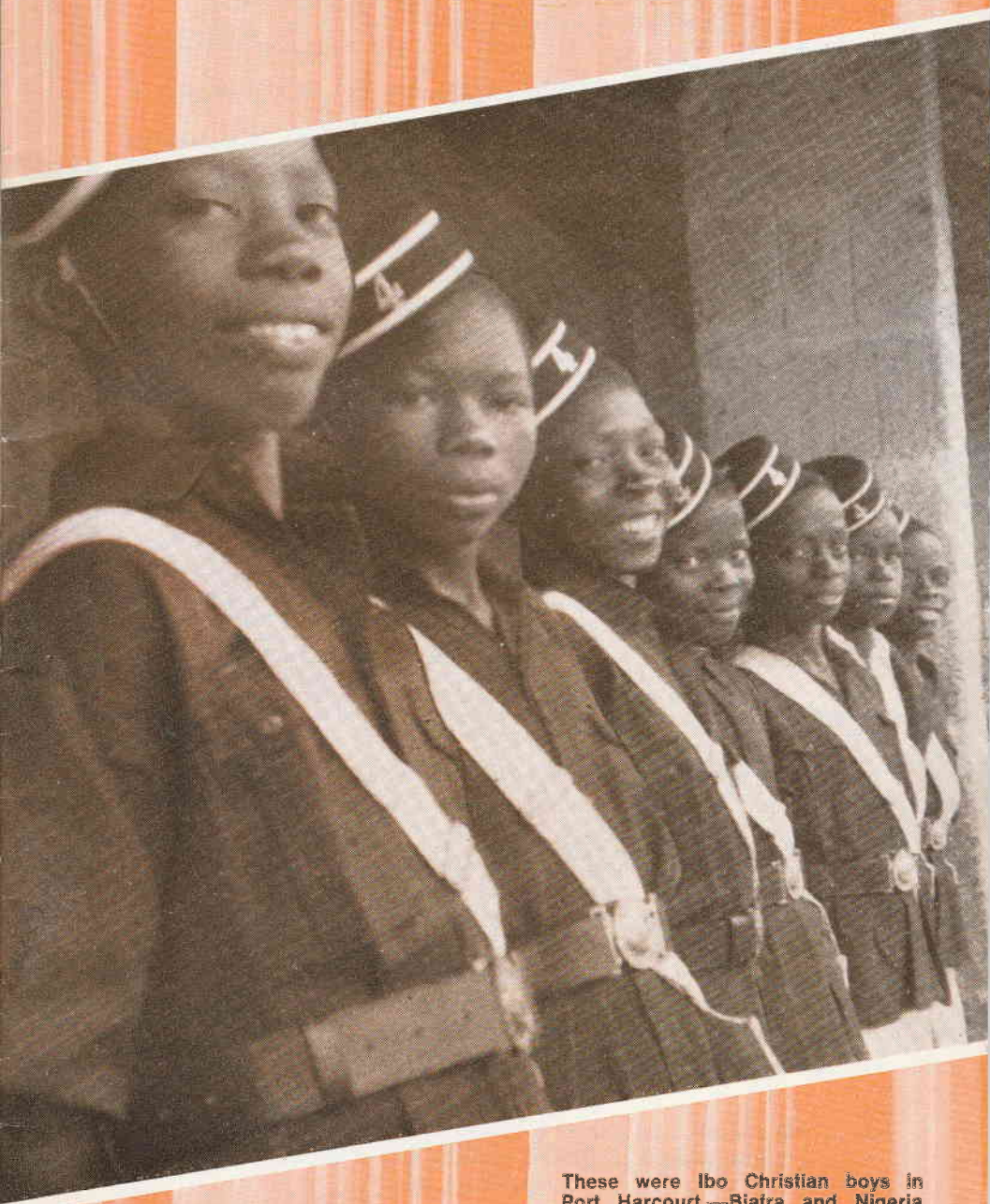


ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

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These were Ibo Christian boys in Port Harcourt.—Biafra and Nigeria today. C. M. S.

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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.

