

MARSTON NEWS

The News-Letter of St. Nicholas Church, Marston, Oxford.

JUNE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

(for details of regular Church Services, see back page)

2. Tu. Coronation Celebrations. H.C. 8.15. United Service 9.30 to 10 a.m.
 4. Th. Marston Primary School re-assembles.†
 6. S. Day's Outing of Church Youth Club.
O.M. Cricket Club v. Bus Company (Away).†
 7. S. **Trinity I.** H.C. 8.15 (M.U. Corporate) and 12. M.P. 11 (Scouts Parade). E.P. 6.30. Family Service 3 p.m.
 9. Tu. Women's Institute (Garden Meeting) 2.30.†
 10. W. Oxford Diocesan Conference (Sheldonian Theatre) 11 a.m.
 11. Th. **St. Barnabas, Apos. & Mar.** M.U. Outing to London, depart 9.30 a.m.
 13. S. O.M. Cricket Club v. Post Office Staff (Home).†
 14. S. **Trinity II.** H.C. 8.15 a.m. M.P. 11. E.P. ("Bring a Friend" Service) 6.30.
 - 15 to 19. Church Assembly (Westminster).
 17. W. Young Wives' Group. Musical Evening, Miss Spooner, 7.30 p.m.
 20. S. O.M. Cricket Club v. Florence Park (Home).†
 21. S. **Trinity III.** H.C. 8.15 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. M.P. (Preacher, The Rev. Professor G. W. H. Lampe, M.C.). E.P. 6.30 p.m.
 22. M. Marston Primary School outing to London, depart 9 a.m.†
 24. W. **Nativity of St. John Baptist.** H.C. 11.30 a.m.
 25. Th. Deanery Missionary Festival (Charlton on Otmoor).
 - 25 to 28. Oxford Ordination Retreat and Sermon (Christ Church).
 27. S. O.M. Cricket Club v. (not yet fixed).†
 28. S. **Trinity IV.** H.C. 8.15. M.P. 11 (Scouts and Cubs Parade). E.P. 6.30 p.m.
 29. M. **St. Peter, Apos. & Mar.**
 30. Tu. Mothers' Union Service in Church (joined by Wraysbury M.U.). 2.30 p.m.
- July
1. W. Young Wives' Group. Teaching of Art in Schools 7.30.
 4. S. Church Fête (The Orchard, 20 Oxford Road) 2.30.
O.M. Cricket Club v. Elsfield (Away).†
 5. S. **Trinity V.** H.C. 8.15 (M.U. Corporate) and 12. M.P. 11. E.P. 6.30. Family Service 3 p.m.

† These items are not arranged by the Church, which takes no responsibility for errors or omissions.

A CORONATION INVITATION.

You are cordially invited to come with your friends and your families to the Special Services in your Parish Church on **Coronation Sunday**, May 31st, at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., and on **Coronation Day**, 9.30 to 10 a.m.

INTRODUCING OURSELVES.

Since the Rev. Gordon D. Savage became Vicar in June last year he has from time to time sent a copy of his duplicated "Vicar's News-Letter" to every house and caravan in the Parish. This News-Letter has been so warmly welcomed by the parish that the Church has undertaken to print it each month and to circulate it to every house, from June onwards, relying on voluntary offerings to maintain it.

Questions and suggestions :

- (a) Do you like the title, "Marston News," or what other name do you suggest?
- (b) We invite you to contribute 3d. or 4d. a month towards the cost of production.
- (c) Please send to the Vicar any notes which you wish to be considered for inclusion in the next issue. Notes should reach him by the 20th of the month.

