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SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion : 8 a.m. (Series I).

Parish Communion : 10 a.m. (Series II) 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 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, 7.30 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.

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

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.

Cover Picture : Home Life—our hope and stability. "C.I.O."

VICAR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

My daughter has a Chinese godfather. His home is in Malaya. He is a keen Christian. When he first came to this country a few years ago he went to a well-known London church one Sunday evening. The service was in progress, so he slipped into the first available pew that he saw. A woman was already kneeling there. The congregation rose to sing the psalm. Suddenly she noticed the Chinaman standing in the same pew. She hastily picked up her things and hurriedly moved into a different pew.

Harry Ong related this incident to a Youth Group one Christmas Eve when he was staying with us. "It hurt me more than I can say," he said "I left the Church feeling very bitter indeed . . . and then I thought about the Lord Jesus and remembered that at the first Christmas, for Him too there was 'no room in the inn.' I returned to the church. Indeed I felt sorry for the woman who had hurt me."

In these days when racialism is a very topical issue, this story shows that the message of Christmas has power to change our attitude to people. The fact that there was "no room in the inn" for Jesus, should also remind us that we still shut Him out in the cold in so many ways.

Des Wilson of Shelter gave the following figures in a recent article :—
3 million families in Britain still live in slums, near slums or overcrowded conditions.

1 million, eight hundred thousand houses in this country are officially "unfit for human habitation" and 2 million more are in urgent need of repair.

15,000 people will spend tonight in the temporary hostels for the homeless, an increase of 3,000 people a night over last year's figure. 5,000 children will spend tonight in state institutions cut off from their parents because they cannot find a decent home.

I live in a brand new Vicarage, but stark facts such as these do not make one sleep in it very easily. They remind me that unless I am prepared to do something about the problem, I too am shutting out Christ in the person of these homeless people. I shall not be sending any local Christmas cards this year but may your Christmas and mine be happier in the knowledge that the plea of the needy, both at home and abroad, has not gone unheeded.

Yours sincerely,



IN MEMORIAM

As All Saints-tide comes round each year, it is always a privilege to remember those who have loved and served our Church down the ages and are now in the Nearer Presence of Christ. One realises too the number of faithful souls who have, during the year that is past, gone on before us. They would be the last to think of themselves as "saints," but they are the saints of God who make up his great family. Several have already been mentioned through these pages. Some have spent long months of illness with great fortitude. Among them is Edith Emsden, who through the many days of suffering shewed such amazing courage. It was always a privilege to visit her and to be touched by her complete lack of thought

for herself. Always it was her family she was so concerned about and her whole life was centred in this. As the stars which she made especially last year for the Christmas decoration of the Church, are hung up once more, we shall remember her with gratitude as we worship with the innumerable company in the heavenly country "where they need no star to guide and where no clouds God's glory hides."

CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

St. Nicholas' Toy Service

For some years recently the Children's Department has been most grateful for the toys and gifts which we send each year for children in their care who are in special need.

We shall hold our usual St. Nicholas-tide Toy Service this year on the second Sunday in Advent, i.e. 8th DECEMBER at 11.15 a.m. in Church when we shall look forward to seeing as many parents and children as possible. This will take the place of the usual Instruction, and the Nursery children who normally meet in the Village Hall at 11.15 will be asked to come with their parents to Church on that day. The members of the Catechism and Crossbearers will also be encouraged to come at 11.15 a.m. and this service will follow the 10 a.m. Parish Communion.

The young people are invited to bring new toys, games, sweets, etc., and we are always grateful for gifts for the older child and those in their 'teens. It is more helpful if gifts are left **unwrapped**.

Holiday Arrangements

Please note—We shall hold our usual Instruction on Sunday, 22nd December but there will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR INSTRUCTION** on the following Sunday the 29th December. We shall resume our normal times on the 5th January.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY CHILDREN will be on Saturday, 11th January from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Juniors will as usual have an Easter Party and the Crossbearers and Catechism will have their special Christmas "treat" sometime in the New Year, the date to be fixed with them later.

CANDLE AND CAROL SERVICES

These will be held on **SUNDAY, 22nd December** at 6.30 p.m. and one especially for parents and children on **CHRISTMAS EVE** the 24th December at 6.30 p.m. In view of the very limited seating accommodation in Church **FREE TICKETS** will be available for both services. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A TICKET.**

CHRISTMAS DAY 1968

As you will see in the Parish Calendar Holy Communion will be celebrated at 11.30 p.m. on **CHRISTMAS EVE**, and at 8 a.m. and noon on Christmas Day. Family Matins will be at 11 a.m. and Evening Prayer will be **SAID** in Church at 5.30 p.m. (no sermon).

OVER 60's CLUB

On Monday, 9th December the Christmas Party will be held in the Mortimer Hall. Offers of help at 2 p.m. to prepare for the party and transport at 4.30 p.m. and 9 p.m. will be most gratefully accepted. Please sign the list in the Church porch, or get into touch with Miss Lodge.

SPASTICS

From the sale of home-made jam Mrs. Piggott was able to send £5 to help spastics. She thanks all who contributed.

CATCH THEM YOUNG



ELIZABETH PETERS

ANXIOUS PARENTS OF TEENAGERS OFTEN ADMIT desperately "We can't do anything with Linda — or John — they will go to these terrible teenage parties. They stay out till all hours. Nothing we say makes the slightest difference."

