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*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.

### "I BELIEVE IN THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS"

What a wonderful phrase this is from the Creed! It reminds us that a Christian is never an isolated unit. November brings with it the glorious Festival of All Saintstide, when we rejoice in our fellowship, here on earth, with those who have gone before and are in the nearer Presence of Christ. We do indeed believe that nothing . . . not even death itself . . . "shall separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." The failure of Christians to believe and proclaim their faith in the Communion of Saints is one of the reasons why many have turned in despair to spiritualism, or lost hope altogether. The glorious fellowship of "saints" (i.e. those baptised in the Name of Christ) stretches across barriers of space, time, denomination, class and colour. We are ever linked with those who have died and who are "with Christ" beyond the veil of this life. All Saints' Day reminds us again of the glorious Easter triumph over death and the grave, and assures us that we are never alone, but forever bound in the invisible fellowship and Communion of the Saints here, and in the hereafter. The Latin "Communie Sanctorum" from which the article in our Creed comes could equally be translated "the fellowship of holy things" i.e. the Sacraments. Certainly it is as we "draw near with faith and take the Sacrament of Holy Communion to our comfort and strength" that we are most conscious of our Fellowship with those who are in the nearer Presence. Sometimes one hears people say "You have got to have social events . . . they keep people together," but the most truly "social" as well as the most "holy" event of the week is the occasion when we do "draw near with faith." It is at this moment, that we really experience the "Communion of Saints" both here and in Heaven.

### THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

I was more than a little surprised when a friend said to me recently "Of course, Vicar, there are only a few parishioners left nowadays." What she meant was that there are only a few representatives of the old historic families left in the village—those whose names have been in the registers of Marston for centuries. But a "parishioner" in the true sense of the word is **anyone** who lives in the parish whether they live in a house centuries old, or one that seems to have sprung up overnight. To both of these people, the privileges and responsibilities of Church membership belong alike. The Church doors of their Parish Church are ever open to welcome them when they come to worship. It is their Parish Church that—as parishioners they bring their babies to be christened, and their older children to be confirmed. It is there that their children may be married and it is there often that the service of burial is taken for their loved ones who have departed this life. It is there above all, where as parishioners, they come to kneel at the Lord's Table with friends and family, to receive spiritual food to enable them to go forth to serve God faithfully in the Fellowship of His Church.

To remind us of our responsibilities, as well as to strengthen us as parishioners, we have the Fellowship of St. Nicholas' Church. All who belong to it take a simple 3-fold pledge of discipleship — Service (not necessarily what is often termed "church" work) — and consecrated giving. Over the past few years the members of the Fellowship have been the mainstay both spiritually and financially of our parish life. But the numbers are small—a fraction only of the number who go under the name of "parishioner" in Marston.

May I make a sincere plea that EVERY PARISHIONER who is not as yet a member of the St. Nicholas' Fellowship will read the words of the Pledge (printed below) and ask themselves if they ought not to make it personally and decisively at our Dedication Service on St. Nicholas' Day, 6th December at 11 a.m. Full details of the Fellowship will be supplied by Miss E. Warburton, Cross Cottage, Old Marston, who will be pleased to give further information if required. To those who are already members of the Fellowship, may I remind you of our aim that each of us should make contact with one new member during the year. Let us make our DEDICATION SERVICE a really wonderful one this year — with many more "parishioners" entering fully into the privileges as well as the responsibilities of Church membership.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,



#### THE PLEDGE OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF ST. NICHOLAS

1. I desire to be enrolled as a member of the Christian Fellowship of St. Nicholas', Marston, and as such to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.
2. I acknowledge that as a member of this Fellowship it is my privilege and duty to worship God through some form of practical work in His service.
3. Acknowledging that all I have is His, I pledge myself to give  
£                   :                   s.                   d. (per week, per month, per annum) for the extension of the Kingdom of God in Marston and in the world at large.

#### FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY :

Parish Christmas Bazaar, Church Hall, Saturday, 5th December, 2.30 p.m.  
St. Nicholas Day, Patronal Festival, Sunday, 6th Decmber.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

On the 17th October, Mr. Bernard G. Oliver our People's Warden was married to Miss Rosemary Ruark at Eastham Parish Church. The service was conducted by our own Vicar. Miss Ruark has links with Oxford, as her grandmother, Mrs. Franks, recently celebrated her 90th birthday at her home in New Marston. We send our greetings to them both, and wish them a happy future together.

#### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR FOR MISSIONS : 5th Dec. at 2.30 p.m.

In the Church Hall, Elsfield Road, in aid of The Worldwide Church. Gifts of cakes, jams, fancy goods, books—in fact anything saleable will be most welcome. Can you help with a stall? — or refreshments? Please let us know if you can.

