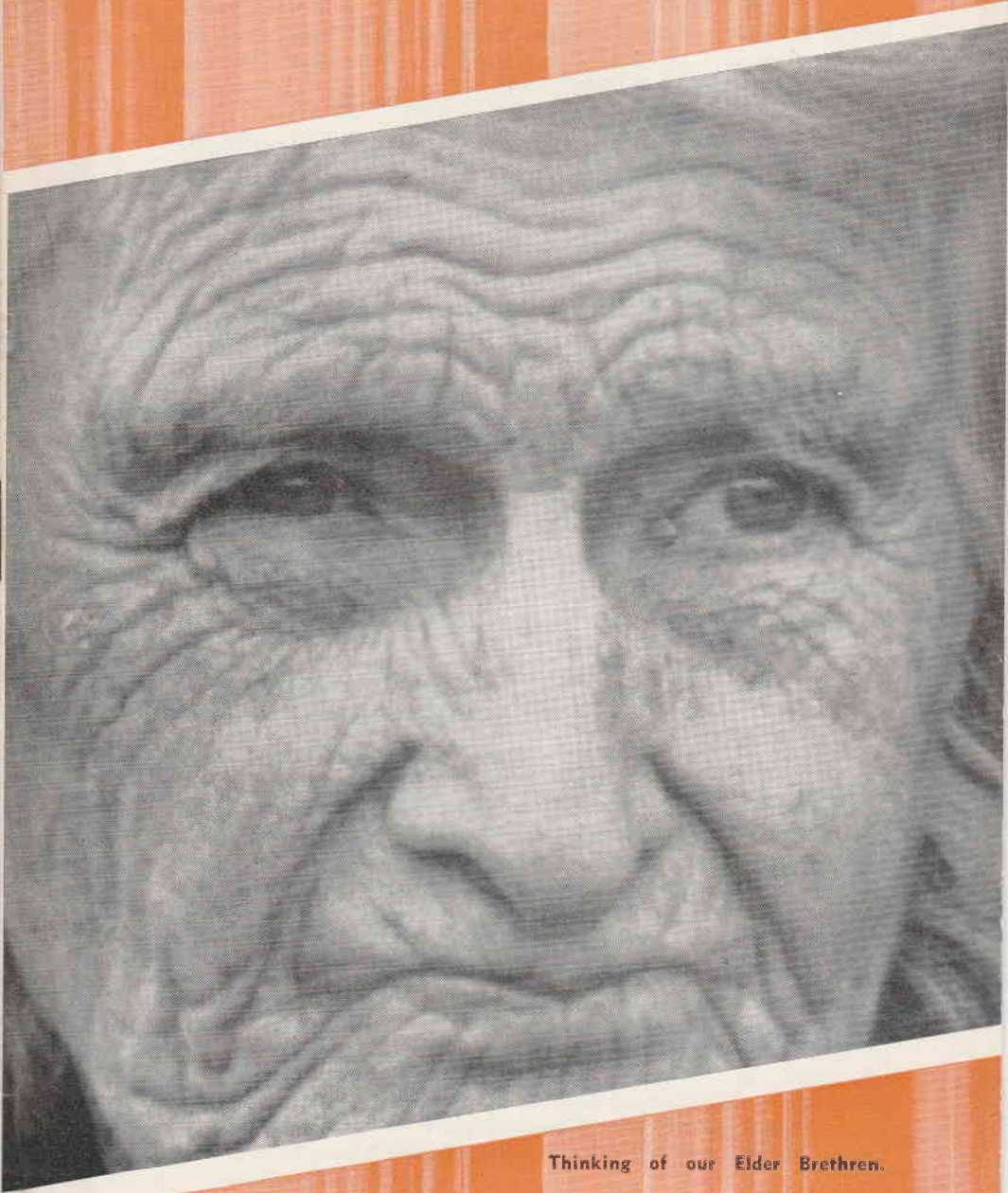


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### SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion : 8 a.m.

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3rd Sunday at 9.30 a.m.

Matins and Sermon every Sunday (except the 1st in the month) at 11 a.m.

Evensong and Sermon : 6.30 p.m.

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### WEEKDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion : Wednesdays and Saints Days at 7.15 a.m.  
3rd Friday at 10.30 a.m. with Laying on of Hands for sick.  
And at other times, as announced. (See Notice Board).

Matins : 7.15 a.m. (except Saturday and when there is a 7.15 a.m. H.C. Service).

Evensong : 5.30 p.m. (except Saturday).

### CHURCH ORGANISATIONS AND MEETINGS :

**Children's Instruction** : Confirmation School and Crossbearers, 10 a.m. in Church Hall.

K.G. and Juniors : Sundays, 11 a.m. in Church Hall.

Nursery : Sundays, 11 a.m. in Mortimer Hall.

**Mothers' Union** : 4th Wednesday, 7.45 p.m. in Church Hall.

**Young Wives Group** : 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7.45 p.m. in Church Hall.

**Bellringers** : Practice Night — Friday nights, 7.45 p.m.

**Brownies** : Monday, 6 p.m. in Scout Headquarters.

**Girl Guides** : Tuesday, 7 p.m. in Scout Headquarters.

**Cubs** : Thursday, 6.15 p.m. in Scout Headquarters.

**43rd St. Nicholas' Scout Troop** : Friday, 7.15 p.m. in Scout Headquarters.

**St. Nicholas' Art Group** : Thursday, 7 p.m. in Church Hall (fortnightly).

**Youth Group** : See Notice Board.

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## VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

As I type this letter the news has just come over the Radio of the appalling disaster in Wales, with the consequent loss of the lives of so many children. Can one blame those who batter the gates of Heaven with their curses that such a thing should be permitted in the universe?

Time and again I find I am faced with people who say: "Why did God allow it to happen?"

God does not need anyone to justify Himself. I just wonder though whether we are right in blaming God for all that happens in a world of cause and effect, of chaos and co-incidence. That He permits things to happen is only too evident, when we see the appalling tragedy of such affairs as the Vietman War, or the toll of road deaths. But the fact of tragedy must not lead us to imply that He is absent. Rather He is there in the very midst of it. "If I go down to hell, though art there also" said the Psalmist.

And here and now, with these demented mothers, with this pain-racked individual, with this young man in his deep despair — is GOD. We do not need to recite texts or platitudes to comfort our friends. God comes to them through us in the firm hand-grasp of a friend, that says more than any words can say — or in the one who cares and shares our sorrow with us. Here in the tragedy **God is** — and love and prayers assure us of His Presence.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,



### TO ALL PARISH MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

We are grateful to all distributors who responded to the plea to settle any outstanding accounts. There are still amounts outstanding and it would be a great help if anyone not able to get to the Church Hall on the 13th October, would kindly hand in their money to Mr. Finch at "Stanmore," Boults Close, Boults Lane, as soon as possible, in order that the accounts may be completed before the end of the year.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY, NOVEMBER 13th, 1966

Morning Prayer will begin as usual at 10.55 a.m. on Remembrance Day in order to enable the Roll of Honour to be read, and the Two Minutes Silence to be observed. The British Legion will again be attending the service, as is their traditional custom. It is hoped that all who can will attend this service, which not only looks back in remembrance to the past, but forward in calling us to re-dedicate ourselves in the cause of peace. Let us make this Remembrance Day a day on which all men every where pray for the peace of the whole world.

