all for a joyous Christmas.

Your friend and Rector,

Francis Browne

DIARY FOR DECEMBER

Our regular Services on Sundays and week-days are listed inside the front cover. Additional Services and changes in time or place are given below. For forthcoming events see the *News : Views : Coming Events* page.

3rd ADVENT SUNDAY. (*The Parish, especially the Advent services*)
6th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. P.C.C. meeting Church Cottage 8 p.m. (*The Parochial Church Council*)
8th Friday. **Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Visitors to the Parish Church*)

10th ADVENT II. (*The Parish, especially the Bible Reading Fellowship*)
13th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Marriage Guidance Councils*)

17th ADVENT III. Parish Communion 9 a.m. (Martin Shaw setting). (*The Parish, especially the children*)
19th Tuesday. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. St. Peter's. (*Those preparing for Ordination*)
20th Wednesday. Ember Day. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*C.A.C.T.M.*)
21st Thursday. **St. Thomas, A.M.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*For Faith*)

24th ADVENT IV. Christmas Eve. Short Matins and Blessing of the Christmas Crib 10.45 a.m. Evensong (said) 5.30 p.m. Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols 6 p.m. (*The Parish and Christmas Communion*)



25th **CHRISTMAS DAY**
Midnight Eucharist (sung) 11.45 p.m. : St. Mary's
Holy Communion 6.30 a.m. (St. Mary's) ; 8 a.m. (St. Peter's), 11.45 a.m. (St. Mary's)
Choral Matins 10.45 a.m.
Evensong (said) 6 p.m.
(*Thanksgiving for the Incarnation*)
26th Tuesday. **St. Stephen M.** Holy Communion 11 a.m. St. Peter's. Transport. can be arranged by telling the Clergy. (*Thanksgiving for vigour offered to God*)
27th Wednesday. **St. John A.E.** Holy Communion 8 a.m. St. Mary's. (*Thanksgiving for age and learning offered to God*)
28th Thursday. **Innocents' Day.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Thanksgiving for youth and innocence offered to God*)

31st SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS (*The Parish and thanksgiving for Blessings in* 1961)
Jan.
1st Monday. **Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*Stewardship of Time in* 1962)
3rd Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Church of England Children's Society*)
6th Saturday. **Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord.** (*Thanksgiving for the wideness of God's mercy*)

Special Intentions at Holy Communion are printed in italics

PREPARING FOR HOLY COMMUNION



Whether we made our last Communion a few days ago, months ago, or more years ago than we care to remember, we all share the same need and duty: to prepare ourselves humbly and sincerely before we obey the bidding of our Lord to meet Him at the altar at Christmas.

This preparation has three parts to it: *Penitence* for our sins and the resolve to do better: *Thankfulness* to our Lord for dying for us and for the good things He has given us: *Petition* to Him first for the needs of others, then for ourselves.

Because we are so used to them, it isn't always easy to remember our sins —*what good things have I failed to do? what bad things have I done?*—so it is best to ask ourselves some questions, basing them on the Ten Commandments, or on the Sermon on the Mount. When we have thought it all out, we kneel down and tell God what our sins have been and how sorry we are. We shall see then how that beautiful prayer that comes before the Prayer of Consecration fits in—" We do not presume to come to this Thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness . . . " : and we can say it after our confession as part of our preparation.

Every time we come to Holy Communion we should think about these three things: we should know what we are specially thankful for, what we have to confess, what we specially need to pray about. This is called our " intention ".

We can do this the night before our Communion, though we may have been thinking it over for much longer. If it is difficult to get a quiet moment at home we can go into church to do it—the knowledge that countless people, who like ourselves have failed and started afresh, have come there to pray is a very real help. FRANCIS BROWNE

SUNDAY MORNING AT 10.45

When I wrote in our September number of *Tower and Town* about the *Parish Ladder*, I mentioned that one weakness of our present Sunday School arrangements was that the children, who are already well-taught at day school, experience little of the family worship on Sundays: and that they are liable to get the idea of worship as something you grow out of rather than into.