#### MAGAZINE SUBSCRIBERS

Beginning with the JANUARY issue 1965 the Parish Magazine will be larger and have a new inset. Because of this, and on account of rising costs, it will be necessary to raise the cost from 4d. to 6d. per copy. For those who pay for the whole year, the cost will be 5/- only (by post 7/6). It will help considerably if those who can will take out an annual subscription for the magazine.

## NEWS OF LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

On Sunday, 20th September, Evensong was said an hour earlier, and at 6.30 p.m. a congregation of young people turned up in force for a service, which included 20th century hymn tunes, played by "The Links Beat Group." The service was informal in character and design, as the Vicar said, to "bridge the gap" between young people and the Church, which to so many seems remote from their everyday life.

Comments after the service were as follows:—We have come to Church to get away from "beat" music! The "under seventeens" and "under seventies"—FABULOUS! A parent of a teenager on entering Church: "Oh! No!"

Well it certainly was worthwhile and made us all think afresh about the relevance of Christ to our modern world.

## THE HARVEST THANKSGIVING

The Harvest Thanksgiving on 27th September was very well attended and the children brought a wonderful selection of packed and tinned food-stuffs for distribution in the parish. The Rev. Gordon Mayo, the Warden of the Lee Abbey International Students' Club in London preached to a packed congregation at Matins. The Rev. John Ralphs, Chaplain to the Dragon School, preached a sermon that was a model in its content and illustrations at Evensong.

This year over a hundred parishioners sat down to the HARVEST HOME SUPPER on the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels, the 29th September. Lancashire hot-pot, peaches and cream were on the menu, and at 7.45 p.m. hot-pots were arriving from all parts! After supper entertainment was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Howe and family who spoke to us about Thanksgiving Day in Connecticut and sang us one or two American songs. This was followed by Mr. "Nick" Carter and his two friends who gave us three-quarters of an hour musical entertainment, which was worthy of a professional T.V. Show.

## OUTING TO BRISTOL

This year a representative group of our Church children and parents went on an outing to Bristol Zoo. Thanks to the excellent arrangements made by Miss Lodge, our Parish Worker, everything went as smooth as clockwork. After the Zoo, we were taken on a tour of the Sea Walls, Clifton Suspension Bridge and the dock area. Their hosts at tea were the teachers of St. Michael and All Angels, Bishopston, under the leadership of Miss Hill to whom we owe a special word of thanks for the wonderful fare provided. From there we visited St. Mary, Redcliffe, where the Vicar, Canon Cartwright greeted us and made us feel most welcome. We arrived home after a train and coach journey—tired but thankful for a wonderful day of sunshine and enjoyment.

## SCOUT NEWS

Congratulations to Colin Hale on being the first of the 43rd to receive the Duke of Edinburgh's Silver award. Well done Colin! Good luck as you press on for the Gold Award!

## URGENTLY NEEDED:

### For Mission Hospital, Swaziland

Unwanted "First Baby Clothes," nappies, etc. They have absolutely nothing for new born babies. Please get in touch with Miss Boughton, 47 Arlington Drive who is willing to collect if notified. Tel. No. 47014.

### ST. NICHOLAS-TIDE

The annual Toy and Gift Service will be on St. Nicholas Day the 6th December at 10 a.m. There will be no Sunday School on that day but we shall look forward to welcoming all the children and their parents at that Service in Church.

### CALLING ALL PARENTS!

On Monday, 7th December in the Church Hall at 8 p.m. there will be an "AT HOME" for all the Parents of our Sunday School Children. We shall look forward to meeting you all and invitations will reach you later.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

The Scoutmaster, Mr. C. McCartney now lives at 20 Sands Way, Benson, Oxon.

### CHANGE OF TIME:

Brownies meet on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and not 5.30 p.m. as shown in magazine.

### COLLECTION AND COMMUNICANTS

	£	s.	d.	Communicants
Trinity XV. 6th Sept. ...	32	14	3	92
Trinity XVI. 13th Sept. ...	30	8	4	30
Trinity XVII. 20th Sept. ...	41	16	0	71
Trinity XVIII. 27th Sept. ...	53	5	1	37
Trinity XIX. 4th Oct. ...	40	9	3	100

No. of week-day communicants — 45.

**THANK YOU** to all house to house collectors for the Church of England Children's Society. The splendid total of £32 5s. 1d. was collected. There will be a "Bring and Buy" in aid of this Society at The Manor House on Saturday, 7th November, and it is hoped as many people as possible will support this Church Society. N.V.

