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THE MAGAZINE OF —  
*St. Nicholas Church, Marston*

# ST NICHOLAS CHURCH — OLD MARSTON

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## SERVICES :

### SUNDAYS IN THE MONTH

	Holy Communion	Mattins	Evensong
1st.	8.0 a.m. and 11.0 a.m. Parish Communion.	10.30 a.m. (saiu)	6.30 p.m.
2nd.	8.0 a.m.	11.0 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
3rd.	8.0 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. Family Communion.	11.0 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
4th.	8.0 a.m.	11.0 a.m.	6.30 p.m.

**Saints' Days** : Holy Communion — 7.15 a.m.

**Holy Baptism** : Second and Fourth Sundays of the month at 3 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).

**Children's Instruction** : Senior Catechism and Crossbearers : 10 a.m. in Church Hall.

Kindergarten and Junior : Sundays 11 a.m. in Church Hall.

Nursery : Sundays 11 a.m. in the Village Hall.

**Mothers' Union** : Every fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.45 p.m. in the Church Hall (see separate notice).

**Brownies** : Wednesdays at 5.30 p.m. in Scout Hall.

**Girl Guides** : Tuesdays at 7.0 p.m. in Scout Hall.

**Cubs** : Mondays at 6.15 p.m. in Scout Hall.

**Scouts** : Fridays at 7.15 p.m. in Scout Hall.

**St. Nicholas Art Group** : Thursdays at 7 p.m. in Scout Hall.

**CHURCH PARADE** : Once a quarter at Evensong.

## WEEKDAY SERVICES :

**Mattins**—7.15 a.m. (daily except Saturdays). 9 a.m. when there is a 7.15 a.m. Service of Holy Communion.

**Evensong** — 5.30 p.m. (daily except Saturdays)

**Holy Communion** — Wednesdays and Saints Days at 7.15 a.m.

Friday at 10.30 a.m. on every third Friday of month with Laying on of Hands for Sick.

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 parish. The design is by Mr. Brian Cairns.

## THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

May I take this opportunity once again to thank you for your Easter Offering. The kindness and friendship that we enjoy in Marston is something for which we thank God abundantly.

The Confirmation this year will take place at Evensong on Sunday, May 10th (6.30 p.m.) and will be conducted by the Bishop of Dorchester. We hope that the Church will be "bursting at the seams" for that service. Please come in good time to help us with the seating problem.

The Fete will be revived this year and will be a joint effort between the Marston Road Congregational Church and ourselves in aid of Home and Overseas Missions. It will be at 3 p.m. on May 23rd at the Vicarage, followed by an Open-Air Dance and Barbecue at 8 p.m. We are delighted at this idea of a joint effort, and hope that it will not only be a great success financially, but help us to get to know each other better.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,



**JOINT GARDEN PARTY AT THE VICARAGE — May 23rd, 3 p.m.**

(in aid of Home and Overseas Missions)

Sideshow — Jumble — Cake Stall — Vegetables — Ices — Soft Drinks  
Competitions — Teas.

**Admission 6d. Children 3d.**

followed by

**OPEN AIR DANCE AND BARBECUE AT 8 P.M.**

**Admission 2/-. Children with Parents 1/-.**

Please support this joint effort by St. Nicholas' Church and the Marston Road Congregational Church in aid of the Church at Home and Abroad.

**Come with your family. Rope in your friends. Help in any way you can!**

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**PARISH QUIET DAY :**

It has been decided to postpone the Quiet Day at Rotherfield Greys until early Autumn, when more people may be free to attend.

**MARSTON PLAYERS — WHIT MONDAY, MAY 18th :**

Coffee morning at the VILLAGE HALL. Please make a note in your diaries and join us that morning.

**FOLLOW-UP OF OXFORD BIBLE WEEK**

There will be a public meeting for all who shared in Bible Week at the Wesley Memorial Church on Monday, May 25th at 8.0 p.m. Will all those who attended the Week and any others interested please try to attend.

**INTER CHURCH AID WEEK :**

There will be a House to House Collection in Old Marston (and throughout the country) from May 25th—30th on behalf of Inter-Church Aid. Your gift will help provide : drugs to fight diseases ; tools to cultivate land ; seed from which to grow food ; skills with which today's destitute millions can support themselves. The Churches of the World are together serving the needy. Please give them the tools for the job—and the money.

Collectors urgently needed for this vital work. Please contact Mrs. Smith, 4 Windsor Crescent, Old Marston (Phone 42029).

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS :

The Rt. Rev. G. D. Savage, the Bishop of Southwell, and his family attended Evensong at St. Nicholas' Church—their last service before leaving for Nottingham. Please remember the Bishop and Mrs. Savage as they move North. The enthronement will be on Saturday, May 9th in Southwell Minster (founded A.D. 956). The Diocese of Southwell consists of the City and County of Nottingham (about the size of Bucks). It has a population of some 900,000, 260 Parochial Clergy, 120 Licensed Readers, and 350 Parochial Churches; 15 Rural Deans, 2 Archdeacons, and 2 Assistant Bishops, as well as Provost and Cathedral Staff.

We send our congratulations to Dr. L. J. Harley of the Orchard, Old Marston, on being made a Fellow of the Royal Society. Dr. Harley is one of our sidesmen and has served on the P.C.C. for a number of years.

Congratulations too to Inspector Clifford Dunkley who on retirement from the Oxford City Police, has been appointed as Information Assistant on the staff of the City Council, and will be in charge of the new Information Office when it opens at Carfax. Inspector Dunkley is not only a member of the P.C.C. but also a choirman, sidesman, and plays the organ for our Family Communion.

The parish will soon be saying Farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Anderson who will be moving North in the near future. Mr. Anderson has been appointed Rural Industries Organiser for Lancashire, serving on the Rural Communities Council which has its office in Manchester. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have always taken a keen interest in Church life at Marston. Mr. Anderson served for a time on the P.C.C. and Mrs. Anderson on the M.U. Committee. We send our very best wishes to them for the future, and shall miss them and their family greatly.