Fête, July 4th. The Church Fête will be held at The Orchard, 20 Oxford Road, at 2.30 p.m. on **Saturday, July 4th.** All are welcome. There are attractions for all. This "old-time Village Fête" is for the people by the people. This year there will be several new features, including a stall of outgrown clothes of school-children, and also an Evening Entertainment. We wish to give a lead in providing plenty of good clean games and fun, money's worth in goods, and scope for raising money in a straightforward and worthy way. There is something which everyone can do and enjoy. Offers of help, in kind or cash, by work or by advice, will be greatly valued by the Vicar, or by Mr. Oliver, who will be glad to discuss any suggestions and offers. Gifts of fats, sandwich-filling, cakes, jellies and fresh fruit will be welcome.

Happy Birthdays! (the Vicar would be glad to be notified of errors or omissions) : June 4th, Lionel Standing ; 6th, Jean Simpson, David Cozier ; 7th, Brian Clare ; 11th, Julian Starmer-Smith, Virginia Belson ; 12th, June Clare ; 13th, Eileen Sumner ; 15th, Kenneth Tasker ; 16th, Margaret Ward ; 18th, Barrington Franklin ; 23rd, Andrew Lilley ; 22nd, Avril Walton ; 25th, Ian Johnson, Frances Roberts ; 30th, Bernard Roberts.

Churchyard. The Parochial Church Council has appointed a Committee for the Care of the Churchyard. At present a scale-plan of the Churchyard is being drawn up, and it is requested that all who can identify graves of friends and relatives will point them out to the Vicar. This is important, for the Church is seeking authority for the levelling up of the Churchyard or the levelling down of the untended mounds, in order to secure as far as possible an even surface for grass which could then be mowed. This will enable the Church to keep its Churchyard in a more worthy state. Please watch out for the plan of the Churchyard, which will be exhibited in the Church porch by June 15th, and be sure to give the Vicar as soon as possible, and certainly not later than June 25th, a written note of graves in which you have some special interest. Comments and suggestions will be welcome.

Congratulations to the Coronation Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. L. C. Jennings, on the splendid programme of events on June 2nd and on raising over £200 by voluntary effort ! And to the organizers of the May Celebrations on May 16th, for the way in which the parish was entertained by the children's singing and dancing ! Also to Mrs. Hall, on winning the Competition of the Women's Institute for a Coronation Souvenir ! And to Mrs. Savage, on being (so it is said) the wife of the first Vicar resident in Marston to have an addition to the Vicarage family. To Judy Ward, as May Queen, 1953 !

Do You Know that the Church of St. Nicholas, Marston, is mentioned in the year 1122 ? It is hoped to print from time to time some account of the history of our church and parish.

Flowers. Grateful thanks to the Ladies who so beautifully decorate the Church each week, and especially to Mrs. Jennings for kindly acting as Custodian of the Church Flowers. If there is some anniversary which you would care to mark by giving flowers to the Church, or by providing the money for flowers, please communicate with the Vicar or with Mrs. Jennings, 8 Oxford Road.

Whitsun Farthings. Congratulations to the Sunday School on finding 3424 farthings, thus exceeding their target by 424 f. ! The cheque for £3 11s. 4d. was presented to the Bishop in Oxford Cathedral by June Clarke and Cynthia Buckett. This is the first time we have collected Whitsun Farthings.

S.O.S.! When you have some practical difficulty or urgent problem, why not talk it over in confidence with the Vicar ?

"Whit Week on the Rec." Thanks to the parents and to the undergraduates who made this week the success and blessing which it was for the children.

Bell-Ringers and Choir. The Outing this year was planned for the Wednesday after Whitsun Day, a 35-seater coach to Weston-super-Mare, calling at Cheddar on the way. School-children serving the Church by singing or ringing, and who have attended the agreed percentage of times, are taken free of charge.

Coronation Gifts. Members and well-wishers of the Church are taking the opportunity of the Coronation Year to give the Church some gift which will meet a present need and will mark the year in a practical way. Gifts of any value will be welcome : those already promised range in value from 12/9 to £100, and the Vicar will be glad to supply a list of "needs" and to discuss any proposed gifts.

Scripture Union. Many in our parish are acquiring the good habit of reading the Bible, a few verses each day. There are several excellent schemes available, together with notes.