One feels terribly sorry for Linda's harassed Mum and Dad—especially her Mum. But what has been happening all of Linda's 17 years? Parents concerned almost entirely with material gain, money to buy luxury kitchen equipment, a better car—or to provide extravagant holidays abroad. Mother away from home all hours, maybe, simply to stop herself "turning into a cabbage". Linda and John coming home after school to an empty house—no one wanting to be bothered with them.

Too late

Isn't then these parents' concern coming possibly too late? How can they imagine that a dose of parental advice or reproach administered three times daily between the ages of 16 and 19 will work a miracle, turning wayward children into perfect angels?

There's never been a wonder-medicine for the kind of malady which infects so many present-day youngsters, so that often, by the time they are 17, it's too late for treatment. The one way is to "catch them young" with our own Christian example.

Begin now

Here's where you new—or expectant—parents have your golden opportunity. You can begin at the beginning! For instance, pregnancy, accepted gladly and serenely by the mother-to-be, lays the foundations of an unclouded infancy for the child. Doctors and psychologists agree that the pre-birth mental attitude of the mother towards her child will have a great influence on the child itself.

So, if you want your child to grow up with a set of Christian standards, **now** is the time to hold your own banner for Jesus high—and you will have to continue to carry it unflinchingly throughout your child's lifetime.

Start as you mean to go on—it's a wise maxim. Begin by praying at your baby's side, when he's tucked up in his cot in the evening. You think that's ridiculous—how can a new-born infant gain any benefit from petitions and worship he can't even begin to understand?

Don't be put off by your baby's helpless dependence. Rather, let this be your spur to your Christian

standard-bearing! And just stop to think for a moment. I'm sure that you've often been surprised by a baby's natural intelligence—he knows how to cry to let you know he's hungry, or when his little tummy is full of wind.

He'll soon begin to understand something of your prayers. Your wavelength with your Heavenly Father will gather in your child's consciousness, and will become more and more meaningful as the swift months strengthen his limbs and widen his intelligence. Besides all this, your communal prayers clear the channels for the action of God's Holy Spirit.

Plan ahead

As months blossom into years, the Mother and Dad who serve under Christ's flag will plan their children's upbringing in joint effort, as all good generals do. Quietly, the two of you will decide, with God's guidance, what is to be permitted, and what is taboo! Then, supporting one another's decisions, you will gain your children's confidence.

Proper answers

Of course, it's not a scrap of good saying to 1968's children "do this—it's right because I say so". You've got to be much more positive. "It's right because . . .", and then give your good reasons. Children respect this attitude—they can go along with it,

especially if they see that **you** live out the same principles in your own lives.

So now, your Linda—or John—have gone to college. They get invited out to parties. If you've followed a Christian pattern all their lives, living up to the standards you set before them—of love, courtesy and honest living—then there's a good reason to expect they'll accept these standards as their own, though they may kick against them in minor ways. Don't worry too much—it's all part of their naturally rebellious age. They'll grow up soon! In the meantime, in their heart of hearts, they understand that parents who love their children don't leave the house when a teenage party's in progress—actually, they are probably quite relieved to know you are there. And you will know that, if they are asked to a party, you can trust them to behave and come home at a reasonable hour.

You see now, I hope, that bringing up your children under Christ's standard is a long, continuing process, starting from birth. Remember, you young Mothers and Dads, you can't **suddenly** come up with a set of rules when your children reach the "terrible teens"—with God's grace those rules must be in action all along.

When it comes to **your** family, be sure to "catch them young".



CHILDREN—and difficulties of our age

RALPH MORTON

ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES about living in towns is that our children do not see their parents at work. Often a boy cannot picture what his father's work is, even if he could explain it. On a farm a boy sees his father at work, and there are

certain jobs which are easy for a child to envisage, even if he never sees his father working. If his father is a miner, or goes to sea, or works in a shipyard, then he is more fortunate than a child who lives in a prosperous suburb, with a father who departs

daily to an anonymous "office". This boy does not hear his father discussing his work. He is more likely to hear him grumble about it.

There is a widening gulf between the world of children and the world of adult life. To many children, adult life does not appear enviable and exciting. It seems boring and unattractive—except for its by-products of money and freedom. It is a prison to which their parents are condemned, and not an inheritance into which they themselves wish to enter. And instead of a boy wanting to follow in his father's footsteps, the one thing he knows is that he wants to do something different, something in which he can see a meaning.

They appreciate your other interests

Children expect to see some meaning in social life. They are bewildered if their parents seem to have no social concerns, and spend all their lives trying to be by themselves. They are

frustrated if the only purpose their parents seem to have is their own amusement, and even more frustrated if their parents seem only to care for the welfare of their family.

Some children suffer because their parents have no time for them. Many suffer nowadays because the parents make them the whole object of their concern. Parents do their children a great disservice by claiming that they work and sacrifice only for the sake of their family. It is when parents are involved in things outside the family—in interesting jobs, political affairs and so on—and talk about these things and begin to involve their children in them, that the kids find a meaning in life and find life exciting. In this way a child's wonder is nourished, his curiosity extended and his sense of security deepened. For a child wants to find mystery, joy and beauty in life, even at the cost of pain.

from Great Yarmouth Parish Magazine.



Children and the Environment of Home and Life

IF A CHILD LIVES WITH CRITICISM — He learns to condemn.

If with hostility — He learns to fight.

If with ridicule — He learns to be shy.

If with jealousy — He learns to be guilty.

If with tolerance — He learns to be patient.

If with encouragement — He learns to have confidence.

If with praise — He learns to appreciate.

If with fairness — He understands justice.

If with security — He learns to have faith.

