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

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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 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*)

20th TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. (*The Parish ; the deaf and hard-of-hearing*)
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.

The representatives whose names are given above serve on the Missionary Committee which meets under the Chairmanship of the Rector. Mrs. Lane is the Secretary and Mrs. S. Brenan the Treasurer.

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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!"

Ack. to "Step Ahoy"

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HOLY BAPTISM

June 18th Paul Thomas Cleverley
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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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Parish Round-up : continued from page 13

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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