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May Marlborough towers call Marlborough town.
John Betjeman

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FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Parishioners,

I expect that you are looking forward, as I am, to seeing the harvest decorations in Church. We are all descended from ancestors to whom harvest meant life or death, and it is from them that we inherit those feelings which stir in us when we see the corn sheaves, the flowers, the fruits and vegetables decorating the Church in thanksgiving.

If you look closely at the decorations you will discover that they include other things besides flowers and fruit and vegetables —eggs, honey, jam, a pair of kippers, a bottle of milk. And there is no reason to stop there ; we might have armatures, tiles and puppets. But even then we should be leaving unrepresented most of the work of the parish which goes on in homes and shops and offices. So on the altar we place a loaf of bread. That is the symbol of everyman's and everywoman's work and of God's work, reminding us of our partnership with each other and with Him.

The same field of wheat that provided this loaf also provided bread for milk-bar sandwiches, for breakfast toast and for the Holy Communion. If you can keep this loaf in mind as you read, further on, " What are they doing ? " and " Why a Carpenter ? " it may help to link together the " bread " of Holy Communion, of the daily round, and of the Harvest Festival.

As usual after Harvest Festival, we shall be using St. Mary's and St. Peter's alternately for the services at 8 a.m., 11.15 a.m. and

6.30 p.m. : the Sung Eucharist at 9 a.m. and the Children's Service at 10.15 a.m. will always be in St. Mary's. And don't be caught out by the end of Summer Time on Sunday, October 2nd !

I hope that the men of the parish, old and young, will come with their friends to meet Bishop Cockin at the opening meeting of the Men's Society on October 6th.

My best wishes to you all,

Your affectionate Rector,

FRANCIS BROWNE.

NEWS · VIEWS · COMING EVENTS

THE REV. H. J. LLOYD : *The Farewell Evening* — A cheque for £45 for Mr. Lloyd and an oil by Christopher Hughes for Mrs. Lloyd were presented to them on our behalf by Mr. E. J. Figgins. *A Letter*— "As many of you were unable to be present at our farewell gathering, we felt that we would like to express through the magazine, so as to reach you all, how happy we were to have been able to serve you. Thank you all for your kindness to us whilst we were with you, and for your generosity on our departure. Marlborough will ever remain in our memories as a very happy episode in our lives and we only hope that by the Grace of God we gave you something in return. Yours sincerely, Maidie and Harry Lloyd and the boys." *And some news* —It was a disappointment that, after all, we were unable to arrange a parish party for the Induction, but Mr. and Mrs. Chandler managed to go, and here is their report : " Our visit to Worth Matravers for the Induction Service of the Rev. H. J. Lloyd was a most rewarding experience. The delightful little Church at Worth was packed to capacity and the new Bishop of Sherborne, who conducted the service, made a great impression upon us by his great personality. Worth and Kingston are two lovely villages set in beautiful surroundings by the sea, and we came away with the impression that 'Harry' and his family were most happily settled in his new parish." J.E.C.

FUN-AND-GAMES DEPARTMENT : Keep Wednesday evening, November 16th, free ! More news next month.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES : The Rector invites all who would like to join a class, and are over 12 and under 16 years old, to come to the Rectory on Friday, October 7th, at 7 p.m. There will be two or three preliminary meetings before regular classes start in the New Year, to decide how many classes will be needed and where and when to meet. Those who are over 16 who wish to be confirmed are asked to inform the Rector or to come to the Rectory on Friday, October 14th, at 7 p.m. Special classes can be arranged for grown-ups and for married couples.

DRAMATIC RECITAL on Friday, October 28th, at 7.30 p.m. in St. Mary's : John Stuart Anderson in his solo dramatic presentation "The World Shall Remember", which he has given in cathedrals and churches throughout Great Britain, at four Edinburgh Festivals, and on B.B.C. television. Don't miss this. There will be a charge of 3d. for programmes and a retiring collection towards the expenses.