### HOLY BAPTISM

- Sept. 27. Carol Jayne Lambourne, 2 Cotswold Crescent.  
Barry Trevor Parsons, 142 Oxford Road.  
Debbie Susan Pritchard, 86 Arlington Drive.  
Melanie Olwen Radburn, 42 Mortimer Drive.  
Suzanne Maria Smith, 2 Fane Road.  
Kevin Peter Wakefield, 50 Elms Drive.  
Karen Teresa Young, 39 Ferry Road.
- Oct. 11. Jonathan Edward Davis, 17 Marsh Lane.  
Merry Denise Dougan, 11 Raymond Road.  
Penelope Christine Horwood, 52 Cherwell Drive.

### HOLY MATRIMONY

- Sept. 26. Ian Anderson Shields and Shirley Frances Mary Wheal.  
Rodney John Simms and Anne Jennifer Green.
- Oct. 17. David Charles Harold Taylor and Diane Webb.

### IN MEMORIAM

- Sept. 25. Herbere Dewhurst Heptonstall.
- Oct. 6. Charles John Comley.

### ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

- Nov. 1. Mr. John Day.  
" 8. Miss E. Smith.  
" 15. Mr. J. Harley.  
" 22. Mrs. R. Vernède.  
" 29. Mrs. P. Barnsley.

## PARISH CALENDAR : NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1. TRINITY XXIII. FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS.  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10.30 a.m. Matins (said).  
11.0 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- „ 4. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
7.45 p.m. Young Wives Theatre and Supper Outing.
- „ 7. Saturday. 10 a.m. Bring and Buy Sale in aid of the Church of  
England Children's Society at The Manor House, Old Marston.
- „ 8. TRINITY XXIV. Remembrance Day.  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10.55 a.m. MATINS (British Legion will attend).  
3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- „ 10. Tuesday. 7.30 p.m. W.I. in Church Hall.
- „ 11. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
2.45 p.m. Quiet Half-hour at Vicarage.
- „ 14. Girl Guide Sale of Work, 2.30 p.m.  
Guide Dance (both in Scout Hut), 7.30 p.m.
- „ 15. TRINITY XXV.  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9.30 a.m. FAMILY COMMUNION.  
11.0 a.m. Matins.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- „ 18. Wednesday. 7.15 p.m. Holy Communion.  
7.45 p.m. Young Wives meet in Church Hall.
- „ 20. Friday. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- „ 22. TRINITY XXVI.  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
11.0 a.m. Matins.  
3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- „ 25. Wednesday. NO SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION at  
7.15 a.m.  
7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union.
- „ 28. Saturday. Day of Intercession for Church Overseas.
- „ 29. ADVENT SUNDAY.  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
11.0 a.m. Matins.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- „ 30. Festival of St. Andrew, Apostle and Martyr.  
Monday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
Special Day of Prayer for Work of the Church Overseas.

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The world around us



LORD CHIEF

JUSTICE

(Lord Parker)

writes for

HOME WORDS

on

MUCH continues to be said and written concerning the enormous increase in crime in recent years, particularly among the young.

That this increase has occurred is undoubtedly true, but does it follow—what is often said—that the young of today are worse than in the past?

Because crime has increased it does not mean that the youth of to-day is necessarily decadent or devoid of moral fibre. Rather may it not be that added temptations now come their way?

Indeed, for my part, I am firmly of opinion

Our duty to the

FAMILY



that the young of today are no better and no worse than in the past.

No one can gainsay that social conditions today afford temptations on a scale heretofore unknown.

Thus, two of the most prevalent offences nowadays are the taking and driving away of vehicles left in the street and the theft of property left openly in them.

The motor-car in these circumstances provides not only an opportunity but a real temptation to crime.

Again, the increasingly early physical development of girls has produced not only temptation for the boys, but often their own corruption by the girls.

Clearly, then, what is needed are steps to remove some of the present-day temptations and to strengthen the young so that they may resist temptation.

As to the first objective—the

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removal of temptation—surely much can be done by the general public by taking reasonable care of their property—not leaving valuables in motor-cars, removing ignition keys, locking up their houses, ensuring that papers and milk are cancelled when on holiday and other elementary precautions.

Much can also be done to augment the police forces with a view not merely to the prevention of crime, but to ensuring so far as possible that crime does not pay.

It is still true, as was said years ago, that the certainty of punishment is a far greater deterrent than its severity.

Only the other day a prisoner convicted of housebreaking asked for no less than 70 further housebreakings to be taken into consideration. Odds of 70 to 1 against being found out must indicate that crime is a paying proposition.

Incidentally, that prisoner said, and I sympathise with him, that if

only he had been found out the first time he would not have done it again.

As to the second objective, the strengthening of the will to resist temptation, this must in the main be the concern of parents.

The necessity for the mother to work during wartime has become a real desire in peacetime in order to acquire the things which go with the so-called affluent society.

