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,

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.

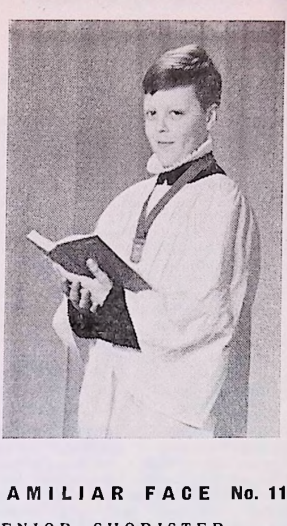
In our Infant Sunday School our children are taught to kneel (not to *crouch*) with closed eyes and folded hands—and this is a habit no single one of us is ever old enough to "grow out of". It helps us to keep our thoughts from wandering and to remember where we are and why.

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"

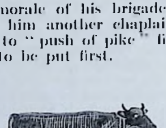
In reply to a reader's startled enquiry, the Rector writes:

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.

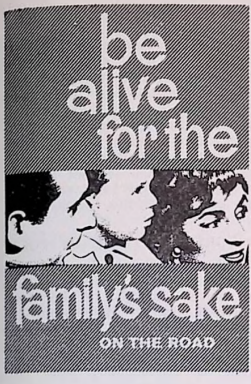
The good-news about it is this. Your instinct (fallen nature) is to feel that you will assert yourself properly by squashing the person who annoys you. In fact you will only assert yourself properly (as a member of Christ) when you forgive. To forgive is one of the highest, most god-like, graces to which 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.

Contributed by Mrs. D. E. Vowles

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ROUND THE PARISH IN OUR PRAYERS

JULY

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

1st Sunday :	Elcot Lane
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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