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St. Nicholas Church, Marston

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SERVICES :

Sundays : Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.

Also on First Sunday of the month, 12 noon.

FAMILY COMMUNION : 9.30 a.m. on 3rd Sunday of month.

Children's Church : 11 a.m. in Hall.

Morning Prayer : 11 a.m.

Senior Catechism : 10.0 a.m., Sunday. (Hall).

Evensong : 6.30 p.m.

Saints' Days : Holy Communion as announced.

Holy Baptism : Fourth Sunday of the month at 3.0 p.m. unless otherwise announced. Notice must be given.

Holy Matrimony : Banns to be given in at the Vicarage.

CHURCH ORGANISATIONS AND MEETINGS :

(As the covers are printed in advance you are advised to consult the Notice Board in the Church Porch, in case of alteration of times).

Mothers' Union : Alternate Wednesday afternoons (2.45 p.m.), and Evenings (7.45 p.m.).

Young Wives' Group : Alternate Wednesdays in Church Hall, at 7.45 p.m.

Men's Forum : Monthly on Wednesdays at 8 p.m., as announced.

Youth Fellowship : First Sunday, Holy Communion and Breakfast, also Third Sunday after Evensong, and as announced.

Senior Catechism : (Boys and Girls, 11—13 years), 10 a.m., Sundays.

Brownies : Fridays, 5.30 p.m. in Hall.

Girl Guides : Tuesdays, 7.0 p.m.

Cubs : Mondays, 6.15 p.m. in Hall.

Scouts : Thursdays, 7.15 p.m. in Hall.

WEEKDAY SERVICES :

Matins — 7. 15 a.m. (Daily except Saturdays)

Evensong — 5.15 p.m. (Daily except Saturdays)

Holy Communion — Wednesday, 7.15 a.m. (in place of Matins)

THE COVER PICTURE depicts the Marston Chalice, reflecting on its bowl the spires of the University, the factory chimneys of Cowley, and homes with T.V. Masts—all symbolic of the life of our village. The design is by Mr. Brian Cairns.

THE PARISH CALENDAR — AUGUST 1962

- Aug. 1. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
5. 7th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8 a.m. and Noon. Holy Communion (Y.F. Breakfast).
11.0 a.m. Matins.
3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
6. Monday. Festival of the Transfiguration of Our Lord.
7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
8. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
12. 8th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.0 a.m. Matins.
3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
18. Village Gala Day.
19. 9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.30 a.m. FAMILY COMMUNION.
11.0 a.m. Matins.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
24. Friday. Festival of St. Bartholomew.
7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
26. 10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.0 a.m. Matins.
3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends.

I expect that most of you will have heard the news by now that Mrs. Harlow is to give the Gallery to our Church in memory of her husband, our late Warden, Professor Vincent Harlow. There could be no more fitting memorial than this for Professor Harlow, as many of you will remember was most enthusiastic about its restoration. It will not only provide a new site for the organ, a ringers loft, and a choir vestry, but also give additional seating, and make possible the provision eventually of a side chapel for mid-week services. The memorial will not only be very useful, but will be a constant reminder of one whose life and interest was always centred on the church he loved and served so well.

Many of you will be on holiday when this magazine is published. May you and your family have a wonderful time, and return refreshed and invigorated after your time away.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PAUL RIMMER.

PARISH NOTES AND NEWS :

The Parish Barbecue, organised by the Cardys and the Webbs, was a great success, and about 200 danced and twisted, and conga'd their way about the Vicarage lawn. Sgt. Brooks did a roaring trade in hot dogs and hamburgers, and Mr. David Hammond kept us as usual on our toes.

Other social events included the Sunday School Outing to Wycksteed Park on June 30th. What an amount of food small tummies can contain! Travel sickness was at a minimum thanks to the careful drivers of Messrs. Backs. One does perhaps wonder whether the advent of the family car, and lavish picnic outfits, have rather made Sunday School outings a thing of the past.

Speakers and preachers of the month were varied. The Rev. Lawrence Crampton, Chaplain of the Radcliffe Infirmary, gave a thoughtful address

on the topic of "Providence" at Evensong on June 24th. He will be coming again at St. Luke's tide to speak on the theme: "The Ministry of Healing."

Mr. Taylor, Churchwarden of St. Andrew's, Headington, gave a most lucid account of the history and working of the Headington "Fish" Scheme, at a Parish Meeting on June 26th. Everyone voted in favour of something being developed on similar lines in Marston, although the superlative quality of organisation ("You must have an eight winged file!") rather alarmed some of Headington's "lower" neighbours!

At the Ruri-Decanal Conference, which unfortunately clashed with prior engagements of some, and was forgotten by others, an excellent talk on Vocation to the Ministry was given by the Principal of Cuddesdon, Rev. K. Runcie, whom many heard give a most inspiring talk recently on the "Lift up Your Hearts" series.

From the parish of Highfield, came Captain John Aires of the Canadian Church Army, to preach at Evensong on July 8th. He was part of team on trek Southwards, who broke their journey at Headington. The theme of his sermon was "The Need for Spiritual Rebirth," and he drew on his personal experience, which had led him from that of a Prudential agent to his present work as a Church Army Captain.

It has been good to see a number of new faces in the congregation, and even better when members of the congregation have "taken the plunge," and got to know them, and welcome them into our parish family.

We are sad to have to say good-bye to Dr. and Mrs. Clay, Rowena, and Penny, who have so endeared themselves to us all. The Young Wives Group presented Mrs. Clay with a delightful piece of Swedish glassware at a dinner at the Tudor Cottage. We wish them every happiness as they settle at Reigate, and hope they will return often to visit us here in Marston.