About two years ago 80 boys from a boys' club went for a holiday in motor coaches to Spain. On their return the parents were invited to see moving pictures of the boys at play and of the places they had visited.

Four parents only turned up. That horrible modern expression "I couldn't care less" was really apt to describe the attitude of the other parents.

Surely it is time that we recognise that a mother's foremost duty is to the home and family.

There is plenty of time for her to work gainfully once the children are grown up and away from home.

Similarly, the father must make time to take an interest in the children, to gain their respect and set an example, and if need be to discipline them.

Other approaches to the problem—and important ones—are by religious teaching; by greater control over published material, the cinema and television; and by making jobs interesting enough to prevent the urge to do something in their leisure time which appears exciting and dangerous.

BUT FIRST AND FOREMOST WE MUST DEPEND ON THE PARENTS.

After all, the strength of a nation is the strength of the family, and the material is here, good as it has ever been. It is up to all of us to see that it is not wasted.

*Peter of Wadbury*



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Thou pursue the dry stubble?*

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—Job 13, 25.



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ST. NICHOLAS  
Cole Abbey is an unusual church indeed.

In the first place, it is one of those Guild churches of the City of London which in the face of a resident parish population dwindled almost to a minus quantity have resolutely carved out a new mission.

Rather than struggle hopelessly against deserted weekends, they tend for the most part to abandon Sunday services in favour of ministering at lunch-times to the thousands of office workers who throng their purlieus on weekdays.

However, that is not St. Nicholas' only claim to note: as often as not upon such occasions it will be host to a celebrant or preacher who has never been seen in an English church before. For it opens its pulpit to members of the Anglican Communion from the furthest ends of the earth.

Thus in recent months, for example, the Primate of Canada and the Archbishop in Jerusalem have rubbed shoulders with rather more esoteric figures such as the Supreme Bishop of the Philippines Independent Church, the head of the Japan Holy Catholic Church and leaders of the Church of South India.

St. Nicholas, in fact, is the embodiment of the ecumenical movement and might well lay claim to the title of World Church, E.C.4.

Its new function is largely the inspiration of its much-travelled Vicar, the Rev. Gilbert Baker, who has spent much of his ministry in China, and its aims have the firm backing of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Until recently, Mr. Baker was secretary of the Overseas Council, whose functions have now been taken over by the Missionary and Ecumenical Council of the Church Assembly and upon him as research

## World Church E.C.4.

assistant to Bishop Bayne fell some of the responsibility for organising the recent Wider Episcopal Fellowship conference and meeting of Metropolitan of the Anglican Communion at Canterbury.

St. Nicholas—a blitzed Wren foundation now, in restored guise, stand-

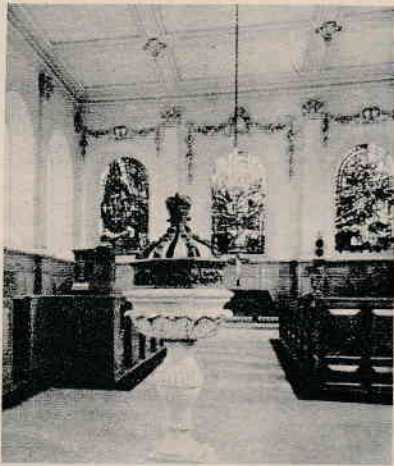
ing in a four-square beauty uncluttered by outworn survivals—fitly expresses Gilbert Baker's outlook. For he is a man with a vision: his eyes are upon the future rather than the past, or even the present.

Perhaps more clearly than most, he sees the worldwide Anglican Communion developing from concept into practical, concrete entity. But he sees, too, that any leading-strings must soon be severed.

Whatever role may be open to the C. of E. within the Communion in the long run it will not be one of tutelage, still less of dominance.

Thus World Church E.C.4 goes about its daily rather than Sundays-only vocation of providing a meeting-point between the Church of England of today and the world Church of tomorrow. In its oasis between office-block skyscrapers it feels the winds of change blowing and is unafraid.

—WARD SMITH



*St NICHOLAS, dedicated to the patron saint of travellers, has three east windows—one depicting the Rock of Christ, a second the world, and the third the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.*



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MANY people complain that when it comes to praying they never know what to pray about. This is a difficulty which can be overcome if only we remember that "Prayer is conversation with God".

Most of us are reasonably good at conversation; we are not, as a rule, tongue-tied or stuck for words with people we know and like. If we know God, and like Him, and want to please Him, we shall find plenty to say.

When we are talking to an earthly friend there are, broadly speak-

ing, three main subjects: ourselves, our friends, and other people—the three subjects represented in grammar by the first, second and third person.

Subjects for prayer can also be found under those three headings, only when we pray we have got to alter the order.

God must come first as the person spoken to. Other people come next, the person spoken about. Lastly, ourselves—the first person in grammar, but here providing a very good example of how the first shall be last.