We have been considering how to put this right. Starting on Christmas Eve, the Fourth Sunday in Advent, we shall have the Sunday morning service of Matins at 10.45 a.m. to replace both Junior Sunday School at 10.15 and Matins at 11.15.

This 10.45 service, with the full Choir, will be the shorter form of Matins, ending at the third collect, with a variable pendant—either a short address mainly for the children of the Junior Sunday School (ages 7–11), or with children's classes after the grown-ups have left. I am confident that the grown-up members of the Matins congregation will find that the children help their worship, as undoubtedly they will help the children in theirs.

I know that there are parents who are wanting to join in this part of their children's upbringing and I am hopeful that this plan will help them to do so. This has been the very happy experience elsewhere and I am sure that it can be so here.

The Senior Sunday School, or Junior Confirmation Class, will continue to come to the 9 a.m. Holy Communion service as at present, this being a part of their preparation for Confirmation. Some parents bring younger children with them to the 9 a.m. service and I hope they will continue to do this: these children present no problem.

The Infants' Sunday School will also be at 10.45 a.m. so that older and younger children can continue to come together, though now, I hope, with their parents. On a few Sundays, as on Christmas Eve this year for instance, the Infants will join us in St. Mary's at 10.45 a.m.

FRANCIS BROWNE

NEWS :: VIEWS

THE CHRISTMAS SERVICES. As Christmas Day is on a Monday this year, Christmas Eve, of course, coincides with the Fourth Sunday in Advent. This being so there will be two changes in the usual times for the Sunday services. The Blessing of the Christmas Crib and the Children's Gift Service will be incorporated in Matins, instead of being in the afternoon. This service will be at 10.45 a.m. The Carol Service will be at 6 p.m., preceded by Evensong which will be said (not sung) at 5.30 p.m. Said Evensong takes about twenty minutes: if you arrive for the Carol Service before Evensong is ended do not wait out in the cold. You will not be interrupting the service if you come in quietly and take your seat.

I hope that everybody who is confirmed will use the Advent season, and very especially these last two services, as a way of preparing themselves for their Christmas Communion — the greatest possible Christmas gift for saints and sinners, and one which we cannot possibly refuse to accept. On Christmas Day there will be four services of Holy Communion: at midnight (11.45 p.m.), 6.30 a.m., 8 a.m. (St. Peter's) and 11.45 a.m. There will NOT be a celebration at 9 a.m. Matins will be at 10.45 a.m. and Evensong (said) at 6 p.m.

FRANCIS BROWNE

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WORLD'S CHURCHMEN MEET IN DELHI November 18th—December 6th. The Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches is now in full swing. Last month *The Observer* wrote "Although born in the east, Christianity is regarded throughout Asia as a Western religion and suffers consequently from all the handicaps which afflict Westernism in the Asian scene. It required courage, therefore, to stage this great meeting of 1,000 delegates, representing 178 member-churches, in a predominantly Hindu land, where Christians number only six million out of 400 million. The member-churches range from the Orthodox Churches of the East to small island churches of the Pacific, from the American mid-West to newly independent countries of Africa". The Archbishops of Canterbury and York head the 55-strong British Anglican delegation. For the first time the Russian Orthodox Church has sent delegates; and Pope John has appointed Roman Catholic observers. The chief objects of the Assembly are to provide fresh light on the witness, service and *unity* of the Church, and— of incalculable importance—to launch the World Council's own programme of aid to the developing countries. Ways in which we can all pray, study and think about this, and so do our part, are set out in the World Council's pamphlet *Jesus Christ the Light of the World*, which is on sale in our churches.

