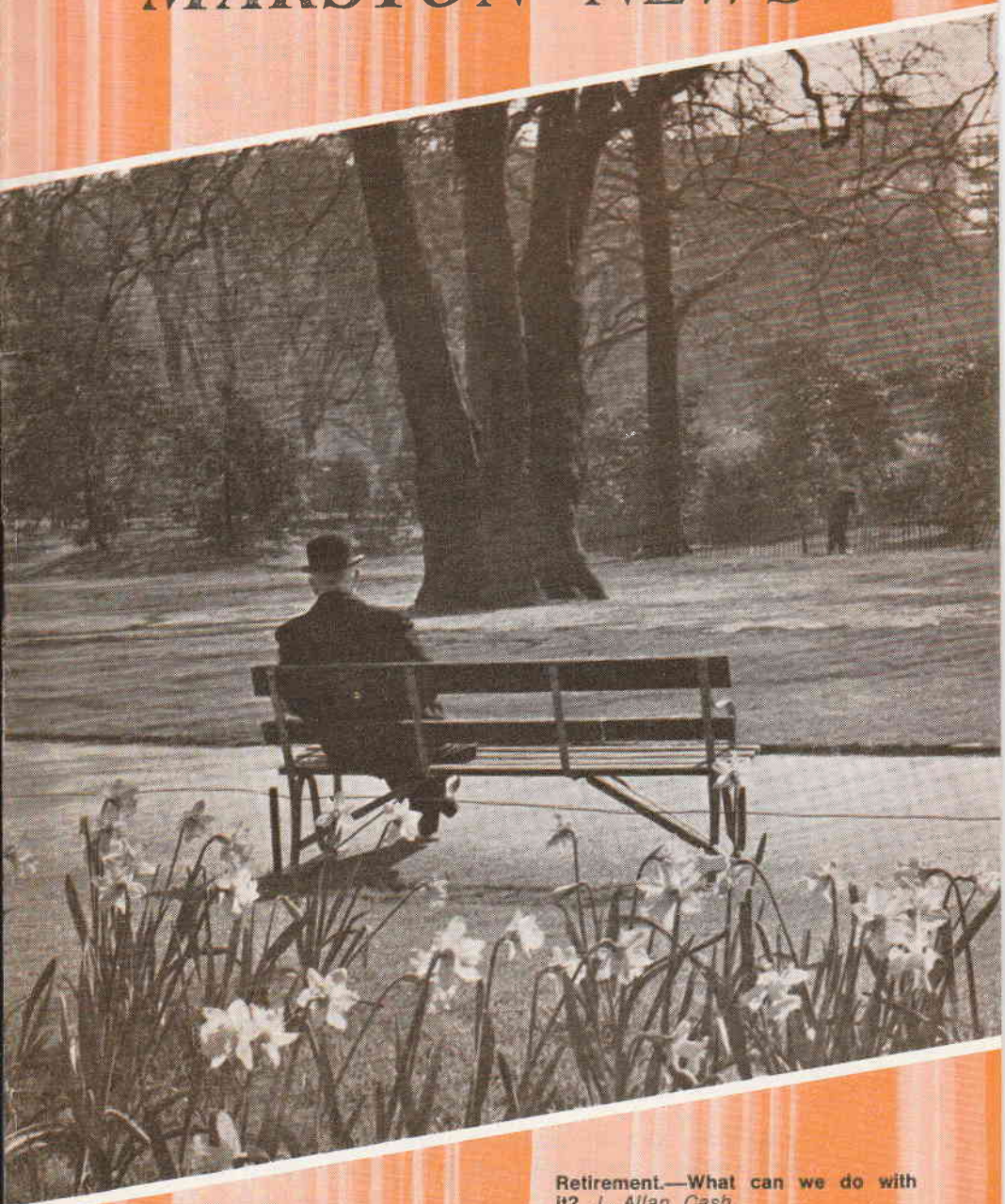


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Retirement.—What can we do with
it? *J. Allan Cash.*

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion : 8 a.m.

Parish Communion : 10 a.m. New Communion Service, followed by Coffee in Church Hall on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Morning Prayer and Sermon : 11.15 a.m. : 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Evening Prayer 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 Services of Morning and Evening Prayer are usually said each day at 7.15 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. (except on Saturdays). Fridays Evening Prayer is at 5.15 p.m. Wednesday : Morning Prayer 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, 11.15 a.m.

Nursery : Sundays, 11.15 a.m. in Mortimer Hall.

Mothers' Union : 4th Thursday.

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, 7.30 p.m. in Scout Headquarters.

Cubs : Tuesday, 6.15 p.m. in Scout Headquarters.

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

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.

PARISH CALENDAR : APRIL

HOLY WEEK — Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
March 31st, April 1st & 2nd

- 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.15 p.m. Evensong.
- Apr. 3. **MAUNDY THURSDAY.** Celebration of the Lord's Supper, 8 p.m.
- " 4. **GOOD FRIDAY**
8.00 a.m. Ante-Communion.
10.0 a.m. Service for Parents and Children.
11.0 a.m. **UNITED SERVICE** at ST. CLEMENT'S, Oxford.
Preacher : Rev. J. GIBBON.
- " 5. **Easter Even.** Decoration of the Church for the Easter Festival starting at 9.0 a.m.
- " 6. **EASTER DAY.** 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.0 a.m. Parish Communion followed by Coffee in Church Hall.
11.15 a.m. Children's Instruction.
3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism after prior notice.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- " 7. **MONDAY** in Easter Week. 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 to 12 noon. Morning Market. Over 60's Club.
- " 9. **Wednesday.** 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
- " 10. **Thursday.** Mothers' Union Quiet Half-hour, 8 p.m. 110 Staunton Rd.
- " 13. **EASTER I (Low Sunday)**
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.0 a.m. Parish Communion.
11.15 a.m. Children's Instruction.
- " 16. **Wednesday.** 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.45 p.m. Young Wives in Church Hall. "Springtime Gardening."
- " 18. **Friday.** 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion with laying on of hands for the sick.
- " 20. **EASTER III.** 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.0 a.m. Parish Communion.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- " 22. **Tuesday.** 8.00 p.m. St. Andrew's Church Hall, Headington. Special Meeting for all P.C.C. members on "Why Mission?"
- " 23. **Wednesday.** 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
- " 24. **Thursday.** 7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union in Church Hall.
Mrs. Vernede. "Arabian Holiday."
- " 25. **Friday.** **St. Mark's Day.** 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
- " 26. **Saturday.** Easter Party for Junior Children, 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- " 27. **EASTER III.** 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.0 a.m. Parish Communion.
3.0 p.m. Holy Baptism.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- " 30. **Wednesday.** 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.

HOLY BAPTISM

Mar. 9. Lita Marie Timms.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Feb. 22. Barry Ronald Edward Woodward and Marilyn Elizabeth Ann Rowlands.
Mar. 1. Roger John Saxel and Pauline Ann Jones.
" 9. John Ireland and Hazel Ann Smart.

CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Jennifer Evans who was confirmed at St. James', Cowley in March and we welcome her into full membership of God's Church.

IN MEMORIAM

Mar. 4. Alfred Causier.
" 16. Mary Darby.
" 21. Bertram Ward.
" 22. Joseph Maycock.

ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

Apr. 6. Easter Day. Mrs. D. Jennings.
" 13. Mrs. Cardy and Mrs. Webb.
" 20. Mrs. Gaskin.
" 27. Mrs. B. Sharpe.

VICAR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

First of all I would like to thank the many who have sent me their good wishes on being appointed Rural Dean of Cowley. Many people have asked me what it entails.

Quite simply, the Rural Dean is a kind of liaison officer between the Bishop, or Archdeacon, and the local clergy of an area. He presides over the clergy chapter meeting, and also the Ruri-decanal Conference, of which the latter has some 160 members. During the vacancy of a living, or in cases of illness, he may be called in to provide assistance, or see that the regular services are catered for. There is also quite an amount of paperwork, and the telephone rings more frequently. However I am grateful to be able to serve in this way. On April 13th I have been invited to celebrate Holy Communion and preach at St. Mary's, Ulverston, where my father was Rural Dean for a number of years and Rector for 49 years. A stained glass window in his memory, for which parishioners have subscribed, is to be dedicated in the afternoon. It is fairly modern in style, with the centre motif of St. Peter. It also contains the crest of the college my father attended whilst at Oxford.

I am sure that there is no need to remind you that Easter Day (April 6th) is a day of obligation for all communicant members of the Church of England. I rather resist the idea of telling people what they "ought" to do on what, after all, is one of the great festivals of the Christian Year.

The message of the Resurrection was the central part of the Apostles' teaching, and was the reason for the early Christians changing their principal day of worship to Sunday.

However with the new legislation on Sunday entertainments, it is perhaps even more important to urge you to remember that, for the Christian, worship in the Lord's house on the Lord's day is not optional, but, as our Archbishops have reminded us, and Christian tradition has always affirmed, one of the "minimum rules of Church Membership."

May I close by wishing you a very happy Easter, and may you be especially aware of the Risen Presence of the Lord in your worship and in your work.

Yours sincerely,



EASTER OFFERING

In accordance with the usual custom the collections (including pledge envelopes) on Easter Day will be given to the Vicar as a personal gift. There may be some parishioners who will be unable to attend Services on Easter Day and yet would like to be associated with this gift. Donations will be received by the Churchwardens or the Church Treasurer: Mr. B. G. Oliver.

EASTER DECORATIONS

As there is a wedding on Easter Eve, April 5th, the decoration of the Church will begin at 9 a.m. 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 better still on Good Friday evening. Alternatively, flowers will be purchased for decoration and there may be people who would care to give a donation towards these. If so, please give your gifts to Miss Lodge as soon as possible.

NOT DESTROYED

Canon Cecil Rhodes

TO BRING IN A BETTER world has ever been one of the great and persistent desires of the human heart. In all generations are found men and women, older or younger, who, impatient with the ills and evils of their time, have eagerly and readily followed noble and ignoble leaders, good and bad causes that promise to lead them towards the golden age.

Prophets and demagogues are accepted, political parties of all shades and textures are espoused; ideologies, religions, theories are supported in earnest hope of that heaven-on-earth-to-be.

And then—for one and all there comes the day of testing, the Via Crucis, the way of the Cross. Opponents, despisers, rejectors, descend like a pack of wolves—this thing must not, shall not live. Away with it, crucify it.

History is not only littered profusely with causes, creeds, theories, vigorously believed in and promoted, which have withered and died because there was no real life in them. It is littered with persons, ideas, beliefs, which, having been exposed to the fury of mankind, had not that in them to withstand or survive the assault. They have been crucified—and have died.

The world of mankind is a strange and fierce crucible which in its unquenchable search for truth tests all things and burns up the



*Resurrection — symbol of a profound Truth
—by Murillo*

dross. Of all that the ages have given in art, in music, in literature, in ideas, how little remains to stir our hearts. From the centuries of endeavour and thought and belief there remains comparatively little unconsumed.

PURE GOLD FROM THE CRUCIBLE

Once more we celebrate Easter. That surely is significant. For it reminds us of an event of some 2,000 years ago—an immensely long span of remembrance and recognition in the history of humanity. It reminds us of one who went the way of the Cross. For He was despised, rejected, crucified, dead and buried—and yet did not die. How else do we cherish Him now? It reminds us that He was weighed in the balances and was not found wanting, and even in our presumed civilised and dispassionate judgment

today He still stands untouched. It reminds us that He was tried in the fire—and came out as gold, purer gold than the world has ever found elsewhere.

Though His followers in the hour of testing forsook Him and fled, soon their ranks were re-formed, their faith rekindled, the living Master re-seen and the truth re-orientated.

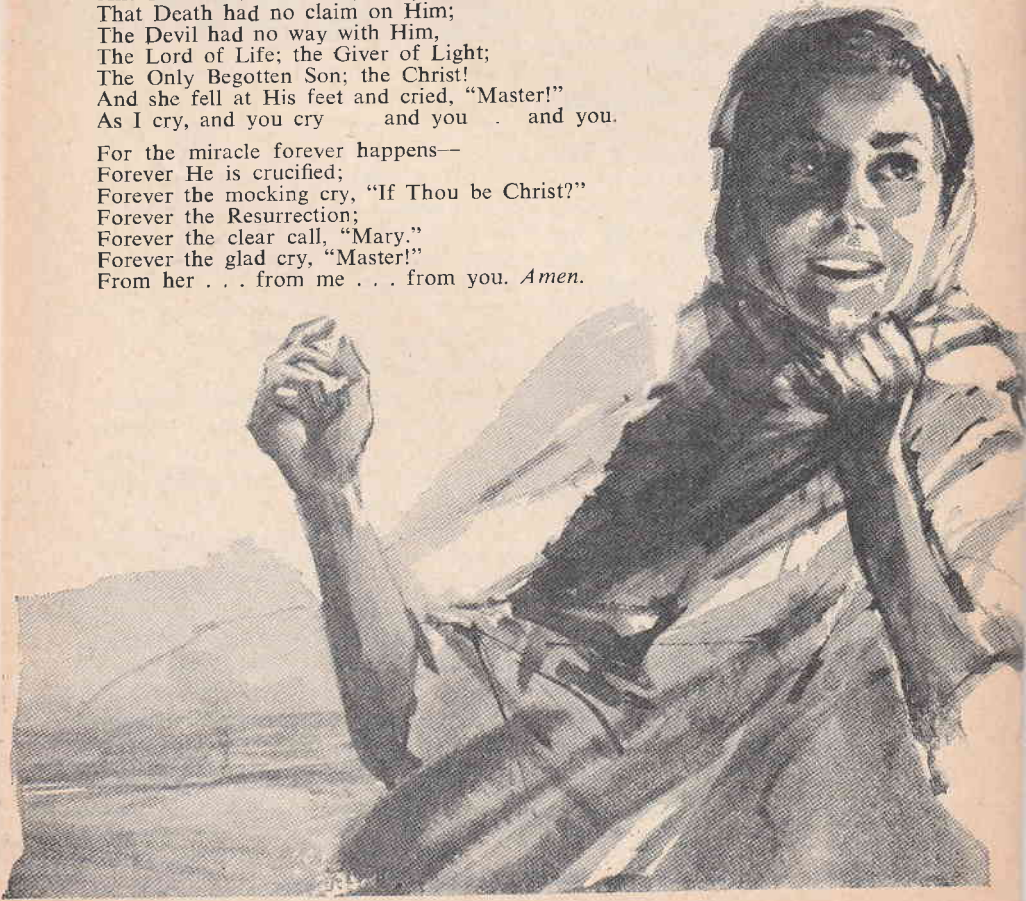
And down through the corridor of the brutal years those ranks of followers have marched onwards, that faith has continued to burn brightly, that Master has been and is still perceived and followed. In

