

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

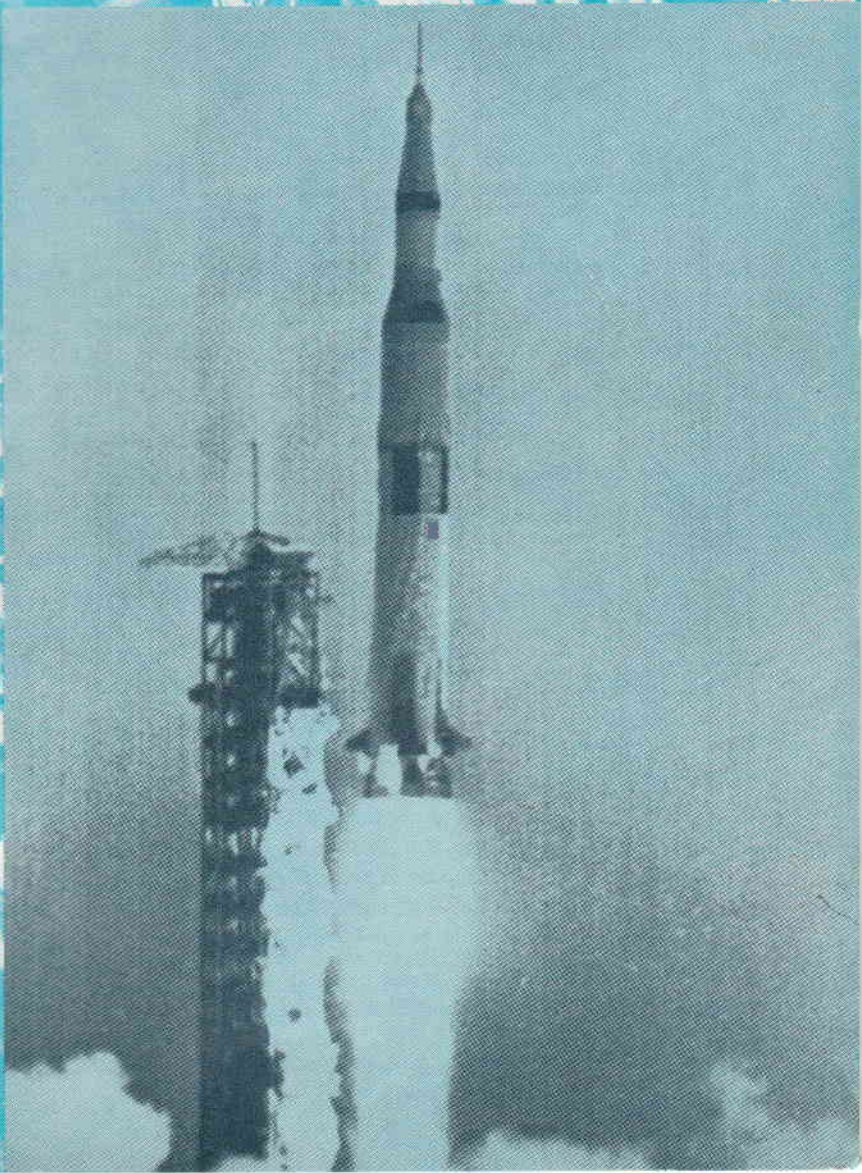
MARSTON NEWS

No. 143

JANUARY, 1970

Price 6d.

Men reach for the stars—Can we
reach our world?
U.S. Embassy



ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH — OLD MARSTON

Vicar and Rural Dean of Cowley : Rev. Paul N. Rimmer, M.A.,
11 Elsfield Road, Old Marston. Tel. : 47034.

Reader : Mr. W. H. Saumarez Smith, O.B.E., M.A., Bishop's Wood End,
Cuddesdon.

Parish Worker : Miss O. J. Lodge, The Flat, 15 Mill Lane, Old Marston.
Tel. : Oxford 47956.

Vicar's Warden : Mr. Clifford Dunkley, 4 Hadow Road, New Marston,
Oxford. Tel. : Oxford 44239.

People's Warden : Mr. V. C. Cardy, 110 Staunton Road, Headington, Oxford.
Tel. : 61116.

Secretary of the P.C.C. : Mrs. M. Harlow, Fir Tree House, Old Marston.

Organist : Mrs. E. A. Garner, "Barn Gates," 31 Oxford Rd., Old Marston.
Tel. : Oxford 41888.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion : 8 a.m.

Parish Communion : 10 a.m. New Communion Service (followed by Coffee
in Church Hall.

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 5.15 p.m. (except on Saturdays). 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. 1st Sunday in month - Parish Communion.

K.G. and Juniors : Sundays, 11.15 a.m.

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

Mothers' Union : 4th Thursday. 7.45 p.m.

Young Wives Group : Alternate Wednesdays, 7.45 p.m. in Church Hall.

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

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

Girl Guides : Monday, 7.30 p.m. in Scout Headquarters.

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

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

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

VICAR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

Someone once said that we only enjoy happiness in retrospect. But is this so? The Christian can certainly say: 'I am enjoying this moment — NOW!' He possesses the 'joy that no man taketh from you'. Sometimes I think we take our happiness for granted . . . the peace we enjoy in our land, the freedom to worship in the way we choose, the roof over our heads, the friends who greet us, the milk bottle always at the door each morning, the paper and letters through the letter-box. Even the Church — an absolute gem — with its ordered round of services, its choir and bellringers, its provision of Word and Sacrament, its liturgy . . . let us be grateful for them all.

Let us try to be 'joyful in the Lord' this year, out of a sense of profound thankfulness for all that God is, and for all that He means to us. "The Joy of the Lord is your strength" says the Book of Nehemiah and if we are going to win the world for Christ, then it will be Christian - i.e. Christ-centred-joy — that will influence the outsider.

Now a question. What do you think of the Marston News? Deadly dull? Not enough about this or that? Someone said to me recently: "I never read the centre pages. Why do you have to have them?" Do you think the same? Remembering that Fleet Street isn't at our disposal, nor the Marston Millions - we do in fact subsidize your magazine - how can we make the Marston News more effective? Do you think a free news sheet handed to all members of the parish would be a better idea?

I'd like to have your comments early in the New Year — but please don't tell me them just before I'm going to announce a hymn at church. Jot them down on a P.C. and send them to me.

And now once again, a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR to you!

Yours sincerely,



THANK YOU

Marston Players put on a quite delightful programme of readings and music in aid of the Church Clock during November, raising £3 10 0 in aid of the Church Clock.

To all who helped in any way to make the Christmas Party for the Over 60's Club such a happy affair. To all who prepared the tea, provided cakes and biscuits and to all who entertained and then came to the rescue with transport to and from the party.

A special word of thanks goes to Mr. and Mrs. Weeks of "The Jack Russell" for the most generous cheque for £67 to be used for the Club and its activities during the New Year.

AN OVERSEAS EVENING

Keep Wednesday, January 7th at 8 p.m. free in your diary! Why? Because you're invited personally to an Overseas Evening in the Church Hall. Test your knowledge about the Church Overseas. See what's going on. Taste something with the flavour of the East.

The old days of fuddy-duddy missionary meetings are out. Today the Church Overseas is just part of the World Mission in which we all share. What takes place in Bombay, Nairobi, or Hong Kong is relevant to us. Why say more? Just keep the date, and join us for an hour and a half of news about the Church Overseas.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY : JANUARY 18 - 25

Prayer leaflets are available. Make sure to have and use one.