COMING EVENTS

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A WORD IN TIME — LENT AND WEDDINGS. A wedding is an occasion for festivity and rejoicing: Lent is a season for abstinence and discipline. As far as possible church people arrange for weddings outside the Lent season; and this is a rule of the Church. Where hardship or substantial personal inconvenience would follow on a rigid insistence on this rule—as with Service men posted abroad, or holiday dates which are intractable—the incumbent uses his pastoral discretion and does his best to help those involved. He assumes that, as the parties wish to be married in church, they will readily understand that floral decoration of the church and peals from the tower are out of place during Lent. F.B.R.B.

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CHURCH ALPHABET. *C is for* **Crib** . . . . St. Francis is reputed to have made the first Crib. For many centuries it has been the custom to place a representation of the crib or manger in which Jesus was laid at His birth, with a model of the Holy Child, in church on Christmas Eve, where it remains until the Octave Day of the Epiphany (January 13th). Figures of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, cattle, angels and shepherds are included, the shepherds giving place to the Magi on the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6th).

And also for **Chasuble** . . . . the vestment, plain or coloured, which the priest wears over the alb (see September *Tower and Town*) at celebrations of the Holy Communion. It derives from the ordinary outdoor cloak worn in the days of the Early Church. It was originally much bigger, rather like a tent with a hole at the top, and the word *chasuble* actually comes from the Latin word for house —*casa*.

PERSONAL POSER

Until I was given a copy of the New English Bible the other day, I hadn't read the Bible since my school-days. Now I find that the four Gospels do not always agree: which one are we to believe?

The Church says that there is one Gospel only; there is only one revelation of God through Jesus Christ. We head the four Gospel books "The Gospel according to so'and so": just as you have one face and could be painted by four different artists, each of whom would notice and stress something unnoticed and unstressed by the others, so, very naturally, the four Evangelists wrote their books.

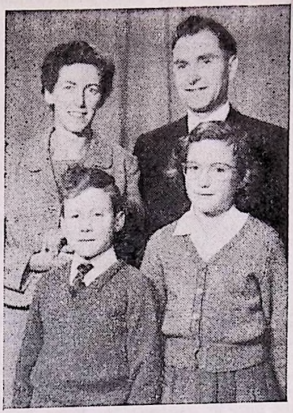
This being so, there are two things we can't do. Firstly we can't decide "which to believe" by just counting three or two against one. This is because Mark's Gospel was quite certainly known to both Matthew and Luke before they started to write: and John was familiar with some of the traditions used by the earlier three writers. So what occurs in two or three books may really go back to one book.

Secondly, we can't arrange these four artists and writers in an order of reliability. All the writers are the pen-men, not the pens, of the Holy Spirit and each has his own reason for writing his Gospel, his own interests and his own sympathies.

But as long as we keep this in mind we can safely say that as Mark was the earliest his writing is the least likely to be affected by later tradition: it is likely to be more original, and it seems more naive and less affected by literary form. But this is not to belittle the work of the Holy Spirit in the later writers "calling all things to your remembrance" and "leading you into all truth."

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.



FAMILIAR FACES No. 16

THE HOPE FAMILY

This month we have "a family for Christmas", as we did last December. Here are the familiar faces of the Hopes. Henry Hope was transferred to the Marlborough branch of Lloyds Bank in 1949, lived for a time in Pewsey, but on settling in Marlborough soon found himself on the P.C.C. (1957) and a sidesman. He was a Visitor in the Stewardship Campaign and Covenants Secretary for our Planned Giving until he succeeded Walter Bedbrook as P.C.C. Treasurer last June. He saw service throughout the war from September 1939 to March 1946, and was in France and Germany with the Guards Armoured Division. When not banking or wrestling with our church finances, he finds time for tennis, badminton and the Men's Society. Alison Hope, who was trained at the Salisbury Diocesan Training College, has just gone back to teaching and is in charge of the Infants at Church Cottage. She also is fully occupied with church work —is a Magazine Distributor, Street Warden and Young Wife. Carolyn (10) and Nicholas (6) attend our church schools and we often see them with their parents at the Parish Communion service.