KNOW WHAT IT IS ? In this month's Diary—" *Diocesan Conference, Salisbury.*" This is the body, consisting of Bishop, clergy and laity, which looks after our affairs and finances. The laity are elected by each Ruri-Decanal Conference from its members. Our P.C.C. elects six of our parishioners to be members of the Marlborough Ruri-Decanal Conference, and of the eight members sent from our Deanery to the Diocesan Conference Mrs. Joyce Lane of our parish is one.

WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

THESE WORDS captioned a photograph of an open-air service of Holy Communion held at harvest time. It appeared in the parish newspaper of St. Dunstan's Stepney, when a team from the parish went—as they do every year—to work with the hop-pickers.

Of course we all know what we are doing when we join in the service of Holy Communion and what is being done at the altar. But it is not very easy to put it into words—if we are asked about it by friends who have not been confirmed, or by our children. And if we *can* explain it quite simply to others we are also helping ourselves to a better understanding.

This is how the people of St. Dunstan's explained to the hop-pickers the " bounden duty and service " which Our Lord has laid upon us all.

We do this in remembrance

QUITE EARLY every morning during the hop-picking season you will find members of the team from St. Dunstan's meeting together on one of the camps with a few of the pickers who live there, to hold a service in the open air.

A van appears, and is swiftly unloaded, and in no time a temporary altar is ready for use. The priest, wearing the special clothes for the service, pauses for a time in prayer a little distance from the altar before he goes up and reads the service aloud. One of the team kneels beside him and acts as his assistant or "server".

First come some prayers and two lessons from the Bible. Then the priest takes some bread and some wine from the server and offers them to God, in memory of Jesus Christ, who told His disciples " do this in remembrance of me".

The bread and wine that is used is quite ordinary bread (only baked in the form of thin wafers) and the wine is perfectly ordinary wine, as Jesus intended that it should be. For the bread represents the ordinary day-to-day work of ordinary folk, the product of all the work that mankind does.

When the priest offers the bread and the wine to God he is then offering more than just a few pieces of bread and a little wine —he is offering to God the life's work of the whole world around him. Then in the Prayer of Consecration the priest blesses the bread and wine in the name of God, and it becomes the spiritual food of the Body and Blood of Christ. As such it is taken and eaten by the congregation, who in this way receive strength from God to live a Christian life.

Day by day this service takes place in Churches all over the world, and so daily prayers are offered for all the people in their care.

Our Harvest

At our Harvest Festival we are offering to God not only the harvest from the great fields of our Wiltshire countryside, but the work of our hands and our heads in home and shop and office and factory, and thanking Him for all that has been safely and fruitfully accomplished. The special loaf we lay on the altar to be blessed represents it all and commends it all to God's care.

And throughout the year in the Holy Communion we can offer that work at the altar and receive fresh strength to do it in His Name.

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MABEL PEARCE



If all her years of service for the Church in various capacities were added together, the total would seem to some people enough for several lifetimes: fifty years with the Infants' Sunday School, thirty since she took charge of the voluntary church cleaners and the flower rota at St. Mary's, thirty sending the birthday cards to the children baptised in our two churches. A member of the P.C.C. Above all, she laid the foundation of our Junior Sunday School, and no-one can assess how much she has done for the young teachers who have had the privilege of helping her.

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PERSONAL POSER

People talk as though "keeping up with the Joneses" was a sin: but how can it be wrong to want the best for my family?

I think it may help to ask yourself two slightly easier questions before trying to answer this very hard one. First—"Is wanting the best for my family really my reason for keeping up with the Joneses? Or do I want to go one better, to put the Jones noses out of joint, or to show off?" And second—"What do I mean by 'the best for my family'? Does *best* mean only clothes, house, car, T.V. set and so on? Or does *best* include ways of thinking and behaving, duty to God and neighbour?"

With these two points cleared up, the original question looks a little easier. There is no harm whatever in your doing what the Joneses do—if the Joneses are right and if you can do it without upsetting your considered budget. But the Joneses may be wrong. With them it may be a case of "the more men have, the more they want". They may be victims of what has been called "the stimulus to insatiableness". That way lies unhappiness and trouble with the Tenth Commandment.