A new and most worthwhile venture in the parish was a "Day Apart" at the beautiful Manor House of Charney Bassett, on July 7th. The title was chosen as the word "Retreat" or "Quiet Day" might give the wrong impression. All of us who were there, who drank deep of the atmosphere of peace and shared the fellowship of each other, feel that this must be an Annual Event in parish life. We were so grateful too for being able to use the delightful little church at Charney, and to be so well looked after by the "Friends" of Charney Manor. How true it is that "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength!"

A FEW ADVERTISEMENTS:

LOST: Over the past years, a great number of delightful parents and godparents. Last seen leaving Church on the 4th Sunday of the month at 3.45 p.m. Children finding them, are asked to bring them with them to Church any Sunday.

STOLEN: A great number of hours on each Sunday by numerous family cars. Owners are warned to beware of excessive demands in the future which may hinder them from giving to God his due.

STRAYED: A vast number of confirmation candidates, young and adult, prepared in good faith. Friends discovering them, are asked to use tact, and encouragement, in bringing them back.

VACANT POSSESSION: A limited number of pews in your Parish Church. Despite their hardness, these pews have been hallowed by use over a number centuries, and have enabled occupiers to find peace in time of storm and tempest.

MOTHERS' UNION

A good year on the whole with excellent speakers. Amongst subjects dealt with were: "The New English Bible," "Spiritual Healing," "The Communion of Saints," and "Christian Family Year." Four new members were enrolled on Lady Day at Evensong and several members attended the festivals at Dorchester Abbey & Tewkesbury. These, together with our outing to Mary Sumner House, the Headquarters of the Mothers' Union, were the highlights of our year's programme.

RING A DING DING :

The Ringers annual outing was to Worcestershire where, together with ringers from other Oxford towers, they visited towers between Upton, Worcester and Hartlebury. Lunch was taken in Worcester, and tea at Hartlebury, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed this highly successful outing.

At the recent half yearly meeting of the City Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at Marsh Baldon, Leonard Porter was elected to the Oxford Guild. Other Marston ringers also attended the meeting.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild Festival was on July 7th, and many Oxford towers were open to visiting ringers. St. Nicholas' ringers visited towers in the Cowley and Abingdon areas. Our own bells were rung by ringers from Worcestershire, Gloucester and Coventry.

Congratulations go to Andrew Dunkley on ringing his 1st quarter inside, and to Ralph Porter on ringing his 1st quarter.

There are vacancies for any over 12 years old who would like to learn the art of change ringing. Anyone interested should contact Noel Deam or Roy Jones, or come along to Church on Friday evening after 7.30 p.m.

THE OVER 60's CLUB :

On Tuesday, 19th June, the Club members were entertained by members of the W.I. in the gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson, Oxford Road. During the afternoon, Dr. Roy Tomlinson was presented with a Wedgwood Flower Vase, to which the Club members had subscribed, for the occasion of his wedding on 14th July.

On June 25th the members enjoyed a very interesting Film Show, given by Coun. A. Spokes, of the Council of Social Service.

On July 2nd a very pleasant afternoon was spent in the gardens of Prof. and Lady Florey's house. Prizes were given by Mrs. Kensington for the various competitions held. A very enjoyable tea was served in the Courtyard.

On July 9th, Mrs. Archer entertained the Club members with music and the members were invited to join in the singing. Particularly amusing was the members efforts at "round" singing.

THE SCOUTS :

We are sorry to have to say farewell to S.M. Geoff Simpson, who will be leaving after Camp in Snowdonia to take up residence and teach in Norwich. We send our thanks to him for all his help, and also our very best wishes on his forthcoming marriage to Miss Jennifer Shelley. We are very pleased that Carson McCartney will take over as S.M. Progress on the Scout Hut of late has been slow, largely handicapped by lack of voluntary help. We do give our special thanks to Mr. Casterton who never stops racing up ladders (just as the G.S.M. prefers swinging from the beams!), and also other regular helpers. The moral of all this is that "The more who help, the sooner the Hut will be completed," and it is up to all who hope to use this hut to see that they are doing their utmost to provide regular manual help from their organisation, or friends. Four helpers a night over a period could work wonders.

THE BROWNIES :

Brownies are asked to watch the magazine for news of a change of meeting night in the Autumn, as Brown Owl will no longer be free on Fridays.

Now here's some of news of badge winners.

Brownie 1st Class : Golden Hand Badge : Gail Quarterman, Penny Cooper, Jill Airies, Rosalind Starmer Smith, Helen Doman.

Proficiency Badges : Helen Brough—Writer and House Orderly Badge. Gail Quarterman—Minstrel and House Orderly Badge. Jill Airies, Rosalind Starmer Smith, Elaine Johnstone Penny Cooper, Nicola Berger North—House Orderly Badges. Janice Weston—Swimmer's Badge.

VICARAGE GARDEN :

Over the past year the Vicarage Garden has been in use by various organisations on four or five nights a week, and has been the setting for

everything from Barbecues to Bridgebuilding.

In order to preserve not only a measure of privacy and peace, but also a certain amount of grass, the Garden is now going to be closed, and organisations are asked to use some of the neighbouring fields (with permission) which have a more generous layer of grass, and are further away from human habitation!

BOY PEN FRIEND WANTED :

Master Vernon Kritschmann (10-12 years)
Redcliffe Road, Petrie N.C. Line, Queensland, Australia.
(Collects Foreign Stamps).

