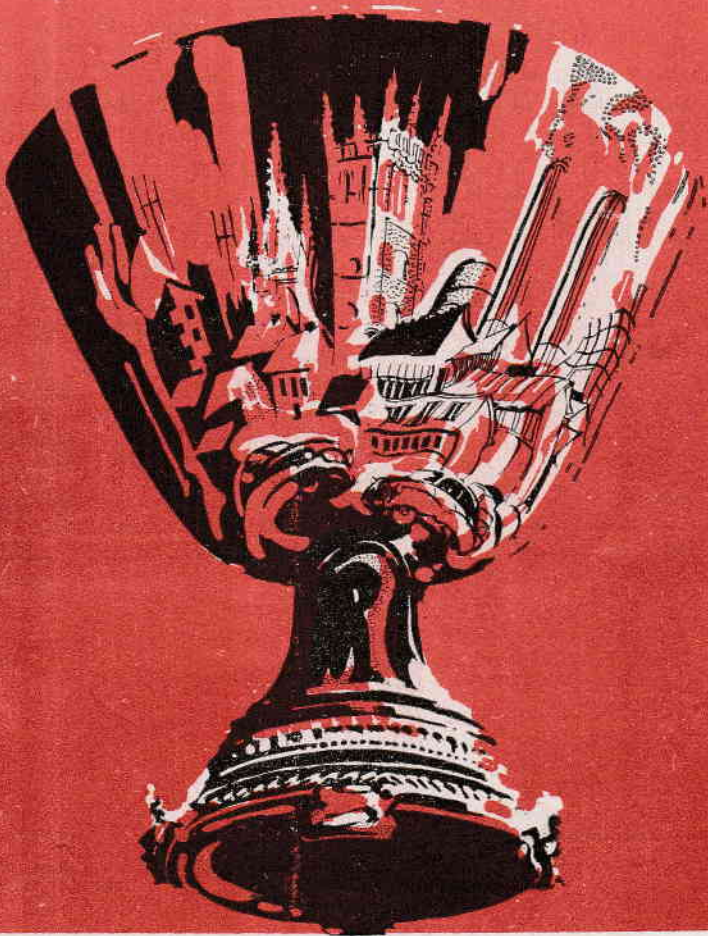


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SERVICES :

SUNDAYS IN THE MONTH

	Holy Communion	Mattins	Evensong
1st.	8.0 a.m. and 11.0 a.m. Parish Communion.	10.30 a.m. (saiú)	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

October 15th is Election Day. It is the responsibility of every Christian adult to vote prayerfully and carefully. Our country has never needed men of integrity and courage more than during these days. Here is a prayer to use during these pre-election days :

"O Lord, we pray Thee to raise up leaders of the people who will fear Thee and Thee alone, whose delight shall be to do Thy will and work Thy work : that the heart of this people may be wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Stop press : GENERAL ELECTION 1964

Sunday, October 11th — Union Debating Hall — Special Meeting with Parliamentary Candidates — sponsored by Oxford Council of Churches.

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My dear Friends,

Mr. Kruschew has just announced that Soviet Russia has produced a more powerful weapon than anything that exists. It could annihilate the whole of civilisation. The tragedy is that men have learnt to split the atom, but have not discovered the art of uniting humanity. This secret is something which the Christian Church—through the proclamation of its Gospel by word and deed—is commissioned to share with the world.

One of the weapons placed in her hands is an imaginative study programme sent to all parishes, as a result of the Toronto Congress. It is called "No Small Change" and is based on the key sentence from the Toronto Report, that "The Church exists to witness, to obey, to serve : all our planning must be tested by this." You will be hearing a lot more about this in the coming months, but even now we can begin thinking about the parish pattern, and asking ourselves : "Is our parish life geared into this idea—or are we in danger of maintaining a 'parish machine,' irrespective of the changing needs of our own day?"

Your sincere friend and Vicar,



P.S. This year's Parish Programme will be ready shortly. Make sure you have one.

A GOOD FRIEND :

We heard with sadness of the passing of Mrs. Hansford, a good friend of St. Nicholas' Church, and a regular attender at the gatherings of the Mothers' Union, who served the parish nobly especially during the times of the Mission Church in New Marston. We shall miss the warmth of her personality, the strength of her conviction, and the kindness of her sympathy. For her life and work we say : "Deo Gratias."

BIBLE STUDY GROUP :

We are re-starting the Parish Bible Study at the Vicarage again on alternate Mondays at 8 p.m. The book under study will be St. John's Gospel and we shall try to see what the Gospel has to say to us about vital Christian living. Meetings will be from 8—9.30 p.m. and anyone who can come will be most welcome. (Please bring a Bible. The Revised Standard Version and New English Bible will be helpful). Different leaders will lead the study, and we shall hope to learn from each other.