The answer is to try always to get the right priorities, remembering that the world has one set and God has another.

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.

OUR CHURCHES AND CHURCHYARDS

Two visitors recently commented on St. Mary's. One said : " What a beautiful church ! " But St. Mary's isn't beautiful—except in the way that a plain child is beautiful to its parents : it is our own and we love it. But it is our privilege to be able to make it beautiful.

The other said : " What a barn of a church, but at least it's clean". But *least* isn't the right word. St. Mary's is splendidly clean and shining—thanks to an army of thirty-two voluntary workers. And that should make the rest of us think.

The same standard

We have put the Church in Marlborough on its feet financially. But, as Bishop Cockin reminded us last month, we can't stop there. Now, exercising the stewardship of time and talents, we must make our two churches and churchyards as fine and neat as our own houses and gardens. We have a high standard for our houses and gardens in Marlborough.

Everyone will be welcome

Will you, as part of your Christian Stewardship plan, join the army of workers who already do so much for our Church ? Here are the names of the people to get in touch with—if you will

Lend a hand with the laundering : altar linen (*the Sacristans* : *St. Mary's—Miss Williams, 1 St. David's Way ; St. Peter's—Mrs. Field, 64 High Street*) ; albs (*Miss Chun, 22 George Lane*).

Help with the hassocks : over a hundred kneelers have been embroidered already ; now volunteers (either sex) are wanted to help with the sewing up (*Mrs. Turner, Gallows Close, Kingsbury Street*). Meanwhile old hassocks have to be kept fit to kneel on (*Mrs. Sharman, 3 Riding School Yard, High Street*).

Stitch with the semptresses : those who once made nice things for the Church Fair can still use their skill for the Church. New cloths for the credence tables, which hold the vessels for Holy Communion, and new holland altar covers are needed at St. Mary's, vestments and linen have to be kept in good order (*the Sacristans*). Many churches have their own Needlework Guilds which not only mend but make, from materials paid for by the P.C.C.

Wield a hammer and chisel with the woodworkers who can enrich our churches with new hymn boards and stools for flowers, and can repair the pews (*the Rector*).

Collaborate with the cleaners : immediate vacancies for brass cleaners and for St. Mary's Lady Chapel (*St. Mary's—Miss M. Pearce, 36 St. Martin's ; St. Peter's—Mrs. Brooks, 60 High Street*).

Get going with the gardener (there's only one !) on the flower beds and the edges at St. Peter's, weeding the flagstones outside St. Mary's (*Mr. L. T. Smith, Ashfield, Back Lane*). A lot of churches have a men's rota (six at a time) for churchyard work.

And to all those already working, the rest of us say—thank you !

WHY A CARPENTER?

RICHARD KNOWLES

SOME YEARS ago when I was working on a building site, an old carpenter friend of mine said to me: "They say Our Lord was a carpenter; now I wonder why He chose this job?" It struck me at the time and I have often thought of it since.

Why did the incarnate Son of God choose to be a humble craftsman, or perhaps I ought to say a proud craftsman—for I am sure that He had a real craftsman's pride in His work. I believe that it was to show us ordinary men down the ages that doing a job well, whatever that job is, is just as much a vocation as the most high place in Church or State.

When He stood under the rafters, holding them on His shoulder while Joseph pinned them at the top (as carpenters still do today in pitching a roof), did He think of that other piece of timber that He would bear on His shoulder?

The parable of the mote and the beam was probably out of His experience in working on the bottom end of the pitsaw when ripping baulks of timber and the dust and bits of wood falling down almost blinding Him. All His words bear the stamp of the years of working class experience. The woman who has lost the housekeeping money may well have been His Mother. His first miracle at Cana, when He entered into the normal joys and the dilemmas of a worker's home, is yet another example of His compassion and understanding.

We workers are proud that He chose to be one of us. We think—of course—of Almighty God as the master craftsman, but Jesus Christ is more real to us as a carpenter. I am sure that He looks down with compassionate eyes at the apprentice, fixing battens on the roof in a bitter east wind, and the craftsman who "got over" the problem of the lantern tower of Ely Cathedral must have gladdened His Great Heart.