spite of persecution, mockery, injustice, in spite at times the stupidity and waywardness of his supposed followers, Christ lives on and can be witnessed in the lives of millions of people, in great institutions promoted by his followers, in small and large endeavours attempted by them. And we ignorantly or arrogantly or presumptuously think Him dead? Do you remember Mary went to the tomb on Easter morning, and the voice said: "Why seek ye the living amongst the dead? He is not here. He is risen . . . Behold He goeth before you."

Drawing and poem from Faith at Work U.S.A.

And she *knew*, as I know, and you know . . . and you . . . and you,
That Death had no claim on Him;
The Devil had no way with Him,
The Lord of Life; the Giver of Light;
The Only Begotten Son; the Christ!
And she fell at His feet and cried, "Master!"
As I cry, and you cry . . . and you . . . and you.

For the miracle forever happens—
Forever He is crucified;
Forever the mocking cry, "If Thou be Christ?"
Forever the Resurrection;
Forever the clear call, "Mary."
Forever the glad cry, "Master!"
From her . . . from me . . . from you. *Amen.*



THINK BRENDA BYRON AHEAD

MADAM, IS YOUR HUSBAND retiring soon? If so, you can be of valuable help to him.

It is strange that although most couples look forward vaguely to their retirement, most do little or nothing to prepare for it. Perhaps we instinctively shy away from the idea as being just another reminder that old age is creeping on. There is, of course, no compulsion to do anything. We can just sit back, as most of our friends do, and let the time sneak up on us. There is a flurry of excitement at the actual time, a party, a little ceremony at work, handshakes and good wishes all round and then—anticlimax and boredom.

Husband and wife, thrown together suddenly with little to do and with no ideas or plans what they want to do can soon begin to bicker—and the chance of a smooth beginning to what could be a golden new chapter in their lives is gone for ever.

How often do we see a man who has been happy and interested in his job all his adult life lose all zest for life when his working days are over? His health and good spirits evaporate and he drifts.

Women know many secrets about adjusting the pace of their activities to suit their own and their husband's convenience. They create their own routine. For most men their jobs have ruled their lives. Understand, and help him, madam, it will be worth it. Plan for it.

Remember, you are going to get what young married couples yearn for in vain—each other's company. Think what pleasant new things you will be able to do together—and what separately. You are not getting any younger yourself, let him give you a hand in the home, but please don't try to do household chores together. Two people dabbling about in one kitchen is always disastrous. How



"Of course I intend to do more when I retire"

about passing over all the care of fires and polishing of furniture to him? A spruce home always helps to wholeness—and happiness. What about shopping—most men are pretty shrewd shoppers and you the cooking.

If your husband is fit, try, without his noticing, to prevent him sitting around the house all day. Join in church activities together—better still, offer to help organise them.

Think too, of the things you have always hankered to do and never got around to—make a list. Some may be possible now, and who knows what fun you could have if you make the effort to begin. Growing cacti; a particular interest in some subject or author—your local librarian will help; photography, stamp collecting, cookery—I know an old-age-pensioner who taught himself to make lighter-than-air cakes after he retired, and his neighbours positively clamoured to buy them. There are endless lively interests within our range and capacity in these new leisure years.

Being with young people is the best way to keep young.

There may well be a youth club where someone to help with chores would be greatly welcome. There may well be among your neighbours and acquaintances young parents with younger children. An offer of help to look after them when shopping has to be done, or to take or fetch from school, to take babies for walks together at peak housework times.

Retiring from work is not retiring from life, but finding a pace to suit yourself. You, and your husband, together.

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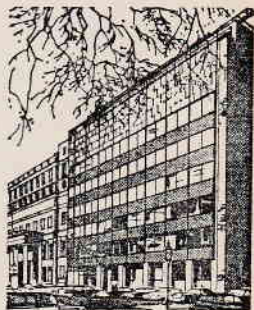
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OLD PERSON

LEN CHALONER

TALKING RECENTLY TO AN audience at Dartington, the consultant physician of Exeter's psycho-geriatric joint assessment unit pointed out that we are too ready to think of "the old" on a basis of us and them, as if they were a different species from ourselves. We are all growing older all the time, he reminded us, and the old are people like ourselves with the same feelings and needs.

At the present time there are only four psycho-geriatric joint assessment units in the country, attached to general hospitals and aiming through team work—a consultant physician, a psychiatrist and a social worker—to save a number of elderly people each year from becoming long-stay patients in geriatric or mental hospitals.

ENLIGHTENED CARE

Dr. Wright explained that if an old person of normal faculties begins to behave vaguely, or in odd ways it is often thought by those around him that he or she is just "senile" and the condition irreversible. But such symptoms can frequently mask an underlying physical illness, that if promptly investigated and successfully treated restores physical health, and with it the patient's normal mental powers. Often too, social factors have been found to be involved in a patient's deterioration in the first instance. And this is where the social worker plays an important role. The patient, conscious of failing powers, withdraws from the com-



The Dignity of Age.

munity and suffers not only loneliness but often malnutrition.

MAINTAIN INTERESTS

One of the most important factors in the maintenance of health noted by the teams is the preservation of interests and a purpose in life. Retirement can be the beginning of deterioration — or a new chapter of interests and activities.

It may be sometimes pleasant at the end of a tiring day for a middle aged executive to dream of a peaceful seaside bungalow "away from the rat race". In real life he might soon find that just taking the dog for a walk, or doing the shopping for his wife, away from all his previous social contacts and concerns leaves depressing gaps unless he can find some satisfying interests to act as stimulus and take their place.

