ST. MARY THE VIRGIN WITH ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL
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,

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*).

Special Intentions at Holy Communion are printed in italics

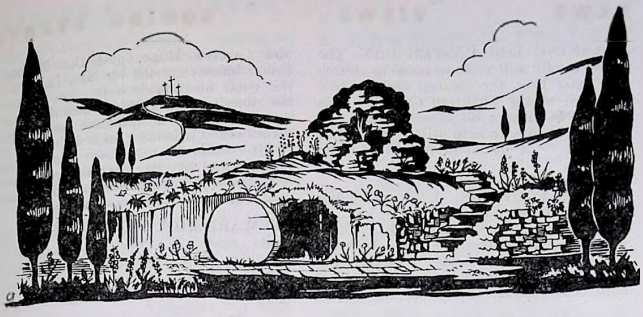
ST. GEORGE, M. PATRON OF ENGLAND. APRIL 23RD



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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