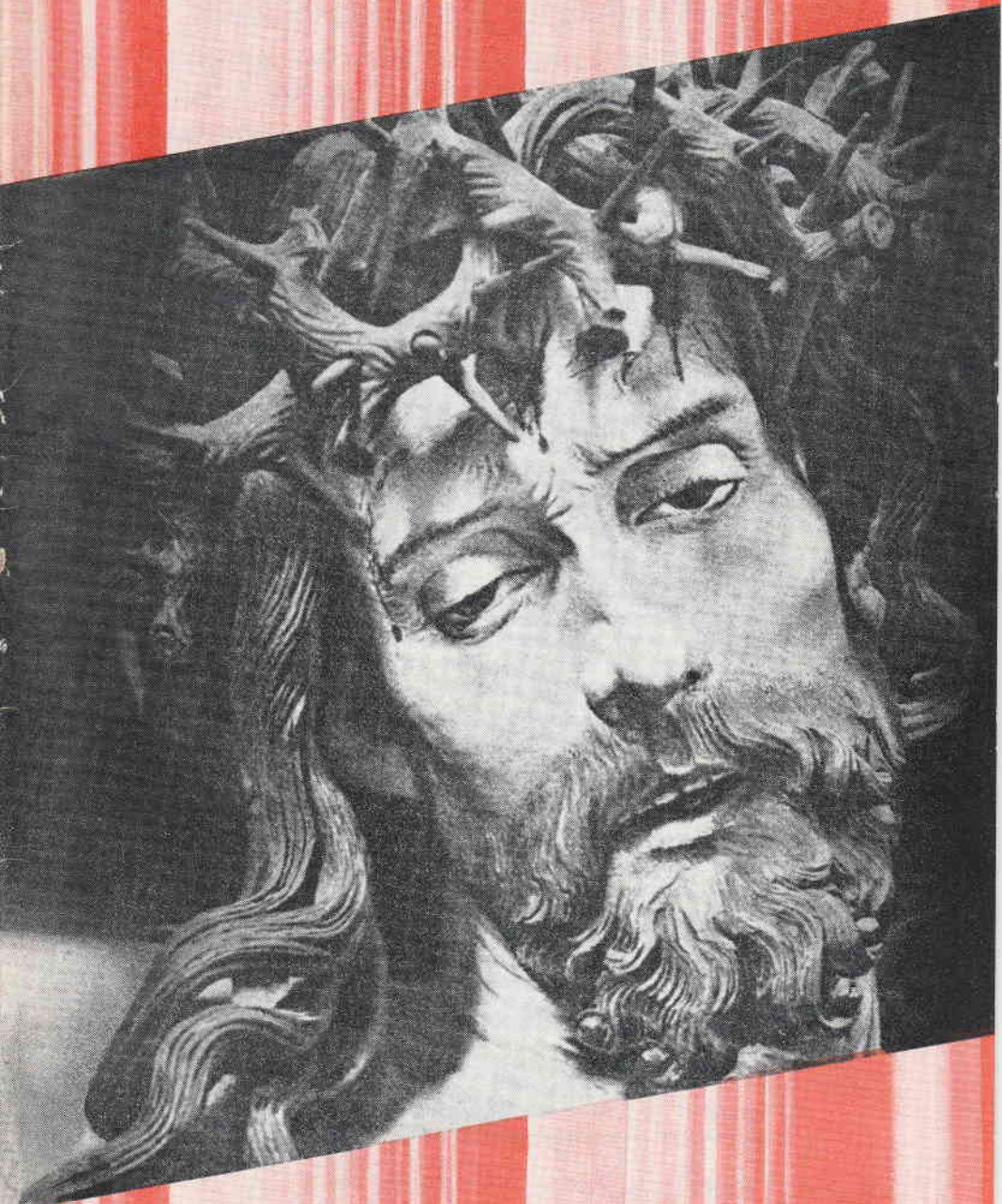


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### SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion : 8 a.m.

Parish Communion : 10 a.m.

Evensong and Sermon : 6.30 p.m.

**Holy Baptism** : Second and Fourth Sundays of the month at 3 p.m. unless otherwise announced. Notice must be given.

**Holy Matrimony** : Banns to be given in at the Vicarage.

### 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).**

The Daily Offices of Mattins and Evensong are usually said each day at 7.15 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. (except on Saturdays). Fridays Evensong is at 5.15 p.m. Wednesday : Matins is at 9.15 a.m. but it is advisable to consult the notice board in the Church Porch.

### 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.

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

**Mothers' Union** : 4th Wednesday.

**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** : Monday, 7.15 p.m. in Scout Headquarters.

**Cubs** : Wednesday, 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).

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As the covers are printed in advance you are advised to consult the Notice Board in the Church Porch, in case of alteration of times.

## VICAR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

With your copy of the magazine this month you will find a copy of the Questionnaire in connection with our main Act of Worship on Sunday morning. I am not going to say anything about this now, as I have made some comments on the questionnaire itself. I hope to be able to have assessed the replies by the time we hold our PARISH MEETING on THURSDAY, 9th MAY at 8 p.m. in the Church Hall.

Whatever decisions have to be made after that Parish Meeting, it is quite obvious that they will not please everyone. I am therefore going to plead with you to—complete the form prayerfully—return it promptly (by APRIL 21st at the very latest)—and to accept the outcome with Christian charity.

If the 6 months' period of Worship at 10 a.m. with the New Holy Communion Service Series II has done nothing more, it has made many of us review our entrenched positions, and ask ourselves what is the will of God for us in Marston at this time? If changes have to be made, it will certainly not be possible to make them on the Sunday following our meeting! However, I will try to see that adequate notice is given through this magazine, at the Services and elsewhere, so that all are informed.

I think that it was the Archbishop of York who said recently that the Church is "becoming pre-occupied with cultus, rather than mission" i.e. with the problems of liturgical reform, rather than outgoing evangelical zeal for those who need the Gospel message.

Nevertheless, as Archbishop Temple once said to students in Oxford. "The fundamental business of life is worship." Our approach to God will affect our approach to our neighbour, and our mission in and to the world.

My own prayer is that we in Marston may be open to the "wind of the Spirit" Who will inspire our worship, inform our Bible study, and Who will bring forth in our lives a new spirit of loving-kindness for one another, which will in itself draw men and women into the Kingdom.

May you know the Spirit of the Easter triumph in your lives.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,



### HOLY WEEK

THE LORD BISHOP OF OXFORD will preach at the 10 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION on PALM SUNDAY, 7th APRIL.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: Holy Communion at 7.15 a.m.  
Evensong at 7.15 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY at 8 p.m. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated with hymns and sort address.

GOOD FRIDAY. 8 a.m. Ante-Communion.

10 a.m. Children's Service.

11 a.m. UNITED SERVICE AT ST. CLEMENT'S, Oxford.  
Preacher: The Rev. Peter Cottingham, Rector of St. Clement's.

## **EASTER 1968**

**EASTER DAY** is a Festival of obligation for members of the Church of England, who should be present at the Lord's Table on his Resurrection morning.

There will be NO 7 a.m. Holy Communion Service.

