

# MARSTON NEWS

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

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## CHURCH FETE, JULY 6th

Be sure to come to the CHURCH RESTORATION FETE on Saturday next, July 6th, from 2.30 onwards, at The Orchard, 20 Oxford Road, Marston. All details in the June issue of *Marston News*. Also in the Fête Programme now on sale. If you are away, be sure to pass your contribution, however large or small, to the Treasurer; for we hope by this effort to raise the remaining £485 needed to pay for this year's work on the Church. If any friends would care to leave their goods for the Produce Stall at 15 Rippington Drive, instead of at the Reading Room, they are welcome to do so.

### *Reminder from the Churchwardens*

Will all parishioners and friends please note that the farewell presentation to the Vicar and Mrs. Savage will take place immediately after the Opening Ceremony.

## MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

My dear Friends,

I am glad for the sake of my family and myself that our departure from Marston will not take place until September. We are hoping that on the Sundays and at the various events of July and August we shall have the opportunity of greeting and thanking you all personally, and of saying "Au Revoir". We have learned so much from you all and have constantly been surrounded by your love and understanding. At the time of going to press, no appointment of a new Vicar has been announced. But you will be praying that the right man will come, and he will be assured of a very wonderful welcome to the work of God in this place.

Your friend and Vicar,

GORDON D. SAVAGE.

### SOME OTHER IMPORTANT DATES IN JULY

- TUESDAY, JULY 2ND. Christening Party from 2.45 p.m. to 5.0 p.m. on Vicarage Lawn. Reading Room if wet.
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 10TH. Diocesan Missionary Festival at Oxford. Details on the notice-boards and on leaflets.
- THURSDAY, JULY 11TH. Confirmation by the Rt. Rev. D. G. Loveday, Bishop of Dorchester, at 7.30 p.m. in St. Nicholas Church. Please do your utmost to encourage the members of our Church who are being Confirmed by being present at that service.
- SATURDAY, JULY 13TH. Sunday School Outing to Wicksteed Park. Coach leaves Church at 9 a.m. and will get back at 7.30 p.m.
- SUNDAY, JULY 14TH. Corporate Communion at 8.15, followed by Parish Breakfast to welcome the newly-confirmed (Reading Room).
- TUESDAY, JULY 16TH. Mothers' Union and Young Wives' Garden Party on Vicarage Lawn at 3.0 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 17TH. Meeting of the Parochial Church Council at 7.45 p.m.
- SUNDAY, JULY 21ST. The monthly "Bring-a-Friend" Service, followed by refreshments in the Reading Room. If you have never been to this Service, why not come this month?
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 31ST. The Bishop of Liverpool will conduct a Quiet Day for staff and students of Wycliffe Hall in our Church and Village on the last day of July.

### LOOKING BACK

**Whit-Monday Elevesens.** Our many friends will be glad to know that £13 19s. 2d. was raised for the Restoration Fund on that occasion. As it was wet, we were in the Reading Room; but everyone seemed to enjoy the huddle, even though it was like having a quart in a pint pot! "Thank you" to Mrs. Bing, Mrs. Davies and their many kind helpers!

**The Choir Outing.** Members of our Choir with their families and friends enjoyed a most thrilling day at Wicksteed Park recently on their Annual Outing. "Thank you" to Mr. W. E. Brain, Mrs. Garner and their helpers!

**Bell-ringers.** The Bell-ringers successfully rang a peal of 5,040 changes on Saturday, June 22nd. This makes the twenty-fourth peal in this tower.

**Looking Forward.** On Sundays, August 11th and 18th, the preacher will be the Rev. G. Foster-Carter, sometime Rector of St. Aldate's.

**Warning to Parents!** The Sunday Schools and Bible Classes will close for the summer holidays after Sunday, July 21st, and resume again on Sunday, September 8th.

**Youth Hostellers.** Once again we shall see in the village members of the Youth Hostel Association from all lands, when they will use the Reading Room as an auxiliary hostel from July 27th.