If with approval — He learns to like himself.

If with acceptance and friendship — He learns to find love in the world.

St. Columba Church Magazine, Durban.



***Our concern
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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

Parish Mag Missionary

JOSEPHINE HILTON

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT of your parish magazine as a missionary enterprise? You know it really does remain the backbone of Anglican publicity and if properly circulated it should be a valuable means of communication, giving information about the Church to the whole parish.

Two of the distributors I met stressed the fact that they considered their work to be of very real evangelistic value, which gave them opportunities to contact people who were outside the church but felt some sympathy towards it.

They both gave examples of members of families becoming members of church organisations and children being sent to Sunday School as a direct result of their efforts. They felt that this simple task held all kinds of opportunities for effective Christian service on the part of the ordinary man and woman.

Another man who delivers more than fifty copies of the parish magazine over a widely scattered area considers that it is a field which has unlimited possibilities in itself. This man was very scathing about unpunctuality and unreliability on the part of some distributors and said that he himself always made a point of delivering next month's magazine on the last Sunday of each month.

He sets out on his rounds after attending Parish Communion and

finds this a very good time for seeing the menfolk, as so many of them seem to be gardening or washing their cars at this time of day. He lives in an industrial area where many women are out at work during the week and resent being drawn away from their housework or watching television by an evening caller, but at this time on Sunday there is an air of relaxation and anticipation. Sunday dinner is cooking, the chores are done, an afternoon outing is planned and a little talk is quite pleasant.

News to him must be hot or it is not news, and a copy of a magazine containing a list of services and events is no use to anyone if it is a fortnight old.

Some parish magazines serve the cause of Christian Unity by allocating a regular page to Methodist activities, although retaining responsibility for presentation and distribution. Often Methodists argue that a large proportion of their members always took the magazine anyway and they are very happy about this new arrangement.

Another parish tells of distributors helping elderly and infirm readers, staying to do odd jobs, run errands, make a cup of tea, and bring the fellowship of the Church into their lonely lives.

What of the magazine itself? It can be pathetically ineffective and out of date. But in a great many cases it is attractive, informative, well-produced. As Canon Cecil Rhodes says "The Parish magazine keeps the local church and its work before the people, and is used to break ground that can reasonably be followed up. And while one knows that the shoddy magazines which are produced are useless they are getting fewer. The answer is a well-produced **individual** magazine, using a well-produced inset to keep the wider tasks and claims of the Church before Christian folk."



O Lord God bless at this Christmas time
all those who suffer—
From pain, poverty, loneliness, terrible
hunger.
Move us to help them to create for
themselves lives that are worthy, true
and free from misery.
Grant to them, and to us O Lord, your
all-embracing mercy.

Amen.

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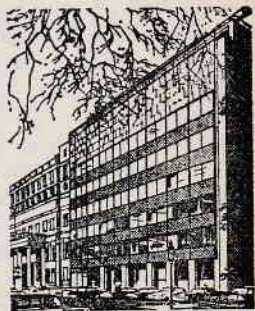
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I received this poem recently — with the note underneath. Would the writer care to communicate with me?

Child's dream of Jesus

Softly now,
the Child is sleeping,
careful with your tread.
Look!

An angel, still,
is keeping watch
above His head.

See His
tiny eyelids flutter,
watch Him when He wakes.
Bolt the door now,
close the shutters,
not a murmur make.

Listen,
that's His little voice,
coming from the gloom.
See His happy dad
and mother.
Give our Saviour room.

"I wrote this some time ago, but now I have lost faith. There is too much suffering, too much illness in the world. Surely, if there is a God, he has forsaken us."

ANOTHER LETTER

"Please stop publishing those vague and fantastic poems about 'the countless riches of creation' and 'the peace that permeates each contrite soul'. Publish this instead."

I have pleasure in so doing.

Biafran blues

There's a stink of dead on the western coast
And the vultures soar in the sky,
There's the silent din as the tide rolls in
And the time of day goes by;
It's the end of the line and it spells out 'lose',
They call it the Biafran blues.

A child has minutes on his own brown skin
And a hundred years in his eyes,
He has seen the hell that his elders sell
And his betters legalise;
He would die just the same if he could but
choose,
They call it the Biafran blues.

So the day will dawn when the gunrolls cease
And a people come to an end,
There's a bell command o'er the sighing land
It's ringing for you, my friend;
From the first to the last you have heard the
news,
They call it the Biafran blues.

Dick Baines.

POEMS IN MY POST

Mirabile Dictu

I'll tell you a story of wonder and charm,
Of a virgin who yet bore her son on her arm;
Of a child who, although he had no place to lie,
Was heir to a kingdom as wide as the sky.
He was sovereign and servant, both master and slave;
A Saviour for all, but himself did not save.
Who yet having nothing, gave all to the poor,
He died in the springtime and lives evermore.

By what wondrous power was wrought such a charm,
That a virgin might rock her own son on her arm?
And how may a child who is heir to the sky
Be so destitute he has no place to lie?
What sovereign or master was servant and slave?
Who saving all others himself did not save?
And how, having nought, could he give to the
poor?
Or from thus being dead bear existence once
more?

The Spirit of God wrought this heavenly charm,
That gave unto Mary the Child on her arm.
And Jesus the Baby had no place to lie,
Although as God's Son he was heir to the sky.
Our King, He was servant to all those in need;
By His death from all shadows and fears we are
freed.
Our blessed Redeemer whom now we adore,
He died in the springtime and lives evermore.

Suzanne Dore,
Ampleforth College.

