

MARSTON NEWS

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



THE CHURCH FETE, SATURDAY, JUNE 30th

Place: The Orchard, Old Marston (20 Oxford Road, next to the Reading Room and opposite the White Hart)

Time: To be opened at 2.30 by CAPTAIN GEORGE E. HOOP
(U.S.A. Air Force, Brize Norton)

GRAND FANCY DRESS PARADE
(details below)

COMPETITIONS AND GAMES FOR YOUNG AND OLD
(Games include Aunt Sally, Darts, Skittles, Quoits, Hoop-la and such like.
Good prizes for highest scores.)

GIFTS: GARDEN PRODUCE: HOUSEHOLD STALL
WHITE ELEPHANTS AND JUMBLE: SCHOOLWEAR
DONKEY or PONY RIDES: REFRESHMENTS: TEAS
ICES: HOME-MADE CAKES & SWEETS: BRAN TUB
BOTTLE STALL

Admission: 6d. (Children under 14: 3d.)

2.40 p.m. Fancy Dress Parade for Children

Entry fee, 6d. (including admission to Fête). Please use Entry Form here-with. Further copies of Entry Form may be obtained from Mrs. Branch, 366 Marston Road, or Mr. Oliver (Marston Road P.O.), or from Programme Distributors. Entries to be made by June 28th, though some late entries may be received on the day. There will be three prizes for each class (10/-, 5/- and 3/-) and a number of consolation prizes. *All dresses to be made of paper.*

CHILDREN'S CLASS NO. I: Children of 5 years and under;

CHILDREN'S CLASS NO. II: Children of 6, 7, 8 and 9 years;

CHILDREN'S CLASS NO. III: Children of 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 years.

Photographs will be taken and copies sold.

5 p.m. Display of Country Dancing by Cromwell Club

6 or 6.30 p.m. Distribution of Prizes

**SUPPORT THE FETE
TO RESTORE THE CHURCH
£2500 IS NEEDED**

All the proceeds of the Fête will be for the Restoration Fund

"Why ever didn't you tell me: I should have loved to help" is what someone always says each year when the Fête is over. This note is to make it plain that **the help of everyone is welcome**, and that there is no need to wait for a personal invitation to take part. There are occasions provided on which you can offer help, or you can mention your readiness to do something to Mr. Oliver or to the Vicar at any time. There are three main ways in which help can be given: (i) by turning out jumble for the Fête, making or giving something, (ii) by giving help in person in preparation for the day and on the day, (iii) by giving money or a gift as one of the many prizes needed.

If you are going to be away, you can still send along what you might have spent had you been present, and certainly we can all give of our prayer, thought and good wishes for the success of the day. That is why on **Sunday Evening, June 24th**, at the **6.30** Service we shall specially dedicate our efforts and humbly seek God's help. We hope all helpers at the Fête will endeavour to be present.

"WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP THE CHURCH FETE?"

In response to enquiries about help which would be welcome, the following suggestions are made, in the hope that **you** will find just the ways in which you would like to help. Any gifts may be sent to those named below **or to the Vicarage or to Mr. B. G. Oliver, or can be collected.**