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS

A visit to Messrs. Blackwells on the day of publication of the British Council of Churches controversial report: "Sex and Morality" proved fruitless. They had sold out by 10.30 a.m. A reprint was already in process (S.C.M. 3/6). Another controversial book, "The Comfortable Pew," written by a Canadian journalist, and commissioned by the Church in Canada (Hodder & Stoughton: 6/-) broke all publishing records even before publication date!

Religion is still a best-seller, and it is fascinating to note that many

people outside the church are eager to read and study the vital issues which effect Christians today.

### **FREE-WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES**

By far the most satisfactory way of giving to God is to do it through our envelope scheme. This means that our giving is regular, rather than spasmodic, and also that the Church is able to work out a budget on the knowledge that a certain amount of money will be available each year for use at home and overseas. We are more than grateful to those who give to the Church through our envelope scheme. In the near future we shall be contacting you to know whether you wish to re-pledge your gift, and to receive your envelopes. We hope that you will bring your pledge personally to the St. Nicholas' Day Communion Service (December 4th). More details of this service will be given in our next month's issue. If you are not subscribing through the envelope scheme, and wish to do so, please contact either Mr. John Day, 107 Oxford Road, or Miss Eileen Warburton, Cross Cottage, Old Marston. We will see that you are given a pledge card before the 4th December, and that you receive envelopes for the year 1967.

### **CUBS : URGENT HELP NEEDED**

"I have a long waiting list, but cannot take in any more boys unless more help is forthcoming," says Mr. Ivor Brough, our Cubmaster. "The kind of people we need to help at present are men or women willing to work as a team on Thursday evenings from 6.15 p.m. to 7.45 p.m."

So if you can help, or know of anyone who can, please contact Mr. Brough, 7 Windsor Crescent, Old Marston, as soon as possible.

### **THE OLD MARSTON YOUTH CLUB**

This will open again on November 7th at 7.30 p.m. at the Mortimer Hall. A volunteer team have agreed to help to get it off the ground again, and it is hoped that young people of 14 years and over who want a Club will come along. The programme will depend to a large extent on what members themselves choose to make it. This village has great potential in its young people, and we hope a good number will come along and tell us the kind of club they would like to have, and what kind of activities they want to take place in it.

### **SCOUT H.Q. ROOF**

Our Scout and Guide H.Q., which is also used by the Cubs and Brownies, and shared jointly with the Sunday School, badly needs reinforcement to its roof. The rain has already penetrated, and unless something is done urgently, the water penetration will affect the floor timbers.

A Bumper Jumble Sale is being arranged for Saturday, December 10th at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. It is hoped that all organisations will rally round. If you have any jumble, please let any Scout, Guide, Cub or Brownie know and they will collect it for you. We hope to raise at least £80 from various sources, including this sale. Please do your best to help. This will be followed in the evening by a BARN DANCE (details later).

### **IN MEMORIAM**

Mary Ethel Hayter Florey, the wife of Sir Howard Florey, was laid to rest on Thursday, 13th October. She had recently returned to the village to her beautiful home, opposite the church. Lady Florey was a gracious lady, and was always welcome at the Over 60's Club, whose members she joined on their outings.

# STILL WELCOME

by

J. E. McNeill



**IT WAS QUITE SIMPLE: THEY JUST DID NOT WANT HIM ANY** more. People were all the same—all very fine for a little while but jolly soon fed up with an old man hanging around the place. Nobody cared twopence about you when you got old—you were just a nuisance. It had been all right at first when they were sorry for him; and, of course, losing Mum had been pretty bad for them too. But losing your mother or mother-in-law (even a beloved one) wasn't the same as losing your wife.

He knew very well he got angry and blew his top far more often than he should: but they should understand. At seventy odd you can't suddenly change your nature. And he had always been the boss. So he still had to do a bit of bossing.

He used to have Her to talk to; now all he could do was go to his silent room and look at her picture. Not a recent picture, but a picture of the girl he had married nearly fifty years ago. Mind you, even in her picture she did not let him off. Her eyes still looked out, calm but slightly rueful, as if she were just ready to speak the same old words, "Oh, that temper and that tongue. You must learn to keep your temper and hold that tongue." Well, he never did learn. Of course, she always got over it eventually. Sometimes she

would be quiet for a day or two, not surly but not laughing and friendly as she usually was. He hated that. Then he would buy flowers and sweets, he never could say he was sorry but he expected she knew what the gifts meant.

But a daughter isn't your wife. The thing was that in so many ways Mary was like her mother so that quite automatically he treated her the same way. Anyhow, she was his daughter—of course, she cared about him, and it was her duty to take care of him. But Mary was like her Mother about his temper too. But the best chocolates did not seem to please her much.

Still, this last turn had been a bit thick. It was not his fault that his hearing was poor and he had completely mistaken what his grandson had said. So, of course, he had shouted at the boy and given him a good clip on the ear for what sounded like downright cheek. Anyhow, what was all the fuss about? Children forget quickly. He had bought a box of toy soldiers—dear ones—and the boy had seemed quite pleased, but this time Mary had not just let things slide back to normal. She had snatched the soldiers up and

thrown them on his lap, her voice cold and angry, "Will you never learn that you can't buy your way out of every situation? You vex everyone else, then feel fine because you've let off steam, and then you think all you have to do is walk in with a box of sweeties or soldiers and everything's fine. Well, this time it isn't."

My goodness, she was angry. He never remembered her turn on him like that. And she had not really spoken to him since. Nor had his son-in-law. Maybe it was really true; maybe he wasn't just being sorry for himself; maybe they had really had enough of him.

He had thought when he started to pack they would get a fright but they had not even asked where he was going. He put his suitcase ostentatiously at the door in the hall but they paid no attention.

When the taxi came to take him to the station she had called casually, "Have a nice holiday," and turned straight back into the kitchen. No-one asked him when he was coming back. Not even the children; they waved and ran off, engrossed in their game. For a little moment real fear had shaken him. This was worse than anger. They were not angry; they just did not care about him any more.

Rubbish! Every time he thought about it, he assured himself it was just rubbish. Of course they cared about him. He was her father; everyone cares about his or her father. Even if you do lose your temper and bawl the roof down sometimes, your daughter knows you don't mean it. Of course she cared. Of course she wanted him back. But a little niggling doubt worried. What if she didn't? What if the door was closed when he went back? All out; no children in the garden

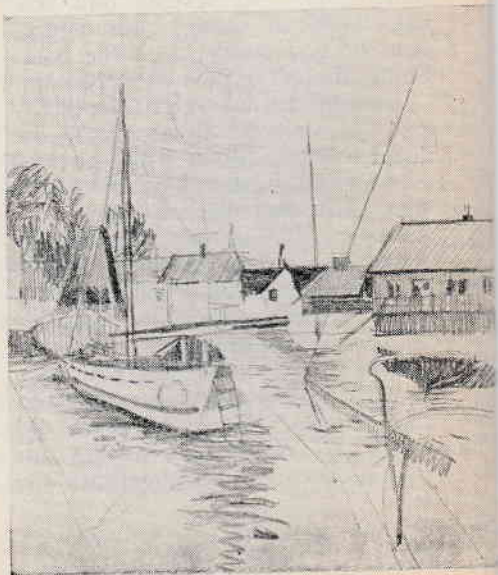
to welcome him. "Hello, Gramp."