Baptisms in May. 3rd, Kathleen Marsh (The Close) ; 10th, Linda Jane Mansell (20 Nicholas Ave.) ; 17th, Christine Webb (Mortimer Drive) ; 24th, Sally Eva Bleary (25 Mortimer Drive), Heather Waugh (36 Mortimer Drive), Susan Lillian Franklin (8 Cromwell Close), Sally Yvonne Louisa Wilnecker (50 Oxford Road), Matthew Walton (3 Rippington Drive), Dorothy Davies (31 St. Nicholas Park), Jane Elizabeth Messenger (1 Mill Lane).

Marriage. On May 9th, Harry Sandford Thick and Edith May Reynolds.

This Month's Puzzle. I Peter 5, 4, tells of "a crown of glory" and James 1, 12, of "a crown of life." What crowns are named in Proverbs 4, Isaiah 28, John 19, I Cor. 9, Revelation 2 ? (Congratulations to the five people who solved the puzzle in the last issue).

This Month's Thought. Duty makes us do things well, but love makes us do them beautifully (Phillips Brooks).

This Month's Text. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us—I John 3, 16.

Taxi! Do you know that Old Marston has its own efficient and reasonable Car Hire Service, available by day or night ? The name is F. W. Passey. The address is 107 Oxford Road and the Telephone number is 3981.

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, MARSTON.

In view of the number of newcomers into the parish, whom we welcome to the Church, the following details are given :

Where is it ? The Church is in the middle of the old village, by the terminus of the Old Marston 'bus (No. 71 and 72). The 'buses connect with Sunday evening Services and several of the mid-week activities.

What is it? The Church is open to all, and it offers good friendship and fellowship, as well as spiritual counsel and comfort, by Divine Service, Sacrament and personal Ministry. The worship is congregational, planned for all to take part in it. Newcomers and others are specially invited to our "Bring a Friend" Service at 6.30 p.m. on the Second Sunday of each month and to remain to the informal gathering afterwards.

When are the Services?

EVERY SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m. And in addition on the First Sunday of the month at 12 o'clock, and on the Third at †7.30 p.m.

Morning Prayer at 11 a.m. Scouts and Cubs Parade on the Fourth Sunday of the month. The Litany is said at Morning Prayer on the Third Sunday of the month.

Evening Prayer at †6.30 p.m. "Bring a Friend" Service on the Second Sunday Evening of each month. "Youth on Service" on the Fourth Sunday of the month.

Children's Church at 3 p.m. Family Service in Church on the First Sunday of the month at 3 p.m.

Baptisms are preferably on the First Sunday of the month at 4.0 or †4.30 p.m., by arrangement with the Vicar.

EVERY WEEK

Mondays: CUBS, †5.30 to 6.30 (Reading Room).

Tuesdays: CROMWELL CLUB (Youth), †7.30 to 9 p.m. (Reading Room).

Wednesdays: SCOUTS, †7.30 to 8.45 (Reading Room).

Fridays: CHOIR PRACTICE, †6.30 to 7.30 (Church).

BELL-RINGING PRACTICE, †7.30 to 9.0 (Church).

See separate notices from time to time concerning MOTHERS' UNION (Fourth Tuesday, †2.30), YOUNG WIVES GROUP (alternate Wednesdays, †7.30), "MONDAY NIGHT AT EIGHT" (October to April), TEACHERS' PREPARATION CLASS AND PRAYER GROUP (Wednesdays, †7.30) and SCRIPTURE UNION RALLIES.

† Buses connect closely with these times and in most cases with the end as well.

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The Vicar may usually be seen at the Church on Fridays from †6.30 to 7.0 p.m. or at the Vicarage on Saturdays from 10.0 to 11.0 a.m. He will gladly arrange to see people at any other time or to call at any house in the parish on request. The Vicarage is 11 Elsfield Road, next to the School.

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