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,

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

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

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

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

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

Your friend and Rector,
FRANCIS BROWNE

DIARY FOR JUNE

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

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

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

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

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

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

Special Intentions at Holy Communion are printed in italics

IN JUNE WE REMEMBER

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

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

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

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

HERO OF THE REVOLUTION



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SAINT PETER APOSTLE AND MARTYR

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

NEWS :: VIEWS :: COMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Here are some examples of NEWS and NOT NEWS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

F.B.R.B.

FIRST COMMUNION

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

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

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

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

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

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

F.B.R.B.

PERSONAL POSER

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

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

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

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

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

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

F.B.R.B.

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

ARE WE DUMB?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TREVOR GARTSIDE



DIOCESAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

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

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

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

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

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

T.G.

A TOURIST'S IMPRESSIONS OF NEW ZEALAND

DENNIS SILK

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

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

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



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

Few Inhibitions

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

Sport and Sun

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

Bush, geysers, fiords

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

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

Sheep

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

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FAMILIAR FACE No. 10

WALTER LOVETT

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

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

There's certainly something about fish . . . .

WHAT'S COOKING?

Rich Chocolate Mousse

6 ozs. plain chocolate; 4 or 5 eggs; 1 small coffee-cup black coffee; ½ oz. butter; 1 tbsp. brandy.

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

Contributed by Mrs. R. O. Wheeler

Marlborough Secondary Modern School

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

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

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

Marlborough Grammar School

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

GRAMMARIAN

St. Peter's Boys' School

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

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

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

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ROUND THE PARISH IN OUR PRAYERS

JUNE

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

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

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

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

HOLY BAPTISM

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

Correction:
Mar. 19th Rachael Louise Yockney

R. I. P.

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

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

DENNIS SILK

FAMILY NEWS

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

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

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

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

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PARISH ROUND-UP

IT COULD HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE THIRTY PIECES—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHOIR NOTES

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

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

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

ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC COURSE FOR CHORISTERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

M. BENCH and M. WEBB

THINK THIS ONE OUT

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

PARISH PRAYERS No. 8

A morning prayer . . . .

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

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