He stayed away a fortnight at the small fishing place he had known of old, but this morning he had sent his telegram, "Coming home at five, Love, Gramp."

The taxi turned the corner, past the little plot of beech trees and the old grey church, and moments later they were drawing up at the gate. The stillness hit him. No children in the garden; no daughter at the door; no son-in-law to help with his case. A surge of sick disappointment and a sudden twinge of real fear stopped the breath in his throat. It was true—they didn't want him.

And because he could not change his nature and his only way of beating his fear was to shout these enemies down, he roared angrily at the taxi driver, "You see how it is? When you get over seventy you're no use to anyone, not even your own daughter. They just forget you."

Then she was there. She had opened the door and stood on the threshold, looking exactly as her mother might have done—smiling a little, her eyes quizzical. He followed



*Drawings: Margaret Blake*

*the small fishing place*

her in. She led him straight up to his own room. The walls were freshly papered and painted, the curtains were clean and the window shone.

His son-in-law was fixing Her picture back in its place on the wall. "Aye, you're back," he nodded.

His grandson had his soldiers along the mantelpiece. "Hello,

Gramp," he cried over his shoulder, "I'm giving you my favourite kiltie soldiers."

Gramp's eyes felt a bit watery. His daughter's eyes and the eyes in the picture still looked at him the same way. He went outside to pay off the taxi. "Gee", said the driver regarding his outsize tip, "they must have wanted you after all, mister."

#### Information

## THINKING OF OUR ELDER BRETHERN

By William Hetherington

What we regard as the problem of the aged is a peculiarly twentieth century problem. It arises from three main causes: Greatly increased expectation of life; pensions enabling people to retire before the end of their working lives; and the breakdown of the close-knit family staying in one place, which formerly provided a natural haven for such members as survived to a great age.

To grapple with the difficulties of an increasing proportion of aged people in our midst—there are now some 8 million pensioners in Britain—a variety of services, both statutory and voluntary, have developed piecemeal over the years. Often they are not as well used as they might be, merely because of lack of knowledge about them. This brief account of the main services available may therefore be of use to pensioners and their relatives.

### Retirement

The sudden change in way of life brought about by retirement can bring its own difficulties. Some local authorities and firms offer courses on retirement to help people to adjust to the new

situation. For those still able and willing to continue working, more firms and public organisations now employ pensioners. Incidentally, men deferring their pension in this way can claim a slightly increased one on eventual retirement.

### Finance

In these days of continually rising prices finance can bring increasing worry to the elderly on fixed incomes. For this reason supplementary allowances are available from the Ministry of Social Security. It is a very great pity that many eligible pensioners continue in unnecessary hardship, regarding the supplements as a demeaning charity, whereas in fact they are paid from taxation revenue and are as much earned as the pensions themselves.

### Accommodation

Housing is often a difficult problem. Most old people prefer to live in their own homes but when increasing infirmity makes this impossible other resources have to be employed. In this matter there is no uniform pattern over the country.

All county authorities, however, have a statutory duty to

(over



provide the now familiar old people's homes, in which every possible care is taken to make a comfortable atmosphere. There is no minimum age for admission, and except for those with a private income or large personal capital, the charge is based on the applicant's pension. Application should be made to the County Welfare Officer or Medical Officer.

A number of housing authorities have special schemes for elderly persons still able to take reasonable care of themselves, varying between bungalows on ordinary estates, and flatlets with a resident warden available in emergencies. There are also a number of voluntary schemes, run by such bodies as the Abbeyfield Society and the Church Army.

#### **In the home**

There are also a number of ways in which the elderly can be helped to remain in their own homes by services provided from outside. It is the duty of local health departments to provide a service of 'home helps', responsible women able to undertake the ordinary domestic chores. The charge is based on the applicant's means, and application is normally made through the family doctor.

In many areas there is a "Meals on Wheels" service, run by the WVS or some other voluntary body, through which well-balanced cooked lunches are delivered in heated containers. As such a service qualifies for a subsidy from the rates, they can be provided very cheaply.

Sometimes the care of an elderly relative presents a problem to the family because everyone else is out during the day. Here some local authorities offer the solution of day-centres—comfortable lounges equipped with amusements and pastimes attractive to the older age-group, with a lunch provided. The hospital service is also beginning to provide a counter-

part in day-hospitals, where the elderly infirm can receive medical care and treatment by day and return home at night.

Mention must also be made of district nursing and health visiting services, which offer special facilities for old people, including chiropody and bathing the bedridden.

#### **The handicapped**

For some old age is, alas, accompanied by failing sight, the loss of hearing, or one of the diseases causing partial paralysis. For persons handicapped in these ways the local authority is required to keep a register and offer help which includes the teaching of braille, provision of personal and household aids to overcome the handicap, and even adaptations in the home, for instance, to enable a wheelchair to be moved around. The register is maintained by the County Welfare Officer or Medical Officer.

#### **Other Helps**

In many places there are all kinds of other official or voluntary help available to the elderly. Free transport at off-peak times; friendly visiting for the housebound; shopping and library book exchanging services; Darby and Joan Clubs. Some churches arrange transport for their older members to attend services. Enquiry should be made about these services from doctor, clergy or welfare officer.

Although we may hope that the quality and breadth of help now offered to our elder brethren will yet improve, we cannot forget the duty first of the family and second of ordinary neighbourly charity. Let us not use old people's homes as convenient hide-aways for forbears unheeded, even unloved. Let us if possible keep their place within the family circle and seem to include them within the life of the total community.



## ABBEYFIELD SOCIETY

MARJORIE  
HAHN

**T**HE OFFER OF A LIFT TO two elderly ladies one wet day brought home the housing problem faced by many of our more senior citizens.

The two were not waiting for a bus, but sheltering from the weather. They lived in a nearby Home. Even on so dour a day they deliberately chose to be out. Neither was infirm nor, by appearance, without means.

The Abbeyfield Society has tackled this pressing problem in a forthright manner.

The elderly and old want both the dignity of their own life, surrounded by familiar people and belongings, and sympathetic help available at all times.

The Society forms small communities of up to six tenants in suitable houses, where each resident keeps his or her furnishings. A resident housekeeper looks after their well-being. They are free to come and go at will, to visit and be visited.

The aim is to provide accommodation near the tenants' home background, so that continuity with friends and relatives is maintained. Residents have their own keys to their rooms, the front door being unlocked during daytime. Local clergy are invited to call. House parties are arranged to include visiting friends and neighbours.

By a series of business-like steps, machinery is set in motion to found a local branch of the main Society,

registered as "The Abbeyfield ("Anytown") Society Limited."

The new Society becomes registrable as a "Charity", under which Deeds of Covenant and/or public appeals are possible. By law also it is a "Housing Association" and able to approach the local Council for financial assistance. Interested bodies, such as Rotary, may make donations to the funds.

Each house under this scheme is self-supporting. Once the tenants are established their joint rents generally maintain it. Rents may vary from £5 to £7 a week. Tenants qualifying for National Assistance (now: Ministry of Social Security) are covered. It is sympathetic to the Society's aims.

