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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. (said)	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.

EDITORIAL

First Things First !

"It is high time that Christianity was taken away from men in order to teach them to appreciate it a little."

So wrote Soren Kierkegaard in 1849—and what he said then has meaning for us today. For too long we have taken our Christian faith for granted. As a nation we are living on spiritual capital which is fast running out. Paul the Apostle wrote to his friend Timothy and said that in the "final age" "men will love nothing but money and self" and will "put pleasure in the place of God" whilst preserving "the outward form of religion," they will be a "standing denial of its reality."

Isn't this true of today? We have so often cheapened Christ so that the faith of the New Testament, for which martyrs died, has become a crass, insipid thing which neither makes demands upon our time or energies or inroads into our personal attitudes.

"Man seems to have got his priorities all wrong," said the Rev. John Oates the C. of E. Youth Officer. "There are more fridges and washing machines per square mile, yet more people die of cancer. There is more money about and yet there are more suicides."

If every parishioner who called himself a member of the Church shook off his apathy, and awakened to the call of the Living Christ, a wind of change would blow across the community which could bring new life to the Church and Nation.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

I hope that you have all enjoyed your holiday, and if you have not managed to get away, at least made the best of the wonderful weather this Summer.

Please note the special dates mentioned in this magazine. Tell your friends who may not have read about them yet.

I send my wishes to all parish organisations as they begin their Autumn season. Although we have a wonderful team of helpers we still need many more who will offer their time, and their talents in training young people in the Christian faith.

These are great days for the Christian Church, and every Christian counts. Make sure you are actively involved in the life of your Church, and not just a fringe critic!

IN MEMORIAM

During the past few weeks the village has lost some very old friends. Harry Boulton passed away whilst on holiday. He had been an invalid for a number of years, and had borne his suffering with great fortitude. One must be thankful that he was able to see his granddaughter, Teresa crowned May Queen this year. We send our sympathies to Mrs. Boulton and the family in their loss.

Victor Haynes was a familiar figure in the village, where he lived until recently in the old thatched cottage, which has now been demolished. Although he went into college work latterly, he was an excellent stone waller, some of the last work being that around the Memorial Garden. We send our condolences to Miss Alice Haynes who nursed him with fidelity and care.

Frederick William ("Shep") Reynolds passed away peacefully as he sat in the garden on August Monday. Although he had been ailing for some time, he was able to celebrate his 80th birthday this year. A true countryman with a warm heart and lively humour, he will be missed in the village. To Mrs. Reynolds and the family we extend our sympathies.

The passing of Mabel Dorothy Bellingham at her home in Bleadon, so soon after her visit with her husband to Marston, was a great shock.

As wife of the former President of the Over 60s Club, and a regular worshipper at St. Nicholas', she shared with her husband a graciousness, and kindness that gave her a place in all our affections. Mr. Bellingham and the family will be very much in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

VICARAGE BARBECUE

There will be a BARBECUE and OPEN - AIR DANCING on the Vicarage Lawn on Saturday, September 5th from 8 p.m. — 11 p.m. (if wet in Scout H.Q.). Admission 2/-. Hot dogs extra. Music by David Hammond, Esq. Pay as you enter. Proceeds in aid of Church at Home and Abroad.

"BEAT GROUP" SERVICE FOR YOUTH

All young people are invited to a special Service for youth on Sunday September 20th at 6.30 p.m. at which "The Links" will be playing.

This will also be the quarterly Church Parade for all our Youth Organisations. Adults will also be most welcome, but for those who prefer it, Evensong will be said at 5.30 p.m. on this Sunday.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

This looks like being a bumper Harvest Year and everyone should be in Church on September 27th to thank God for all his goodness.

For decoration purposes we ask you to give of your best - the rosiest, and largest of apples, the best of your flowers and vegetables - a worthy offering of the first-fruits - to God.

As in past years we suggest that tinned and packet foods are more acceptable for distribution than anything else, and we ask if parents will be kind enough to give their children gifts in this line for offering at the 11 a.m. Thanksgiving Service.

8 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

11 a.m. MATINS

3 p.m. Holy Baptism

6.30 p.m. EVENSONG

HARVEST SUPPER

This year we shall be holding a Harvest Supper on Michaelmas Day, Tuesday the 29th, at 7.45 p.m. in the New Village Hall.

On account of space numbers are limited, but we hope that all our regular worshippers will be able to fit in.

Tickets, including supper: 5/-

THIRD FRIDAY CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

As the Bishop has summoned all clergy to a Synod on Friday, 18th September, it will not be possible to hold the Holy Communion Service on the 3rd Friday of this month.

WEDDING BELLS

We send our wishes to Robin Vernede and Christine Mills who are to be married at St. Bartholmew's Churchdown on September 1st.

The Vicar will be taking part in the service. During her time in Marston at "The Hazels" Christine has become very much a member of our village community, and to both Robin and Christine we offer our congratulations.

CHILDRENS' INSTRUCTION

We have spent a very happy year in all the departments of the Church's work amongst the children of this parish. They have come most faithfully and regularly with nearly a hundred per cent attendance on most Sundays. At the end of their year, the Kindergarten and Nursery children gathered for a Garden Party in the Manor House Garden when some 60 children joined in a happy afternoon together and we are most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vernede for so kindly putting their garden at our disposal on this occasion. The older children are having their outing on SATURDAY, 3rd OCTOBER to Bristol Zoo. TICKETS FOR THIS WILL BE ISSUED in the CHURCH HALL and money collected on MONDAY, 21st September and WEDNESDAY, 23rd September between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. If parents have not already notified Miss Lodge of numbers, this should be done immediately.

The Childrens' Instruction will be resumed at 11 a.m. on SUNDAY 20th September. We shall be delighted to welcome new boys and girls on that day. The VILLAGE HALL for the under 5's. THE CHURCH HALL for the Kindergarten (5's to 7's) and the SCOUT HEADQUARTERS for the Juniors (7's to 10½'s) - the latter going into Church for the first part of the Morning Service.