FOR YOUR READING LIST

The Gaggling of God — by Gavin Reid. Hodder and Stoughton 6/-.
“Unless Christians can find ways of saying things to modern non-community man then not only is modern man in a desperate plight, and not only is the Church facing extinction, but Almighty God Himself is gagged”.

NEWS FROM NAIROBI

We hear from his parents that Jonathan Starmer Smith is settling into his new home and work with the road-construction company of Stirling-Ostaldi. We send our wishes to Anne and the family who will join him in January. Also returning in January will be the Rev. and Mrs. Peter Davies and their family whom we have been delighted to welcome to the village during furlough. Mr. Davies teaches in a large boys school in Nairobi.

HAVE YOU A VOICE ?

I'm sure you have, but this time we're speaking to budding tenors in the parish. The Choir would like to hear of two tenors, who can read music and who would be prepared to come regularly to our Friday night practise. We have a waiting list for other members of the choir — and are at present not admitting any small boys, who despite their angelic appearance, are not able to contribute a great deal to the choir's function in leading the congregational worship of the church.

ENGLISH CAP FOR MARSTON MAN

Those who have been following the progress of Nigel Starmer Smith, former Oxford University, and present Harlequins scrum-half, will be delighted to know that his blind side breaks and rugged tenacity on the field have at last been recognised by the English selectors who have chosen him to play against the Springboks on December 20th. To Nigel, and to the Starmer Smith family we send our congratulations on this honour.

NEW MARSTON LOCUM

All St. Nicholas' parish will join in wishing Dr. Hope every blessing as he takes a holiday on account of ill-health. Fr. Gaters of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, Marston Street, Oxford, will be in charge of the parish until the end of February. Anyone in New Marston wishing to make enquires about baptisms, or weddings etc., should contact Fr. Gaters at the above address.

THE PASSING OF OLD FRIENDS

Marston has lost a number of old friends during the past months. Emrys Davies collapsed suddenly whilst cycling to work, and very near to the house where he once lived in Oxford Road. A courageous fighter against ill-health, he bore his sufferings without rancour. To his widow and family we send our deepest sympathy. Alice Jarvey, at one time a member of the Over 60's Club had become very frail and passed away peacefully in hospital. Two elderly residents of New Marston, Annie Clifford, and William Henry Matthews also passed away at the beginning of December. Mrs. Clifford's husband died only a few months before, and was nursed by a devoted family. Mr. Matthews is remembered as a farmer who liked work and liked to see people working. To the families of these senior citizens we send our sympathies.

Miss Mabel Mortimer passed away peacefully in Bournemouth at the splendid age of 95. Well-remembered by elder villagers as the sister of a greatly beloved Vicar of Marston, the Rev. John Mortimer, who was

Remember - and pray



Wenceslaus Square, Prague

Brian Cooper

RELIGIOUS REVIVAL IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS THE MOST UNEXPECTED, LEAST NOTICED AND, for the Church there, the most remarkable by-product of that country's continuing political crisis. Today the inner vitality of the Czech Churches, from the Presbyterian-run Czech Brethren and the small Free Churches to Roman Catholic and Orthodox, is a major source of hope to many otherwise tempted to despair or apathy.

TWO VISITS TO THAT UNHAPPY YET NOBLE LAND, in 1968 and 1969, convinced me of the Churches' significant, if unsung, role. Both the revival under Dubcek and the post-invasion non-violent resistance were strongly influenced by Christianity. Today, the struggle for truth at all levels of Czech life is essentially a spiritual one, with the Churches strongly, if quietly, at work.

Christian-Marxist dialogue in the pre-Dubcek days helped to liberalise attitudes within the Communist Party. Public opinion polls revealed nearly half the population believing in God, and almost as many sometimes praying in private: clearly Christianity had not died out in Communist Czechoslovakia. Dubcek's liberalisation benefited the Churches: restrictions on Christian teaching of the young were lifted, theological education expanded, the old Catholic and Uniate Churches resumed normal life after years in the twilight.

DUBCEK'S "SOCIALISM WITH A HUMAN FACE" was a movement for truth, among Communists and within the whole life of the nation. Suddenly, the Church found itself called upon to give succour and support in unexpected quarters. Communists who had held high posts in the former dark Stalinist days came to Christians in anguish of conscience and in need of forgiveness. Leading Communist reformers appealed to the Churches for guidance and moral direction. The stigma of second-class citizenship, often hitherto attaching to churchgoers, evaporated—and congregations swelled.

The days of invasion drew the Churches together in common denunciation of Russia's action, in appeals to Church leaders in the Soviet Union and in participation in resistance. Partners in Christian-Marxist dialogue united in critical discussions with Russian officers in the streets of Prague. A Marxist professor of philosophy told me he gained strength for those incredible days from his study of the New Testament—in the original Greek!

THE SPIRIT OF JAN HUS, FIFTEENTH CENTURY CZECH PROTESTANT REFORMER AND MARTYR, was recaptured nobly by the young Jan Palach. Few people in the West know that the young martyr for freedom was a Christian, who took Communion in a Protestant church the night before he made himself into a torch of liberty.

Demonstrations, riots and battles with the police may suddenly any day blaze Czechoslovakia across the world's headlines. Yet the struggle in that country is not only a political one. It is a struggle for truth, for the soul of a nation.

With quiet determination, the Christians of Czechoslovakia are right in the thick of that struggle. Their main weapon is the Gospel of Christian hope amid apparent disaster. "Above all, I must keep on preaching hope to my congregation," a young minister in Prague said to me.

And I recall another remark, too, by a young Christian student from Bratislava.

"Remember us when our country is out of your headlines".

INDEED, REMEMBER, AND PRAY.

Going Political . . .

We mentioned in **Church News** about a year ago the sharpening note which had come into the publicity of the main Christian Charities. More recently the note is not only of the urgency to give and the demand that we give, but that as much pressure should be brought to bear on Government that it steps up its genuine aid to the "third world", as these developing countries are now called. And this pressure is effected by letter, as for instance one recently from the Archbishop of Canterbury and Cardinal Heenan and also signed by Bishop Sansbury, General Secretary of the British Council of Churches. On the same day as this letter was delivered, the directors of the seven British agencies concerned with World Development also delivered a letter to the Prime Minister, pointing out that while public expenditure has risen by 52 per cent since Labour took office, Britain's gross expenditure on aid had risen by only 8 per cent. "We feel it is time for this dismal trend to be reversed."

The Action for World Development Swanwick Conference held in October brought together leaders of all the Churches, Protestant and Roman Catholic, and indeed leaders from overseas, sent telegrams to the Prime Minister and other senior Ministers, I believe. Then there was the Exposition on Poverty in Trafalgar Square, if one may so term it, over the last weekend of October, followed up by a giant "Sign In" across the country in December.

At first one may feel a little uncomfortable about these methods, but the more one reflects on it, the more convinced one becomes that unless some sort of pressure is brought to bear, there are so many careless, indifferent, selfish people in England who only think of themselves, that it is only by this sort of active stirring that some effective aid from Britain, in the form of equipment, finance and skilled persons will go to these countries which we all know desperately need it.

Men reach for the Stars—

Can we reach our World?

Trevor Beeson, Editor of New Christian

SHORTLY AFTER ASTRO-nauts Armstrong and Aldrin had landed on the moon, President Nixon informed us that this had been "the greatest week in the history of the world since creation". To deny this is not to detract from the amazing skill and courage that went into the first lunar landing. On any reckoning it was a remarkable event. The pride of the American people is perfectly understandable.

