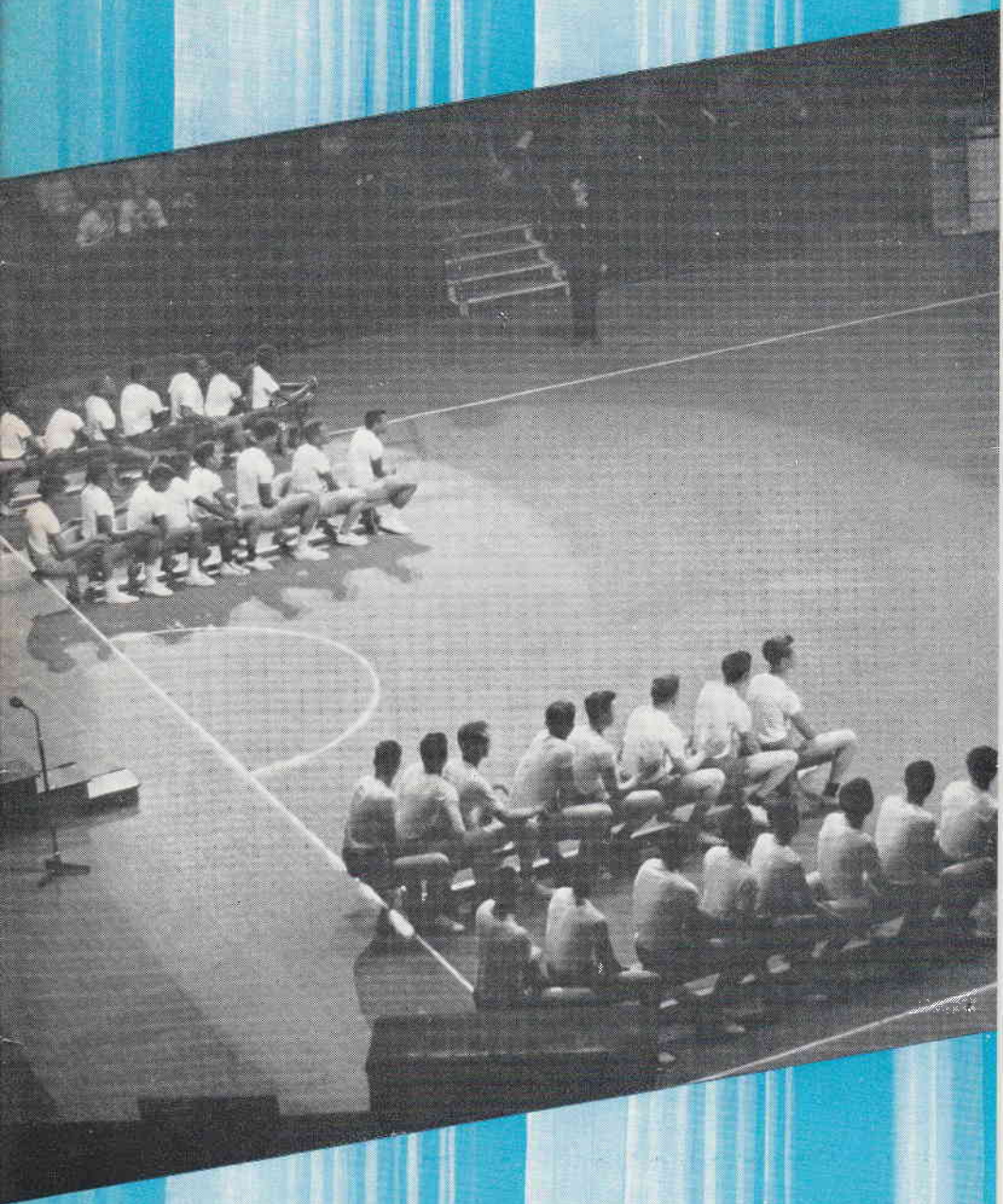


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SUNDAY SERVICES

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 : The Church's Youth Organisations. "Charles Adams"

VICAR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Firstly, I would like to thank the Reverend Don Sparkes for doing duty whilst I was on holiday. Also may I thank Mr. Oliver for acting in the absence of the Wardens, our lay reader Mr. W. Saumarez Smith, and especially Miss Lodge who has held the fort during my absence—perhaps a not inappropriate metaphor in view of the name of the Vicarage!

During September the parish organisations will begin again. The crisp Autumn air should rouse us to fresh zeal in the Church. What would you like to see happen in the near future? My list is as follows:—

1. Every family represented at Church at least once on a Sunday, and especially at the Parish Communion.

2. A new concern for young people in the parish. We need more helpers for our Children's Instruction, Regular Youth Services at which our youth organisations are present in full strength, which will help to remind them of their link with the Church.

Perhaps we need to make a re-appraisal of all that we do or do not do for young people. We need to be imaginative, inspired, and "with it" in our approach. The Holy Spirit is always creative and original, never dull or boring.

3. A fresh awareness of the 3-fold aim of St. Nicholas Fellowship namely "To worship God through some form of practical work in His service." This may lead us to serve our fellow-men outside the Church as well as INSIDE it. If every member made contact with one new member before Christmas, this could make a real impact on the life of the Church.

4. A re-organisation, and expansion of the Choir. We need more voices. We need men and ladies who can read music, who will be regular at practices, and at the services. Can you help?

5. A re-opening of our Men's Forum on Monday, September 30th at 8 p.m. at the Vicarage. All men of the parish are invited, and the plan is to meet once a month.

6. A Renewed backing for the Mothers' Union, which is far from being the fuddy-duddy organisation it is often made out to be. The Opening Session will be a Wine and Cheese Party followed by a sound film. Look out for details! We welcome new members.

7. Help for the Over 60's Club from within and without. In the future there may have to be tea and biscuits instead of a more elaborate tea, and we need people to prepare and serve. If you've a car, and can bring someone to the Club in it once or twice a month, we would like to hear from you. The programme will not be as full as hitherto, but if you have any ideas do let the Secretary know.

Somebody remarked to me yesterday, "I like your aggressive letters in the magazine, Vicar." Well, I have tried to temper my aggressiveness, and have resisted joining in the present clamour about "the Pope and the Pill," and concerned myself more with the Parish. I would like to end however with a quotation from the Bishop of Carlisle's Diocesan Letter, commenting on the Pope's re-affirmation of doctrines repugnant to Anglicans, e.g. Papal Infallibility, the Immaculate Conception, and Transubstantiation.

"We should not despair" writes Bishop Bulley. "If a clock says that it is ten minutes to twelve and someone moves the hands back an hour or

so, it remains ten minutes to twelve, even though that someone be his Holiness himself." And come to think of it, lest we get too presumptuous, this is a reminder to us all in our parish not to try and put the clock back, but to be contemporary in our thoughts about the Church, its worship, and work in the world today.