The CATECHISM AND CROSS-BEARERS will also re-assemble, but as this is a Third Sunday in the month, we shall be going to the 9.30 Family Communion instead of 10 a.m. Normal time will be resumed on Sunday, 27th September when we shall welcome anyone who is 10½ or over at 10 a.m.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

As you will see elsewhere in this Magazine, this will be on SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER and the children will be bringing their gifts to the Morning Service at 11 a.m. as in previous years. We shall be most grateful if these could take the form of tinned and packed goods as before. They were so much appreciated by those of the parish who received them. Parents will receive further notice of this nearer the time. Arrangements will be made for the NURSERY children who normally meet in the VILLAGE HALL to come to CHURCH on that day at 11 a.m. and then gather together in the CHURCH HALL afterwards.

O. J. L.

FROM THE CHURCH OVERSEAS

News from our 'linked' Missionary, Miss Joan Mallalieu at the Gell Memorial School for Girls, Ootacamund, Nilgiri Hills, South India :

"For us, June is a month of beginings - the begining of the monsoon, which keeps us pretty damp for weeks on end - and the begining of the new school year. The terrific pressure of parents rushing to get sons and daughters admitted in schools and colleges at this time of year naturally affects us a lot. We hear that at the local College there have been 4,000 applicants for the 400 places available in the Pre-University Course. Our figures for this school are, of course, nothing like that; even so, our problem is much the same. Miss Grace Masillamoni (our Headmistress) and I are frequently saying, one to the other, "Can we possibly squeeze just one more in " Our present standard IX has about 50 pupils; we think that 35 is enough, in any of the upper forms, if teaching is to be thorough. At the same time, when Government is trying its utmost to get everyone educated, and urging Heads of schools to refuse admission to none, its not easy to send an eager parent away.

A recent article in a daily newspaper, written by a leading Indian lady educationalist (Hindu), while deploring the corruption, and low level of attainment found in a number of Government-aided Schools, highly commends the integrity and high standards of work normally found in mission schools. In the tightening pressures and tensions of today, it is clear that such standards will continue only if the Christian teachers and Matrons in these schools steadily refuse any lowering of their own standards. And truly thats not enough! We need to pray to be flooded with the Love of Christ so that His Love may be the creative, driving force, in all that we do, day by day. Please will you pray this for me "

JOAN MALLALIEU

HOLY BAPTISM

- July 19. Received into the Church. Michael John Beesley, 25 Beech Road, Wheatley, Oxford.
- Aug. 2. Karen Debra Creber, 17 Elms Drive.
Sian Elizabeth Richards, 33 Elms Drive.
- Aug. 9. Monica Helen Cherry, 20 Haynes Road.
Gary Higgs, 1 Elms Drive.
Stephen Robert Gilkes, 32 Mill Lane.
- Aug. 9. Received into the Church, Katherine Margaret Jean Jenkins, 8 Cotswold Crescent.

IN MEMORIAM

- June 24. Harry Wilfred Boulton. Aged 62 years.
 July 18. Victor Edmund Haynes. Aged 69 years.
 Aug. 3. Frederick William Reynolds. Aged 80 years.
 Aug. 6. Mabel Dorothy Bellingham. Aged 69 years (at Bleadon).

HOLY MATRIMONY

- Aug. 22. John Tansley and Heather Mary Terry.

ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

- Sept. 6. Mrs. Walker
 Sept. 13. Mrs. Green
 Sept. 20. Mrs. Silk
 Sept. 27. Mrs. Sharp

PARISH CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

- September 2. Wednesday. Holy Communion 7.15 a.m.
 „ 5. Saturday. Barbecue and Open-air Dancing—Vicarage Lawn
 8 p.m. — 11 p.m.
 „ 6. **TRINITY XV.**
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 10.30 a.m. Mattins (said).
 11.0 a.m. **PARISH COMMUNION.**
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
 „ 9. Wednesday. Holy Communion, 7.15 a.m.
 „ 13. **TRINITY XVI.**
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
 11.0 a.m. Mattins.
 3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism.
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
 „ 16. Wednesday. Holy Communion, 7.15 a.m.
 Ember Day. 7.45 p.m. Young Wives Meeting in Church
 Hall (first of new session).
 „ 18. Friday. 8 p.m. Finance Committee.
 „ 20. **TRINITY XVII.**
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
 9.30 a.m. Family Communion.
 Childrens' Instruction re-commences.
 11.0 a.m. Mattins.
 5.30 p.m. Evensong (said).
 6.30 p.m. Special Youth Service (music by "The Links").
 Church Parade for Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies.
 All Young people especially welcome.
 „ 21. Monday. Festival of St. Matthew. Apos. Evang. & Martyr.
 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
 „ 22. Tuesday. Meeting of Parochial Church Council in Church
 Hall preceded by Parish Intercessions in Church at
 7.45 p.m.
 „ 23. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
 7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union Service in Church.
 (first in season).
 „ 26. Saturday. Decoration of Church for Harvest Thanksgiving.
 „ 27. **TRINITY XVIII. HARVEST THANKSGIVING**
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
 11 a.m. Mattins. Childrens' offering of Gifts.
 3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism.
 6.30 p.m. Evensong. Rev. John Ralphs.
 „ 29. Festival of St. Michael and All Angels.
 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
 7.45 p.m. Harvest Supper.
 „ 30. Wednesday. Holy Communion, 7.15 a.m.



WHAT are we DOING?

By WARD SMITH

THE British Medical Association recently recorded with concern that the number of unmarried mothers among teenagers has doubled in the past ten years.

The news aroused hardly a ripple of public attention. Such are the norms of an 'affluent society' which has come to take violence, vice and crime for granted.

We live, we feel, in an age freed from Victorian prudery when piano legs had to have pantaloons, and in allowing sex to be dangled before our eyes at every turn we pride ourselves upon being broadminded.

Introducing a new series :

The World we Live in

Now sex has its place in life. But its rightful place is not on public exhibition. Even the atheist Communist world insists on that.

However, as evidence of our emancipation we acquiesce in the parade of prurience, telling ourselves that upon balanced, adult personalities like ours it can have no effect.