Rejoice and be merry
set sorrows aside;
Christ Jesus our Saviour
was born on this tide.



CHRISTMAS DINNER FIFTY YEARS AGO. *What has happened to our stomachs?* Starting off with Clear Oxtail Soup, they tackled Baked Fillets of Sole, toyed with Mutton Cutlets and went on to Braised Pigeons, before reaching the *piece de resistance*, the Roast Turkey with Baked Cauliflower, Potato Ribands and Braised Scalkale. Christmas Pudding of course came next, and Mince Pies, also Apple Fool and Cream, and the whole was rounded off with a nice Cheese Soufflé. So says Mrs. Beeton in 1911.

Two distinguished brothers, one an admiral and the other a bishop, were not on speaking terms. One day they met on the platform of a railway station, the admiral in uniform, the bishop wearing his apron. The bishop said to the admiral, "Excuse me, Stationmaster, can you tell me the platform for the London train?" The admiral replied, "No madam, I can't".

DUMB CHARADES DE LUXE. *The best for Christmas parties.* Any number and all ages can play, no speeches have to be made up, and no "word" remembered: in fact there is no speaking at all. Pick up two sides, one to watch and guess while the other acts. Choose a proper name of four letters only, then choose a "scene" for each *letter* of the name. The scene must be either from history or fiction—anything from the ancient Greeks to Major Gargarin: it doesn't matter as long as it includes well-known names—*this is essential*. For instance, if the chosen name is *NICK*, scene I can be about Nero (or Nelson or Nell Gwynn); *I* could be Incas (plenty of scope there with human sacrifices and so forth); *C*, Canute; and *K* could be Krushchev.

Collect some clothes, such as dust-sheets, the eiderdown off Gran's bed, the tea-cosy and Auntie's fur tippet, and some properties—clothes horse, a broom or two, the vacuum cleaner, saucepan lids, etc.—and you are all set to go. But don't be content with the bare facts: Canute shouldn't just be Dad sitting in an armchair wearing a cake-tin for a crown. Let there be lots of oily courtiers too, and the children heaving up and down under sheets for waves. Nero shouldn't merely fiddle while Rome burns—he can hold a contest between lions and Christians first.

One last word. If your team of, say, six people chooses a name with an A in it and decides to do Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves, be sure to cast yourself as Ali: you will get a real kick out of watching the other five go round and round and round . . . . J.B.



TO MAKE "THE MARLBOROUGH CAKE". *From E. Smith's "Compleat Housewife" published in* 1736. Take eight eggs, yolks and whites, beat and strain them, and put to them a pound of sugar beaten and sifted: beat it three-quarters of an hour together: then put in three-quarters of a pound of flour well dried, and two ounces of carraway seeds; beat it all well together, and bake it in a quick oven in broad tin-pans. *Exciting? Hmm . . . . Better turn to WHAT'S COOKING on page* 9.

Bernard Shaw invited Winston Churchill to the first night of one of his plays. The invitation, sent on a postcard, ended "Bring a friend—if you have one". Churchill replied, also on a postcard, "Cannot come to first night. Will come to second night—if you have one".



FAMILIAR FACE ! *Father Christmas.* Sometimes known as Father Christmas, sometimes as Santa Claus—just a shortened form of St. Nicholas—his familiar face is always the same, though it may be Dad who lurks behind it. St. Nicholas was born around 300 A.D. and became Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor. He was fond of giving unexpected presents—" What a surprise, just what I wanted "—and became the patron saint of children. He heard one day of a poor man who had three daughters. As they were too poor and ragged to have any hope of marrying, their father decided to sell them into slavery so that they could, at least, get enough to eat. When Nicholas heard this he went to their hut when it was dark and threw in a bag of gold three nights in succession. There are nearly 500 churches in England dedicated to St. Nicholas, which puts him seventh in order of popularity for dedications.

F.B.R.B.