I am sure that He will greet my old friend Harry with something like this: "Surely, Harry, you know now after sixty years on the tools why I chose to be a carpenter. It might have been any other worker's job, you know, but it happened to be the one that was closest".

I believe that this is the truth of it. He did the job that was closest, the job that was waiting to be done, and did it well for some eighteen years, when He left it to do the job of reconciling God and man. And that job was done with the same discipline which He learnt partly in the workshop at Nazareth and partly in the great workshop of the Universe with His Almighty Father before the creation of the world.

Ack. to "London Churchman".

RICHARD KNOWLES

Richard Knowles left school at fourteen, had seventeen years in the building and ship building industries working as a plumber, and has held many offices in the Trade Union and Labour Movements. He is happily married and has a son of seventeen.

PARISH PRAYERS No. 2 *Jesus the Carpenter . . .*

Almighty God, who didst ordain that Thy Son, Jesus Christ, should labour with His hands to supply His own needs, and the needs of others: Teach us we pray Thee, that no labour is mean, and all labour is divine, to which Thou dost call us; to the glory of Thy holy Name. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.

From "Daily Prayer" (E. Milner-White and G. W. Briggs)

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SAINT OF THE MONTH

ST. LUKE EVANGELIST

OCTOBER 18TH

"The Beloved Physician"

St. Luke, who was probably a Gentile born at Antioch in Syria, wrote his Gospel from the accounts given him by those who were with Our Lord. He wrote the Acts of the Apostles in Rome, finishing it in the year 63. We especially like to think of him as the "beloved physician" of St. Paul, whose close friend and companion he was. He is the patron saint of doctors, and of artists—for he was also a painter. He is thought to have died by crucifixion in Greece, a martyr for the Faith.

DIARY FOR OCTOBER

After Harvest Festival, St. Mary's and St. Peter's will be used alternately for the Sunday services at 8 a.m., 11.15 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., beginning with St. Peter's on Sunday, October 9th. All other services in St. Mary's

2nd TRINITY XVI. Harvest Festival. Preacher at 11.15 a.m. the Rev. R. C. Unwin, Rector of Chilton Foliat. (*The Parish, especially thankfulness for our own harvests*).
3rd Monday. Stewardship Committee 7.30 p.m., Church Cottage.
5th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Men's Society*).
6th Thursday. Men's Society 7.30 p.m., Toc H Room. The Rt. Rev. F. A. Cockin, D.D.
9th TRINITY XVII. Harvest Festival at Christchurch, Savernake. (*The Confirmation Candidates*).
12th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Diocesan Conference*).
13th Thursday. Diocesan Conference, Salisbury.
14th Friday. Diocesan Conference, Salisbury.
16th TRINITY XVIII. Preacher at 6.30 p.m. a Delegate from the Industrial Christian Fellowship. (*The Parish, especially all who work in local industries*).
18th Tuesday. St. Luke E. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The staff of Savernake Hospital and all doctors and nurses of the parish*).
19th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The sick of the parish in hospital and at home*).
23rd TRINITY XIX. (*The Parish and Christian Stewardship*).
26th Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. (*The Children's Society*).
28th Friday. SS. Simon and Jude, AA., MM. (*Diocesan Fellowship of Vocation*). Dramatic Recital by John Stuart Anderson, 7.30 p.m., St. Mary's.
30th TRINITY XX. (*The Parish, especially all working in shops and offices*).
31st Monday. Vigil of All Saints' Day.

PRAYING WITH THE CHURCH

Some of you may well welcome this as a guide for your private prayers.

In the Diary for the Month our Special Intentions at Holy Communion are printed in italics. At the weekday services of Matins and Evensong prayers are offered after the Third Collect on the following plan:

Tuesday	Church Schools and Education
Wednesday	The Parish
Thursday	The Church, Foreign Missions and the Anglican Communion Overseas
Friday	The Litany
Saturday	The Departed; the Sunday Services

The Sick are mentioned each day. F.B.R.B.

