

MARSTON NEWS

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

delivered to every home in the Parish

SOME SPECIAL DAYS IN JUNE AND JULY

- Sunday, June 2nd.** This is COMMONWEALTH YOUTH SUNDAY, and from 11 to 12 there will be a Service attended by school-children (in uniform if possible), and the preacher will be the Archdeacon of Oxford (the Venerable C. Witton-Davies). Please make this widely known.
- Sunday, June 9th.** This is Whitsun Day. The collections in Church this day will be given as a personal gift to Miss M. S. Liles.
- Whit-Monday, June 10th.** Whit-Monday "Elevenses" at The Orchard Cottage and Reading Room, by Mrs. Bing and Mrs. Davies, in aid of the Restoration Fund. Stroll up to the Reading Room any time after 10.30, have coffee at one of the tables, and share in the little "Bring and Buy", including new-made cakes.
- Sunday, June 30th.** The preacher at 11.0 and 6.30 will be our good friend, Mr. Patrick Hamilton, editor of *The Layman*.
- Tuesday, July 2nd.** The Christening Re-union Party on the Vicarage Lawn.
- Saturday, July 6th.** The Church Fête in aid of the Restoration Fund. Be sure to keep this afternoon free. See the two inside pages.
- Thursday, July 11th.** Confirmation by the Bishop of Dorchester at 7.30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 16th.** Mothers' Union Garden Party.

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 * **Don't Forget** *
 * EVERY SATURDAY MORNING *
 * **THE MARSTON MARKET** *
 * Bring and Buy from 10.20 to 11.20 *
 * THE READING ROOM *
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Warm wishes to William and Edna Ward, married on April 15th, and now living on Mill Lane Caravan site. To May Queen Wendy Lawrence and her attendants, Pauline Jones and Sheenagh Gammon.

Used Envelopes. Have you any used envelopes which have not been stuck down? The Vicar can make use of hundreds more, if you care to leave them at Church, the Vicarage or Mr. Oliver's!

Jesus said: If a man love me, he will keep my words, and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him.

THE CHURCH FETE, SATURDAY, JULY 6th

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 p.m. by a member of the Company performing at The Playhouse, Oxford

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 herewith. 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 July 4th, 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.

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.

- 4 p.m. Baby Show.** (Entry forms and details from Miss M. S. Liles, The Vicarage.)
- 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
£800 IS NEEDED**

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

"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 and Christine 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, July 3rd, Thursday, July 4th, and Friday, July 5th. *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.

"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 30th**, 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.

A MESSAGE TO ALL PARENTS WITH CHILDREN OF AGES 3 TO 16

Where do your children go on Sundays, and what do they do? These two questions are of vital importance to you as parents, and remind you again of your responsibility not only to your children, but to God, who given you the privilege of caring for these young lives.

In this parish we have several departments of our Sunday School, catering for all ages.

Young Children. If you have young children, *three to seven years*, we have two classes in friends' homes on Sundays at three o'clock:—

Mrs. Smith's home, 4 Windsor Crescent, and
Mrs. Hill's home, 1 Lewell Avenue.

Both these classes are conducted by qualified teachers, and we can promise that your children will not only enjoy their hour spent with other children, but also have learnt a little about becoming Christian citizens for the days ahead.

A similar Infants' Class is also held in the old Church School at the same time.

Ages 7-11. For older children *from seven to eleven years* we have a School in Church at three o'clock, where definite Bible teaching is given to this most important age-group. There is a bus for these scholars to come to School at 2.41 p.m. from Beechey Avenue, returning from Church at four o'clock.

Older Children. Bible Classes are held at:—

10 a.m. for Senior Girls (fourteen years and over): Church School.

3 p.m. for Junior Girls (eleven years and over): Reading Room.

3 p.m. for Boys (eleven years and over): Reading Room.

We hope all our parents will encourage their children to come to one of the classes. If you would like further help regarding this very valuable Christian teaching for the younger generation, please contact the Vicar or Miss Liles. All children are welcome. They may join at any age.

BIBLE QUIZ

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

Part A (twelve years and under)

1. The first miracle performed by Jesus is recorded in St. John's Gospel, Chapter 2. State briefly what happened.
2. Name three people in the Bible with names beginning with N.
3. What was the last miracle Jesus performed? (St. John 21, verses 1 to 14.)
4. With which pebble out of the five did David slay Goliath? (I Samuel, Chapter 17, verses 40 to 49.)
5. Name your favourite person in the Bible, and say why.

Part B (thirteen years and upwards)

1. In I Samuel, Chapter 16, verse 7, we read: "The Lord seeth not as man seeth; man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." What is meant by the last five words?
2. How many sons did David's father have? (I Samuel, Chapter 16.)
3. In Acts, Chapter 1, verse 11, the angels said Jesus would return again; give two verses from elsewhere in the Bible stating this great truth. (St. Matthew, Chapters 24 and 25; also St. Luke, Chapter 21, and other passages.)
4. "Lovest thou Me?" (St. John, Chapter 21, verse 15.) Do these words still mean anything to us today?
5. Who is your favourite person in the Bible, and why?