ORGANISATIONS

The Pre Retirement Association, (26, Bedford Square, W.C.1) is an active organisation with branches in other parts of the country to help

people solve just such problems by looking at them squarely three or four years before they have actually to be met. And there is a growing awareness of the need for more facilities to meet widely different needs.

The Employment Fellowship, Drayton House, Gordon Street, W.C.1, is the central organisation for old people's workshops, and there are about ninety of these at present scattered largely in industrial areas. More would probably be helpful. There are also some seven Councils of Social Service starting employment bureaux to try and find part time work for individuals with widely differing needs and abilities.

The Pre Retirement Association encourages the taking of courses in crafts and arts from book-binding to weaving or needlework. From this there seems need to develop some means of marketing the best of such work through guilds or groups on the lines of the Women's Institutes and their garden produce, etc.

VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES

All these possibilities of interest however are apart from the many opportunities for voluntary social and community service in immensely varied fields.

Mention might also be made of the Old People's Welfare Council which has quietly helped to expand schemes for boarding out old people on lines pioneered in Exeter and Plymouth. If more people realised the happiness they can give no doubt more would volunteer. The work has spread to the Home Counties and one or two midland areas. Arrangements are made through a social worker who interviews the hostess in her home and the old person who may no longer be able to manage quite alone. He or she is enabled to pay the normally required fee and have reasonable pocketmoney left. The great thing is that they feel part of family life in a way not possible in an institution. And the social worker remains available to iron out hitches that may arise on either side.

PRAYER

"Lord, thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy. . . .

. . . "Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by . . .

. . . "Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen."

—GEORGE T. MASUDA
Bishop of North Dakota

THE SUPREME ACHIEVEMENT

As we grow older, we face not only retirement, not only the inability to do what we once did: to come to terms with these things is essential if we are to make worthwhile "these years in credit" as I once heard an older person describe them.

We have also to face the fact that our earthly span is running out. To come quickly and contentedly to terms with that can make all the difference to our lives. Not to be fretting and anxious; we may be agnostic and unbelieving and heroic—all credit to those who do. Or we can by quiet prayer and meditation increase our hold on eternity. To be calm and serene and hopeful and helpful can bring not only great joy to our own lives, but to those around us, who in turn will give us friendship and help, making life whole and full—as it should be—right to the end. Remember Browning's lines:

Grow old along with me!
The best is yet to be,
The last of life, for which the first
was made . . .

THE RESURRECTION

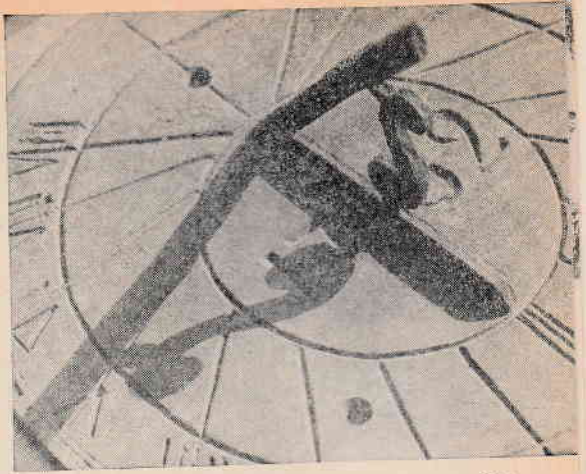
Without the Resurrection there would have been no Christianity and there can be no Christianity. Originally the survival of Christianity happened because Jesus rose, otherwise the whole thing would have collapsed. Now the essence of Christianity is that Jesus really does exist in the fullness of his personal being, with an impact upon us.

"The Resurrection is the essence of the matter. The primitive creed was that God raised Jesus from the dead and Jesus is Lord. I regard it as the inner citadel that will remain. In other words—no Resurrection, no Christianity."

The Archbishop of Canterbury

LETTING GO

A correspondent on the subject of retirement writes of another aspect. All our lives most of us spend accumulating possessions. Now he says, having reached over 60 I have also reached the opposite stage—the process of letting go. I have



no longer need to try to keep up with the Jones's. I have no longer need for so many possessions. The real joy of giving—of sorting out what I still need and what I don't need, and if I don't need it who would welcome it? I am reducing both my assets and my liabilities. If I live to 80 and they ask "What did he leave?" the answer will be "not much."

ALONE

Since women live longer than men, far more women are left in later years on their own than men. There are estimated, for instance, 2½ million widows; well under a million widowers

A widow who has given years of her life to helping widows says, "the death of a husband means not only the disruption of grief, which a doctor has described as like a very severe amputation. But she finds she is alone, without status, usually in considerable financial stress."

One of the utmost services the Church and Christian people can render is to help such persons into new friendships, new interests, new usefulness

SUN-LIT YEARS

May I warmly commend this privately published volume—a book particularly for the elderly. And much of it will give great pleasure and help. It is a memorial edition to a very distinguished and loved Methodist minister, and mainly sermons preached when he was around 80. Order from: White's, Dept. 3, 203 Croydon Road, Beckenham, Kent. 10/6 plus 9d postage—"Sun-lit Years" by W. E. Farndale.



A LIVING CONCERN

Peter Lascelles studied theology at Oxford and Cambridge. Later he stayed at Mount Athos, the famous Greek Orthodox Centre, and then into Eastern Europe to study and examine the working out of the Christian Faith there. His great passion and concern is Unity—but not by going round speaking or preaching it: "I'm a bit suspicious of societies and committees and conferences. I'm not a letter writer or an agitator. Mutual participation in each other's worship would lead to unity and help foster world peace." And this is what he does. So that he can be found at Mass in Westminster Cathedral or at a service in a Greek Orthodox Church in Camden Town or at a dedication or patronal festival in an Anglican Church somewhere else. His effort is entirely by his own personal example: "Hitherto my sort of activity—bridging the gap—was regarded as disloyal but there has been a great interest in ecumenism lately which is very encouraging."—And by prayer "one cannot assess what is achieved by prayer, but I hope my own unworthy effort will help Christians to respect each other." *Photo and Note—Courtesy of "The Times".*

SHELTER

Des Wilson has launched an imaginative appeal for funds in 110,000 schools, colleges and youth clubs in England, Scotland and Wales—the target for each group being £325 by April 1st. Proposals for Efforts—"a Walk Week"; collecting all 4d.s before withdrawn from circulation; a Tiny Tots painting competition; "Tycoon" Competition—how large a sum individuals can raise with an initial 2s. 6d. within a fortnight! This enterprising Society to house the homeless is raising money faster than any other charity.

ANGLICAN-ROMAN

In the S.W. Transvaal a new church built under joint Anglican-Roman co-operation. Anglican Bishop consecrated followed by Roman Mass, at which both Anglicans and Romans made their Communions! (U.S.P.G. News). Some

of these happenings leave one a little lost at our slowness towards inter-communion here.