Any young person in the parish is invited to reply.

THE TIDIEST VILLAGE COMPETITION :

The result of the Posters and Slogans competition organised by Mrs. Bing was as follows :

Primary School Winners :

Susanne Stone. Alison Turner. (Upper Junior).

Richard Brown. Andrew Morrison (Slogan). (Lower Junior).

Secondary Modern :

David Small. Veronica Bennett. Helen Broad. Julia North.

"It is hoped" writes Mrs. Bing, "our village may carry on this important work of keeping the village tidy in the future."

CONGRATULATIONS :

Congratulations to Mrs. McParlin (whose husband runs the St. Christopher School of Motoring advertised on our cover) on winning the 1962 Safe Driving Competition organised by the Oxford area group of the Institute of Advanced Motorists. Mrs. McParlin beat 42 other entrants, both men and women, and the commendation of Inspector C. Callis of Bicester who told her—"You have proved you are one of the best drivers on the road."

Congratulations also to the children of St. Nicholas' County Primary School who were commended on their excellent behaviour on their school trip by British Railways.

ERRATUM :

As the magazine covers are printed in advance, please notice that the present Secretary of the British Legion is not Mr. Gratton as stated in the cover, but Mr. S. Gregory, 6 Hardings Close, Littlemore.

HOLY BAPTISM

- July 1. Dawn Marie, daughter of Colin and Dreda Gudgeon.
Brian Michael, son of Brian and Gladys Norton.
Marion Lesley, daughter of Robert and Janet Simons.
Janice Ann, daughter of Donald and Eileen Smith.
John Robert, son of Guy and Marion Greenstreet.
" 8. Brian William, son of Harold and Rachel Innes.
William Matthew, son of William and Dorothy Payne.
Audrey Elizabeth, daughter of Frank and Kathleen Downie.

HOLY MATRIMONY

- July 7. Brian Ward and Hazel Anne Ward.
14. Charles Edward Hicks and Margaret Rose Foster.
Raymond Ernest Bowden and Susan Elizabeth Tucker.

COLLECTIONS AND COMMUNICANTS

		£	s.	d.	Communicants
June 3.	Sunday after Ascension Day	28	19	5	75
" 10.	WHITSUNDAY	40	6	10	82
" 17.	TRINITY SUNDAY	28	11	6	66
" 19.	St. Barnabas' Day				3
" 24.	Trinity I	33	6	1	36
	(Festival of St. John Baptist)				
" 29.	St. Peter's Day				4
Total Number of Week-day Communicants					29

WHERE LION AND LAMB LIE DOWN
TOGETHER—ALMOST

Jerusalem's Biblical Zoo



ARTHUR GAUNT, F.R.G.S.

Photographs: Israel Government Tourist Office

HOW many animals, birds, and reptiles are mentioned in the Bible? A provisional survey reveals that the total exceeds 130.

The list includes the lion, camel, eagle, sheep, and wolf, together with the leopard, brown bear, deer, and antelope. In fact it presents a widely varied zoological catalogue and is an entertaining and useful subject for specialised study.

During the last few years it has been carried further, for a full-scale Biblical Zoo now exists in Jerusalem. Here are to be seen examples of most of the creatures referred to in the Scriptures, in cages bearing plaques inscribed with appropriate

Biblical quotations.

The idea of forming such a menagerie dates back a good many years, and the nucleus was established in Jerusalem in 1940. The first creature acquired was a desert monitor, or large lizard, and to this were soon added a griffon vulture and a hyena.

New Quarters Needed

From this humble beginning the zoo progressed to such an extent that new quarters became necessary less than a year later, and in 1941 a temporary home was provided for it just outside the city by the British District Commissioner. A second move was necessitated by the disturbances between the Jews and Arabs, these conditions not only greatly restricting the number of visitors to the Zoo, but also hampering the transport of more exhibits.

Indeed, a remarkable feature of the menagerie is the way it has expanded, despite handicaps and vicissitudes. From its second site it was transferred, in 1947, to a new one on Mount Scopus, overlooking the Dead Sea Valley. The transfer itself was beset with hazards, caused by the outbreak of the Israel War of Independence. The activities of snipers entailed that the creatures be transported under military convoy, or that other means be used to ensure the safety of the animals and the drivers. The monkeys were taken to the new site



אחדו לנו שעלים
שעלים קטנים מחבלים כרמים
TAKE US THE FOXES THE LITTLE FOXES
THAT SPOIL THE VINES



by ambulance!

Now the Biblical Zoo is back in Jerusalem, on a site where it is expected to stay. It occupies about 25 acres of high ground on the eastern side of the city, amidst rocks, caves, and wells.

Identification Problems

Finding a permanent home for the menagerie has not been the only problem. For one thing, identifying all the creatures mentioned in the Scriptures has caused some difficulties. Again, a number of the animals are no longer to be found in Palestine. The light-furred brown bear, formerly found in Syria, became extinct there in 1929. Barbary sheep and roe deer have disappeared from the region. So, too, has the local big variety of the leopard, though others roam the Syrian desert and the region beyond the Jordan.

The lion was exterminated from Palestine centuries ago, but it had to be represented in the zoo, for, it is mentioned in the Bible a number of

times. An Abyssinian one has been brought to the menagerie, and cubs have been introduced from the Transvaal.

