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## ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH — OLD MARSTON

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### SUNDAY SERVICES

**Holy Communion** : 8 a.m.

**Parish Communion** : 10 a.m. New Communion Service (followed by Coffee  
in Church Hall on 1st Sunday of month and festivals.).

**Evening Prayer and Sermon** : 6.30 p.m.

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

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

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

**Holy Communion** : Wednesdays and Saints Days at 7.15 a.m.  
3rd Friday at 10.30 a.m. with Laying on of Hands for sick.  
**And at other times, as announced. (See Notice Board).**

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

### CHURCH ORGANISATIONS AND MEETINGS :

**Children's Instruction** : Confirmation School and Crossbearers, 10 a.m. in  
Church Hall.

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

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

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

**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.

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Notice Board in the Church Porch, in case of alteration of times.

**PARISH CALENDAR : OCTOBER**

- Oct. 1. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
7.45 p.m. Young Wives in Church Hall. Speaker : Mr. A. W. Sidebottom — "Office Overload" — Young Wives in business.
- " 5. **TRINITY XVIII : HARVEST THANKSGIVING**  
8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10.0 a.m. Parish Communion. Preacher : The Rev. Peter Davies, M.A.  
11.15 a.m. Service of Thanksgiving for Children and Parents. Gifts of tinned or packed goods will be offered at this Service.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong. Preacher : Rev. Richard Atkew, M.A.
- " 8. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
- " 11. Saturday. Sunday School outing to Gloucester.
- " 12. **TRINITY IX**  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10.0 a.m. Parish Communion.  
3.0 p.m. Holy Baptism (after prior notice).  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- " 15. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
7.45 p.m. Young Wives in the Church Hall.  
"Wigs" by Martin of Oxford.
- " 17. Friday. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with laying on of hands for the sick).
- " 18. Saturday. **FESTIVAL OF ST. LUKE**, Evangelist.  
7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
Special Intention for all engaged in medical work both at home and Overseas.
- " 19. **TRINITY XX**  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10.0 a.m. Parish Communion.  
6.30 p.m. Special Service for SPORTSMEN.
- " 22. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
- " 25. Saturday. **LEE ABBEY REUNION AT LONDON.**
- " 26. **TRINITY XXI**  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10.0 a.m. Parish Communion.  
3.0 p.m. Holy Baptism (after prior notice).  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- " 28. Tuesday. **Festival of St. Simon & Jude, Apostles.**  
7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
- " 29. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
7.45 p.m. Young Wives in Church Hall.  
"Drugs." Speaker : Woman Sgt. Roworth.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Aug. 30. William Hudson.

**HOLY BAPTISM**

- Aug. 24. Darren Anthony Smith, 8 Heather Place, New Marston.
- " 31. Claire Louise Woodhouse, 13 Gordon Close.  
Melanie Anne Page, 9 Durban Close, Halesworth, Suffolk.
- Sept. 14. Joanna Marie Aries, 141 Headley Way.  
Julia Elizabeth Boulger, 234 Oval Road North, Dagenham, Essex.  
Darren John Cooper, 10 Horseman Close.  
Kim Tracey Gawthorne, 13 Heather Place, New Marston.

**HOLY MATRIMONY**

- Aug. 16. Ian Arnold Stevens and Janet Edna Holloway.
- " 30. Garth Allon Charles Porter and Judith Dorothy Carle.  
Leslie Beresford Dale Smith and Susan Silvester.
- Sept. 6. Terence John Godfrey and Barbara Ellen Johnson.  
John William Chipperfield and Marilyn Joan Peach.
- " 9. Grahame Henry Delves and Rosemarie Haynes.

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Yours sincerely,



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# Work— and Leisure

Canon Cecil Rhodes



ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF OUR time is that our lives do not need to be bounded by work and more work and only sleep in between. Shorter working days, shorter working weeks, shorter working life and for most the financial wherewithal to enjoy and make good use of our free time.

NOT EVERYONE, HOWEVER, LIKES WORK! That may be for many reasons: doing work that has no interest, which seems useless, which is boringly repetitive. Thousands of workers find themselves in this situation. What can they do? One important thing is to try to come to terms with the job. Would I be happier doing something else? Is it the job, or is it my attitude to it which is at fault? Have I the ability and opportunity to get something different? And if I believe so, then should I not have the courage to shake myself out of what I am doing and find other work?

## Positive Idea

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for? Haven't they a service to offer to ourselves and to others? Isn't there a dignity and usefulness and purpose and satisfaction to be found in work and in doing it well? Isn't it this, which justifies our small place in the world? We may feel we are a very small cog in the machine, easily replaceable. But isn't it far better to be a small cog than a displaced, laid aside, useless spare part?

PROPER WORK, GOOD WORK IS A REAL part of Christian belief—working with God to make the world for all men a better, more splendid place. This we do most effectively in our daily occupations. And if we can reach the point where we can feel and say—"This is the work I can do and I believe it is what God would have me do," then we are expressing not only a religious conviction



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tion, but we are stating a fundamental reason for our work.

Here is a very urgent and necessary Christian witness. There is widespread lack of conviction about daily work. It is seen only as a slavery or as a means to get cash to live and enjoy oneself. It is not seen as an essential part of true living. This attitude destroys our work and our self-respect in our tasks. We become one-armed bandits collecting as much money as we can for as little return as is cunningly possible!

Of course we should seek work where we can respect ourselves and be treated with respect. There are too many jobs offering good money but where self-respect withers and dies—strip-tease clubs are a notorious example. Better to live in a cottage with self-respect than in a castle where we loathe ourselves.

### Leisure

I FEAR HOW WE USE OUR WORKING TIME will measure how we use our leisure time! If we potter about at work and find no zest in it, the same spirit will, I think, be with us in our free time. We will do nothing properly,

enjoy nothing exhilaratingly. If we plan our work and put our back into it, it is highly probable we will plan our leisure—even if it is just to relax utterly and completely. If we are positive and wholesome in our work, we will be positive and wholesome in our pleasures.