Yours sincerely,



TASK 6

One of the most interesting exhibitions of the Church today will take place in All Saints Church, Headington, from October 4th—10th. It will be open from 10 a.m.—9 p.m. on weekdays, Sunday 6th—2 p.m.—9 p.m., and meals will be served for those who want them. Sponsored by nine missionary Societies, this exhibition is designed to make you think—and it certainly will! Programmes of admittance cost 2/-, and there will, I understand, be special arrangements for young people. The Exhibition was put on in Liverpool Cathedral, and is on tour. Definitely a **MUST** for the family. Stewards are needed to help on Sunday, 6th, from our Deanery. At least 2 from each Parish. Anyone willing to help please contact Miss Lodge.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING—Sunday, September 29th.

8 a.m. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer).

10 a.m. THE PARISH COMMUNION (The New Service).

11.15 a.m. Special Thanksgiving Service for Parents and Children.

Gifts of tinned and packed foodstuffs will be welcomed at this service.

6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Harvest Thansgiving is one of the most popular times for English worshippers. Come and bring your friends—especially those who have not been to Church for a long time. We shall be delighted to see them. In a day when so many people are starving we should be doubly grateful for all God's gifts to us, and remember those who have so little.

“Come, ye thankful people, come!”

EFFECTIVE PRAYER

“I'm very partial to the Book of Common Prayer, Grannie” said a youngster to her grandmother as they travelled on the top of a bus. “This is the copy I take to school.” “But do you ever read it?” asked Grandmother. “Why, yes, of course” replied the small grand-daughter. “I used the one for Fair Weather the other day, and we had a fine day for our Form Picnic.”

EXTRACT OF LETTER FROM MISS JOAN H. WILSON, Deputy Regional Donor Organiser of the National Blood Transfusion Service

“You will be pleased to learn that at the blood donor clinic held in the Mortimer Hall, 86 volunteers attended. This was an excellent response for a new panel and the contributions of blood have helped maintain supplies to the many hospitals of our Region. Our sincere thanks are due to all the voluntary helpers and particularly to you for giving us valuable publicity in your church magazine.”

GIVE THEM THEIR HEADS

TREVOR BEESON



MORE THAN HALF THE world's population is now under the age of 25. For older people this is a somewhat alarming situation but when seen in terms of a world which will during the next 100 years have to face many new challenges the prospects are exciting and full of hope.

The time has more than arrived when the Church should urgently assess its approach to young people. No longer should "youth work" be seen as a side-line entrusted to a curate; even less should it be seen as a right method employed by the Church to recruit people into its own pews. Segregation, recruitment are outmoded words for any cause which wants to make a useful contribution to the life of the younger generation.

Relationships

Any genuine youth work aims at assisting young people towards a proper mature relationship with the rest of the human community. This cannot happen if the adults try to treat them as immature, or as material to be exploited for other ends, however well meaning.

It may still be necessary for many

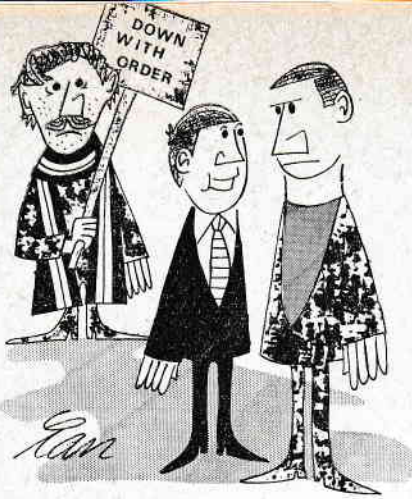
parish churches to provide uniformed organisations and clubs to serve the community as a whole. But it is worth underlining that such organisations can only be effective when there are no "strings," for instance, about church attendance. If we want this sort of work to have value we should exclude from our motives the hope and intention that it will increase the number of confirmation candidates or the size of our congregations. That makes all the difference in open-ness of attitude and approach to them. We love them for their own sake and not for the pew's sake!

Non-church -

Youth work of the "open" variety is increasingly being undertaken by secular bodies and grows out of the life of the state schools. This development must be accepted; for the Church rarely has the resources

Outlook Readers

Important notice appears
on Editor's page



or the attractive plant to serve large numbers of young people. There is a great need for Christians with the right gifts offering their services to local authorities. They can often provide money and buildings while nearly always short of dedicated leaders.

Outsiders

Large numbers of young people today—probably a majority—have no desire to join clubs and organisations. There is much pioneering work, involving coffee bars and other informal activities, which the Church is and could most usefully undertake on behalf of the whole community. The aim in every case is to help young people to see their lives as a contribution to the life of society as a whole, and, even more important and more difficult, to help an adult-dominated society to see that the under-25s have something very important to offer.

This raises questions about the character of the Church's work with its own young people. It is no use preaching the need for integration of the under-25s into the community at large if such integration isn't taking place in the life of the Church. And it isn't, generally.

New Concept

The desperate need is for youth clubs, tolerated as something necessary for the young during their years of immaturity, to give place to the

gathering of young people working out what the Christian faith and life means in their own situations, and what contribution they can make to the life of the community and of the Church as a whole. Young people act responsibly when treated as responsible human beings. There would be less damage to the church hall if the P.C.C. regarded the youth club as less of a kindergarten!

Change of outlook is desperately important not only for the sake of young people but also for the sake of the Church. In a rapidly changing society, in which most over-40s begin to feel like old age pensioners, the Church needs the insights and enthusiasm of its younger members if it is to make any contribution. In matters relating to worship and organisation and fellowship and service we need that help of young people, be their ideas ever so outrageous. Yet at this very moment the life of the Church is grievously impoverished because it lacks their contribution.

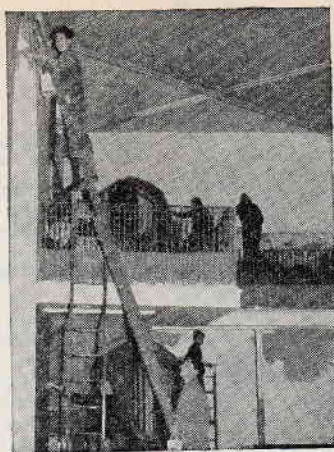
Insights

There is a biblical insight which the Church should offer to the world—wisdom is not necessarily something which develops with increase in years. Insights into the truth about God and man are given variously, and both Church and society need all these insights for their growth and health. Older people find it difficult to accept this. It is worth remembering that Jesus reminded a tougher and more narrow-minded age—"Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings comes perfect praise."

I am prepared to stick my neck out and assert that the real problem today is provided not by the young, but by the middle-aged and the elderly.



Training



Service



Adventure

A WEEK-END CONFERENCE took me to a seaside resort. After attending a Sunday morning service I was taking a meditative stroll in the quiet streets, when suddenly the stillness was shattered by the blare of bugles and the rattle of side drums and the boomp, boomp, boomp of bass drum. And round the corner came a smart group of young fellows very much in step, while their band "gave us the works" after a parade service at the neighbouring Church.

My meditation naturally took a turn to—what had this really got to do with Jesus Christ and Christ's religion? How far is all this the final faint fanfare from our famous past, believing in Bible and bugle, religious and martial power? How far is all

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Boy Scouts

557,918 members in U.K. Increase of 2,696 members 1967.