Celebrations of Holy Communion will be at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Family Service for Parents and Children will be held at 11.15 a.m.

Evensong and Sermon will be at 6.30 p.m.

Baptisms (after prior notice) will be held at 3 p.m.

There will be a Service of Holy Communion on **EASTER MONDAY** at 9.30 a.m.

## **MENTAL HEALTH—A CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTION**

There are small groups of people meeting occasionally in Oxford for a coffee evening, to share the problem they have in common—that of having a near relative who is mentally ill. Anyone who would like to join such a group is invited to contact the Secretary of Oxford Area Mental Health Association (Mrs. R. West, Lenthalls, Dry Sandford, Abingdon, Berkshire) or Mrs. M. Fisher, 8 Rawlinson Road, Oxford.

## **CONGRATULATION To—**

Nigel Starmer-Smith on being awarded his Oxfordshire County Rugby Cap.

Nicholas Vernede and Nicholas Hewitt on their Confirmation on 9th March at St. Edward's School, Oxford.

Kenneth Tasker, a former sidesman and bellringer, on his marriage to Linda Kimbell from Texas, U.S.A., on March 9th at St. Nicholas Church

Mr. & Mrs. Wilfrid Furber as they celebrate their Silver Wedding this month. We wish them every blessing in the years to come.

## **NEWS FROM LOCAL CHURCHES**

Heartening news from Cowley is that the congregation of St. Luke's, Cowley and the Congregational Church next door have decided to investigate the possibility of joining together for regular acts of worship, as well as the mutual deployment of some of their buildings and resources.

Those of our young people who accepted the invitation to St. Clement's Church to hear the South American evangelistic group "Los Picaflores" (The Humming Birds) were fascinated by the use of a modern English version of Evening Prayer, published by the C.P.A.S.

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

This will take place on **TUESDAY**, 2nd April at 8 p.m. as mentioned in the March magazine. This will include the appointment and election of the Churchwardens and a report on the parish during the past year. It is sincerely hoped that all parishioners will do their best to be present. Anyone not already on the Electoral Roll (as distinct from the Electors list) should complete a form and return to the Vicarage before this meeting.

## **EASTER DECORATIONS**

The decoration of the Church for the Easter Festival will begin at 9 a.m. on Easter Even the 13th April. It would be a great help if those wishing to give flowers could bring them to Church by 9 a.m. on that morning, or on Good Friday evening. Alternatively, flowers will be ordered in any event and people may like to give a donation towards these. If so, please give your gifts to Miss Lodge as soon as possible.

# OUTMODED?

**Christ's words from the Cross  
with thoughts by  
Canon Rhodes**

*"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do"* (St. Luke 23:34)

Forgive whom? Men who could brutally drive nails through the hands and feet of Christ to fix him on the Cross; those who had thus commanded his death; those who had plotted and planned that Jesus be crucified and all who cried "let him be crucified". And Jesus says: Father, forgive . . . Stay and see and ponder. Is there not reason why men stand in awe and amazement before Christ?

*"Today shalt thou be in paradise with me"* (St. Luke 23:43)

So Jesus speaks to the dying thief. A sop to ease his sufferings? Would Christ stoop so low? Here was his own profound assurance of the world beyond.

*"Woman, behold thy Son"* (St. John 19:26)

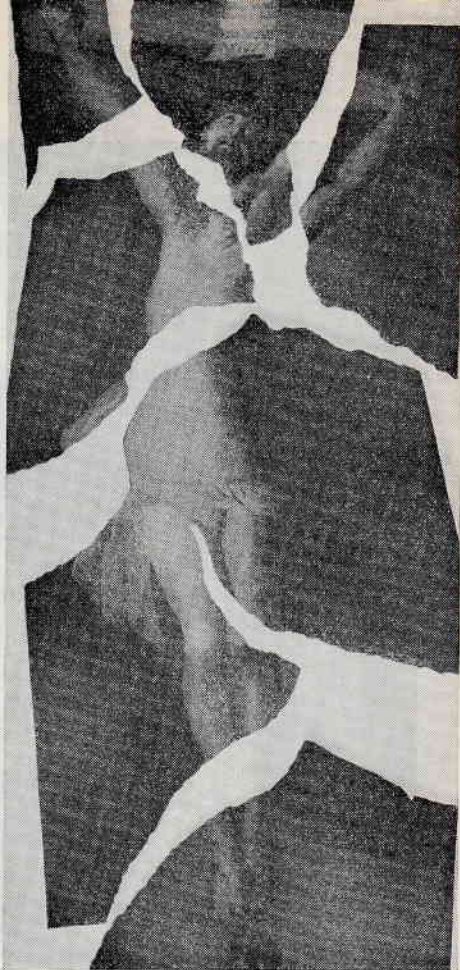
There is such a thing as triumphant failure, of outward defeat but inward victory—those who dare endure small or great suffering rather than yield their inner integrity, their inner faith, their inner honesty. Here lies man's greatest virtue. So in Jesus. Behold Him.

*"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"* (St. Matthew 27:46)

Faith in God can bring a splendour, a robustness to dare and die. And yet at the crucial moment that faith may falter and fail. Is this the ultimate test of faith?

*"I thirst"* (St. John 19:28)

Physical, mental, spiritual agony and his springs of life are quenched.



There is no moisture in the mouth—the final bitter physical discomfort.

*"It is finished"* (St. John 19:30)

His life, his work, his suffering in the realm of men is completed. The total picture is painted. Well do we sing "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."

*"Father, into thy hands I commend my Spirit"* (St. Luke 23:46)

A life lived in the assurance of faith will die in the assurance of faith. A life lived in the lostness of doubt will die in the lostness of doubt. And we each decide the way our soul will go.



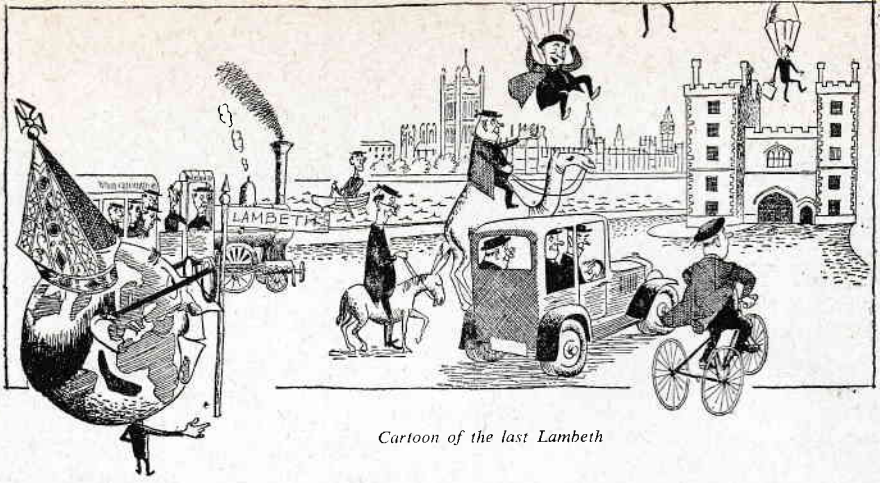
Manorhead Nursing Home, Hindhead, Surrey

**HOUSING and NURSING** accommodation is now provided by the Pensions Board for over **600 retired clergymen and their wives and clergy widows.**

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Cartoon of the last Lambeth

## LAMBETH—Four good reasons

by Canon David Paton, Secretary of the Missionary and Ecumenical Council of the Church Assembly

**L**AMBETH IS IMPORTANT for at least four reasons.

**First**, a world body with any reality at all must arrange periodic meetings. If they are to be representative they will be large. If they are to do more than transact formal business and deal superficially with great issues, they will be long. If the world-wide character of the Church is to be reflected, there must be suffragan and assistant bishops as well as diocesans, because in Central Africa and the South Pacific, for example, all the diocesan bishops are English. If the conference is not to live in an enclosed Anglican episcopal world, there must be participants who are not bishops and not Anglicans.