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

PARISH CALENDAR : SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 1. Monday. W.I. Coffee morning 10 a.m. in Church Hall.
" 3. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
" 4. Thursday. Prayer Group will meet in Church from 8 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
" 7. TRINITY XIV
8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.0 a.m. Parish Communion.
11.15 a.m. Children's Instruction resumed after holiday break.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
" 8. Monday. Opening session of Over 60's Club.
" 10. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
8.0 p.m. Meeting of the Ruri-Decanal Conference at Church of the Holy Family, Blackbird Leys.
" 13. Saturday. Parish Outing — Visit Sisters of Wantage.
" 14. TRINITY XV
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.
" 17. Wednesday. Ember Day. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.45 p.m. Young Wives. Fashion Parade.
1st meeting of Autumn session.
" 18. Thursday. Bring and Buy Sale and Coffee Morning for the BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY, Congregational Hall, New Marston
" 19. Friday. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion with laying on of hands for the sick.
" 21. TRINITY XVI. Festival of St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.0 a.m. Parish Communion.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
" 22. Monday. 8 p.m. Meeting of Parochial Church Council preceded by Evensong said in Church at 7.30 p.m.
" 24. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
" 26. Friday. Tickets for Junior Sunday School Outing in Church Hall from 8 p.m. onwards.
" 28. TRINITY XVII
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.
" 29. Monday. Festival of St. Michael & All Angels.
7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
N.B. Tea and Biscuits are served in the Church Hall after Parish Communion. It is hoped that as many as possible will stay to meet fellow parishioners and welcome visitors.
Children's Instruction is held in Church each Sunday at 11.15 a.m.
ADVANCE NOTICE — HARVEST FESTIVAL — October 5th.

ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

Sept. 7th—Miss L. Gardner. Sept. 14th—Mrs. Porter.
Sept. 21st—Mrs. Seabrook. Sept. 28th—Mrs. Sharpe.

SUNDAY "ELEVENSES"

- Sept. 7. Mrs. Rimmer and Mrs. Starmer-Smith.
" 14. Mrs. Maund and Mrs. Parkinson.
" 21. Miss Cahill and Mrs. Checkley.
" 28. Mrs. Cardy and Mrs. Webb.

HOLY BAPTISM

- Aug. 10. Paul Simon Clarke, 40 Raymond Road.
Justin Ian Kirby, 17 Fane Road.

HOLY MATRIMONY

- Aug. 9. Timothy Collier and Pauline Fair.
Anthony Roberts and Wendy Matthews.

IN MEMORIAM

- July 17. Guy Chapple.

VICAR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Our good friend Albert King, the Parish Painter, has once again organised an exhibition of his paintings in aid of electrifying the Church Clock. The basic mechanism is over 300 years old and was originally bought for scrap from St. Andrew's, Headington for the sum of £10. The Church Treasurer will be pleased to receive donations from anyone who would like to see the clock going again. The entries in the Visitors Book shows the appreciation of the many visitors who pass over the threshold of St. Nicholas' Church.

After camping in the South of France, it was refreshing to come back to St. Nicholas' Church. So many of the French Churches we entered looked grubby and uncared for. Junk littered dark corners, and tatty notices, often in scarcely legible handwriting announced the time of Sunday's masses. The picture postcards on sale presented very often a well-lit and colourful interior which was in marked contrast to the gloom and grubbiness one often found on entering. Flower arrangements were noticeably lacking. British people should feel justly proud of the state of their churches which on the whole are clean and welcoming, and support the adage that "Cleanliness is next to Godliness."

In the majority of the churches I entered provision was made for a westward celebration of the mass, a movable altar being placed in the chancel. The form of the mass is very similar to the New Service we use, and there is a noticeable absence of ceremonial. There were however two collections during the service!! The server often does not robe, but assists the priest in his everyday wear.

I hope that a good number of you will be able to come on the Parish Outing to Wantage on September 13th. The recent outings of the Men's Forum and the Mothers' Union proved great successes. We shall start after lunch and return in the early evening.

Yours sincerely,



IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Guy Chapple of Cedar Cottage passed away in hospital after a prolonged illness which he had borne with great courage. A gracious personality, with a keen sense of humour and an interest in sport, politics and the affairs of everyday life, he was latterly restricted in his movements through ill-health. However we shall miss his dignified bearing, and to Mrs. Chapple and her son we extend our sympathies in their bereavement.

BELLRINGERS' NOTES

Two quarter-peals have been rung—one for the Service of the "Odd-fellows," conducted by Martin Bolton, and one for the Investiture of His Royal Highness Charles, Prince of Wales, conducted by Leonard Porter.

Two members of the tower were amongst a party of ringers who toured the Tewkesbury area, ringing at many towers which do not have bands of their own. Congratulations to Mr. Roy Jones on his election as a life member of the Salisbury, Coventry and Kent Guilds.

The St. Nicholas Society still has urgent need of persons wishing to learn to ring.