SO YOU SEE, WHAT WE ARE OURSELVES, what we aim to be, in good measure will shape our work and our leisure—and not the other way round. It's a fool's escape to believe if I had the right job, if I could choose the right holiday, if there were something worth doing in the evenings, I would be a happy person. On the whole, what we are, what we seek to be will frame our occupation, our leisure, our life. That does not mean that the fine and conscientious persons will have plush jobs and holidays—nor that the stupid and selfish will have miserable jobs and holidays. I fear the world as God has made it that the good and godly often have tough jobs and very limited holidays and the others seem to get the plums! Yet on the whole they are fairly evenly shared out—but the one will find joy and purpose and pleasure and usefulness, whatever his task, whenever his free time. And it is this spirit which helps and uplifts life. The other neither puts that amount into life nor gets that amount out of life, and makes life seem less useful and often even sordid, mean and stupid.

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## COURAGE

The courage of the unadventurous is just in being,  
In living backstage while others reap the glory  
In the limelight.

The courage of Man is in surviving, being and doing,  
In walking along the avenue of life without hacking down  
The trees of tension on either side of him.  
There are tussles in life between being and doing,  
But the greatest struggle lies in surviving  
When all is against you, in bearing stoically  
The pain and sorrow, not fighting them but learning  
To live with them—the hard way.

The courage of Christ is in rising above the suffering,  
Grasping it, grappling with it and bearing its torture  
All at once.

Go on walking along your avenue, being and doing  
Until the need for surviving conjures up the courage  
That is innate in you. Then you will live.—Jennifer Ladizesky.

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Mother Rama

"**M**OTHER RAMA", AS EVERYBODY called her, was well past her prime when my sister and I met her. We were very young then; my mother had died and a kindly uncle suggested taking us both over to her orphanage to stay, until a permanent place could be found elsewhere. The thought scared me. We had heard weird stories about the orphanage, the motley crowd of its women and children and the stern discipline of the founder.

We arrived one morning. She was at the gate, looking down the narrow road which led from town . . . a short-statured, youngish-looking woman—with a bunch of flowers in one hand. She looked at me with her large, blue-grey eyes that peered right through me as we stood trembling to greet her.

**W**E WERE LED ALONG A WELL-MOWN lawn to her office. It looked like anything but an office of the head of a going concern of close on 3,000 souls. In a corner was a plain, low bed, just big enough for her four foot eleven inches and this also served her as a desk chair. Close beside was a work table with books and papers piled high.

Over the table an old-fashioned paraffin lamp hung by a wire from a hook in the ceiling. The floor was bare, with not so much as a carpet, and there were just three photo frames to relieve the monotony of the walls.

On the tea table were bulky volumes of the Bible. She took time off from her labours to make a translation of the *entire* text, and had studied a whole course of Hebrew and Greek, just to render it into the local dialect to make it more easily understood by the common folk.

## Widowed, Penniless—

*The wonderful work of  
Mother Rama—by Alfred Arlick*

**O**NCE A WANDERING ORPHAN HERSELF, married, and later widowed; penniless and single-handed she had created over the years, from almost nothing, what was then one of the most remarkable institutions of its kind in the world. It was a foundling home, a rescue home, a mission house and an orphanage, all rolled into one. Prostitutes, unmarried mothers, abandoned babies, widows and orphans of every caste and creed kept coming in continually for shelter and a new way of life. It was supported by gifts of friends and well-wishers.

**H**ER DEVOTION TO HER "MISSION IN LIFE" was tremendous. Once, her only daughter brought a girl in from one of the dormitories who was unusually violent and unruly. She would quit if Mother did not send the girl away. Mother told her daughter she was free to quit but "I could never send any of my 'children' away whatever their faults, as they have no home to go to, and the Lord has put them in my charge." The girl stayed and the daughter quit.

To the children of the orphanage, young and old, she was "Mother" in every sense of the word. She knew each by name and could tell one from the other at a distance. Her room was an open sesame, and no one was too low down in her estimate to knock and ask to be heard. Often there was not enough money to feed the large number of the inmates of the orphanage. Mother would then lock herself in her room and kneel for hours on end, praying for succour. Somehow out of the blue, money and provisions would come in from the most unexpected quarters. This way she carried on for a great deal of the time, and no one ever went hungry.

AT ONE PERIOD, ANGERED BY THE LARGE number of widows and orphans who fled their homes from persecution to join the orphanage, local people and the press launched a vehement attack against the mission. Articles slandering it and its founder, threats on her life. The trustees sued one paper for defamation, the judge awarded damages. She refused them, and said she would be content with a public apology. No one ever again wrote a word against her.

THOUGH BAPTISED IN AN ANGLICAN church she belonged to no denomination. Once I blandly asked her to what church she belonged. Startled by what was obviously an impertinent question, she countered with: "To what church do you belong?" I said I was a Methodist. She said she belonged to the church of Jesus Christ, since it was He who founded it, and she could belong to no particular sect.

When the government decided to honour her for the great work she was doing for women and children, she was asked to go to the capital to receive it. She declined to go. She was too busy with her own work and in any case, she explained, she did not deserve it. The government insisted and arranged an investiture at the orphanage itself.

ON ONE OF THE WEEK-ENDS THAT WE visited her we discovered her daughter had died. Mother Rama was grief-stricken and in bed with asthma. From then on she pined. Her round, youthful features and fair complexion had mellowed to a pale, olive hue. There were many more streaks

of grey to her short, wavy hair. She took no medicine and, when one of the trustees called the mission doctor in to treat her, she had him promptly sent back. More than ever before, it was faith, rather than physic, that kept her going. Two passages from the Bible she quoted when the odds went against her. "Jehovah giveth, and Jehovah taketh away." The other, "Thy will be done."