A Committee should be formed of public-spirited men and women, conversant with local affairs. They give their time and experience to the successful running of each house acquired, to the appointment of housekeepers and the installing of tenants.

Thus, an admirable balance of voluntary and friendly help with business and professional management preserves independence and avoids the label of "institutional".

Truly practical Christianity.

### Facts about Abbeyfield Society

The Central Society is at 22 Nottingham Place, London, W.1. It has prepared a blue print "Memorandum and Articles of Association" and an "Agreement" to assist in setting up any local society. The cost of this basic formation is £15. Advice is available for every stage of the new project.

Local authorities may buy the house and lease it to the Society. Building Societies may provide a suitable mortgage. Barclays Bank Limited will also consider an additional loan on lodgement of Deeds of Covenant.

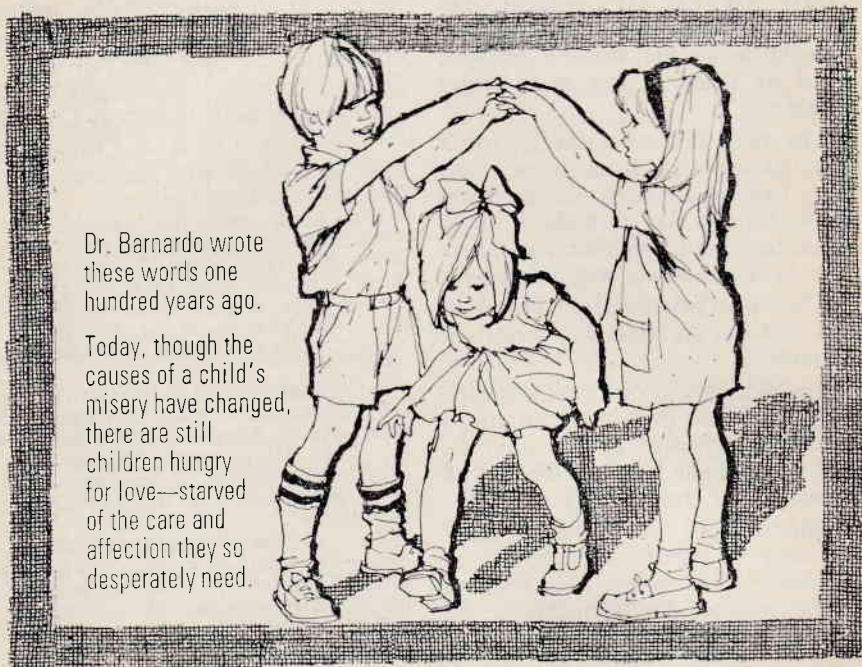
An affiliation fee of 10s. per tenant is paid annually.

The housekeeper caters for two main meals. A hot plate is provided in resident's rooms for simple cooking at other times. Houses have central heating. Extra heating may be available in exceptional weather.

Over 300 local societies have been formed in the United Kingdom. About 225 are active, others in course of being set up. More than 200 houses are occupied, another 70 or so not yet opened.

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for little children and  
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# NEWS—VIEWS

## Keeping Together

J. B. Priestley, veteran author, addressing the National Old Peoples' Welfare Council urged that the lifeline between old and young should never be cut. We all live in the same world, in the same atmosphere, however different our circumstances. Our over-exalting and pampering of youth, with its few years of excitement left the rest of life an anti-climax. Ours is the most brilliant age technologically, "But from the point of view of people trying to live together peacefully, probably the silliest". "We live in a world where technology is more important than anything, a world afraid of death and lacking religious belief or the kind of culture to immerse ourselves in in old age".

## Youth and Age

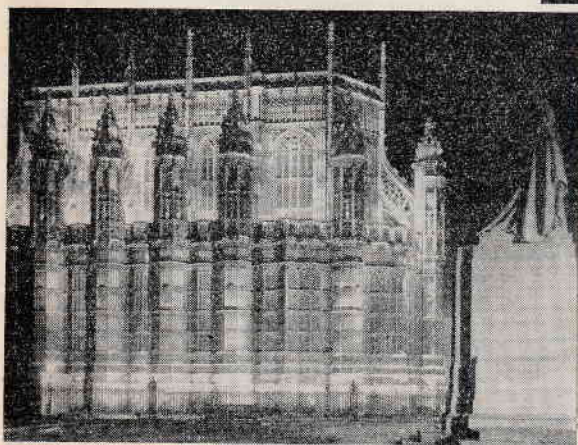
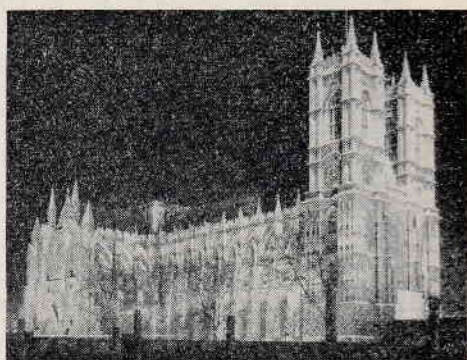
"Don't think that you're either too young or too old to do great things: Jefferson was 33 when he drafted the Declaration of Independence. Charles Dickens was 24 when he began his *Pickwick Papers* and 25 when he wrote *Oliver Twist*; Newton was 24 when he formulated the law of gravitation.

"But—Emmanuel Kant at 74 wrote his finest philosophical works. Verdi at 80 produced *Falstaff* and at 85 *Ave Maria*. Goethe at 80 completed *Faust*. Tennyson at 80 wrote *Crossing the Bar*. Michelangelo completed his greatest work at 87. Titian at 98 painted the historic picture *Battle of Lepanto*."—Louis Nizer in *Pageant*.



## Church and Theatre

Valparaiso University, Indiana, has joined forces with Coventry Cathedral to investigate the problem of relating the life of the Church with the life of the theatre. They have announced an international playwriting competition with the keynote "Toward the involvement of the theatre and the Church in the full life of man". Prizewinning plays will be presented in Coventry next summer. In the picture, acting a play of the type to be presented in the Cathedral, are the Strolling Players of Valparaiso University Memorial Chapel.



The floodlighting installed at Westminster Abbey as part of the nine hundredth anniversary is exceptionally fine. Great care was taken not to compete or try and out-light other floodlit buildings in the vicinity, and the special features of the exterior of the Abbey have been carefully held together in an integrated plan. It is to remain as a permanent feature of London's Evening scene.



**Age**  
Pablo Casals, world famous cellist, celebrates his 90th birthday on December 29th. Earlier this year he took a leading part in the Prades Festival, to which in his honour many renowned musicians came—a sentimental journey



touched with fear—"When a musician is almost 90, one may legitimately worry about how he is going to play". On the opening night, in the Gothic Saint-Pierre Church, Casals played with passion and tone, filling the vast church. At the end the 1,000 audience stood in silent and smiling admiration. "Absolutely remarkable" said another famed musician, "never in the history of stringed instruments has there been such a musician".

**Keeping Interest Alive**

A new venture in education was begun two years ago by the University of Kentucky. At the suggestion of the university's Council on Aging, free tuition is offered to all students over 65 years old. So far, 185 students have been enrolled under the scheme, which seems to cover mainly extra-mural courses connected with hobbies such as creative writing, art, recreational leadership, although one 68 year old ex-Ziegfield Follies star is studying sociology with a view to working with delinquent girls.