A CHRISTMAS TABLE DECORATION. Take a round biscuit tin lid, or a sandwich tin, 6" to 10" across ; 4 red candles ; 4 round medium potatoes ; a small packet of Tide, small sprigs of holly, mistletoe, etc. Cut a small hole in the potatoes to fit the base of your candles, slightly flatten the opposite side and press lightly on the edge of your tin : this will give you the curve. Deepen the curve with a knife and the potato should sit firmly on the tin edge. Mix a little Tide and water to the consistency of breaderumbs, cover the middle of the tin to about ¼" thick. A " scene " can now be added—a pond (handbag mirror), snowman, reindeer, etc. (last year's cake decorations)—but do this at once as the " snow " hardens quickly. Now arrange your potatoes at equal distances round the tin edge and fix in the candles. Sharpen the ends of the sprigs of holly, mistletoe and ivy, and stick them into the potatoes, covering them completely. Add a Christmas tree ball or bell or a red bow for extra sparkle. Keep all this fairly flat and away from the candles so that there is no risk of fire as they burn low. The long red flower candles last well and do not drip. The moisture in the potatoes keeps this decoration fresh for a long time and the candles can be renewed as necessary.

MARY BROWNE





TOP POPS FOR CHRISTMAS. Elvis Presley is back with a rock number in *Latest Flame* : this is sure to hold first place for some weeks.

A new disc by Bobby Vee, *Take Good Care of My Baby*, has risen swiftly. This is a slow beat number with good lyrics.

Bambino, a Christmas number by the Springfields, is sure to make the charts at this time of the year.

There are several recordings of *Tower of Strength*, but we think that Paul Raven's version is the best.

Adam Faith's *The Time Has Come* is rather different from his usual style, and we think much improved.

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Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Nowell, sing all we may,
Because the King of all kings
Was born this blessed day !

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

IT'S UP TO US !
M.A.D.O.S.

Everyone who has seen the last two productions by M.A.D.O.S. must have been most agreeably impressed by the expertise with which the Society is tackling its job. The lively tempo of the acting, sets which are a pleasure to look at (nothing shoddy or make-do), a clever use of the small stage, the eye-catching posters, all add up to a truly praiseworthy aim at high standards. Marlborough should be proud of its dramatic society and prepared to show its pride by giving the Society its maximum support.

Two things are needed—the usual two: people and money. More acting members would enable the Society to attempt plays with more meat in them than the ubiquitous drawing-room comedy, to revive the operatic section, put on a Spring as well as an Autumn production. Men of all ages are needed and girls to play leading parts. Money is needed *now* to keep the Society out of debt: honorary membership costs only 10/6 a year, a vice-presidency 21/-.

It is a tonic to feel one is part of "a good show"—a tonic M.A.D.O.S. is now administering to Marlborough: we should accept it with gratitude and be prepared to pay for it.

A REAL HOME: COOMBE END HOUSE

Coombe End House is a County Council home for the elderly, a home in every sense of the word, warm, comfortable and happy. The residents are cheerful and bright—twenty-two women and ten men. Most of the active ones take on little duties, just as they would if living in their own homes. They also take a lively interest in town affairs.

The residents who are able to attend their own churches do so, and for those not so fit there are Sunday services in the home. Boys of Marlborough College help with these services every Sunday morning during term, and the Rev. Maurice Hillier helps during the holidays. Every six weeks some young people from Swindon visit with a service of song.

Many local people take a deep interest in our home, and concerts, outings and garden parties are arranged by many of the town's clubs and societies. During the autumn we have had an entertainment by the Marlborough College Light Entertainment Society (October 28th), a Fireworks Display by the Young Farmers' Club (November 4th) and a grand Christmas Party at the Town Hall, arranged by Mr. Quarterman (November 25th). Christmas time is one large happy family gathering: the home is decorated, there are presents on the Christmas Tree, and of course all the goodly Christmas fare.