That is hardly the point. The question that matters more is:

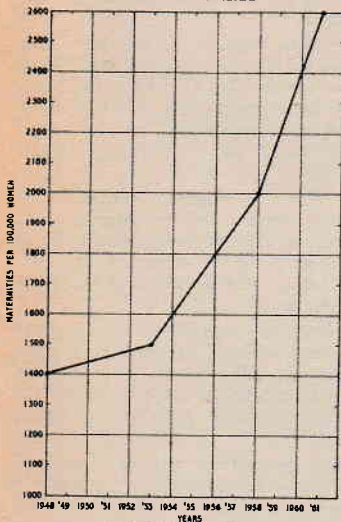
What are we doing to our young son or teenage daughter?

As a nation we expose them everywhere they go to salacious posters which imply that promiscuity doesn't matter—and are puzzled to find that the

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Next Month • The ARCHBISHOP of YORK

NUMBER OF ILLEGITIMATE MATERNITIES, PLUS BIRTHS OF CHILDREN CONCEIVED OUT OF WEDLOCK PER 100,000 WOMEN AGED 15-19 YEARS



A B.M.A. graph

A message from the Lord Chief Justice

of England
(Lord Parker):

There is clearly no single cause of the enormous increase in crime among the young.

But responsibility for it must rest with all of us—and particularly those of us who are parents—to see that children are not contaminated by the false values prevalent today.

Parker of Waddington

● Lord Parker will write an article in this series soon.

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illegitimate birthrate is now one in 12. We are so busy learning to do less work for more money that it never occurred to us that our children wouldn't know what to do with their time.

We place in peril of court proceedings any teacher who dares to chastise—and cannot account for juvenile delinquency or suggest a remedy.

The dirty-book shops move from the back streets into the main streets as well-known folk vie with each other to pretend that pornography is not pornography if it has 'literary merit.'

What is the Public Morality Council doing? Up to the time of writing, it doesn't say.

What is the B.B.C. doing? It has presented the teddy boys of the arts with the freedom of the screen. TV drama has flaunted amorality before the family circle. Its religious department never seems quite sure if fornication is really wrong.

What is the Government doing? The politicians, with eyes tight shut to all the symptoms of decay of a Great Power, boast that Britain never had it so good and can have it still better just for a vote. We listen in vain for the voice of any political party to be raised against the decline of moral standards.

Above all, what are we ourselves doing? For the Christian knows the answer better than anyone else. We pray for the world in church, but unless we turn our prayers into action

by the light of our faith when we get outside we cannot expect the world to see in us a worthwhile example.

We know we live in a sick society. We always have. But now it is more sick than it used to be. Perhaps that is because we persist in looking at society in terms of Them rather than Us and wait for someone else to start the ball rolling.

Perhaps society would be less sick soon if every churchgoer, for a start, were to write to his MP at this time demanding, in the interest of the young, an end to the public parade of vice.

Meanwhile, mothers of the Midlands have got together to bring pressure to bear on the B.B.C. They put their case on another page in this issue—and, needless to say, in their aims they have the support of Home Words.

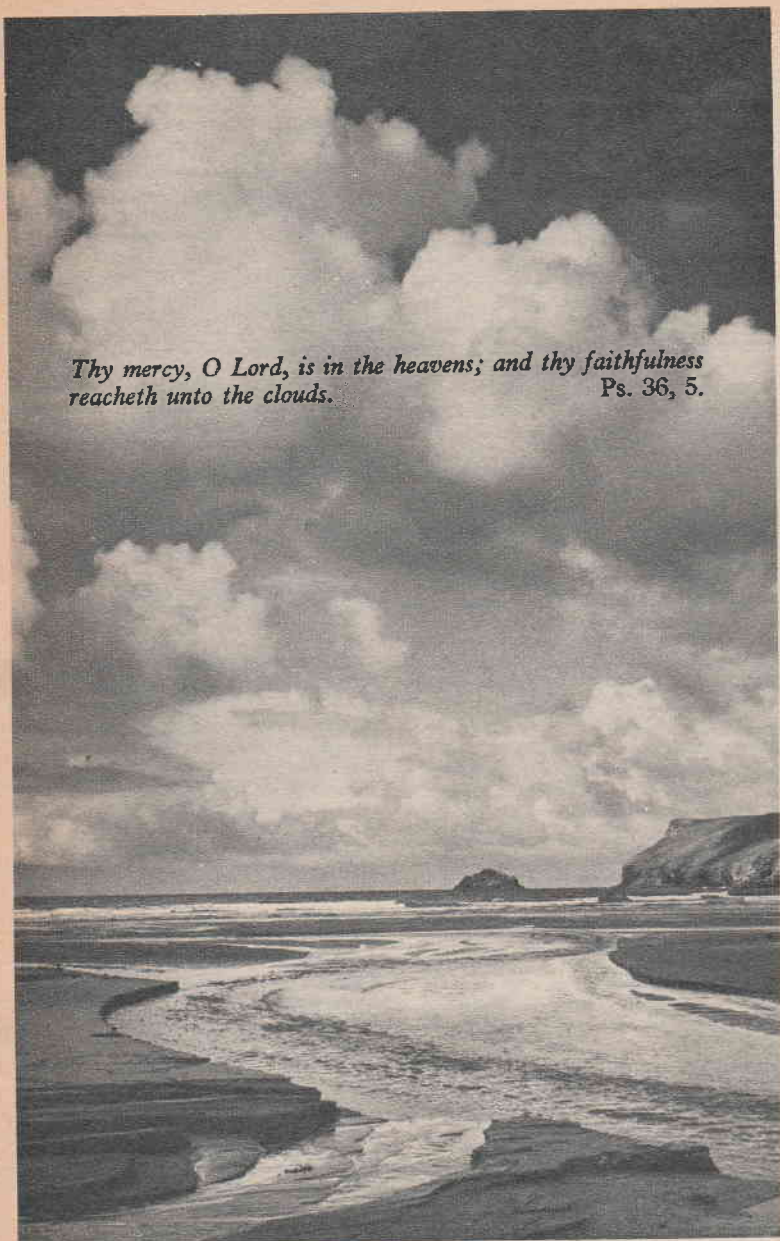
The offending theatres, cinemas, the nasty books and magazines, the prurient posters—all these remain. But if we are determined we shall find ways of making our voice heard there, too.