A woman of Bethlehem

God gives to womenfolk a special place
In the creation of the human race.

There was a woman in a country inn
Cooking and cleaning as the guests came in,
Hurrying here and there with welcome smile,
Bidding the weary ones to rest awhile,
Seeking her rest when all the work was done,
Rising again, when day was scarce begun—
Rising again in answer to the cry,
Shrill and demanding, from the stable nigh,
Helping the strangers in their hour of need,
Scothing and comforting by word and deed.
Thus it was she who, all unwittingly,
Cradled the Son of God upon her knee.

We never know, as we go on our way,
What God has planned for us to do each day.

Thekla Rodd.

To my little son

I think each baby brings an angel down,
To stay, unseen, for company awhile;
And, peeping from behind her shielding gown,
My sweet young baby stares with starry smile.
But, when the angel's robe is quite withdrawn,
And he is left to face the world's new touch,
That waits to grieve his tender heart forlorn,
Or give him love and happiness and such,
May I be worthy to take on the role
Of guiding angel in his life, until
His steps are sure, keeping within his soul
A memory of the Holy Vision, still.

H. Doris Williams.



Meeting a friend in W. Australia.



Alan Brash.

PLANNED FAMILIES

The editorial of a recent issue of *The Modern Churchman* made a point about the need for planned families when it said "to this day men have thought in terms of scarcity. Death and destruction have been almost uncontrolled and the struggle has been to keep enough people alive. Large families have been God's greatest gift to man, for only by having many children could it be reasonably assumed that enough would survive to keep the race going. Suddenly this is all changed. The threat is now of extinction due to too many people struggling for food and living space on an overcrowded planet. All the world religions, with their reverence for the prodigality of nature, have been taken by surprise. Buddhism and Hinduism, no less than Christianity, will have to revise their attitude to population control, and this will not be easy."

SETTLING FAMILIES IN

The Anglican Church in Western Australia is concerned that English families should be happily settled in Australia. It brought out from London the Rev. Michael Rowdon to be Immigration Chaplain for the Anglican Province of Western Australia and to help them with housing, employment and other problems of settling in.

About 14,000 British migrants arrive in Western Australia each year, 73 per cent. of whom are Church of England members.

CHRISTIAN AID

The Rev. Alan Brash, a New Zealand born Presbyterian Minister, is now Head of Christian Aid. A quiet unassuming person, his record shows him to be a dedicated and very able leader. For 12 years he was General Secretary of the New Zealand Council of Churches, and then for 8 years Secretary for Inter-Church Aid and Mission in East Asia.

REGRET AND SHAME

"My basic feeling is that of disappointment, regret and shame.

"In my long life, I do not know of a greater tragedy.

"I fear that something irreparable has happened to my people. The loss of affection and respect for the Soviet people could not be overcome, even after decades.

"There is a danger that the love of our people will be changed into hatred and that our closest friends will appear to us as enemies. The Soviet Government could not have committed a more tragic error. This is an immeasurable disaster."

—Professor Josef Hromadka, famed Czechoslovak Protestant Christian Leader, to the Russian Ambassador in Prague.

EAST BERLIN

Young people from Norwich under the leadership of Ron Ingamells, Bishop's Youth Chaplain in Norwich, spent a holiday recently in West Berlin. One impressive day was a Sunday in East Berlin, worshipping with a small Christian congregation and then being entertained by the families in their homes. From this visit they felt they gained a real sense of "meeting", so different from merely reading about East Germany. And they found them not despairing about their Christian role in a Communist country.

NEW BOOK

MORE BARNABAS by Brother Graham, a pen name for Graham Jeffery, a priest now working in Sussex and formerly of the Anglican Bush Brotherhood of St. Barnabas, North Queensland. Wolfe Publishing Co., London (5/-).

Religious humour, yes. Good and well worth the buy. Drawings and captions have got a great deal of dry and delicious fun. I commend it to anybody for Christmas.

Marjorie Wing ON BEING A CHRISTMAS ANGEL

AS CHRISTMAS DRAWS near, we are all eager to contribute to funds for our elderly citizens, so that they too may have those extra luxuries that a pension will not provide. One way we can do this, is to make sure that all the old people in our own street are supplied with the little extras that make all the difference to their well-being.

I was visiting a friend recently, and as we chatted over a cup of coffee, we were interrupted by her next-door neighbour Mrs. Brown. "Just called for your bits and pieces," she said cheerfully. She left shortly afterwards with one

shilling, a quarter of tea and a tin of soup.

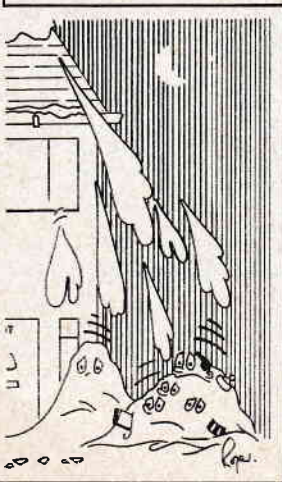
I must have looked puzzled for my friend explained,

"It's for the old folks, Mrs. Brown had this wonderful idea of providing Christmas hampers for every old person in this road. Most of the neighbours contribute, and at Christmas time we shall buy a chicken and Christmas fare for each of the six elderly neighbours; food parcels will be made up from the collection of gifts."

Naturally by collecting a shilling per head for six weeks, she would have a tidy sum to lay out. This idea was a new one to me, I think it originated at Mrs. Brown's Church: every street in the parish had one good neighbour, who had undertaken this labour of love for the elderly and infirm in her particular district.