A similar effort is being established in Finland, at Vivamo, where there are to be courses in psychology, sociology, literature, cooking and other subjects, even on how to use tape recorders and other gadgets effectively. It is hoped that students on completing their course will organise clubs and social activities among their own communities when they return home.

*Unesco.*

**Iona**

The "Week's good cause" on June 20th—a summer evening when one might expect most viewers out-of-doors rather than watching T.V.—brought in the largest response in the quarter year—£8921, for the work of the Iona Community. Dr. G. MacLoed, Leader of the Iona Community described it as "an encouragement"—maybe it was also a sign that people will give generously when they feel the Church is lively, courageous and prepared to do great things.

There are plans to "build inwardly", deepen the conferences, extend youth work,

**Whither China?**

This is a charming enough picture of Chinese schoolchildren being taken out for the day. But the recent teenage riots in Peking, aimed at enforcing a stricter communist way of life, lead one to wonder what spiritual values these children will adopt as they grow up. Although churches have been attacked in the riots, there seems an almost puritanical air about the onslaught on Western bourgeois materialism. It seems that Chinese youngsters feel that their elders have failed them in a sense of real purpose in life, in the same way, perhaps, that the beatnik generation of the too affluent West feels.

**Vietnam**

The war in Vietnam is an agony for all civilized and Christian people. Harsh words by Lord Bertrand Russell that the American Leaders should be indicted as "War criminals" and quoted in the Press make no more pleasant reading than the threat of Vietnam Leaders not long ago to treat American captive pilots in the same way.

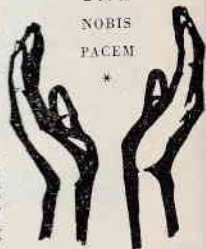
**Peace Sunday**

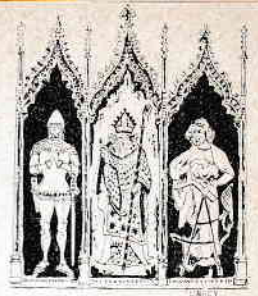
On Remembrance Sunday two year's ago the Rev. Nicolas Stacey, Rector of Woolwich suggested the day should be transformed into "Peace Sunday". "What we want is a moral alternative to war and something big that will recapture our faith"—the nation giving an annual pledge that it would work for peace; doing what could be done in personal lives and in national life to promote peace—the thing so many died for.

"Remembrance Sunday is less well attended. It is in danger of becoming a formality. You have got to be over sixty-five to have fought in the First World War, and over thirty-six to have fought in the Second. Memories are short.

"There is a subtler and deeper reason—nothing, no cause, is capturing people's imagination. The one cause which would capture the country's imagination could be a moral alternative to war—the lifting of the living standards of the world."

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# THE MAKING OF THE ANGLICAN LITURGY

by the Rev. H. A. L. Rice

## IV. STRUGGLE OVER REVISION

The long Exhortations at the Communion were seldom or never read, and it is doubtful if a single church in the whole of the country went through the full statutory scheme of Mattins, Litany, Holy Communion (with sermon) and Evensong every Sunday and Holy Day.

The plain fact of the matter was that the rigid arrangements and forms of service, considered adequate and acceptable in 1662, no longer commended themselves in the very altered circumstances and conditions of church life by the beginning of the twentieth century. Liturgical awareness was developing, and the old forms of service, though hallowed by centuries of use, no longer met the needs and aspirations of the modern age.

### Official Revision

This was frankly admitted in the report of a Royal Commission on Ecclesiastical Discipline which published its findings in 1906. As a consequence of this report, the Convocations proceeded to consider what changes were desirable in the public worship of the Church of England, and although their work was interrupted by the first World War they eventually produced a revision of the Book of Common Prayer which became known as "The Deposited Book".

It was keenly debated in the Convocations and in the Church Assembly, and was eventually ap-

**F**EW CHANGES WERE MADE in the Book of Common Prayer between 1662 and the Great War of 1914-18.

A Royal Commission in 1690, anxious to reconcile Dissenters with the Church of England, drew up a series of proposed modifications but nothing came of the attempt. In spite of sporadic agitation during the next two hundred years, the only developments were the authorisation in 1871, of a new Lectionary, and the passing by Parliament in the following year of an Amendment Act to the Act of Uniformity which permitted the shortening, under certain conditions, of the statutory services.

### Unofficial Revision

Meanwhile, a good deal of unofficial "revision" of the Prayer Book, and notably of the Holy Communion Service, was taking place in a considerable number of churches. Many of the clergy, finding the Order of 1662 devotionally and liturgically inadequate, were openly supplying what they regarded as its deficiencies.

By the end of the nineteenth century such ancient parts of the eucharistic rite as the nine-fold *Kyrie Eleison* (in Greek or English, in place of the Ten Commandments), the traditional responses before and after the Gospel, the *Benedictus Qui Venit* after the *Sanctus* and the *Agnus Dei* before the priest's communion had become familiar to many Anglican congregations. A few priests re-introduced the full Order of 1549, and a handful of extremists abandoned the Prayer Book rite and adopted the Roman Mass, usually in English but in one or two cases in its original Latin.

Nor were the unofficial "revisers" all of one ecclesiastical colour. Churchmen of a very different school were apt to leave out those parts of the Prayer Book services which failed to appeal to them, such as the Athanasian Creed. In many churches the Holy Communion was reduced to a devotional appendage to Morning Prayer. There were frequent alterations of the authorised Calendar, Lectionary and appointed psalms.

Technically "illegal" hymns, sermons, collections and blessings were introduced generally at Morning and Evening Prayer.

proved in the convocations by 268 votes to 36, and in the Church Assembly by 517 to 133.

#### Church and State

Meanwhile, through violent public agitation by minorities opposed to the Book, a nation-wide controversy of unexpected proportions and quite astonishing acrimony was stirred up.

The Measure came before Parliament in December, 1927. The House of Lords approved it by 241 votes to 88, but it was rejected in the Commons by a majority of 33: 205 voting for and 238 against. Suffice it to say that much of the opposition in the House of Commons came from outside the real membership of the Church of England and indeed from outside England itself. Winston Churchill, both spoke and voted on behalf of the Deposited Book.

To meet Parliamentary objections, the bishops made certain modifica-

tions, and once more presented the Measure for approval in the summer of 1928. Once more the House of Lords voted its agreement, and once more the House of Commons rejected it—this time by 266 votes to 220.

In an effort to assert the Church of England's right to order its own worship and control its own affairs, the bishops decided that the "1928 Prayer Book", as it is now generally known should be printed. They agreed that they would tolerate the use of services contained in it, conditional upon the goodwill of the congregation as represented by the Parochial Church Council.

The result is that the Book of 1662 still remains the only Prayer Book recognized by the law of the State, but most clergy over these years have made use of the 1928 Book, particularly the revised baptism, marriage and burial services, as well as the additional collects, epistles and gospels provided.

*To be continued.*

### The Rev. R. P. FLINDALL



Read the words of the collect and ask, read the words of the epistle and thank, read the words of the gospel and praise God. Let God speak through your thought and reason in reading the Prayer Book collect, epistle and gospel for the week.