For it is not enough to set our own children a good example and leave other people's children no alternative but to accept the sense of values the streets and the subways set before them.

Coming generations will not thank us for pointing the way to the moon if we leave uprooted the signposts to the decencies of communal living.

*Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness
reacheth unto the clouds.*

Ps. 36, 5.



U.S. looks at US...

The heart of present-day London is a one-square-mile area known simply as the City. After the Great Fire of 1666 wiped out its 13,000 houses and 84 churches, from Pudding Lane to Newgate, the City was gradually rebuilt—most of its churches by Sir Christopher Wren. But by World War II it had become more and more a place in which to work rather than to live; the nighttime population was down to 8,000, and after the blitz there were only 5,000, many of them caretakers and night watchmen. But there were still the remains of 40 churches. What to do with them?

Tear them down, said the practical prelates, and sell the sites. At city prices of close to \$500 a square foot, this would provide a fabulous windfall with which to

build new churches in the suburbs, raise clerical salaries and finance overseas missions. The mere thought of such desecration gave antiquarian Anglicans the pip: the City's churches—especially Wren's—were national treasures, they cried. The war damage should be repaired, and the churches could be turned into museums to remind traipsing tourists and native agnostics of the Church of England's ancient glory.

Never on Sunday. Since the Church of England is an established church, each parish church is bound by law to hold Sunday services, whether anyone attends or not. But to former Bishop of London John Wand (now canon of St. Paul's) and London's Archdeacon Oswin Gibbs-Smith, a third possibility presented itself: "Why not a church that could be there for the daytime City workers?" Sixteen of the 40 churches were set up on a new basis and called "Guild Churches"—closed on Sundays, open on weekdays, with emphasis on the lunch hour. A number of the Guild Churches branched out in novel aspects of church work—"sort of ecclesiastical laboratories," as one cleric called them.

"It was a brilliant idea," said the Rev. Newell Wallbank of St. Bartholomew the

Great last week. In nine years since the London Guild Church Act was passed, the church has come alive in the City. Today some City churches have larger congregations five days a week than many a country church sees of a Sunday. Pavement posters and office notice boards attract City workers to concerts and choir practice, discussion groups and short straight services. "I don't often attend actual services," said one office worker last week, "but I sometimes go into a church on my way back from lunch for a sort of peaceful think. After all, I never go to church on Sunday—there's too much to do—and a few minutes of quiet do seem to help somehow."

In addition to their lunch-hour activities, the City's 16 Guild Churches have each developed a specialty. St. Stephen, Walbrook, specializes in rescuing would-be suicides; with a staff of seven and 100

The lunch-hour churches

part-time volunteers, it handles more than 100 calls for help a week. St. Mary Aldermary gives advice on religious retreats; St. Martin, Ludgate, specializes in marriage counseling, and the tiny church of St. Ethelburga concentrates on the ministry of healing.

Work in the Square. Some are connected with organizations: St. Botolph, Aldersgate, speaks for the Church of England Men's Society, St. Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe is the church of the British and Foreign Bible Society and the meeting place for returning missionaries; St. Dunstan-in-the-West is linked to the Church Council on Foreign Relations. One of the most popular of all is St. Sepulchre, known as the musicians' church, which specializes in church music, holds recitals three times a week and a grandiose service on St. Cecilia's Day with choir and orchestra. St. Bride, Fleet Street, is the journalists' church; St. Mary Abchurch specializes in intellectuals.

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TIME Magazine

IF prayer is, as we have said, the main line of communication between heaven and earth, between the eternal Father and each and every member of His human family, the question presents itself: *How can this means of contact best be made?*

Most of us, probably, were taught in our youth to "say our prayers," though this is not now so universally the case as once it was.

But "saying prayers" is not necessarily praying, and it can in fact become a dull, wearisome and lifeless performance.

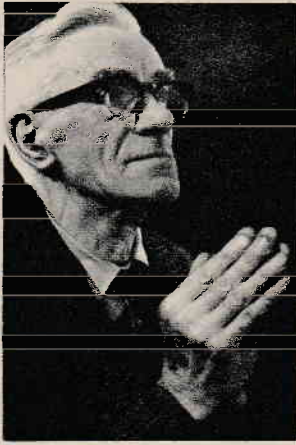
Queen Victoria once complained that Mr. Gladstone, the then Prime Minister of Britain, addressed her as though she were a public meeting.

Prayers can be like that—a mechanical recital of a form of words without very much thought or feeling behind them for the Person to Whom they are addressed, and with little interest on the part of him who prays!

The effect of them is to treat God as though He were a public meeting—and it is little wonder if such a method of saying prayers produces boredom and distaste as a consequence.

The first essential for true and intelligent prayer—prayer which will be interesting to God as well as to ourselves—is *recollection*.

By that I mean making ourselves aware of what we are supposed to be doing, *before we begin to do it*; concentrating all



2—Think first!

and it has been said that if a man has only five minutes in which to pray three of them may profitably be spent in preparation.

The closing of the eyes, the joining of the hands, are two other practical aids to concentration, removing as they do the danger of distraction through our outward senses of sight and touch.

Half the secret of a good prayer is a good preparation, and if only those who find it hard to pray would remember that, a great part of their difficulty would vanish.

The second step towards praying well is to know what to pray *about*, and this proves another obstacle to many people.