Mrs. Barnsley was not able to be present at last month's M.U. Meeting as she was holidaying in Greece. We hope that she has taken her camera with her! — and were more than grateful for the loan of her Oberramagau slides on Good Friday, when the hired film proved unsuitable.

The Bishop of Oxford is at present leading a party of pilgrims to the Holy Land. Most of them are from the Oxford Diocese, and the tour has been organised by the publishers of Church Illustrated.

Our sympathies go to Christine Loveday, wife of Bernard Loveday, one of our former Scouters. She was injured in a car accident, but is cheerful and recovering satisfactorily.

## THE DAILY SERVICES :

Matins is said on most mornings (except Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Saints Days) at 7.15 a.m. During the Summer months Evensong will be said daily (except Friday and Saturday) at 7 p.m. The service lasts a quarter of an hour and is held in the Choir stalls. We welcome anyone able to join us at anytime. Urgent needs for prayer should be written on a slip of paper and left on the Vicar's stall for remembering at that service.

## ST. NICHOLAS' ART GROUP :

Being now one year old, we would like to report that the Group has now a membership of 14, from all walks of life, and ages ranging from 14 years upwards. We have now a Professional Instructor, Mr. Hudson. Anyone interested in oil painting, water colours, or sketching, are invited to come along to the Scout H.Q. on any Thursday from 7 p.m.—9 p.m.

We would like to thank the Vicar and Miss Lodge for all the help and encouragement they have given us during the year.

Peter Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

## BELLRINGERS NOTES :

Parishioners could be excused for thinking that the Ringers had made a take-over bid for the business of "Steptoe & Son" during Easter week. To collect jumble certain ringers became "totters." The Jumble Sale, held in the Church Hall, raised £15 in spite of the cold weather. Our thanks to all who supported us in any way.

For their Annual Outing the Ringers had one of the sunniest days of the year. The Ringers were joined by two young members of the congregation, friends from Oxford Towers and from North Hinksey and Radley Towers. Towers visited were:—Weedon, Nether Heyford, Dallington, Boughton, Moulton, Cogenhoe, Brafield and Little Houghton. Lunch and tea were taken in Northampton. During the afternoon two members went to Wellingborough and missed a visit to the picturesque village, the beautiful church and the fine ring of five of Boughton. It is hoped to welcome members of this tower to Oxford in September. Our thanks to the organisers for a very enjoyable outing.

There are vacancies for anyone who would like to learn ring. Practice—Fridays at 7.30 p.m.

## CALLING ALL TIDY PEOPLE :

Marston came second in the "Best Kept Village" Competition last year—let us see to it that we "top the list" this year. It all depends on you—adults—children—visitors.

## OLD MARSTON OVER 60's CLUB :

A very successful "Coffee Morning and Sale" was held in the Church Hall on the morning of Easter Monday. The sum of £32 14s. 0d. was raised for Club Funds.

## BROWNIES

### LOOK RIGHT! LOOK LEFT! LOOK RIGHT AGAIN!

We are grateful to Inspector Sherwood for coming and giving a talk and shewing us two films on Road sense. Each one brought a friend along with them and we were very pleased to have the 4 cubs who joined with us.

## COLLECTION AND COMMUNICANTS

	£	s.	d.	Communicants
1st March. Lent III ... ..	37	9	8	95
8th March. Lent IV ... ..	29	1	10	32
15th March. Lent V ... ..	5	6	9	64
22nd March. Palm Sunday ... ..	30	17	6	38
29th March. Easter Day ... ..	109	7	0	176

## HOLY MATRIMONY

- Mar. 28. Bernard Charles Herbert and Pauline Jessie Belcher.  
Alfred Cecil William Kerry and Cecily Sheila Warner.  
Apr. 4. Stephen Peter Godfrey and Susan Eleanor Toombs.

## HOLY BAPTISM

- Mar. 22. Helen Judith Jarman, 11 Arlington Drive.  
Easter Day. Stephen Raymond Bowden, 96 Copse Lane.  
Clare Justine Roth, 243 Cowley Road, Oxford.  
Apr. 12. Deborah Jane Clifford, 3 Salford Road.  
Monica Barbara Warrell, 22 Elms Drive.  
Received into the Church: Andrew Richard Gear.

## ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

- May 3. Mrs. Bolton.  
" 10. Mrs. Harley.  
" 17. Mrs. Jennings. WHITSUNDAY.  
" 24. Mrs. Harlow.  
" 31. Mrs. Casterton for Mr. B. Oliver.

PARISH CALENDAR -- MAY

- May 1. (Friday). **Festival of SS. Philip & James.**  
 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Parents of Confirmation candidates invited to the Church Hall.
- „ 3. **ROGATION SUNDAY**  
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 10.30 a.m. Matins (said).  
 11.0 a.m. **PARISH COMMUNION.**  
 6.30 p.m. Evensong — when the members of the Over 60's Club will be worshipping together and entertained in the Church Hall after Evensong.
- „ 5. Tuesday. Rogation Day. 8 p.m. in Church Hall. Meeting of Parish Magazine Distributors.
- „ 6. Wednesday. Rogation Day.  
 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
- „ 7. **THURSDAY. ASCENSION DAY**  
 7.15 and 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- „ 10. **SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY**  
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 11.0 a.m. Matins.  
 3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism.  
 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Confirmation Service, conducted by the Bishop of Dorchester.
- „ 13. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 2.45 p.m. Mothers' Union Prayer Group at "Eaglesfield," Jack Straws Lane.
- „ 17. **WHIT SUNDAY**  
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 9.30 a.m. **FAMILY COMMUNION.**  
 First Communion of those recently confirmed who will be welcomed with their parents and relations in Church Hall after the Service.  
 11.0 a.m. Matins.  
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- „ 18. Monday in Whitsun Week  
 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- „ 19. Tuesday in Whitsun Week.  
 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
- „ 20. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
- „ 23. Saturday. **UNITED GARDEN PARTY** — 3 p.m. at Vicarage.  
 Dance and Barbecue, 8 p.m. — 11 p.m.
- „ 24. **TRINITY SUNDAY**  
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 11.0 a.m. Matins. Rev. Kenneth Cooper.  
 3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism.  
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- „ 25. Monday. 7.30 p.m. **OXFORD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES INVITE ALL WHO ATTENDED BIBLE WEEK** to a Meeting at the Wesley Memorial Hall.
- „ 27. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union meet in Church Hall.
- „ 31. **1st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 11.0 a.m. Matins.  
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.