Church Youth Organisations

Canon Cecil Rhodes

this drill and drum, bugles and badges out of step with our thinking and outlook today?

Of course it is very easy to belittle the excellent efforts of those clergy and lay people who seek to build up these organisations in their parishes—particularly if we don't take kindly to uniforms and ordered organisations! Yet it is better to keep silent unless we can show a more excellent and effective way of reaching and involving young people. And there are precious few churches which have effective and persistent youth work, these days, outside these national associations. That is probably a sign of the times—these restive and restless days, particularly among the young. And the great effort at training in loyalty to one's fellows, in self-respect and service, in a duty to God and Christ's Kingdom which these organisations seek to inculcate may be increasingly difficult. It can well make it all the more admirable.

Have You Heard?



Photo: Daily Telegraph



1. Des Wilson, Director of Shelter
2. Bishop of Southwark

away from Christianity itself in increasing numbers. But how did this disaffection come about?

"Young people are just more difficult to convince about anything these days, and the Church is not making a particularly effective attempt to win them over . . .

"I believe the Church's best chance is to show that it appreciates that tomorrow belongs to youth and is prepared to give them a place in the creation of it. Its chance lies, too, in its acceptance of the need to win the hearts and minds of young people with logical and practical argument. It is not enough to say: 'You must have faith' . . . I just cannot believe that young people will today take faith as an answer in itself.

"The Bishop of Woolwich is important to me. He is the first who has come to my notice as breaking through the 'faith barrier' . . . He is one of the few to expose his thinking to us all. In doing that, he has tried to involve the world at large in the debate."

Article in "The Times"

Said Before

"The world is passing through troublous times. There is no reverence among our young people; they take no account of their elders; they talk as though they knew everything. Moreover, the girls are immodest in behaviour and in dress".

A familiar ring? The words were written by Peter the Monk in the 12th century!

Life is Starting

"Today something is happening to the whole structure of human consciousness. A fresh kind of life is starting."

Teilhard de Chardin's prediction.

Des Wilson

"I am starting with a pre-supposition: namely, that young people are deserting the Church as an institution, and drifting

Bishop of Southwark

"Give young people a greater share in the planning and management of the Church's affairs."

The Bishop of Southwark (Dr. Mervyn Stockwood) in *The Bridge*, his diocesan magazine, says: "A great deal of nonsense is talked by people who assume that adolescents are automatically critical of most of the things connected with the Christian religion. There is little evidence to prove that members of the younger generation are more, or less, Christian or conventional than their predecessors.

"What is worrying about the Church is that there is little opportunity for the young people to make their contribution. Whereas in New Testament times the emphasis was upon youth—though not to the exclusion of age—it is doubtful whether the disciples, had they lived today, would have found a place in Church Assembly or the parochial church council.

"I am filled with admiration for the young people that I meet at night school, in technical colleges and in social centres—to say nothing of the hundreds who give of their time and energy in social service—and often to helping with clubs for old-age pensioners."

Emigrate?

A poll of Britain's young people disclosed that 43 per cent would like to emigrate. Des Wilson, 26-year-old director of Shelter—the Campaign for the homeless—takes the figures seriously: "Society abandons youth when it leaves school. They are abused, used, exploited. Is it any wonder they grow cynical, disillusioned and then want to opt out?"

WHISPERED WORD

Encouragement will incubate
And often spur ambition's zest,
Exhort, project and captivate
Ideals of nobler interest.

How good for man to cultivate
The habit of encouragement;
Not enervate but motivate
A freedom from disparagement.

Our search of scientific truth
Transplanting hearts, exploring space
Could with encouragement and ruth
New worlds reveal and interlace.

Yet oft our lips withhold the word,
The word that could uplift, inspire,
If only unvoiced thought were heard,
What wealth its whisper might aspire.

W. A. Myers Robinson.

TEENAGERS

KENNETH PRESTON

WE HEAR MANY COMPLAINTS about the self-centredness of young people. But do we give them a real opportunity to learn to be unselfish and to become aware of the needs of others?

It is not good enough for a Youth Leader to say "You ought to do something for other people, why don't you do this or that." Something might get done, but the young people concerned would probably learn very little in doing it.

Nor is it good enough to say "Let us discuss" or "Why don't you get together and talk about what you can do?" Young people encouraged to go out and make a survey of their neighbourhood, discovering human need for themselves, can and will try and work out what they can do to meet that need. In doing so they come into direct contact with it, and man's inhumanity to man. They meet these things face-on, and not at one remove by just reading about them, hearing about them, seeing them on television. Thus they prepare themselves for responsible, caring life in the adult world.

The following is an account of an experiment conducted by St. Gregory's Church, Horfield, Bristol.

In September, 1964, a group of teenagers had suggested to them that they should do a survey of human need in parts of Bristol. Nineteen undertook to do so, their ages ranging from thirteen to sixteen years. Their purpose was to find out where teenagers in general could



Teenager Club Trends - to help others

1. Visiting aged and needy.
2. Clearing site for hospital car park
3. Paint and brush.
4. Charity walks.

help and where they could stir up other people to help. They began by writing to various individuals and organisations to ask if they could interview them. Among those interviewed were representatives of the Marriage Guidance Council, the Bristol Council of Social Service, the N.S.P.C.C., the Old People's Welfare. Investigation was made into the needs of a Children's Home and into the problems of coloured children in Bristol. In the course of their investigations the Group came into contact with a young man who had just come out of prison and who had no home to go to. They found out why he had nowhere to go, how difficult it was to find suitable lodgings, whether it was hard to find work, what support was given by the National Assistance Board, by voluntary organisations and by the community.

After consideration the Group decided to try to raise £3,000 to buy a house in their own neighbourhood for young discharged prisoners. An appeal was launched, a great deal of hard work was put in, letters written, difficulties discussed.

By June, 1965 the treasurer, a girl of thirteen, could report that there was £1,100 in the bank! At this time a suitable house came on to the market. The Group used the £1,100 as deposit, secured a mortgage for £1,000, two interest-free loans of £500 and bought the house. They appointed four adult Trustees and asked them to form a strong adult Management Committee. (They had made it clear from the start that the management of the house must be an adult responsibility). The summer holidays were spent in redecorating the house, which was opened in November with a resident matron and her husband, he continuing his ordinary job. By Christmas four

young discharged prisoners were living in the house. This Teenage Group has worked with persistence in raising enough money to see the house through its early days and towards paying off the loan and mortgage. By any standard they have come a long way. They have now reached the stage of negotiating a second house.