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

MARLBOROUGH, U.S.A.:
ANY QUESTIONS?

OUR MAYOR SUPPLIES SOME ANSWERS

Population? Around 20,000. *Buildings?* On Main Street, brick with slate roofs, concrete. Private houses of pine-wood, set in green lawns, no hedges or fences; no flower gardens. *Skyscrapers?* No. *Shops?* Some private businesses—but outside the town a large all-purpose self-service. store, with a garage for 1,000 cars. This is becoming the pattern of retailing for small towns in U.S.A. Will it come here? *Cars?* Everyone has a car; no scooters or motor-bikes. *Churches?* Two R.C. (many Roman Catholics), Congregational, Methodist, Episcopal (Anglican); large congregations fully supporting their churches financially. *Leisure?* Lots —nice long evenings; because they start early and work hard.

A further instalment in a later issue.

WHAT'S COOKING? Straight from the U.S.A.—*Baked or Grilled Gammon Steak with Pineapple.* Brush gammon steak generously with melted butter, sprinkle with demerara sugar and bake or grill. Drain the juice from a tin of pineapple rings. Sprinkle the rings with demerara sugar and put under a hot grill for a few seconds to caramelise the sugar. Arrange the rings round the steak and serve with sweet corn and french fried potatoes (chips in English).

Contributed by Mrs. Edna Free
Another mouth-waterer next month!

A "WELCOME" CELEBRATION. On September 8th the Marlborough Methodist Church and its outlying congregations at Axford and Avebury celebrated the arrival of their new Minister, the Rev. E. Maurice Hillier. There was a devotional meeting, followed by good things to eat, music to listen to, and a welcome from the Anglican Church conveyed by the Rector.

DO YOU WANT TO BE CHEERED UP? Then we recommend a visit to the Marlborough Handicapped Centre, which meets from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. every Wednesday afternoon at the Congregational Hall. A frequent visitor, who is much missed, was the Rev. Harry Lloyd. On being given a farewell gift of a tray made at the Centre, he said that what had always struck him most was the absorbed and happy faces and dispositions of the members, who bore their physical handicaps with such courage. Another invaluable helper, the Rev. Harold Stentiford, is also greatly missed. Are any able-bodied men free to give a hand in their place? Visitors are always welcome to call and buy the baskets and other handicrafts made at the Centre, and have some tea, which is served at 3.30 p.m.

W. M. Lyndon-Smith

IN THOSE GOOD OLD DAYS. *We are indebted to Miss F. E. Stagg* (86), *of Coombe End House, for this account of an incident which occurred when she was six years old.* Dr. James Blake Maurice was in practice. His coachman was named Cox, and one cold evening when we were sitting by the fire, the door opened and Mrs. Cox came in, saying "I felt I must come and tell you of something I have on my mind. My husband had to take the Master a bitter cold journey this morning to visit a sick patient living in a cottage on the Downs. The Master seemed extra long there, and my husband said he pulled his collar up and did what he could to keep warm. Eventually the Doctor came out looking very grave, saying 'Oh Cox, I've just seen such a sorry sight. After I had attended the man I went downstairs to find the cloth was spread for dinner, plates round the table. I made it my business to see what they had got. Cox, would you believe it, on each plate a slice of stark naked bread and half an onion. I looked hard at the woman, saying 'Surely you have pudding or soup?' 'No sir, nothing else.' Then the Doctor said he would get Mrs. Maurice to pack up some food and send it." This incident occurred either seventy-nine or eighty years ago.

St. Peter's Boys' School

Seven boys have gone on to the Marlborough Grammar School and twenty to the Secondary Modern. Twenty-nine boys came up from the Marlborough Infants' School.

The fifteen boys who passed the Learners' Swimming Test in July have now received their certificates. They were: P. Chandler, I. Rumbold, M. Beasant, R. Cripps, G. Bensley, G. Hodge, L. Harding, D. Brown, S. Cook, P. Cosham, J. Witts, P. Jones, N. Young, M. Mabbutt, J. Troman. We congratulate Paul Lanfear who passed the Second Class Test.

