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,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Your friend and Rector,
FRANCIS BROWNE

DIARY FOR MAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Special Intentions at Holy Communion are given in italics

THE GREAT FESTIVALS

first

CHRISTMAS

then

EASTER

now

ASCENSION DAY

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

WHITSUNDAY

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

TRINITY SUNDAY

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



CHRIST THE LORD OF ALL LIFE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"PRAYING HANDS"



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

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

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

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

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

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

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PERSONAL POSER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NO ONE FROM THE CHURCH EVER VISITS ME!

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

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

Fitting it in

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

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

They must come first

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

Someone from the Church

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

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



FAMILIAR FACE No. 9

MAY HARRISON

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

THE CHURCH GOES TO WORK



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TONY GERAGHTY

WHAT'S COOKING ?

Three in One

An American supper-dish—translated into English !

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

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

GRAVE OUTLOOK

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

From an April Diocesan Leaflet

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

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APATHY ! APATHY ! APATHY !

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOT A " TALKING SHOP "

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

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

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

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

SIXTH-FORMERS IN CONFERENCE

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

One-hundred-and-fifty

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

Three Sessions

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

In the News

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

Basic Task

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

Is it possible to believe to-day?

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

Keen and Critical

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

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ROUND THE PARISH IN OUR PRAYERS

MAY

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

1st Sunday: Northview Place
2nd Sunday: Kingsbury Street
3rd Sunday: Savernake Crescent
4th Sunday: "The street I live in"

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

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

The Wardens for these streets are:
1 Mrs. G. Hunt
2 Mrs. Hudson (south side)
Mrs. Washbrook (north side)
3 Mrs. Hope

HOLY BAPTISM

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

HOLY MATRIMONY

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

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

FAMILY NEWS

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

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

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

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

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

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PARISH ROUND-UP

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

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

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

MARGARET MOORE

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marlborough Deanery News

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

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

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

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

P. MANLEY

Church of England Children's Society.

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

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

CHOIR NOTES

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

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

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

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

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

PARISH PRAYERS No. 7

Thanksgiving after Holy Communion

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

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

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

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