Help From Overseas

Britain has helped to expand this unique Zoo. Red deer, once common in the Holy Land, have been provided from Woburn Park (Bedfordshire), and the London Zoo has supplied a pair of brown bears. The Biblical Zoo, indeed, is something of an international enterprise. Belgium has helped by providing roe deer, a species which inhabited the Mount Carmel area earlier this century, and Barbary sheep have been obtained from Holland.

Difficulties Over Names

An instance of the difficulties encountered in identifying creatures mentioned in the Scriptures is provided by the camel. Different names are used for male, female and young ones. Several names are given to the

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Revising the Catechism

H. A. L. RICE

THE Commission appointed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to revise the Prayer Book Catechism completed their task some months ago and the fruit of their labours is now being considered by the Houses of Convocation. Their aim has been to replace some of the more obscure and archaic phraseology of the Jacobean version with more readily understandable modern English, and also to supply questions and answers on certain aspects of the Christian Faith which were not covered by the older version.

Until 1604, the Catechism ended at the section known as the "Desire", which follows the Lord's Prayer; but at the Hampton Court Conference of that year a request was made for a section dealing with the Sacraments. This was provided by John Overall, Dean of St. Paul's and later Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield. He only dealt, however, with the two Gospel Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, possibly through having to complete his work within a given and inadequate period of time.

Admirable though the good Dean's questions and answers on the two principal Sacraments are, it has always been a weakness of the Catechism that no mention was made in it of Confirmation, Holy Orders, Marriage and Unction of the Sick. This defect the Revisers have now very capably supplied.

Revisers' Dilemma

In tackling their second assignment—that of modernising the language of the Catechism—the Commission were faced with something of a dilemma. Were they to regard the Catechism, as it was originally intended to be thought of, as "An Instruction to be learned of every Childe, before he be brought to be Confirmed of the Bishop"? Or were they to treat it, in accordance with more modern pastoral and educational practice, as a syllabus for the parish priest, upon which to base his pre-Confirmation instruction? Learning by rote (or "parrot-fashion", as some would say) is not very educationally respectable nowadays and it would seem as though the Revisers have on the whole inclined to the view of the Catechism as a syllabus.

New Words for Old

It is because of this that they have felt themselves justified in throwing overboard the verbal felicities of the old version in favour of a more utilitarian modern idiom. No doubt this was inevitable, but many will mourn the passing of the magnificent sonorities of "My Duty Towards God" and "My Duty Towards My Neighbour", whose splendid phrases, in spite of a tendency to tautology, roll off the tongue like a fanfare of trumpets. It would have been a great relief to all who love the English language as it has come down to us from its Golden Age if this section could have been left more or less as it was, and our young people could still have been taught that it is part of one's Christian duty to "hurt nobody by word nor deed: To be true and just in all my dealing: To bear no malice nor hatred in my heart: To keep my hands from picking and stealing, and my tongue from evil-speaking, lying and slandering: To

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Church Notes and Views

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Anonymous Rhyme

To The Editor

Dear Sir,

So many people have answered my query about the anonymous rhyme that I have not been able to thank them all personally and am hoping that you will find room to print an acknowledgement for me.

Several people have told me that the rhyme was discovered at the back of an old picture in *Chester Cathedral* and it has since been quoted and copied in many places. As everyone seems to have a different version, I give below the correct words as printed by Chester Cathedral:—

BUILDING

Isn't it strange that Princes and Kings,
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings,
And ordinary folk like you and me,
Are Builders of Eternity?

To each is given a bag of tools,
An hour glass, and a Book of Rules,
And each must build, ere life is flown.
A "Stumbling Block," or a "Stepping
Stone."

Yours faithfully,

(MISS) D. H. NICHOLSON
(BURY ST. EDMUNDS)

TO OUR READERS

We offer seven-and-six for every photograph with notes which we print on this page, and five shillings for every paragraph without a photograph which we consider of sufficient general interest for publication. Entries should be sent to: The Editor, 11 Ludgate Square, London, E.C.4.

Monkey Piper

THE gargoyle shown in this photograph is in the south aisle of Hazelbury Bryan Church, Dorset. The subject is a monkey playing a bagpipe. I believe this is not very common and would be glad to hear from anyone who can give me details of such another—Replies, please, to MAJOR T. G. WOOLLEY, KINGS STAG, STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET.



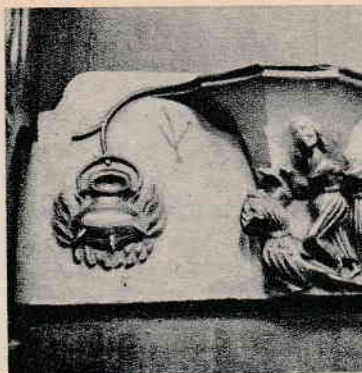
Crooked Spires

THE crooked spire of Holy Trinity Church, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, enjoys world-wide fame, but there are several others in England which are worthy of note. The church of St. Peter, Barnstaple, Devon, has a twisted spire, re-leaded in 1636.

The church of Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire, has an impressive spire of the same type and the little church of St. Enodoc, near Wadebridge, Cornwall, is another example. This church is beautifully situated near the Camel Estuary. Another church with a crooked spire is that of Ermington, near Ivybridge, Devon.—REVD. G. S. HEWINS (CLEOBURY MORTIMER).