It seemed to me, if we all did this, we should hear less of the loneliness and financial strain of our older neighbours at Christmas time. Just six shillings and a few bits and

pieces from our store cupboards, doesn't seem much, but when one considers twenty or thirty good neighbours doing likewise, it certainly mounts up to a considerable undertaking. It will ensure that the elderly people in our street will not want at Christmas, and in addition, the knowledge that they have not been forgotten will do much to make their Christmas brighter



We know the Christmas story

...or do we?

The Christmas story as told in the Scriptures has been read and reread, told and retold for more than 1,900 years. From your own recollection of the story, how many of the following statements can you correctly complete?

- 1 The traditional Christmas story of the shepherds' visiting Baby Jesus in the manger is told in the Gospel of (a) Matthew; (b) Mark; (c) Luke; (d) John.
- 2 The prophecy that a virgin would bear a son and call his name Immanuel, which being interpreted is "God with us," was made by (a) Elijah; (b) Elisha; (c) Isaiah; (d) Jeremiah.
- 3 The name of the angel who told Mary she would have a son was (a) Gabriel; (b) Michael; (c) Raphael; (d) not given.
- 4 When the angel spoke to Mary, she was in (a) Samaria; (b) Judea; (c) Galilee; (d) Perea.
- 5 After the angel's visit, Mary went to visit a relative whose name was (a) Eunice; (b) Elizabeth; (c) Martha; (d) Sarah.
- 6 Mary stayed in her relative's home for three (a) days; (b) weeks; (c) months; (d) years.
- 7 Soon after Mary's visit a son was born to the kinswoman, and he was named (a) Jacob; (b) John; (c) Thomas; (d) Zacharias.

BY CLAUDIA M. HIGGINS

8 A decree that all the world should be registered or taxed was issued by (a) Caesar Augustus; (b) Herod; (c) Pontius Pilate; (d) Archelaus.

9 The king who ruled over Judea at the time of Jesus' birth was (a) Agrippa; (b) Herod; (c) Pilate; (d) Caiaphas.

10 Jesus was born in (a) Bethlehem; (b) Jerusalem; (c) Nazareth; (d) Samaria.

11 That the Child was to be named Jesus, an angel told (a) the king; (b) the Wise Men; (c) Joseph and Mary; (d) the priest.

12 The shepherds went to see the baby in the manger because of (a) the angel's announcement; (b) the star in the east; (c) Cyrenius' proclamation; (d) a prophecy in the Scriptures.

13 In their search for the Christ Child, the Wise Men first came to (a) Bethlehem; (b) Cairo; (c) Jericho; (d) Jerusalem.

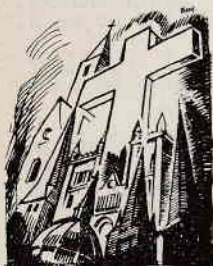
14 For travel, the Wise Men used (a) camels; (b) chariots; (c) horses; (d) an unspecified method.

15 The Wise Men presented gifts to the Christ Child in (a) a house; (b) the stable; (c) the temple; (d) an inn.

16 Bethlehem was also called the (a) chief port of Judea; (b) cradle of the East; (c) wailing wall of Elijah; (d) city of David.

From *Episcopalian*

from Czechoslovakia



A Letter from The Leaders of the
Czechoslovak Churches to all Christians
in our Czechoslovak Socialist Republic.



IN FAITH that the love of Christ unites us and in recognition of our Christian responsibility, we decided to turn to you with a few words of thanks, comfort and encouragement in these days of severe trials in our country.

We are grateful to God that He guarded us during these days, strengthened us through our mutual faith in Jesus Christ, increased our mutual love and gave us new hope.

We thank all government officials led by President Ludvik Svoboda, who in an effort to save the life and honour of the nations of our socialist state, decided to choose the means of gradual consolidation of the situation caused by the entrance of the armies of some states of the Warsaw Pact into the territory of our state.

We appreciate the fact that the consolidation of the situation in our Socialist Republic is, through the efforts of our people, taking place. We hope that this process will continue under the leadership of these who we all trust: the president of the republic, Ludvik Svoboda, the National Assembly led by J. Smrkovsky, the government of O. Cernik and Alexander Dubcek.

We wish to thank our brothers and sisters for demonstrating such great moral strength, discretion, unity and devotion in the trials of the recent days and for abstaining from all that could endanger the hope for the solution of the grave situation.

According to our christian conscience, we avow the realisation of truth, justice, freedom and human equality in democratic socialism. This is the reason for our solidarity and allegiance to the socialist establishment.

We beseech you, in the interest of the normalisation of our lives, to remain discreet, responsible, devoted and industrious and so be the leaven of good in our land and an example for all people. Let us remain sincere. Let us be keepers of our neighbours against all moral temptation and political aberrance. Trials are situations which show forth heroes or cowards.

Let us act from the position of truth and love, preserve calm and a good conscience in all. Do not betray given promises, do not disappoint friendship and do not lose hope!

As Christians we do not react to our nation's situation with anger and hate but with patience and by surmounting evil with good.

Let us have the courage to rectify our lives through sincere repentance. Let us communicate, through prayer, with God who is omnipotent. Let us take care that no one in our midst be neglected and that no one suffers injustice. Let us strive that God be with us through love.

"...all things work together for good to them that love God..." (Rom. 8:28)

BORROWED PRAYER

Dec. 1 A Prayer for Sincerity. Psalm 50. **Wait upon God** who, contrary to this Psalmist's belief, speaks to men mainly through the conscience, the Bible and the worship of the Church.