When we talk to God about Himself we can do so in three ways.

First, we can tell Him, in our own words, of our trust and admiration, our loyalty and our love. This we call *praise* or *worship*.

Secondly, we can tell Him how grateful we are for His goodness, His kindness, His



### 4—What to say

find tremendous scope as we bring before Him all manner of folk, known to us and unknown. Starting with our own relations, friends and neighbours, we may think of the wider needs of our country, our leaders in Church and State, and all who bear the burdens of authority.

And, as Jesus taught us by precept and example, there are enemies to be prayed for and those we find it so desperately hard to like—those who have fallen into careless ways and live shut off from the knowledge of God.

Praying for others is sometimes known as *Intercession*, and it is the true prayer of unselfishness—doing unto others as we would have them do to us and putting the needs of mankind before our own.

And then comes the prayer we make on our own behalf as

mercy and His love. We can count our many blessings, as the old hymn says, and offer to God our prayers of *thanksgiving*.

Thirdly, we can think of all the ways in which we have turned our backs on what was right, and how we have, over and over again, deliberately done what we know to be wrong. *Confession*, we say, is good for the soul; it should always find a place in a Christian's prayers.

When we talk to God about other people we

# HOW TO PRAY

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A series of six articles : *By The Rev. H. A. L. RICE*

Author of *Thomas Ken; Prayer-book Heritage; The Bridge-Builders, etc.*

I AM a member of one of the largest clubs in the world, and one which has no life-members—the teenage club.

The teen years—the time between 12 and 20 when everyone else seems to be developing characters and personalities, both mentally and physically, although one's own seems to remain static—are the 'mad' years when one is excused for doing unpredictable and unexpected things.

These are the years when one is expected to take certain responsibilities since one is no longer a child, but not expected to take complete control since one is not yet an adult in the full sense of the word.

A teenager is a person who exists principally for the present, past and future being frequently very hazy. Time is compelling; is precious, and passes all too quickly.

We pass through times of intense emotional stress when periods of great contentment are interspersed with moods of deep depression and fierce excitement; hearts are broken and healed in short spaces of time and violent enthusiasms are soon quenched.

Life is vital and hectic; is dear and every scrap of fun and fulfillment must be squeezed out.

Now is the present; next week is an eternity away—next year unimaginable. We live in the whirl of social existence, combined with patches of creativeness and duty.

Such is the mental make-up of



## What makes a

teenager.

We have our own opinions on most subjects, from classical music to religion, and most of these stem from our upbringing and the example of friends and family.

For myself, I attend church regularly because I want to and was introduced to it at a very early age, and in time graduated through Sunday School and Bible Class to the Confirmation Class.

These rituals took place weekly in

By

**DIANE  
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## A teenager tells her elders . . .

the Vicarage for about six months; we, in varying degrees of conversion, attended regularly or spasmodically, as the case may be.

We were confirmed in a tiny country village church. Although I felt I should have liked to have been confirmed in grander surroundings, by the time we emerged at the end into the sunlight I felt the service could not have been more impressive or stimulating even it had been in Westminster Abbey.

Our tiny church, packed with well-wishers, and warmed by the sunlight, was filled with a serene atmosphere—not tense or excitable, but comforting and relaxing, so that

## teenager tick

it was almost possible to feel the Communion between God and Man.

Sometimes I feel that I am going along a road. This is a very uneven and undulating thoroughfare.

Parts of it are smooth and are easy to travel, but the remainder contains slopes and hills. Yes, life for the teenager is often very complicated.

But I am thankful for the knowledge that in all the trials and tribulations there is one prop which is eternal and more constant than this month's Top Ten—the Church.

### P.P.P.

*Polishing the Parish Press*, a practical guide for the amateur editor by Ward Smith, Editor of *Home Words*, is due to be published soon under the joint imprint of the Church Information Office and the Epworth (Methodist) Press. The booklet takes the non-professional step by step through the technicalities of sub-editing copy, writing headlines, choosing type, and laying-out the page and deals also with the business side.

## A MODERN LITANY

FROM fish-paste and jam  
jars in lovely churches,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From rusty pins on dreary boards,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From old posters and plastic flowers,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From Victorian pictures, stained  
and damp,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From broken carafe and moth-  
holed drapes,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From tatty cassocks, and choir  
robes,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From missing pages and Roman  
numerals,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From dusty sills and dead bees,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From frayed rolls of coco matting,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From withered holly wreaths at  
Eastertide,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From dirty hassocks and spilling  
sawdust,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

GRANT us, dear Lord, the power to  
see,  
and make us willing to give  
our best and not our worst to  
THEE.

MRS. J. H. VEAZEY,  
DODDINGTON VICARAGE,  
SITTINGBOURNE.