Looking back on those exciting days, and now wondering what new adventures lie in the future, it does however seem important to enquire whether the space programme—which did after all originate from military considerations—might not be based on a crazy scale of human priorities.

When the astronauts set foot on the moon this represented the climax of ten years' dedicated effort by some of the most highly skilled people in the world. Almost a quarter of a million scientists and technologists were involved. The cost of bringing that dust from a lunar crater was over £10 billion. It is impossible to calculate how much effort and money went into communicating the news of Apollo 11's progress to every part of the globe.



OUR WORLD

While all this was happening two-thirds of the world's population was suffering from malnutrition or actually starving to death. In America itself, about 25 per cent of the population is living below the poverty line. Many of the American inner-city areas exhibit a squalor and inhumanity such



"YOU SEE, THEY'RE TRYING TO FIND SOME UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS..."
A Vicky cartoon which once appeared in the London Evening Standard

as we can hardly believe to exist in the Western world. The Vietnam war continues its senseless destruction of life and property and no-one seems able to bring it to an end.

There is surely something quite odd about this situation. How remarkable that mankind is able to reach the stars and yet finds the solution of many of the crucial problems in this world beyond reach.

WITHIN REACH

In fact the solution of these problems is not beyond our reach. If we were to apply to any one of them the same ingenuity, effort and resources that have gone into the space programme we would make very considerable progress towards a solution of the problems of hunger, race and war, and I submit—have much more to show for our efforts than the samples of lunar dust now being analysed in our laboratories.

It all comes down to the question of priorities. There may come a time when man is fully justified in satisfying his legitimate curiosity by devoting resources to the exploration of worlds other than his own. But at the moment there are far more urgent needs and Christians ought to be pressing for their recognition.

THE NEXT TEN YEARS

Let the next ten years be spent on a massive programme to eliminate world poverty. This will require immense skill, dedication and co-operation. But

AVOIDING GOD

“The avoiding, in many times and places, has proved so difficult that a very large part of the human race has failed to achieve it. But in our own time and place it is extremely easy. Avoid silence, avoid solitude, avoid any train of thought that leads off the beaten track. Concentrate on money, sex, status, health, and (above all) on your own grievances. Keep the radio on. Live in a crowd. Use plenty of sedation. If you must read books, select them very carefully. But you'd be safer to stick to the newspapers. You'll find the advertisements helpful, especially those with a sexy or snobbish appeal.”

C. S. LEWIS

there is no doubt that we can, if we wish, make the world a much more hospitable place for most people to live in.

Let us spend £12 billion on re-creating our towns and cities so that every man, woman and child can have a decent home in a healthy environment. After all, these things are not a privilege but a basic necessity. They are within reach if we will stretch our arms in the right direction.

Let us demonstrate our belief in the capacity of man to control his environment by recognising that people of differing races and cultures share the same potentiality. Underneath the black skin are the same gifts that enabled two white men to reach a new world and it is in the recognition of this that the solution of the race problem lies.

Approached in this way, it will be possible to turn the undoubted achievement of the lunar landing into something of real blessing to the human race. We have demonstrated that there is virtually nothing we cannot do. It now remains to turn our efforts to the most pressing needs.

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

*Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
I don't wonder what you are;
I surmised your spot in space
When you left your missile base.
Any wondering I do
Centres on the price of you,
And I shudder when I think
What you're costing us per twink.*

William Pratt.

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆



Holy Sepulchre, Holborn

INTO THE UNKNOWN

Vera Burt

"Seeing history is the memory of time, the life of the dead and the happiness of the living."
—Captain John Smith.

FULL SUMMER streamed through the brilliant colours of the stained glass window designed by Francis Skeat to commemorate Captain John Smith, "sometime Governor of Virginia and Admiral of New England," erected as recently as October, 1968, in Holy Sepulchre Church, Holborn Viaduct.

The Rector of this largest City of London Church, Canon Richard Tydeman, showed me his fascinating small library of books and documents about the life of the famous Virginian colonist. In what was once a Chantry, John Smith lies buried.

From the City of London to Gravesend Reach, the gateway to London River—here another Rector, the Rev. M. P. Beek, will show you the Pocahontas treasures. For in this riverside parish church of St. George's the Indian Princess was buried in the chancel. At this moment the North Aisle is being re-designed to include a part dedicated to Princess Pocahontas. Here, she will be commemorated with the plaque where she is named as "*Princess Pocahontas or Matoaka, daughter of The Mighty American Indian Chief Powhatan. Gentle and humane, she was the friend of the earliest struggling English colonists whom she nobly rescued, protected and helped.*"

The story of Captain John Smith and Princess Pocahontas is interwoven.

The Landing in Virginia

On December 20th, 1606, three square-rigged ships sailed from Blackwall Reach for Virginia. The heartfelt wishes of one prisoner in the Tower went with them—Sir Walter Raleigh. The previous expeditions to Virginia had been sent out by him and now the Virginia Company's ships of



Pocahontas Statue, St. George's, Gravesend

London were setting out from London River to look for men in Raleigh's lost colony.

The three ships were the *SUSAN CONSTANT* (120 tons), *GODSPEED* (40 tons) and a pinnace, *DISCOVERY* (20 tons) carrying 144 colonists and sailors. Their officers carried sealed orders—"within 24 hours next after the arrival of the ships upon the coast of America, and not before, open and unseal them . . ."

On the evening of 26th April, 1607, Captain John Smith made a brief entry in his diary: "*About 4 o'clock in the morning we descried the land of Virginia.*" On May 13th, the colonists moored their ships to trees and started to unload.

Having broken the seal of their instructions on the evening of 26th April off the beautiful sandy-shored Chesapeake Bay, they learned that they were to seek out a safe port at the entrance to a navigable river, "especially one whose arm bendeth to the North," having in mind, presumably, that the Pacific Ocean would be found not too far away. They were also informed that they were "Not to offend the Naturals"!

It is not hard to visualise the scene on that spring day off the Virginian shore, and the sailors' delight when they found a landing-place with six fathoms of water close inshore—now Jamestown. The excited new colonists rushed ashore to explore dense forest, where Indian arrows



Captain John Smith,
an engraving



Princess Pocahontas,
an engraving

Courtesy: British Museum

from “the Naturals” made sudden alarms. David Garnett describes the men felling trees, stripped to the waist in glorious sunshine, planning gardens and putting up tents which made “a street of sailcloth roof”.

Princess Pocahontas

But the first winter became a long story of suffering and some died. It was Captain John Smith who showed his mettle and took over.

Unhappily, while exploring new country up the Chickanomy River, Smith was captured by the Indian chief, Powhatan. The story of his experience is well-known. And books, plays, and stories of all kinds have described his dramatic rescue by the young Princess Pocahontas. An immensely readable book called *The Three Worlds of John Smith* by John Barbour, paints the scene:

“A fire had already been lighted. The priests howled their supplications. Two sacrificial stones were brought in and John Smith was dragged over the earthen floor and his head placed on the improvised altar. The executors stood ready with uplifted clubs . . .”

Watching was Powhatan’s “most dear and well beloved daughter,” eleven-year-old Pocahontas. At the critical moment she cried out and ran forward and put her head by John Smith’s. She defied the priests, standing with their clubs still uplifted. Their weapons were lowered.

“She was only a little girl, but she was the favourite daughter of the absolute Lord of Tidewater Virginia”. The life of Captain John Smith had been saved. An important page in history was begun by the unaccountable generous impulse of a child . . . a Princess who later played a vital role between the Indians and the colonizers.