Mr. T. Gartside has been to the school to get new Material for the Parish Choir. Those selected were John Hunns, Peter Lewis, Christopher Gwinnell and Roland Styles.

M. BENCH

St. Mary's Girls' School

School re-opened on September 5th with 38 new admissions, and 139 on the roll. We are very glad to welcome Mrs. L. J. Maynard, who teaches Form II. The new House Leaders and Vice-Captains are as follows: *Florence Nightingale House*: Jane Lansley (C), Angela O'Keeffe (V.C.); *Elizabeth Barrett Browning*: Juanita Fuller (C), Mary Hillier (V.C.); *Kathleen Ferrier*: Susan Marsh (C), Susan Whalley (V.C.); *Mary Slessor*: Jeannette Newby (C), Joan Hart (V.C.).

F.S.

Infants' School

We were very pleased to welcome Mrs. Lintern to our staff when the new term began on September 5th. She is taking the class of new entrants who have to spend most of their school day at Church Cottage, but Mrs. Lintern has already made their class-room so attractive that we are sure they will settle down and be very happy there with her. The rest of us are getting used to our new classes, and looking forward to a busy term of work and play.

M.L.U.

Marlborough Secondary Modern School

Many interesting things happened at the end of last term. The third year had talks and saw films on careers in the W.R.A.C. and W.R.A.F. A fashion parade displaying garments made by the girls in their needlework lessons was much enjoyed. In an athletics match against Wootton Bassett our school gained a convincing victory.

To Susan Newman, an old pupil, we send our congratulations on her excellent examination results and best wishes for her nursing career at King's College Hospital, London.

We welcome our 126 new first year girls and boys and hope they will be happy and successful here.

SYLVIA HEAD

Marlborough Grammar School

This summer's G.C.E. results were quite pleasing. Three scholarships were won, a State Scholarship going to Stevens, and County Scholarships to Wheeler and Angela Joy. P. Boys received a County Further Education Award, and Bowerman and Foster will take up County Scholarships deferred from last year. A particularly pleasing result was in British Constitution at "A" level, this year being the first time the school had entered candidates in this subject: both candidates, Mary Askwith and Angela Joy, received good marks.

The "O" level entries were a record number and produced some quite good results, a reasonable number of people passing in six or more subjects. For the first time we entered some candidates from the Fourth Year, and their results amply justified the experiment.

By the time you are reading this, the new term will be well under way, and we shall have welcomed several new members of staff, including Mr. Huxley, who takes over as Housemaster of Wye House in succession to Mr. Parsons.

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FAMILY NEWS

** A week or two ago the Rector heard some better news from *Canon Swann*. He wrote: "I am able to drive the car for short journeys now, which is a great pleasure, but I'm still very lame." He added that he had much enjoyed a recent visit from the *Hardings*.

** Good wishes to those who start training for their future careers this autumn: *Mary Askwith*, Eastbourne Training College; *Ann Batten*, *Susan Child*, at a London branch of the Midland Bank; *Mary Dobson*, St. Mary's College, Cheltenham; *Rosemary Dobson*, Weymouth Training College; *Julia Gwinnell*, studying photography at Salisbury College of Further Education; *Angela Joy*, Coventry Training College; *Bruce Liffey*, apprentice at De Haviland's; *Ann Rushen* at Bristol United Hospitals; *Anthony Smith*, student apprentice in civil engineering at Reading; *Martin Taylor*, St. Luke's Training College, Exeter.

** We have had to say goodbye recently to the *Mead* and *Yeoman* families, and we must thank them all for much good work done for the Church. The Meads are now living at Dinton Marsh; Mr. Mead was a Visitor in our Christian Stewardship Campaign, and William was in the Choir. Mrs. Yeoman took expert care of the Lady Chapel at St. Mary's for nearly three years, and the twins were in the Choir; Mr. Yeoman is now caretaking at the St. Aldhelm Secondary Modern School, Sherborne. Another Christian Stewardship Visitor who has left the Parish is *Christopher Ray*, who has gone to join his family at Groombridge. We wish them all happiness in their new surroundings.