*Facts and comments from and about some of the 60 dioceses in Asia and Africa served by C.M.S.*

- ★ Uganda, slightly larger than Britain, lies across the equator. In spite of the large area it has a population of only seven million, less than the population of Greater London.
- ★ Average income is barely £23 per year compared with the relatively affluent £423 per year in the United Kingdom.
- ★ Although there are 2½ million people nominally Christian (35% Anglican, 65% Catholic) there still remains a staggering figure of 4½ million pagans.
- ★ There is one doctor for every 18,000 people. In Britain there is one doctor for every 840 people. A network of rural dispensaries is being established in Uganda.
- ★ The education rate is high: 420,000 children attending school; the government plans to provide an additional 100,000 places in the next five years.
- ★ The people of Uganda are not town-minded: they prefer to live in the closed communities of their villages rather than in towns. Lack of agricultural work, however, is forcing the villagers to seek employment in urban areas. The change is making them seriously re-adjust their lives.
- ★ As the country moves forward into maturity as an independent state, there are continuing opportunities for further expansion. C.M.S. has 133 missionaries working in Uganda.

## Sending us out

We are rather a small band to tackle the first hymn, seven or eight men, a dozen women, a fair number of children—if it were term time they would be packing the ‘pews’, which are in fact the school desks and benches, carried over to the church at weekends. The congregations may more than double during the next quarter-of-an-hour, for people do not mind coming in late.

Most people have brought a little woven palm-leaf mat or a goat-skin or at least a handkerchief to kneel on. An elderly lady, one of the churchwardens, slips up to me and gives me a mat. Perhaps it was she who arranged the wild flowers in the glass vases on the holy table.

“O come, let us sing unto the Lord. . . .” Someone is pitching the singing well, probably one of the school teachers. The words are strong and beautiful in Luganda as in English, but when will the new experiments in African chants reach the villages and release new life in praise?

A young married couple have come in with their baby. Mostly the women sit on the right of the church and the men on the left, but there two sit together and it seems to symbolize the new Christian home with partnership between husband and wife.

The service is led by our vicar, a man with a live faith and a real concern for the score of churches in his care, cycling out to visit his people in rain or heat. In the notices he reminds us to stay behind to discuss plans for putting up a worthier church building, drawing our attention to the sagging roof beams and the mud walls.

Through the window I watch a man cycling along the footpath, his wife seated on the carrier. I wonder if they ever go to church, or the people who live under the little thatched roofs visible here and there in the banana groves. A train whistles, incongruous in this quiet rural setting, reminding us of the changing modern Uganda around us.

*Ekisa kya Mukama Waffe Yesu Kriste . . .* “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. . . .” May his grace be with us all, deepening our worship, sending us out to reach the many who need it in scattered homesteads and growing towns.



↑ *SENT OUT: A congregation leaving a church in Uganda*

*SENT OUT: The Mengo Hospital team visit an outstation maternity hospital*



# “ The Church goes out

## *Into the town . . .*

In Kampala, the capital of Uganda, the sprawling townships of Kisenyi and Katwe are spreading on former swamp land. This area has two faces: one that of a smiling, prosperous business and residential centre, the other the ramshackle hideout of thieves, thugs and prostitutes.

'Home' for a family of six is a one-roomed mud hovel: there is neither sanitation nor water supply; food is prepared out-of-doors in rain, sun or dust.

First in Kisenyi, and now in Katwe, the Church in Uganda has moved in on this problem. In Kisenyi there is a Midwifery Centre, and at Katwe a Community Centre.

## *Into the country . . .*

The Bahima tribesmen of Uganda are pastoral people—many moving every few months with their long-horned cattle to new pastures. At one place we visited, a number of them are Christian and they have made more settled homes, built a school and adopted many western ways. They have one government dispensary where a few patients can be treated, but in a vast, sparsely-populated area there is no other medical help except for 'itinerant doctors' who give injections of some kind—for a fee. The tribesmen asked us for a Christian doctor to practise in the area. The work would consist largely of travelling round to hold clinics for this nomadic people.

We explained that C.M.S. had no person or money at present to meet their need for a doctor or male nurse, but that we would do our best to find such a person, the money to buy a vehicle and a mobile home.

This is only one of the medical projects we have been asked to launch. Another request is to provide a nursing sister trained in eye-care to visit homes and schools in Busoga. In this area blindness is very common through a disease caused by Nile fly and trachoma. Again, this must wait for a nurse who knows the language and who has had some experience of village life. ”

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***C.M.S. will be pleased to suggest aids to prayer study and giving. Write in the first instance to the Home Secretary, Church Missionary Society, 6 Salisbury Square, London, E.C.4.***



The METHODIST  
CONFERENCE  
PRESIDENT



(The Rev. Frederic Greeves)

sums up the  
Methodist  
standpoint  
on the  
unity  
proposals

## 2. Differences, but—

MEMBERS of the Church of England and of the Methodist Church are now committed to discussion which will certainly last a few years and may continue for very many.

This is no longer to be limited, as it was between 1956 and 1963, to a few selected representatives of each Church.

Every member, and especially every office-bearer, now has some responsibility for this task.

It is very important that discussion should take place not only within each denomination but also between the two, and at local level.

Readers of this magazine may be interested to know how decisions are made by the Methodist Church. The annual Con-

## Don't fear to adventure!

ference, consisting of over 650 ministers and lay men and women, is our ruling body.