OVER 60's MORNING MARKET :

The Over 60's Club will be holding their Morning Market in the Church Hall on October 10th. Gifts of fruit, flowers, vegetables, home made cakes, etc., will be most welcome. Please come along and help to swell the funds of the club.

PARISH PARTY :

The Parish Party is always a rousing success and this year it will be on Friday, October 30th at 7.45 p.m., at the St. Nicholas' County Primary School. Tickets : 3/-, Children under 14 : 2/-. The emphasis this year will be on "Getting to Know You," and so there will be more activity to help us to do this, rather than entertainment as in previous years. We hope all who can come will come, and we especially welcome new residents in the parish. Remember this is a **Parish Party**, and we look forward to seeing you whatever your denomination or whether you come to church or not.

THE COUNTY YOUTH CLUB :

This Club meets every Monday in the new Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Mr. David Reynolds and the Committee have arranged a splendid programme for this session and teenagers are invited to go along and see what goes on for themselves.

OLD MARSTON BOYS CLUB :

The Fete arranged by the Boys Club raised some £70 net profit on September 12th. The organisers are anxious that the holder of Red Ticket No. 15 EV 1936 should collect his unclaimed prize from Mr. M. Howard, 1 Rippington Drive. It is hoped to use the funds to provide more accommodation for Club activities.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR FOR OVERSEAS MISSIONS :

November 28th (Saturday) is a day of prayer observed all over the world for the missionary work of the Church. We are also going to use it to raise our quota for the work of the Church overseas. We ask all organisations and individuals who can to do something to help make this Bazaar a success. Please help to gather useful saleable goods, foodstuffs, knitted wear, embroidery, paintings, carpentry—in fact all the kind of things you would buy yourself at such a sale. Earmark the date—The Church Overseas needs all the help we can give her.

THE WALLSAFE :

The new wallsafe installed on account of the frequent thefts from the oak box, was smashed open during the latter part of August. It is rather a pathetic commentary on the amorality of our times that people will go to such lengths to steal a few coppers and sixpences.

WEDDINGS AND BAPTISMS :

We are always having to remind people that these should take place at the Parish Church in the area where the parties are **resident**. They can only take place outside the parish, when those concerned, are on the electoral roll of that parish. To qualify for the electoral roll in another parish one must have habitually worshipped in the church for six months. Residence, in the case of weddings, implies that one or other of the parties has resided in the parish at least fifteen days, before a banns certificate, or license can be issued. In certain exceptional cases the christening of a child from another parish may be taken, but only after the approval of the incumbent has been obtained where the parents reside. These are not local rulings, and a great deal of embarrassment and disappointment will be avoided if it is appreciated that it is not within the Vicar's power to make exceptions.

BROWNIES SALE OF WORK :

Please support the Brownies Sale of Work in the Scout H.Q.—Saturday, October 17th at 2.30 p.m.

LEE ABBEY RE-UNION :

A bus will leave the Church at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 24th for the Lee Abbey Re-union. As this will be the occasion of the Farewell to the Rev. Geoffrey Rogers, who leaves the Abbey to become Diocesan Missioner for Coventry, it is hoped that there will be a full busload. Friends from other areas are invited to join us.

SCOUTS :

The Scouts had a wonderful camp this year near to Symmonds Yat, in superb country side. They were complimented on their smart turn-out at the Church Parade.

The parish congratulates the Troop on winning the Swimming Trophy—and also S.M. Carson Mc Cartney, and A.S.M. Bill Greenough on earning their Wood Badges.

RINGERS NOTES

In his ringers notes last month Mr. Roy Jones, our Tower Captain mentions that Lindsay Dunkley was elected to the Diocesan Guild. . . . ringers from all parts of the country were welcomed to Marston Tower on the occasion of the Guilds Annual Festival. . . . "Wallflower," "Buttercup," "Campion," and other "Flower Methods" were rung to a peal at Hinton Waldrist (Conductor : Noel Deam) . . . Mr. Porter acted as "coach driver" for ringers from neighbouring towers together with those from our own in a ringing tour of Towcester - Stoney Stratford area. . . Captain Roy Jones conducted the 1st peal in 24 methods at St. Nicholas Tower on July 17th . . . members of our tower demonstrated method ringing at the Horspath tower, and included the Horspath ringers in their efforts . . . a new idea for a tower that had rung for 40 years from charts . . . combined practices have taken place on Wednesday evenings with the Hinksey and Headington ringers, providing an opportunity for learners to grasp the rudiments of method ringing . . .

Congratulations to all our ringers on all their achievements!