Friends

After living as a prisoner in Powhatan’s

house for some weeks, making bells and beads for the young Princess, Captain John Smith suddenly received his release. In return, Captain Smith was to give Powhatan two “great guns” and a grindstone. Little enough—and without the continued friendship and help of Pocahontas, England’s first American colony would not have developed with the speed it did.

John Smith recorded in his diary:—

“Heaven and earth never agreed better to frame a place for man’s habitation”.

The young Indian Princess married an English settler in Virginia, John Rolfe. He and John Smith may well have known each other before the Virginian settlement days, since they both came from Lincolnshire. Smith spent his childhood in the village of Willoughby-by-Alford, while up the Wash, at Heacham, lived the Rolfe family. In Heacham church is an alabaster wall-statue of Pocahontas. Perhaps she stayed in her husband’s home and enjoyed the delights of East Anglia—but there is no account of her visit. It is recorded that her husband took her to live at Brentford on the Thames, near Kew.

Captain John Smith arranged for her to be invited to the Court when she came to England with John Rolfe in 1616. “She was graciously received by Queen Anne, wife of James I.”

So the colonization of Virginia—and later of New England—is bound up in the story of man’s endurance and courage; of an Indian Chief’s faith in an English Captain; and a child’s spontaneous reaction to useless brutality. Alas, Pocahontas died at Gravesend when she was only twenty-two. Buried in the chancel of St. George’s Church, Gravesend, “Her unexpected death caused not more sorrow and concern in the spectators than her religious end gave joy and surprise. For she died agreeably to her life, a most sincere and pious person.”

Christian Unity

Remember January 18—25 is the week set aside to pray for and study Christian Unity. I don't think, in spite of the Anglican-Methodist set-back last year, there is any need for pessimism. There is an ever-growing feeling and movement that in one way or another the Churches must come together and be seen to be able to worship as well as work together. So add your presence and your encouragement and your opinion to anything the Churches in your area are doing in this week of Christian Unity this year.

The Giant Leap

"Mankind has made the giant leap in the physical sphere of the universe. We have yet to make the giant leap of taking God's fatherhood seriously.

"Christian men should share the excitement of this event; the most dramatic fulfilment to date of the great promise to man—way back in Genesis—that he should have domination, power, over his whole environment.

"True, there was something very odd about a world that could do that and yet leave men living in filthy ghettos and children going to bed half starved."

—The Rev. Kenneth Slack in Sermon at the City Temple.

Hope in the 1970s

"If you doubt the colossal Christian progress, re-read *Oliver Twist* (1837) and contrast Oliver's life as a poor boy, and later as middling rich, and see how enormously narrower is the gap today. Re-read the life of Dr. Barnardo, who in an evening's stroll in London in 1880 could collect 20 boys, belonging to no-one, all near death from cold and starvation. Go back a bit further to Thomas Coram and the Foundling Hospital (1745) when huge baskets were hung outside the gates for unwanted babies and 117 were deposited the first day, some already dead. In 1870 in Birmingham it was estimated that only one child in ten got any real education . . .

"Tomorrow the battles will be for peace . . . to help the boys of Vietnam and Nigeria, when they are hurt, to have kindly nurses and skilled doctors . . ."

Westminster Echo



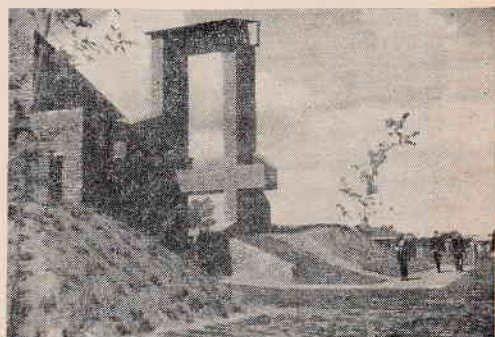
Religious Art

A catalogue of beautiful colour reproductions of religious art, covering from sixth century mosaics to Byzantine, Renaissance art, including the greatest masters—Leonardo da Vinci, Titian, Raphael, Michelangelo, Rembrandt and many others—the reproductions of which are available at modest prices and the sizes of reproduction are given in the catalogue, is available from the Pallas Gallery Ltd., 28b Albemarle Street, London W.1.

The purpose of the catalogue is let it be known that the reproductions of these great works of art are immediately available—either for home adornment or for use in churches, Sunday schools, etc. The catalogue is a feast in itself. I most warmly commend it to you.

Inter-Church Chapel

An unusual entrance to an Inter-Church Chapel at Geduld Mine Village, Welkom, South Africa—fits in strikingly in a mining area, having rather the appearance of a mine ventilating plant. It is for the use of all denominations, seats 200, with space for another 150 on outside terraces.



Geduld Mine Chapel



Maori Church, New Zealand

New Zealand

The five Protestant Churches in New Zealand have plans of a Union and to be known thereafter as "The Church of Christ in New Zealand". A flexible attitude to worship is proposed; differing traditions about baptism accepted, both for sponsored infants and for adults; ministers of the uniting churches will be free to serve any of the churches. The plan also allows for some clergy to serve in ordinary occupations.

The photo of the Maori meeting house is sent by a New Zealand clergyman, who says there are many such beautifully carved meeting houses, especially in the North Island, where the Maoris love to meet for worship.

Missionaries

Not a word so commonly used these days—but *Network*, the U.S.P.G. Journal, reports that the number of men and women who contact the Society with a view to becoming missionaries shows no sign of decreasing. "There is no lack of suitable people to carry the Gospel," it says, "just an increasingly restricted number of places to which they can be sent."

R.C. Synod

The Roman Catholic Synod of Bishops held in Rome in October seems to have been a far more hopeful and constructive meeting than was expected in some quarters. The eloquent and firm speeches by certain well-known liberal bishops seem to have prevented a narrow reiteration of papal authority and that in future bishops be properly consulted, gained great support. Indeed it was removed, for there was a dearth of information, that a proposal was made that such matters as priestly celibacy and marriage cases be left to the local churches instead of being decided at the Vatican. Hopeful thinking?



Ghanaian women show great interest on questions of Community development

Ghana's Second Chance

Everyone remembers Kwame Nkrumah, once Prime Minister of Ghana, deposed while on a visit to Russia, who left his country massive debts and a litter of half-completed, grandiose and uneconomic projects—a disastrous rule. How many Christians know of Dr. Busia, present Prime Minister of Ghana? We ought.

A quiet, dedicated, scholarly Christian man who has gathered round him a devoted band of professional men to try and put his country to rights. He has recently been in England seeking economic aid. *The Times*, urging support, said it is obviously in Britain's interest. The country is now pro-West and backs commonwealth co-operation—and with such able and dedicated leadership has a chance of real progress.

Humanists

Well, they don't give in! They have recently set up a fighting fund to attack religious education in schools. I'm not impressed by their "Religious Discrimination in Schools" (National Secular Society, 103 Borough High St., London, S.E.1) protesting of the odd teacher who dared to call a child not wanting religious instruction a "heathen" in front of the whole class! I can think of some words schoolmasters called scholars in my day! Etc., etc. or piously preaching "we are sure most Christians, as well as humanists, would protest very strongly if they knew of young children subjected to discriminatory treatment in schools because of the beliefs they may hold". I have heard of some Christian school teachers suffering mild persecution and ribaldry. I have heard of the shortage of good and convinced Christian teachers, but of discriminatory treatment of scholars opting out of religious instruction? Well, we live and learn.



Ice on the Severn—photo taken at the time this story recounts—

Bell Ringers

Supper Anne
Efemey

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR are times of memories, and as just about everything that could be said about them has been, I only offer you a memory from my own store.