#### Trinity 22 (Nov 6)

**Ask God** that his Church may exist only to be used by him in love and witness.

**Thank God** that his love enables us to know instinctively what is good, excellent, and acceptable to him.

**Praise God** that his forgiveness is unlimited and finds its counterpart in all human relationships.

#### Trinity 23 (Nov 13)

**Ask God** that we may use prayer without selfishness, ignorance or hesitation.

**Thank God** that he uses human life for his eternal purpose of making men fit to dwell with the Holy Trinity for ever.

**Praise God** that Christians can offer their best to their countries, and maintain the right to withdraw their support when it is abused.

#### Sunday next before Advent (Nov 20)

**Ask God** that our wills may become ready instruments of his power.

**Thank God** that his saving grace demonstrated in the Exodus, the reign of David, and the return from exile continues still.

**Praise God** that Jesus demonstrated beyond doubt, by his words and actions that he was one with the God of the Old Testament.

#### Advent Sunday (Nov 27)

**Ask God** that we may accept the challenge of a humiliated Jesus and so face our wasted past with a sense of forgiveness.

**Thank God** Jesus Christ so fills our lives, that he becomes its one absorbing interest.

**Praise God** that we have a clearer understanding of the mission and purpose of the Prophet of Nazareth than the people of Jerusalem had.



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Sally Smith was recently appearing in ABC TV "The Human Jungle"

"Take no credit for beauty in youth. That was given you. If you are beautiful at 60, it will be your own soul's doing"

## WOMEN'S PAGE

Donne's famous and oft-quoted words apply to this as much as to any other aspect of life: "No man is an island unto himself . . ." and it is only those who insist on being islands, and who won't let others on to their islands, who are lonely, in the true sense of the word.

But yet old age, which slows the hands and the busy heart, also takes the burdens gently off shoulders less capable now of bearing them and places them on others more fit and capable. Our children have grown up and married and left home . . . but is not that exactly what we spent so many years trying to fit them for—to stand on their own feet and enjoy life and take responsibilities and

serve their generation? And the fact that they are busy doing it now is the measure of our success and we should rejoice in it!

**Mary Andere writes on:**

### GROWING OLD GRATEFULLY

**SO MANY PEOPLE TODAY FEAR OLD AGE AND THE LONELINESS IT BRINGS. OUR** Western way of living often leaves the aged feeling unwanted and a nuisance whereas in most Eastern countries age simply enhances the individual's dignity and importance.

Respect is given to the grey hairs and the wisdom accumulated through the years is recognised and valued.

It is not like that in our Western world, unfortunately, and I think we lose a great deal by it. But, since this is the way things are today, at least we should face it squarely and see both sides of the question.

Loneliness is something which has nothing to do with circumstances or surroundings. Those who are "young in heart" do not seem to suffer from loneliness at all, and solitude to them is a time of refreshment and serenity.

There are very simple, luxurious joys even to sample in these days . . . to choose our own times for getting up—to stay in bed and read the paper from cover to cover, or finish the piece of knitting we were too tired to finish last night . . .

There are the pleasures of choosing our own particular radio programmes; of reading books we love but which require considerable concentration which could not be tackled when people were always popping in and out, talking and asking questions.

There is the pleasure of seeing the children when they visit; of going to stay with them and seeing the love and care they expend on their own homes and families—the love and care they once learned from us. There is the joy of watching their children grow up and the pleasure of helping on odd occasions when

sickness and need arise. There is time, now, for all the things one had to pass by in middle-life . . . "What is this life, if, full of care We have no time to stand and stare . . .?"

The joy of watching the slow pageant of the clouds piling across the sky, or following the meanderings of a butterfly as it dances from flower to flower . . . sitting quietly, in sheltered garden or sunny park. There is time now to sit quietly, remote and unnoticed, in some church one loves, sitting there as long as one will, with heart raised to God in praise and thankfulness for all the blessings He has given in past years. There is time now to listen to the woes and the hopes and the difficulties of the stranger we meet about our paths, the very young and the adolescent, the old and the middle-aged. We understand now more clearly their hopes and fears, for we have been that way ourselves and know the changes and chances of life.

There is a maturity which comes with the years, if we will accept it and not fight against it. It is the maturity of the mind which has "trained its sights on God" and therefore is not over-anxious about the temporal, passing things for they too, are passing and all days are days of pilgrimage on towards a goal.

If in life we have sought God, we will have found Him, and having found Him we know that nothing else matters but remaining with Him, in Him. We shall be able to say, with the Psalmist confidently and with serenity "This God is our God for ever and ever. He will be our guide even unto death" . . . "yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me . . ."

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Now has come the winter of my years, made bold by age.

And now that I must wait, for the winged one to come, there is no place for fear, or sorrow to dwell within my heart, only peace, for this must be.

Around me in youthful play, laughing and singing, are my children's children, and I thank God for this rich gift.

Will the seed when put to soil, not grow in the light of the sun, and fade when winter comes.

The seed remains asleep within its soft bed of soil, till spring shall come once more.

Through my life, I have toiled hard, and been proud to follow the sign of the cross, so should I fear, now that I have reached, the winter of my years?

Colin Ian Jeffrey



Cheddar Kedgeree

## cooking

### Good Breakfasts

If you like a light breakfast, this page is no use to you. If you like a good, tempting meal these suggestions maybe helpful. **Eggs** in almost any form are a good way to begin the day, and easy to prepare and cook. Where ovens can be time-set the previous night, fish pies, sausages and more elaborate dishes can be served!

Scrambled eggs on toast or with mushrooms and fried tomatoes. Bacon and eggs is everyone's standby, but it can be varied by fried eggs with or without bacon, served with baked beans, or mushrooms, or bubble and squeak; whilst bacon can accommodate itself also to the same sort of doubling-up! Have you tried egg hubble-bubble? This is simply fried diced cooked potato and any vegetables available (mushrooms, tomatoes, peas, celery, etc) fried in butter. When cooked, pour in 3 or 4 lightly beaten, seasoned eggs. Sprinkle with grated cheese and cook very slowly, with a plate over the top until the eggs are set. Poached egg and spinach is both nourishing and attractive to look at. Topped with a thick crust of grated cheese and browned under the grill for a few moments, it is a really substantial meal to start the day on.

**Cheddar Kedgeree** is a quick and well-loved favourite. You need 12 oz. cooked fish; 12 oz. cooked rice; 8 oz. grated cheddar cheese and salt and pepper. Mix the cooked, flaked fish and cooked rice and heat quickly, tossing with a fork. Add the grated cheese, mix lightly, and serve neatly piled. Garnish with sieved egg yolk, or chopped parsley, or fried mushrooms.

**Kippers** served with plenty of butter sauce, or smoked haddock, are easy and quick to prepare but frequently forgotten! Soused herrings are appetising and have great nutritional value.

**Ham**, tongue, brawns, and a whole variety of continental sausages used to be regarded as staple breakfast fare, and could hardly be simpler to prepare and serve

Then there are fish cakes, kidneys on toast, or kidneys with bacon liver, and sweetbreads. Between hot porridge and toast and marmalade, any of these help to send the family off to face the most inclement weather well and truly armed

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## OLD and YOUNG TOGETHER

# YOUTH IN ACTION

**M**ANY PEOPLE ALL ROUND us are old. So let us try this month to imagine we are old. We have just retired at 65. What next? What does it feel like? When we retire, we give up working and then all life is a holiday. But don't long holidays become boring? Just think then of a holiday that goes on for years and years and never ends.