It was this Conference which last July committed the *Report on the Conversations* to the careful study of the whole Church and, in particular, of the district synods and of the official courts of the circuits, called 'Quarterly Meetings.'

Without expressing any judgment on the proposals, the Conference required the lower courts to report in 1965 (unless the Conference should postpone that date).

The decisions of Conference are binding on the whole Church, but they are not taken without consultation. Any matter of great importance (such as this) is first submitted to the judgment of the lower courts.

While the Conference is not bound to act on the majority views expressed by these, it is not likely ever to act against a strong majority expression of opinion. This means that the views which will be

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Next month: The  
BISHOP OF BRISTOL

No, there cannot



THE DESCENT OF THE SPIRIT.

## be another Pentecost . .

THE 17th-century Dutch philosopher Spinoza has been called "the God-intoxicated Jew", and it would not be wide of the mark to apply the term to the Apostles of Jesus on and after the first Whit Sunday.

In fact, when Peter and his friends came down into the streets of Jerusalem after the coming of the Holy Spirit, some of those who saw and heard them said, "These men are drunk!"

But, as St. Peter quickly pointed out, it was only nine o'clock in the morning and if he and his friends were inebriated it was not with liquor. The Spirit that had them in thrall was nothing less than the Divine Spirit Himself.

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# For this, too, is the 'Day of the Lord'

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It was the fulfilment of the ancient prophecy in the Book of Joel: *I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh . . . your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.* It was the "Day of the Lord" so frequently foretold, so wistfully looked for.

The fervour and freshness and zeal of the apostolic Church in those brave, far-off days recorded in the Acts remains a constant reproach to the prosaic conventionality of so much of our modern Christianity.

So often our faith seems to be lacking in conviction, our preaching and our prayers to be wanting in spontaneity, our worship without warmth or inspiration.

So easily we become disheartened or depressed because, after nearly two thousand years, the world as a whole

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appears to be as Gospel-hardened, as uncomprehending and hell-bent as ever on its own destruction.

If only, we sometimes hear it said, there could be another Pentecost! If only men could see again the flames of living fire about their heads, hear the rushing mighty wind of God's compelling power, feel within them once more that spiritual delirium which sent out a handful of commonplace men to turn the Roman world upside down.

If that could happen again, what could not the Church of God do in this cynical, disillusioned, aimless, post-Christian age? If only yet again the Spirit of the Lord might be poured out upon all flesh!

But of course such pious longings are not merely futile; they are intrinsically misguided. There can be no second Pentecost.

The Spirit of God cannot come again because *He has never been absent.* He has been, and will be, in and with His Church from the first Whit Sunday to the end of time.

If the Church in this place or that, if we as individual members of it, seem to be lacking in fervour, inspiration and converting power, it is not because God the Holy Spirit has removed His strengthening presence from us.

It is because we have failed to acknowledge His abiding, to call upon His aid, to place ourselves in His hands, to stir up the gift that is in us.

The Holy Spirit is the most courteous of guests; He never forces His attentions upon us. Yet He is always at hand, ready to enter our hearts and to inflame us with his irresistible, all-consuming fire.

Only, *the first move must be ours.* If Aladdin had never rubbed his magic lamp, no genie would have appeared to do his bidding.

God the Holy Spirit is no slave of the lamp, but He is subject to His own self-limiting. The initiative He leaves to us; when once we have taken it all things are possible.



### FOR NEW READERS

*An anonymous gift of £1,000 has caused much controversy in the parish. Old Martha Blount dies, and is supposed to have left about £1,000 which cannot be found. Her relatives think it has been stolen. The Vicar appeals for the donor to come forward; a parishioner, Eric Jones, collapses when he hears this, but later declares he did not steal the money.*

*At a whist drive, an invalid lady, Mrs. Knight, wins a prize of a basket of groceries, and in it is found—Martha Blount's money-bag, empty.*

### CHAPTER 8 The Accident

"THAT," reiterated Mrs. Goodier, "is Martha Blount's little leather bag—the one that's missing. I know, because I used to live next door to the Blounts. I've known that bag for years. Martha used to carry it around with her—and, see! Here's her name 'M. Blount' on it!"

The Vicar came forward.  
"Does anyone know how long the basket of groceries has been on this table?" demanded the Rev. John Farris.  
"I put it there this morning, about 10 o'clock," said Mrs. Turner. "It was my turn to arrange about the prizes. I made up the basket last night and then brought it here this morning. There was certainly no leather bag in it when I brought it."

"Did you lock the hall door when you came out?"

"Well, no, Vicar. You see, I knew the cleaners would be coming within a few minutes, and the ladies who do the refreshments would be here this after-

noon, to cut up the sandwiches. So it didn't seem worth locking it, when they'd only have to go to the caretaker's to get the key again."

No one else had any suggestion to make. The whist players all looked puzzled and Mrs. Knight was plainly upset. This happening seemed to take the edge off her success.

"Perhaps someone will accompany Mrs. Knight home with the basket," said the



Vicar. "There is no point in leaving it here. Meanwhile, I think I'd better take charge of the leather bag."

The Turners volunteered to go with Sarah, as they lived in the same direction.

"Don't you worry about that bag," said Mrs. Turner, comfortingly, as they set off. "You did very well, and we don't want you upset about it."

"It looks to me as though someone was trying to cast suspicion on whoever won," mused Mr. Turner.

"Well, they couldn't have known the winner would be me," pointed out Sarah. "Anyway, I didn't decide to come until the last moment."

"No, I'm sure it wasn't meant specially for you," put in Mrs. Turner. "I suppose whoever put it there didn't think we'd lift some of the groceries out in the hall. More likely he, or she, thought the winner would get the basket home before the bag was found."

"Cunning, you know," said Mr. Tur-



ner, thoughtfully. "Who usually wins the ladies' prize?"

"More often than not, Mrs. Mountjoy; she's very good at cards," said his wife. "She wasn't there tonight."

"But surely no one would want to cast suspicion on Mrs. Mountjoy?" said Sarah. "She's such a nice woman."