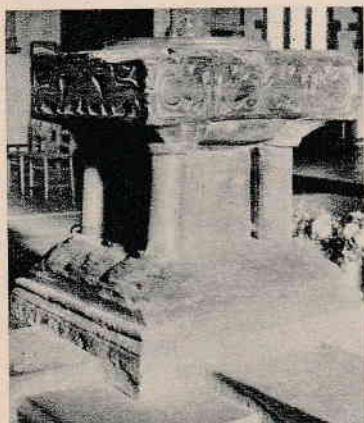
Where Weddings are Few

IN my church of Silvington a wedding last October was the first for four years, and in my second church, that of Cleeton St. Mary, there was a wedding in early December, the first for five years.—REVD. G. S. HEWINS (CLEOBURY MORTIMER, SALOP).



Carver's Mark

EIGHT of the misericords in St. Laurence's Church, Ludlow, have inscribed on them a small plant motif. These are attributed to a 14th century carver and are probably his personal mark, identifying his work. This is indeed a rarity, as surprisingly few such marks, or even signatures, are to be found on the vast amount of old woodwork to be found in our churches.—G. T. NICOLLE (MILEHOUSE, PLYMOUTH).



Rare Marble Font

THIS beautiful font in the small village church of Thornton Curtis in North Lincolnshire is made of black marble from Tournai in Belgium. The font is set on steps in the shape of a cross and has a square bowl carved with fabulous animals. It is the church's rarest possession, for there are only six more like it in the country.—JOAN WEATHERILL (IMMINGHAM, NR. GRIMSBY, LINGS.).



Phillips Brooks's Church

THIS photograph of Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, U.S.A., was sent to us by Mr. Charles Bancroft, who is Honorary Secretary to the Vestry of Holy Trinity. Mr. Bancroft tells us that he emigrated to America in 1906 and before that lived in Wakefield. Bishop Walsham How, the hymn-writer, was a personal friend of Mr. Bancroft's father.

Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, once had as its Rector, Phillips Brooks, the famous preacher, who also wrote the much-loved Christmas hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem."—MR. CHARLES BANCROFT (PHILADELPHIA, PA., U.S.A.).

Training Them Young

THE three youngest choirboys at St. Andrew's Church, Broughton, in the diocese of Peterborough are three brothers, William (aged 7), Neill (aged 6) and John (aged 4).

We believe in "catching them young"! —REV. E. A. L. DONALDSON (BROUGHTON, KETTERING).

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGES



COMPILED BY PATRICIA HUNT

Christian Courage In Burma

FOR a long time during the war, it was very difficult to find out what was happening in Burma, and it was not until much later that the story of the brave Christians there came out. Many had been tortured and put to death, and many more had been cast into prison. The cathedral at Rangoon had been used partly as a cattle-shed and was left in a filthy condition; but the Christians worked with a will to clean it up and to re-furnish it, so that it would once more be fit for the worship of God. When people heard how hard the Christians were working, in spite of all they had suffered, gifts were sent to the cathedral from all over the world. When it was fully restored, a great Thanksgiving Service was held, and even those who had suffered so badly were able to thank God for all His mercies.

Signs and Symbols

Our church has several signs and symbols, besides the Fish symbol, of which we read on this page last April. Here are three more:

IHS: These are the first three letters of the Greek word for Jesus. You may see them in carvings of wood, silver or brass, or perhaps

embroidered on an altar cloth or pulpit fall, or on other materials used in church.

INRI: These are the first letters of four Latin words meaning "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews". This was the title which Pilate had nailed above our Lord on the cross, and you will sometimes see these four letters on a scroll fastened to a crucifix.

✠ These two letters, which look like 'P' and 'X', are really the first two letters, *CHI* and *RHO*, of the Greek word *CHRISTOS* meaning 'Christ, the Anointed One'. In the Roman Empire this sign was known as the "Labarum" and the Emperor Constantine, when he became a Christian, ordered it to be fixed to the standards carried into battle by the Roman legions.

Prayer For Courage

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast called us to help to win the world for God, give us the strength and courage to be firmer disciples. Help us each day to know more of Thee, and to show forth in our lives Thy love for all men. Make us humble, generous and loving, and fill us with a spirit of adventure for Thy Kingdom. Through all our difficulties and dangers, may we remain loyal in Thy service, never forgetting that we were signed with the sign of the cross at our baptism. Amen.



Sanctuary Vine

Dear Editor,

Vivian Bird, a Birmingham reader, writes about a vine growing round the door of a church. In our modern new church, St. Francis of Assisi, Newall Green, a small vine grows *inside* the church. It is by the side of the credence table, growing from a box. It was given by a member of the local horticultural society, and he tends it.

Yours sincerely,
Linda Rice (aged 12 yrs.)

Looking at Spires and Towers

Many churches have a tall strong tower, usually at the western end. Originally the tower was used as a place of refuge, and so was very

strongly built, with small windows high above the ground. Its use now is mainly to house bells, and as bells are very heavy, the tower still needs to be very strong. The "windows" in the belfry do not have glass in them, but are filled with louvre-boards (that is, slats across the opening) to allow the sound of the bells to come out. The bells call people to worship, and spread tidings, both happy and sad.

A spire is pointed and does not normally house bells. It may sometimes have a cross or a weather-vane on top.

In which services do we find the following songs of praise: Venite, Magnificat, Te Deum, Benedicite, Nunc Dimittis?

Women's Pages for Weekdays

CONDUCTED BY
MARION HURST

Monday—Washing Etc.

Salt is very useful for many things, and is invaluable for loosening blood stains on fabrics. A tablespoonful added to a quart of lukewarm water in which the garment may be soaked, and then washed in the usual way, will nearly always remove stains and leave the material fresh and clean again.