The solution adopted to these dilemmas is a conference lasting four weeks of about 500 bishops, 25 clerical and lay consultants and 50 observers from other Churches, with half the time spent in small committees of about 20 people.

**Second**, the conference cannot tackle everything. It will, however, brood deeply on the most important theme of all—our faith in God. Let us pray that it will be given to the

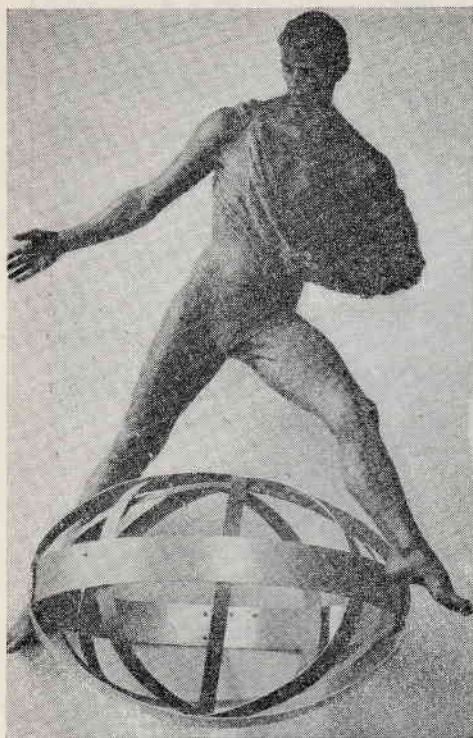
conference to show us how we may take the full force of the questions men ask today, and then speak with power the word of the Gospel.

**Third**, the delegates will share their experience of practical matters in the mission of the Church in the world, such as lay witness in society, or voluntary clergy, and see what we have learned about the way forward.

**Fourth**, they will consider the unity questions — Church union; Rome and the Orthodox; inter-communion; the meaning of the priesthood; the future of the Anglican Communion —and (we may hope) come up not with a blueprint, still less with instructions to the 19 autonomous Anglican Churches, but with a single coherent way of thinking about our place in Christendom and our work for unity. If they can do that, they will do a work for all Christians.

I for one look forward to Lambeth with expectancy: and I hope that the dioceses will do the same, and parishes make use of the prayers and other material, and contribute to the appeal for travel costs if they have not already done so.

*London Diocesan Bulletin*



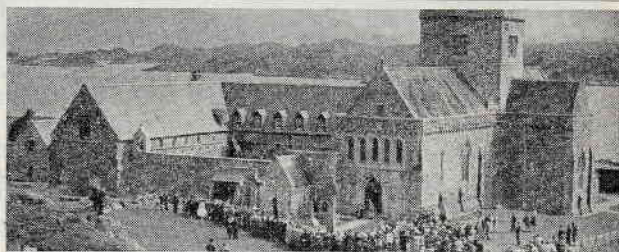
*A new B.F.B.S. sculpture, more than life-size, the sower standing across the world sowing good seed.*

## Stretch forth

A plea for a more adventurous and hopeful spirit among Christians.

**C**AN A CHRISTIAN OF THE 1960's, holding all the traditional beliefs of fallen human nature—redemption, the power of God through Christ's death and resurrection to give new life and direction—all the basic eternal truths of the Bible—change to a completely new way of applying these truths? I believe it can be done.

Believers in God seem to get terribly shocked with modern trends, and understandably so. The new and swift changes all around us. Massive concrete buildings going up in a matter of weeks it seems, traffic difficulties, the disappearance of small businesses, the more serious moral trends, violence, crime, drugs, permissive living. They are all numbing, upsetting, shocking. But do we really need to be scared?



### Dr. George MacLeod's Tribute to Calum Macpherson of Iona

**I**F CALUM HAD NOT PROMISED to continue at our service, and hurry over from his home in Bunessan, should ever a slate in the future shatter a window, or a main drain go crazy, I don't think some of us would ever want to go back to Iona. For around twenty years his sturdy frame has

been the corner stone of our Island life. In September last year he was present at the hanging of the very last door, having done himself out of a job.

It was very early in our purpose that I showed the (then quite short) coloured film of our work, before a listless audience in a

# thy hand

by Jane Cosens

Does not much of the older generation's reaction come from downright unwillingness to change in outlook. In God's mind surely change goes on and on into eternity?

Had we not better all get into our bones that the atomic age and all that goes with it is here to stay? We can never go back to the small, safe ways of thinking and living any more than an adult can go back to being a child again.

But God and His eternal truths do not change. How to bridge that gap? Accept the greatness of new technologies, new potentialities for good or evil, yet keep our heart high and in the right place.

If those who are shocked at youth could take responsibility for having created the conditions into which they are thrust—if instead of fearing almost uncontrollable forces of mind and brain which seem to threaten,

we could see in them the unfathomable resources of the Creator, would not this be a change for the better? Could it be possible, instead of the blind dependence on God to do everything (which seems to be some people's idea of faith), we saw *ourselves* as *our saviours*, yet always acknowledging the over-arching power of God? And to what new heights and achievements might not believers rise and to how much harmony with so-called "humanists"?

It may be an evil doctrine to say "God is dead, we no longer need Him," but if it made us draw on yet unplumbed depth of power and heart within ourselves, we believers could accept the glory and the greatness awaiting the world through our own efforts, yet acknowledging that the ultimate power comes from God.

May it not be that the tragedies of history come less from the evil deeds of perverted men than from the failure of so-called "believers" to reach out and grasp the full potentialities of redemption?

dingy church hall—secretly wondering the object of the exercise. From the gloom a figure approached asking if he could join our purpose: ex-Pipe-Sergeant of the Scots Guards, ex-Leading Carpenter on the Cunard *Queen Mary!* He was God's direct proof to us that He wanted a decent job done if we were to rebuild His Abbey at all.

The essence of courtesy, he touched me deeply when my marriage was announced: he immediately wrote a pipe tune "The welcome to Lady Lorna". The essence of accuracy, Hugh Lamont (mason) recently confessed how often Calum rejected anything but the best craftsmanship, infuriating them at the time but winning their deepest respect. Did the architects hesitate about the tricky job of a "Level" for the cloister? Calum came up with it and its accuracy was confirmed. Did we want to move "the Huts", from Abbey frontage to concealed knoll? To move the home of forty people was a major operation and should have cost us an architect, a surveyor, a roof expert and an

electrical crisis. Calum moved the lot. From drawing board to final window frame he had to ask the advice of none, saving us . . . how many pounds?