**Plain glass**

ONE gets so accustomed to the beautiful stained glass to be found in our churches that it comes almost as a shock to find one containing, purposely, plain glass.

The east window of Hertingfordbury, Herts., was fitted with plain glass at the express wish of Lady Cowper so that the trees and God's sky may be seen.  
Upper Portslade, Sx. ROY WELLS

**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, Wadhurst. DOROTHY DIX



**Giant's stone**

THE Norfolk village of Terrington St. John is said to be the birthplace of Hicofric, a local giant who went crusading with Richard Coeur de Lion.

He spent enough time in the village to establish several legends, including one that he used a cartwheel as a shield and an axle-shaft as a club in his fights with Lords of the Manor over the bounds of Smeeth plain, where marshland folk grazed their cattle.

He managed to get himself buried in two places at once—Tilney All Saints (where a coffin-slab ornamented with a cartwheel is said to commemorate him) and at Marshland St. James.

This curious stone monument known as "Hicofric's Candlestick" stands in a corner of the vicarage garden, next to the church of Terrington St. John.—KENNETH SAWYERS (SHIPLEY).



**Sister's love**

ONE of the most beautiful lychgates in Ireland stands at the parish church of Drumbeg, in County Antrim. It was erected near the end of the nineteenth century by a parishioner as a memorial to her brother.—E. V. MALONE (DOWN-PATRICK, CO. DOWN).

## ... and Views



### Font in cellar

THE 15th-century font at St. George's, Saham Toney, Watton, Norfolk (pictured here during a Harvest Festival) has a domed cover with eight pillars, with an inscription recording that one John Ives presented it in 1632. It opens with a sliding panel.

But for many years it seems to have been lost. During the 19th century it was unearched in the rectory cellar by a writer-musician incumbent, Coker Adams, who is buried in the churchyard. Over the rectory door is the Winchester motto *Manners Makyth Man.*—JOHN LEE (Organist).

### Horned church

A STONE effigy of a bull's head surmounts St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, Essex, believed to be the only church in the world with such a decoration.

Legend has it that a prior on his way to a shrine which originally occupied the site—later granted by Henry III a Charter designating it *Monasterium cornutum*, or 'horned monastery'—was about to be attacked by a bull when a herd of cows surrounded him in a protective screen. As a thankoffering the head of the bull was placed on the shrine, and the present effigy commemorates this.—A. GOWERS (ROXWELL, ESSEX).



### Oak book

I HAVE a leather-bound illustrated volume of Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* whose covers have panels inlaid with oak taken from the old beams of Elstow Church dating back to 1530. A portrait of Bunyan on the front was photographed from a pencil sketch (by White) now in the British Museum. (Miss) R. WEAVER Wincanton.



## MONDAY—Washing

To prevent white nylon underwear 'yellowing' wash in the usual way and rinse in clear water to which has been added some cream of tartar. As much as will lie on a sixpence is sufficient for a small wash.—MRS. E. HOLLAND (BIRKENHEAD).

## TUESDAY—Sewing

To keep your wool clean when knitting a garment, place your ball in a large envelope. Simply pull the wool through one corner at the top and seal.—MRS. F. H. HARRISON (SHERIFF HUTTON, YORK).

## WEDNESDAY—First Aid

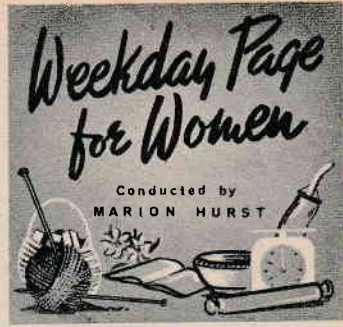
A recipe for cough medicine: One tablespoon glycerine, one tablespoon honey, the same of lemon juice. Place in a bottle or screw-top jar and shake until dissolved and well mixed. Take a teaspoonful for a cough or a sore throat.—MRS. McROBERTS (GUERNSEY, C.I.).

## THURSDAY—Cooking

A delicious snack: Two rashers of bacon cut up (small); One tin of baked beans; One dessertspoonful of sultanas (without seeds); curry powder to taste. Place all the ingredients in a saucepan on a low heat for four minutes. Mix well till thoroughly heated. Serve on slices of buttered toast.—MRS. E. HOLDING (NEWHAM, GLOS.).

## FRIDAY—Household

If a mat turns up it is not only unsightly, but can be dangerous. Cut a piece of



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stout cardboard, about four inches square, and tack it firmly to the corner underneath the mat. This will keep it firm and flat.—MISS O. M. ROOKWOOD (DOVER).