Salt quickly removes egg stains from tea spoons, and a damp cloth dipped in salt will remove any brown stains from the inside of tea cups. To make flowers last longer, add a pinch of salt to the water in which they stand.—MRS. A. ECCLESTON (PRESTON, LANCs.).

Tuesday—Sewing/Knitting

I do a good bit of crocheting and knitting, and when using white or light colours I put the ball in a cellophane bag and fasten the top with an elastic band. Cut out a corner off the base, and thread the wool through. This keeps it clean and less likely to tangle.—MRS. S. L. TURNER (BURY ST. EDMUNDS).

Wednesday—Nursing/First Aid

Another use for salt! If you do not use paper hankies when you have a bad cold, always soak ordinary handkerchiefs in cold water to which a good handful of cooking salt has been added. This makes them much easier to wash afterwards, and there is less risk of infection. Face cloths may be treated in this way also to make them more hygienic.—MRS. BENFIELD (NORWICH).

Thursday—Cooking

A clean steel knitting needle is useful in many ways for cooking purposes. It is invaluable for lifting rashers of bacon,

sausages, steaks, chops etc., and also for testing cakes to make sure they are fully cooked.—MRS. M. THOMAS (CATERHAM, SURREY).

Friday—Household

Do not throw away your empty liquid soap container. Half fill it with warm water (which takes a little patience) and you will find that after giving it a good shake you have still some left for one or two more 'washings up'.

It can also be made useful as a spray in the garden, for getting underneath leaves when you need both hands to do the job, and is especially effective against green fly and small insects.—MRS. TILDESLEY (GILLINGHAM, KENT).

Saturday—Children

Boiled sweets—which children specially like—sometimes go sticky if they are kept long enough. Try keeping them in a tin or a glass jar after sprinkling the sweets with a small quantity of icing sugar. They will keep for quite a time in this way.—MRS. M. A. WOOD (PETWORTH).

Master Weaver

Our life is like a Persian carpet,
woven

By many little boys with coloured
thread.

And over all, directing, is a Master
Who carries the design inside His
head.

And if by chance one of the boys
should blunder,

And spoil the work with colours
out of line,

The expert Carpet-maker sees the
error,

And weaves it in, revising the
design.

O Heavenly Father, take Thou our
sins and errors,

And in Thy love and wisdom, do
conceive

A change of plan; that we, Thy
thoughtless children,

A Thing of Beauty may from Folly
weave.

JAN MERRYWEATHER

USE THOSE OLD PICTURE FRAMES!

An old picture frame—however dilapidated it may look—may soon be turned into a useful and decorative hanging shelf. First of all clean up the frame with soap and water, making sure to get any accumulated dust out of the nooks and crannies! Dry thoroughly, and then tack on a piece of ply-wood to cover in the back. Fix thin strips of wood, side-to-side, to form small shelves and, after smoothing, paint to match your colour scheme. When dry, hang, and it is then ready to use to show off any small ornaments, glass animals, miniature plants or whatever you fancy, and makes a novel and interesting 'picture'.

The same type of frame, with a more solid backing and fitted on legs, which may be made—if you are a clever carpenter—or bought from a

woodworker's shop, will make a handy and very useful coffee table. Without the legs, if the frame is not too heavy, it could be used as a serving tray for supper round the fire.—MARION HURST.

The Superior Person

HOW EASY it is to see fault in one's neighbours;

How hard to discern any good that they do.

We question their motives; we sneer at their labours;

We say not a word to their credit. Do you?

A. H. S.

** If you know of a good hint for our household pages, send it to the Editor, Women's Page, 11, Ludgate Square, London, E.C.4. We offer six 5s. prizes every month.

"I'm all right, Jack!"

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SHORT STORY FOR AUGUST

The Lovely Day

By CLAIRE RITCHIE

MARION ADAMS laid a gaily-coloured brochure on Rene's desk.

"You're coming with us to West-
ringham on Bank Holiday, aren't
you?" The two girls worked in the
same office and were good friends.

"With you and Dick? But you're
engaged! You won't want me—"
Rene said doubtfully.

"Oh, don't worry! Dick's asked
Bob Elliott—and you know you like
him."

Like him! If Marion only guessed
the daydreams Rene had fashioned
around good-looking Bob. Well,
when Bank Holiday came—!

That evening Rene, still in a rose-
coloured dream, was mechanically
eating her supper, when her landlady
looked in for a chat. Miss Barrett
was a grey-haired little woman, her
face lined as if at some time she had
known great sadness. Only her eyes
still held a ghost of the beauty that
must once have been hers.

"Do sit down for a minute! You
look tired."

"Thank you, Miss Lucas. It's
these stairs that—oh!"

Rene glanced up in surprise, to
see the landlady gazing entranced at a
picture in the brochure Marion had
given her. It showed Grenna Cove,
a quiet little village ten miles along
the coast from Westringham, the
popular holiday resort.

"What is it?" Rene enquired.

"This picture! I used to live at

Grenna Cove. Years ago when I was
a girl—with a sweetheart, too!" she
added, smiling rather wistfully.

"What happened?" Rene's soft
heart prompted the question. "Did
he go away or something?"

"My parents didn't approve of
him. They wanted me to marry
someone else—someone who had
money. But there was never any-
one for me but Walter. He went
out to Canada; said when he'd
made his fortune, he'd come back
and we'd be married. But he didn't
come, and after a year there were no
more letters. Later on, my parents
died and then I came here. I've
never been to Grenna since, but see-
ing that picture—well, it brought
back happy memories."

"Why don't you go there one day?"