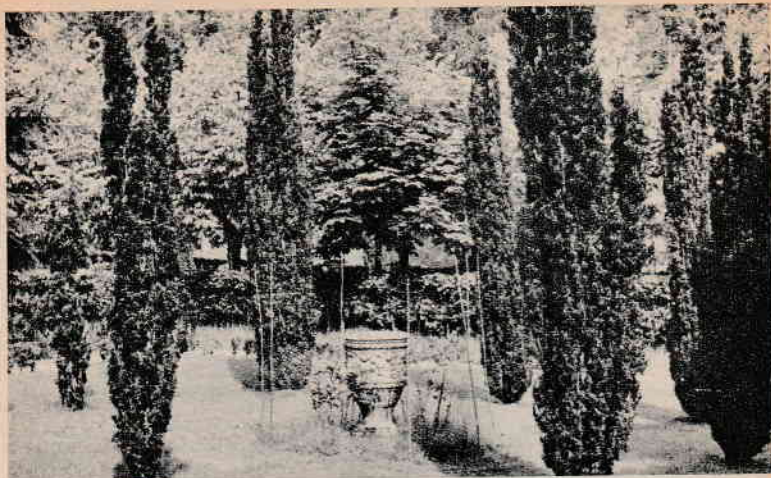
To make prayer real and interesting, to give it meaning of a vital kind, we must learn to talk with our Heavenly Father as we would with a beloved and

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HOW TO PRAY

A new series : By The Rev. H. A. L. RICE

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



Glencruitten, near Oban, is the home of the famous 'Cathedral of Trees', measuring 250 feet by 180 feet and made up of yew, lime, spruce, beech, chestnut, juniper and maple. It is shaped like a cross and was laid out by the late Alexander Mackay in 1921.

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highly-valued friend.

We must talk about *real things*, in a simple, straightforward and intelligent way, *using our own words* whenever it is possible to do so.

There are two reasons for this last point. Using our own words makes us think all the time of what we are saying and prevents us from praying in a mechanical kind of way.

Furthermore, only our own words can truly express what is in our own hearts and minds—which is all that God really wants to hear! He is not anxious to hear a recitation, however well performed, of words which express the thoughts of someone else's mind; He wants to hear *our* thoughts, expressed in *our* own words, however halting and simple and ordinary they may be.

Of course, we do well to make use, in addition, of the beautiful and well-known prayers hallowed by long centuries of Christian tradition and usage—the Lord's Prayer, in particular—because these prayers represent the universal feelings, thoughts and aspirations of mankind down the ages towards the God and Father of us all.

But such prayers should be the framework surrounding our own prayers in our

own words and never a substitute for them.

So we can echo the statement of St. Paul: *I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also.* (I Cor. 14. 15.)

NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS

The Editor is always pleased to consider contributions, but owing to increasing pressure on space—

Articles (wherever possible accompanied by pictures) should not exceed 500-600 words.

Fiction must not be longer than 800 words.

Letters, Church Notes etc. should aim at 100 words or so.

MSS should be accompanied by s.a.c. for return if unsuitable.

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I was one of your most outspoken critics. . .

You may not remember me as one of your most outspoken critics of *Home Words* a few years ago—which is perhaps as well!

However, I have been so impressed with the improvement in quality of *Home Words* over the past year, the vitality of some of its recent articles, and the general layout, that I withdraw my remarks and have no hesitation in ordering 800 copies of the small crown-octavo inset.

Oxfordshire.

(Rev.) P. N. R.
Name & address
supplied.



Points From LETTERS

Fund-raising

THE needs of our own village church are great, and as a member of the finance committee I want to explore ways of raising more funds.

I have a rather vague recollection of reading some months ago that one church collected used postage-stamps and received around £200-£250 per ton. It is possible I may have imagined this, but if not can anyone give me relevant information?

In conclusion, may I say how attractive the layout of your magazine is since its change of style and how informative and uplifting the contents.

99 Langsett Road,
Oughtibridge, Sheffield.

K. MISER

OUR beautiful old church needs £3,000 for repairs and I have been told money can be got through saving old used postage-stamps.

I should be so grateful if anyone could let me know where to send them.
Northhill, Beds. (Miss) E. WHITBY

Baptism

PREFERENCE for baptism by immersion need present no obstacle to Church unity. There are at least two Anglican churches where this is catered for.

St. John's, Torquay, has a large stone bath for this purpose at the West end, while St. Mary's-in-the-Castle at Hastings is equipped with a tiled tank—both in addition to the usual fonts.
Birmingham. (Mrs.) M. COOPER



Journey's End.



FOLLOWING comments about nasty TV from *Home Words* readers and contributors, a mass meeting of women of the Midlands recently sent this telegram to the Prime Minister:

We women of Britain, supported by many men, call upon the Prime Minister to appoint as chairman of the governors of the B.B.C. a man strong and brave enough to see that this mighty instrument for good or ill ceases to be put on programmes which undermine our democratic institutions and our family life and is used to re-establish in our nation the clear dynamic truths of the Christian way of life on which the whole personal, industrial and economic well-being of our nation depends.

So may Britain have again the health and vitality and vision which made her great.

The Clean-TV campaign—among whose sponsors were Mrs. Norah Buckland (wife of the Rector of Longton, Staffs.) and Mrs. Mary Whitehouse, a Wolverhampton school-teacher—has gathered support at the rate of 200-300 letters a week; and here Mrs. Whitehouse tells of the objectives . . .

LOTS of people have said to us over these last months: *Why only the B.B.C.?* And, of course, the easy answer was that we were not only concerned about the B.B.C. and certainly felt that ITV had great cause to look to its affairs.

But why *did* we concentrate on the B.B.C.? First, because it is a public service within a Christian community, and as such is both the property and the responsibility of the ordinary citizen. We were, therefore, exerting our right to be concerned over what is shown.

Secondly, on the walls of Broadcasting House are carved these words:

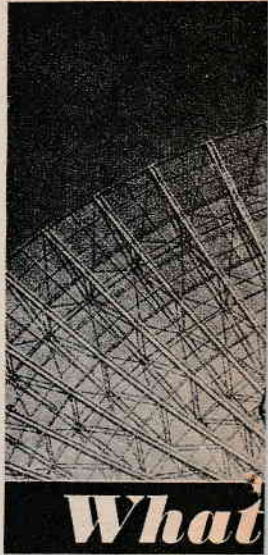
This temple of the arts and muses is dedicated to Almighty God by the first Governors of broadcasting. It is their prayer that all things hostile to peace and purity be banished from this House, and that the people, inclining their ear to whatsoever things are honest, beautiful and of good report may tread the path of wisdom and righteousness.

These words were not meant to be either changed or forgotten, but to be a guide to the everyday planning of programmes.