THE DAY SHE FINISHED TRANSLATING THE Bible she was happy, but feared it might be her last. She had her office spring cleaned (it was indeed Spring time), tidied up and re-arranged as though for a farewell party. She called in the senior girls and a few associates and friends that evening, and told them her work on earth was done, that the Lord was calling her to his eternal home, and that she was naming her successor. Astonished, the band of faithfuls sobbed. My sister and I felt so grieved, we decided to stay on for the night. We dined in her little room and talked of days gone by. Dinner over, we started to leave, but she held us back, stood up and, with hands folded, prayed long and earnestly for our well being. She went to bed that night earlier than usual, and lay in it in an attitude of prayer, with palms joined and knees doubled up, as in the act of kneeling. Before dawn next day she was dead, and in the same prayerful posture.

THE HALL WAS PACKED TO OVERFLOWING for her funeral. People came in from everywhere to bid her farewell. The garden outside was full of flowers in bloom, and the scent wafted through the clear, morning air. The organ rang out the last chord of *Abide With Me*, pall bearers lifted the bier to their shoulders, then stopped short, confounded by a shout from a thousand voices that suddenly rent the air in a colossal wail, which made them lay their burden down. You could hear a pin drop. Every time they tried, for the space of an hour, there was that appalling wail. The crowd would not let her go. Then, in despair, the clergy had the body forcibly led out to the cemetery, with women and children beating their breasts, and the men chanting their wail of sorrow. Though many years have passed her work goes on, sustained by those who gratefully remember what she was, what she did.



# A GOOD WORK

Mary Thompson

"SHALL I WEAR MY NEW WHITE JERSEY FOR THE VISITORS to see?" asked five-year-old Christopher. "Yes, dear," I answered, as I made sandwiches for tea. Then I remembered. Most of our visitors would not see the white jersey, for they were blind . . .

Members came in two and threes. One group was brought by a parish worker, another by a Sister from the Community of the Reparation and others by sighted friends or relatives. I went to a nearby road junction to meet two unaccompanied members, and saw them walking in the wrong direction! One was deaf and blind; the other deaf and almost blind. Not surprisingly, when I caught up with them, they did not recognise me, but trustingly they let me lead them to our house. I felt very cut-off from them as I walked beside them in silence.

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The Sister and my husband "spoke" to the deaf-blind by finger spelling. Although it was warm, most members kept on their coats, and it occurred to me that it must be difficult for blind people to find the right coat, glove or bag once parted from them in a strange house.

We joined in a service of prayers, Bible reading, hymn and address. Some of the blind had Braille service papers and others relied on memory. Then we had tea. Blind people appreciate eating and drinking, and so I had provided a substantial tea!

It was a happy party, and our four children gave it an informal atmosphere. Our baby was admired and held gently by people who had never seen a baby, but they stroked his hair and felt the

tight grip of his fingers. After tea we stayed round the table chatting. Most blind people enjoy conversation, and for the deaf-blind, who can so easily lose the power of speech, it is vital. One member told me, referring to her blindness, "I got this lot in the war, but I manage fine although I live alone. I have had eye operations; they haven't helped me, but perhaps the doctors will learn from me and help someone else".

When people were ready to leave, my husband and I watched our visitors walking away—and one thought was in my mind: How brave and cheerful they are.

There is a church next door to our house, and some wedding guests stood in groups on the pavement outside. They did not move. Some of the blind had to step into the gutter of the busy road. This thoughtlessness and lack of observation reminded me of the difficulties the blind experience. They certainly need our help, sympathy and consideration.

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There are Branches of the Guild of St. John throughout the country. The Guild has two Homes and arranges holidays for the Blind and Deaf-blind. Membership of the Guild can mean much to a blind person. If you know anyone who might like to join, please write to the Secretary, Mrs. Thorpe, 21 Wick Avenue, Wheathampstead, Herts.



## ***Our concern is their comfort in retirement***

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

## ***If you can help***

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



## Recruitment

If the Church is to fulfil an effective ministry, it must have effective ministers. And from all accounts far too few men of the right calibre are coming forward. To aid publicity of the need this travelling show van has been established and will visit careers conferences, schools, universities as well as agricultural and similar shows. Will this sort of approach help? The Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry hope so.

## Leisure

With less hours of work and a shorter working life the problem of how to use our free time becomes increasingly important. Certainly there is a place for feeling absolutely free from men and the world and its needs and problems—for genuine relaxation and rest; certainly there is a place for enjoying one's own particular fancies and hobbies. But one splendid use of our free time is to give help and time to the many important and good causes which depend greatly on voluntary aid—be it W.V.S., Spastics, local community efforts, etc. Our churches are always looking for good men and women who will give a hand to strengthen all sorts of things. And there is particular pleasure in being able to offer and give useful service free and for nothing. Not least do we gain ourselves in the new interests and friendships they bring into our lives.

## Encouraging Result

Over a hundred people have helped in visiting every home in the parish of Walsall—8,000 homes and 20,000 people, taking with them a letter and questionnaire. The visitors were well received; there were over 40 requests for baptism and 400 asked to have the parish magazine. Over 100 asked for clergy calls. "The clergy can now divert their visiting to where it is most

### Awful Truth

The world wants to send weapons of annihilation to Federal Nigeria and at the same time food to Biafra; so that when they are annihilated at least they should not be hungry.

*Maariv, Tel Aviv.*

*Times July 14, 1969.*



needed," says the Rev. John Jackson, Vicar, "and our priority will be to go out in love to those who need our help in their homes". But probably the most valuable result is that church members have gained a sense of mission to the parish and the parish the dawning awareness of the church concerned and caring for them in their area.

## Facing the Situation

After the Church Convocations' vote of July which failed to carry sufficient support for proceeding on the lines proposed towards unity with Methodism the bishops unanimously passed this resolution:—

"The House of Bishops confirms its conviction that union between the Church of England and the Methodist Church must be achieved and asks that every bishop will take counsel with the Methodist District Chairman in his area about the continuance and extension of local co-operation."

The Bishop of Southwark, who, of course, faces an extraordinarily tough situation in his diocese talked of "a mini-reconciliation service in South London" to make possible for ministers of both churches to have a wider usefulness.

The Bishop of Manchester has given general approval for Anglicans and Methodists to receive Holy Communion in one another's churches.