Next year we are hoping to arrange a Garden Party in the grounds, when we hope to meet friends who are interested in the older generation. Meanwhile we are very glad of this chance to thank all those who in the past have taken such a kindly interest in Coombe End House, and to assure a warm welcome to anyone who would like to visit the home at any time.

L. H. Moore
County Welfare Officer

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Peter's Boys' School

At half-term we were sorry to say goodbye to Mrs. Pocock. In her place we were glad to welcome Mrs. Mackelden. We are all hoping to go to the performance given by the Children's Theatre in the Town Hall on December 5th. We are practising hard for the District Carol Festival for Schools, which is being held on Tuesday, December 19th, in the College Chapel: over 500 children are taking part in the Festival, when Mr. Robert Ferry, the Director of Music at the College, will be conducting. All parents are cordially invited.

R. V. Huxley

Marlborough Grammar School

With the winter term well under way, the school societies have begun to function. The Drama Society has begun rehearsals for Sheridan's "The Rivals" which it hopes to produce in the near future. The Debating Society had a joint meeting with Marlborough College when the motion was a quote from Disraeli—"Youth is a blunder, manhood a struggle, old age a regret": the motion was lost. Other societies which have started their autumn programmes are

the Music Society, History Society, Hobbies Club, Aircraft Society and Discussion Group. GRAMMARIAN II

FIRE !

R. P. Smith, Station Officer,
Wiltshire Fire Brigade, Marlborough

It is still with us, man's primordial enemy, uncontrolled fire ! As our way of life becomes more and more mechanised, fire risks appear to increase. Every year fire takes a growing toll of human life and property. Men and women are maimed, children die, great industries are destroyed and millions of pounds are lost by the flames that wreck and consume all that stands in their way.

The real tragedy of these losses is that many of them could have been prevented or minimised by care, forethought and a little knowledge. For fire needs three things—(1) something to burn, (2) heat to bring it to flash point, and (3) oxygen to feed the flames. Take away any one of these and your fire will go out.

But far better than this, let us prevent the fire from starting. Oxygen of course is always with us and so are combustible materials. Therefore we have only to consider *heat* and that, with a little forethought, can be kept under control. I could not hope to give you all the causes of fire, and even if I could you would not remember them, but here are a few of the most common :

Children playing with matches. This cause is very high on the list. Keep matches out of reach and see that children never use them.

Paraffin oil heaters. Place them out of draughts—i.e., in the corner of a room, away from furnishings and where they cannot be knocked over. If one should catch fire a bucket of water will extinguish it. Do not attempt to carry it outside—you will probably start other fires as well as giving yourself severe burns.

Fires through electrical equipment are quite common, especially where amateurs have been at work. It is quite easy to get light or power from point A to point B, but only professional knowledge ensures safety, so do not overload your wiring by placing too many appliances on it by the use of adaptors.

Make sure that all fires have a proper guard. Old ladies' and children's clothes catching fire have caused many dreadful accidents.

These are a few of the most common causes of fire and with a little care most can be avoided. If, however, you do have a fire, get everyone out, close doors and windows, and call the Fire Brigade. This is a public service and we shall be ready to help you. R. P. SMITH

FISHING

Last summer a Marlborough fisherman took his son to Scotland and sent him off to fish a famous trout water with a Scotch ghillie. The father met them as they landed and asked how the boy was shaping. " Beautiful—he throws a bonny line " said the ghillie, " but God was verra maireiful to the fush ".

F.B.R.B.

WHAT'S COOKING ?

Christmas Cake—of course !

1 lb. currants ; 1 lb. sultanas ; ½ lb. chopped raisins ; 4 ozs. mixed peel ; 2 ozs. glace cherries cut into 3 ; 2 ozs. almonds finely chopped ; ½ lb. butter ; ½ lb. sugar ; ¾ lb. S.R. flour ; 6 eggs ; 2 teasp. mixed spice ; grated rind and juice of lemon ; pinch of salt ; a little milk if necessary ; wine glass of rum or brandy, optional but an improvement.