"Well, you know, she was the one who



wanted the Vicar to go to the police about it," rejoined Alf Turner. "So it may have been put there by someone who didn't want the police brought in. I mean, Mrs. Mountjoy would perhaps not have been so keen on going to the police if the bag had been found in her own home."

"Oh, no, Alf! You're getting too fanciful, now," said Mrs. Turner.

"Yes, but if that was the plan, it went wrong," persisted Sarah.

It certainly seemed as though Sarah's winning of the prize might have upset someone's plans. . . . They had reached



Sarah's home now, and Mr. Turner carried the basket in for her.

"Good night and thank you," said Sarah gratefully.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner continued homeward up the hill. They had almost reached the top, when a figure loomed up out of the darkness, running towards them. It was Mr. Rodd.

"Have you seen the Vicar?" he panted.

"Yes, he's just been at the whist drive. We've just come away. He won't be far behind. Is it urgent?"

"Oh yes, there's been a road accident at the corner of Harrow Hill. Old Fred Daniels has been knocked down, and he's in a very bad way. The police and the ambulance are there, but they thought I'd better get the Vicar." And Mr. Rodd ran on down the hill.

The Vicar needed no second bidding



and was soon at the scene of the accident with Mr. Rodd. Fred Daniels was in the ambulance and a doctor was just coming out.

"No hope, sir," said the ambulance man. "He has just died."

When the ambulance had driven away, the Vicar was left in conversation with the police. It appeared the accident had been



entirely Fred's fault. He had darted across the road straight into the path of a van.

The van driver was inconsolable. The Vicar did what he could. Fred always had been an impulsive sort.

There would, of course, have to be an inquest. "I'll tell you one odd thing, though," put in one of the policemen. "That poor chap was muttering something queer before he died."

"Oh. What was it? Do you know?"

"Couldn't quite make out, Vicar, him not being fully conscious at the time. But it was something about you and a thousand pounds. He said something that sounded like: 'Tell him not to use it.'"

*TO BE CONTINUED.*

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## 600,540 stitches

IN St. Peter's Church, Levenshulme, Manchester, there is a stained glass window in memory of my grandfather, George Gyte. His daughter, Miss A. E. Gyte, on May 17, 1889, completed a Communion kneeling carpet containing no fewer than 600,540 stitches.

MAURICE HORSFALL  
Waterhead,  
Oldham.

BERGH APTON churchyard contains a tombstone in memory of Isaac Barwick who died in April 1885, aged 78. It was erected "by the members of the different families under whom he lived 66 years at the Rectory."

Norwich. (Rev.) F. M. SNELGROVE

## Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS on the lay-out of the present *Home Words*. It is excellent and liked by all in our area.

Wishing you continued success—you certainly deserve it.

Moss Side, Mcr. (Miss) MARY BANKS

I WOULD like you to know the pleasure I, also, have had from my mother's old *Home Words*. She had them bound into two volumes together with the family's baptisms, marriages, and burials.

The first volume (the first magazine published for our Fenny Stratford church) from 1886 to 1889 contained a serial 'Prudence Grey's Memories' by Emma Marshall, author of Mrs. Haycock's Chronicles etc. The second started the serial 'Least said, soonest Mended' by Agnes Giberne. I've read them many times and never tire of looking through them. As children (there were ten of us)

G. STEWART



## Points From LETTERS

my mother used to read them for us each month.

They were large books in those days, with a lot of reading in them—all for 1d.—and one could learn such a lot from them. Hoping your magazine will give pleasure to many more.

Victoria Rd., (Mrs.) ANNIE O'DELL  
Bletchley.

• And *Home Words* is still produced for a penny a copy!—Ed.

THE magazine from Patcham parish church is brought to me by my daughter, and I much enjoy reading *Home Words*. I am 80.

Seaford. (Mrs.) GRACE MILLARD

## Organs

ON the glossary and notes to Lord Lytton's magnificent romance of 'Harold, the last of the Saxon Kings' is a note on organs in churches. He says they were introduced in the ninth century.

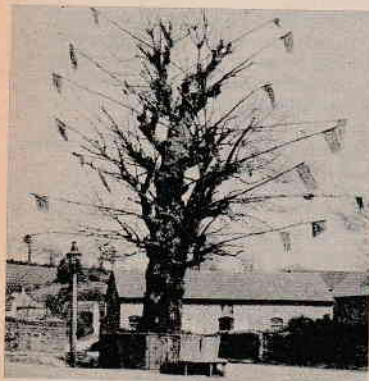
In the account of Harold's Coronation at Westminster Abbey we read: *Then pealed the sonorous organ and solemn along the aisles rose the anthem that closed with the chorus, which the voice of the multitude swelled—'May the King live for ever!'*

Buckhurst Lane, DOROTHY DIX  
Wadhurst.

## Tree of flags

THIS decorated Arbor Tree, at least 250 years old, stands where five roads meet in the village of Aston-on-Clun, Shropshire. Each year its flags are renewed for May 29 and this has continued since the 18th century, when a Miss Marston was married at Hopesay, the parish church, on that day.

The flags were paid for by her family and money also given for cakes and ale. Since the Marstons left the district, the parish council has seen to it that the custom does not lapse, for May 29 is also the day for celebrating the restoration of King Charles II by wearing oak leaves, and generally honouring trees.—M. WIGHT (HEREFORD).



## The need . .

ONE of the encouraging results of the Church of England's recent poster campaign *PRAY more for the clergy, Pray for MORE clergy*

which has drawn attention to some of the most important issues facing the ministry today, has been the revival of Ember Prayers.

Nobody can say Christian leadership can ever be effective without persistent prayer—and we need not look far to realise that in England alone we have about half the number of clergy we need. We must pray for more.

Some people are surprised when it is pointed out that there are twelve special days set aside every year for prayer for the Ministry.

Yet, there they are—the Ember Days—the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday in each quarter of the year. They come just before the four traditional Ordinations of Advent, Lent, Trinity and Michaelmas, and the Prayer Book lists them among the special days of prayer and fasting.