From Bristol comes a joint Anglican-Methodist statement urging increasing co-operation to consolidate the work towards unity.

A number of eager clergy up and down the country are proposing to go it alone with their local Methodist churches. Bishop Sainsbury, Head of British Council of Churches, says, "We must be prepared for people to break the rules and authority must be willing to tolerate inconsistencies in this period of experiment and advance. Exactly how the total situation will develop, however, is not yet clear."



## Centenary

This past 100 years has known some extraordinary great and wonderful men. One was Mahatma Gandhi, the centenary of whose birth falls on October 2nd this year. The son of an Indian government official, he trained in London as a barrister, returning to Bombay and then on to South Africa; in both places working as a lawyer. During the 1920's and early 1930s, having returned to India his power grew to such an extent that he became essentially the conscience and voice and aspiration of India. His two doctrines Sarvodaya—each individual to have the fullest freedom and opportunity, irrespective of caste, creed, language, sex, so that each person may fully develop his or her talents to help the forward march of mankind, and Satyagraha—adherence to truth unto death without violence, stirred the soul of India. And though he had many conflicts with the British Government, was often gaoled, in the end under the Attlee Government India was given Home Rule. Shortly after he was assassinated by one of his own countrymen.

That he has been remembered all over the world during this year speaks of the power he was, and his belief and hope for mankind has been and is a guide and encouragement for vast numbers still.



## New Primate

Fr. James McCann, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland since 1959, resigned in July. The Church of Ireland Constitution provides that on the vacancy of the See of Armagh the House of Bishops shall meet and by a majority vote of those present elect one of their

number—and they chose the present Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. Otto Simms, aged 58. Dr. Simms has a splendid record of scholarship, ability and service and his choice will be an encouragement to the Church of Ireland.

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## INTEREST ITEMS

**United:** The town of Desborough (population 4,558) four years ago became the first place in Britain designated an official area of ecumenical experiment.

Recently at a united service the Bishop of Peterborough and the chairman of the Oxford and Leicester Methodist District signed a constitution setting up Anglican-Methodist partnership between two local congregations bringing into being the Anglican Methodist Church of St. Giles.

The parish church will be used for all services and all the Methodist property is to be sold. Proceeds will go to rebuild the parish hall next to the parish church as the community centre.

**More Help:** The new report "Colour and Citizenship" states "the churches bear witness to the need for racial tolerance,"—but some immigrants feel the churches could and should do more to help. There was much effort by individual churchmen but no drive for large scale action.

**Papal Survey:** A survey authorised by Pope Paul earlier this year reveals that more than 7,000 Catholic priests have sought Vatican dispensations to marry in the past five years, and the number this year may be the highest in history. If the rate continues throughout the year, at least 3,000 priests alone will have asked for dispensations in 1969.

**B.B.C. Daily Service:** If the B.B.C. Chorus is disbanded as proposed, the Daily Service will lose its singers who are members of the Chorus.

**Over £3 Million:** Oxfam's income last year was £3,270,000—the highest ever in its 27 years.

**Christmas Cards:** Remember—all the great charities now provide an excellent series of Christmas cards. In buying their cards you are helping to support their causes.

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# Bells

Canon GILBERT THURLOW

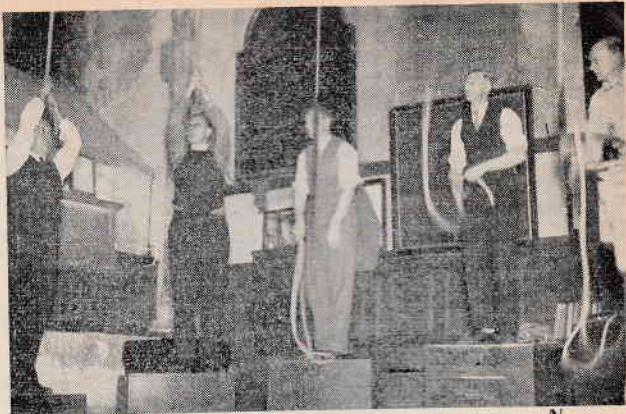


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**T**HE EXPERTISE OF BELL RINGING IS FINDING NEW ADHERENTS—the thrill of learning to manage a bell and make it ring when you wish, and the satisfaction of learning some of the methods by which your bell weaves its path in and out among the others, producing that scintillating kaleidoscope of sound known as “change ringing”. The achievement of ringing perfectly, anything from five minutes to five hours, and coming “round” at the end, having scores of thousands of changes without ever repeating once, is a very skilful art.

Church bell ringing seems to be in better form today than ever before. It is being practised with increasing enthusiasm and skill in universities, training colleges and schools, in a way rare before the Second World War. Money, mobility, and longer holidays enable more and more ringers to go on “ringing weeks”, bringing life to churches up and down the land. This is much to the good.

The bells themselves are in better shape than in the past. It is rare nowadays to find ringers struggling with an old and out of date ring, with ill-lubricated bearings, worm-eaten and half-rotten bell frames, and dusty old ringing chambers. Such places exist, but only in dying villages, or where an incumbent simply looks on the grand old church as an unimportant problem, and one which the young and vigorous have deserted. Where the church is alive, the ringers either give no peace until the bells are in good order, or simply raise by their own efforts the £1,000 or so required.

## Past—and Present

This kind of thing has a long tradition behind it. Peal boards on ringing chamber walls tell of the names and triumphs of long ago—“5040 changes of Grandsire Triples rung on August 26, 1718, with Thomas Barrett on the tenor . . .”—and you find a ringer with the same name there today.

Go up and see the bells. You find, perhaps, that one was cast by a London

founder in 1830 and sent on the then new railway. Another was cast in the churchyard by an itinerant founder who found it easier to bring his metal in small pieces, and cast the bell on the spot than transport a bell weighing a ton over muddy tracks in 1520. Another, maybe, was cast by a London founder six hundred years ago, and sent by barge down the Thames, along the coast and up the river to where it is ringing today.