**Restoration Fund: Latest News.** Our target for this year is £800, and so far we have received £315 from various friends; so that a further £485 is still needed. The Church looks beautifully fresh and clean. Gifts to date: Mr. Thorpe; Gilbert E. Haynes, Esq.; Anon.; Miss F. M. Thompson; W. G. Haynes, Esq.; Mrs. L. V. Powell; P. Hart, Esq.; A. Gelston, Esq.; Mrs. Paddon; Mrs. I. E. Ward; Mrs. C. Haynes and Sons; N. D. Macleod, Esq.; Mrs. Walker; Mrs. Harlow, Senr.; Mrs. Barnsley; Burford Young Wives; Tooting Church Fellowship. The Diocese of Oxford has promised a further grant of £100.

**Holidays.** We hope that everyone may have a time of recreation this summer; a happy holiday to those who go away, as well as to those who stay at home. The Vicar expects to be away from August 10th to 24th.

**Young Wives.** The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 3rd, at 7.45 p.m. in the Reading Room. If any members have suggestions to make for the coming session, please give your ideas at this meeting.

**Whitsun Farthings.** A cheque for £2 8s. 5d. was presented to the Bishop of Oxford by David Clarke and David Oliver on behalf of the Sunday Schools of this Church, as the result of our collection here of 2,324 farthings.

**Whitsun Offering.** May I take this opportunity of thanking the many friends who contributed towards the gift given to me at Whitsun. I have been amongst you now for eight months, and it has given me much joy to know you, and help in a small way the many activities of our church life here. Please let me know if I can be of any help to you whatsoever in the days ahead.—M. LILES.

**Holy Baptism.** Welcome to the following baptised in St. Nicholas Church: Janet Ann HOWARD (May 5th), Lesley Joanne GOODNER (May 5th), Hazel Dawn GILL (May 12th), Alan FOLEY (June 2nd), Susan Lorraine GREEN (June 2nd), Keith John JUPP (June 2nd), Alison Grace BROUGH (June 9th), Jacqueline BUTLER (June 9th), Lesley Caroline MARTIN (June 16th), Judith Ruth CARTER (June 23rd), Wendy AYRES (June 23rd), Stephen Charles CUMMINGS (June 30th), Amanda Claire HEY (June 30th).

**Our good wishes** to JOHN and DIANA CARTER, married at Wootton-under-Edge on June 15th.

**Anniversaries.** If you would care to mark an anniversary by giving flowers for use in Church, please write your name on the list in the porch. Or you may prefer to mark the anniversary by choosing a favourite hymn, or by giving a Prayer Book or Bible to the Church; in which case, speak to the Vicar.

## BIBLE QUIZ

This monthly Bible Quiz is for anyone to enter. Please send your entries by July 15th to the Vicarage. A prize will be awarded in each age-group for the most accurate answers.

### *Part A (twelve years and under)*

1. What happened on the first Whitsunday?
2. What was the prophet's name who performed the miracle in II Kings, Chapter 4?
3. What part did the slave-girl play in the healing of Naaman? (II Kings, Chapter 5.)
4. Name three people or places in the Bible, beginning with J.
5. Finish this verse: "But they that wait upon the Lord . . ." (four missing words). Look up in Isaiah, Chapter 40, verse 31.

### *Part B (over twelve years)*

1. What happened after the disciples had received the Holy Spirit? (Acts, Chapter 2).
2. What does "repent" mean?
3. What is the name of the Book after Exodus? (Do not look up beforehand.)
4. Name ONE promise given by God to Joshua when he was chosen to be the leader of the Israelites. (Joshua, Chapter 1.)
5. Which is your favourite Psalm?

### **Words Worth Treasuring**

"Faithful is He that calleth you, who will also do it."—I Thessalonians, Chapter 5, verse 24.

"Can we not learn, like tired children, to fall into Everlasting Arms and rest, not in what we know, but in what we trust."

"He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows."—Isaiah, Chapter 53.

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and for ever."—Hebrews, Chapter 13, verse 8.

"No need too great for His supply,  
No anxious heart will He deny,  
No depth or height beyond His aid,  
To those whose trust on God is stayed."