Living now in a large, ugly conurbation of industrialisation, I suppose it is only natural that my thoughts should wander back to the six Christmasses I spent in the depths of the English countryside. One in particular stands out.

In the countryside, even in these days of scientific discovery the country dwellers are ruled largely by the elements, and when the snow began to fall on Christmas night, heavy drifting banks of it, we all knew in the village what it meant. Lying in a valley on the banks of the river Severn, with only one main road out, it wasn't long before our one real contact with civilisation was severed. The local railway line having been removed some years earlier in the interests of progress, the only other hope was through the estate of a local landowner, and this by foot.

We were not considered priority, so the snow ploughs concentrated on the



larger villages and left us for the next few days in a gleaming solitary world of white. The thermometer fell rapidly and the big freeze set in. The steep hill into the village turned into a sheet of ice, and post, bread and milk were brought to the top of it and dumped, the braver locals ventured up it with sacking tied round their feet to bring it down.

The question uppermost in people's minds was, would it thaw before New Year's Eve. The great Social Event of the year was held this day, namely the Bellringers' Supper at the local inn. Could the sirloins of beef be got in, or would we have to make do with frozen chickens from the village shop's deep freeze?

The day dawned cold and bright, but with no hint of a thaw. The hotel's cook could be seen wandering sadly up and down the village street in the hope that the butcher's van would suddenly materialise and frantic phone calls were being made to those bellringers who had deserted to the next village or nearest town, but were "allowed" back for the great annual event.

By evening things had sorted themselves out in the way that only those who live close to nature know how. The meat had been brought in by foot, and as many guests as possible had been packed into a local farmer's jeep and

brought within walking distance of the hotel.

I remember clearly the expressions of triumph on the faces of those gathered round the long table that night. The traditional speeches of welcome, the carol singing and hand bell ringing, and the story-telling by the older generation of the village in former days. In years to come this time of festivity would be a topic of conversation and comment long after most of those present were dead and gone.

Later that night as the church clock struck midnight and we were all

gathered in the ringing room of the bell tower to ring in the new year—half the village seemed to have crowded into the little room that year—I looked out of the window on to a white world with the little village clustering at the grey icy water's edge, and felt as though I too were a part of the long history of this little place, admiring the determination of these quiet country folk, thinking how few town people would understand their intense desire to continue the traditions handed down over the centuries, and hoping that progress would not bring them to a halt.

**new
books**



★ **PETER IN ROME**—Dr. D. W. O'Connor (Columbian University Press, 70 Great Russell Street, London W.C.1 —£9).

This book is quite outside the range of *Church News*—as its cost shows. But as I have received a complimentary copy for review and as the readership of this magazine is surprisingly far-ranging I include this brief note. Here is a monumental work, sifting the colossal evidence whether St Peter ever went to Rome, resided there, was bishop, was martyred and buried there—a vast and much argued thesis—and usually without much light and evidence or scholarship and much prejudice and emotion—for or against! Well here is an impressive amount of evidence and scholarship—to fascinate and inform those whose minds are concerned with these things. And the author's conclusions?—That would be an entirely unfair short cut! Get the book—or at least order it through your local library and browse through this considerable volume.

C.R.

★ **MINISTRY AND MANAGEMENT**
The Study of Ecclesiastical Administration.
Peter F. Rudge, Tavistock Publications 18s.
and 36s.

"Organisation", wrote a trenchant Christian thinker, "is at once the necessity and death of religion". Christians have

never managed to resolve this contradiction, but it is time we gave the problem more thought, for "administration" is derived from the same root as "ministry", and our Anglican ember prayer asks a blessing on "all who are to be called to any office and administration in the same."

In this important book Mr. Rudge gives an admirably brief and clear introduction to the new social science of management. Five main patterns of organisation are distinguished, and these apply as much to the different churches as to businesses and corporations. They are the Traditional, the Charismatic (or intuitive), the Classical, the Human Relations, and the Systemic (or organic). Any reflective church member or parish priest should find a good deal of illumination on the ways and pre-suppositions of both parson and people!

It should be emphasised, lest potential readers are put off by the thought of technical jargon, that this is not a heavy theoretical textbook of ecclesiastical administration. It contains a wide variety of examples from parish and diocesan life to illustrate the points made. Mr. Rudge has stimulating comments to make on problems the churches have lived with for many years; church unity, mission in contemporary society, leadership and authority, diocesan committees, variations in parish

life from area to area, and from incumbent to incumbent in the same parish. In particular this reviewer found his analysis of ministry in terms of three Ms—monitoring, ministering and maintaining, illuminating and clarifying. It will be an obtuse leader indeed who does not recognise himself, his problems, and his opportunities, in the pages of this book.

James Fraser

★ **PLAINSONG FOR PLEASURE**

(Gospel Music Publishers Ltd, 381 London Road, Ewell, Epsom, 10s. 6d.) is the title of Charles Cleall's excellent successor to his admirable edition of Merbecke. Here, as there, the quavers are grouped according to their melodic rhythm, thus avoiding the dry look of one-tail-per-syllable still found in conventional hymnals. This feature, together with the delightfully simple, spacious accompaniments, will add immeasurably to the musical flow and to the singers' joy in these glorious tunes. There is a hymn for each Sunday and occasion of the year, and the numerous indices, including one of themes, will be enormously helpful. Incredible value at 2½d. a hymn!

Harrison Oxley

★ **CHURCH MAINTENANCE** by Vivian Symons (Marshall Morgan & Scott 35s.)

A normal dwelling house needs sympathetic and interested care and attention if it is to look its best and to have the life it should have; how much more then do these splendid buildings which are entrusted to us? And most of us have little knowledge and no training in their maintenance. The Rev. Vivian Symons, who almost single handed built from the materials of an old South London church the lovely church at Biggin Hill, with the guidance of the architects, Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, Son & Partners, has produced this valuable manual which will be of immense help to clergy and church people keen to preserve their parish churches. Mr. Symons in the course of his building became highly knowledgeable and highly skilled. This book may guide and help, but when major matters seem to need attention, viz. roofs, crumbling stonework, towers and the like, undoubtedly the Church Architect should be consulted and his advice taken. But this book will help all those who have the responsibility for these splendid buildings to see more responsibly what they need and deal with them more effectively. C.R.

★ **A HANDFUL OF MINUTES** by Colin Evans (Independent Press 15s.)

A book of thirty chapters—talks—themes—getting at the heart of the Christian

Faith in a homely, friendly, encouraging, intelligent way. Never preaching nor exhorting, just through well chosen story and sensible words making the point. I found it refreshing and stimulating. I most warmly commend it and to those of us who have the privilege of speaking or preaching, not only a help to ourselves but a help no doubt in our speaking.

C.R.

★ **THE SMALL WOMAN** Alan Burgess—Evans 30s.

Many readers will have seen the film 'The Inn of the Sixth Happiness' starring Ingrid Bergman. This book is the story behind that film, re-issued and brought up to date with the story of Gladys Aylward and what she has done since those epic days of the book. The interesting thing it tells us is that she herself has never seen the film and has no desire to. This is a wonderful story and would do anybody a world of good and I think for many Christians would give them a new insight about what the Christian Faith can be in a person.

C.R.

★ **THE GREAT ASIAN RELIGIONS**

an anthology published by Collier-Macmillan Ltd., London, 45s.

A brief notice only about a magnificent book for those interested in the great religions of the world. It deals in considerable detail with the religions of India, of Japan, of China and Islam. Those many who are these days interested in knowing more of world religions will find this a first-class volume of some 400 pages.