Almond Paste : 1 lb. ground almonds ; 1 lb. caster sugar ; yolks 3 eggs ; vanilla essence and lemon juice. *White icing* : 1½ lbs. icing sugar ; whites 3 eggs ; lemon juice.

Cream butter and sugar to a frothy cream texture, add eggs one at a time to avoid curdling, add flour and other ingredients gradually, adding a little milk to give the mixture a soft dropping consistency. Bake in a moderate oven for 2 hours, then reduce heat to slow, and cook for another 2 hours, or until cooked. Decorate with almond paste and white icing. The proof of this cake has always been in the eating.

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FAMILY NEWS

Weddings of the Month. *December 9th*: Godfrey James Evans and Mary Jean Page, St. Mary's, 12.30 p.m. *December 26th*: Robert David Clements and Maureen Kay Raisey, St. Mary's, 2.30 p.m.

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Three Gifts to the Church. The donations sent in lieu of flowers in memory of the late *Mrs. Margaret Lewis* are to provide a small Litany Desk for use at St. Mary's during the intercessions of Evensong.

The legacy of £25 bequeathed by the late *Miss Nellie Stagg* to St. Peter's will be put towards the cost of a new carpet in the Sanctuary.

The third gift is a new fair linen cloth for the altar of the Lady Chapel in St. Mary's. In 1923 *Una Lewis's sister Winnie* worked the cloth which we now use. Two years ago *her daughter Anne* came from New Zealand to visit Una and noticed that the cloth was beginning to wear. She took the measurements back to New Zealand and has embroidered a very beautiful replacement which we are delighted to have, and which we shall use for the first time at Christmas.

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Hassocks for St. Mary's. In the absence of *Mrs. Gladwin*, who is visiting her son in Mombasa, *Mrs. Saunders* has kindly agreed to act as Treasurer for the Kneelers Fund, and any donations should be sent to her at 69 London Road.

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Flowers in St. Peter's. We are glad to say thank-you for the flowers given and arranged by friends of St. Peter's each week. Many visitors to the town enjoy a quiet rest there and are cheered to see this work being done for the Church. Three of the regular helpers have now left the parish, so there will be some vacant Sundays to fill in 1962. Anyone who would like to help, either by donation or by bringing and arranging her own flowers, should contact *Mrs. Brooks*, 60 *High Street*, who will be compiling the new rota at the end of December.

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IN THE HOME

THE BED-TIME STORY



One of the joys of motherhood for me was the feeling of closeness I could get from reading aloud to my small daughter. The eagerly awaited bed-time story always had to be chosen with great care. A child should go to sleep feeling quite happy and secure.

The books I found most suitable, and which she most enjoyed, were the "Bible Books for Small People" by Muriel Chalmers and Mary Entwhistle (S.C.M. Press 2/6 each). Whenever I could I bought one of these. In time my little daughter told her friends about the books and they would come to ask me to read to them.

The book which gave the most pleasure and enlightenment was "When Jesus was a Little Boy". The pictures, which are drawn on alternate pages to illustrate the meaning of a few sentences, show Jesus as a boy playing with his friends, just as little boys do to-day. But "Baby Moses", another title in the series, caused distress the first time I read it, as my daughter felt so sad and upset that the baby was left alone in the bullrushes. I had to hide this book until she was older.

After reading one of these books each evening it was so easy to follow with the bedside prayer.

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HOLY BAPTISM

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HOLY MATRIMONY

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R. I. P.

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The P.C.C. has authorised the Publications Committee to start a small library in St. Mary's, and I am glad to give the experiment my blessing. The books are kept in the new shelves by the Literature rack. There is no fixed charge for borrowing, but we hope that from time to time borrowers will put something in the Literature wall-safe as a thank-offering.

Miss Barbara Watson and Miss Irene Phillips are the honorary Librarians, and will be available after Evensong on Sundays to give any help that may be needed. But books may be borrowed at all times when the church is open : the borrower is only asked to write the title of the book borrowed and his or her name and address in the exercise book provided for the purpose.