1964 is seeing special efforts to urge every place of worship to observe these Ember Days with real purpose.

Some parishes will automatically have special intentions for the Ministry and its increase at the mid-week celebrations of Holy Communion. In addition litanies will be said and services of intercession or silent vigils will be held.

I believe very many people will



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*The apostolic Ministry of the Church*

# May 22—New focal

respond to this appeal so long as they are made aware of the really urgent issues involved.

The Friday before Trinity Sunday—Friday, May 22—is to be the central and focal day of prayer in this new movement.

Just as the Eve of St. Andrew's Day is widely used for praying for the Church overseas, so now, we hope, a special annual day of intercession will be kept for the Church's Ministry on this Friday before Trinity Sunday.

The searching report by Mr. Leslie Paul leaves no doubt that a tremendous re-shaping of the Church of England is called for.

We believe our Church is glorious because the power of God is at work in it. Scripture reminds us, however, that this power is contained in "earthen vessels"—that is in human lives—which are all too frail and fragile.

Clergy are aware of this and we all

... for more clergy

By the Rev. JOHN NEALE

Recruitment Secretary, Central  
Advisory Council for the Ministry

have a solemn duty constantly to call down the power of the Holy Spirit on them so that they may perform the great duty they have been sent to do.

If we feel in any way critical of the ministry we have no excuse to complain if we have not brought the problem before God in our prayers.

Pray at all times for your Vicar or Rector—but come together as a congregation and pray with him more particularly on the Ember days.

After all, every Christian, we are reminded, has a vocation and ministry, and just as we expect the clergy to pray for us, so also our prayers should most strongly support them.

Here is a list of subjects which may be useful in planning a scheme of intercessions for the Ministry:

## day for the Church

*The Clergy of parish and deanery;  
Those with special responsibilities in  
the diocese;*

*Your Bishop and Archbishop;  
Theological Colleges and Universities,  
and those preparing for Ordination;*

*The need for many more clergy, for  
the call to be voiced effectively and  
heard by the men God needs;*

*The ministry overseas;*

*Pastors of other churches, especially  
the leaders of all local denomina-  
tions;*

*The Church Assembly and Convoca-  
tions;*

*The British and World Councils of  
Churches.*

*Ourselves, that we may be a perfect  
instrument of God's will and  
purpose.*

There are many signs that renewal

## A HYMN for OUR TIME

LET all the works of men rejoice  
And sing Our Father's  
praise,

Who to His sons and daughters  
gave

The empty nights and days.  
To fill with everlasting worth,  
And build His Kingdom on the  
earth.

Let all the hearts of men rejoice  
And praise Our Father's care,  
That all our needs can be supplied  
In earth and sea and air;  
That high above the stratosphere  
And on the sea-bed He is near.

Let all the minds of men rejoice  
And praise Our Father's skill,  
That all the works of Nature show  
The purpose of His Will,  
That men with God should hold  
converse

As partners in the universe.

Let all the ways of men rejoice  
And praise Our Father's love,  
That He has made us for Himself,  
In Whom we live and move;

To Whom we go, from Whom we  
came,  
Himself the fire, and we the flame.

—(Rev.) A. G. McL. PEARCE  
HIGGINS

Rector of Boxford,  
Colchester

and revival are being sought at all levels of the Church's life.

I believe there is no more potent way to bring this about than by such Ember Prayer because it involves us all.

Jesus Christ is our great High Priest (Heb. 3. 1) and we are all members of a priestly Church, a Royal Priesthood (1 Pet. 2. 9).

We shall therefore be faithful to our Lord and to the Word of Scripture if we take this matter with very great seriousness and pray in this way.



### Lions' welcome ▲

AT Mark Church, in the Somerset village of the same name, two stone lions are always on duty in the church porch to welcome visitors. The lions were brought from Belgium by a previous vicar, the Rev. F. du Sauroy, who also obtained, after the destruction of Bruges Cathedral in 1794, four fine wooden statues of the Evangelists, which he secured for only £70.

These were carved by a Belgian wood-carver named Andre, who lived in the early sixteenth century. Mark Church is generally thought to be named after St. Mark, but the village name may have meant either a marsh or a boundary.—WINIFRED SMITH (HARROW).



## Church Notes . . .

### In splints

A FAMILIAR landmark for miles, the spire of Norwich Cathedral is seen here in unfamiliar guise (in splints) for repairs.

When the spire, 195 feet, and surmounting a central tower of 120 feet, was constructed it was described as a "tremendous achievement with very primitive tools".

The first spire, made of wood, was blown down in a hurricane in 1362, the second one was destroyed by lightning, and the present one was built in 1480 of stone imported from Normandy.

—J. F. SEAMAN (SCARBOROUGH).



### Stalls of year

IN the parish church of Ripple, Worcestershire, may be seen familiar stalls with a series of misereres showing the occupation of the months from January to December—pruning, fencing, ploughing, scaring birds, hawking, reaping, feeding and killing pigs.

May has a woman with flowers, July is the radiant sun, and December has two figures sitting over a fire. The remaining two in the chancel have the moon and two armed men thought to represent the town guard. Two in a transept are carved with another sun and a man emptying pitchers.—A. LYNCH (BEDFORD).

### Three-decker

ST. MUNGO'S Church, Mungrisedale, contains one of the few remaining three-decker pulpits.

The church occupies the site of a shrine built in 500 A.D. when St. Kentigern visited the dale.—(MRS.) J. WEATHERILL (IMMINGHAM).

## ... and Views



### Chimney money

FOLKESTONE parish church preserves a headstone, once in the graveyard, whose epitaph referring to "chimney money" is a record of a long-forgotten tax.

It is in memory of Rebecca Rogers who died in August 1689, and reads: *A House*

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*she hath its made of such good fashion, The tenant ne'er shall pay for reparation, Nor will her landlord ever raise her rent, Or turn her out of doors for non-payment; From chimney money, too, this cell is free Of such a House, who would not tenant be.*  
—C. MORSLEY (HENDON).

