

Dear Friend,

THIS COMES AS A SPECIAL INVITATION TO YOU TO COME TO OUR
"BRING - A - FRIEND" SERVICE ON
THIS SUNDAY EVENING, FEB. 20, at 6.30
- and, if you can stay, please meet informally with us over
tea in the Reading Room afterwards. DO come ...and "bring
a Friend" with you!

Next Wednesday is the first day of Lent, and this Sunday
evening I shall suggest some ways in which we can make our
Lent joyful and profitable.

Your Friend and Vicar,

Gordon D Savage

Is YOUR Name on the ELECTORAL ROLL? Everyone who has any
interest in the Church's work or any claim on her ministrations
ought to have his or her name on the Electoral Roll of the
Church. "What difference does it make to me?", you may ask.
answer: It means that when your name is on the roll you can
attend the Annual General Meeting of the Church (see overleaf)
and you can vote for the Church Council, Sidesmen, etc. "What
difference does it make to the Church?" answer: The more
voters a Church has the greater its influence in the Deanery
and the Diocese. "What does it cost?" answer: No charge.

So if you are 18 years of age, baptized and not a member
of another Church, you OUGHT to have your name on the Roll of
St. Nicholas Church. You can obtain an Enrollment Form and
further information by speaking to the Vicar or by sending him
the slip at the bottom of the page.

PEN FRIENDS IN U.S.A. About 18 girls of 12 years of age, living
in Minneapolis, would like to become "Pen pals" of girls in
Marston, exchanging letters and magazines every 2 or 3 months.
Any girl of about 12 years of age who would like to do this is
invited to give her name to the Vicar.

C.F.A.S. Miss Hill, Lamburn Close, 38 Oxford Rd., has become
Parish Secretary of the Church Pastoral Aid Society, with which
the Parish has links (not least through the Marston boys who
were guests at the C.P.A.S. Camp at Woking last year). Miss Hill
has some C.P.A.S. Collecting Boxes which she would be glad to give
to those interested. Some more boys from our Parish will be
invited to a Camp this year from August 8 to 15.

SICKNESS. It is a great help when cases of sickness or other
trouble are reported to the Vicar as early as possible.

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*Fold this slip in three (at the
dotted lines). If you wish you
can leave it with Mr. Oliver's (Marston
RD. P.O.) or at the Village Shop.*

The Rev. Gordon D. Savage,
Marston Vicarage,
11 Elstfield Rd
Marston, Oxford

CHURCH FETE. It is proposed that the Church Fete shall be held on Saturday, JULY 2 (or possibly Sat., July 9). If anyone knows of any events which would clash with this date, please let the Vicar or Wardens know as soon as possible.

FAVOURITE HYMNS. If you have a favourite hymn, or one with special memories attached to it, please feel free to suggest it to the Vicar, with perhaps a date, and every endeavour will be made to have it on the date suggested (see form below).

LENTEN BOXES. The children of the Sunday School have during the last two years taken small 'concertina' Collecting Boxes for "SELF DENIAL" during Lent. It is hoped that parents will make use of these boxes in their homes and among their friends. This year the sum collected will be for the Oxford Deaf and Dumb Centre, 65 Banbury Rd. If you have no child at the Sunday school you can obtain a box, for this extra effort and self-denial during Lent, from the Vicar or Mr. Oliver. Incidentally all takings on Mr. Oliver's Weighing Machine during Lent are given by him to the Church. Thank God for your ^{hearing} sight and speech in this practical way.

CHILDREN. There are many things we try to do for children in the Parish, and the Church is gradually compiling a list of all children under 16 years. Many of course are already known through Baptisms and Sunday School; but it would be appreciated if all parents would give the names and birthdays on the slip below.

A.P.C.M. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Easter Vestry will be on the evening of Tuesday, April 12. Note the date!

HEATING OF THE CHURCH The cold of this winter has given several opportunities for testing the efficiency of the new Gas Heating in the Church. Test it for yourself this week-end! It is labour-saving and efficient, and it is a real boon to be able to have the Church adequately heated not only for the Sunday services, but for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and suchlike. VERY GRATEFUL THANKS to all those who have contributed. About £100 is still needed; so if you did not have your envelope collected, or did not receive one, or wish to give again, please write your name on the slip below, or tell Mr. Greenfield (the Hon. Sec. of the Fund) of 23 Rippington Drive.

ASH WEDNESDAY, Feb. 23. Ash Wednesday Service, 10.30 a.m.
Holy Communion and Address, 11 a.m.

"Rend your heart and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful" (Joel 2.12)

please fill in whichever parts you wish

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and return to the Vicar, as indicated

Dear Mr. Savage, Names Date of Birth
1. THE CHILDREN IN THIS HOUSE ARE:

2. OUR FAMILY FAVOURITE HYMNS ARE:
(give anniversary dates if any)

3. PLEASE INFORM ME ABOUT THE ELECTORAL ROLL

4. PLEASE SEE ME ABOUT THE HEATING FUND

5. PLEASE CALL ON.....OR.....
(give date and time, with alternative)

MY NAME IS..... ADDRESS:.....