COLLECTION AND COMMUNICANTS

			£	s.	d.	Communicants
Trinity V.	5th July	44	8	3	127
Trinity VII.	12th July	33	14	7	29
Trinity VIII.	19th July	26	13	11	62
Trinity IX.	26th July	28	6	0	35
Trinity X.	2nd August	38	2	6	114
Trinity XI.	9th August	29	10	0	30
Trinity XII.	16th August	14	3	4	53
Trinity XIII.	23rd August	25	7	10	32
Trinity XIV.	30th August	33	12	11	30

BAPTISMS

- Sept. 13. Judith Ann Woodward, 36 Beecheys Avenue.
David Robert Vaughan, Oakville, Ontario, Canada.

HOLY MATRIMONY

- Sept. 5. John David Naylor and Susanna Margaret O'Brien.
" 19. Manfred Hinderer and Catherine Rhoda Barnsley.
Anthony William Kibble and Sandra Fay Crawte.

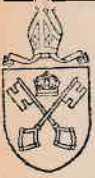
ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

- Oct. 4. Mrs. Casterton for Mr. B. G. Oliver.
" 11. Mrs. Sturmer-Smith.
" 18. Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Spray.
" 25. The Misses Warburton.

PARISH CALENDAR : OCTOBER

- Oct. 3. Saturday. Outing to Bristol for Junior Sunday School Children,
Crossbearers and Catechism.
" 4. TRINITY XIX
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.30 a.m. Matins (said).
11.0 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
" 7. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
" 10. Saturday. Over 60's Club Morning Market, 10.0 a.m.
" 11. TRINITY XX
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.0 a.m. Matins.
3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
" 14. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.45 p.m. Young Wives meet in Church Hall.
" 17. Brownies Sale, 2.30 p.m.
" 18. TRINITY XXI. ST. LUKE'S DAY
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.30 a.m. FAMILY COMMUNION.
11.0 a.m. Matins.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
" 21. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
" 24. Saturday. Lee Abbey Reunion
" 25. TRINITY XXII
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.0 a.m. Matins.
3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
" 28. Wednesday. Festival of St. Simon and St. Jude, A.A. & M.M.
7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.45 p.m. Young Wives meet in Church Hall.
" 30. Friday. 7.45 p.m. in ST. NICHOLAS PRIMARY SCHOOL
THE PARISH PARTY.

Summer Time ends October 24th — Clocks go back 1 hour.



The
ARCHBISHOP
of YORK

(Dr. Donald Coggan)

tells

The world  around us

A CINEMA team making a film for the British and Foreign Bible Society were preparing their equipment in a remote area of India when a crowd of small boys appeared.

One lad had in his possession a little book in Tamil. Its cover bore a picture of two girls and the caption, in small English print: *The Story of Christine Keeler*. It was all he had to read.

If illiteracy is a vast problem in many parts of the world today so is literacy. The literacy rate rises. The standard of books does not.

There are the forces of Communism whose leaders know that the power of the pen is far

*How to
combat*

TRASH

greater than the power of The Bomb. Every year they pour into the emerging nations millions of poundsworth of specious books.

There are the forces of materialism, highly attractive to the have-nots of the world.

There is a flourishing world trade in pornography or near-pornography for those newly learning to read. Here is money on a scale never envisaged previously.

Christians have been working in the field for a long time with skill and high courage.

But if they are left to carry on as they are the battle for freedom from mind-hunger may well be lost in the next four or five years if not sooner.

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Next month: The
LORD CHIEF JUSTICE



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Future Christian strategy lies, I believe, not so much in raising new buildings as in pouring out a flood of attractive literature at all levels of intelligence.

Let me mention two spheres of work which call for immediate attention on the grand scale. The first is the distribution of the Bible.

Secondly, we need books which incorporate Christian insights—books of serious theology and philosophy, books on marriage and the family, on the Christian ethic, novels, brochures (even strip cartoons)—the sharpest weapon for good and for God that any man or woman can handle.

I can see this Christian army— theologians, philosophers, novelists, journalists, artists, binders, cartoonists, printers, packers, distributors, organisers. And behind them a Nuffield, a man who would invest his wealth in the realm of Christian ideas. And behind him a multitude who will spread the message—by talking about it, praying about it, giving to it.

I am one of those who hold the view that the best way to expel evil is to open the floodgates of good. The best way to deal with bad literature is to produce, in attractive form and at cheap prices, a mass of positive, good literature.

But, unfortunately, this is not enough. Battle must be waged at the point where the evil is most rampant.

Many thinking people are not eager for a repetition of the trials which have recently taken place over books like *Lady Chatterley's Lover* and *Fanny Hill*. Even if such trials lead to eventual withdrawal from the bookshops (and there is always a large element of doubt) the publicity given to the works makes the legal victory a somewhat dubious one.

The damnable thing is that, in practically all our big cities and towns, there are shops where youngsters of any age can obtain books, booklets and papers which

can hardly do other than corrupt immature minds.