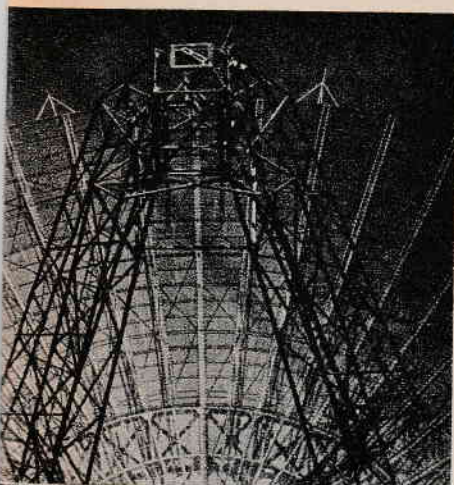
Thirdly, the B.B.C. is ultimately under the control of Parliament. The Home Secretary has sent out an SOS to every town in Britain to experiment with new ways of curbing the lawless young ones of to-day, and has said: "It is no good condemning plants for not growing and blossoming as they should if the soil is sour."

The recent B.M.A. report states, among other disturbing things, that diseases arising from promiscuity have jumped by 73% since 1951.

There is therefore something tragically ludicrous about the B.B.C. giving the air to plays and ideas which, without



WHO DRAFTED IT NOW EXPLAINS:



concerned with expressing intellectual exercises than with the result of such thinking on the viewing and listening public.

It is an interesting fact that, although many younger people have written us in support of the campaign, the vast majority of our correspondents have been people who were young in the days of the war.

They feel a deep sense of responsibility for what we have allowed our country to become, and are determined, not only to clean up the television screen but to reclaim the many wasted years.

The last point in our manifesto refers to the positive contribution which the B.B.C. could make to the world. We are by no means only interested in what needs to come off the screen, but also in what needs to go on!

Many of us have been greatly concerned about the behaviour of certain groups of young people who talk about

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question, aggravate the problems with which government departments are trying to deal. "One of the most powerful forces ever to affect the thought and actions of the public" is the B.B.C.'s own estimate of its power.

The amount of support which has flowed in since we first—most tentatively, may I say—told the local Press about our five-point manifesto has demonstrated very clearly the determination of ordinary people to fight for their right to bring up their children in the basic truths of the Christian faith; to protect their homes from exhibitions of violence through the screen, to which no responsible parent would willingly submit young minds in the normal course of events; and to reassert their authority, as parents, to control the influences brought to bear on adolescents by people who seem more

their boredom and their need for purple hearts.

The affluent society has taken the battle for employment, health and social amenities out of the hands of the ordinary man and woman and put nothing in its place: "We've got everything, there's nothing left to look forward to."

The B.B.C. could put on programmes which would give young people a sense of their own value to the nation—e.g. industrialists could demonstrate ways of enlarging the potential of their apprentices.

Documentaries could be shown of the way in which some young people are trying to clean up the bookstalls and cinema hoardings of pornographic content in the face of vested interests; of the efforts of youngsters who've undertaken the care of whole groups of old and needy people; of those who have given of their time and energy to help the underdeveloped nations; and of those who have adventured in matters of the spirit to bring honesty, decency and responsibility back into the life of the nation.

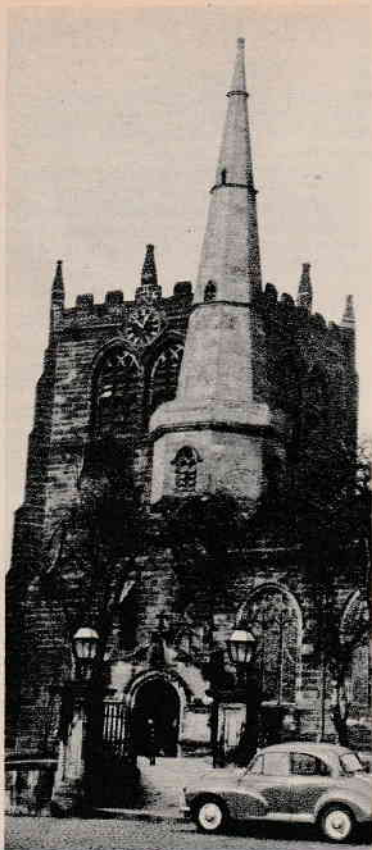
Plays could put heart and courage into us.

If the present type of play is justified as 'real', no less real, and a great deal

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**By MARY
WHITEHOUSE**

*Senior Mistress at
a Wolverhampton
School*



A tale of two towers

THE parish church of Ormskirk is famous for its small, squat tower and adjacent, tall, pointed steeple.

History tells us that in the thirteenth century two sisters promised to pay either for the building of a new church, or repairs. They did, in fact, decide to have built either a tower or a steeple.

Unfortunately, they could not agree which to have, and neither sister would give way to the other. As a result both were erected and we are the inheritors of a religious folly.—ARNOLD HOLT (MANCHESTER 9).



The sea flowed in . . .

HERE are some events of interest recorded in the parish registers of Lyme Regis Church, where I was vicar from 1927 to 1953:

1688. *The Town of Lyme in Dorsetshire suffered by an earthquake.*

The new singing began in Lyme Church A.D. 1729.

1759. 31st of May. *The sea flowed three times in, in an hour.*

1797. 18th Aug. *The sea as above attended with lightning.*

1799. 26th of Jany. *The sea flowed as above with the shock of an earthquake about 4 o'clock in the morning.*

May 11th 1844. *A large fire burnt down a great number of houses amongst which was the Customs House, the Cupps Hotel and the old ancient Inn the George ware the Duke of Monmouth quartered when landed at Lyme.—CANON C. C. COX (BRIDPORT).*

Harvest bread

I ENCLOSE a picture taken of harvest bread at St. Nicholas Parish Church, Wells. The horse and cart (beautifully made by Mr. Arthur Tuck) represented the need for unity between man, beast, and Nature . . . In this way our decorated church spoke out our thanks to God, for Harvest really means a time for thanksgiving for daily bread and the gift of life which is everlasting.

Each year we have something different, and I am sure you will agree this is unusual. Recently a wine-tasting and fashion show was held in the Church Room in aid of the church restoration fund.—(Rev.) W. ALEXANDER STEPHENS (RECTOR, WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA).