A list of books needed for the Library will be posted on the notice-board above the shelves and gifts of these books will be welcome. Anyone who would like to give books not on the list should first contact Miss Watson at the White Horse Bookshop. More "Library news" next month.

FRANCIS BROWNE

CHURCH BUILT IN TWO MONTHS

A new church built of mud and wattle, with five magnificent forest timbers supporting a thatched roof, was recently completed at Angubi, near the Congo border of Sudan. All the building work was done by Sudanese Christians, who cut the necessary material in the forest and carried it to the site on their own heads. No outside aid was given, either in money or materials, and the whole work was finished in two months. In five months nearly 250 people have been baptised in this new church.

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PARISH ROUND-UP

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Forthcoming Events

Our December meeting on December 18th takes the form of a Christmas Party for the Over 60's Club at the Town Hall. All our members bring something extra towards the tea and it is usually a most festive occasion. We lead the carol-singing and everyone joins in the choruses. This year the Young Wives hope to join the party with a Handbell team.

Handbell ringing has proved most popular and we are very grateful to Mr. Michael Harper who has been instructing us. If we reach a sufficiently high standard, we hope to visit Coombe End House and, possibly, the Hospitals at Christmas, and to take the Handbells with us when we go carol-singing in aid of the Pestalozzi Children's Village.

M.B.

MEN'S SOCIETY

At the November meeting the Rev. P. F. Chapman gave an interesting talk on the *Parson's Job*, which he described as teaching, leading his people in worship, and caring for them.

On December 7th we are to hear about St. Mary's Vestry Minutes of about one hundred years ago from the man who knows more than anyone else about local history—Mr. A. R. Stedman, and we shall certainly have a thrilling evening. Here is a chance for more men to join: all will be welcomed in Toc H Room at 7.45 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month.

GEOFFREY CHILTON

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

The Youth Fellowship has applied for affiliation to the Wiltshire Association of Mixed Clubs. This move will make it possible to run more club activities and to combine with other similar clubs. A senior member, Terry Seaborne, accompanied me to a two-day conference held at Philipps House, Dinton. There were splendid talks and demonstrations and it was most helpful to meet Leaders of other church clubs who have the same difficulties to overcome.

The Archdeaconry Youth Committee invited me to attend their meeting on November 7th. Much is planned for 1962, some gay, some serious. As details come to hand I will ask the Editor for space. In the meantime, can anyone teach the members of our Fellowship to dance? Ballroom dancing has priority, but any instruction would be welcome!

M. HARRISON

A TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE TOC H ROOM

An elderly couple walked slowly along Silverless Street. Seeing the lights in the Toc H Room they glanced in the window. Their gaze was transfixed by the scene before them.

Seemingly thousands of weirdly clad teenagers packed the room. Above the scream of riotous laughter could be heard the wild beat of electric guitars. A mixed bag of teenagers were playing a game resembling darts, but it was hard to tell if they were aiming at the board or the onlookers. Half a dozen youths were attempting to get a game of table tennis going, but forty jiving feet do not improve the shape of a table-tennis ball. A budding pianist attempts to render "Exodus" but is somewhat hampered in his efforts by a pair of feet resting nonchalantly on the key-board, and of course the inevitable missing keys. In spite of overwhelming difficulties an eightsome reel is progressing, although this too seems about to be swept into the mad swirl of the jive.

At this the elderly gentleman turns to his wife and whispers softly, "I wish we were sixteen". FRANCIS R. PEARCE

PARISH PRAYER No. 14

A Christmas Prayer . . . .

Heavenly Father, in all the happiness of Christmas we ask for Thy comfort and blessing upon those who are lonely and have no one to care for them; for the sick and suffering, and those in sorrow. May they hear with us the glad tidings of the angels, and out of their pain and grief be emabled to rejoice, and to give thanks for the Saviour, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

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