INTERCOMMUNION

In the new town of Livingston, West Lothian, the Anglican Bishop of Edinburgh is not only allowing inter-communion, but "encouraging" it between Anglicans, Methodists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, as part of an ecumenical experiment.

MOTHERS UNION

The Bishop of Norwich, in a long and careful article in the Norwich Churchman, urges M.U. leaders to look again at its regulation against divorced persons. "I think this regulation overlooks one main fact of Christ's teaching to which all members of his Church should bear witness, namely our Lord's teaching about forgiveness."

WOMAN PRESIDENT

The Church Missionary Society has had only six presidents in 160 years—and they have all, one might say, naturally been men. Now the General Committee breaks the tradition—in proposing to the Annual Meeting, to be held next month, that Miss Diana Reader Harris be President. Miss Reader Harris is Headmistress of Sherborne School for Girls—since 1950, and has played an active part in the world of education and young people. "There will be widespread pleasure at her appointment because the Society is concerned in Africa and Asia with the advancement of women to take their full place in the life of the family, community and nation," says a speaker for the Society.





With model of Dr Barnardo



BRM days



With retired worker

ALFRED OWEN - Christian Leader

The Times Jan 7th 1969 gave nearly half a page to his life and activity.

TO BE CHAIRMAN AND Joint Managing Director of a huge industrial enterprise like Rubery, Owen and Co. Ltd., would seem, on the face of it, to be sufficient occupation, leaving little leisure. Alfred Owen, however, manages, in addition, to put in an enormous amount of time in voluntary work. It was indeed his public service which earned him his knighthood in 1961.

Alfred George Beech Owen when only 21 years old left his studies at Cambridge to take over the reins of the company, when his father died in 1929. For a number of years previously his school holidays had mainly been spent at the Darlaston works, so he already had some acquaintance with the manufacturing departments and was known to the workers. His younger brother, Ernest, (he died in 1967) was with him to give support in the tasks ahead.

It has been a story of continual development and progress hand-in-hand with human ideals. In 1935 Rubery, Owen and Co. Ltd. became a private limited concern and still remains the largest family owned industrial business in the British Isles. Other companies, specialists in their own sphere of activity have become

associated with the Owen Group, bringing their resources and skill into this great organisation. At the present time Alfred Owen is on the board of 99 companies and chairman of over 80! There are also overseas subsidiaries in Australia and South Africa.

Alfred Owen has had a passion for racing cars and track events. He sponsored the BRM racing cars. In 1963 he was awarded the Ferodo trophy as the man who had done most for British racing.

He is a lay preacher in the Anglican Church, and despite his gruelling working day of 16 hours, on Sundays, rather than rest at his Sutton Coldfield home, the chances are that he will be motoring somewhere — anywhere between Eastbourne and Newcastle — to preach at a Church Anniversary or special service, and perhaps take a Sunday School class too, almost irrespective of denomination!

If ever there had been a remote possibility that after business hours he would have some leisure, it disappeared years ago when he was lured into local government service. For seven years he was Chairman of Staffordshire County Council. He has served on both the Borough Council at Sutton Coldfield of which town he

has been Mayor, and Darlaston Urban District Council, of which he has been four times its Chairman! He is at present on the finance committee of Walsall Borough Council.

Sir Alfred's capacity for public service seems boundless. For years he has been Chairman of the Council of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, he has been deeply involved in the National Savings Movement, holding various important offices. He is Pro-Chancellor of Keele University in Staffordshire, and a Governor of Birmingham University. He is Vice-Chairman of the Development Corporation for Wales.

Sir Alfred does not smoke and is a total abstainer—but the key to his life and living is his explicit and implicit faith in Christ. "First things first, faith in God and His guiding hand." Everything is done quietly and thoroughly,

but it is all towards trying to serve and help other people. In fact, his ambition is to see everyone trying to work by Christian standards.

Youth work, preparation for retirement and welfare of his older employees are more of his main interests. He initiated his own "Sons of Rest" workshops to keep able bodied elderly men gainfully employed, and he is President of Darlaston "Sons of Rest".

One thing is certain, Alfred Owen, while running the largest family business in England, while serving in all possible causes, political, social, charitable, has shown also an outstanding example of Christian dedication, Christian service, Christian witness, Christian concern, Christian humility. Long may he and his good work continue.



Knowing God. *We describe God in human terms. In prayer we deepen our knowledge of him by rediscovering what these titles mean. Now we think of God who is Gracious*

Week 1

Worship God who has deigned to make himself known to men.

Picture the gulf between the God of love and the human race whom he created to respond to his love

Remember the profit motive, the grab for power, and the self-assertiveness which are the main-springs of our lives.

Thank God that his love for us is never-ceasing

Week 2

Worship God who became man and gave himself for sinners.

Picture the reaction of the Pharisees, the soldiers, the rulers, the poor, and the rich to Jesus.

Remember the few who recognised their need of redemption and accepted what Jesus had to offer

Thank God that he is able to give life where there is misery, disillusionment, poverty, and pain

Week 3

Worship God who inhabits the lives of fallen men.

Picture the types of people whom the Holy Spirit uses for the advancement of God's kingly rule.

Remember that the Holy Spirit is God's free gift of himself to underserving people.

Thank God for the **grace**, bestowed by the Spirit, that gives us the power to do mighty things

Week 4

Worship God who loves us though we have grieved His heart of love.

Picture the free gift of salvation given through the sacrifice of Jesus.

Remember the unlimited resources at hand through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thank God that, in spite of his manifold gifts to men, he still desires our love in return.



Photo: The Universe

THE WIDER FELLOWSHIP

Notes, news, reports, opinion from Roman & Free Churches

This Month: Brendan O'Reilly, Divine Word Missionaries

A SIGN OF THE KINGDOM

SURPRISE!

"She actually pulls babies out of dustbins where they have been despairingly disposed of, and keeps them alive, thereby augmenting the population instead of distributing coils, clips and other contraceptive devices." This is how Malcolm Muggeridge describes Mother Teresa's set of values. "Altogether unrelated" as he says "to contemporary modes of thought."

The Making of an Apostle

Calcutta is a very big city. It takes a very big woman to become known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Yet this is how the world has come to know her. This is how she could be introduced on BBC TV. At home, and that is Calcutta at its poorest, she is known as, "The Angel of the Slums".

Agnes Gouxha Bojaxha was born in Albania in 1910. At the age of eighteen she entered the Loreto Sisters. After a short period of formation she was assigned to India. There she was appointed to a teaching position in St. Mary's High School, Calcutta, later becoming headmistress.

But the classroom could not contain a woman of her dedication. The senior girl students of St. Mary's caught some of her spirit and went to help in the slums. But she knew they needed leadership. After serious prayer and advice she decided to ask permission to leave her convent and go to the slums. The permission was granted, first for one and then for

three years. The experience taught her that something could be done.