You come to a dull modern church with none of these excitements. You investigate. The Youth Club, led by a visiting expert, have erected an exciting Meccano-like structure 25 feet high, a miniature bell-frame complete with 6 or 8 bells, the largest weighing only  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cwt., yet with modern tuning, sounding quite lovely.

Under expert guidance the youth club had discovered something worth while, exciting and hitherto unknown to them. And by their art of ringing they proclaim the sacred, right down into the heart of secular life.

Change ringing has spread! You can meet fellow-ringers in the United States, in Canada, Australia and Africa. Two of the finest modern rings are those in the cathedrals of Washington, U.S.A., and Guildford, England. Alike in weight and tone, cast within a few months of each other in the same English bell foundry. Each has an enthusiastic band of ringers. And the boys and girls who ring at Washington carry into the New World one of England's oldest living traditions.



## Why didn't you save my Mummy too?

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## THE WIDER FELLOWSHIP

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THIS MONTH: THE REV. KENNETH SLACK, THE CITY TEMPLE

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### Importance of Percentages

The failure of the Convocations to achieve the 75 per cent vote in favour on the first stage of union with the Methodists, and the approval by 77.4% of the members of the Methodist Conference of the proposed scheme has highlighted the role of the necessary votes in any such negotiations.

The Congregational Church in England and Wales and the Presbyterian Church of England have learned that the private bill being prepared for presentation to Parliament to effect their union in legal terms (should they finally agree to it) needs to state the *size of majorities desiring it*. Parliament requires assurance that there is a strong majority in favour before enacting legislation that would affect trusts and so forth.

Oddly the different character of the two churches means contrasted action by local churches. Congregations of the Presbyterian Church will be deemed to consent to union unless they contract out; local Congregational churches will require to take the positive action of contracting in!

The final scheme, together with the draft bill, is now before the churches for consideration. If the answer is "Yes" the union will most probably take place in 1972.

It is almost certain that the name of the new Church (should it come into being) will be "the United Reformed Church". For five years the words "Congregational-Presbyterian" will probably appear for identification purposes.

### Scholar's Achievement

That the New English Bible Old Testament is now completed and to be published in March 1970 marks the completion of a remarkable piece of service in "retirement" by the great New Testament scholar, Dr. C. H. Dodd, who is a Congregational minister.

Dr. Dodd began his ministry fifty-seven years ago in Warwick. He became the first Free Churchman to be a professor of divinity in Cambridge since the Commonwealth. He retired from the Norris Hulse chair there twenty years ago, and although now in his eighties has brought to a triumphant conclusion the immense task of acting as Director of the first complete new translation made officially by the Churches of Britain.

It is interesting, now we await the appearance of the full Bible in this translation, to note that it owes its origin to the Church of Scotland. Twenty-three years ago the Presbytery of Stirling and Dunblane made an overture to the General Assembly of the Scottish Church recommending that a translation of the Bible be made in the language of the present day. The General Assembly acted on it and set up the necessary consultations with the other Churches.

### More Hymns

"Methodism was born in song" says the opening sentence of the preface of the Methodist Hymn Book. Every Church in the English-speaking world is indebted to Methodism for this, for the hymns of Charles Wesley, and the noble translations of his brother John, are some of the finest items of Christian praise.

The present Methodist book came out just after the 1932 Methodist reunion. The task of producing a new book is immense. At this stage it has been decided to "freshen up" Methodist praise by issuing a supplement called *Hymns and Songs*. This provides varied fare, including hymns which have come to favour through broadcasting, together with contemporary hymns and songs for worship.

One innovation: there is no "words only" edition—only a full music edition and one with words and melody.



## In All Things

Wherever I look  
 Whatever I see  
 In sunlight and sky  
 O, Lord, I find thee—  
 In a garden, in school,  
 In a green shade cool,  
 In the quiet of evening,  
 When the clouds are grey,  
 At dawn, at noon,  
 At the end of the day,  
 I hear Your voice in the notes of the  
 bird;  
 When the cry of a new-born babe is  
 heard.  
 In all things young, and pure, and free,  
 In all you have made,  
 It is you that I see.  
 In rain, in wind,  
 In forest, in storm,  
 Whatever is perfect  
 Has your form.  
 Whatever is pure, and good, and true;  
 Is the best part of us, and wholly you.

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## The Fellowship of

Every Christian is familiar with the gospel story of the widow who gave all she had, the least of all Jewish currency, two mites, and was commended by Jesus for doing in her poverty that which in the eyes of God was of more worth than gold and silver tossed carelessly into the Temple treasury by the wealthy.

It took a shy, gentle Indian woman, Mrs. Shanti Solomon, to see the value of the meaning of the story in terms of modern needs between all peoples.

Distressed by the bitterness felt between nations and peoples, the "closed shop" attitude of many Christians, she was reading the 12th chapter of St. Mark's gospel one day when suddenly she felt her heart give a great leap! This, she suddenly felt, was how women everywhere, regardless of political, racial, or religious differences, could begin to work and pray for peace, on an equal footing. No vying to give the most, no unfair advantage of the wealthy nations over their poorer neighbours . . . all could give on an equal basis and the emphasis would be on the *spirit* of the giving rather than upon charity! The poorest peasant in the poorest country in the world could give on an equal footing with her wealthiest sister in any land! Once a month, each would give the smallest coin of her country's currency, setting it aside in the "home safe" peculiar to her land, hollow bamboo sticks, piggy banks, clay pots, coconut shells, match boxes, clam shells . . . and once a month each member would pray for a woman in a country other than her own, and, in praying, come to know and love

# the Least Coin

Mary Andere

that person as a real individual, a friend, even as a member of the same great family.

The Fellowship of the Least Coin caught on! In ten years this collection of "mites" has grown to over half-a-million dollars and has aided more than 90 charitable projects: a rehabilitation centre in Tokyo for prostitutes; a clinic in America for adolescent drug addicts; a home in Ceylon for mentally handicapped children run by a Buddhist monk and a Roman Catholic priest. In Thailand it contributes towards sponsoring twenty young students for work amongst war victims in Vietnam. It has reached behind the Iron and Bamboo Curtains and helped students in East Berlin, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia. And women in all countries, of all creeds and ideologies, remember one woman somewhere else in the world once a month, with love, compassion and sincerity.