But all such was his ministry of works. The lasting memory is of his absolute constancy in daily worship morning and evening, winter and summer through the years. The skirl of his pipes almost invariably opened the weekly concert. His memories fascinated the dinner table. In one thing only he has deceived himself: retaining the delusion that he is deaf. It allowed him to sit oblivious when folk made nasty comment about others. But should anyone attack the character of the Highlander or question the high standard of the Abbey restoration, in volume however *sotto voce*, Calum's deafness left him of the instant.

How glad we all were when Her Majesty elected him a Member of the British Empire. How much we hope that slates will shatter windows, to bring him back to worship and to work with us from time to time.

The Coracle

# VICAR'S WIFE

Anne Efemey, young wife of young Midlands Vicar, thinks aloud about her position—

**F**ROM TIME TO TIME THE thought crosses my mind that one of us should take our courage in our hands and chain ourselves to the nearest convenient railings, crying out for the emancipation of vicars' wives!

Why is it that a perfectly normal group of people will suddenly treat you like something from a different planet when they discover that your husband happens to be a cleric?

For nine years I have tried to puzzle this one out, and have discovered that there is really no answer; whatever you do is bound to be wrong in somebody's eyes. The only thing is to learn to accept it.

Vicars' wives conjure up strange pictures to the English, particularly—dare I say it—to Church people. I have been accused of many things in my time, largely I suppose, because I don't fit into the right image. On the other hand those who do are equally accused of fitting it too well. So you can't win!

The favourite cry is, "I never thought vicars' wives could be young." Does this mean that at the age of twenty one should somehow assume the lines and greyness of our grandmothers?

If one doesn't fall with vast enthusiasm into "women's activities", so-called good works, or throw one's house open to all and sundry at every opportunity, one is thought of as a rebel; on the other hand if one does, usually that you're a "bossy old biddy"!

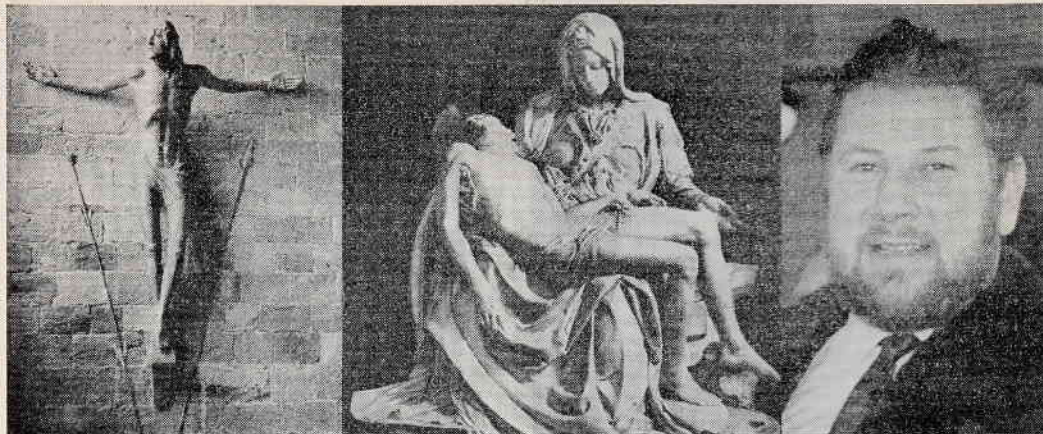


In many ways it is not altogether surprising that the Theological Colleges are no longer keeping up a steady output of young men for the ministry. I'm sure many of them feel that they daren't expose their wives to this considerable dilemma.

Many of these good ladies opt out as far as they can by following some career of their own, and who can blame them?

My own experience is that because I like the theatre, smart clothes, dancing, and a fairly radical approach to Christianity, plus the fact that I should not be happy attempting to run Young Wives, a Sunday School, or can accept the basic teaching of the Mothers' Union, I am considered "way out". Now if I was anyone else's wife, and, as now, also a believer and regular attender at church, nobody would raise an eyebrow, except perhaps a very few extremists; but because my husband happens to be the Vicar, I get insults that would probably shock some of you considerably.

Hard words? Maybe, but I would beg my church attending readers that first and foremost, Christianity is a religion of love and tolerance.



1. Modern sculpture, by Josephina de Vascancello, on loan to Greystoke Church, Cumberland. 2. "The finest marble statue in the World"—Michelangelo's "Pieta," in St. Peter's, Rome. 3. Peter Ustinov, famed actor-playwright, has almost completed a play, "The Passion According to Pontius Pilate". Pontius Pilate, he says, "is much maligned. In the Coptic Church he's a saint, but theologians generally revile him". His play is to try and establish a different viewpoint.

## ... have you heard ...

### Due this Month

Two important reports should be out this month: The Anglican-Methodist Unity report—a revised version of the proposed form of ordination suitable for both Churches; and the Archbishops' Commission on Intercommunion final report. Both will be significant documents and it is profoundly hoped will take unity between the churches forward.

### Anglican-Roman Talks

Early this year 30 Roman and Anglican theologians met in Malta—being the commission which was one result of the Archbishop of Canterbury's and the Pope's meeting in 1966. The report of this commission is hailed as "very encouraging", "the first formal joint statement ever made of the faith we rejoice to share".

### Splendid Effort

An effort was made to visit every house (64,000 homes) in Portsmouth by members of the city's churches as part of the Christian Unity Week, and handing over a leaflet explaining what the churches do.

### War in Heaven!

Nuns of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary order in California want to wear modern clothes, use their own names, and do work outside nursing and teaching. Cardinal McIntyre asked them to reconsider their plans, but they have refused.

### Cleric—Ads

*New Christian* reports that an advertisement in its columns for a clergyman to do a pioneering job in a new area brought a splendid response, though previously the private personal search had produced none! "I want to suggest", goes on the report, "that those responsible for appointments and who believe in the 'open' system should make it a matter of policy that all vacant posts for clergy or ministers be advertised".

### Saving Marriages?

"It is a solemn thought", says Mr. G. P. Sanctuary, National Secretary of the Marriage Guidance Council, "that for every £70 the Government spends on legal aid for divorce, it gives £1 to the National Marriage Guidance Council."

### Baroness Wootton

*The Freethinker*, a rather thin and unimpressive paper, though it claims to be "the Humanist World Weekly", announces that Baroness Wootton has resigned her Vice-Presidency of the British Humanist Association, because their recent policy statement was "nothing less than a full scale political programme . . . an empty gesture, superficial and half-baked . . . no connection with humanism"! So now we know what one of their most prominent members thinks. She also states that the Agnostic Adoption Society, which they demanded so fulsomely and noisily not very long ago, was in "very low water".



### All things change

At the last Lambeth Conference Joost de Blank had just been a year in office as Archbishop of Capetown and there were high hopes for his Arch-episcopacy. His years there proved difficult and bitter, ending in a breakdown which caused him to resign his high office. The last remaining years he spent uneasily as Canon of Westminster, having in the meantime been offered and accepted the Bishopric of Hong-Kong, but withdrew on medical advice. He added lustre to the Christian calling by his dedication, forthrightness, sense of justice and fair play.