** Congratulations to *Michael Stevens* on his State Scholarship.

** We offer our sincere sympathy to *Mrs. E. K. Smith*, of 32 High Street, on the death of her son in London last month.

ROUND THE PARISH IN OUR PRAYERS — OCTOBER

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

1st Sunday Angel Yard
2nd Sunday Back Lane
5th Sunday "The road I live in"
3rd Sunday Upper Church Fields
4th Sunday Union Place

"*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. Pratt, 2 Mrs. Harvey, 3 Mrs. Adlam, 4 Mrs. Neale.

HOLY BAPTISM

Aug. 21 Clive Robert Flippence. Ivor James Brown.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Aug. 20 Ronald Walter Light to Rosemary Sawyer.
Louis Henry Nutting to Alice Winifred Wright.

R.I.P.

Aug. 12 Victor Gingell, of 2 North View.
29 Eliza Munday, of 31 Salisbury Road.
Sep. 5 Edmund Beauchamp, of 2 Marlow Cottages, Elcot Lane.

PARISH ROUND-UP

Youth Committee: Mrs. M. Harrison (Chairman), Forest Hill House.

LOOK OUT FOR GREEN !

Do you like Witches ?
Do you like Stitches ?
Do you like Walking ?
Do you like Talking ?
If you find pleasure
In these forms of leisure
Then Tuesday's the day
Whatever you say !

On the 1st Tuesday of every month, beginning with October 4th, a teen-agers' evening (games, dancing, etc.) will be held in the Toc H Room from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. *Weekly* activities will include Mechanics, Cooking, Hallowe'en Party, Dancing: details on the Green Notices. SO LOOK OUT FOR GREEN ! M.H.

Senior Sunday School and Junior Confirmation Class: Mrs. M. Harrison.

Every Sunday at 10.15 a.m. in Church Cottage. Boys and girls of twelve years or over are very welcome even if they have not attended Junior School previously. M.H.

C.M.S. Group: Meetings generally fortnightly, Riverside, High Street. Secretary: Mr. G. Chilton, Merle Cottage, Kingsbury Street.

DATE FOR THE DIARY—Mr. Cyril Hooper, C.M.S. Youth Secretary, will be visiting Marlborough from Nov. 5th to 8th. A joint meeting of the C.M.S. Group and the Men's Society will be addressed by him in the Toc H Room at 8 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 7th. Non-members will also be most welcome. Mr. Hooper was once a missionary in Kenya. He is no stranger to Marlborough: as a boy he was at the College, which he represented at Rugby Football between 1930 and 1935. G.C.

HARVEST FESTIVAL — YET ANOTHER CORRECTION ! One of those gremlins which bedevil proof-readers made us pass *Sunday* instead of *Saturday* as the day on which Harvest decorations should be brought to both Churches. We hope this silly mistake won't mislead anyone.

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

FOUR SIXES. Our Brownie Pack has four "sixes." This is a message from one of them: We began Brownies again after the holidays on September 7th. We are sorry to say good-bye to Alison Wheeler and Clare Payne, who have gone to boarding school, and welcome Lindy Eyles, Marilyn Witts, Lynne Bensley and Catherine Mundy. Next month the Fairies will be writing a small passage like this. THE LITTLE PEOPLE

Men's Society: 1st Thursdays, 8 p.m., Toc H Room. Enquiries to Mr. G. Chilton.

OFF TO A GOOD START. Bishop Cockin's three addresses, October 6th, November 3rd, December 1st, open the programme. Here is the rest of the fixture card:

Jan. 5 *West Africa*: a *Discussion between Mr. W. H. Spray and the Rev. C. C. Perry.*
Feb. 2 *Film Strip*: *The Rector.*
Mar. 2 *Behind the Iron Curtain*: *Mr. David Jones.*
Apr. 6 *Coins and Christianity*: *Mr. Jess Chandler.*
May 4 *Film Strip*: *The Rector.*

Please try to keep these dates clear, so that there may be full discussion of the various subjects. Cut out this programme ! Please also see note under C.M.S. Group. G.C.