Missionaries of Charity

Her work preached by itself. Others joined her and gradually a new congregation of sisters began to emerge. She called the foundation, "Missionaries of Charity". Castes and creeds mean nothing to Mother Teresa and her sisters. "To us they are all Christ in Disguise. 'I was homeless and you took me in'."

The Missionaries of Charity now number about 250 Sisters and 12 Brothers. They have gone beyond Calcutta to India's hinterland and capital, to Madras and Bombay. The same needs and the same dedicated spirit have called this community to the other side of the world. The first foundation outside of India is in Venezuela.

What impresses us most in this simple frail woman, still so active in tropical India at 58? Malcolm Muggeridge in his television interview tells us that what impressed him most was her shining faith. "I was conscious of my own inadequacy in dealing with goodness like hers."

She is above all else a sign of the Kingdom. She offers the same sign as Jesus Himself pointed to. "Go back and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, the Good News is proclaimed to the poor." Today's world is in need of people like this.



Our concern is their comfort in retirement

The Church of England Pensions Board has established 11 residential homes and 2 nursing homes and has built or acquired by gift over 200 houses, bungalows and flats for accommodation by retired clergymen and their wives and widows of clergymen and for retired deaconesses and women church workers. Many clergymen anxious to retire cannot do so because they have nowhere to live, but the Board can do no more without increased financial support.

If you can help

Please send your contribution or leave a legacy to The Church of England Pensions Board
53 Tufton Street, London SW1

Young and old alike

DAVID ATTFIELD



WORK AND MARRIAGE FILL up most of our lives. But at either end are two periods, youth and age, usually thought very different. Yet are they really so unlike?

Youth is before work, before responsibility, before the rat-race to the top. And age is the time of retirement, when we withdraw from our career. Young and old do not go out to work for their living: they have time to think.

TIME TO STUDY

Young and old both study. Youth trains for a job via "A" and "O" levels, via degree or apprenticeship, via school and college.

The retired may enter a still more active phase on leaving work! Many train for voluntary service, to be better councillors, justices; or just more expert at growing roses.

Education is the prime task of the young. They learn what it is to be human and what past generations have treasured up for the future. The retired may come to grips with the glory and shame of man, the mystery of the universe. Age explores in the years left and youth searches to make sense of life, before practicalities strangle the spirit. Young and old look for a faith.

TIME FOR LOVE

The greatest excitement of youth is the other sex, finding a person whom you love so dearly that life itself is too short a time to be together. Then comes the great middle period of family-building, which tests your marriage. And now on retirement, what has Darby except Joan and their sons and daughters to the third and fourth generation? But one partner will go first, even if marriage has endured.

TIME FOR IDEALS

When we are young we have ideals. We can wave a flag, march in a pro-

cession and show the angry face of charity to our squalid society. And the retired find chances to reduce pain for others and make life human and happy. The leisured old can be universal aunts to many who are in a tough spot and fill the gaps in the welfare state. Young and old are on the angels' side: yet what faith have they in progress?

TIME TO LOOK AHEAD

Young and old both have something to look forward to. The young approach years of maturity and poise. The retired also have something to look forward to . . . poverty, loneliness and death. Often, you see, the old fear the future just as the young fear their future. For adolescents, too, may be terrified at leaving home, at coping with sex and at voyaging alone in a bewildering world.

TIME TO CHOOSE

How can youth and age face life and make something of it?

If we are humanists, we live without God and think death extinction. We look on the best things in our lives and on human achievement everywhere: and in all this find present value. How great to be a man and to inherit science and art. In earlier as in later days, our faith is that man will go far and have a future . . . or will he?

Equally, as Christians, we believe throughout life that nothing from the past is lost but everything is glorified. As Holy Week approaches, remember that age and youth meet in Jesus, who dies young for the young, Who rises to work in all stages of existence and who awaits and welcomes us at the end.

INFORMATION FOR THE MARY ANDERE DISABLED

THE EMERGENCE OF OUR WELFARE State has thrown into confusion much of the work which used to be done by the many charitable bodies existing independently of each other. Frequently each body was intent upon the work for which it had originally been created, and often had no knowledge of other bodies which could carry on where its own task ended.

The situation is extremely complicated. Even trained welfare officers and social workers can find it difficult to thread their way through the maze of organisations, many with unlikely sounding names or mnemonic groups of initials! As for the ordinary person—often the very people in most need are those who are least aware that help is in any way available!

TO ease this situation the Information Service for the Disabled was set up. Its offices are at 39 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1 (Tel. 01-222 7487-8) and its officers **really do** welcome phone calls or letters from enquirers. The bigger the problem the bigger the challenge, and if the information sought is not amongst the efficiently-kept files in the office, then no effort will be spared to track the answer down. It is, in fact, an Information Bureau for anything connected with rehabilitation, the needs and problems of the disabled, and the services and aids available throughout the United Kingdom.

The provision of suitable bathroom facilities on the ground floor for those who are unable to go upstairs, and where no downstairs lavatory exists—grants can be made towards part of the cost.

ADVICE in planning the layout of a house to enable a wheelchair to be



safely and easily used, or on problems connected with re-planning kitchens for those who have varying severe disabilities but who still want to do their own work and manage the cooking and washing-up themselves . . . the many modern aids available for such people . . . problems of garages, ramps, installation of small private lifts, "tools for the job" in daily living in a dozen directions . . . how an old person can put on their stockings without having to ask for help, or those who cannot, for one or other reason, bend and yet can reach out or down with a gadget known as a "Helping Hand" . . .

THERE are a host of "aids" available today for the benefit of those suffering from all sorts of disabilities, from people lying prone in an iron lung, to the man who has severe heart disease but still wants to do a little of the gardening he loves so dearly! Each of the smallest of such gadgets enables a person to keep his or her self-respect.

Independence is writ large in the charter most disabled people accept when they at last come to terms with their situation. They want to do all they can for themselves, and only then, after they have done what they can, are they willing to sit back and let others take over!

If you know of anyone who is handi-

capped or disabled, and who needs advice over problems of this nature, do put them in touch with the Service.

FOOD: SPICES, PAMPHLET AND OMELETTE

One of my very nicest Christmas presents was a spice rack complete with a very comprehensive range of spice jars! Since I have a weakness for well-spiced oriental dishes I was very intrigued to read a list of the spices available, and found many with which I was not familiar! I wrote off to the firm concerned, and received an excellent little leaflet giving advice about the various herbs, spices, seasonings, etc., and recipes and suggested uses. In the limited space available I cannot give readers any real idea of the variety which can so easily be obtained nowadays, but those who are interested in such things should write to the Blue Ribbon Spice Kitchens, 83 Kingsway, London, W.C.2, asking for their leaflet "Introducing Blue Ribbon Spices". Some of their suggestions make all the difference to a fairly plain dish and lift it into the "supreme" category!

