

MARSTON NEWS

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

My dear Friends,

There are several things to which I ought to draw your attention :

(1) **March 6th.** Lent commences on Ash Wednesday, March 6th, and it ought to be marked by a joyful rediscovery of faith, in readiness for the rejoicing of Easter. So join us at the Lenten Services and "brush up your faith". On Ash Wednesday there will be a service in Church at 7.45, with a talk on "The Meaning of Lent for the Family". On the Sunday mornings of Lent there will be sermons on "Understanding the Old Testament". On Sunday evenings sermons on the Prayer Book Services and their meaning.

(2) **Concert on March 22nd.** There will be a Concert of Anthems, Solos and Cantata in St. Nicholas County Primary School at 7.30 on Friday, March 22nd, in aid of the Church Restoration Fund. Tickets, costing 2/- (unreserved) and 3/- (reserved), children of school-age half-price, may be obtained from members of the Parochial Church Council, or Mr. Oliver, or Mrs. Carter, or myself. Please support this concert and keep the date free. We are fortunate in having such a fine Choir as that of Cowley Road Methodist Church to come with their conductor, Mr. W. J. A. Morris, for this concert. It is a tribute to the happy relations between Free Churchmen, Roman Catholics and Church of England members that in this parish there is this and similar inter-Church support for the Restoration of our Parish Church.

(3) **Mothering Sunday.** This is on the last day of March, Sunday, March 31st, and we hope that every mother in the Parish will be present, whether members of this Church or not, for the distribution of posies at the three o'clock Service. Watch out for further notices.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

GORDON D. SAVAGE.

Late Note. Just as this issue went to Press, the Bishop of Oxford made the announcement that he has appointed me Archdeacon of Buckingham, of which I hadn't the slightest hint when I wrote my last letter in the *Marston News*.

For the present may I just say this: the acceptance of this appointment has been a difficult decision for me to make, and it will be a terrible wrench to leave Marston, for my wife and I have come to love you all dearly and had hoped to remain with you for many years yet.—G.D.S.

Church Fête. It is proposed to hold the Church Fête on Saturday, July 6th. If anyone knows of other engagements on that day, please inform the Vicar as soon as possible. Will all organisers of other events please note this date and endeavour to keep it free. The work of restoring the rest of the stonework of the Church will commence after Easter. About £650 is still needed, and when this has been raised the task of restoring all the exterior of the Church and tower, commenced last year, will have been completed. It is hoped to do this by the autumn.

As there are so many new residents in Marston who do not know the routes of the buses extracted from the Time-table. By courtesy of the City of Oxford Motor Services Ltd. once again. Note that the Saturday service is different from "Mondays to Fridays".

BUSES INTO OXFORD

Buses leave Marston (St. Nicholas Church) for St. Aldate's as follows
(reaching St. Aldate's 16 mins. later)

Mondays to Fridays, **a.m.**: 6.42, 7.14, *7.33, 7.46, 8.18, 8.30, 8.50, 9.22, 9.54, 10.26, 10.58, 11.30; **p.m.**: 12.02, 12.34, 1.06, 1.38, 2.10, 2.42, 3.14, 3.46, 4.18, 4.50, 5.22, 5.54, 6.26, 7.00, 7.36, 8.12, 8.48, 9.24, 10.00, *10.36, *10.54. (Note.—The 7.33 a.m. and 10.36 and 10.54 p.m. are to "The Friar" only.)

Saturdays only: As above until 6.26 p.m., and then: 6.58, 7.30, 8.02, 8.34, 9.06, 9.38, 10.09 (and to "The Friar" only: 10.41, 10.56).

Sundays only, **a.m.**: 10.00, 11.48; **p.m.**: 1.36, 2.12, 2.48, 3.24, 4.00, 4.36, 5.12, 5.48, 6.24, 7.00, 7.36, 8.12, 8.48, 9.24, 10.00 (and to "The Friar" only: 10.36, 10.54).

Friends of the Church will wish to note these buses:

FOR SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE: Catch the 6.06 from Carfax as it passes Beechey's A Service (7.36).

FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASSES: Catch the 2.30 from Carfax as it passes Beechey's A Service (7.36).

FOR WEEKDAY EVENING MEETINGS: Catch the 7.18 from Carfax as it passes Beechey's A Service (7.36) and also at 10.0)

Wanted — A Woman's Cycle. If anyone knows of a woman's cycle in good condition, please tell the Vicar or Miss Liles. The latter urgently needs one as her own is unfit for much further service.

Some Future Dates. April 7, Passion Sunday; April 14, Palm Sunday (visit of Rev. W. H. Medcalf); April 19, Good Friday; April 21, Easter Day; April 22, Easter Monday, Young People's Hike; April 29, Annual Parochial Church Meeting; May 5, Sunday School Anniversary.

Mrs. Olive Thain. Mr. S. Thain and Christine thank all those who so kindly enquired about Mrs. Thain during her last illness and who sent messages and tributes when she passed away. The funeral was at Sidcup, and the Church was represented by Miss Liles.