Young Wives' Group: 2nd and 4th Thursdays 7.30 p.m., Toc H Room. Leader: Mrs. F. B. R. Browne, The Rectory.

BEDSPREADS FOR PESTALOZZI VILLAGE. Only one meeting has been held since we last reported: a demonstration of Glove-making by Mrs. Bedbrook and Mrs. Figgins. Those members not making gloves knitted squares to be made into bedspreads which will be sent to the Pestalozzi Children's Village.

J. SMART

NEWS FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS

Bell Ringers: Practices—Friday 8 p.m., Beginners 7 p.m., St. Mary's Tower. Captain: Mr. J. Fuller, Juamar, Elcot Lane.

BELFRY NEWS. On September 3rd we had ringing visitors from Cookham who had been on their Guild "ringing" outing in the Winchester area and were making Marlborough their final tower on the way home. Nice ringing was heard which included rounds and Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, Stedman, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor. Three new learners have joined us—Peter Fleet, Peter Prosser and Juanita Fuller, who is only ten years old and doing quite well. We were very sorry to lose the Rev. Harry Lloyd, who learnt the art of handling a bell and took part in call changes on practice nights. If Mr. Fargus likes to join us in his place, we shall make him very welcome.

VALERIE FULLER,
Tower Correspondent.

S.P.G.: Secretary: Mrs. R. H. Lane, 15 George Lane.

STUDY, PRAY, GIVE—three things which all Christians should do for the Church Overseas. Study "Oversea News", 2d. a month, and you will learn about S.P.G.'s work. Then you will know what to Pray for. Or you may like to take the Quarterly Intercession Paper, price 6d. a year, which covers the work of all Missionary Societies. Studying and praying, you will want to Give. "Oversea News" is full of suggestions, but if you are not certain what to do, the Secretary will be very glad to help.

JOYCE LANE

Mothers' Union: 3rd Thursdays, 2.45 p.m., Toc H Room. Enrolling Member: Mrs. P. E. C. Hayman, Half Acre, Back Lane.

Other Organisations

Bible Reading Fellowship: Miss Mabel Pearce, 36 St. Martin's.

U.M.C.A.: Mrs. D. M. Field, 64 High Street.

Diocesan Moral Welfare Association: Miss Elizabeth Nicholls, 116 High Street. (Tel. 478).

CHOIR NOTES

Leavers. During the holidays we said goodbye to William Mead and Timothy and John Yeoman, who have left the Parish. Jimmy Bushrod and Michael Skinner have now "retired" and are going to sing as altos. Ian Large, too, has temporarily left us.

Senior Choristers. Andrew Stone has been appointed Senior Chorister, and Maurice Hillier and Timothy Otton as Second Senior Choristers.

Newcomers. We welcome Christopher Gwinnell, John Hunns, Peter Lewis and Roland Styles as probationers.

What about the Future? I appeal to all members of the congregation, especially the parents of young boys, to support the work of our Choir by assisting in the recruitment of suitable boys, who will sing not only as trebles, but will be the tenors and basses and Churchmen of the future. Although the ideal age for joining is between nine and ten, boys between eight-and-a-half and twelve would be considered. We must find at least two more, if our present strength is to be maintained.

Tenors Please! The Choir is desperate for tenors—we have no tenors who are free to sing every Sunday—and our work is being seriously hampered. Most church music is written for four parts, and to try and sing it with only three is not merely difficult, but impossible! If any of you who read this paragraph think you might be able to help us, or know of someone, I should be grateful if you would tell me or any adult member of the Choir.

TREVOR GARTSIDE

CAPPED

A certain chapel roof needed repair very badly, and the minister was appealing for funds one Sunday morning when a big piece of plaster hit him on the head. "Goodness, my friends," he said, "I had no idea it was as bad as that; I will have to start the fund with £5 myself." At once there was a shout from the back of the church, "Strike him again, Lord—get another fiver out of him!"

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