

THE NEWS-LETTER OF ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, MARSTON

"IF ALL DEPENDS ON ME" Do you remember that slogan of war-time, "It all depends on me... and I depend on God" ? The life and spirit of any community depend largely on what each individual contributes. In a Church it is what YOU do that means so much. Thank you to the many individuals who have done so much in various ways during December and January to give pleasure to so many, whether it be by the parties arranged or by the beautiful decoration of the Church, or by the Carol-singing and Hand-bell ringing in the parish, and at the Hospital, or whether it be simply by your presence at some of the Services, enjoying them and helping others to enjoy them.

INVITING YOU...



SUNDAY EVENING NEXT, JANUARY 16, at 6.30

OUR MONTHLY "BRING A FRIEND" SERVICE

A Service of well-known hymns and prayers. During the Service the Prize for the best attendance by a Choir-boy during 1954 will be presented.

All are invited to come to tea at the Reading Room afterwards, to greet the students from Wycliffe Hall on their return, and to meet informally with neighbours and other friends. The Vicar will be glad to speak with people about the forthcoming Confirmation in this Parish.

HOPING TO SEE YOU ON SUNDAY EVENING !

PERSONAL. Our sympathy and prayer with the many people, including children, who have been unwell in recent weeks. It is good to see BARRY HOOD well and back again. Good wishes to ANDREW BARNES on his departure for the West Indies. Congratulations to CHRISTINE HAMMOND and to RAY JOURNEAUX on winning prizes in the Carols Poster Competition, and to Mr. and Mrs. D.B. James on a daughter born on December 27.

THANK YOU ! The Vicar was able to take to the Hospitals on Dec. 27 some 80 gifts brought to Church on Christmas Day by children. Michael Howard's "December Concert" resulted in £32.10 being given to Church Funds. The Carol-singing produced £26.6. for the Choir Bells Fund. Mr. F.W. Cattermole has repaired some 60 hassocks during recent days.

SETTING THINGS STRAIGHT. Often people tell you they do not pray because Christ is not real to them. The truth of the matter is, Christ is not real to them because they do not pray.

Jan. 12 & 15 (Wed. & Sat.) Church Parties (M.U. & Y.W.G.)

Jan. 16 (Sun) II Epiphany. 8.15, H.C.; 11, M.P.; 6.30, E.P.,
"BRING A FRIEND SERVICE" (and at Reading Room afterwards)

Jan. 17 (Mon) 7.30, General Meeting for all, old and young, about
Confirmation (Reading Room)

Jan. 19 (Wed) 7.45, Young Wives' Group (R.R.): "American Evening"

Jan. 21 (Fri) W.I. Party

Jan. 22 (Sat) British Legion Party

Jan. 23 (Sun) III Epiphany. 8.15, H.C. (M.U. Corporate); 11, M.P.;
6.30, E.P.

Jan. 25 (Tue) Conversion of St. Paul. 2.30, M.U. (Reading Room),
Mrs. Rawdon Willis, "The Member and her Obligations"
(Our Prayers are asked for Canon H.J. Carpenter to be
consecrated Bishop of Oxford at Southwark Cathedral today)

Jan. 30 (Sun) IV Epiphany. 8.15, H.C. 11, M.P. 6.30, E.P., at
which there will be special remembrance of those away on
Active Service or on business.

FEB. 2 (Wed) Presentation of our Lord 9.30, H.C. (M.U. Corporate)
(3 o'clock Concert at Rhodes House)
7.45, Young Wives Group (R.R.) "Care of Hair"

A GREAT LEGACY. "One of the richest men of a Middle Western City thought of what he could give his daughter as a heritage. He began with financial securities, went on down the list, but rejected all material legacies as too insecure. He finally fastened on religion as the only secure inheritance he could give his child, an interesting conclusion, for he himself was not religious. But there was difficulty with that decision, for the child could not take religion as a heritage... she had to choose it" Stanley Jones tells this in his book "Abundant Living". Many parents would feel exactly as this rich business man, but there is little chance, humanly speaking, of children receiving true Christianity as a heritage unless their parents practise what they preach and themselves try to do what they expect their children to do. (Parents of Confirmees please note!)

MARSTON CHALICE. The famous 15th century Chalice of St. Nicholas Church, Marston, is at present on show at the Exhibition of Church Treasures in Christie's, 8 King St., London, S.W.1, and it has been mentioned by name on the Wireless and Television this month. The Exhibition is open from 10.30 to 6.30 each day.

CONFIRMATION. There will be a general meeting for all interested in Confirmation at the Reading Room on Monday, Jan. 17, at 7.30.

Whether you have decided to seek Confirmation or you are still uncertain, and whatever age you are, come and hear what is said & planned.

VIOLIN & PIANOFORTE CONCERT. Marston people will have a special interest in supporting the Recital by Fiona Adie and Margrit Hegedus on Wed. Feb. 2 at Rhodes House, South Parks Rd., at 3 o'clock. The concert is in aid of Y.W.C.A. Funds, and tickets (5/-) may be obtained from Mrs. Harlow (Fir Tree House) or from Messrs Taphouse.

"MONDAY NIGHT AT LIGHT". There will be no meetings during January & February

REAL OF BELLS. Mr. A.R. Pink, of the Diocesan Guild of Bell-Ringers, will captain a team of Ringers in our Tower on the evening of February 2, when a real will be attempted.