Adore God in silence, thinking of his presence which is sometimes veiled by the words and actions of repeated church services.

Ask God to bring constantly before our minds the practical nature of Christianity and the inner side of worship.

Say the Gloria.

Dec. 8 A Prayer for Saints. Psalm 37: 23-41.

Wait upon God in the knowledge that dishonesty, vice, sharp dealing, indifference and competition do pay off now.

Adore God knowing that the Psalmist's contention that the righteous never suffer is incorrect.

Ask God for the patience to accept ill fortune and to use it for good, remembering the example of Jesus himself.

Say the Gloria.

Dec. 15 A preparation for Death. Psalm 73.

Wait upon God after accepting the Psalmist's realistic assessment of human life (verses 3-9).

Adore God knowing that it is faith and love which will win eternal life, and evil and selfishness that will lose by death (verses 15-20).

Ask God to welcome death as the gateway to eternal life, a fact unknown to our Psalmist.

Say the Gloria.

Dec. 22 A Prayer for Sinners. Psalm 94 **Wait upon God** and pray for all those known to us who lead their lives without reference to God or his demands.

Adore God who loved his sinful children so much that he became man, lived, died and rose again on their behalf.

Ask God to give his Church the boldness required to combat and challenge evil and wrongdoing.

Say the Gloria.

Dec. 29 A Christmas Prayer. Psalm 103. **Wait upon God** after the festivities of Christmas and think again of the inner meaning of the birth of Jesus.

Adore God for the truth of verses 13-18. **Ask God** that Christmas may evoke in us the spirit of verses 19-22.

Say the Gloria.



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Suffer Little Children

DAVID ATTFIELD

To Play

CHRISTMAS reminds us that Jesus was born a human child. As a child he had certain needs all children have.

If you have small brothers or sisters you will have noticed how big a part play takes in their lives. Did Jesus play? Surely he must have done. "Play is the child's work. Play at this time is not trivial, it is highly serious and of deep significance." (Froebel).

Small children play to develop their bodies, to explore the world of colours and shapes, to act out their fears and fantasies and to come to grips with their fellow human beings!

And today play is the chief occupation in many a nursery and infant school and in good homes. Yet many houses and flats lack space for children to romp around in.

Jesus had the hills above Galilee and the streets and market place of Nazareth. Where shall our small children play?

That is why the Pre-School Play-groups movement has grown up*. Mothers band together to run a playground. The leader is usually paid. She may be a professional or has at least attended a training course. Round her gather several mothers as helpers and about 10 or 20 children aged 3-5. The playgroup generally meets in a hall—often a Church Hall—several mornings or afternoons a week. At first the children may be shy and tearful and cling to mother. Gradually they gain confidence to leave their mother's side and explore alone. Indoors there is painting (with brushes or

fingers), sand, water and clay, clothes for dressing up, jigsaw puzzles and building blocks, perhaps a Wendy House, and glorious junk to make those mysterious things that only a toddler understands. Outside there may be grass to race around on and a climbing frame to tackle. And there is a time for the children to sit down and drink orange juice, listen to a story and sing nursery rhymes.

At Christmas Christians look for ways of helping others, especially children. Now for any mother, even in good conditions, keeping several toddlers happy is an exhausting and wearing business. But many mothers and children are disgracefully housed (see "Shelter" advertisements) and many mothers also have to manage on poor wages or without a husband. Children in these conditions haven't a chance.

Now one way we can give Christ's children a chance is through play-groups. Not only children but mothers gain from a change, a rest, new interests and company. Is your mother free to lend a hand? Have you time in holidays or vacs? Some schools allow older girls to help.

A carol tells of Jesus four years old
Angels brought him toys of gold . . .
With these he would not play . . .
Made him fowls of common clay . . .
Blessed them till they flew away.

A legend of course—but it speaks of a child's world, a child's needs, and what we should give.

* Interested? Write Pre-School Play-groups Association, 87a Borough High Street, London, S.E.1.



"I sing of a Maiden"

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Mary Andere writes on

NOT LONELY

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RECENTLY I WAS AT A conference at the lovely Priory of the Sisters of the Congregation of Jesus Crucified, in Somerset. What is surprising about this Order, and makes one sit up and think, is that to belong you must be physically disabled or suffering some serious and incurable illness. Yet the Sisters all share in the running of the house and do not depend upon physically fit people to cope with their various jobs for them. Here you really have an Order which is unusual!

Their Prayer Union is open to associates from all denominations who have the theme of Christian Unity at heart—and endure some illness or physical disability. The Rule is simple, so that even the worst-wracked sufferer may join to say once a day the short verse: "Christ was made obedient for us unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God has highly exalted Him and given Him a Name above every other name . . ."

At the annual conference all participants were either physically disabled or sufferers. All had known pain and the general disruption of life which incapacitating illness brings.

The afternoon discussion was on Loneliness—how it "takes" different people, and how one learns to cope with it.



When the Chairman threw the discussion open to the meeting there was a long, long silence. We looked from one to another and waited for the silence to be broken. At last one man spoke up and said he thought it was a very interesting subject for discussion but had to confess that he didn't feel lonely, and never had felt lonely . . . life was too full, too busy, too interesting . . . One by one all present agreed that this was exactly how they felt about the matter. All of us had found that God honours His word implicitly, and fills the empty spaces of a life *if one will allow Him to do so*. "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Most of us had known the ending of our world, and the need to create a new and valid one. We had found He had not failed and if the task of re-creation was shared with Him then it could be joyful, a thing of great adventure and of hope, with no limitations or boundary.