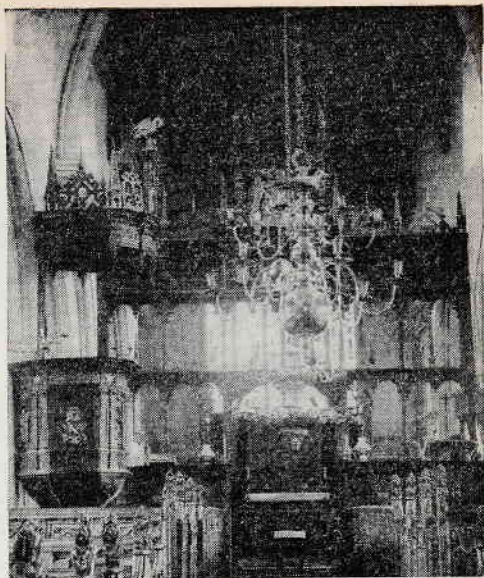
Certain points are worth comment. The Group worked largely on their own. Sufficient help was given to them so that they did not flounder, but not so much that it was not really their own show. They went out and discovered for themselves what needed doing. They met with discouragement ("It's not really a kid's job"), and opposition ("We don't want it here") and learnt how to face and overcome both. They were not working for their own ends. They were not, for example, doing a piece of social service to gain a badge or an award. In the course of their project they have involved their parents, church council and church people, vicar, the probation service, industry, the local community and many others.

Perhaps the most important thing of all is not what they did but what happened to them while they were doing it. For they came together as a Group. The isolated became integrated into the Group, the bright and the not-so-bright worked together side by side as a team and stuck together. For they had been given a real opportunity of giving.

Nowadays so much of our school and club life is based on giving to the young. But every young person must be enabled to give, to have a real opportunity of giving. This does not mean being used and manipulated by adults. For it is by giving that a young person becomes socially mature.

Our Churches

Croscombe, between Wells and Shepton Mallet, has a remarkably ornate church. The building is late Perpendicular with battlemented tower and spire. It has an Early English doorway. The photo shows the interior; the pulpit given by Bishop Lake in 1616, the brass candelabra, the screen, the pews, all so very different from our modern buildings but splendidly impressive in its way.



Pop Radio

For 30 minutes each Sunday evening Vatican Radio is giving beat music, including records by Italy's top pop star, 20-year-old Patty Pravo, described as "a tall lissom blonde who sings fairly sexy songs in a throaty voice".

The disc jockey—Theologian Francesco Pellegrino—says: "The lightest music we broadcast normally is Gregorian chants. Now we are going ahead with Patty Pravo, with the Pope's approval.

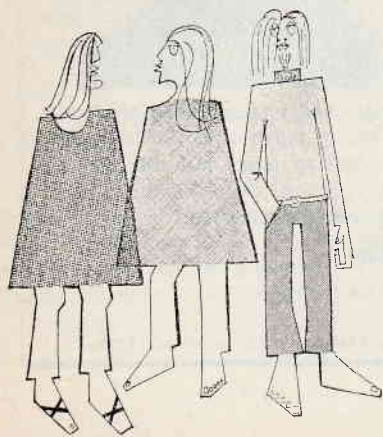
"Songs for the young serve as a bridge to the spiritual, and however radical the protest, however frankly erotic various themes, I shall not hesitate to analyse them.

"The purpose of this programme is to plunge Vatican Radio into the reality of every-day life".

Students

In the Spring issue of *Intercom*, the journal of the Commonwealth and Continental Church Society, there appeared a short feature article with the accompanying drawing titled "Students: one of the most neglected mission fields in the world."

It pointed to their need, particularly in Europe. Now the world has become



aware of students. How desperately the Christian Churches, if they have any judgment and concern, should be seeing to it that their finest young leadership should be seeking to make contact with this tremendously important world, which at heart loathes false values and structures and longs for a new and better way of life.

Tremendous Response

The Vietnam TV appeal by Richard Baker and Peter Snow for the UK Disasters Emergency Committee brought in over £316,000—exceeding the British Government's grant of £250,000 to the children's hospital in Saigon.

Over 100,000 people responded. The British Red Cross, Christian Aid (who administered the appeal), Oxfam, Save the Children Fund and War on Want benefit.

—*Christian Aid Bulletin*.

Call to Mission

Derek Nimmo, Andrew Cruikshank, Roy Dotrice, Colin Cowdrey are among many helping the Bishop of Coventry in his great Mission to the Diocese effort this month.

Footnote

The Rev. Kiramathpathay Jameunathan (no need to read it aloud; it's not important), a Tamil priest in Malaya, remarked to Bishop Trapp, "Our Lord called me to be a fisher of men, whereas I find myself an aquarium-keeper looking after the fish that have been caught."



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The Sacrament of Autumn

*Not for our bread alone, O Father-Giver,
Not only for the fields of ripening grain,
But for the countless riches of creation,
We offer thanks this season, once again.
For branches bowed with apples in the
garden,
For berries hid beneath the prickly thorn,
For glowing hues of moorland gorse and
heather,
The burnished bronze that brackened slopes
adorn.*

*For fruitfulness of thicket and of hedgerow,
All out of springtime beauty Thou hast made
And shown declining year's symbolic glory
By fiery splendour of the wooded glade;*

*For youth sped on to age of life's declining,
For sunset glow foretelling unborn day,
For joy upraised above the blast of sorrow,
For life made new from what had seemed
decay.*

*For myriad personal sins that are forgiven,
And peace that permeates each contrite soul,
The grace that helps to make a true amend-
ment
And balm that makes the broken-hearted
whole.*

*For these and all Thy many mercies
So richly poured upon us day by day
Our hearts go out to Thee in adoration,
And faintly breathe the thanks we cannot
say.*

—Source unknown

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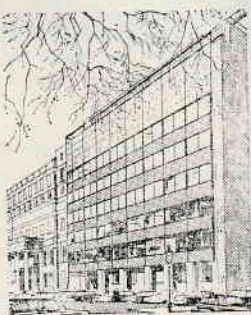
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THE WIDER FELLOWSHIP

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



We particularly welcome as a new contributor to "Church News" this month, but a long standing writer for "Outlook", the Rev. Kenneth Slack, Minister of the City Temple, London. His outstanding ministry for the Church at large is well known and we are grateful for his willingness to write this feature alternate months.

TWO OF THE FREE CHURCHES are now coming towards the great decision whether or not to unite fully and organically. They are the Congregational Church in England and Wales and the Presbyterian Church of England. They are not large churches, and if the union takes place the resulting church will only have a little over a quarter of a million members. But the union would be the first that broke through denominational barriers in the British Isles, and this would give it real significance.

Union of Congregationalists and Presbyterians has been the prelude to wider unions elsewhere in the world. This was true in South India. Those two traditions united there in 1907 and went on to unite forty years later with Anglicans and Methodists to form the Church of South India as it is today. The Congregationalists and Presbyterians here have firmly said that their union is intended to be "open-ended," that is, a contribution to a wider union. Let's hope it won't need a forty years interval this time!

FREE CHURCH PEOPLE must have laughed when they read a recent article in the *Daily Telegraph* speaking of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland pioneering the way for the British Churches by its vote to admit women to the ministry. They are only half a century late for the pioneering role! It is now more than that long ago since the first woman, Constance Coltman, was ordained in the Congregational Church (actually with her husband) at the King's Weigh House, London (of which a fascinating history has just been published).

My own Church, the City Temple, had a woman minister sharing the work thirty years ago, and Elsie Chamberlain, famed in broadcasting, is now Associate Minister.

The Baptists have had women ministers for many years, and even the Presbyterian Church of England—sister church of the Church of Scotland—beat the Church of Scotland by twelve years when it ordained Ella Gordon in 1956, herself the product of the Scottish Church.