The first line of attack open to us is to arouse the conscience of local Christians and men and women of goodwill. Here is a sphere of service for the local Council of Churches, and the synagogue too.

Protests can be made to the proprietors of shops which stock this type of literature.

If protests, made firmly by a large number of men and women, achieve no results, then those who protest should withdraw their patronage from these shops.

Concerted action, quietly and steadily applied, may well force out of business those who poison our young people's minds, or compel them to destroy the poison.

Pornography is over-produced in certain States of the U.S., and rather than pulp it the producers dump the surplus on Britain. This is one of our less desirable imports, and quick action should be taken to stop it.

The hitting must be hard, relentless and well-aimed.

Let this battle be fought and won here at home; and then the lessons learned in these islands may be of help to those overseas who have a similar war to wage.

The length of the queue at the psychiatrist's is evidence of the "great burden" men like Bunyan's Pilgrim have upon their back.

For all their television sets and cars and modern luxuries, for all their scientific achievements, their spiritual nakedness is scarce covered by the rags they themselves supply. They say they are rich, and have need of nothing, the while they know not that they are poor and wretched and blind.

Here is the task of the Church—to give to modern man, in the extremity of his need, the Book which can point him to his Saviour. But, such is his ignorance, he will need other books to make its message plain, to expound its relevance.

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*For Thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for
Thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.*

—Psalm 31, 3.





The Archbishop of Canterbury, President of The British Council of Churches, which incorporates the Anglican, Presbyterian and Free Churches throughout the British Isles, and sponsors CHRISTIAN AID.

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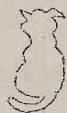
INVITATION

You and your friends are invited to a special Blessing of Pets Service in Murston Parish Church on Sunday 4th October at 3.0 p.m.

The Church is on the Murston Road which branches off the A2 at the Prince of Wales Inn, just outside Sittingbourne

Bring your pet.

Jane Loman



R.S.V.P. Mrs. J. Eusan,
Murston Rectory,
27 Fox Hill,
Bapchild,
241: Sitt. 2909

WITH regard to recent letters to *Home Words* (Gwenneth Humphries, E. Hancock Nunn and Emmeline Watts, etc.), concerning animals and prayers, some years ago I came across a prayer which I have used many times in my services.
Portwood, (Rev.) EDGAR BANKS
Stockport.

WE almost never hear animals spoken of in sermons. Yet do we not know there will be animals in Heaven? Isaiah 11, 6: *The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid.*
Braunton, (Mrs.) M. D. STOREYES
Devon.

I UNDERSTAND that in the Christian life it is the safety of the soul that really matters.

As there is no evidence whether or not animals have souls—they indeed cannot contribute to the spreading of the Gospel and the setting up of God's Kingdom on earth—it would perhaps be futile to pray for them. What we might do is pray that human beings might be more kind to animals.
Rochdale. (Mrs.) ENID ASHWORTH

A PART from anything else the export of cows in calf for slaughter is in my opinion diabolical and cruel in the extreme and must be attributed to vested interests and the profit motive.
Southfields, S.W. T. A. ROSE

ANIMALS

*They need our care:
Do they need
our prayer?*

As a lover of all animals I think we should pray for them. I do so every day.
Ealing, W. (Mrs.) A. M. JAGGS

THERE is a dire need in church services to train children and adults against cruelty. Several societies—among them the Society for United Prayer for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 145 Barry Road, East Dulwich, SE22—will supply prayer sheets on request.

I had a number sent to local churches here, but did not hear of one being used.
Liverpool 15. GRACE REEVE

THE guide-dog, the sheepdog whose control of the flock is often far above that of a human being, the despised stray cat, not to mention the birds and beasts who give their lives to feed us—surely these deserve our prayers?
Barnstaple. M. GORDON-HOGG

As a child I remember my father, a clergyman, making intercession for the welfare of animals Sunday by Sunday. I cannot understand the attitude of the Church now.
Sheringham. RACHAEL PECK, LRAM, LCTM

IT is not enough to be angered by things such as the intensive rearing of hens in batteries and broiler-houses: we must fight till they are forbidden. We are organising a petition to the Minister of Agriculture and MPs and already have over 227,000 signatures.

We ask help from all those who ask "What can be done?"
3 Market Sq., (Mrs.) LUCY NEWMAN
Bromley.

**'Twould ring the bells of Heaven,
The loudest peal for years,
If parson lost his senses,
If people came to theirs;
—And he and they together
Knelt down with angry prayers
For tamed and shabby tigers,
And dancing dogs and bears,
For wretched blind pit-ponies,
And little hunted hares.**

Recalled by C. M. High,
Feltwell, Middx.

HAVING
thought
about preparing
to pray, we are
now faced with
the question of
when and where.