## SATURDAY—Children

Looking after a friend's twins (ten months old) while she was in hospital I found there was little time to keep picking up toys from the floor. A piece of elastic and some old cotton reels solved my problem. I threaded the reels on the elastic and tied a knot and looped the elastic on each side of the chair. This kept them amused for a long time.—MRS. I. J. NORWOOD, S.R.N. (INGATESTONE).

## PRIZEWINNERS

Winner of the Crossword Competition No. 17: Mrs. T. Jardine of Park Holme, South Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leics. Solution: (Across): 1, Rose (Song of Sol. 2.1); 3, Idle (1 Tim. 5.13); 7, Win (Phil. 3.8); 9, Ash (Isa. 44.14); 11, Snare is come (Lam. 3.47); 12, Sit (Jer. 8.14); 13, Sow (Eccles. 11.4); 15, Fur (Ezek. 30.15); 17, Art (Job 17.14); 20, Israel, saith (Mal. 2.16); 21, Old (Josh. 23.2); 22, Age (Josh. 23.2); 23, Boys (Gen. 25.27); 24, Edom (Gen. 32.3). (Down): 2, Spiritually (Rom. 8.6); 4, Discouraged (Col. 3.21); 5, Cush (Gen. 10.6); 6, Abel (Gen. 4.8); 7, Was (John 6.4); 8, Net (John 21.6); 9, Ass (Num. 22.23); 10, How (1 Kings 18.21); 14, Mite (Luke 21.2); 15, Fro (Ps. 107.27); 16, Red; 17, Asa (2 Chron. 16.7); 18, Tie (Prov. 6.21); 19, Shem (Gen. 10.1).

Winner of No. 18: Mrs. A. F. Hunter, 30, Keeble Terrace, Cleator Moor, Cumberland. Solution: (Across) 1, Cease (Isa. 1.16). 3, Devil (Luke 4.2). 7, Genesis. 9, Mark. 10, Liar (1 John 2.22). 11, Hate (Ps. 97. 10). 12, Lack (Matt. 19.20). 16, Obed (Ruth 4.17). 18, Arba (Josh. 14.15). 19, Revenge (Jer.

## PRAYER from page 7

morning and evening, day by day, we ask that all our needs of soul and body may be supplied. We ask for protection from danger and temptation; for safety and sleep at night; for strength each morning to meet the problems and tasks of the day before us.

So, putting ourselves and our various requirements last, we come to God with our prayers of *Petition*. It isn't wrong to ask God for things—it would be wrong not to. But it would be even more wrong if *all* our prayers were "asking" prayers, or if asking came first.

15.15, 20, Heard (Gen. 3.10). 21, Truth (John 18.38). (Down) 1, Carmi (Josh. 7.1). 2, Seek (Matt. 7.7). 4, Evil (Luke 23.22). 5, Learn (Gal. 3.2). 6, Rent (Gen. 37.34). 7, Greater (1 John 3.20). 8, Sincere (1 Pet. 2.2). 13, Jonah. 14, Amen. 15, Ramah (1 Sam. 1.19). 17, Dear (Jer. 31.20). 18, Agur (Prov. 30.1).

# PUFFIN takes A LOOK



PUFFIN had been naughty. He knew he had done wrong and he was not feeling very happy about it. While his master and mistress were out, he had stolen some cream from a jug. Now he wished he hadn't.

When his master and mistress came home—they had been out visiting sick people—Puffin was curled up in front of the Vicarage fire, looking like a well-behaved cat.

"Good puss!" said his mistress, and this made him feel worse than ever. He knew they'd find out about the cream eventually, but what was really making him so unhappy was the fact that they were treating him as though he had been very good.

Puffin was a very fair-minded cat and he knew he didn't deserve it.

Gloomily he wandered through into the study, and there on the table he saw the vicar's microscope. On it was what looked like a lump of stone.

Being also a curious cat, Puffin sprang on to the table and looked down the microscope as he had seen his master do.

What a surprise! The stone now looked like a jewel. He could see the struc-

ture of it, how it was made up and what it was really like. It looked like lots of small shiny crystals.

The next day he went into the church to talk to his friend the Gold Angel on the riddel-post. He told the Angel about the microscope and also confessed about the cream.

The Angel looked very wise. "You were unhappy because of your conscience, which is God's voice speaking to you. For God is rather like the microscope, you know. He can see what you are really like inside, when other people only see what you look like on the outside."

"Oh dear," miaowed Puffin.

"Ah, but if we do wrong, and are really sorry, then God is always ready to forgive us—which is really the good news about this," said the Angel.

## Jobs for all of us

Are you good with your hands? If so, have a look round your church and Sunday School, and see if there is anything which needs repairing.