FEW MEN HAVE HAD more outstanding recognition in two spheres at one time

than Dr. Gordon Rupp, President of the Methodist Conference. Only a few days before he assumed that office—the highest his Church can give—he was elected Dixie Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the University of Cambridge. The first non-Anglican to hold the chair yet in every way the obvious choice, he is an outstanding disciple of the great Norman Sykes, whom some may remember held the chair before his all too brief time as Dean of Winchester.

There is a delightful sense of virtue rewarded, too, for Dr. Rupp had accepted the call of his Church to be Principal of Wesley House, Cambridge, from his chair at Manchester at what must have been great financial sacrifice. The vacancy in the Dixie chair was unexpected, and the two offices in Cambridge can be combined.

Dr. Rupp must be the wittiest church historian we have. Some of his comments can be as mordant as witty. He characterises some experiments in worship as "the Beate Church," and in his presidential address he took a wide swipe at some Christian publicists with a reference to "the swimming bath with most of the splashing and the noise at the shallow end".

A MUCH GREATER BURDEN fell on the British Baptist leader, Dr. Ernest Payne, at Uppsala, in July, than was expected. As Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches since 1954 he had expected to share the chairing of the business sessions with Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, the Lutheran leader from the U.S.A., who had been chairman for the same period. Dr. Fry's sudden death in June left the senior office vacant: the new officers elected by the Assembly do not assume office until the Assembly closes.

Dr. Payne is used to heavy work and responsibility both in his own denomination (of which he was General Secretary until last year) and in the British Council of Churches, where he is executive chairman.

At the beginning of this year he was given the high distinction of the Companionship of Honour specifically for his services to the British and World Councils of Churches.

Borrowed Prayer

The Psalms are the prayers of men in ancient Israel. Borrowing their prayers we can share their experience of God; employ their attitudes of mind; and affirm their belief.

Sept. 1 Monday Morning Prayer. Psalm 48. **Wait upon God** amid the bustle of traffic, people going to and from work, the shops and the schools.

Adore God who used one city among many, as the place to hold the first Communion service; to die and to rise again.

Ask God to bless the schools, hospitals, government offices, shops, places of entertainment, and homes of our neighbourhood. **Say the Gloria.**

Sept. 8 A Prayer for Failures. Psalm 51.

Wait upon God who has suffered the personal hurt of every sin we have committed, regardless of who else suffers.

Adore God who forgives by reason of his overwhelming love.

Ask God for the courage to look at ourselves and see ourselves objectively.

Say the Gloria.

Sept. 15 A Conversation with God. Psalm 25

Wait upon God in the knowledge that he desires us to converse with him and rest in his presence for a few moments in silence.

Adore God who shows us where we go wrong; influences us for good; and remains steadfast in his love for us.

Ask God for his continued presence in the same sense as the Psalmist (verses 16-21).

Say the Gloria.

Sept. 22 Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Psalm 136.

Wait upon God and feel the sense of wonder, joy and praise expressed in this temple hymn and remember what further reason the Christian has for worship.

Adore God who is the unchallenged ruler of the universe; the great fact in human history; the summit of all power.

Ask God to awaken the longing for his presence that we may look forward to sharing in the eternal worship of the future.

Say the Gloria.

Sept. 29 Psalm 40: 1-11, Psalm 40: 12-17.

Wait upon God and promise obedience to whatever he makes known to us in any matter in the coming week. (1-11).

Adore God who, in the words of the Beatitudes (Matthew's Gospel: chapter 5 verses 1-12), has a special concern for the oppressed (12-17).

Ask God to deliver the outcast, the hungry, the homeless, the destitute, the criminal and the refugee. **Say the Gloria.**

Martha and the Church

IN THE GOSPEL, MARTHA serves in the kitchen, Mary sits at Jesus' feet. (If you don't know the story, see Luke 10:38). Are Church youth organisations more like Martha or Mary?

Apart from the Church, our youth service exists for several purposes. It provides clubs for those who leave school at 15. Sixth formers and students have playing-fields and unions, common rooms and societies galore. Most young people lose these aids to a good life when they leave school. It seems only fair that the bulk of the population of 15 plus should share in what those who go on with full-time education enjoy.

Youth clubs also exist to help individual teenagers with life's problems—girls, parents, boy friends etc. Friendly adults, wise and calm, are around in the club to listen and occasionally to make a suggestion.

Clubs also offer challenge and adventure before we all settle down to be like our parents and to worry over the kids, the garden, the job and the mortgage. Not only youth organisations but bodies like V.S.O. and Shelter are part of the action of youth in revolt against our miserable age—youth impatient to be up and doing.

And then there is somewhere to go, away from home where the old folks keep on about the war and bygone days of unemployment or stay for hours watching the telly in solemn silence. Youth is the time to be in groups or gangs, between outgrowing the parental home and

Mary in Hall



Photo: Birmingham Post

David Attfield

settling down in the home we create on marriage. In our teens clubs are a substitute home.

In all these ways Youth Organisations play Martha, serving human needs. Why then should the Church run clubs, except to offer a service of this kind? Some say that, like Mary, the Church organisation is supposed to attract and hold young people to Jesus. Church young people would need a club anyhow for the reasons given. Better in the Church hall where young communicants will not be corrupted by the mass of youth in the down-town coffee-bar. An attractive Church group will reinforce loyalty to Our Lord for social reasons. There will be chances to train teenagers in the faith by epilogues and discussions. And perhaps, even a few non-Church-goers may be drawn in and become converted provided they are not too many and too tough so that they deconvert the rest!

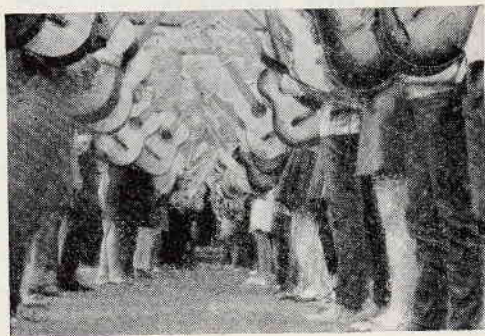
Only on this basis should the Church run Youth Organisations, so some people say.

SWINGING SPIRITS

Earlier this year the Church Youth Fellowships Association (C.Y.F.A.) held its second music workshop at Wokingham, Berks. It was conducted by Michael Baughan and Richard Bews. Booked to capacity it held a very busy and full week to aid beginners, intermediate and advanced performers, with impromptu concerts every night. Michael Baughan, Editor of "Youth Praise", gave devotional talks each evening. Photos and information from Church of England Newspaper by courtesy.

What then do you think? Should the Church open clubs to serve young people or to win them for Christ? What is the point of the Church except to fulfil God's plan in making us to be as we should: to love each other and to serve society? 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.

Without Mary, why should we care? With Mary we may find Christ does not only preach but takes us with Him to heal and serve.





Concern

Mrs. Kirsten Parsons receives the congratulations of Lord Hunt after he handed over to her the National Trophy for the Road Safety of Children. The trophy, presented by Shell-Mex and B.P., is awarded annually to the person judged to have made the greatest personal contribution to child road safety during the previous year.

