

MARSTON NEWS

The News-Letter of St. Nicholas Church, Marston, Oxford
delivered to every home in the Parish

A MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

My dear Friends,

We welcome and send a message of prayer and support to the Rev. A. G. Whye, Vicar of Cowley, as our new Rural Dean, the Ven. C. Witton-Davies, as our new Archdeacon, and the Right Rev. D. G. Loveday, as the new Bishop of Dorchester.

Every Parish is in a Rural Deanery (of about twelve or fifteen parishes) and each Deanery is in an Archdeaconry. Ten deaneries, consisting of 243 parishes, make up the Archdeaconry of Oxford.

Recently a new Deanery of Cowley has been formed, and into it Marston has been drafted, together with the parishes of Headington, Headington Quarry, Highfield, Cowley, Iffley, Littlemore, Sandford, St. John's (Cowley) and St. Clement's (Oxford). It is over this Deanery that the Rev. A. G. WHYE will preside as Rural Dean, and we of Marston, which is the farthest-flung of the parishes in the new Deanery, are glad to welcome as Rural Dean one who has come in recent years to speak to us and who knows the circumstances of a rapidly-developing parish like this.

It will be remembered that the last Archdeacon of Oxford, the Right Rev. KENNETH RICHES, Bishop of Dorchester, became Bishop of Lincoln. It is in his place that the Ven. C. WITTON-DAVIES, recently Dean of St. David's Cathedral, has become Archdeacon of Oxford, and he and his wife and family are now living in the Archdeacon's Lodgings at Christ Church. The new SUFFRAGAN BISHOP OF DORCHESTER is the Right Rev. D. G. LOVEDAY, consecrated Bishop on February 2nd.

The Diocese of Oxford consists of three Archdeaconries (Oxford, Buckingham and Berkshire), totalling over 600 parishes, with a population of over a million people. Over the whole Diocese is the BISHOP OF OXFORD, the Right Rev. H. J. CARPENTER, D.D., who has visited us and takes a close interest in the rapid development in this parish.

I mention all this, for some of our younger folk find it difficult to understand just what the connexion is between the parish, the deanery, the archdeaconry and the diocese. What is more important is that we should develop a sense of "family concern" for all the members of these groups in the big Family of the Diocese. There are many things which alone, as single parishes, we could never do, but which as a Family we are able to undertake. And so our prayer must be not only for these officials, in their important work, but also for all the work and witness of the Church in this Diocese, and that it may please God to bring many more men and women into the fellowship of His Dear Son and of the Church in this place.

Your friend and Vicar,

GORDON D. SAVAGE.

RESTORATION FUND FOR ST.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

INCOME	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Donations				672	3	10
Marston Market	106	18	2			
Weekly Envelopes	7	13	1			
Concerts (2)	60	10	3			
Tins and Boxes	76	5	4			
Gymkhana	3	0	0			
Christmas Cards	26	16	7			
Monthly Envelopes	2	0	3			
Jar of Sixpences	12	0	0			
Fêtes, 1955 and 1956	474	12	0			
Model Church	4	2	5			
Photographs	6	17	6			
Mothers' Union	28	17	9			
Young Wives	8	3	11			
Box in Church	25	16	3			
Lenten Boxes	20	12	1			
Whit-Monday Elevesnes	13	15	8			
Church Collections (part)	9	18	10			
Sale of Fruit, etc.	6	2	4			
Harvest Collection (Church)	16	5	2			
Harvest Supper	5	4	0			
Carol Singing	3	1	8			
Gift Envelopes	2	12	9			
Christmas Sale and Tea	21	10	0			
Gift Day Envelopes	39	1	0			
Vicarage "At Homes"	2	5	0			
				984	2	8
Bank Interest				13	2	2
				£1669	8	8

Marston Market. This popular effort of last summer will be repeated this year, and it is hoped to recommence the Marston Market, for the sale of seedlings, home-made cakes, vegetables, fruit and flowers, on Saturday mornings, from 10 o'clock to 11, Saturday, May 4th, onwards. Any offers of help, either in person or by way of gifts, will be gladly received by Mrs. Kensington, Church Cottage, Elsfield Road.