Jesus said
that *men ought
always to pray*
and St. Paul
said *Pray with-
out ceasing.*
What Jesus
meant and what
St. Paul meant
was that we can
and should pray
at all manner of
times. We can
get in touch with
God at any hour.

Of course, we
do well to have
our fixed times
of prayer, for
otherwise we
would be in
danger of losing
the habit of it.

But whenever
we are in
trouble, tempt-
ed, perplexed and undecided
we can send up to God a silent,
speedy appeal. Whenever we
are feeling grateful, relieved or
glad, we can speak our thanks
to Him from our hearts.

Whenever we have sinned and
are sorry and ashamed, we may
seek at once the forgiveness of
Our Father.

And so we come to the
question—*where?* Where should
we pray?

We can pray anywhere, and
so we should—brief, silent
prayers. At work, at play,
walking along a road, sitting at
home or out-of-doors, travelling
in a bus or train or car—we are
never out of range so far as
God is concerned.

We can, if we want to, teach
ourselves to pray in a crowd as
well as when we are alone.
And let us remember this—
whatever other company we
may be in, we are always in
the presence of God.

Teaching ourselves . .



3—Where?

she replied. "The reason why
God is always watching us is
that He loves us so much He
just can't take His eyes off us!"

There are some wonderful
verses in Psalm 139 which re-
mind us of God's protecting
nearness.

Generally speaking, we shall
find it easier to pray in some
quiet spot where we can shut
out for a while all the distracting
sights and sounds of daily life;
somewhere—it may be our bed-
room or a church or chapel—
where we can, as it were, tune in
to God's wavelength and hear, if
we will, the still small voice.

God has so much to talk to us
about, so many prayers of ours to
answer, so much help and guid-
ance to give. But only if, some-
times, we study to be quiet,
waiting and listening like Samuel
of old, shall we hear what the
Lord will say concerning us.

There was an
old lady who
kept over her
cottage mantel-
piece a large
framed picture
of a solitary,
staring eye, be-
neath which
were printed the
words, *Thou,
God, seest me.*

It rather wor-
ried a little boy
who used to visit
her.

"It seems
rather horrible
to think that,
wherever we go
and whatever
we do, God is
watching and
spying on us,"
he said one day.

The old wom-
an smiled.

"You mustn't
think of it like
that, my dear,"

HOW TO PRAY

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

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

WE on earth are surrounded by material things, wonderful works of God which we perceive by using the five senses with which we have been endowed for that purpose.

But how can we obtain here and now any mental picture at all of that world which is spiritual and incapable of perception by sight, hearing, smell, touch and taste?

We are driven back to metaphors and similes and find ourselves using material expressions which have come down to us from the past: we speak of Heaven above and earth beneath and of Paradise as though it were a material place.

It seems to be thought by some that we should not do this any longer because of the scientific and technological age in which we live.

But as a man of science I feel such a denial to be a complete misunderstanding of the value the scientist places on metaphors and figurative language to express, as well as we can, something that is really beyond the power of human ingenuity to express fully at all.

For the scientist has similar difficulties too.

Two hundred years ago Benjamin Franklin propounded the theory that electricity is of two kinds—positive and negative. That is still reflected in the battery leads from your car: it is generally assumed that the current flows from the terminal

A TOY? A MOBILE?

No, a model of a molecule of lactic acid, pictured by Dr. Hilda Brade-Birks.

Science doesn't

marked 'positive'.

But it is almost certain, in fact, that it flows the other way.

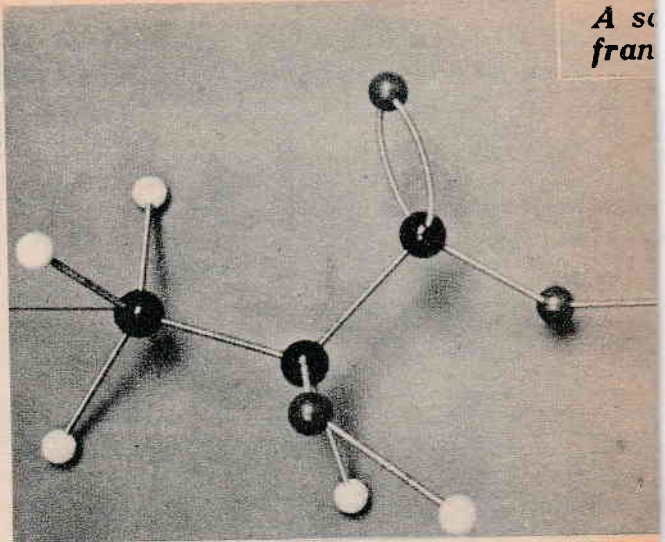
To change the signs would correct a 200-year-old scientific error—and cause untold confusion.