... and Views



From Elizabeth (13) ▼

IN Peterborough Cathedral hangs this picture of Robert Scarleit, gravedigger, who died on July 2, 1594, aged 98.

Part of the long inscription reads:

You see old Scarleit's picture stand on hie, But at your feete there doth his body lye . . . He had interd two queenes within this place, And this towne's house holders in his lives space Twice over, but at length his own turn came; What he for others did for him the same Was done: no doubt his soule doth live for aye In Heaven: tho here his body clad in clay.



The two queens mentioned were Mary Queen of Scots who was beheaded nearby at Fotheringay Castle and Catherine of Aragon, first wife of Henry VIII.

A local paper still runs a weekly column headed 'Old Scarlett hears'.—ELIZABETH CLEMENTS, aged 13 (LIVERPOOL 18).

To good use

Now that the parish of Hutton, Essex, has a new rectory, the old one will be used as an aged people's home by East Ham.

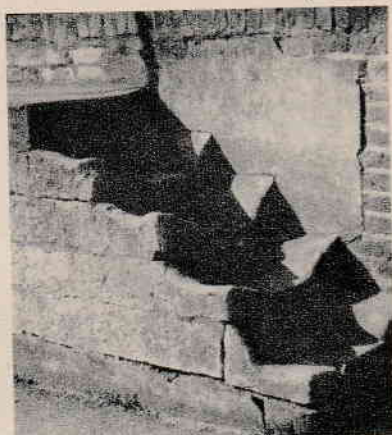
The rectory was once a farmhouse and stands in a large open field.—BRIAN J. PAGE (HUTTON, ESSEX).



Church lock-up ▲

BUILT into the churchyard wall at Bradwell-on-Sea, Essex, is this 'cage' or village lock-up once used by the local policeman. It was constructed in 1817 by one Samuel Horne at a total cost of £6 8s. 9d. (item: £3 10s. 9d. labour; materials used: 50 bushels of lime at 4s., two loads sand at 4s., 3,000 bricks £2 5s., 400 tiles and 20 ridge-tiles at 5s.).

The mounting-stone below is also attached to the church wall near the main entrance. The worn steps testify to the number of parishioners who in the old days came to service on horseback—A. GOWERS (ROXWELL). ▼



MONDAY—Washing

When washing woollen garments (especially socks) try adding a tablespoonful of vinegar to the rinsing water. This will help to keep the wool soft and makes sure you have rinsed out all the soap.—MRS. E. MCKNIGHT (BESSBROOK, CO. ARMAGH).

TUESDAY—Sewing

To make a circular hem shirr around the quarter-inch turned-up edge with elastic—loose machine-stitch on wrong side and elastic on right side. Then, after pinning the hem to the required depth, slip-stitch into position and release the elastic by cutting and pulling out. This results in an even hem with the fullness evenly spread out.—MRS. R. LYNCH (BEDFORD).

WEDNESDAY—First Aid

An effective remedy for burns or scalds: Dab the affected area with a bandage soaked in a little vinegar. This helps to take out the pain and prevent blistering.—MRS. R. CURSON (EXHALL, COVENTRY).

THURSDAY—Cooking

A perfect baked custard can be made in ten to fifteen minutes: Heat half-a-pint of milk until it has little bubbles round the edge of the pan, but is not quite boiling. Pour this milk on to a well-beaten egg, sweeten to taste and pour into a greased oven-proof dish. Place fairly high in the oven at Regulo 8 for ten to fifteen minutes.—MRS. I. E. BEATTY (MOUNT SION, TUNBRIDGE WELLS).

FRIDAY—Household

When emptying a vacuum cleaner, hold a damp cloth over the nozzle as you pour



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

the contents of the bag on to a damp newspaper; this prevents any dust escaping.—MRS. W. BRADDOCK (EAST PRESTON).

SATURDAY—Children

For a children's party try banana boat splits. Split the bananas in half lengthwise, and dip in lemon juice to prevent browning. Decorate with small dots of strawberry jam down the middle of 'the boat' and stick a sail on to a cocktail stick and place in the middle. Arrange a sea of lime-coloured ice cream (chopped into pieces) to represent the sea.—MRS. E. C. PAVELEY (BEXLEY).

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more common, are the stories of courage and initiative and sheer staying-power which make up many a family history.

If there were a change of aim in the B.B.C. drama dept. there would be no shortage of plots. As a young girl, daughter of divorced parents, said: "We want to see plays about people who stay together and work through their difficulties, instead of programmes about people who run out the front door or to the bottle every time there is trouble."

Talks could give the kind of clear direction which the young have a right to expect from their elders. There is something unseemly about middle-aged people behaving as adolescents, and going through intellectual capers in public.

The words of the Newsom Report could not be more timely: *The young need to be given guidance on sexual matters based on chastity before marriage and fidelity within it.*

The B.B.C. could decide on a basic commitment to build certain things in the nation—honesty, cleanliness of heart and mind, courage and initiative, character and responsibility. A commitment of this kind would sweep through every studio and programme, and change our whole image in the sight of the world.

The B.B.C. could make real the vision that was given to Lord Reith and his fellow-governors, and move on to a tremendous future as a propagator of faith, truth and hope.

●Mrs. Whitehouse can be contacted at Postman's Piece, The Wold, Claverley, near Wolverhampton.

Bible Crossword competition

Puzzle No. 20. By 'Duplex'

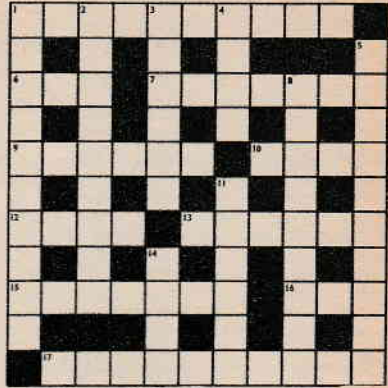
Entries should be addressed to *Home Words*, 11 Ludgate Square, London, EC4 (marked clearly 'Crossword No. 20' on the envelope). A prize of £1 ls. will go to the first correct solution opened on the 15th of this month. The winning competitor will be notified by post, and lists of prizewinners and solutions will be published from time to time.