For the moment I will simply give you one recipe I have tried out:

Spanish Omelette with Oregano

(FOR ONE)

For Filling: $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon Blue Ribbon Oregano; 2 medium potatoes, cooked; 2 medium tomatoes; $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. butter.

For Omelette: 2 eggs; salt and pepper to taste; $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. butter.

Filling: Put oregano in small bowl, pour on boiling water and leave to soften for 5 mins. Cut potatoes into $\frac{1}{2}$ inch pieces. Skin tomatoes and cut into $\frac{1}{2}$ inch pieces. Melt butter in 7 inch frying pan and heat tomatoes and potatoes for 2-3 minutes. Strain oregano and toss thoroughly with vegetables. Remove from pan and keep warm.

To make omelette: Beat eggs together with seasonings. Heat butter in pan until sizzling, taking care not to let it burn. Pour egg mixture into pan. Using a fork draw mixture into centre from sides. Allow to cook until underside is golden brown but centre is still moist. Slide omelette on to serving plate. Place vegetable filling down centre, fold omelette over into three and serve immediately.



April

A RINSING shower,
A washed blue sky,
A cherry's flower,
A cuckoo-cry,
A sloe's white crown,
A beech-leaf's down,
A daffodil—
April.

Justin Richardson

Peace

WALKS WITH THE STEP
of a country priest;
Comes in the night with a mother's
soothing hand;
Looks like the carved Virgin in a
wayside Alpine shrine;
Smells of lily-of-the-valley, and
new-ploughed land.

Peace is in the fragrance of April
rain,
The mountain fastness where no
foot has trod,
The pages of an old and much
loved Book:
Peace is the handclasp of God.

Dilys Owen



COMMENT

Once last year I was accused by an incumbent of allowing Church News to lose some of its former edge! Recently I have been told firmly and courteously that some articles are not acceptable in this and that particular parish. Of course there is a vast range of subjects—this month's for instance—which are widely agreed and accepted. The trouble is that most deeper issues affecting the life of the Church—Anglican-Methodist Unity, Roman Catholic links, revised liturgy, the Fenton Morley report, etc., etc.—are disputed. Should an inset avoid them altogether—or should we seek to deal honestly with them as we see them, knowing we leave ourselves open to genuine disagreement? I believe we should—with one proviso, that we should never become so stentorian as to outspoke the local incumbent. All we should seek to do is open the subject up—and the incumbent, being known and accepted and respected in his own parish, can with much firmer voice add to or argue against, as he sees fit.

Those who follow this Letters Page will know how often I publish letters which contradict, criticise what has appeared in these pages. I am delighted to have them. My own mind has often been stimulated by sharp letters—and by articles which do not by any means fall in line with what I hold. To achieve this questioning and stirring is so necessary.

C. R.

Your Letters . . .

ANGLICAN-METHODISM

Dear Canon Rhodes, County Durham
No doubt you are entitled to express your own views in favour of the Anglican-Methodist Union Scheme, as I am entitled to argue against it in that part of the magazine which I edit myself. It is another matter when the best part of a whole issue is devoted to "ecumenical" propaganda of a highly controversial character. Who would imagine after reading the January issue that anything whatever had been said by responsible churchmen on the other side?

Yours faithfully,

(Canon) W. S. T. W.

(I accept this reproof. In fairness arguments against the Scheme should have been stated.—Editor.)

CHURCH NEWS INSET

Dear Canon Rhodes, Newton Abbot
Re, the paragraph on unity and the allusion to the hand on the plough.

This inset, entitled "Church News", incorporating the inset "Outlook", is edited by the Rev. Canon Cecil Rhodes, St. Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, and published by Home Words Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd., 11 Ludgate Square, E.C.4 Printed in Great Britain by The Trafford Press Ltd., Manchester M16 9HP. April 1969.

When Jesus spoke those words He was speaking to men who saw the way lying straight before them. We in this scheme are being asked to put our hands to a plough that has been dumped into a tangled wilderness. Where no-one seems able to tell us in what direction the plough will go. We hear the voices of men—godly and righteous no doubt—giving so many diverse directions that I for one wonder, "Where is the voice of God", and come to the conclusion that in this present scheme His voice is silent.

Yours faithfully,

Olive Stark

Dear Canon Rhodes,

Leeds
I write to cancel our order for "Church News". We are going to produce a magazine without an inset this coming year. Of all the insets which I have seen, I am sure yours is the best. It is good to "look at", the format is right, the printing is good and the content is wide and provocative. My complaint is the nature of your provocation and the one-sidedness of the argument, which might be alright for strong Church people, but not at all right for the bulk of my readers. It is no good saying that people have to be made to think about the problems, which might well stimulate strong Church folk. There is a time to protect "children".

Yours sincerely,

(Rev.) J.S.D.

(I am delighted that after consulting his congregation and correspondence this cancellation was rescinded.—Editor.)

WELCOMED BACK?

Dear Canon Rhodes, Waltham Abbey, Essex
I have lived in one Parish for the whole of my 40 years but have been away, for half of it. A growing parish and a busy one is no place for people to feel that they must be "welcomed back". We should remember "others there are who are not of this fold, them also. . . ."

Yours sincerely,

M. Chapman

Dear Canon Rhodes,

Chichester
A letter published in the January "Church News" "Indifference", signed "Miss J. H." and address as of Selsey gives a totally false picture, and is a wholly unjustified attack upon the Priest-in-charge and the church people of Selsey. The facts are well known to me; Selsey is one of the most welcoming churches in Sussex. If your readers come to this part of "Sunny Sussex" for a holiday, they will discover this truth for themselves.

Yours faithfully,

Lancelot Mason, Archdeacon of Chichester

(I have received many letters from the people of Selsey to the same effect—and greatly regret the publication of the original, for which I accept full responsibility.—Editor.)

PRE-SCHOOL PLAY GROUPS

Langdale, Ledgers Meadow, Cuckfield, Haywards Heath, Sussex.

Dear Canon Rhodes, Sussex
I am writing to thank you for the welcome article about Pre-School Playgroups.

We need the support of everyone concerned for our young children and their lack of play facilities. May 17th-24th, is to be National Playgroups Week.

Any readers of "Church News" interested in joining the national association, contacting local playgroups or starting new ones are very welcome to write to me, and I will put them in touch with their Area Organiser. Our booklet "Starting a Playgroup" (3/-, p.p. incl.) leads the newcomer through the intricacies of opening a playgroup.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. J. M. Donoghue for PPA

SPECIAL NOTE FOR GOOD FRIDAY EVENING

On Good Friday, 4th April, 1969, some of the central Churches of Oxford hope to hold their usual Town Hall United Service at 7.30 p.m. This year, instead of a film service, we are glad to announce that PASTOR RICHARD WURMBRANDT, author of the thrilling book "Tortured for Christ" will be speaking on his many year's experience and battle in the underground Church of Eastern Europe. He is a notable figure in the Christian world, and we hope many will come to hear him speak on modern martyrs for Christ—so relevant a subject for Good Friday.