So the mistake is willingly perpetuated and an incorrect convention accepted by physicists and technologists for its practical value.

There are other figurative conventions which science upholds. One is the use of three-dimensional models to explain the structure of molecules. They are useful to build up a mental picture.

But no chemist supposes a molecule is just like that: in reality, like so many more of the orderly works of God, it is very much more wonderful.

No, the chemist is a practical man who seeks the readiest means to



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kly that:

By

CANON S. GRAHAM

BRADY-BIRKS M.Sc., D.Sc.

hand for spreading knowledge for the good of mankind.

The theologian must also be a practical man, since he wants to give people the opportunity of bringing greater knowledge to play in the worship and service of God and in Christian duty to his fellows.

The scientist who uses a model of a molecule like the one here ought to be able to see the need for figurative language in religion, and I would be extremely surprised to find that this method of explanation by religious teachers could really be a stumbling block to a trained

have all the
answers

scientific mind.

If a meteorologist is content to say the sun rises, when he knows quite well that it does nothing of the sort, shall we spurn the old-fashioned wording of some of our traditional religious definitions which do not mislead us at all, but rather help us to concentrate on things that really matter?

Our methods of explanation may have their limitations—many ways of expressing spiritual realities in earthly terms are found in the Bible.

But they are sufficient to give a basis for the practical application of faith and to enable us to join in praise and adoration of the loving Creator who made all things well, though we can never know in this life exactly how He did it.



TWO veteran choristers share a remarkable record—both have completed 80 years' service at their respective parish churches.

MR. HERBERT BELFIELD, (above) of Wardle Road, Wardle, Lancs., joined the choir at St. John's, Smallbridge, near Rochdale in 1886 and at 88 still sings there. For 23 years he was choirmaster, like his father before him, Sunday School superintendent for 40 years and a teacher for 75 years, and his son Charles has been in the choir for 44 years.

80 years in
the choir

MR. ISAAC BROADY (seen below in a photograph taken some years ago) joined the choir at St. Matthew's, Stretton, Cheshire, as a boy of nine and at 90, though not always in good health, he is still singing bass twice every Sunday. He was formerly Postmaster of Warrington.



THE EPITAPH
OF
MARGARET SCOTT

WHO DIED AT DUNKELD FEBRUARY 26TH, 1728.
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Stop, Passenger, until my life you read,
The living may get knowledge from the dead :
Five times five years I led a virgin life,
Ten times five years I lived a virtuous wife,
Ten times five years I lived a widow chaste,
Now, tired of this mortal life, I rest.
Between my cradle and my grave have been
Eight mighty Kings of Scotland and a Queen ;
Four times five years a Commonwealth I saw,
Ten times the subjects rose against the Law ;
Twice did I see old Prelacy pulled down,
And twice the Cloak was humbled by the Gown ;
An end of Stuart's race I saw—nay more,
I saw my country sold for English Ore !
Such Dissolutions in my time have been,
I have an end of all perfection seen.

**The oldest
inhabitant ?**

SURELY the oldest inhabitant of
Britain ever known?—(Miss) M. A.
COMER (GLASTONBURY).

Marooned

IN Oddington and Kempsey in Gloucestershire there are old churches at some distance from the village. This is probably because the old hamlet was abandoned by the few survivors of the Black Death in the 14th century.

The old churches, however, survived, and because no one was interested in them they escaped the hand of the improver, with the result that they contain murals in excellent condition. That at Oddington shows The Last Judgment and measures 30 ft. by 16 ft. At Kempsey the arch and interior of the quire are covered with paintings thought to be Norman: Christ in Majesty, the Virgin and St. Peter, the cities of Bethlehem and Jerusalem.—A. GRAHAM (NEWCASTLE).



**Church
Notes . . .**

Teetotal

IN the churchyard of St. Peter's Church, Preston, Lancs., is buried Richard Turner (died Oct. 27, 1846, aged 56), who, says the inscription on his tombstone, was the author of the word *teetotal* as applied to abstinence from all intoxicating liquors, and a life-long teetotaler.—STANLEY BAINES (PRESTON).

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Old and new

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, Pott Shrigley, Macclesfield, possesses an ancient Communion cup dating from 1576 and lately on show at the Whitworth Gallery in Manchester in connection with the 'Age of Shakespeare' Exhibition.

The church also has a modern chalice and paten recently given by a member of the congregation. A special feature of the chalice is that it has an engraving of the patron saint of our Church, the coat-of-arms of the Chester diocese, four doves (symbol of the Holy Spirit), and the words from the New English Bible—*Drink from it, all of you*, and also the paten bears a Cross with the words *Take this and eat, this is My Body*, surrounding it.

Both have been approved by the Chester Diocesan Faculties Advisory Committee and we think they are the first of their kind to be inscribed with words from the New English Bible.—(Rev.) CECIL SIVITER (Vicar).

NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS

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

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... and Views



Not one blade

IN the parish churchyard of Montgomery, in Wales, may be seen the Robber's Grave.

Beneath a hollow in the ground in the shape of a cross lie the remains of a man said to have been hanged in 1821 on mistaken evidence. Protesting his innocence, he predicted that no grass would ever grow on his grave.

Many attempts have been made from time to time to bring grass upon this bare spot, fresh soil has often been placed upon it and seeds of various kinds sown, but not a blade has ever appeared.—ALEX. LYNCH (BEDFORD).

In tradition

EVER since registers were started in 1558, the Hogben family, of Hogbens Hill, have been connected with St. Mary's Church, Selling, Kent.

Mr. A. Hogben, a founder member of the parochial church council, is giving up the post of secretary owing to illness, but has been elected a life-member and will continue as sexton. He is being succeeded, as secretary, by his son John.—ELISABETH ARTER (CHILHAM).



3-Decker

THIS three-decker pulpit still survives in Ballinderry Middle Church, County Antrim, built by Bishop Jeremy Taylor, who took Holy Orders in 1634, and afterwards became Bishop of Down and Connor and Administrator of Dromore.—F. A. MAITLAND (NEWCASTLE, CO. DOWN).

SHADOW-FOOT



ON a bench-end in the church at Dennington, Suffolk, is this carving of a sciapod, or shadow-foot.

Sciapods were a fabulous race of people supposed to inhabit the Libyan desert, who raised their one enormous foot over their head while sleeping to shade them from the sun.

The small objects under his arm have been identified as heads of Brachmani, a tribe of small cave-dwellers.—PETER MCGOW (DORRING).



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MONDAY—Washing

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TUESDAY—Sewing

An untidy sewing-box or basket? Try placing all reels of cotton in a transparent bag, mending wools in another, hooks/eyes, buttons etc. in others. This is a great help.—MRS. F. C. DOE (BIBURY, GLOS.).

WEDNESDAY—First Aid

An old rhyme:

If poisoned, take of mustard, a table-spoon; In a cup of warm water, and swallow right soon. For burns, try borax, and a wet bandage too; If blistered, then oil and dry flannel will do.

For children's convulsions, warm baths are the rule. With castor oil dose, but keep the head cool. Give syrup of ipecac when croup is in store; For fainting stretch patients right flat on the floor. To soak in hot water is best for a sprain. Remember these rules, and 'twill save you much pain.—MRS. A. C. PAVELEY (BEXLEY).

THURSDAY—Cooking

Scotch Meringue Pudding: Ingredients: Two breakfastcupfuls of water, six tablespoonfuls of sugar, juice and rind of one lemon.

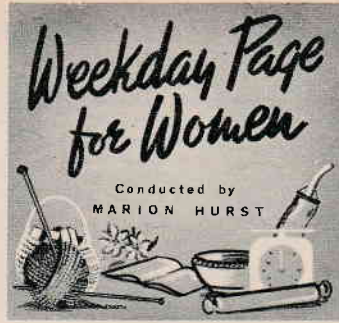
Boil in a pan for five minutes. Then mix two tablespoonfuls of cornflour with a drop of water, pour into the pan and boil again for three minutes. Pour

Dr. Coggan

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into a basin and add the white of one egg (whisked to a stiff froth) little by little to the mixture and then pour into a mould. When cool, serve with custard.—J. KIDD (MIDDLESBROUGH).

FRIDAY—Household

To make butter go further for sandwiches pour half a pint of warm milk over one pound of butter. Cool slightly and work together until a creamy consistency. This mixture will spread more easily and cover many more slices.—MRS. E. SHREEVE (GIDEA PARK, ROMFORD).

SATURDAY—Children

Not fond of eggs? Many children will be tempted to eat them if cooked in the following manner (and "stretched eggs" is an economical way of making them go a long way). Three eggs will be sufficient for four people. Beat the eggs well. Add a mixture (prepared in a separate basin) of one dessertspoonful of cornflour, sufficient milk to make a paste, three teaspoonfuls of sugar, pepper and salt to taste. Mix this and the eggs together well, and fry in hot fat, like small pancakes.—MRS. J. CORNISH (EARLEY, READING).

Groom's expands

A second John Groom's Crippleage home for disabled young women is due to be opened at Edgware, Middx., this month and a third is being planned.

A similar home for the elderly will also be ready for use at Finsbury Park before the end of the year.