Mrs. Parsons lives at Crowborough, Sussex. She started road safety work in 1929. Her husband was a doctor. The bell rang while he was out. A 9-year-old girl was lying under a bus. "I had to tell the parents that their only child was dead, I never forgot it".

In 1935 she became co-founder of the Christian Road Safety League. One of its more unusual activities has been to sponsor a film about road safety in Rotherfield. She has trained 200 classes in cycle proficiency and has launched and guided Tuffy Clubs totalling around 50 in East Sussex.

Unconcern

1,344,576 refugees are now in Jordan, double the original number who fled in 1948. Recent incidents have sent another 30,000 across the Jordan. The U.N. passes a few resolutions—and it is left there — "We are back to square one. We just invite people to start fighting. Everyone talks largely of peace—but we ignore the hardships of anyone until he actually picks up his weapons.

"For twenty years the Arab refugees were left because no one was willing to take the interest to overcome the political obstacles (certainly big), still less to provide the money, to get them resettled."

Oxfam News.

THE NINTH

ALL THE WORLD'S problems today seem to stem from what are defined as "bad relationships". These exist everywhere, in high places as in low, and cause distress and bitterness, even war and hatred. Most of us have personal knowledge of "wrong relationships" in some degree or other—perhaps in our family circle, or our place of work . . . people we just don't get on with, or who are unpleasant, or unkind to us, perhaps unjust, or just plain bad-tempered!

We tend on the whole to think, "Ah, well, I suppose I must put up with it . . . this is my particular burden in life . . ." But the Christian life is meant to be an *over-coming* life, not merely an endurance test!

Recently I was reading something which reminded me of a long time ago, when, suddenly, a neighbour started to persecute me. I use the word *advisedly*! Oddly, he was the only other Christian in the place so we should have got on well together! All the others were as kindly, as friendly, as truly neighbourly as one could wish, but this Christian brother started a private war on me and was decidedly unpleasant. It distressed me a great deal, since there was no reason for it, and I was bitterly unhappy.

I prayed daily for him, and, if anything, he got worse and more vindictive! Then, one day, I came on the well-known verses in Matthew 5. 11, and 44 . . . "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you . . ." In a flash it was all so clear, so logical! This was one

BEATITUDE

Mary Andere

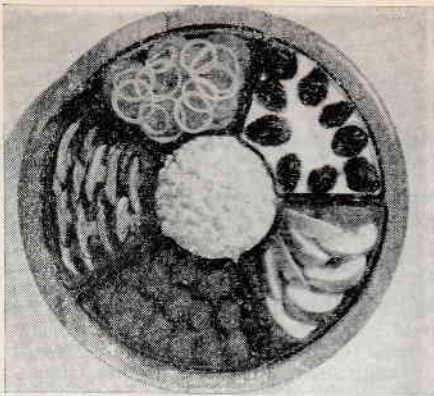
of the commands I had never been enabled to keep since no one had ever persecuted me seriously before . . . This was an opportunity to fulfil the commands of love. In this unpleasant neighbour I could show God my love and willingness to accept His will in all circumstances. Then and there I began to bless that man, to thank God for him, and ask Him to bless him and pour forth His abundant goodness on him. My heart really warmed towards him, and I was filled surprisingly, with joy!

Oddly, within a matter of days, that man's attitude changed towards me. Within a month he had apologised and we had found peace and true Christian fellowship in Christ between us.

That instance taught me a lot about the inner meaning of the ninth beatitude, and I have found it an unfailing remedy ever since against bad relationships. We, who are Christ's, are chosen to stand and bless in the Name of the Lord. If, and as, we bless those who hurt us and use us badly, then that blessing is effective and can only be for good. Evil is changed by the power of God and turned to goodness. It is this that lies behind the prayers of the martyrs and the often conversion of their enemies. It is this which psychologists today are realising in their dealings with the "collective unconscious".

If you face this sort of difficult relationship why not try the Lord's way and pray, "Lord, please bless this person. Thank you for this opportunity to prove the real worth of my discipleship; thank you for this person who gives this opportunity, and, in return, bless him or her abundantly with all goodness!"

And if you still struggle on under the strain and burden of it, you at least are trying to do this which Jesus recommended. You yourself stand to gain the ninth beatitude!



SUMMER HORS D'OEUVRES

Place the contents of an 8 oz. carton of Eden Vale Cottage Cheese, or similar, in the centre of an hors d'oeuvre dish or in the centre of a large flat platter. Round it arrange the following hors d'oeuvres:

Apple in Lime Juice Dressing

1 tablesp. oil; 1 tablesp. lime juice; 2 red-skinned apples. Beat together oil and lime juice. Core apples and cut into $\frac{1}{2}$ inch slices. Toss in dressing and arrange overlapping on dish.

Loganberries

6 oz. fresh loganberries, or a $7\frac{1}{2}$ oz. can of loganberries. Arrange fresh, or strained tinned loganberries in a dish.

Mushrooms in Lemon Juice

$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. button mushrooms, juice of $\frac{1}{2}$ lemon. Wash mushrooms, slice finely and toss in lemon juice. Arrange overlapping on dish.

Tomatoes in vinaigrette Dressing

2 tablsps. oil; 2 tablesp. vinegar; 1 teasp. sugar, pinch of salt and pepper; $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. French mustard; 3 medium tomatoes; 1 very small onion. Beat together oil, vinegar, sugar, salt, pepper and French mustard. Slice tomatoes finely and toss in the vinaigrette. Arrange neatly in layers in dish and garnish with a few small onion rings.

Prunes in Yogurt

1 carton Eden Vale Natural Yogurt; 7 oz. can prunes. Spoon Yogurt on to dish and arrange stoned prunes in it.

BOOK WORTH READING

The Shepherd—by Archimandrite Lev Gillit, obtainable from St. Basil's House, Ladbroke Grove, London, W.11.

This little booklet is a series of addresses given during a Retreat at Pleshey, on the 23rd Psalm. One might think that all that need be said has long since been written about this lovely psalm, but these addresses prove one wrong! There are fresh slants and insights to its meaning which bring peace and strength in its reading.



CHURCH NEWS — OUTLOOK

THIS issue of *Church News* brings it a wider usefulness. For from this month with it is merged that excellent inset *Outlook*.

Both insets have had much in common in their concerns and aims, in seeking to speak the Christian Faith in lively terms on real issues, both have the same size and similar format, both happily have succeeded in maintaining their considerable circulation in face of a general decline in parish magazine circulation across the country.

The meaning and benefit of this merger is that it helps to keep the price more or less at its present level. It allows better use of manpower and wider reading for writers and contributors. I acknowledge with gratitude the generosity and courage of Lord Beaumont and Trevor Beeson (owner and editor of *Outlook*) in proposing this coming together. We hope that it will mean a greater worth and usefulness for the combined inset than either have known in their own right.