In December 1967 we showed this picture of King Constantine of Greece after the opening ceremony of the World Council of Churches Central Committee at Heraklion and Crete, Greece. Now he is in exile and his immediate supporters in Greece relieved of all office.

### First Communion

My hand trembles with the weight of history,  
Not only my hand, but my soul, craves thine.  
Will it really come—

The unbelievable promised strength of love,  
When I eat Your bread and sip Your wine?  
Do they all feel, these seated ordinary  
people,

Stripped to the soul, desperate for thee?  
Do they also pray "O Christ be with me"?  
And do You answer "I am with you" as  
You do to me?

*Pauline Wightman*

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# THE WIDER FELLOWSHIP—

**NEWS and events and persons Roman and Free Churches.**

**This month: The Rev. L. J. M. Timmins, Methodist.**



**A**S A CROSS BETWEEN A magazine and a "pop" edition of its Annual Report to the Methodist Conference, the Home Mission Department of the Methodist Church produces a widely circulated publication telling about its work.

With the title "Report 112" this attractively printed booklet again shows what the Methodist Church is doing in many fields of endeavour. New towns, industry, the various chaplaincy services, the special problems of urban life, the rural life of the church, all find a reflection here.

One interesting feature this year is the introduction by Dr. Leslie Davison, the General Secretary. He is no desk-bound official, before he undertook this responsibility his ministry was spent in the central Missions of Methodism in the provinces and in Bermondsey.

A tension, he says, is straining every major denomination today: that which exists between radical and traditional theology.

"On the one hand the radical, the revolutionary, facing the collapse of the institutional church, calls for new ideas, new structures and new methods; and on the other, the conservative, clinging tenaciously to the 'faith, once and for all delivered', suspicious of change for change's sake, unwilling to let go anything which has proved useful in the past, fears lest the innovators and iconoclasts throw away the essential with the accretions."

One of the tasks of his Department he sees as bringing the two together in discussion. Both parties, he thinks, have something to teach each other and the church.

## **More Talk?**

In the week after Easter, beginning on April 22 there is to be a conference at Keele University entitled "Making Christians in Contemporary Society". This may prove to be an opportunity to do just what Dr. Davison wants. It has been arranged jointly by the Methodist Church Commission on

Evangelism, and the Archbishops' Committee on Evangelism, and 150 Methodists and Anglicans in about equal numbers will be taking part. The Archbishop of York and Dr. Davison are joint chairmen and the conference lecture will be given by Prof. R. C. P. Hanson of Nottingham University.

## **Companion of Honour**

A recognition of special interest to Free Churchmen was made in the New Year's Honours this year, when Dr. Ernest A. Payne was made a Companion of Honour. Dr. Payne, for sixteen years General Secretary of the Baptist Union, a former President of that Union, and a former Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, has been well known as a man whose contributions to the British and World Councils of Churches have been of great value.

An outstanding leader, administrator, and a wise church statesman, Dr. Payne is held in high affection far beyond the borders of the Baptist Church.

## **Paradoxical Peer**

Never for long out of hot water with the conventional, that irrepressible occupant of the House of Lords, Lord Soper, has been at it again. On the controversial B.B.C. television programme "The Eleventh Hour" he said "I have to confess that I don't believe in the Church as a permanent and necessary place as it now stands and operates in the life of the community today." To go on pretending that the Church is indispensable as we have known it down the centuries is a piece of self-deceit, claimed Lord Soper.

His "Confession" raised a storm of protest but the unrepentant Peer stood by what he said, and said that he thought there was a place for provocation in Christian propaganda. At the same time he said that he cherished "the true church" when it represented the spirit of Christ.



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## ***Busy—but time for Lent!***

Anne Efemey interviews  
Noel Gordon—

**I MUST HAVE DONE MORE** television than any other living person." Rather a surprising statement, until one realises how long Noel Gordon, star of "Crossroads", and over the years many other almost daily television programmes, has been before the cameras.

I managed to catch this very lively and energetic woman during a quick lunch break between rehearsals at the A.T.V. studios in Birmingham.

Born of Scottish parents in London on Christmas Day, she began acting while still at school and turned professional in 1938. Shortly after this she appeared in her first television play, and it was a great thrill to her to be chosen by the inventor of television, John Logie Baird, to help him in his first experiment in transmitting a colour television programme. She remembers having to try on an assortment of coloured hats in front of an enormous Union Jack!

During the war years she turned to pantomime and later, musicals. "Brigadoon" and "Call me Madam" were two of the long running shows in which she starred.

Then came the realisation that television was in its stride. A vast new entertainment had gripped the British public.

"I began to study the medium. I visited America to find out all I could, this included learning television technique at college. After a year there, Independent Television came into being in this country, and I was appointed by A.T.V. as advisor to women's programmes. During this time I discovered what I feel women want from television, which isn't by any means the same as the men think we want!

"I am of the opinion that women don't particularly want to watch cooking and sewing, because if they are interested in these subjects they will know how to do them anyway; and if they aren't they certainly won't want to sit watching it! Programmes such as Woman's Hour, on B.B.C., have proved that their success is due to treating women as intelligent human beings, interested in matters of the day, expressing their own opinions, or talking about their own lives and careers.

"Much is said these days about what we should or should not see on television. I believe that we who work in this medium have a special responsibility towards our large audience. After all if you go to the live theatre you get what you pay for and expect to see. Television however in a way intrudes into the privacy of our homes, and therefore I feel that we should be much more careful of its contents."

Her face lit up when we touched on the subject of Meg Richardson in Crossroads, shortly coming up to its one thousandth performance.

"It's exacting work with only Sunday off, but I love it. During the years it has been running I've tried to put myself in the same position as a widow with two children. As I see it, bringing up two nice children, when you haven't got a man to support you, must be a mighty tough job.

"There is still much in show business I should like to do. I think I shall always be ambitious, and want to try different things. I should particularly like to do another musical.

"Having time to do things is my chief problem. I have a small flat in Birmingham, where with my mother's help we somehow seem to cope, and when the occasion allows escape for a weekend to a delightful house we own in Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire."

As she hurried off to her rehearsal she called back over her shoulder. "I'm even finding the time to take part in a series of Lent services this year in our local church!"

# Hope . . .



## . . . especially at Easter

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## my god heroin

RAY WAS ONE OF 16 BOYS in the Church Youth Group at East Harlem, New York. He was an alert, strongly built Negro of 14. In tartan shirt and tight grey slacks he was on his way home from school when a car pulled up beside him. The man in it offered him "some stuff that will make you feel real good".

Ray sniffed the white powder up his nose and had the indescribable sensation heroin gives. Then he went on to dissolving the powder in water and giving himself skin injections. Finally on his 15th birthday he spent his 4 dollars worth of presents on a "mansize shot," improvised a syringe and injected in the vein.

Now he was a "main-liner," free from the drag of poor home, meagre schooling and of having a coal-black skin in a white man's world. Life was good, life was big!