- (a) **SECOND-HAND AND OUTGROWN CLOTHING, JUMBLE AND WHITE ELEPHANTS:** Everything will be welcome. Mrs. Barnsley, "Lanadron", 13 Elsfield Road (Tel. 3579). *Everyone has some white elephants!*
- (b) **GIFT STALL:** Any articles suitable as gifts. Mrs. Harlow, Fir Tree House, 14 Oxford Road (Tel. 3872).
- (c) **"EATS" AND REFRESHMENTS:** The Refreshments Committee is collecting Strawberries, Raspberries, Tinned Fruit, Grapes, Jellies, Synthetic Cream, Sandwich Fillings, Tea, Sugar, Small Cakes, Tinned Salmon. *Every little helps!* Send it to Miss Smith, Fir Tree House, 14 Oxford Road, or Mrs. Hammond, 76 Oxford Road.
- (d) **HOME-MADE CAKES AND SWEETS:** Mrs. Holmes, 10 Cavendish Drive, or Mrs. Savage, The Vicarage, 11 Elsfield Road.
- (e) **GARDEN PRODUCE AND HOUSEHOLD STALLS:** Any items welcome. Garden Produce: Mrs. R. Haynes, Cross Farm, 2 Oxford Road (Tel. 4570). Household: Mrs. Oliver, Marston Road Post Office (Tel. 3824).
- (f) **TOYS AND SMALL GIFTS FOR BRAN TUB:** Miss A. Haynes, 10 Oxford Road.
- (g) **PLASTER MODELS:** Pamela Lee, 8 Haynes Road. (All children invited to make and colour models of any kind.)
- (h) **BOTTLE** of any kind, shape or content for the Bottle Stall: Mrs. King, 6 Cherwell Caravan Park, or Mrs. Toms, 1 Cavendish Drive. (This stall is for persons of eighteen years and over.)
- (i) **HELP IN PERSON** with the preparation of The Orchard, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27th, Thursday, June 28th, Friday, June 29th. *The help of many men is needed.*
- (j) **GIFTS IN KIND OR CASH** for Prizes at the Fancy Dress Competition and Stalls (10/-, 5/-, 3/-).
- (k) **CONTRIBUTIONS IN CASH** towards any of the above. Please expect an official receipt from the Vicar or Treasurer for all money given.

THE MONTH OF JUNE

A stranger picking up the *Marston News* for this month might think that the chief activity of the Church at this time was the Annual Fête. But no one who knows the Church of St. Nicholas would really make that mistake, for, important and heavy as the work for the Fête is, the main work and witness of the Church is the worship of Almighty God and influence on the hearts and minds of the parishioners; and this continues as the primary task. It is because so many men and women value all that the Church's work means to them that they do so much as one big family team to help their Church, this year to raise the very large sum which is needed for the Restoration of the fabric of our Church.

As it happens, there are several very important events which "the family of Marston" will share at the Church of St. Nicholas during June, and everyone will know that he or she, and their whole families and friends, will be very welcome to any or all of the following:

Christening Reunion Party, June 5th. This will be on the Vicarage Lawn on Tuesday, June 5th, from 3.30 onwards. If wet, at the Reading Room. This is proving a popular annual event, and it is a great joy to see all the children and parents together again. Those who remember the stay of Mar Chrysostom with us at Epiphanytide last year will be interested to know that the Archimandrite Gabriel Salibi, a young clergyman of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch, hopes to join us at the Christening Party. The Party takes the place of the monthly Pram Service for June.

The Christian Singers, June 10th. On Sunday, June 10th, the "Christian Singers" of the University will be joining us for Evening Prayer at 6.30. It is a choir formed just over a year ago by the son of the Rev. R. Rees, Vicar of St. Peter's, Southborough, in order to sing Christian music in local hospitals. Patients from our own parish have spoken warmly of their singing, and it was thought that as a congregation we would appreciate their visit, to lead us in the singing of favourite hymns and to sing to us new songs. The young men and women are all students, some of them "freshers" this year and others about to take their final examinations. They include scientists, historians, linguists and even budding theologians! A warm welcome to them, and to you to hear them!

Marriage Reunion Service, Sunday, June 17th, at 6.30. The Base Chaplain of the U.S.A. Air Force Station at Brize Norton, Captain George E. Hoop, is visiting us for the Service on Sunday evening, June 17th. As it happens, much of his work has been among husbands and wives, and as a family man, with four children, he can speak with experience about family life. We hope that as many couples as possible as have been married in St. Nicholas Church will endeavour to return for this Service, and of course other husbands and wives as well. We shall have some Wedding Hymns, some prayers from the Wedding Service, and other reminders of the day. Those who have been married at this Church are invited to meet on the Vicarage Lawn after the Service, when there will be a "wedding" cake and coffee for them, and others present at this monthly "Bring a Friend" Service are invited to join them.

Dedication of our work for the Fete, June 24th. On Sunday evening, June 24th, we shall at our Evening Service specially and humbly commit to God all our work for the Fête and for the Restoration of our Church. It is in the dedication of our effort to God that we find the right spirit, the true motive, a new unity and a new enthusiasm.

NOTE.—A number of special invitations are sent out for various special services, but it is *your* mentioning it to friends which is the best way of making a Service known. And if any who ought to receive a special invitation do not do so, through a mistake or through misdelivery, please remember that all are welcome, with or without special invitations!