A careful and dispassionate study on the subject of parish magazines shows clearly how valuable they are *if they are attractive, lively and outgoing*. Those on the edge of Church life will buy and find interest and concern—so new doors are opened. Those committed are informed and enthused. Its careful production is worth everything in the world. Its role and worth is often ruined by careless or bad parish productions. Then clergy try other forms of publication in a desperate endeavour to make use of the printed word. Yet none can do it so steadily and so well as a parish magazine. May yours long prosper and we hope we may long be able to serve you.

Do you live in the Midlands?

St. Matthew's, Northampton, became known in 1943 when Britten and Tippett were invited to write music for the 50th anniversary and Henry Moore was asked to provide the church with a piece of sculpture. Now on its 75th anniversary this month, September, new music has been commissioned: "The Covenant of the Rainbow" by Gordon Crosse, festival cantata for choir, organ, piano; and "One thing have I desir'd" by Herbert Howells, a communion motet. These will be sung during the festival, September 20th and 21st. Also three excellent occasions: an English Chamber Concert on Saturday, 21st; on Wednesday 25th, John Dankworth and Cleo Laine and September 28th, Bach's Mass in B Minor with the Northampton Choir and Orchestra. In October they are also putting on "Murder in the

Cathedral". Details from Michael Nicholas, 117 Holly Road, Northampton.

Help

May I commend, with all the force I can, a new magazine by Community Publications, Department H.4, 2 Arundel Street, London W.C.2, called "Help". I am afraid you cannot buy it on bookstalls but it is only by subscription, £3 3s. 0d. per annum. But I think if you wrote and asked for a copy and sent 5s. 0d. they would let you have the first issue. It is entirely different and powerful. "We are going to write about the things journalists don't write about; the non-news of people's loneliness, the non-news of society's rejections, the non-news of real marriage, the desperate yearning among young people for a world without cynicism, for a world where people count. We are going to write about the whole grey field of the human condition. We are going to look inevitably at social problems, mental hospitals, Cathy come home, race discrimination." And if it keeps up to its first issue it speaks with authority and force. Two of the people responsible are Group-Captain Leonard Cheshire, V.C., and Richard Exley, one-time Oxfam's Publicity Officer. Here is a journal dealing with these real things of life which are so important but so often miss papers and journals.

Very Sleepy! the following is an extract from a well-known parish magazine—which to save blushes shall be nameless—

"**New Form of H.C.**—The Lethargical Commission have now produced a new form of H.C. for experimental use. We at . . . will use it for six months."

True story

A friend is a nursing sister at a Southport Children's Hospital. Asking a new young patient "name and religion", the little girl gave her name, but looked puzzled at the word "religion". "Are you a Catholic or a Protestant?", our friend asked. The child's face brightened. "Oh, no," she said, "I am just a Christian!"

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THE MOTHERS' UNION

During the next session the Meetings will be on a THURSDAY each month at 7.45 p.m. The new session will start on THURSDAY, 26th September in the Church Hall with a WINE and CHEESE PARTY to which all the Young Wives are invited and any other women in the Parish would be most welcome. The sound film "Seven Candlesticks" will also be shown. This is a fascinating film showing prophecy fulfilled in New Testament lands and should provide an excellent beginning to the new series of meetings.

THE CHURCH'S CHILDREN

The Children's Instruction will be resumed at 11.15 a.m. on Sunday, 15th September. The Crossbearers and Catechism will also re-assemble at 10 a.m. on that day. We shall be pleased to see all the children back with us and delighted to welcome any new ones on that day. Some have been very faithful in coming to Church during the holiday season. The Village Hall is for the under 5's and the Church Hall for the Kindergarden (5's to 7½ years). The Junior Children (7½ years to 10½ years) come into Church at 11.15.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

This will be held on Sunday, 29th September as you will have read elsewhere in the magazine. As is our usual custom, the children will offer their gifts at a special service for Parents and Children at 11.15 a.m. and arrangements will be made for the NURSERY children who normally meet in the Village Hall, to come to CHURCH on that day at 11.15 a.m.

OUTING IN OCTOBER

This year we shall hope to go to HEREFORD on SATURDAY, 12th October. Notices will be sent out later. Tickets for this outing will be available in the CHURCH HALL on Tuesday, 1st October from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the money collected then.

OVER 60's CLUB

This will re-open on MONDAY, 16th September. MORNING MARKET, Saturday, 5th October from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

DECORATION OF CHURCH FOR HARVEST THANKSGIVING

This will begin VERY early on SATURDAY, 28th September as there is a wedding at 12 noon. Gifts of flowers and fruit will be most welcome in CHURCH Friday evening or BEFORE 9 a.m. on Saturday morning. Donations towards flowers will be gratefully received by Miss Lodge as soon as possible.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY, 2nd September

Coffee Morning organised by the Women's Institute, 10 a.m. in the Church Hall. All will be welcome. Come and bring your friends.

WEDDING BELLS

The tables will be turned this month when one of our faithful bell-ringers hears a peal ring out for his own wedding. To Noel Deam and Avril we send our best wishes and every blessing on their future life together.

THE CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA

This Church will be celebrating its 21st Birthday on 27th September. This will be marked in this Parish when the Liturgy of the Church of South India will be celebrated at the 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service on FRIDAY, 20th September.

COFFEE ROTA

Sept. 8th, Mrs. Seid & Family. 15th, Miss C. Perry & Mrs. G. Marsh.

PARISH CALENDAR : SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 1. TRINITY XII. Services as for the 1st Sunday in the month with Mattins at 11.15 a.m. Preacher: The Rev. D. Sparkes.
" 2. Monday. Coffee Morning, Church Hall, 10 a.m. W.I.
" 4. Wednesday. Holy Communion, 7.15 a.m.
" 5. Thursday. Prayer Group in Church, 8 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
" 8. TRINITY XIII. Services as for 2nd Sunday in the month with Holy Baptism at 3 p.m.
6.30 p.m. "Indian Harvest" — C.M.S. slides.
" 11. Wednesday. Holy Communion, 7.15 a.m.
" 15. TRINITY XIV. Battle of Britain Sunday. Services as for the 3rd Sunday in the month with Mattins at 11.15 a.m.
" 16. Monday. Over 60's Club re-opens, 3 p.m., Church Hall.
" 18. Wednesday. Ember Day. Holy Communion, 7.15 a.m.
7.45 p.m. Young Wives Group. 1st meeting of new Session.
" 20. Friday. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. with "laying on of hands" for sick.
" 21. Saturday. Festival of St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist & Martyr. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
" 22. TRINITY XV. Services as for the 4th Sunday in the month with Holy Baptism at 3 p.m.
" 24. Tuesday. 8 p.m. Meeting of Parochial Church Council preceded by Evensong in Church at 7.30 p.m.
" 25. Wednesday. Holy Communion, 7.15 a.m.
" 26. Thursday. 7.45 p.m. Church Hall. Opening Session of M.U.
" 28. Saturday. Decoration of Church for Harvest Thanksgiving, 9 a.m.
" 29. TRINITY XVI. ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS. HARVEST THANKSGIVING
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.0 a.m. Parish Communion.
11.15 a.m. Service for Parents & Children. Offering of gifts by children.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
" 30. Monday. 8 p.m. Men's Forum at Vicarage.