Nigeria- Biafra War



BISHOP GEORGE COCKIN, Bishop of Owerri, Biafra 1959—1969

THE LONG-DRAWN-OUT MISERABLE CONFLICT in Nigeria has rightly disturbed those who wish Africa well and has unfortunately given comfort to those in Southern Africa and elsewhere who fear African advancement. In particular it has upset supporters of Christian missions, who perhaps were feeling that they had nearly reached the end of the road, that the African Churches were growing up and could be left to get on with the work themselves. As they now see Christians unable, perhaps unwilling, to resist nationalistic or tribalistic pressures they may be wondering what a century of effort has achieved.

Tough Problem

To those who are worried I cannot offer any easy reassurance. I do not think that what has happened in Nigeria is very surprising (those who knew the country well were never happy to hear of Nigeria being held up as an example of the success of British decolonisation: they knew too well what a very tough problem we had had to leave them with), nor do I think Nigeria is an exceptional case.

Every country in Africa has in greater or lesser degree and complexity the same problem of building clans and tribes into a nation and of working out in history what those nations are to be. This is what independence means, the right to come out of tutelage on to the stage of world history and probably be a nuisance to others as we and our neighbours have been in the past.

This of course gives opportunity for the big powers to put a finger in the

pie, helpfully or otherwise, as big neighbours have always done.

It is the misfortune of the African peoples that they have to carry out this age-old process in the sight of everyone's television screen: our own tribal wars were private to ourselves and our victims, and they did not have to be fought out with our more barbarous (I suppose we call them sophisticated) modern weapons, so freely made available by competing well-wishers. We have recognised that these are so horrifying that it is essential to try and devise peace-keeping machinery between nations, but the nations have been unwilling so far to provide any court of appeal for a minority feeling itself oppressed by its own government. Here there is a conspiracy of powers to protect their "sovereign rights".

In this dispute we do better to understand than to take sides. Each side has a case. Each is doing what nations have often fought wars to do. Nigeria is fighting to preserve its unity, threatened by Biafran or Ibo secession, knowing

that others might follow suit. Biafra is fighting as so many have done before them to be free of a country where they were treated as outlaws and where the courts had not afforded them protection.

I think both sides now privately recognise that the cost of war in human suffering and material has been far greater than they ever anticipated and wish they had been less precipitate, but it has also made it immeasurably harder for them to find a way of living together again.

The Church

What of the Churches in all this? My own diocese of Owerri was one of the three in Biafra and I can speak with inside knowledge only of these. The war has disrupted life in Biafra far more than it has on the other side and has played a much bigger part in the concern and thought of the Churches there. In parts not directly affected by the fighting church life has gone on surprisingly normally. Church people, although longing for a return of peace, have been solidly behind the general Biafran line that surrender to what they feel would be death or slavery is unthinkable. How right they are in their fears I do not know—certainly Ibos would do nothing to make it easy for their conquerors.

There is very little bitterness against the Nigerians, that is reserved for our own government of which the Nigerians are considered to be the stooges: they do not realise that it is no less unpopular with the Nigerians.

Neither Side Yield

There are no possibilities of course for the ordinary Christians of the two sides to meet one another, but the fact that the bishops have been able to meet at Lambeth and more recently in Ghana has been welcomed, though they return home to find their people on either side dismayed to hear their representatives have not been able to do more to convince the other side and the outside world of the obvious justice of their cause. At Accra where they met to elect the new Archbishop the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

“We as servants of God . . . urge that fighting should stop immediately and that with the help of a common mediator both sides should engage in meaningful negotiations as is customary among Africans in an attempt to settle dispute.”

This was greeted in the Lagos press with banner headlines: THIS IS SABOTAGE. I have not heard of the Biafran reaction.

THEY SERVE

Glynne Evans gives a glimpse of what one Church Society—C.M.S.—is trying to do.

FOR OVER TWO YEARS, CIVIL WAR has torn apart the country that was Nigeria. In the midst of the hatred and bitterness, what can the Christian Church do to spell out clearly the absoluteness of the God of love?

We must emphatically proclaim that Christians are “neither pro-Federal nor pro-Biafran, but pro-human”—words of the African Secretary of the Church Missionary Society which has served in

the area for over 100 years. So CMS missionaries are on both sides of the fighting line, seeking to express the practical compassion of Christ their Master.

ANNE BENT, matron at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Umuahia, wrote in August 1968: “We have enormous daily

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Free

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THEY SERVE *continued*

clinics in which we see over 600 to 1,000 children."