Our prayerful good wishes to our friends of Wycliffe Hall who were ordained on May 27th: W. T. Dobson (Newcastle), D. W. Gatenby (Manchester), F. Lindars (Ripon), J. S. Matthewson (Newcastle) and C. A. W. Pegler (Southwell). And thank you to our friends of St. Michael's House (J. Palmer, A. Noltinge, A. Cooper, M. Wellings, A. Smythe, G. Black G. Hess), of Keble College (P. B. Harris, A. Gelston, P. Hart) and of Brooke College (D. Rudd, M. Dainton) for all their loving help and prayer with the children and young people of the parish, in Bible Class, Sunday School and Youth Club, and not least in their unflinching presence at every Baptism.

St. Dunstan's. £21 16s. 0d. was collected in the recent house-to-house visit for St. Dunstan's Homes, and Mrs. Hall thanks all who kindly gave and those who collected.

Vicar's Engagements. Those who remember the Vicar in their prayers may care to know of the following, which are some of the engagements in June, in addition to those in the Diary: 3. Preach at Grandborough for National Society; 7. Tyndale Hall Council; 8. Diocesan Information Committee; Women Church Workers; 9. Pastorate Council; (12. Anniversary of Institution); 13. Oxford R.D. Chapter; 14. Address on Canon Law at Kettering; 18. Convocation Committee on Lectionary; 19-22. Church Assembly; 28. Culham Governors.



FOR YOUR DIARY, JUNE, 1956

Every Sunday: 8.15, Holy Communion. 11. Morning Prayer. 6.30, Evening Prayer. Every Monday: 7.30, Bible-Study and Prayer at Church School. Additional notes given below.

- 2 S. 10.15, "Marston Market" (R.R.).
 - 3 S. *Trinity I.* 12. H.C. 6.30, "Youth on Service". Preacher: Mr. R. Jones (Wycliffe Hall).
 - 5 Tu. 3.30, Christening Reunion (Vicarage Lawn).
(11.30 to 5, Young Wives' Rally, Oxford).
 - 6 W. Diocesan Conference (Sheldonian Theatre).
7.45, Young Wives' Group (R.R.): "Posture".
 - 9 S. 10.15, "Marston Market" (R.R.).
 - 10 S. *Trinity II.* 6.30, "The Christian Singers". 7.30 p.m., H.C.
 - 11 M. *St. Barnabas, Apos. & Mar.* 10.15 to 10.30, Wave of Prayer (M.U.).
 - 12 Tu. (2.45, W.I.)
 - 16 S. 10.15, "Marston Market" (R.R.).
 - 17 S. *Trinity III.* 6.30, Marriage Re-union Service. Visit of Chaplain Capt. George E. Hoop (U.S.A.A.F., Brize Norton). "Bring a Friend" Service.
 - 20 W. Young Wives' Group (Waterperry).
 - 21 Th. (School Sports.)
 - 23 S. 10.15, "Marston Market" (R.R.).
 - 24 S. *Trinity IV. Nativity of St. John Baptist.* 6.30, Dedication of Fête Effort.
 - 26 Tu. 2.45, Mothers' Union Service in Church.
 - 27 W. 7, Men at the Orchard.
 - 28 Th. 7, The Orchard.
 - 29 F. *St. Peter, Apos. & Mar.* 9.30, Holy Communion. 7, The Orchard.
 - 30 S. 2.30, Church Fête.
- July
- 1 S. *Trinity V.* 12, H.C. (Ordination at Oxford). 6.30, "Youth on Service" (Subject, The Diocesan Youth Guild).
 - 3 Tu. 2.45, Pram Service.
 - 4 W. 7.45, Young Wives' Annual Meeting (R.R.).

FANCY DRESS PARADE FOR CHILDREN - OLD MARSTON

AT THE RESTORATION FETE, SAT. JUNE 30

to be judged at 2.40 sharp, at The Orchard, 20 Oxford Rd.

All dresses to be made of paper. Full details in "Marston News" and in Fete Programme.

ENTRANCE FEE: 6d a child. (this includes free admission to the Fete)

Return the slip below with the fee to Mrs. Branch (366 Marston Rd.) or to Mr. Oliver (Marston Rd. P.O.) or to the Vicar.

PLEASE ENTER:

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>
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