Child's Frock. Mrs. Johnson, 30 Ouseley Close, won the little child's frock made by Mrs. Claydon of Edgeway Road, New Marston. £1 19s. 0d. was raised for the Restoration Fund by this dress: our thanks to all who helped to do this.

Concert. Please keep free the date **Friday, March 22nd**, for another Concert in St. Nicholas County Primary School, in the evening, in aid of the Restoration Fund.

Parties. During January some much-appreciated parties were arranged for various groups, and it is estimated that altogether over 350 adults and

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UP TO DECEMBER 31st, 1956

EXPENDITURE					£	s.	d.
Minute Book		1	3
Cash Book		3	10
Postage and Stamps	2	19	11
Register of Electors	...	...	...	...		2	3
Envelopes	...	...	...	...	1	1	3
Receipt Books	...	...	...	...		4	0
Church Notice-board (De Luc)	...	...	...	...		6	6
Faculty Fee	...	...	...	...	6	6	0
Oliver & Son: Printing Tickets and Posters	...	...	...	...	2	12	6
D. M. Cox & Co.: Boxes	...	...	...	...	9	12	1
Oxonian Press: Labels and Printing Appeal Letter	...	...	...	...	19	6	1
" " Printing Xmas Cards	...	...	...	...	21	18	2
Axtell & Perry, Builders	...	...	...	...	1554	3	8
Pimm & Smart: Clock Face	7	10	0
Bank Charges		4	8
Balance in Bank carried forward to 1957	42	16	6

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children were entertained. "Thank you" to the many people, organisers, helpers and caterers who helped in various ways!

Carols at Christmas. The final amount collected at Christmas by the Singers and Hand-bell Ringers was £30 6s. 0d., and this has been divided, as notified in the December issue of *Marston News*, as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Restoration Fund	15	3	0
Choir and Bell-Ringers Fund	7	11	6
Cromwell Club	1	10	4
Scouts	1	10	3
Cubs	1	10	3
Sunday School	1	10	4
Pathfinders	1	10	4
	<u>£30</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>

BIBLE QUIZ

Part A for children of twelve years and under; Part B for young people and older ones of thirteen and upwards. Please state age. This is open to all children who live in the Parish, or whose parents attend this Church. Answers to be at the Vicarage by February 15th.

Prizes to the value of half a guinea and 6/- will be awarded at the end of the year for the most successful entries received in this monthly Quiz.

PART A

1. Were both Mary and Joseph visited by Angels before the birth of Jesus? (St. Matt. 1 and St. Luke 1 & 2.)
2. What does the name JESUS mean? (St. Matt. 1.)
3. When the Wise Men offered to Jesus their gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh, what did these gifts signify?
4. How many times in chapters 1 and 2 of St. Matthew does the writer refer to the Old Testament being fulfilled by Jesus?
5. Complete this text:
"Bring forth therefore fruits . . ."
(St. Matthew, chapters 1 to 3; three words needed.)

PART B

1. What two names were given to Jesus when he was born? (Matt. 1.)
2. Was St. John the Baptist older than Jesus? (St. Luke 1.)
3. Name three well-known people in the Bible whose names begin with "Z".
4. Complete this verse:
"The Lord is my . . . and my salvation; whom shall I fear;
of whom shall I be . . ." (Psalm 20 to 30).
5. In St. John, chapter 3, verse 14, Jesus said, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness . . ." To which incident was He referring?

A PRAYER FOR OUR OWN PARISH

O Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, Who seekest those that have gone astray and healest them that are sick, Visit, we beseech Thee, with Thy mercy this parish of St. NICHOLAS, MARSTON, and bless all efforts to bring souls unto Thee. And grant that those whom Thou hast redeemed may by Thy Divine Grace persevere unto the end. Amen.

Some February Dates. February 5th (Tues.), Pram Service; 6th (Wed.), Young Wives; 14th (Thurs.), Parochial Church Council; 17th (Sun.), "Bring a Friend" Service; 20th (Wed.), Young Wives; 25th (Mon.), *Marston News* distributors; 26th (Tues.), Mothers' Union.