How does retirement and old age end? Gradually we do less and less, our eyesight and hearing fail, we cannot get out or walk around, we just sit and sit by the fire. Finally we fall ill and die . . .

Can we face it? Well, we must, you know. Perhaps this explains why some old people are unhappy and bored and afraid—yet some are bright and cheerful. It all depends on how we live now. When we are young we are as God made us, but when we are old we are what we have made ourselves.

For most of our life the main thing will have been our work. Perhaps in retirement we may work part-time or do voluntary work for others on the Town Council, in Church, in a club or a society. Or perhaps we have a hobby that keeps us busy. Some old people say they are busier and happier in retirement than at work. Ask your father what he will do upon retirement.

Others are lonely because they hardly ever see anyone, though they might have grown-up children and young grandchildren who live miles away and never visit grandparents. How often do you visit or see yours?

Young people nowadays do much to help the old. One church I've read about, the Youth Club collect and deliver timber offcuts for old people's firewood; almshouses are visited; cripples are wheeled out in invalid

chairs; old ladies shopping is done; some young people go and visit old people simply to cheer them up and talk to them. And of course, to listen . . .!

Listening to old people can be very hard Christian work. But it is so often worth-while to meet old people and find out about them. What they have done in life. I've met over the years a fascinating number of old people who in younger years have done wonderful things, held important posts. Find out their ideas on young people and the world today.

One most important thing you will discover when you meet the elderly is that at 70 people are proud of their experience and independence. They have seen a lot and done a lot. They want to be wanted; they desire to help you as much as you to help them.

Why not invite some fine old person with an interesting and lively mind to your Youth Club to tell of past local history or their memories of the World Wars, or to put them on tape for playing back in a Club session?

When young and old can come together without condescension on either side, without either feeling ill at ease with the other, something of enormous worth to both has been achieved.



*Yours Sincerely*  
*David Atfield*



A charming card issued by the Children's Society.

## YOUR LETTERS . . .

### Christmas Cards

Halesworth

Dear Canon Rhodes,  
Would-be buyers like to help several causes. Can't these charities get together and set up centres where all their cards are on display? If Churches in smaller towns could do it, it would be of great help.

Yours,  
Irene Lines.

### South India

Dear Canon Rhodes

Bedford

I was disturbed by the remark that the South India Church is not "to our shame" fully accepted.

Surely this is to everybody's shame and not to the Anglican Church alone. Why is it that the Anglican Church is always being expected to water down its faith and throw overboard its apostolic and Catholic doctrines?

If the South India Church feels unable to accept fully the Catholic Faith why should the Anglican Church be expected to sacrifice her position?

Yours  
Laurence Watson.

(What is needed is to understand Apostolic and Catholic more truly and fully. ED.)

### Rhodesia

Dear Canon Rhodes

Leigh-on-Sea

I was both appalled that "Church News" published the letter on Rhodesia... the specious arguments propounded... frankly materialist and partisan in tone—makes no effort to see Rhodesia's problems in a Christian context. What of the moral—let alone religious—objections to the detention of thousands of African Christians in the most disgraceful and humiliating conditions? regretfully dissociate myself from the future purchase and perusal of "Church News".

Yours  
David Stooke.

Dear Canon Rhodes

Nayland

Space forbids an adequate answer to Dorothy Stebbing's letter.

May I urge your readers to obtain—Background to Rhodesia—(1s. post free) published by Africa Bureau, 65 Denison House, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.1. in which is a factual presentation of the situation.

Yours sincerely  
Richard A. Harman.

Dear Editor,

I have just read the letter from Dorothy Stebbing in Rhodesia. As you will probably get plenty of rude letters about it, may I congratulate you for having the courage to include this in Church News, and the writer for writing it. Whatever one may think about the action of U.D.I., the continuation of reasonable discussion and action on a settlement is in my view a real priority.

Yours faithfully  
Mr. J. Hume

I give these 3 letters as representative of other correspondence. ED.

### A Prayer

Lord, we pray not for tranquility, nor that our tribulations may cease; we pray for Thy Spirit and Thy Love, that Thou grant us strength to overcome adversity; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Girolamo Savonarola, A.D. 1452.*

# editors desk



### Shopkeepers Service

Last year too late to publish to be of any use, I received a letter from Blackpool telling of a Shopkeepers and Staff Service, suggested by the Manager of a local store, being held in the Parish Church, with a Mass at the local R.C. Church, some 3 weeks before Christmas. It was reported that shops on that day were opening late to allow for this half hour service.

To link the Churches' life with the community and the community with the Christian message of Christmas is worth reporting. I would like to know of other efforts. Editor.

### Book Reviews

★ **Need I Ever Retire?** by William Evans, M.D., D.Sc. F.R.C.P. (5s. C.H.A., Tavistock House North, Tavistock Sq., London W.C.1.). As this issue of Church News is concerned with our elder brethren, may I mention this book. The theme is the importance of not just retiring, but the necessity of preparing ourselves, if it is to be met contentedly and properly.

### ★ The Archbishop's Belief

In a foreword to his 1966 Lent talks (just published B.B.C. Publications 2s. 6d.) on the problems of Christian belief, Dr. Ramsey explains his own belief in the Christian faith as "... a constant process of wrestling, of losing of finding... For me the struggle is not between faith and unbelief, so much as within faith itself. Faith is a sort of adventurous conflict in the midst of which certainty deepens." The Archbishop believes that "Christians and non-Christians... need to talk together about the realities which mean most to them. What in the depth of my being do I find supreme for my relations to other people and to the world?"

### At the End

### "Arranging a Funeral"

The Consumer Council, 3 Cornwall Terrace, London N.W.1., have produced a leaflet "Arranging a Funeral", explaining briefly but clearly, simple funeral arrangements, death grants, local authority services, registration etc. etc. Because the dying of those for whom we have responsibility comes to us rarely, we are usually completely ignorant as to what to do.

Parish Clergy will find it useful to have a supply.

Few people who knew her never realised what an outstanding contribution she had made to medical research, and no doubt her own health suffered as a result of her willingness to apply to herself certain experimental tests, which might in their ultimate development benefit humanity. We are privileged that, although she was born in Australia, the last resting place of her earthly remains, is in the village which she came to love, and whose name was chosen by Lord Florey for his baronetcy.

HERBERT EDWARD WARD was laid to rest in St. Nicholas' Churchyard on a glorious sunny October afternoon surrounded by the beautiful flowers he loved so much and amidst the many friends and relations who had loved and respected him over the years.

This seemed a most fitting scene for one who loved the simple things of life. A familiar figure, until quite recently, walking up through the village to tend to the grass in the churchyard — or, on a summer evening in particular, to join with the rest of us at Evensong in the Church that he loved and where he had worshipped since his boyhood days. He was always proud of the fact that he had sung in the choir and right to the end took a keen interest in Church music. A keen gardener—and when he was not working in his little home, he was always out in the garden he loved. There was always a kindly smile and a welcome whenever one met him, and one felt the richer for having spent a few moments talking with him and listening to his quiet voice—there was always something one could learn from his wisdom. When at last he gave up his home, he was cared for by his daughter to whom we extend our sympathy and to all his other relations and friends at this time.