Miss Barrett shook her head. "I
can't afford it, and I'd get flustered
with the traffic and everything now,
if I went alone. It's forty years
since I was there, and I expect it's
all different."

After her landlady had gone,
Rene sat thinking. Why shouldn't
they take Miss Barrett with them on
Bank Holiday? There'd be room
in Dick's car—she was such a little
thing!—and they could drop her at
Grenna Cove and pick her up on
the way back.

But Marion wouldn't hear of it.

"Don't be idiotic! Who wants a
dreary old maid on a holiday outing?"

Rene was silent. From nowhere



Keyhaven, Hants.

Photo: E. Wells

came the thought: "*I could take her instead of going with the others. We could go by train.*" But why should she give up her lovely day with Bob for the sake of a sentimental old woman?

The argument between selfishness and compassion went on for days, but at last Rene knew what she must do and, strangely, her heart lifted as she sought out Miss Barrett.

"I want you to come out with me on Bank Holiday—my treat! So put on your best clothes and be ready at half-past-nine!"

The little woman looked quite bewildered.

"But won't you be going out with your friends?" Then, as Rene shook her head: "Oh, Miss Lucas! I haven't been out anywhere for so long!"

Marion, however, was really annoyed. "You must be crazy! Well, I'll ask Betty Cardew instead.

She's pretty and lots of fun. Good company for Bob," she finished unkindly.

Rene's lips quivered, but she turned away without speaking.

Bank Holiday was brilliantly fine. In the bright sunshine Miss Barrett's 'best clothes' looked dreadfully conspicuous. An old-fashioned black straw hat, one red rose nodding at the side, a black sateen coat too big for her slight figure. She had a shabby hold-all, containing sandwiches and tea, which she had insisted on contributing, despite Rene's protests.

The gay party of young people in their compartment looked at her with scornful amusement, Rene fancied, and she wished she hadn't been so impulsive.

But, when they reached Grenna Cove, it was obvious that Miss Barrett, at least, was in the seventh heaven, though Rene thought it a

dull little place—nothing to see, nothing to do! They ate their picnic lunch on a grassy cliff top, and as she offered Rene the last sandwich, the little woman said shakily:

"Miss Lucas dear, I'll never be able to thank you for giving me this lovely day! It's like a dream come true!"

"I'm so glad!" Rene said, and found that she really meant it.

In the afternoon, they walked down to the few small shops. Miss Barrett came to a sudden standstill outside a window filled with souvenirs and post-cards.

"Will you wait just a moment? I want to buy a little gift for— for somebody."

Rene nodded. She had a shrewd suspicion who that 'somebody' was! She strolled along to the end of the small jetty and her thoughts flew to Bob. Only ten miles away! Having a wonderful time with Betty, no doubt . . .

"Hello!" said a voice. She wheeled round, and her heart leapt up as Bob himself smiled down into her eyes.

"You! But—"

"I know. Marion didn't tell me until we met that you weren't coming. She told me the reason, too." There was warm tenderness in his gaze. "I could hardly back out then, but luckily Betty met a chap she knew, so I was free to hop on a bus and come here, hoping I'd find you."

"Oh, Bob!" Her hands were in his, and there were sudden tears of joy in her eyes. "Oh, there's Miss Barrett—and she's beckoning to me! Just a minute—"

Miss Barrett's face was ashine with happiness. She laid a trembling hand on Rene's sleeve.

"You'll never believe it, but he's

here—my Walter! In this shop—he owns it. He didn't write or come back because he was in a train accident out in Canada, and now he's got an artificial leg—as if that mattered when you love somebody!" The words tumbled out with breathless, joyful incoherence. "Come and meet him! Oh, Miss Lucas! If you hadn't brought me here, we might—we might both have died without seeing each other again!"

Leaving the reunited sweethearts discussing wedding plans, Rene went out again into the sunshine to find her own happiness, all the sweeter because she had been thinking only of bringing joy to a lonely old woman.



Ordination through Christian Stewardship

TWO men now training for Ordination are doing so as a direct result of Christian Stewardship. The first was a farm student, who was a visitor in a campaign in a country parish in Peterborough Diocese in the autumn of 1960. During his visiting, he became convinced that he ought to be playing a fuller part in the life of the Church. After acceptance by C.A.C.T.M., and doing some youth work to test his vocation, he entered Lincoln Theological College in September, 1961.

The second is an older man, a leading business man in Margate. His enthusiasm was kindled at a Christian Stewardship weekend two years ago, addressed by the Archdeacon of Maidstone. He has since played a leading part in stewardship work in Margate, and has just started his training at Rochester Theological College.

REVISING THE CATECHISM

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keep my body in temperance, soberness and chastity; Not to covet or desire other men's goods; but to learn to labour truly to get mine own living, and to do my duty in that state of life, unto which it shall please God to call me." Is there any teaching more vital for young people today (and for a good many of their elders), or anywhere to be found a more memorable summarising of it?

Gains As Well As Losses

Yet there are gains in the new version to offset the losses. We may lament the obliteration of "the pomps and vanities of this wicked world" and deplore any deletion of "the devil and all his works". Yet many of those whose duty it is to teach the Catechism to young and sometimes unacademically-minded children will feel that the Commission, in simplifying the Baptismal Promises and other sections, have only done what they themselves have been under the necessity of doing for years.

Additional Material

The same is true of the extra questions and answers which they have added. Here, again, it is easy enough to find points to criticise. What will the average child (or, for that matter, the average parent) make of such phrases as "His reconciling work among men," "God's revelation of Himself to mankind through His people Israel," "give themselves to Christ," or "claim their adoption as children of God"? Doctrinally unexceptionable though they may be, they still savour of theological jargon and must surely be meaningless for most of those who are intended to profit by them.