C.R.

★ **DEPRESSION. A CHRISTIAN'S EXPERIENCE** Falcon Booklets 1s. 6d.

Do you suffer from depression or do you know persons who do suffer from it? This is a sympathetic, sensible and practical pamphlet and is the sort of thing which should of course be on Church Bookstalls for sale.

Commended

BERT'S GUIDE TO THE C. of E.—Community Publications, 63 College Road, Maidstone, Kent, 3/9d., is an attractively produced slim volume of well-drawn, to the point and entertaining cartoons of Church life and Clergy. You will enjoy it. C.R.

RHEUMATISM



an effective TREATMENT through
The STAFFORD Herbal Remedy.

Valuable book and FREE trial supply

Why continue to suffer the aches and miseries of rheumatism? why not put the Stafford Herbal Treatment to work on *your* case? The Stafford treatment is based upon a scientific combination of pure herbs and has achieved outstanding success in the relief of Fibrositis, Lumbago, Neuritis, Sciatica, Myalgia and other rheumatic ailments.

QUICK RELIEF FROM PAIN

This double-acting treatment (internal and external) brings speedy relief to limbs, muscles and nerves. It does not affect heart or digestion—in fact, in most cases, it promotes a marked improvement in general health.

Read these extracts from letters which are constantly arriving to tell of the wonderful relief obtained by former sufferers.

Ilfracombe, Devon

"Again I am writing to you to say how wonderful I feel after having your treatment . . . I can now walk and bend with ease, which is more than I could do before having the treatment."—J.L.

Twickenham, Middlesex

"I am delighted to say your treatment has given me great relief. I can now walk without pain, and am feeling much better in health."—(Miss) I.M.B.

IT COSTS YOU NOTHING TO TEST THE STAFFORD REMEDY

Why continue to suffer, why not send today for a prompt FREE trial, without obligation? NOW!

C. STAFFORD PTY. LTD. (W.92), 14 SOUTH STREET, HORSHAM, SUSSEX

Have you ever heard of a TAPE-RECORDED MAGAZINE?

No? Then you're missing something! *Christians in Contact*, the CMS tape-recorded magazine, is issued monthly, except July and August, for a subscription of only 10s. a year. It plays on any tape recorder at the 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ips speed. Each 10-minute programme includes several items, giving news and impressions of Christian frontier work in the world today. It's interesting and informative. Why not send a trial subscription of 10s. with your full name and address, to—

Distribution Manager

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

157 Waterloo Road, London, SE 1



Bible Study in the Church today—Mary Andere

IN THE COMING MONTHS I HOPE to give you an inside view of various forms of communal living in Britain today, varying from the old, classical style religious community to the more "trendy" ways of modern communes.

With all their diversity of form, there is something deeply moving, strangely reminiscent, in them all, of the simplicity of life which existed in the early Church. Perhaps we can learn something from them of use in our own homes, our work, our social contacts which will help us in our personal religious pilgrimage and to see "what a joyful thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity".

But this month we are concerned with a problem which exercises many today, clergy and laity alike.

PEOPLE OFTEN REMARK THAT THEY wish they could link up with others for prayer and Bible Study. Too few churches seem to offer this service (which is a strange and regrettable omission) and many laypeople do not feel happy about starting a group of their own—which might appear to be

almost "in opposition" to their clergy, who have not seen fit to provide for this need.

THE EASY WAY OUT WOULD SEEM FOR laymen to ask their vicar to start a group, but it isn't as simple as that. Many clergy have little spare time in the evenings. They are committed with other groups, and frequently it is the only time they can visit with any certainty of finding their parishioners at home! On the other hand, many people find the presence of their clergy inhibiting to deep discussion. They feel—if the vicar's going to be there—I'll not go. It is not a case of not liking him, but "they know it all," and if you start to query anything you want to sort out, they leap in with all their standard theological arguments! The result is ordinary people can't thrash it out for themselves. And that kills the thing as dead as a doornail!

FAIR ENOUGH, BUT THERE IS ALSO THE parson's side. He feels responsible for the "care of souls" in his parish, and may well be doubtful about ordinary folk setting out to work through all the

A thought for Epiphany—Christ manifest in us—

JESUS did not believe in a hermit life or a hermit church. We are here for a purpose, and each has a definite vocation. It is to manifest Christ to the world. We are not here to become critics of others, to find fault with others, least of all to force our principles upon others from the outside by external pressure. We are here to manifest Christ to the world.

There is a great searching after God in the world today. We can sense it all around us. What is needed? Let Christ rekindle the fires upon the cold altars of our hearts, to make the flame glow within us until others can feel the light and heat. In that buoyant hopefulness, that calm and undisturbed peace, the world will see the manifestation of something beyond it, and will come again, as it always did, asking the reason for the hope that is in us.—Selected.

complications of Bible study alone! After all, that's how many of the "sects" started. People get hold of a half-truth and don't hear the other side to get it into perspective! No vicar wants that sort of thing starting up in his flock!

ONE WAY OFTEN FOUND SATISFACTORY is to have several small "house groups" meeting weekly in different houses in the parish, all following the same line of discussion—an epistle, a modern book, Bible Study Notes written for group study, or some problem special to the life of the particular parish itself. The weekly meetings enable people to talk freely, sorting out their own ideas and hearing other people's and trying to see how it all applies in modern living. Then, once a month, perhaps after the Sunday evening service (or part of it or instead of it) all the groups meet together with the vicar as "chairman". The group leaders then bring out the various points discussed, the problems raised, conclusions reached in their groups and the clergy help sort it all out and encourage further discussion between the different groups present.

IN THIS WAY BOTH LAITY AND CLERGY are helped and safeguarded, and the Church itself enriched and strengthened, both in knowledge and in that grace attained when brethren seek, even in this small way, to "dwell together in unity!"

Counterpoint

Parish Priest

My Bishop's eyes I've never seen,
Though the light in them may shine;
For when he prays, he closes his,
And when he preaches, mine.

Bishop

Tell my priests, when I am gone,
O'er me to shed no tears,
For I shall be no deader then
Than they have been for years.

—from *What Cheer*, edited by
David McCord.

Party meal

You can make this party dish from exotic or simple ingredients, just as your budget allows!



You need: 1 Bacon Joint, approx. 1½ lbs. weight (I get the ones which can be cooked in their own bag and retain all of their goodness!); 1 med. can asparagus tips (or green peas for less exotic days!); 12 very thin slices Gruyere cheese (or ordinary cheese!); 6 ozs. ribbon noodles, boiled, drained and buttered (plain boiled rice would be a suitable alternative); 3 gherkins (or other garnish); 1 large firm tomato.

Boil the bacon; when cooked, remove from bag and allow to cool a little before cutting carefully into 6 round slices; lay these along two sides of a large oblong serving dish. Wrap 2 or 3 asparagus tips in each 12 slices of cheese. Place two rolls, thus formed, across each slice of bacon, (if using ordinary cheese and peas, then lay the cheese on top of the bacon slice and pile peas on top). Put into a hot oven, (Mark 6 or 400 F.) for about 8 minutes to melt the cheese and heat the contents. Then place a line of hot buttered noodles down the centre of the dish (or the rice!) garnish with gherkins cut into fan-shapes and the tomato cut into eighths (or sliced) as desired. Serve immediately.