True, we all had heard of people who said they were lonely, but they seemed always to have been those who refused to go out, or to make room for others in their lives, or for the problems and troubles of others. But we ourselves could confess with gratitude that both God and man were

very, very good to us. Kindness beyond expectation received. A good Samaritan lurking round every corner and behind every coat-front—and the realization, humbling and yet so thankworthy, that for many the service that they render to us in our need is rendered "as unto God". We have learned the real meaning of the

parable: "Lord, when saw I Thee hungry, or in prison...?" "Inasmuch as ye did it unto... these, ye did it unto Me!" Between the love of God and the goodness of our fellowmen, we had all found that there was no room, no time, for loneliness, if only one will accept all that is offered, all that is given...



Food For Christmas

ASK any butcher to name the top favourite Christmas meat. It is almost certain he will say, "Pork!" Cooked with care, it is tender and full of flavour. Deck it with thick, hot glazed orange or pineapple slices, or with juicy baked apples, and it looks superb as well.

If you want to make the most of the delicious golden crackling, ask the butcher to score the rind thinly, and before roasting rub it with equal parts of salt and powdered mustard, powdered sage, and a sprinkling of freshly-ground pepper. Baste it once or twice during cooking with a special glaze comprised of one tablespoon each of brown sugar, made mustard, and pan drippings, in a $\frac{1}{4}$ pint orange juice or cider.

Stuffing pork makes the meat go further, and it is even more appetising and interesting, especially when it is served cold with salad the next day! Leg, shoulder, spare ribs, can all be boned by the butcher and then stuffed and tied into a neat shape at home. The stuffing can be a simple herb seasoning, or as fancy as you like to make it. Some of the following may tempt your appetite:

APRICOT STUFFING: Soak 4 ozs. dried apricots for a few hours, chop and add to parsley stuffing (recipe below) but omitting the parsley. 1 oz. slivered almonds can be added to make a special treat.

PARSLEY STUFFING: (for a 4 lb. joint). 6 ozs. fresh bread-crumbs; 1 teaspoon salt; 1 teaspoon powdered mustard; $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper; 1 teaspoon dried thyme; 2 tablespoons fresh-chopped parsley; 1 medium chopped onion, lightly cooked in 1 oz. melted butter; grated rind and juice of one lemon; one egg, beaten. Combine all the ingredients and moisten with liquid if too dry.

ORANGE STUFFING: Make as above, but omit parsley and lemon, and add, instead, one orange, skinned, pithed and chopped, and one tablespoon honey.

APPLE AND PRUNE STUFFING: Add a large apple, peeled and chopped and about 2 ozs. chopped dessert prunes.

At all times pork should be thoroughly cooked, and it is better for it to be overdone than underdone. Time allowed depends on the type of joint, and always allow longer times for stuffed joints. A moderate temperature is best, from 375° to 400° F or Gas Mark 5 to 6.

Spare Ribs and Loin—30 minutes to the lb.

Leg—35 minutes to the lb.

Stuffed—40 minutes to the lb.

Pork is best baked on a rack in the baking dish. Brush with oil before baking, and baste 2 or 3 times during cooking, spooning the fat from the pan. Potatoes, onions, parsnips should be baked in the same pan, allowing at least an hour, and turning once. For special flavour accents, drop a sprig of rosemary into the pan or insert a few slivers of garlic in the scored rind.





HOLIDAY IN SPAIN, May, 1969

May 3—17, flying to Alicante, Charming Mediterranean Seaport; visiting and staying at Madrid (2 nights), Toledo, Cordoba, Seville, Granada, ending with 4 days at Marbella, seaside resort.

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Your Letters . . .

YOUTH

Boston

Dear Canon Rhodes,

Trevor Beeson's article in September's inset ought to have been entitled "Give them their Haloes" for I get the impression that in his desire to be "all for" young people he sees them as being full of natural goodness and possessing insights which have never crossed the minds of the over 25s.

The Church (presumably those confirmed and in the pews) should exclude from its motives the hope and intention that young people will increase the number of Confirmation Candidates or the size of our congregations; yet in almost the same breath he says at this very moment the life of the Church is grievously impoverished because it lacks their contribution; well of course, Mr. Beeson says the aim of youth work is to assist young people towards proper mature relations with others. Every humanist would say Amen. But I thought the New Testament spoke of the primacy of a mature relationship with Jesus Christ, who himself said "Without me you can do nothing".

David Atfield hits the halo on the head when he says "yet unless a few are or become the Church and know they love because God first loved them, there will soon be no church to serve youth."

(The Rev.) E. B. Barlow.

CANCER CRUELTY

Kirby Muxloe.

Dear Sir, — After having just read an authentic description of a most hideous and quite unnecessary experiment perpetrated upon a dumb but sentient female rhesus monkey in order to demonstrate that her brain could live isolated from her body and that so isolated it could still think, I feel impelled to challenge your claim that "he who cares for man will not be heartless to animals".

Medical research may be rightly described as "a dedicated service" but it must not be permitted to seize millions of innocent animals each year in this country alone for experimental purposes, some of which experiments involve severe and prolonged suffering.

Yours truly,

G. A. Edington.

CANCER RESEARCH

Hassocks.

Dear Canon Rhodes,

In view of the belief of Sir Cecil Wakely — one of our most eminent physicians — that no cure for cancer will be found until faith in God is rediscovered your comments on the letter of Alasdair Alpin MacGregor are I suggest somewhat cavalier.