Soon Ray knew what being an addict means. You cannot stop taking the drug. Without it you are

## concerning young people



A centre for helping drug takers has been opened in Birmingham—and needs financial help—to Capt. B. Irons, C.A., 116 Tetley Rd. Birmingham 11.

\* I've given up on Parents, David Wilkerson (Hodder & Stoughton, 21s.). Written by the author of the widely

## WHO CARES ?

in agonies of vomiting and stomach-cramp. Thin, dirty and pale you have to borrow or steal \$4 a day to pay your saviour, the man in the car who brings the small packet of white powder. Ray was frightened of not getting heroin, of being jailed for stealing or of getting an overdose from the pusher to kill him off.

His mother helped with the cash: one day she gave her wedding ring! Soon he needed \$12 a day—for as time goes on the dose increases. Half-crazed, Ray would strike down an old woman and race off with her purse.

True, he did try "withdrawal" treatment in hospital to get free of the drug's power. After that he kept off heroin for four weeks. Life was bleak and blank and empty. Then he was "hooked" again and by mistake used a dirty needle. For two days he lay racked with pain and then without a fight he died, aged 23.

Ray died after living in hell. An addict's mother said of her son that to be without the drug was to suffer like Jesus on the Cross: My God, My God Heroin, why have you forsaken me?

Ray's mother, his friends, his Church, his pastor were crucified with him. Ray was not a social

case—but one of *them*. They were friendly and that helped. One got him to the adolescents' hospital. The pastor found him jobs out of town, and was with him when he died. Yet like many addicts he descended into hell and found no resurrection in this world.

Ray lived in New York some years ago. Now drugs are fast becoming fashionable among young people in Britain. In 1960 there was one addict under 20; in 1966 there were 200.

Yet these people belong to us. Jesus came to this world to save them, to go through what they go through, to be alongside them. That is why Ray's parish sought to save him. You can read about the great fight they fought for thousands like him, standing by and serving the 23,000 "junkies" of New York.\* Yet Ray was lost and some English young people are being tortured and murdered by heroin.

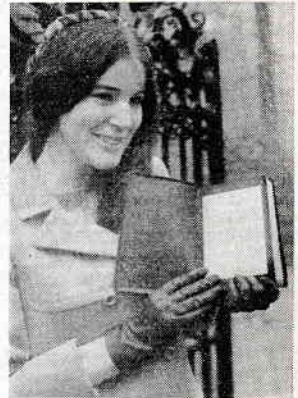
In this month we think of Jesus being crucified to save us all; of his going out to the uttermost to save those bound in sin and death. How far out dare we go to seek and to save? Or do we only pity or scorn those that are lost? That's worth thinking about this month. *D. Attfield*  
\*Bruce Kenrick, *Come Out the Wilderness* (Fontana 1965). Ch. 22.

read *The Cross and the Switchblade*—it is saying something of enormous importance in the whole problem of young people—and says it powerfully by illustration even if it is uncomfortable. And because it is about people and well written, it is quite absorbing.

### **youth work camp**

Can your parish or area make use of a team of international students to do a useful job of work? Christian Movement for Peace would welcome the opportunity. All you provide is simple hospitality and food—parish hall and small living costs. We had a group last year and they were splendid. Write to C.M.P., Stowford House, Bayswater Road, Oxford.

Judith Crisp, aged 16, received from Queen Elizabeth at Sandringham the annual award this year for being the outstanding R.I. pupil at St. George's Secondary Modern School, Dersingham. Judith is showing the presentation plate on leaving Sandringham.





# MEDITATION

MARY ANDERE

THE WORD "MEDITATION" has a slightly off-centre ring about it today. To modern devotees it conjures up the mental image of a smiling little Hindu *guru*, of "the word" which holds the key to open up the inner kingdom of release and peace for the individual, of stilly hours at dawn when, in the mirror of the soul, the world "seems small and very dear".

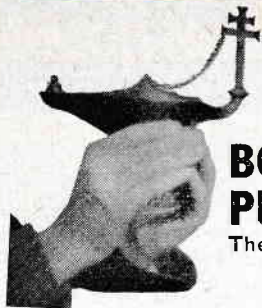
To those who view with (usually uninformed) suspicion such practices, it teems with possible dangers—"pot," loose morals, "heathen beliefs," lack of religion, the breakdown of the social code . . . To both it seems new, innovatory . . .

In fact, it couldn't be older! Meditation has never been confined to any one religion and still is one of the basic practices of *Christian* life. There's nothing fancy about it, nothing extravagantly "holy" or

"pi". It is a means of encouraging the growth and liberation of the spirit, of allowing light to filter down from the still, higher realms of being into the dark, humming hives of the mind which is, like Martha, anxious and busy (and often rightly so) with pressing problems of immediate life. It is a means of balancing mind and spirit, and enabling each to develop and to co-ordinate so that both can play their special part in man's tight-rope walk across the abyss of mortal life! It is the means by which the animal in man (the "carnal man" St. Paul speaks of) learns to discipline its tendencies and to choose, and prefer, things of the spirit, things of right against things of wrong, that which is best for others rather than that which is what "I" want! It is as simple as that—and as biblical, from the Christian standpoint.

Is it difficult, or dangerous, to practise? Not really. There are dangers if it is misunderstood, and there is no guide or teacher to help over the comparatively minor difficulties. But then there is danger in the whole of life, if reason and good sense is not brought into use!

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is *within you*" and if we read His words carefully we can see what is meant. His teaching aimed at bringing us to a union with God. "I pray . . . that they may be one, even as the Father and I are one . . ." Unity, *conscious knowledge* of oneness with 'the Father,' and, from that, with each other, with the whole cosmic world itself, biologically structured from the same fabric, the same chemical materials as mankind! A sense of 'oneness,' of love and peace, since no man hateth himself . . . the fear and depression and



## BORROWED PRAYER

The Rev. R. P. Flindall

frustration which are born of division gone for ever . . .

Can the Christian accept as valid a daily half-hour spent in meditation on 'a word' and feel it is in any way aligned with his belief in God and in Jesus Christ? Yes, for Christ is "The Word", the greatest Word ever uttered. And He has Himself said that He is the Way, the Truth, the Door, the Light . . . the Way to God, into direct union with that Life which sustains the whole creation . . .

"The kingdom of heaven is within you . . ." All the great mystics have taught that unless we can find God within ourselves then we have not found Him at all . . . Perhaps this half-hour daily could be the Christian's effort in the "Back Britain" campaign.

. . . domestic column?

**Mary Andere writes** There seems to be some controversy as to whether cookery recipes have a place in a religious journal. But I don't think our Lord was rebuking Martha for preparing a meal, but for making too much fuss about it, giving it a disproportionate importance.

And food and meals and housework have a place in the Christian home. "Give ye them to eat"—and that can be a dull chore or a reverent and pleasant privilege. And there is not a task about the house which cannot be used to recall "the things of the spirit," and the job is the better done when we are deeply conscious of this in God's work for us. Our daily task, maybe, but it can also be a means of attaining deeper sense of the presence of God and of our privilege to our loved ones.