While she was on a brief leave in Britain, news came that Umuahia had been captured by Federal forces. The hospital had been evacuated, its patients and equipment dispersed. Anne returned to Biafra where, with two CMS nurses, she works with mobile medical teams.

Similarly Iyi Enu Hospital, five miles from Onitsha, has had to be evacuated to temporary quarters in two places 20 miles apart. Conditions at the camp hospital are primitive. The wards are lit at night by palm oil in earthenware lamps. There is sufficient paraffin to use pressure lamps in the operating theatre. There is no running water.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION. Relief teams worked from 15 to 18 hours daily to ensure that this tenuous lifeline remained intact. Jennifer Carey and Bob and Anne Burke have been helping with this in Biafra. Another CMS missionary, Canon



Amidst it all—Policewoman on duty in Lagos.
UNESCO Photo

David Hawkins, reported: "All agree that this work has transformed the situation . . . Even the limited amount of protein has saved the lives of thousands of children. Contributions to Christian Aid have been turned into miracles . . ."

"If flights had to be curtailed for even a short time, the situation would be as bad as before. As it is, all workers have the heartbreaking task of saying 'no', many times a day to people in need."

IN FEDERAL-HELD TERRITORY Pat Ross has been doing similar work with an Oxfam team in the Itu Ikot Ekpene area, in Federal-held territory. She wrote in April this year: "When we arrived in Itu in October, we found a formidable task in front of us. We immediately started clinics and food distribution. At the time when the need was greatest we were running 25 clinics a week, seeing between 200—600 at a clinic . . ."

Maureen Olphin is forming order out of chaos at the Anglican School, Oporoma—formerly part of the battle-ground and now in Federal hands. In March 1969 she reported: "The last few months of last year were dark at times . . . the effect of being so cut off from the outside world, led to an alarming upsurge of old beliefs in witchcraft . . ." The job of rehabilitation is not easy when experienced staff are so thin on the ground.

JANE BACKHOUSE, formerly a school principal in Nigeria, is now immersed in community development work. She comments: "What am I really meant to do? To be for the people here. This is what I need your prayers for." Jennifer Carey, while on leave in Britain, was asked: "Why go back?" Her reply was: "Only if we ourselves have experienced what Biafrans and Nigerians are experiencing, can we hope to be listened to when we try to show people the 'yet more excellent way' of love." Many Biafrans and Nigerians are speaking from their own experience about the need to repent and forgive and live together in love. Pray for us all."

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Thinking of Harvest

—Crops and reaping; Harvest Festivals with cheerful rousing hymns . . . churches gay with flowers and fruit . . . at any rate it's right to be thankful. Is this all there is to Harvest?

CANON CECIL RHODES

WHEN MEN KNEW LITTLE about the science of the soil and the husbandry of crops but much about the uncertainty of harvest and possible shortages, having completed their feeble sowing they turned to God and prayed for a good harvest.

It may be argued that they worked harder and prayed harder—and got less. While we, understanding more, work less and pray less, yet fare far better—and therefore more techniques, more skill and more knowledge are far more valuable than more believing and praying.

Not all Gain

True it is that our forefathers understood less than we do. True it is that in many ways we are better off in living, in comfort, in leisure. True our forefathers' lot was a simple and harsh one compared with ours.

But the gain is not so completely one-sided.

One thing they understood which gave them an attitude of fortitude and strength and homeliness and humility, which we have so greatly lost and so greatly reduced our stature in losing; they, because of the uncertainty of their lot, understood well their dependence on their friends and family and God.

This is something we have greatly lost. We think we can stand on our

own feet. We can be independent. We may even like to be independent and even regard it as a very great virtue! Some even sneer at the Christian faith and talk of people being unable or unwilling to stand on their own feet and needing a spiritual and mental prop. Yet never has there been so much personal loneliness and isolation as now, so much mental sickness as is now found amongst us.

Independence is not Maturity

Now there is a place for independence. But it is neither the final stage of growth nor the sign of full

THINKING INTO 1970

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maturity—which many suppose it to be.

Independence is but a stage to maturity—a child must learn to walk, and later grow away from parents if he is to be healthy and strong. A young man must learn his trade or profession and not forever lean on his seniors. A young wife must learn a certain independence even in her home and not forever rush back to mother or flop around the neck of her husband. We must discover for ourselves an independence, so that we may have a personality and backbone and character. Yet this does not make the full and rounded personality.

Utter Dependence

Our forefathers were, as a matter of fact, far more self-supporting and therefore basically more independent than we are. They grew most of what they ate and clothed themselves chiefly with what they could make.