### 66 years organist

As a boy Mr. Cross sang in the choir at St. John the Evangelist, Little Wilbraham, Cambs., from 1879 until his death and his three sons followed him.

The youngest, Mr. H. L. Cross, in 1897 took over the job of village organist at 17. That was 66 years ago and, apart from illness or very severe weather, he has been playing every Sunday ever since.

### Unceasing fountain

MANY people passing through the village of Upper Sheringham, Norfolk, stop to take a closer look at the circular fountain near the parish church of All Saints. It stands as a thanksgiving memorial for the end of the Napoleonic Wars.

For 150 years a natural spring has never failed to fill the 2 ft.-deep reservoir, which, with a capacity of some 1,910 gallons, has an attractive overflow cascading to the ground. Parishioners leaving church one warm Sunday morning looked in amazement: an elephant on the way to a circus, was drinking there!—  
KATHLEEN B. GINGELL (CAMBRIDGE).

1 Marle Green  
Horam  
East Sussex

Contributions for Church Notes and Views.

Dear Sir

The old Norman Church at Woodhurst in Sussex has 31 iron memorial slabs in its floor dating from 1617-1799. There is also 1 in the Churchyard.

These iron tomb slabs are now very rare. They were made by the old iron masters who once flourished in the weald of Sussex

Yours Sincerely

David Hitcher.

### MONDAY—Washing

Next time you stand in front of a cluttered sink, reluctant to tackle the washing or washing-up, pause for a moment to reflect that those dirty dishes have had food in them—the menace of starvation is not here! The sink has walls round it—in short, a home, safe! Not razed to the ground by hurricane, avalanche, volcanic eruption or floods. Wash and wash-up, lady—with a thankful heart!—MISS A. B. COWES (BURWASH).

### TUESDAY—Sewing

When a new loop is required for hanging up an umbrella, an excellent replacement is a new shoelace of a matching colour.—MISS C. STALLARD (MALVERN).

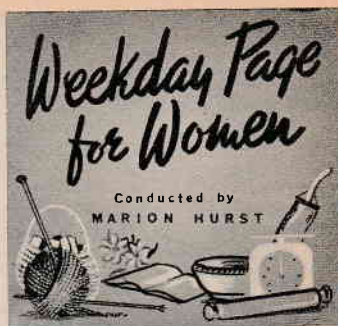
### WEDNESDAY—Repairs

If last winter's boots are inclined to 'give' at the top with the zip getting a bit loose, just buy a pair of shoelaces the same colour. Cut them in half and sew the cut ends inside each boot on each side at the top. Pull up the zip in the usual way, pass the tag-ends from each side through the loops of the zip and tie firmly in a bow.—MRS. D. NEWALL (SHARNBROOK).

### THURSDAY—Cooking

A delicious chutney can be made from:  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. apples peeled and chopped,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. onions ditto, 4 oz. Demerara sugar, one tablespoon syrup, one dessertspoon salt,  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon of ground ginger, vinegar.

Place all the ingredients in a saucepan and add enough vinegar to barely cover them and cook slowly until soft. The chutney can then be beaten smooth with a spoon or a fork, or if preferred, may be left rough. Raisins may be added if liked.—MRS. G. B. HOLDAWAY (ELGIN).



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

### FRIDAY—Household

Place an empty tin in your fire from time to time, when it is burning brightly. If you allow it to glow for a short time, it will help to keep your chimney clear. White heat marks on polished furniture can be removed by rubbing them gently with a rag lightly smeared with brass cleaning polish. (Only a small quantity is required.) Rub off well with a clean duster and then polish with the usual furniture polish.—MRS. H. KITNEY (FAVERSHAM).

### SATURDAY—Children

Sometimes it is difficult to get children (and some adults, too) to swallow a tablet. Try crushing it in a cup with the back of a teaspoon, add a small nut of fresh butter and a little sugar and cream together.—MRS. M. JONES (CHURCH STRETTON).

## Evensong to barrel organ

— from page 4

Eastanton Manor, Andover, records that an 18th century barrel organ at St. Michael's Church, Steeple, was worked by a cylinder revolving from back to front, one revolution providing each tune. A notch-pin attached to the cylinder-head enabled the operator at the handle to shift the cylinder and thus change the music.

Eleven-year-old Janet Penn, of Kirkdale Vicarage, Nawton, York, tells us that Nenthead Church in Cumberland, in the highest vil-

lage in England, possessed a converted barrel organ dating from 1852 which was rebuilt by a refugee during World War I. It now has a keyboard but still contains its original list of ten tunes.

Mr. R. Percy Aggett, a Southwark diocesan reader, of Wallington, Surrey, mentions that a somewhat similar conversion has been carried out to an ancient instrument at Woodrising, Norfolk. It now has three stops and 70 speaking pipes in addition to three interchangeable barrels each with ten tunes.

# Making your own church furnishings

To buy furnishings ready-made to fit a Church is very expensive.

However, it is not beyond the skill of ladies who can sew neatly to make whatever is required—from an altar frontal to a simple Bible marker. A few basic rules need to be applied.

**Materials**—A good selection is available at Church furnishers who will send samples to be inspected against the background of the individual building. This is very important, since colours change with the effects of stained glass and electric lighting.

**Designs**—Try to have something new rather than copy an old piece already in the church. Be simple, not over-elaborate. A plain cross has more meaning than a flowery Victorian-type design, but it must be decorative. If an embroidered motif is required transfers are available—but be original if possible.

To transfer a drawing on to the work first trace it, then prick along the lines

with a pin. Hold in place and rub talcum powder on it. Remove the paper and join up the dots with a water-colour paint.

**Embroidery**—Appliqué is bold, quick and effective. Woven orphreys, braids and cords are also quick and easy. Embroidery silks—e.g. filoselle, filofloss—are harder-wearing than stranded cottons.

Gold thread, so much a part of church embroidery, needs some practice to use well, but a double line couched round the edge of a design, using Maltese silk, is effective and not difficult.