FUTURE PATTERN OF CHURCH WORSHIP

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee there will be three main services on Sundays :—

8.00 a.m. Said Holy Communion.

10.0 a.m. Family Communion (The New Service) followed by Coffee in the Church Hall on the 1st Sunday of the month. (Parents with children will be welcome to attend either whole or part of the service as desired).

6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Baptisms will take place as usual on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 3 p.m. The 11.15 a.m. service of Morning Prayer on the 2nd and 4th Sundays will be discontinued, but there will be services for parents and children at that time on special occasions as announced.

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY. 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Communion. The Preacher at 10 a.m. will be the Rev. David Applin, Curate of St. Clement's, Oxford.

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

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

GOOD FRIDAY

8.00 a.m. Ante-Communion.

10.0 a.m. Service for Parents and Children.

11.0 a.m. UNITED SERVICE at St. Clement's, Oxford.

EASTER DAY

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

The Children's Instruction will continue as usual.

Evensong and Sermon at 6.30 p.m.

Holy Baptism. As there have been one or two requests for Baptisms on Easter Day, there will be a Service at 3 p.m. (after prior notice only) but there will be **NO Holy Baptism Service on Sunday the 13th April.**

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

OVER 60's CLUB

The usual Easter Morning Market will be held on Easter Monday, 7th April, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Church Hall. Please do your best to support this effort.

"WHY MISSION?"

The Diocesan Council for Mission and Unity has arranged a deanery meeting for clergy and members of P.C.C.s on Tuesday, 22nd April in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Headington at 8 p.m.

The main speaker will be the Rev. J. E. Brown of the Jerusalem and the East Mission. It is hoped that there will be a good turnout for this meeting.

CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

Parents will have received a letter giving details of Services and Instruction during Holy Week and Easter Day. On Good Friday there will be a Service for Parents and Children at 10 a.m. and we do hope as many as possible will come and so mark out this holy day within the family.

On Easter Day our instruction will be as usual and we shall be delighted to welcome parents. The Nursery children will assemble in the Mortimer Hall as usual, for their own celebrations.

The Catechism and Crossbearers will be attending the 10 a.m. Parish Communion on Easter Day. There will be NO INSTRUCTION on Low Sunday the 13th April . . . normal arrangements will resume on the following Sunday 20th April.

EASTER PARTY FOR JUNIOR CHILDREN ONLY. SATURDAY 26th APRIL 3.30 to 6 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM

Bert Ward, who saw so many thousands of children across the road when he acted as 'lollipop man', only survived his wife by three months or so. He had nursed her lovingly and faithfully until her passing, and his death robs the village of a kindly man who had always a cheery word for those whom he met.

Joseph Maycock was again one of our senior citizens, and although he had not been well enough to attend the Over 60's Club of late, he will be remembered as one who loved his garden, and who never failed to offer his choicest blooms to the Church at Harvest time. He will be missed not only by his family, but by all who came in contact with his warm and stable personality.

To the family and friends of them both we offer our sympathies.

Only recently we referred to Mary Darby's life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. When she died on Mothering Sunday, she left behind her a memory of someone of supreme courage, and serene faith. "What staggers me is how good this experience is being" she wrote during her illness, "not physically but in every other way. The love and real joy and real riches that have flowed out of it for me in a hundred ways are making it one of the great experiences of my life." One can only be grateful for all that she has given to the world both from her natural joy in living life in all its breadth of experience, and for the study of the young German theologian whose life, like hers, radiated a Christ-like courage in the face of adversity.

REMINISCENCES

Extract of letter from Mr. E. Bartlett of Mill Lane received following the one from Mr. Bernard Haynes.

".....the house in which Mr. Barasay Cummings lived at 3 Mill Lane was previously the home of Richard and Mary Bleay and my mother's birthplace. At the side of the house where my great uncle, Mr. Arthur (Peggy) Bleay lived stands a wooden building which was originally a non-Conformist Chapel . . . it was the forerunner of the Chapel attached to Mr. Hayle's shop. Evening service there was at 5 p.m. My mother recalls, that having attended St. Nicholas' Church at 9, 11 and 2, was given the option of having tea, a wash and upstairs to bed, or chapel at 5 . . . the latter was apparently the popular choice! Sunday was truly a day of peace . . ."

BELLRINGERS NOTES

Bellringers urgently required!

The St. Nicholas Society has urgent need of boys and girls and adults to train as bellringers. If you are over 10, in good health, and think you might be interested, visit the belfry and see for yourself. No obligation to join. Friday at 7.45 p.m. or Sunday at 6 p.m.

Annual Outing. 19th April to Windsor.

There are a few seats available for members of the congregation. Fare 11/- (See Church notice board for details).

Congratulations to our President on becoming Rural Dean.

A quarter peal was rung on 2nd March by Miss C. Cartlidge, A. Gammon, S. Buck, M. Bolton and L. Porter (Conductor) as a compliment to the Vicar on his appointment. A peal attempt came to grief! A half-peal was rung at Midgham, near Reading. Roy Jones and Leonard Porter enjoyed an afternoon's ringing on 1st March in the Reading area in the company of Mr. Ron Dove (Author of "A Bellringer's Guide to Church Bells").

Jumble Sale. It is hoped to hold a Jumble Sale after Easter to raise money for the Bell Fund. If you have any Jumble, please let the ringers know. (Notice in porch).

CHURCH & LOCAL CLUBS, SOCIETIES, ETC.

CHURCH

- Bell Ringers.** Sec. : Mr. A. Gammon, 50 Oxford Road.
Brownies : Brownie Guiders : Mrs. Tong, 9 Gordon Close and
Mrs. Darling, 11 Gordon Close.
Choir. Choirmaster : Mrs. E. M. Garner, 31 Oxford Road.
Cubs : Cub Scout Leader : Mr. E. R. Roberts, 72 Cherwell Drive.
Girl Guides. Guide Guider : Mrs. J. Clarke, 30 Cavendish Drive.
Parish Magazine : Sec. : Mr. & Mrs. Finch, "Stanmore," Boult's 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 Leader : Mrs. P. Prescott, 22 Ashlong Road.
Secretary : Mrs. R. B. Wells, 14 Raymond Road.

LOCAL

- 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, Boult's Lodge, Boult's Lane, Old
Marston.
Over 60's Club. Sec. : Mrs. J. Yates, Boult's Lodge, Boult's 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 : Harlow School : Mr. W. G. King,
23 Nicholas Avenue.
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

We hope all readers will patronise the shops advertised
in this Directory where excellent service is assured :

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North, 5 Salford Road, Old MarstonTel. 41451
- Butcher (High Class) :**
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- Caterers — Buffets & Wedding Receptions :**
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