HOLY BAPTISM

- July 28. Matthew Mitchell Bacon, 109 Iffley Road.
Philip Edward Bramall, 53 Marsh Lane.
David Lanegan, 1 Abbeyfield Drive, Fareham.
Sarah Anne Ligertwood, 41 Marsh Lane.
Joanna Stewart Sargeant, 2 Windsor Crescent.
Mark Edward John Stork, Vine Cottage, Noke, Nr. Oxford.
Aug. 11. Michael Andrew Dale, 18 St. Nicholas Park.
Sara Gurney, 8 Clays Close.
Michael George William Starmer-Smith, 7 Glen Road, Fleet, Hants.
Judith Emma Victoria Starmer-Smith, 76 Iffley Turn, Oxford.

HOLY MATRIMONY

- Aug. 3. John Hopkins and Joy Leitch.
" 10. Michael Stuart Webb and Paula Janice Morris.
" 17. Howard Charles Washbrook and Doreen Smith.

ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

Sept. 1st, Mrs. Washington. 8th, Miss L. Gardner. 15th, Mrs. Green.
22nd, Mrs. Green. 29th, HARVEST THANKSGIVING, Mrs. Sharpe.

IN MEMORIAM

With the passing of Abraham George Lane, the village loses a familiar figure, who was often riding slowly along on his bicycle as he went to tend someone's garden. To his widow and son we extend our sympathies. Also to the wife and family of Edward Walker. We also grieve with Mr. & Mrs. Berg, on the sudden death of their eldest daughter, who leaves her husband and three young children. We pray that God will grant to the family at this time His consolation and comfort.

CHURCH & LOCAL CLUBS, SOCIETIES, ETC.

CHURCH

- Bell Ringers.** Sec. : Mr. A. Gammon, 50 Oxford Road.
Brownies. Brownie Guider : Mrs. N. Edmonds, 10 Ashlong Road.
Choir. Choirmaster : Mrs. E. M. Garner, 31 Oxford Road.
Cubs. Cub Scout Leader :
Girl Guides. Guide Guider : Mrs. J. Clarke, 30 Cavendish Drive.
Parish Magazine : Sec. : Mrs. & Miss Finch, "Stanmore," Boults Lane.
Mothers' Union. Enrolling Member : Mrs. R. Vernede, The Manor House, Old Marston.
Parochial Church Council. Sec. : Mrs. M. Harlow, Fir Tree House, Oxford Road.
Scouts. Scout Leader : Mr. N. Lankford, 55 Crotch Crescent, New Marston.
Group Scout Leader : Mr. W. Furber, 42 Cherwell Drive.
St. Nicholas' Fellowship. Sec. : Miss E. Warburton, Cross Cottage, Old Marston.
Young Wives Group. Group Leader : Mrs. B. Sleightholm, 72 Oxford Road. Secretary : Mrs. R. B. Wells, 14 Raymund Road.

LOCAL

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

USEFUL INFORMATION

- District Nurses, 6 Broughton's Close, Old Marston. Tel. Oxford 44417.
Infant Welfare Clinic : The Village Hall, Thursdays 2—4 p.m.
Library : The Village Hall, Old Marston.
Adults Tuesday, 3 to 5 p.m. ; 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.
Thursday, 3 to 5 p.m. ; 5.30 to 7.0 p.m.
Friday, 3 to 6.30 p.m.
Children : Monday, 3 to 5.15 p.m. ; Wednesday, 3 to 5.15 p.m.
Over 60's Club. St. Nicholas Church Hall, Mondays at 2.45 p.m.
Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths : St. Nicholas' Church Hall, Elsfield Road, Old Marston. Thursdays 4 to 4.30 p.m.
Village Hall. All Bookings to Mr. Rumbold, 8 Beechey Avenue, Old Marston.
St. Nicholas' Church Hall and Committee Room. All Bookings to Miss O. J. Lodge, The Flat, 15 Mill Lane, Old Marston.
Nursery School. All enquiries to :— The Village Hall during school hours.

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- Baby Linen, Children's and Ladies' Wear, Wool, Slippers :**
"Joyce's," 18 Cherwell Drive, Marston.....Tel. 63846
- Baby Linen and Ladies' Wear, Wool, etc. :**
North, 5 Salford Road, Old MarstonTel. 41451
- Butcher (High Class) :**
V. C. White (Marston) Ltd., 17 Salford Rd., Old Marston...Tel. 43177
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Cyril & Esme Weeks, "The Jack Russell," Salford Road.....Tel. 47668
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"Lionel" School of Motoring, R.A.C., I.A.M.,
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- Fish and Poultry, Greengrocery and Frozen Foods :**
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- Florists & Nurserymen. Wreaths, Crosses and Wedding Designs :**
W. S. & M. G. Robbins, 66 Botley Road.....Tel. 43535
- Funeral Director :**
C. Pain, 10 Newton Road, Oxford.....Tel. 48817
- General Household, Wallpaper and Paints, Paraffin
and "King Kole" Delivery Service :**
Simpson, 7 Salford Road, Old Marston.....Tel. 42776
- Grocery Provisions and Old Marston Post Office :**
L. E. H. Hayle, Oxford Road, Old Marston.....Tel. 49668
- Hairdressing :**
Ladies' & Gent's :
S. T. Greenaway, 402 Marston Road, Oxford.....Tel. 48726
Ladies' & Children's :
"Karenlee," 9 Salford Road.....Tel. 41632
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Michael, Hair Fashions, 16 Cherwell Drive, Marston.....Tel. 63842
- Hardware Stores and Paraffin Delivery Service :**
L. C. Boiteux, 8 Cherwell Drive, Marston.....Tel. 61668
- Men's, Youths & Juvenile Wear, Alterations & Repairs & Dry Cleaning :**
Percy's, 11 Salford Road, Old Marston.....Tel. 43212
- Music for Parties and Wedding Receptions, Tape Recordings :**
Michael Berg and John BleayTel. 44322
14 Fairfax Avenue, Old Marston.....Tel. 43785
- Newsagents, Tobacconists, Confectioners and Stationers :**
Baxters (Oxford) Ltd., 7 Old Marston Road, Oxford.....Tel. 42123
and 22 Cherwell Drive.
G. C. Green, 13 Salford Road, Old Marston.....Tel. 48932
- Painter & Decorator, Plumbing & General Repairs :**
S. Kushmar, 47 Ferry Road, Marston.....Tel. 47189
- Radio and Television, Rental, Sales and Service :**
W. R. Hammond & Son Ltd., 404 Marston Road, Oxford...Tel. 47706
- Sanitary Engineer :**
A. J. Walton, A.M.Inst.B.E., 1 Beechey Ave., Old Marston...Tel. 47107
- Taxi — Car Hire (Long or Short Journeys) :**
Marston Taxi Service, Mr. & Mrs. Leach,
2 Cavendish Drive, Old Marston.....Tel. 47197
- Wavy Line Groceries, Provisions and Frozen Foods :**
J. M. & G. M. Tyrrell, Salford Stores, 15 Salford RoadTel. 43174