

November 1955.

Dear Friend,

"Please to remember the Fifth of November" seems to start several weeks before November begins !

November is indeed a month of remembrance, not least of the debt which "we who remain" owe to so many who have been taken from us. Next Sunday, November 6th., is our DAY OF REMEMBRANCE. I'm told that the younger generation does not observe Remembrance Sunday so well as the older generation, but I don't think that is true in Marston, and I hope it may be never true in the future. Next Sunday morning the British Legion will be in Church for the Service with its Act of Remembrance, and I hope that old and young will be with us for this our privilege and duty.

Your friend and Vicar,

Gordon D. Savage

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, REMEMBRANCE DAY, NOV. 6th

8.15: Holy Communion

10.55: REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE (attended by the British Legion, with Last Post, Reveille, Commemoration of Marston's Fallen in the two wars)

12: Holy Communion

3: FAMILY SERVICE (Parents and friends invited to come with the children. There will be a special opportunity for Parents to meet all the Teachers. The Cubs will also be present.

6.30: Evening Prayer (Accent on Young People - Encourage them !)

CHURCH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

6th (Sunday): REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (details above)

7th (Monday): Meeting of Restoration and Finance Committees

13th (Sunday): 8.15, Holy Communion;

11 a.m.: Morning Prayer (Preacher: Mr. H.S. Atfield, Member of Church Assembly)

6.30: Evening Prayer

14th to 17th: Church Assembly

16th (Wed.): 7.45, Young Wives' Group (Reading Room):
Home Nursing.

20th (Sunday): 8.15, Holy Communion 11: Morning Prayer

6.30: Evening Prayer (Preacher: Rev. M.R.W. Farrer on "The Church Pastoral Aid Society")

22nd (Tuesday): 2.45, Mothers' Union (Reading Room) - Mrs. Geoffrey Allen, "New Attitude to Missions"

24th (Thursday): 7.45, P.C.C. (Reading Room)

27th (Sunday) ADVENT SUNDAY SERVICES.

8.15, H.C. (M.U. & Y.W.G)

11, M.P. 6.30, E.P.

30th (Wed.): Young Wives' Group: Trip to Therm House

Dec. 4th: ST. NICHOLASTIDE WEEK-END (watch out for further details nearer the time).

CHORAL SOCIETY. Great interest has been aroused by the news of the formation of a Choral Society in the parish, though not all who have expressed interest have yet come along. The Meetings are at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Church School (next to the Church). All interested in singing, whether they can yet sing or not, are invited to come. Miss Morris, who has had great experience in training choirs, including preparation for broadcasts, is kindly coming over to Marston each week to take the Sessions. Further information from: Mr. A. Lofthouse, 32 Mill Lane - or come along on a Tuesday night.

RESTORATION OF THE CHURCH. Tenders for the restoration of the flaking stonework, and for some more extensive work in the Tower, have now been received, and these are to be considered by the Parochial Church Council at its meeting on November 24th.

VISIT OF THE REV. J.H. MORTIMER. It gave us all much pleasure to have a visit from the Rev. J.H. Mortimer from September 26 to 30. He came for the opening of the new Church of St. Michael and All Angels, New Marston, for which he has done so much by his interest and his gifts. He specially asks to be remembered to his old friends on whom he was unable to call during this visit.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: This year we did not see a Sunday School collect for the Children's Society, though several parents contributed direct to Mrs. Vernece, Manor House, who is the local secretary. Having a Horse Chestnut Tree in the Vicarage Garden is a mixed blessing, but the Sunday School children benefit, for this year 800 "conkers" were distributed equally between the children this appearing to be fairer than giving to those who happened to ask first at the Vicarage. Thank you to all the children who collect used English stamps week by week: silver paper and milk tops are also useful. The new Sunday School Stamp Books will be given out on Sunday, November 27th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION. We now have six classes in Church, two at the Church School, and two Bible Classes. But we can do with more Sunday School classes, and they might well be held nearer to the new housing areas, or in their midst. If you have a room in which 10 children could meet on a Sunday afternoon, 3 to 4 p.m., you would be doing a work which must surely be dear to the heart of the Master. *Offers to the Vicar, please.*

ORGANIST. We are very sorry to lose Mr. E. W. Eaton, who leaves us on November 13th. He has been Organist and Choirmaster for five years and has given us help in many ways. Do you know of someone to take his place, preferably as Choirmaster as well as Organist.?

WELCOME: Once again we welcome all new-comers to the Parish, as they arrive almost every week. We assure all of them of a special welcome to all activities of the Church. And a welcome back, too, to Professor and Mrs. Harlow on their return from their long journey to India and the Far East.

WAR MEMORIAL CROSS. Churchgoers and passers-by will have noticed that the War Memorial Cross in the Churchyard has been cleaned. This was done by a band of volunteers from the local branch of the British Legion, led by Mr. Frank Smith.