ID FROM OLD MARSTON
(NO. 8)

No. 8 Buses which run up Oxford Road to the old village, the following times are
the Vicar of St. Nicholas, Marston, is permitted to print and circulate these times

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Buses leave the G.P.O., St. Aldate's, for Old Marston as follows (passing
Beechey's Avenue about 11 mins. later, and due at St. Nicholas Church
16 mins. after times below):

Mondays to Fridays, a.m.: 7.59, 8.31, 9.03, 9.35, 10.07, 10.39, 11.11, 11.43;
p.m.: 12.15, 12.47, 1.19, 1.51, 2.23, 2.55, 3.27, 3.59, 4.31, 5.03, 5.35, 6.07,
6.42, 7.18, 7.54, 8.30, 9.06, 9.42, 10.18 (and from "The Friar" only at
10.46).

Saturdays only: 6.49 a.m., then as Mondays to Fridays until 6.07, 6.39, 7.11,
7.43, 8.15, 8.47, 9.19, 9.51, 10.23 (and from "The Friar" only at 10.43).

Sundays only, a.m.: 9.42, 11.30; *p.m.:* 1.18, 1.54, 2.30, 3.06, 3.42, 4.18, 4.54,
5.30, 6.06, 6.42, 7.18, 7.54, 8.30, 9.06, 9.42, 10.18 (and from "The Friar"
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venue at 6.17, reaching St. Nicholas at 6.21, and there is a bus back at the end of the

Beechey's Avenue at 2.41, reaching Church at 2.45. (The bus back is at 4 o'clock.)

Beechey's Avenue at 7.26, reaching the Reading Room at 7.33. (There is a bus back at 9.24,

Some of the Vicar's Outside Engagements in March. 3, Preach at St. Clement's, Oxford; 4, Lenten Address at Wives' Fellowship; 5, Oxford Pastorate; 11, Wives' Fellowship, Council of St. Luke's Homes; 13, preach at Wycliffe Hall; 14-15, Central Council of Women's Church Work (London); 19, Marriage Guidance Council; 28, Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship (Reading); 29, Parish and People. (April 2, Woodstock Deanery Conference; 3, Cowley Chapter Meeting; 5, Diocesan House.)

Visiting. The Vicar is very anxious that everyone in the parish should be visited when sick, and that everyone wishing for any other reason to be visited may receive a visit. He usually hears promptly of all such cases, but in order to prevent anyone ever being left out there will be found with this issue of *Marston News* an addressed card, which may be sent to the Vicar or to Mr. Oliver's at any time. Please keep it on your mantelpiece until you or your neighbour can make use of it.

SOME DATES FOR MARCH, 1957

Every Sunday: 8.15, Holy Communion. 11, Morning Prayer.
6.30, Evening Prayer. Additional notes given below

- 2 S. 2.30, work on Churchyard.
- 3 S. *Quinquagesima*. 12, H.C. 3, Family Service. 6.30, "Youth on Service" (Rev. P. Ryley).
- 5 Tu. 2.45, Pram Service.
- 6 W. *Ash Wednesday*. 9.30, Ash Wednesday Services. 7.45, Service in Church (Young Wives and families. Subject: "Why keep Lent?").
- 8 F. 8, Fête Committee.
- 10 S. *1st Sunday in Lent*. 7.30, Holy Communion.
- 13, 15, 16. Ember Days.
- 17 S. *2nd Sunday in Lent*. 6.30, "Bring a Friend" Service.
- 20 W. 7.45, Combined Young Wives' and Mothers' Union Meeting (R.R.).
Speaker: Mrs. Perret (Cassington).
- 22 F. 7.30, SACRED CONCERT FOR RESTORATION FUND.
- 24 S. *3rd Sunday in Lent*. 8.15, H.C. (Mothers' Union).
- 25 M. *Annunciation of B.V.M.*
- 26 Th. 3, Deanery M.U. Meeting (St. Luke's, Cowley).
- 31 S. *4th Sunday in Lent*. 3, MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE.

APRIL

- 2 Tu. 2.45, Pram Service.
- 3 W. 7.45, Young Wives' Group (R.R.). Films.

BIBLE QUIZ

Part A for children of twelve years and under; Part B for young people and older ones of thirteen and upwards. Please state age. This is open to all children who live in the Parish, or whose parents attend this Church. Answers to be at the Vicarage by March 15th.

Prizes to the value of half a guinea and 6/- will be awarded at the end of the year for the most successful entries received in this monthly Quiz.

If you have not previously entered for this Quiz, it is not too late to start this month.

PART A

1. Who were the first four disciples to follow Jesus? (St. Matthew 4.)
2. What were the words used by Jesus when He called these men? (St. Matthew 4.)
3. Put in the missing word: "The Lord is my ———; I shall not want."
Give references.
4. Write out the "Lord's Prayer" as recorded by St. Matthew, Ch. 6.
5. What happened to the house built upon the rock? (St. Matthew 7.)

PART B

1. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said His followers were "Salt of the Earth" and "Lights of the World" (St. Matthew, Ch. 5). What did He mean?
2. Finish the verse: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and all (7 words). (St. Matthew, Ch. 6.)
3. Did Abram obey God's first command to him? (Genesis 12.)
4. Who was turned into a pillar of salt because she looked back? (Genesis 19.)
5. Did Abraham obey God when he was greatly tested in his faith? (Genesis 22.)

A Verse to Treasure: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).