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many examples of deliverance, safe-keeping, protection and recovery which have marked our individual lives.

**Adore God** whose concern for his creatures is so profound that he is always active in the affairs of the world of men.

**Ask God** to help us use every means at our disposal: money, time, and talents, to relieve the needs of others.

**Say** the Gloria.

The Psalms are the private and public prayers which come down to us from ancient Israel. In borrowing their prayers we share their experience of God; employ their attitudes of mind; and affirm their belief. Each Psalm is selected by the Church for use at Evensong on one Sunday of the year. They deserve our prayerful study during the whole week.

**April 7** The Thoughts of Jesus. Psalm 22.  
**Wait upon God** in the same questioning manner as the Psalmist when faced with the reality of death.

**Adore God** who gave the Psalmist cause to thank him for an unexpected deliverance, and for the deliverance given us through the death of Jesus.

**Ask God** to know more deeply the extent of Our Lord's love and sacrifice by sharing those sentiments he found applicable to himself on the Cross, and which are expressed in this Psalm.

**Say** the Gloria.

**April 14** Alleluia. Psalm 118.

**Wait upon God** with the sense of the "altogetherness" of all Christians, past and present, who love and serve him.

**Adore God** in the following ways expressed in this ancient hymn: praise; thanksgiving; supplication; humility and trust.

**Ask God** to guide us in our duties as members of the living body of his Church, whose primary task is to simply worship.

**Say** the Gloria.

**April 21** Heartfelt praise. Psalm 103.

**Wait upon God** in silence and picture the personal experience each of us has of God's love towards mankind.

**Adore God** who loves the individual man so much that he himself became man and suffered death.

**Ask God** to make our exuberance infectious and our unbounded confidence catching.

**Say** the Gloria.

**April 28** A Sigh of Relief. Psalm 124.

**Wait upon God** to furnish our minds with

*Continued previous column*



## TWO REQUESTS

### Giving

I have an urgent letter telling the continuing great need for blood donors. Send a p.c. to your local Red Cross H.Q.—or call. The giving of your blood is a simple and fairly swift act. And by it you are helping those whose lives may be saved by your thought and giving.

### Getting

I am again asked to remind you to obtain *Gardens to Visit*—private gardens open in summer. Send 1s. 4d. to: "Gardeners Sunday", White Witches, Claygate Road, Dorking, Surrey—also obtainable from W. H. Smith's bookstalls and Wymans at 1s.

### Sermons

Dear Canon Rhodes, Eastcheap, E.C.3.  
re Sept. "Church News".

I am young, too, but I do not agree with Ann Cartwright on Church Sermons. I have never heard any Vicar make ninety-nine points (could Ann be thinking of the 99 sheep?).

I always enjoy the Services if there is not too much ritual and the congregation are allowed to join the well known hymns and tunes and no minor dirges.

There is one point, when many Clergy speak they cannot be heard. If they would be more careful, people could follow and would not doze off to sleep.

Yours faithfully,  
M. West.

Dear Sir, Leamington Spa

I was interested in the article by Ann Cartwright, aged 18, in the September issue, and I endorse all she says on length of sermons.

I am at the other end of the age scale but over years of experience, I know that the subject of a short sermon of ten minutes or less remains in my mind for a long time afterwards, but one that drags on for fifteen minutes or more finds my interest flagging, giving me nothing to remember.

Yours faithfully,  
M. A. Court.

Dear Sir,

I was interested by the letter to Parsons in the September "Church News". I am a fairly young curate. I sympathise with Ann Cartwright's opinion, but I can't entirely agree with her.

I take sermons very seriously. I'm not up there to give my opinions nor to listen to the sound of my own voice, but—despite my human failings—I'm there to try to put over God's message to that congregation on that occasion. An average Evensong sermon of nearly 20 minutes takes me about 5—6 hours preparation. To deliver it in a worthwhile way to a mixed congregation requires (usually) a bit more than 7 minutes. If I am to go on deep enough to help the more mature Christian, I must go on long enough to make it lucid—otherwise they will be driven away. "Sermonettes make Christianettes"—so, if I do my stuff, please do yours—be patient and try to follow and I'm sure you will be thankful in the end.

Yours faithfully,  
(The Rev.) Roy Akerman.

## Love, Sex and the Church

Dear Sir,

Both Professor Hettlinger and Mr. Scorer must be miserable men because both have tried to lay down the law.

Nothing in the Church has been less successful than their constant attempt to interpret the Bible and pass their interpretation on, not only to their own lives, but to the lives of others.

What does Mr. Scorer think is Christian? I know a lot of good Christians who love God and believe that he loves them. And if they go to bed before they are married, they are the better or the worse for it; that is their business. They don't depend on a book, or a priest, or a church. They are independent responsible people, with a faith that is trust and love in God.

Yours faithfully,  
Tony Grady.

## Kindling the Flame

Dear Canon Rhodes,

Harrogate

While the letter by Ian Hall is undoubtedly exaggerated, it seems a great pity that the editorial comment should be patronising. There is a core of serious criticism in the letter which deserves serious consideration. The Church cannot be proud of every entry in its record.

The great paradox which recurs throughout history is that while the Church Establishment is invariably conservative and sometimes corrupt, it preserves the true Christian Gospel within itself so that some of its members have felt impelled to go and care for the neglected needs of others—of the sick, of slaves, orphans, the hungry, those in prison—leading the way in many cases for Governments to follow.

Yours faithfully,  
D. H. Cotton (Dr.)

Dear Sir,

L.F.E., Leics.

Ian Hall may be amazed, yet I seem to remember that a couple of our oldest universities were started by religionists. I don't know about social reforms but wasn't there a chap called William Booth?

I am in agreement with Mr. Hall's conclusions on Christianity and reforms. The only theory is, if the Church doesn't back reforms, it is wrong and if it does, why the blazes does it keep poking its nose into the country's business?

The thing is, Mr. Hall, can we get Jesus to join the Party?

Yours faithfully,  
C. Clark.

## Old Age

Dear Sir,

Birmingham 5

The habit of men and women being described as "Too Old" causes deep depression: the realisation that they "are not wanted".

A letter to me says: "I have been everywhere and when they enquire my age—59—I am told: too old. Hoping you can help me."

We employ a large number of aged persons up to the age of 79. Is it not possible for some Government factory to employ aged persons in the knowledge that they are able and willing to work, and run as a rehabilitation factory on similar lines to Remploy Ltd.?

Yours faithfully,  
Francis B. Willmott.

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## EASTER OFFERING

In accordance with the usual custom the collections (including pledge envelopes) on Easter Day will be given as a personal gift to the Vicar. There may be some parishioners who will be unable to attend any of the Services and yet would like to be associated with this gift. In such cases, donations may be sent to the Church Treasurer : Mr. B. G. Oliver, 13 Jack Straws Lane.

## OVER 60's CLUB

The usual Easter Morning Market will be held on Easter Monday, 15th April from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Please do your best to support this.

## CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

You will see elsewhere in the magazine that there will be a Children's Service on GOOD FRIDAY at 10 a.m. when we shall be delighted to welcome parents. On Easter Day there will be the usual Children's Instruction in CHURCH at 11.15 and any parents will be welcome at this too. All the children will gather in the Church on this Festival Day, including the Nursery children who normally meet in the Village Hall. There will be NO CHILDREN'S INSTRUCTION or Catechism on the Sunday after Easter, 21st April. We shall resume on SUNDAY, 28th April. The children will have brought letters home about these arrangements, and we would be grateful if they are kept for reference.

**EASTER PARTY FOR JUNIOR CHILDREN ONLY** will be held on SATURDAY, 4th May, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

## GUIDES

The time for the Girl Guides meeting in Scout Headquarters on MONDAY EVENINGS should read 7.30 p.m. and not 7.15 as on inside of magazine cover.

## MARSTON RINGERS HAVE DONE IT AGAIN!

"This time the honours go to Howard Page and Miss Avril Walton who rang their first peal" writes Tower Captain Noel Deam. "Howard not only rang on an 'inside bell' but conducted the peal. He is the youngest ringer (12 years) ever to conduct a peal in the tower, and possibly for the Guild. He must rank as one of the youngest in the country to have done this. Since his first attempt at conducting which was only at Christmastime, he also conducted a  $\frac{1}{4}$  peal on January 7th. The effort by Miss Avril Walton must not be overshadowed. Her performance was very good considering she has not been ringing frequently for over six months."

Date : 17th February. Time : 2 hours 37 minutes. Method : 5,040 Grandsire Doubles. Treble : Miss Avril Walton. 2. Leonard Porter. 3. Howard Page. 4. Noel D. Deam. 5. Alec Gammon. Rung as a birthday compliment to Noel Deam.

We were pleased to see Richard Bing when he paid us a visit recently. Our Annual outing this year will be on April 27th, when we visit Britsol.

**JUMBLE SALE** : Saturday, April 20th, 2.30 p.m. in Church Hall.

## HOLY BAPTISM

Feb. 25. Beverley Trudy Taylor, 24 London Road.  
April Rose Taylor, Woolmer Green, Herts.  
Philip David Taylor.  
Mandy Jane Taylor, 81 Cherwell Drive.  
Ivan Major, 5 Alesworth Grove, Northway Estate.  
Katherine Eleanor Shields, 8 Elsfield Road.

### HOLY MATRIMONY

- Mar. 2. Stuart James Forrest and Sarah Frances Fraser.  
„ 9. Kenneth George Tasker and Linda Neil Kimbell.

### IN MEMORIAM

- Feb. 21. Howard Walter Florey — Baron of Marston.

### PARISH CALENDAR : APRIL

- Apr. 2. Tuesday. ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING at 8 p.m.  
„ 3. Wednesday. Holy Communion, 7.15 a.m.  
8.0 p.m. in the Church Hall : “ School for Christians.” The Cross and the New Reformation : The Rev. E. C. Walker.  
„ 4. Thursday. Prayer Group will meet in Church from 8 to 8.30 p.m.  
„ 7. PALM SUNDAY. First Day of Holy Week.  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. Distribution of Palms.  
10.0 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION. Distribution of Palms.  
Preacher : The Lord Bishop of Oxford.  
11.0 a.m. Children’s Instruction.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong. Remarkable thee of the C. of E. (6) Bp. Bell of Chichester.  
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Holy Week  
7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
„ 10. Wednesday. 2.45 p.m. Mothers’ Union Quiet Half-hour :  
60 Oxford Road.  
„ 11. MAUNDY THURSDAY. THE LORD’S SUPPER at 8 p.m.  
„ 12. GOOD FRIDAY  
8.00 a.m. Ante-Communion.  
10.0 a.m. Children’s Service when parents will be most welcome.  
11.0 a.m. UNITED SERVICE AT ST. CLEMENT’S, OXFORD  
Preacher The Rector, The Rev. P. Cottingham.  
„ 13. Easter Even. Decoration of the Church for the Easter Festival starting at 9 a.m.  
„ 14. EASTER DAY  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10.0 a.m. Parish Communion. Preacher : The Vicar.  
11.15 a.m. Children’s Instruction.  
(Please see notice elsewhere in magazine).  
3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong. Preacher : The Vicar.  
„ 15. MONDAY in Easter Week  
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10 to 12 noon. Morning Market : Over 60’s Club.  
„ 16. TUESDAY in Easter Week. 10.30 a.m. C.S.I. Liturgy.  
„ 17. Wednesday. 7.45 p.m. Young Wives’ Group, “ The flowers that bloom in the Spring.”  
„ 20. Saturday. Rummage Sale . The Bellringers. 2.30 p.m.  
„ 21. EASTER I  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10.0 a.m. Parish Communion.  
No Children’s Instruction on this Sunday.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.  
„ 24. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
7.45 p.m. Mothers’ Union. Programme to be announced.  
„ 25. Thursday. **St. Mark, Evangelist and Martyr.**  
7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
„ 28. EASTER II  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10.0 a.m. Parish Communion.  
11.0 a.m. Children’s Instruction.  
3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.

STOP PRESS : Induction of Rev. G. W. Cornell — Marston Road Congregational Church — Friday, April 19th, at 7.15 p.m.

## CHURCH & LOCAL CLUBS, SOCIETIES, ETC.

### CHURCH

- Bell Ringers.** Sec. : Mr. A. Gammon, 50 Oxford Road.  
**Brownies.** Brownie Guider : Mrs. N. Edmonds, 10 Ashlong Road.  
**Choir.** Choirmaster : Mrs. E. M. Garner, 31 Oxford Road.  
**Cubs.** Cub Scout Leader :  
**Girl Guides.** Guide Guider : Mrs. J. Clarke, 30 Cavendish Drive.  
**Parish Magazine :** Sec. : Mrs. & Miss Finch, "Stanmore," Boults Lane.  
**Mothers' Union.** Enrolling Member : Mrs. R. Vernede, The Manor House, Old Marston.  
**Parochial Church Council.** Sec. : Mrs. M. Harlow, Fir Tree House, Oxford Road.  
**Scouts.** Scout Leader : Mr. N. Lankford, 55 Crotch Crescent, New Marston.  
Group Scout Leader : Mr. W. Furber, 42 Cherwell Drive.  
**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 Raymund Road.

### LOCAL

- St. Nicholas' Art Group.** Sec. : Mrs. North, 5 Salford Road.  
**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.

### USEFUL INFORMATION

- District Nurses, 6 Broughton's Close, Old Marston. Tel. Oxford 44417.  
Infant Welfare Clinic : The Village Hall, Thursdays 2—4 p.m.  
Library : The Village Hall, Old Marston.  
Adults Tuesday, 3 to 5 p.m. ; 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.  
Thursday, 3 to 5 p.m. ; 5.30 to 7.0 p.m.  
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.  
St. Nicholas' Church Hall and Committee Room. All Bookings to Miss O. J. Lodge, The Flat, 15 Mill Lane, Old Marston.  
Nursery School. All enquiries to :— The Village Hall during school hours.

## DIRECTORY

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in this Directory where excellent service is assured :

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North, 5 Salford Road, Old Marston .....Tel. 41451
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