No one, however wealthy, is allowed to give more than her smallest coin once a month. Nothing could be simpler, nothing less spectacular, than the setting aside regularly this small coin to meet the needs of the world where they may best be served, yet the cumulative results have been astonishing.

The full story is given in a book called *In Quest of the Least Coin* by Mrs. Grace Nies Fletcher. Enquiries should be sent to Miss Sheila Kordik, Women's Home Church Committee, 86 Tavistock Place, London, W.C.1.

**Correction:** "Flowers For The Church," mentioned in August and September is by Rhona Pickford, and costs 30/- The publisher is Pelham.



## DELICIOUSLY SAVOURY HERRING ROES

Soft herring roes are being rediscovered. They are so savoury and combine well with all sorts of ingredients, especially eggs and cheese, that more and more people are making them into all sorts of interesting dishes.

A note for slimmers—herring roes are high in protein and low in calories.

### HERRING ROE BOUCHEES

**Pastry:** 11 oz. packet frozen puff pastry or 8 (2½ inch) bouchee cases.

**Filling:** 1 oz. butter; 4 oz. button mushrooms, chopped; juice of 1 lemon; 8 oz. can soft herring roes; ½ teaspoonful pepper; salt if liked; sprigs of parsley for garnish.

**Pastry:** Roll out pastry to 12 inch square. Cut out 16 rounds with 3 inch plain cutter. To make the tops, cut out centre of 8 rounds with 1½ inch plain cutter. Place the centres and the bottom rounds on baking sheet and brush tops carefully with beaten egg. Prick well. Top the 3 inch rounds with the rounds with the hole in the centre and seal firmly. Brush all pastry tops with beaten egg. Bake in hot oven, Gas Mark 7, 425 deg. F., for 10 minutes, until golden brown. Alternatively, use ready-made bouchee cases.

**Filling:** Melt butter in saucepan, add chopped mushrooms and lemon juice, cover with lid and cook 2 minutes, shaking pan occasionally. Add soft herring roes and continue cooking 2-3 minutes, stirring continuously. Season with pepper and, if liked, extra salt. Spoon mixture into pastry cases and decorate with sprigs of parsley. Serve immediately or chill and serve cold with salad. Serves 4.

### SAVOURY ROE CRUMBLE

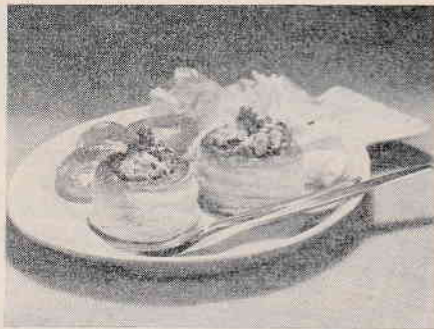
**For filling:** 8 oz. can soft herring roes; 2 eggs, 1 teaspoonful salt; pepper to taste.

**For topping:** 4 oz. breadcrumbs; 1 tablespoon parsley, finely chopped; 2 oz. cheese, grated.

**To make filling:** Drain soft herring roes and place in bottom of round ovenproof dish, 7 inches in diameter and 1½ inches deep. Beat eggs thoroughly with salt and pepper and pour over roes.

**To make topping:** Mix together breadcrumbs, parsley and cheese and spread evenly over roe and egg layers. Bake in moderate oven, Gas Mark 5, 375 deg. F., for 20-25 minutes.

**To finish:** Place dish under hot grill to brown topping. Serves 4.



# HOLIDAY TIME

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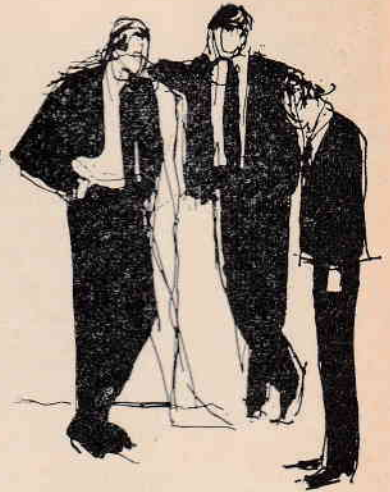
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**Please send a gift to John Groom's (Dept. 45),  
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# Time to kill!

DAVID ATTFIELD



**WE ARE MOVING INTO THE AGE** of leisure. Leisure means time when we are not working for our living, caring for our families or painting our houses to save expense. Many young people at work have more spare time than in the past: evening and week-ends all free to please themselves, no home ties or other commitments.

Other young people, students and those still at school or training for a profession, may have no leisure now while swotting for exams. But soon comes a flow of clear weekends and evenings, when they have qualified. Perhaps in 20 years time there will be a three-day week for all and early retirement at 60, thanks to automation.

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EVEN HOUSEWIVES—WHICH IS WHAT most girls will always be—have only a part-time job in small modern houses fitted with every labour-saving device, once the children are grown up. After that most women work to pay for the luxuries of leisure.

Thus with so much of our time free to spend how we will, what shall we do with our leisure? How can we avoid the boredom, depression and tension which arise from the emptiness of aimless drifting? What is the Christian message for an age of leisure?

God will surely bless all we do that is worthwhile, since He made life for us to enjoy. Some activities are, of course, ruled out as unworthy because they harm others or ourselves—drugs or knocking over old ladies' deckchairs and fighting on Brighton beach! But lying on your back in the sun, drinking, cricket, surf-riding, skiing and countless other things are part of the good life. Whatever is pleasant is to that extent good.

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ARE NOT SOME PLEASURES BETTER than others because they are more enjoyable? Isn't poetry superior to bingo and ballet to bridge? At least see whether you cannot find reasons for preferring some hobbies and pastimes to others. Maybe there are pleasures and pleasures plus?