There may be hymn books and prayer-books which need mending or some

### *Why keep Sunday?*

—Because it is the day on which our Lord rose from the dead, the day of the first Easter. The Apostles' Creed tells us: *The third day He rose again from the dead*—and this was such an important event it was decided that Sunday should be kept as the Christians' most holy day. Previously, the main day of worship had been the Jewish sabbath, equivalent to our Saturday.

woodwork which needs repairing or painting. Perhaps there is a wobbly chair in the children's corner which some adult has been intending to repair for ages, but has never managed to find the time.

There may be windows which do not open properly, which some senior boy could mend. The Sunday School may need more hooks on which to hang coats, or the churchyard may need tidying, its grass cutting, and perhaps some planting done.

Ask your Vicar for permission first, but there are often many jobs which clever seniors can do. Your offers of help will be welcomed by busy adults who have too little time to do all they wish to do.

# Bible Crossword competition

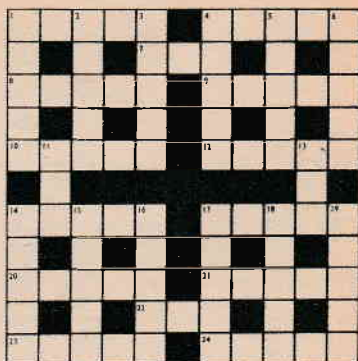
Puzzle No. 22. By 'Duplex'

## ACROSS

1. "for the — of Pharaoh went in" (5).
4. "Thy statutes have been my —" (5).
7. Abraham's nephew (3).
8. Elimelech's wife (5).
9. Children subdued by Jephthah (5).
10. "Where the birds make their —" (5).
12. An Ahohite (5).
14. Daughter of Leah (5).
17. He pursued the hosts of Sisera (5).
20. "... seven princes of Persia and —" (5).
21. Judge of Israel (5).
22. "Deliver thyself as a —" (3).
23. Father of Jeroboam (5).
24. "And they sat down in —" (5).

## DOWN

1. Son of Zaccur (5).
2. "His — shall be dried up beneath" (5).
3. "Behold, he calleth —" (5).
4. "And when ye — praying" (5).
5. "But a certain man — Ananias (5).
6. Desert and Mount (5).
11. Priest (3).
13. King of Judah (3).
14. Waters (5).
15. Son of Aaron (5).
16. "My — is fixed, O God" (5).
17. "The best of them is as a —" (5).
18. King of Syria (5).
19. Two Books of them (5).



Entries should be addressed to *Home Words*, 11 Ludgate Square, London, EC4 (marked clearly 'Crossword No. 22' on the envelope). A prize of £1 ls. will go to the first correct solution opened on the 15th of this month. The winning competitor will be notified by post, and lists of prizewinners and solutions will be published from time to time.

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# The day that my first customer walked in . . .

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That morning, at 11 a.m., my first customer walked in, a lady I had never seen before. She came to the counter and just handed me a £1 note, saying this was God's gift.

To my bewilderment she explained she knew nothing about me, but had an urge to give me the money.

That saved our situation, but I think it needs explaining—or does it?  
Leigh-on-Sea. P. COLLINS



## Tributes

WE have used your inset for some time and found it most interesting and helpful. Circulation of our magazine is steadily increasing.  
Horsington, Som.

(Rev.) A. S. DERBYSHIRE

HOW enjoyable and useful is *Home Words*! My children have been drawing your recent picture "Descent of the Holy Spirit" in their own books and writing about Pentecost.

They always look forward to Young People's Corner and the Puffin stories.  
Chorley, Lancs. (Mrs.) VERA TURNER

## The YPC

I WAS so glad to read the paragraph in Patricia Hunt's page about Sunday School. It may help parents to send their children along, for this is the first step to real knowledge of Christian life and future guidance.  
Westcliff.

(Mrs.) GRACE BUTCHER

AS an inset in the majority of parish magazines I receive each month from various parts of the country I consider *Home Words* is the very best.

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Carbis Bay, St. Ives. E. W. BENNETT



## Michael the mole-catcher

THIS is the official mole-catcher to North Stoke Church—Leonard Buckland, aged 9. He has caught seven moles this season.

North Stoke is about to complete restoration work. It was supported by the diocesan St. Nicholas Fund in 1962, when £420 was raised by Sunday Schools collecting pennies and halfpennies.

There are only 44 people living in the 17 houses in the village; in the Doomsday Book there were 16 cottages!

There was a baptism last Easter Day; the last one was in October 1961; the one before that in 1954. The baptismal register will probably still be used in 2400 A.D.—it was started in 1813.

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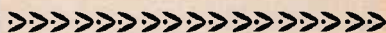
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This re-appraisal and the action that ensues, represents conscientious stewardship, ensuring that funds entrusted to them are utilised in helping the disabled in the best possible way as new needs appear. As more funds are available, more work can be undertaken.

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