Gadgets

The other day I found something I have been needing all my life . . . a really easy opener for most types of screw-top bottle or small jar. The cone is pushed down firmly on to the

bottle or jar, the thick rubber lining grips the screw cap and even the most stubborn ones will yield easily. It is called the TWISGRIP, by Scanware, sells at about 5s. 11d. Not only does it open bottles, it can be used to tighten screw tops tight, a good buy. Their flexible-tube roller, called the ROLLFIX—a key-like device for winding up semi-rigid plastic tubes. Modern cosmetic tubes often seem to need three hands to empty them, Rollfix needs one hand to grip and roll up the tube; the other hand is left free to receive the cream or lotion. Sells at about 3s. 6d.



Your Letters...

Cancer Advert.

Dear Canon Rhodes, I read with dismay the letter published to discontinue the Cancer Appeal advert. As one who has suffered from this dreadful disease in the throat, and am pleased to say that I have almost recovered, due solely to the generosity of public subscriptions which enabled all the people concerned in training, research and equipment for this purpose, I sincerely hope that your correspondent goes through her life without needing this treatment.

Yours faithfully, Alfred W. Luther.

Dear Canon Rhodes, I wondered if my eyes deceived me when I read the letter suggesting that the appeal for Cancer research should be discontinued because "it spoils the magazine". Surely a Church magazine is the best publication of all in which to make an appeal for money for Cancer research since all its readers should care deeply about the sick. It is no good praying for them regularly in Church and yet discouraging the exploration of any possible avenue through which an appeal for research funds can be made for diseases of mankind.

Yours sincerely, Marcelle Gibb (Mrs.)

Dear Canon Rhodes, I do hope that your reader who disapproves of the Cancer advert never suffers herself from this dreadful disease.

It is said that if there was sufficient money for research it would probably be possible to find a cure. Having watched a near relative suffer greatly with no hope of recovery I feel that any attempt to obtain money for this cause is more than justified.

Surely attempts to prevent suffering must be amongst a Christian's priorities and is therefore not out of place in a Church magazine. Yours sincerely, C. S. Giddings (Mrs.)

Words in Our Services

Mrs. Hatch's questions in October Letter—Are not Christians "apart from the world" in one sense? "Ye are not of the world" (John 15: 19) and "Go ye into all the world" (Mark 16: 15) justify "Send us out into the world" at the end of the Eucharist.

Perhaps Mrs. Hatch's difficulty about the word "rest" in prayers for the dead may be solved by interpreting it not so much as cessation from activity as peace of spirit. We pray that they as well as ourselves may serve GOD "with a quiet mind".

You will be glad that your "Editor's Table" has brought people living in the same district into touch with one another. Yours sincerely, (Miss) Irene Bullock.

The Call to Unity

If there ever was a time in the history of the world when the situation demanded a united Christian front on the part of the whole Church, that time is NOW!

This "Church News" inset, incorporating "Outlook", is edited by the Rev Canon Cecil Rhodes, Cathedral Office, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, published by the proprietors, Home Words Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd., 11 Ludgate Square, London, E.C.4, and printed in Great Britain by Trafford Press Ltd., Manchester M16 9HP. January, 1970

The survival of Christianity may well be jeopardised if agreed strategy and united leadership is not speedily forthcoming.

None of His, whether baptised in the Spirit or not, can doubt our need to stand together in Christ that our unity might be greater strength to meet the onslaughts of the Prince of this World.

Yours sincerely, S. C. Bridges.

Speaking to be Heard

The Anglican Church is sadly lacking to-day of fearless leaders who have the modern advantage of speaking to millions through the wonderful mediums of television and radio.

This is an age when men are reaching for the stars, and the world is making little gods of them, and our faith is being eroded and our values destroyed by legislation, without any apparent opposition from the main Christian bodies which include both Methodists and Catholics.

The Jehovah's Witnesses are a comparatively tiny sect in this country, so their voice in the multitude is a very insignificant one, but in this matter their spokesman is absolutely right, and the challenge should be seriously taken up by all the Christian bodies.

Yours sincerely, C. W. Waller.

Anglican-Methodism

To answer Vivienne Wilmot: (1) Anglican-Methodist unity was not rejected; it was accepted by both churches, but with us by an insufficient majority; (2) we did invite all, but the Methodists were the only ones who were prepared to begin serious negotiations; (3) if it is so difficult to persuade sufficient Anglicans to accept the Methodists, the chances of a wider union seem pretty slim for the time being.

Yours sincerely, (Prebendary) G. B. Timms.

Mistaken Identity

I feel I should be honoured; but in this case may I claim mistaken identity?

The letter from Mrs. Mary Hatch in your October issue about "Our Vicar" gives her address as Gerrards Cross. Whereas her postal address is, strictly speaking, Gerrard Cross, she neither lives in the parish nor attends its Church, nor is referring to it.

Yours sincerely, (The Rev.) Gordon Harrison.

Work and Leisure

Your article "Work and Leisure" is absolutely the truth. I may have been fortunate in life, but looking back, the majority of my occupations I have enjoyed. If I did not enjoy I changed my job.

Even so I found that life is not in doing what one wants to do. But to like what one has to do.

Yours sincerely, Edward G. Thornley.

incumbent here for 46 years, she kept a keen interest in Marston and its events to the end of her life. Her last public function in Marston was when she returned to open the Mortimer Memorial Garden opposite the White Hart. To Mrs. Eades, her devoted companion we send our wishes.

CAN YOU HELP ?

Mrs. Tomlinson, does stalwart work as the Treasurer of the Over 60's Club and would greatly appreciate the assistance of someone who is good at figures, and would be prepared to come at least on alternate weeks to the Club, to relieve her.

The Secretary of the Club, Mrs. Yates, is always anxious to hear from anyone who will speak, show transparencies, sing, play or entertain the members for half an hour some Monday afternoon. The payment for such a session is the appreciation of the members of this very worthwhile club.

Miss Lodge organizes transport for those members who find the trek to the Hall a little too much. If your car likes a Monday afternoon snooze, why not wake it up and make it do a good job instead? Mrs. Yates and Miss Lodge's addresses are to be found in the cover.

A MESSAGE FROM TIMOTHY MOUSE

Timothy Mouse writes from the Vestry Cupboard to all young people in the parish: "Please thank all the boys and girls who brought such lovely gifts on St. Nicholas Day for those who would otherwise not have any toys at Christmas time. Mrs. Kahan, of the Children's Department, has written to say how much they loved them all. P.S. I've got the red paint and shaving soap off my fur, and I look mousier than ever!"

" WHERE YOU'RE GLAD TO BE A BOY "

"The Chinese place very little value on female babies" writes Joe Whetham about Mildred Dibden's Shantin Children's Home, at 73, Francis Avenue, Southsea. Changing conditions in Hong Kong, and the decision to return to England after 30 years abroad, gave Miss Dibden the idea of bringing with her 26 of the girls whom she had cared for in the Colony, the other 50 having been placed. 19 of those who came to England have been found homes, whilst the remaining seven live at the Shantin Home in Southsea . . . a venture of faith and prayer, relying on voluntary gifts. Those who enjoy their coffee after Church on Sunday morning will be pleased to know that they are helping to keep the Home going. You can help further if you will by saving all your jumble for a Sale on Saturday, January 31st. Please support this by your pence, your presence, and your provision of jumble.

A NEW PRINCIPAL FOR WYCLIFFE HALL

As we often have members of the Hall helping us in our services, parishioners will be interested to hear of the return to Oxford of Canon J. P. Hickinbotham, Principal of St. John's College, Durham, to succeed The Rev. David Anderson as Principal of Wycliffe Hall. Canon Hickinbotham is not only a fine scholar, and writer, but as one of the Northern Proctors of Convocation spoke very convincingly in favour of Anglican Methodist Re-union. Our Vicar remembers some very stimulating tutorials under him, diversified by his habit of speaking about the Atonement, as he walked round the room, his feet balanced on the curved parts of two hockey sticks!