Then there may be joy in serving others without pay. Walking for charity, visiting

old people, being a Church treasurer, going on a parish mission is fun, because in such activities we share in God's work, in what Jesus does through us to make life as enjoyable as it is created to be. "Who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross . . ." Christian service is now possible on an unheard of scale in the age of leisure.

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YET IS SERVICE IN LEISURE utterly distinct from service through employment? For don't we serve also in making the world go round by our daily work? But must then paid employment and leisure be two separate things, so that work is short and full and leisure long and empty? Perhaps in future we shall be at work all the week from choice, not in order to earn a living. Factory or office will be a club where we stop to smoke and chat with the lads because this is what being human means. Efficiency will be so great that there will be time to spare and output will outstrip demand in the age of abundance.

God made man to work with Him in creating a good time with abundance for all. In the age of leisure this dream may come true.

Perhaps today paradise on earth can be a Christian value or is it mere commonsense? But then Christian values are just commonsense, their simple wisdom being a proof of divine truth!





**Your Letters...**

**Church Services**

Dear Canon Rhodes,  
I disagree with A. Lynch's letter (May "Church News"). The Bible contains examples of beautiful imagery, but this is no use unless everyone understands it. The Bible ought to be read for the truth it contains, not as literature. We still have plenty of opportunity to sing the well-known hymn tunes, so what is wrong with singing a few modern ones as well?

The fact that a great many people, of all ages, no longer attend our churches, ought to show us that services must be brought up-to-date.

Yours sincerely,  
Helen Samuel.

**Gerrards Cross Bucks.**

Dear Canon Rhodes,  
In Series 2 Eucharist service the phrase "send us out into the world" . . . suppose that we are apart from the world in the Church—and we shouldn't be. Send us out by all means; depart in peace and charity which we have just renewed, but we take the world in with us when we enter; not leave it at the door.

Another point! Our Vicar always ends with "may the souls of the departed rest in peace" . . . this always niggles me. I find myself praying not only for the 'dead' but with whole company of heaven—alive, moving, working and praising their Lord and King, but surely not 'resting'.

Sincerely yours,  
Mary Hatch (Mrs.)

**Unity**

Dear Canon Rhodes,  
Now that the Anglo-Methodist Union has been rejected, perhaps we can start having unity among the churches in a more realistic fashion. Firstly Unity among the Anglican Churches in one district. For the past two years we have had nothing but Anglo-Methodist unity rammed down our throats, yet hardly a single activity organised to bring together congregations of nearby Churches of England. Secondly, if we want unity among all Christians, we must invite all—Roman Catholics and Baptists etc—not just one group to the exclusion of all others.

Yours sincerely,  
Vivienne Wilmot

**Cathedrals**

Dear Canon Rhodes,  
"I fundamentally disagree with you that every institution in the land must adapt itself to the television age"—said Peregrine Worsthorne today. He was speaking of the Monarchy. His wise words are applicable also to Cathedrals and the Church in general. I am sick of such childish cleveralities as Dean Sullivan's suggestion that we traditionalists want everyone who takes part in any Church function to be "labelled" Church of England. If we go to a Cathedral festival, we simply want to hear great, or at least good, performers taking part in works worth performing. We do not want to hear talentless nonentities who happen to have screamed, whined, snarled or postured their

way into with-it notoriety, churning out hackneyed trash.

Carolyn Scott says "beauty and grandeur have no value in themselves". How superficial, how typical of this pompously "scientific" age! Beauty by its very existence protests against ugliness, and grandeur against pettiness. Since ugliness and pettiness are everywhere increasing and are more and more coming to be the gods of our age the need to preserve beauty and grandeur becomes more desperately urgent.

Yours faithfully,  
Mary Crowe

**Czechoslovakia**

Dear Canon Rhodes,  
I have been disturbed by recent letters in "Church News" criticising Paul Oestreicher's article on Czechoslovakia.

I spent only a fortnight in Czechoslovakia last Christmas (three months after the Russian invasion) and found the phrase "freedom-loving Communists" to be an EXACT description of the Czechs.

Staying at Zilina university, I purposely spoke to dozens of students and very many other Czechs from the region. Every one, without exception, fully supported President Svoboda's attempts at reform. However, they were all equally emphatic about their wish to remain Communist. This was inevitably emphasised by the Czechs, as they were justifiably afraid that Western Europeans associated their love of freedom with a love of Capitalism.

Yours,  
Ian Cawthron

**Animals**

Dear Canon Rhodes,  
London, S.W.4.

I have just read two copies of a magazine published by "The Catholic Study Circle for Animal Welfare." They contained many excellent articles by both clergy and laity and I found it a little reassuring that one Christian denomination condemns openly the present cruel practices on animals allowed by law in this country.

The Circle has as its president the Head of the Roman Catholic Church in this country. If the official views of our own Church towards these malpractices could be publicised, I would be grateful and I think many other members of the Church of England would be grateful too.

Yours faithfully,  
(Miss) C. Steel.

**Cancer Advert.**

Dear Canon Rhodes,  
I enjoy the little Church magazine very much, but one appeal I think should be discontinued is for cancer research. It spoils the magazine

Yours sincerely,  
A. King (Mrs.).

The Editor gratefully acknowledges letters from K. W. Roberts, Birmingham 25, on Youth Today; from Miss A. Hull on Women's Ministry; from John Gripwell, Shinton-on-Stour, on Rhodesia; from Duncan Munn, Epsom, on Euthanasia; from A. Lynch, Bedford, on the Parson's task and a Prayer for Criminals. I regret once again shortage of space prevents their use. Other letters are held over till next month. In sending letters the Editor would be most grateful for them to be as brief and pointed as possible.

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when a Tamil suitor came to ask if there was any possible wife for him — suitably qualified of course — amongst the school leavers. Joan Mallalieu knows the secret of the Psalmist : “ All my fresh springs shall be in Thee,” and although at times often overwhelmed with administrative problems, such as the lack of accommodation for the girls, domestic problems amongst the girls, or the kitchen staff, she has a lively faith which has not become atrophied over the years. A keen sense of humour, and a sensitive caring for individuals — yes, and the awareness that the Holy Spirit is always bringing new truths to one’s mind, are all part of the make-up of this Missionary, with whom we are linked by prayer and financial support in this parish.