**Making up**—Have a suitable interlining for hangings. Deck-chair canvas, first shrunk with a wet cloth and hot iron, is suitable but some people prefer linen, again pre-shrunk.

If a fringe is used sew this on after the interlining is in place. Use a strong material in a suitable colour to back the work.

All the embroidery threads—including gold—can be obtained from the Royal School of Needlework, 25, Princes Gate, London, S.W.7.—MOLLY PROCTOR.

● More hints later.

## PSORIASIS.

- PSORIASIS forms a white lustrous scale on a reddened area of skin. Both the scale and skin are always dry unless broken or brought away by too much scratching or combing. In most cases, the reddened skin is of normal temperature and the scale thick and raised on the skin, especially on the scalp, elbows and knees. Where the skin is of a finer texture, as on the body, scaling takes place as thin flakes or a light powder.
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# Crossword

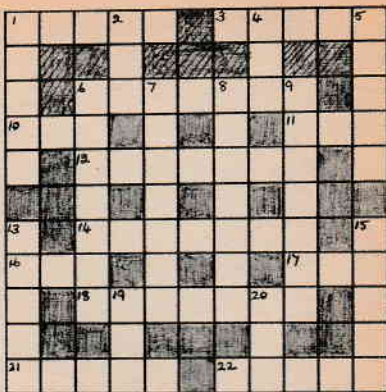
Puzzle No. 16. By 'Duplex'

## ACROSS

1. Assyrian river. (5)
3. Corinthian household. (5)
6. "And every man that striveth for the — is temperate in all things." (7)
10. Priest in Shiloh. (3)
11. Adam's wife. (3)
12. "So —, — ye may obtain." (3, 4)
14. Levite who with others cried unto the Lord. (7)
16. "For — have sinned." (3)
17. A nephew of Abram. (3)
18. "The — God is thy refuge." (7)
21. "... as a hen doth gather her — under her wings." (5)
22. "God resisteth the —." (5)

## DOWN

1. "For if they do these things in a — tree." (5)
2. King of Judah. (3)
4. He helped Aaron to keep the hands of Moses up. (3)
5. "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the —." (5)
6. Changing water into wine! (7)
7. "As newborn babes, desire the — milk of the word." (7)
8. Captured by Abijah. (7)
9. " — I not forget thee." (3, 4)
13. His daughter married Othniel. (5)
15. "Watch ye, — fast in the faith." (5)
19. " — are better than one." (3)
20. "Of fowls also of the — by sevens." (3)



Entries should be addressed to *Home Words*, 11 Ludgate Square, London, EC4 (marked clearly 'Crossword No. 16' on the envelope). A prize of £1 ls.

Winner of Crossword No. 9: Miss C. E. Smith, 43, Brunswick Hill, Reading. Solution: (Across) 4. Shoot (Psalm 64.7), 7. Belial, 8. Egypt, 9. Abana, 10. Decreed, 13. Susanna, 17. Uriel (II Chron. 13.2), 18. Admah (Gen. 14.2), 19. Siloam, 20. Chain (Rev. 20.1). (Down) 1. Ibsan (Judges 12.8), 2. Eliab (Deut. 11.6), 3. Ramadan, 5. Hagar, 6. Osprey 11. Claudia 12. Huldah 14. Adami (Josh. 19.33), 15. Timon 16. Flame.

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## Adventure!

— from page 1

expressed, in 1965 (or later), by the Synods and Quarterly Meetings will be of the utmost importance.

It also means that, if the Methodist Church should decide to proceed further, any scheme to carry out what is spoken of as 'the first stage' would need to be sent down for consideration before being finally ratified.

We thus see that at least four years (perhaps more) will be needed before that stage could be reached.

'Stage One'—it must be clearly understood—would not mean that the two Churches would amalgamate. There would still be a Methodist Church and a Church of England; but the ministries of the two Churches would be fully recognised by each, and members of each Church would be able to communicate—without restriction on either side—in both Churches.

Only if 'Stage Two' were reached would there be full unity. That would not mean the absorption of one denomination by another, but the coming of a new Church in which there would be neither Anglican nor Methodist.

The *Report* makes clear that we ought not to embark upon the first stage without intending to proceed to the second. I believe that to be a most necessary point to bear in mind; but it does *not* mean (as some people have thought) that we should agree (before the first stage) to come together on any future terms that might be suggested; we should not give each other a blank cheque.

There would be need for even more searching discussion and far bigger changes (on both sides) before that full unity could come. Nobody can guess how many or few years that might take.

Yet I see no purpose in our striving now for what Stage One will mean unless we believe that it is God's will that complete, organic unity shall one day be realised.

In coming months, therefore, we

must concentrate upon the question: 'Are the proposals made in the Report ones that will help *towards* full unity?' Eight of the twelve Methodist signatories, along with all the Anglicans, think that they will help; four Methodist representatives are convinced that they will not.

There is no doubt that this division of opinion exists at the moment (in what proportion nobody knows) among members of the Methodist Church. Whether we can come to a common mind is what we must now seek to discover.

Nobody would expect any proposals of this kind to receive unanimous agreement, but denominations seriously divided within themselves would not further the cause of unity.

If and when the later question of actual uniting arises, Methodists will be bound to obtain a 75% majority in their Conference.

The issues involved and the proposals made are by no means easy to understand. Much hard thinking is needed by many people who are not familiar with ecclesiastical and theological problems.

This period of discussion may or may not issue in a great and dramatic action; we must resolve that, *whatever happens*, we shall now begin to understand each other better.

Within each denomination there is great lack of real communication between those who differ; between the two denominations there is a degree of sheer ignorance about which we should all be ashamed.

I must also stress that Methodists cannot weaken their existing fellowship with other Free Churches. At Stage One that problem would not seriously arise; before Stage Two could be reached it would be extremely important.

And so, every practising Christian in this country is now clearly called to adventures in friendship with his fellow Christians. Humbly we must try to comprehend the thoughts and ways of others who love and serve the same Lord.

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