PARISH CALENDAR : JANUARY 1970

- Jan. 1. Thursday. **Festival of the Circumcision of Our Lord**
7.15 a.m. Holy Communion
Prayer Group in Church from 8 to 8.30 p.m.
- „ 4. **CHRISTMAS II**
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.0 a.m. The Parish Communion.
- „ 5. Monday. Over 60's Club Re-opens.
- „ 6. Tuesday. **EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD.**
7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
- „ 7. Wednesday.
7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
8.00 p.m. in the Church Hall 'An Overseas Evening'.
- „ 8. Thursday. 2.45 p.m. Mother's Union Prayer Group at 22 Ashlong Rd.
- „ 11. **EPIPHANY I**
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.0 a.m. The Parish Communion.
3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism (after prior arrangement).
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- „ 14. Wednesday.
7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
- „ 16. Friday. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion with special prayer and laying on of hands for the sick.
- „ 17. Saturday. Kindergarten and Nursery S.S. Party.
- „ 18 — 25. **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**
- „ 18. Sunday. **EPIPHANY II**
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.0 a.m. The Parish Communion.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- „ 21. Wednesday.
7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.45 p.m. Young Wives in the Church Hall.
- „ 22. Thursday. 7.45 p.m. Mother's Union in the Church Hall.
'Some unanswered questions' Speaker: Mrs. Carpenter.
- „ 24. Saturday. Crossbearers and Catechism Party 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- „ 25. **SEPTUAGESIMA**
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. The Parish Communion; Rev. George Dolman.
3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism (after prior arrangement).
6.30 p.m. Evensong; Rev. George Dolman.
- „ 26. Monday. **FESTIVAL OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL**
(transferred from the 25th).
7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
- „ 27. Tuesday. 8 p.m. at The Vicarage: Meeting of St. Nicholas' Visitors.
- „ 28. Wednesday.
7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.

HOLY BAPTISM

- Dec. 14. Tracy Clarke, 15 Mortimer Drive.
Peter Richard Charles Bond, 53 Marston Road.
Vanessa Ann Coveley, 6 Park Way.
Rachel Louise Deam, 37 Austin Place, Dunmore Farm Estate, Abingdon
Adrian Neil Brooks, 42 St. Nicholas Park.

HOLY MATRIMONY

- Dec. 13. Christopher Dibsdall and Lindsey Carol Butler.
„ 15. John Trevor Haysom and Barbara Mary Johnson.

IN MEMORIAM

- Nov. Emrys Davies Alice Jarvey William Matthews Annie Clifford

ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

January 4th—Mrs. Monger. 11th—Mrs. Williams.
18th—Miss Lodge. 25th—Mrs. Kensington.

CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE KINDERGARTEN & NURSERY
SATURDAY 17th January from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
CROSSBEARERS & CATECHISEM PARTY
SATURDAY 24th January from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
tribution.

CHURCH & LOCAL CLUBS, SOCIETIES, ETC.

CHURCH

Bell Ringers. Sec. : Mr. A. Gammon, 50 Oxford Road.

Brownies : Brownie Guider : Miss I. Read, 6 Cotswold Crescent -
Tel. 47370

Choir. Choirmaster : Mrs. E. M. Garner, 31 Oxford Road.

Cubs : Cub Scout Leader : Mr. E. R. Roberts, 72 Cherwell Drive.

Girl Guides. Guide Guider : Miss C. Crawley, 91 Lytton Road, Cowley,
Tel. 79611

Parish Magazine : Sec. : Mr. & Mrs. 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 Leader : Mrs. P. Prescott, 22 Ashlong Road.
Secretary : Mrs. D. Hall, 98 Oxford Road. Tel. 42352.

LOCAL

Allotment Association. Sec. : Mr. R. Bowen, 135 Oxford Road.

British Legion. Marston & District Sec. : Mr. F. Thompson, 5 Temple
Street, Oxford.

The Marston Players. Mrs. Yates, 81 Woodstock Close, Woodstock Rd.

Marston Residents' Association : Secretary : Mr. G. A. Hine,
21 Raymund Road. Tel. 40482.

Over 60's Club. Sec. : Mrs. J. Yates.
Treas. : Mrs. W. Tomlinson, 35 Oxford Road.

Parish Council. Chairman : Mr. A. Gammon, 50 Oxford Road.

Parent-Teacher Association. St. Nicholas County Primary School :
Mrs. M. Smith, Appletree House, Boults Lane.

Teacher/Parent Association : Harlow School : Mr. W. G. King.
23 Nicholas Avenue.

Women's Institute. Mrs. M. Harlow, Fir Tree House, Oxford Road.

USEFUL INFORMATION

District Nurses, 6 Broughton's Close, Old Marston. Tel. Oxford 44417.

Health Visitor : Miss E. McDermott. Phone KIDLINGTON 3502.

Infant Welfare Clinic : The Village Hall, Thursdays 2—4 p.m.

Library : The Village Hall, Old Marston.

Monday and Wednesday — Closed.

Tuesday — 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.

Thursday — 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Friday — 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 2 p.m. to 5 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. Tasker, 35 Mill Lane, Old Marston.

St. Nicholas' Church Hall and Committee Room. All Bookings to Miss
O. J. Lodge, The Flat, 15 Mill Lane, Old Marston.

Nursery School. All enquiries to :— The Village Hall during school
hours.

DIRECTORY

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

- 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
- Caterers — Buffets & Wedding Receptions :**
Cyril & Esme Weeks, "The Jack Russell," Salford Road.....Tel. 47668
- Chemist :**
B. G. Oliver (Oxford) Ltd., 11 Old Marston Rd., Marston...Tel. 43824
- Christian Book Centre :**
57A St. Clement's Street, Oxford.....Tel. 47567
- Coal Distributor :**
Dunlops, L.M.S. Wharf, Oxford.....Tel. 42421
- Dairy :**
Job's—The Family Dairy, Pony Road, Horspath Road,
Cowley Tel. 77341/2
R. A. Smith, Church Lane, Old Marston.....Tel. 48813
- Driving School :**
"Lionel" School of Motoring, R.A.C., I.A.M., M.O.T. Approved,
12 Cotswold Crescent, Old Marston.....Tel. 42126
- Fish and Poultry, Greengrocery and Frozen Foods :**
G. R. Porter, 19 Salford Road, Old Marston.....Tel. 42757
- Florists & Nurserymen. Wreaths, Crosses and Wedding Designs :**
Joseph Austin. Specialist in wedding bouquets, wreaths and
all floral designs. Cut flowers, plants. World-wide
Inter-Flora, 51 George Street, Oxford.....Tel. 42383
Cumnor Village Nurseries, 79 Appleton Rd., Cumnor. Tel. Cum. 2944
G. L. & P. Newton, 66 Borley Road.....Tel. 43535
- Funeral Directors :**
Reeves & Pain, 10 Cambridge Terrace, St. Ebbe's.....Tel. 42529
83 Botley Road, Oxford.....Tel. 42529
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
(late night : Friday until 7.30 p.m.)
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
- 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
- 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 :**
W. & A. G. Foote, Salford Stores, 15 Salford Road.....Tel. 43174

Oliver & Son (Oxford) Ltd., 73 George Street, Oxford.