I am fortunate in that I have seen and known her in her setting in India, but I hope that this brief note will help you to picture her when we pray for her in the biddings at the services in St. Nicholas Church.

(Editor).

### “ COMINGS & GOINGS ”

To the several new residents who have come to the Parish, either temporarily and permanently, we extend a warm welcome. There are others who have to leave us to take up new work in other parts of the country.

To Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Marsh we send our very best wishes as they move to Derby. Mr. Marsh has been a faithful member of our choir and served on our Parochial Church Council for several years, and his wife has helped in many ways during their time here. They have both done valiant work at the County Youth Club and will be greatly missed in this sphere, and last year they undertook to organise our Christian Aid week in the Parish. To them and their son Nicholas, we say “ God speed.”

To Mr. & Mrs. Holmes too we send our good wishes as they move to Reading. Mr. Holmes is one of our sidesmen and Mrs. Holmes until comparatively recently was our Magazine Organiser and did noble work for us each month.

We can assure both these families a warm welcome at St. Nicholas if and when they can visit us.

Church Cottage will seem very strange indeed without “The Kensingtons”! Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kensington have been faithful worshippers at our Church for a number of years now, but the time has come when they both find their large garden an increasing burden upon them and so they are moving to a flat in Headington. We hope that they will still be able to come amongst us from time to time and so we do not bid them farewell, but we do wish them every blessing in their new surroundings. We shall miss them so very much in the village, but hope that they may have many years yet to enjoy their new home.

Our CONGRATULATIONS go this month to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Haynes who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on St. Francis’ Day the 4th October. May God bless them both on this occasion and we send our very best wishes for their health and happiness in the future.

Also to Mr. Norman Burnley who has, after several months of patient waiting, received a place at Liverpool University to do a course on Youth Leadership under the National Association of Boys' Clubs. Both Norman and his wife Ann were faithful Sunday School Teachers until they moved to Oakley after their marriage. We are glad to say that they are now both back in the parish and we are delighted and very grateful that Mrs. Burnley can continue teaching with us once more.

**THANKS** Mr. and Mrs. Albert King would like to thank all those who made their exhibition such a successful one. The Clock fund now stands at nearly £40.

Mrs. Marjorie Sherlock of Elms Drive would also like to thank many of her neighbours and all who have helped her during the many months during which she has been recovering from an accident and especially to the young people who have so regularly and faithfully exercised her dog for her! We hope that Mrs. Sherlock will soon be quite fit and well again.

#### **MOTHERS UNION**

Wine — Cheese — and a film!

Come and enjoy these at the opening session of the Mothers' Union on Thursday, October 23rd at 8 p.m. in the Church Hall. Bring your husband with you too. Don't forget the date!

#### **LEE ABBEY RE-UNION**

All those wishing to go to the Lee Abbey Reunion this year on the special coach are urged to contact Miss Foote, The Lord's Farm, 2 Queen Street, Eynsham (Phone : Eynsham 243).

Preacher at St. Paul's : Rev. Kenneth Pillar, Warden of Lee Abbey.  
Speaker at Central Hall : Rev. Bernard Jacob, Vicar of Northlake.

#### **DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES**

The recent House to House Collection realised the sum of £27. Mrs. Bangs thanks all helpers and donors for their generous effort. (And congratulations to Mrs. Bangs too, for her faithful service each year in this cause. Editor).

#### **R.S.P.C.A.**

Mrs. Raymund Haynes will be holding a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale at Cross Farm on Saturday morning, October 18th. Your support is requested.

#### **YOUNG WIVES**

At the Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale held in August the sum of £6 6s. 11d. was raised. This money will be used towards completing the curtains in the Church Hall.

#### **THE DAILY SERVICE**

The Daily Service of Evensong is now held at 5.15 p.m. in Church instead of 7.15 p.m.

#### **THE SCOUTS**

The Scouts will be holding a Barn Dance in the Scout Hut (behind the St. Nicholas' Church Hall, Elsfield Road) on SATURDAYS, 4th Oct. and 8th Nov.

## CHURCH & LOCAL CLUBS, SOCIETIES, ETC.

### CHURCH

- Bell Ringers.** Sec. : Mr. A. Gammon, 50 Oxford Road.  
**Brownies :** Brownie Guiders : Mrs. Tong, 9 Gordon Close and  
Mrs. Darling, 11 Gordon Close.  
**Choir.** Choirmaster : Mrs. E. M. Garner, 31 Oxford Road.  
**Cubs :** Cub Scout Leader : Mr. E. R. Roberts, 72 Cherwell Drive.  
**Girl Guides.** Guide Guider :  
**Parish Magazine :** Sec. : Mr. & Mrs. Finch, "Stanmore," Boults Lane.  
**Mothers' Union.** Enrolling Member : Mrs. R. Verne, The Manor  
House, Old Marston.  
**Parochial Church Council.** Sec. : Mrs. M. Harlow, Fir Tree House,  
Oxford Road.  
**Scouts.** Scout Leader : Mr. N. Lankford, 55 Crotch Crescent, New  
Marston.  
Group Scout Leader : Mr. W. Furber, 42 Cherwell Drive.  
**St. Nicholas' Fellowship.** Sec. : Miss E. Warburton, Cross Cottage,  
Old Marston.  
**Young Wives :** Group Leader : Mrs. P. Prescott, 22 Ashlong Road.  
Secretary : Mrs. R. B. Wells, 14 Raymund Road.

### LOCAL

- Allotment Association.** Sec. : Mr. R. Bowen, 135 Oxford Road.  
**British Legion.** Marston & District Sec. : Mr. F. Thompson, 5 Temple  
Street, Oxford.  
**The Marston Players.** Mrs. Yates, 81 Woodstock Close, Woodstock Rd.  
**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 Fiat, 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 Marston.....Tel. 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, Groceries 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 Botley 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 Kote" 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.