In the words of the Burial Service—"Grant unto him O Lord, eternal rest and let perpetual light shine upon him."

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rita Rutt whose photograph found its way into the Oxford Times as one of the Prize-winners in the Lower V ferm at Littlemore Grammar School. Well done Rita!

### BELLRINGERS NOTES (held over from last month)

On Saturday, 10th September in 2 hours 41 minutes at the Church of St. Nicholas a peal of 5,040 Doubles in 50 methods (42 extents).

Treble : Martin Bolton. 2. Leonard Porter. 3. Roy Jones. 4. Noel Deam. Tenor : Alec Gammon. Conductor : Roy Jones.

This peal was significant in being Alec Gammon's 50th peal on the bells. Mr. Gammon is the first doubles ringer in the world to ring 50 peals on his own tower's bells and to ring 50 on any "set of five." This was also the greatest number of methods ever rung by a local band at Marston or anywhere else. It was the first peal in 50 methods for the Oxford Diocesan Guild on the bells, and for the local band.

### ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

- Nov. 6. Mrs. Vernede.
- „ 13. Mrs. Silk.
- „ 20. The Misses Warburton.
- „ 27. ADVENT SUNDAY and
- Dec. 4. ST. NICHOLAS'-TIDE : Mrs. M. Harlow.

### IN MEMORIAM

- Oct. 10. Lady Mary Ethel Hayter Florey. Aged 66.
- „ 12. Herbert Edward Ward. Aged 86.

### HOLY BAPTISM

- Sept. 18. Louise Joanne Whetham, 20 Haynes Road.  
 " 25. Sarah Elizabeth Bidois, 34 Elms Drive.  
 Graham John Day, 64 Elms Drive.  
 Paula Dianne Lively, 25 Arlington Drive.  
 David John Murray Legg, 15 Burnside, Fleet, Hants.  
 Nicola Jane Stroudley, 5 The Link, Risinghurst.  
 Michelle Wharton, 35 Cherwell Drive.
- Oct. 9. Susan Linda Clack, 11 Paget Road, Cowley.  
 Guy Charles Davies, "Durlston House," Oxford Road.  
 Colin Fleet, 1 Broughtons Close.

### HOLY MATRIMONY

- Oct. 1. Murdoch Alexander C. Macdonald and Susan Audrey Cecilia Baker.  
 " 10. Reginald Albert Brayne and Alma Julia Ellis.  
 " 22. Stuart Michael Bushnell and Josephine Webster.

### COLLECTIONS AND COMMUNICANTS

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Sept. 11.	... ..	21	9	0	37
" 18.	... ..	32	15	5	82
" 25.	Harvest Thanksgiving	46	4	7	31
Oct. 2.	... ..	47	13	2	98
" 9.	... ..	28	7	0	29

Number of week-day communicants — 49.

### PARISH CALENDAR : NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1. Tuesday. ALL SAINTS' DAY. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
- " 2. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 7.45 p.m. Young Wives : Church Hall. "Any Questions."
- " 6. TRINITY XXII. Services as for the 1st Sunday in the month with  
 Parish Communion at 11.0 a.m.  
 3.0 p.m. Brownie and Cub Service.
- " 7. Monday. 7.30 p.m. Old Marston Youth Club Re-opens. Mortimer Hall.
- " 9. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 Mothers' Union Prayer Group, 8 p.m. 77 Crotch Crescent.
- " 13. TRINITY XXIII. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY  
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 10.55 a.m. Mattins. British Legion will attend.  
 3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism.  
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- " 16. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 7.45 p.m. Young Wives : Church Hall. "Children in Homes" — an  
 illustrated talk.
- " 18. Friday. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion with "laying on of hands" and  
 special intention for the sick.
- " 20. TRINITY XXIV. Services as for the 3rd Sunday in the month with  
 Family Communion at 9.30 a.m.
- " 22. Tuesday. 7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union.
- " 23. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
- " 27. ADVENT SUNDAY : BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH'S YEAR  
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 11.0 a.m. Mattins.  
 3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism.  
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- " 30. Wednesday. ST. ANDREW'S DAY. Special Prayers for the Church  
 Overseas. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.

## CHURCH & LOCAL CLUBS, SOCIETIES, ETC.

### CHURCH

- Bell Ringers.** Sec. : Mr. A. Gammon, 50 Oxford Road.  
**Brownies.** Brown Owl : Mrs. N. Edmonds, 10 Ashlong Road.  
**Choir.** Choirmaster : Mrs. E. M. Garner, 31 Oxford Road.  
**Cubs.** Leader : Mr. E. Morse, 58 William Street, Oxford.  
**Girl Guides :** Captain : Mrs. J. Clarke, 30 Cavendish Drive.  
**Parish Magazine :** Sec. : Mrs. & Miss Finch, "Stanmore," Boults Lane.  
**Mothers' Union.** Enrolling Member : Mrs. A. Smith, 4 Windsor Crescent. Secretary : Mrs. R. Vernede, The Manor House, Old Marston.  
**Parochial Church Council.** Sec. : Mrs. M. Harlow, Fir Tree House, Oxford Road.  
**Scouts.** Scout Master : Mr. C. McCartney, 20 Sands Way, Benson, Oxon.  
G.S.M. : Mr. A. Smith, 4 Windsor Crescent.  
**St. Nicholas' Fellowship.** Sec. : Miss E. Warburton, Cross Cottage, Old Marston.  
**Young Wives Group.** Group Leader : Mrs. B. Sleightholm, 72 Oxford Road. Secretary : Mrs. R. B. Wells, 14 Raymond Road.  
**Youth Fellowship.** Secretary : Miss Lindsay Dunkley, 4 Hadow Road, New Marston.

### LOCAL

- St. Nicholas' Art Group.** Sec. : Mr. B. Davis, 56 Elms Drive.  
**Allotment Association.** Sec. : Mr. R. Bowen, 135 Oxford Road.  
**British Legion.** Marston & District Sec. : Mr. F. Thompson, 5 Temple Street, Oxford.  
**The Marston Players.** Mrs. Yates, Boults Lodge, Boults Lane, Old Marston.  
**Over 60's Club.** Sec. : Mrs. J. Yates, Boults Lodge, Boults Lane.  
Treas. : Mrs. W. Tomlinson, 35 Oxford Road.  
**Parish Council.** Chairman : Mr. Rumbold, 8 Beechey Avenue.  
**Teacher-Parent Association.** St. Nicholas County Primary School.  
Mr. J. Sparrowhawk, 23 Ashlong Road.  
**Teacher-Parent Association.** Old Marston S/M School.  
Mr. G. Ballsdon, 15 Cromwell Close.  
**Women's Institute.** Mrs. M. Harlow, Fir Tree House, Oxford Road.

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Friday, 3 to 6.30 p.m.  
Children : Monday, 3 to 5.15 p.m. ; Wednesday, 3 to 5.15 p.m.  
Over 60's Club. St. Nicholas Church Hall, Mondays at 2.45 p.m.  
Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths : St. Nicholas' Church Hall, Elsfield Road, Old Marston. Thursdays 4 to 4.30 p.m.  
Village Hall. All Bookings to Mr. Rumbold, 8 Beechey Avenue, Old Marston.  
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