

MARSTON NEWS

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THE NEWS-LETTER OF ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, MARSTON.

JANUARY is the month of parties and treats, especially for the children. Thank you to so many for all that you have done in various ways to give pleasure to neighbours and friends, especially in the parties of the Church which so far about 230 children and adults have attended. The Vicar has appreciated the kindly welcome given to him to attend the various private and public parties of families and organisations.

Because January is a month of parties, there are only a few items for the Monthly Diary, but such as there are appear overleaf.

DON'T FORGET !

SUNDAY NEXT, JANUARY 17th

"Bring a Friend Service"
at 6.30 p.m.

A Service of Well-known Hymns and Prayers for the Family.

During the Service the Prize for the best attendance by a Choirboy in 1953 will be handed to NOEL DEAM.

Tea at the Reading Room afterwards, with "The Vicar in the Witness Box" - ready to answer questions or to lead in discussion.

"We hope to see you there"

"Whatever has become of the "Marston News" this month, arriving in this form, instead of on the printed leaflet ?" The answer is that there was at the end of 1953 the possibility that some church magazine insets would be available for use with the "Marston News", but that this scheme, which depended on the surplus after regular orders had been dealt with was non-existent for 1954. And so, in view of the short time available it was thought quicker to distribute the "Marston News" in an abbreviated and duplicated form this month, especially as we shall need a further supplement about Easter time to take the review of the Church's work and audited accounts presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at Easter.

It's a sad reflection of ignorance of Scripture that an 11 year old school-boy (certainly not at Marston !) when asked to draw a picture of "The Flight to Egypt" drew an aeroplane with four people in it, explaining, when questioned, that the three were the Holy Babe, His Mother and Joseph, and that the fourth was "Pontius the Pilot" !

SOME JANUARY DATES

- Jan. 17th (Sun) II Epiphany. H.C., 8.15. M.P., 11
E.P., "Bring a Friend Service" at 6.30 (Hymn-singing)
- Jan. 20 (Wed) Young Wives' Group, Alan Court, 7.45:
Mrs. Hestley, "What are Nerves?"
- Jan. 21 (Thur.) Working Party, at Vicarage, 3 p.m. onwards
- Jan. 22 (Fri.) W.I. Party
- Jan. 24 (Sun.) III Epiphany. H.C., 8.15 (M.U. Corporate)
M.P. at 11 E.P. at 6.30 (Sermon on well-known Hymn)
- Jan. 25 (Mon.) "Monday Night at Eight" with Lantern slides
and film strips
- Jan. 26 (Tue) Mothers' Union, Alan Court, 2.30:
Mrs. Harlow: Uganda
- Jan. 29 (Fri) Choir and Bell-Ringers Social Evening.
- Jan. 31 (Sun.) IV Epiphany H.C., 8.15 M.P. at 11
E.P. at 6.30 (Sermon on "Take my Life and let it be")

St. Nicholas Church is a Church with a warm welcome and good fellowship. All are welcome at the various services and meetings, and the Vicar will be glad to hear of any who need a special invitation or would prefer someone to come with them.

WORKING PARTY. This meets on Thursday, Jan. 21st and on alternate Thursdays, from 3 p.m. onwards, at the Vicarage, and the work is in readiness for the Church Fete in the summer.

ON THE SICK LIST. Our sympathy and prayer with the many people, including a number of children, who have been unwell in recent weeks.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Hall on their daughter, Miss DAPHNE J HALL, M.B., Ch.B., B.Sc., qualifying as a doctor in Dec. and taking her first appointment at Salford Royal Hospital; to CHARLES JOURNEAUX, leader of the Boys' Bible Class, on his being successful in a B.B.C. audition and being chosen to broadcast in a Programme from Oxford later this month. AND A WARM WELCOME to our Village Shop when it opens at Latimer Cottage, 15 Oxford Rd. on Monday, Jan. 18. And once again a warm welcome to all the new-comers as they arrive in Ashlong Road, Fairfax Avenue and Mortimer Drive.

WARNING. We are sorry to have to report that a lady has been canvassing for advertisements for a Year Book for our Church and that she has used the Vicar's name when calling, indicating that she has been sent by him, and giving receipts to the effect that the contributions are for an "Old Marston Church Year Book". The tradespeople who have made promises, some up to \$12,12.0, in the belief that it will help St. Nicholas Church, feel that their help has been secured under false pretences, for the lady has no authority from anyone in the Church, and no order has been placed by the Church with the firm. The firm has been warned immediately. It now appears that the adverts. are meant for the Elim Faith Mission, of Botley Rd. We warn our people that they should not part with money or make promises to anyone who claims that "it is for the Church" unless they know the caller has some written authority from the Vicar or one of the Wardens.

SCOUTS. Anyone interested in giving help with the Scouts, either as Scout Master or as an assistant is invited to get into touch with the Vicar. Boys wishing to join the Cub pack are requested to ask for their names to be placed on the waiting list. This may be done by advising the Vicar or any of the Scouters.