Bible Crossword competition

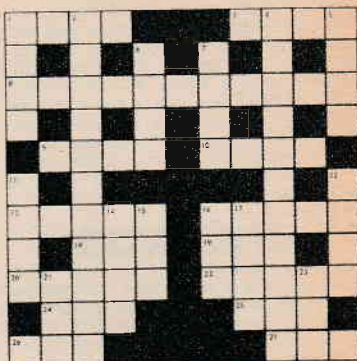
Puzzle No. 21. By 'Duplex'
ACROSS

1. "Thy brother shall — again" (4).
3. And he shall — up his power (4).
8. "And the day was the —" (11).
9. He was left-handed (4).
10. Epistoler (4).
13. "The fathers have eaten a sour —" (5).
16. "My soul is — of my life" (5).
18. A fenced city (3).
19. "They did —, they drank" (3).
20. Philistines smitten here (5).
22. "... they take a —" (5).
24. "... and stand in the — before me" (3)
25. Son of Lamech (3).
26. Territorial king (3).
27. "What — doctrine is this?" (3).

DOWN

1. "... her grapes are fully —" (4).
2. Prince of Judah (11).
4. "In the world ye shall have —" (11).
5. "A time to —" (4).
6. "Thy seed also had been as the —" (4).

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7. "Praise the Lord with —" (4).
11. Hewn in pieces by Samuel (4).
12. Hiram was king of it (4).
14. "... unto wizards that —" (4).
15. "They do alway — in their heart" (3).
16. "... locks of my head with the —" (3).
17. Near (anagram).
21. "Four days — I was fasting" (3).
23. Insect in the land of Assyria (3).

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Benedicite

I WAS interested to read Mr. Scholes' recent letter about the *Benedicite Omnia Opera* because I have often wondered what spiritual uplift worshippers are expected to obtain by this canticle, especially from the names of Ananias, Azarias and Misrael.

I always thought Ananias was supposed to be very untruthful, but I've never been able to discover who Misrael was so I never sing about him.
Marnhill, Dorset. W. M. MENCE

Peas and cues

WHILE an R.A.F. pilot at Sealand, near Chester, in the 1920's I used to attend service at Shotwick. The Vicar used to keep a supply of peas on the pulpit-top and it was the duty of the parish clerk, who sat underneath, to say a loud Amen after each prayer to guide the congregation when the Vicar dropped a pea on his head.
Wolverhampton. G. NELSON HOAR

G. STEWART



Points From LETTERS

Chorister

I LIKED your recent article "The Making of a Chorister" by the head chorister of Canterbury Cathedral. I was brought up surrounded by music since my father was choirmaster at a Devonshire church and good singing has always enthralled me.

I sincerely hope Christopher Smith may carry on the wonderful traditions of a true chorister.
Digby Hospital, (Miss) E. C. JEFFERY
Exeter.

'Sons' v. 'sins' of time...

— hymn query —

W. TOMS' letter calls to mind a line in "O God our Help in Ages Past," which has always irritated me: *Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears all its sons away.*

I once read in a book that the original word was "sins". Which should it be?
Church Stretton, Shropshire D. MORE

THE 'sons' are the sons of time—i.e., the centuries, years, months, days, hours. It is they who, in the Revised Psalter, *are even as a dream and fade away.* Men are the children of eternity.
Trumpington, Cambs.
(Canon) F. J. BYWATERS

D. MORE need not be irritated if one letter, but not the sound, were changed. *Bears all its sons away* might help on Remembrance Sunday.
Lechlade. (Rev.) E. A. SQUIRE

WITH regard to Watts' metrical version of Psalm 90, since the Psalmist refers to man's death it is obvious that this is what is referred to in this hymn.
Rector, Danby (Rev.) R. S. WERRELL
Wiske, Yorks.

COMPARING the hymn with Psalm 90, verse by verse, makes it clear that the writer is referring to years.
Weymouth. (Rev.) E. V. TANNER

TIME bears all its sons away—i.e., the days and years, not men. How time flies!
Sheffield 6. T. F. MEEHAN
(Diocesan Reader)

IN a Remembrance Service the word should be 'sins'. How can we sing that 'sons' are forgotten when we are remembering them?
Church Stretton. (Mrs.) M. MATTHEWS

I HAVE always understood the 'sons of time' to mean moments.
Cuckfield, Sx. MABEL HILLS

THE 'sons of time' are the hours, minutes and seconds and I have often regretted that owing to misunderstanding of this the verse is often omitted.
Folkestone. (Miss) D. H. WOOD

IN *The Book of Praise* (Roundell Palmer, 1865) which gives various hymns in their original form the word appears as 'sons', not 'sins'.
Leeds 6. W. G. SCHOLES

SURELY Watts intended to convey that each one of us grows older until death comes with the passing of time.
Bedford. ALEX LYNCH

I HAVE come across the suggestion in my 90 years that what Watts had in mind was the universe as a huge clock, but that I cannot accept. We must take the word as it is generally understood.
Whetstone. F. W. DEAN
(London City Missionary retd.)

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