A Task Well Done

But these are minor matters. On



"Defend, O Lord, this Thy child"

Photo: Country Churchman Publications

the whole the Revisers have done their work well and deserve our gratitude. They have tried to adapt the Catechism to meet the needs of the world of today. The days of memorising and learning by rote are passing, if they have not already passed. In more spacious times, when Church Schools were the rule rather than the exception and unlimited periods were available for Religious Instruction, it may have been practicable to teach children both the words of the Catechism and their meaning. The busy priest of today, who can consider himself fortunate if he can get his junior parishioners for instruction half an hour a week, simply cannot spare the time to drill children into word-perfection and then go all over the ground again paraphrasing it. The Catechism today must inevitably be mainly a tool for the teacher.

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(A Revised Catechism (1961) is published by S.P.C.K., price two shillings and sixpence.)

Use Your Church

AT one time, it was the exception to find a church open on weekdays. Then, owing to the Church Revival and the strenuous efforts of the Free and Open Church Association, it became customary to see the church doors open and in some churches, a steady stream of people entering for prayer.

Now we are in danger of drifting back to the bad days. Few churches can afford a verger, and the deprivations which have occurred in certain districts have obliged incumbents to keep their churches locked.

This is to be regretted. There are many people who are desirous of visiting their churches. The Christmas Crib had proved an attraction, but one Boxing Day, many visitors were seen approaching a certain well-known church—only to find it locked.

The home is no longer a place where quiet can be secured. The 'telly' and the telephone create a

background of noise, so that it is increasingly difficult to find a quiet corner for prayer.

Then why not Use Your Church? A bishop remarked, "Our people don't know what to do when they get there". But we understand that several publishing firms are engaged in exploring the possibilities of providing suitable material for prayer, study and meditation for use in church.

It may not be possible to secure a rota of people to take their turn in church every day, but at least churches should be open at stated times, e.g., the lunch hour. Particularly, they should be open in the evening; at present most churches close at dusk, which is the only time when people could make use of them. The custom of 'Home-going Prayers' which has been in use for many years at St. Martin-in-the-Fields might well be more widely adopted.

It is up to the faithful laity to set a fashion. If the spectacle of the faithful going into church becomes familiar, others will timidly follow and a new and valuable tradition be created.

MARCUS DONOVAN

● BOOK REVIEWS

ALL Churchpeople should feel a compelling need to pray for the visible unity of the Church of God. *Our Churches and Why We Believe in Them*, published by Seeley Service & Co. at 10s. 6d., a series of essays by members of the Church of England, both Evangelical and Anglo-Catholic, the Church of Scotland, the Baptist, Congregational and Methodist Churches and the Society of Friends, will help to pray with understanding. It is unfortunate that the Roman Catholic Church is omitted, the reason given, in a note in the foreword, being that the Roman Church has provided instruction for

its adherents and that its tenets are widely known. The same could be true of any Church other than one's own.

The quality of the articles is somewhat unbalanced and some answer the questions that come to mind, while others leave unanswered questions which occur to one brought up in other traditions. It is unfortunate for the sense of the argument on page 162, that John Bunyan's well-known adage, "New presbyter is but old priest writ large" is misquoted as, "New priest is but old presbyter writ large". The book, however, will help to encourage a better understanding of the teaching of other Churches.

A-S.

A Home of Your Own. (National Marriage Guidance Council, 2s. 6d.)

THIS booklet deals in a practical way with one of the major problems confronting young people about to be married—the finding of somewhere to live. There are chapters on buying a caravan, buying a house, building your own house, and renting a house; and in each case the legal and financial aspects are gone into in some detail. Advice is given on whom to approach, what precautions to take, what snags to look out for, how to arrange loans and mortgages. There is a section on converting part of a house, so as to give maximum privacy to both parties, methods given and illustrated.

Further chapters deal with starting a garden, painting and decorating, and different forms of heating, and there is a postscript giving some advice on furnishing (beginning, "For heaven's sake, right from the start forget the *Jonés's*."!)

Lists of books on every aspect covered are given and at the end are the names and addresses of organisations which may be helpful.

The deeper, spiritual, problems of marriage and home-making are not within the province of this book, but it does not make the mistake of assuming that a house and a home are necessarily synonymous. This is made clear in the Introduction—"a home is what you make it by the sort of life you lead in it"—and is further emphasised in the Conclusion—"The Caravan, Flat, or House, which you finish up with is of course only a shell—rather like a stage set—within which you live your lives, care for one another and bring up your family. And it is on how you live and love that the happiness of your home depends, not on how much you spend on bricks and mortar."

E. J. A.



JERUSALEM'S BIBLICAL ZOO

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lion, the goat, and a number of other creatures. The development of the zoo has thus concerned scholars as well as zoologists. Students of the Scriptures have also had to be consulted because, conversely, the same name was sometimes applied to two or more types of animal or bird.

But such discrepancies are gradually being sorted out and the zoological problems resolved. At the same time other angles of the scriptural menagerie are being explored and developed. One idea is the inauguration of a Children's Zoo. Such a section was opened last autumn. Noah's Ark is already featured, and in the children's section has been built a display relating to the Old Testament prophecy of all animals one day living together peaceably.

Another development is the reproduction of a number of well-known biblical incidents concerning animals, such as the ten plagues of Egypt.

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