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Whilst the case for 100 per cent. anti-vivisection is far from proven I suggest that an investigation into the sacred cow of cancer research might give grounds for serious disquiet because the main emphasis lies on discovering physical answers to problems which are by no means solely physical in origin and it follows from this that a great deal of unnecessary suffering is being inflicted on animals.

For this reason, without in any way wishing to detract from its achievements, I believe that a great deal of cancer research is misdirected and waste ul but would welcome an opportunity to be shown that I am wrong.

Before ordination I was working in Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. and am not unfamiliar with research techniques.

Yours sincerely,

James Turnbull.

Boxmoor.

Dear Canon Rhodes,

The fence you are sitting on is shared by all who fall into the error of evaluating evil practice against problematical good.

You have asked yourself the wrong question— "Is the practice justified?" The better question is — Is this right?

There can be only one answer. Until mankind respects the rights of all creatures there can be no hope of relief from his own suffering.

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) G. M. Gardner.

FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND

Bedford.

Dear Canon Rhodes

Although many people have grave doubts as to whether Christ was able to appease the hunger of these people, the event, nevertheless, has in the main three lessons which I would pass on.

1. GENEROSITY. The small boy was prepared to donate all he had in the way of food, in the hope that it may prove useful.
2. CONTENTMENT. Christ made the best use of what he had.
3. ECONOMY. Don't be wasteful. Twelve baskets of fragments were recovered.

Surely these maxims may be applied to every day life and living.

Yours truly,

Alexander Lynch.

CONTACT

Norfolk.

Dear Canon,

Would you be good enough to advise me, which Church in my neighbourhood inserts Church News in its magazine, so that I may be able both to obtain the Church News regularly, and also support a local Church and its humbler Jacks.

Yours truly,

L. Garnham Fisher.

We have been able to introduce him to a local parish. — Ed.

THANK YOU

Rochester.

Dear Canon Rhodes,

Thank you for the blessing of July's Church News. First for the column. — Sally French.

I will try and get the Book, 2nd. Prayers in Modern Form, Full of rich truths.

3rd. and lastly, Stay with me Lord, by Eileen Lightfoot. What a lovely prayer.

The Lord bless you in your Ministry.

Mr. S. G. Weller.

PARISH CALENDAR : DECEMBER

- Dec. 1. ADVENT SUNDAY : PATRONAL FESTIVAL
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.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- " 3. Tuesday. Meeting of Parochial Church Council, 8 p.m. preceded by
Evensong in Church at 7.30 p.m.
- " 4. Wednesday. Holy Communion, 7.15 a.m.
7.45 p.m. Young Wives : Church Hall.
- " 6. Friday. ST. NICHOLAS' DAY. Holy Communion, 7.15 a.m.
- " 8. ADVENT II. 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.0 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION.
11.15 a.m. St. Nicholas-tide Toy Service. All parents and children
welcome.
3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism (after prior notice).
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- " 9. Monday. Over 60's Club Christmas Party.
- " 11. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
- " 12. Thursday. 8 p.m. Mothers' Union Quiet half-hour, 4 Hadow Road.
- " 15. ADVENT III. Services as for the 3rd Sunday in the month with
Morning Prayer 11.15 a.m.
6.30 p.m. Youth Service. Church Parade for Cubs. Brownies, Scouts and
Guides.
- " 18. Wednesday (Ember Day). 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.45 p.m. Young Wives meet in Church Hall with Mothers' Union.
- " 20. Friday. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion with laying on of hands.
- " 21. Saturday (Ember Day). Festival of St. Thomas, Apostle & Martyr.
7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
- " 22. ADVENT IV. 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Parish Communion followed by Coffee in the Church Hall.
11.15 a.m. Children's Instruction.
3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism (after prior notice).
6.30 p.m. CANDLE & CAROL SERVICE. Admission by free ticket.
- " 24. CHRISTMAS EVE
6.30 p.m. CANDLE & CAROL SERVICE. Admission by free ticket.
Parents with children are especiall invited to this Service.
11.30 p.m. MIDNIGHT HOLY COMMUNION.
- " 25. CHRISTMAS DAY. 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.0 a.m. Family Mattins.
12 noon. Holy Communion.
5.30 p.m. Evensong (said — with no sermon).
- " 26. Thursday. ST. STEPHEN'S DAY. 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- " 27. Friday. ST. JOHN, Apostle & Martyr.
- " 29. CHRISTMAS I. 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.0 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION.
(No Children's Instruction on this day).
6.30 p.m. Evensong. Film Strip—"Show us a King."

HOLY BAPTISM

- Oct. 27. Paul Richard Marks, 20 Horseman Close.
Nov. 11. Gillian Louise, 19 Nicholas Avenue.
Sharon Ann Elizabeth Plowman, 38 Colne Drive, Berinsfield.

Received into the Church of England

Ursula Amanda Webster, 63 Alice Smith Square, Littlemore.

IN MEMORIAM

Miss Mary Bleay. Mrs. Kyriaki Minaoglou.

HOLY MATRIMONY

- Oct. 19. Francis Frederick Pearce and Jessie Dorothy West.
Nov. 2. Hedley Herbert Gunstone and Janet Elizabeth Quarterman.

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Girl Guides. Guide Guider : Mrs. J. Clarke, 30 Cavendish Drive.
Parish Magazine : Sec. : Mrs. & Miss Finch, "Stanmore," Boults Lane.
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 Friday, 3 to 6.30 p.m.
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