ACROSS

1. An Epistle (10).
6. "And Philip — thither to him" (3).
7. Old Testament Book (7).
9. Son of Pashur (6).
10. A confederate of Abram (4).
12. "Arise, and go — the city" (4).
13. "And Abraham — — — early in the morning" (4, 2).
15. "And, behold, I, — — —, — bring . . ." (4, 1, 2).
16. "Then I beheld — the work of God" (3).
17. Zin, for example (10).

DOWN

1. Nabal and his people (10).
2. ". . . as — — — bridegroom is with them" (4, 2, 3).



3. He was of Masrekah (6).
4. "Why stand ye here all the day — ?" (4).
5. Epaphras had a zeal for people here (10).
8. "The — — — but a feeble folk" (6, 3).
11. "— the king" (6).
14. "Let me — favour in thy sight" (4).

PRIZEWINNERS

Winner of Bible Crossword Competition No. 10 is: **Mrs. E. Blake**, 73 London Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex, and the solution: (Across) 1. Galal (Neh. 11.17); 7. Ostrich (Job 39.13); 8. Rowed (Jonah 1.13); 9. Eunuchs (Matt. 19.12); 12. Sores; 15. Eshek (I Chron. 8.39); 16. Bears; 19. Ashan (Joshua 15.42); 22. Eliseus (Luke 4.27); 23. Terah (Gen. 11.26); 24. Oftener (Acts 24.26); 25. Amber (Ezek. 1.4). (Down) 1. Girls (Zech. 8.5); 2. Lower; 3. Lodes; 4. Stone; 5. Ditch; 6. Whisk; 10. Uses (Titus 3.14); 11. Hena (II Kings 18.34); 13. Ohel (I Chron. 3.20); 14. Ears (Prov. 26.17); 16. Besor (I Sam. 30.9); 17. Aiath (Is. 10.28); 18. Senna; 19. Astra; 20. Horeb; 21. Nahor (Gen. 11.26).

Winner of Bible Crossword Competition No. 11 was **A. I. Hett**, Bawtry, Ardingly, Sussex. Solution: (Across): 6. Sounds; 7. Adam; 8. Eli; 9. Advent; 10. Days; 13. He; 15. Cross; 18. Herod; 20. Os; 22. Need; 25. Herald; 27. Use; 28. Best; 29. Exhort. (Down): 1. Gold; 2. Angels; 3. Useth; 4. Laid; 5. Mary; 11. Air; 12. Sad; 14. Eh; 15. Can; 16. One; 17. So; 19. Earth's; 21. Sheep; 23. Eyes; 24. Duty; 26. Lord.

Winner of Crossword Competition No. 12: **Miss J. Tomlin**, Pretoria Cottage, Bois Lane, Chesham Bois, Amersham. Solution: (Across): 3. Use (II Cor. 1. 17); 6. Hordes; 7. Vein (Job 28.1); 8. Uri (Ex. 31.2); 9. Prayer; 10. Lies (Ps. 62.4); 13. Yo; 15. Swans; 18. Zenas (Titus 3.13); 21. Of; 23. Mote (Matt. 7.4); 26. Rained (Ps. 78.24); 27. Ado; 28. Acts (Acts 19.19); 29. Naarai (I Chron. 11.37); 30. Yet (Rev. 17.8). (Down): 1. Sorrow (Is. 35.10); 2. A day in; 3. Usury; 4.

Evil; 5. Life; 11. Inn (Gen. 42.27); 12. S.O.S.; 14. Oz; 15. Sum (Ps. 139.17); 16. Apt (II Kings, 24.16); 17. So; 19. Elijah; 20. Aretas (II Cor. 11.32); 22. Front; 24. Omri; 25. Easy.

Winner of Bible Crossword No. 14: **Miss Eleanor Pinnington** of 4 Ferndale Road, Teignmouth, Devon. Solution: (Across): 1. Mad; 3. Solomon; 7. Candles (Zeph. 1.12); 8. Tow (Is. 1.31); 9. Alarm (Joel 2.1); 11. Sihor (Jer. 2.18); 13. Learn; 15. Rowed; 16. Eli; 17. Rabboni; 19. Gospels; 20. Lie. (Down): 1. Michael; 2. Dan; 3. Salem (Gen. 14.18); 4. Lusts; 5. Matthew; 6. New; 10. Anakims (Deut. 9.2); 12. Red Wine (Is. 27.2); 14. Nurse; 15. Robes (Ez. 26.16); 16. Egg; 18. Oil.

No. 15: **Mr. D. Blackham**, 96 Burlington Road, Blackpool. Solution: (Across) 1. Rachel (Gen. 29); 4. Skin (Jer. 13.23); 8. Born again he (John 3.3); 9. Anah (Gen. 36.25); 10. Tidal (Gen. 14.1); 12. Achan (Josh. 7.21); 14. Camp (Num. 2.25); 16. Abana (2 Kings 5.12); 17. Cross (John 19.17); 18. Nest (Job 29.18); 19. Jehu (I Chron. 2.38). (Down) 1. Robe (Luke 15.22); 2. Corinthians; 3. Elath (2 Kings 16.6); 5. Kingdom come (Matt. 6.10); 6. Needle (Matt. 19.24); 7. Past (Rev. 9.12); 11. Canaan (Gen. 9.18); 13. Noah (Gen. 6.9); 14. Cock (Matt. 26.74); 15. Esau (Gen. 25.27).

No. 16: **Mrs. M. E. P. Netherway**, 70 Bilford Road, Worcester. Solution: (Across) 1. Gozan; 3. Chloe; 6. Mastery; 10. Eli; 11. Eve; 12. Run that; 14. Chensani; 16. All; 17. Lot; 18. Eternal; 21. Brood; 22. Proud. (Down) 1. Green; 2. Asa; 4. Hur; 5. Elder; 6. Miracle; 7. Sincere; 8. Ephraim; 9. Yet will; 13. Caleb; 15. Stand; 19. Two; 20. Air.



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