We, in complete contrast, are utterly dependent—on milkman and grocer, baker and tailor and plumber and coalman and electrician, the water board, the oil wells of America, the wheat from Canada, the meat from New Zealand, and so on and so on.

Our forefathers knew both their real dependence—and interdependence—and they were right. We may appear to have our independence and even boast of it—and forget our complete dependence—and we are wrong.

To realise and accept our dependence is to accept the truth and has in it both humility and humanity. And it takes away our pride. It helps us to look with understanding and affection and appreciation on our fellow men.

Make no mistake, we are members one of another and to realise it helps us both to understand and to find brotherhood.

God?

And what of our dependence on God—that which so often we appreciate least? In spite of our skill, our know-how, our organisation—if the mind refused to function or became distorted; if affection and understanding withered in the human heart; if the seed remained cold and dead in the ground; if the trees and herbs did not blossom and fruit; if the grass refused to nourish the cattle; if the waters ceased and the sun did not shine; if the vast benevolence which daily surrounds our lives gave place to a vast malignity—what then?

How independent are we really of that benevolence we term God? We are dependent every moment of every day.

Give Us Our Daily Bread.....

From Thee we have our life and all that we possess.

Forgive us our pride and self-sufficiency, Teach us to reverence the earth which Thou hast made fruitful.

Teach us our oneness with those by whose labour our food is produced and brought across sea and land.

Fill us with active pity for the millions who have not enough to eat, for the millions who suffer from the fear or reality of famine.

As Thou hast given to man the knowledge which can produce plenty, give also the wisdom to bring it within the reach of all.

Thou, Who hast made us men, so that we live not by bread alone but by Thy Word,

Feed us this day with the words of life.

Let all that is divine in Thy world, let the unsleeping power of Truth and Love, possess us and work through us.

Thou art Thyself our Life,

Live in us this day.

J. H. OLDHAM

Joost de Blank Memorial

Sotheby's in London are holding a sale of modern British paintings and sculptures to aid the Joost de Blank Memorial Fund, set up to commemorate Bishop Joost de Blank's great work for social justice in East London and later in South Africa, when Archbishop of Capetown. Artists and sculptors and collectors are invited to give to the sale and the public to buy, so that this fund may provide the means for further research into the great problem of race relations.

While Archbishop of Capetown Joost de Blank became a world figure in his efforts to sustain co-operation between races and creeds. In that apartheid country in the entrance to his cathedral was the simple notice—"This Cathedral is open to all people of all races, to all services, at all times."

Giving More

Each year British people are giving more to charity. "In spite of recurring financial crises," says Mr. Hereward Phillips of Planned Public Relations, "which cause treasurers of charities nightmares, yet the fact is giving is increasing—by about 30 per cent in the last 20 years to a grand total of over £30 million." He reckons with greater expertise, this amount could be almost doubled.

Another report says there are over 60,000 charities registered in this country! A large number, since 1961, including over 200 concerned with moral welfare. Lancashire has the greatest number — 3,191. Oxfam raises the most: £34 million; Spastics, second with £2½ million.

Some Crowd!

A charity walk took place on a recent Sunday, from the Parish Church of St. Philip and St. James, Hodge Hill. The 1500 walkers were seen off by the Bishop of Aston, who previously had celebrated the Eucharist with the walkers on Hodge Hill Common.

Leighton Ford Crusade

As one not overpersuaded of the value today of mass missioning, nevertheless I am interested to see that Leighton Ford is attracting very considerable numbers in the various missions he has been holding. Recently in Falkirk up to 4,000 attended nightly. In June, in Derby, up to 3,000 a night. But I mention it because the leaflet which is handed out to people attending does not merely call for a personal decision for Christ, though one does not underestimate the depth and meaning of such a call; yet the leaflet also asks young people of eighteen years of age and over to consider using their initiative and energy in Christian service. There are listed opportunities like renovating and decorating houses, removing furniture, meals on wheels drivers, gardening for the housebound, helping youth clubs, helping uniformed organisations, befriending offenders' families, providing employment for offenders. Here is an endeavour not merely for personal dedication but to service and to living out in real and practical terms that personal dedication.

Bread, Cheese and Water

The Bishop of Plymouth, the Abbot of Buckfast, the Methodist district chairman, the Mayor and Mayoress of Tiverton among many others paid 10/- each recently for a slice of bread, a hunk of cheese and a glass of water—to raise £100 for Christian Aid Biafra Fund.



Hodge Hill Walkers.

Photo: Birmingham Compass



The Bishop of Birmingham



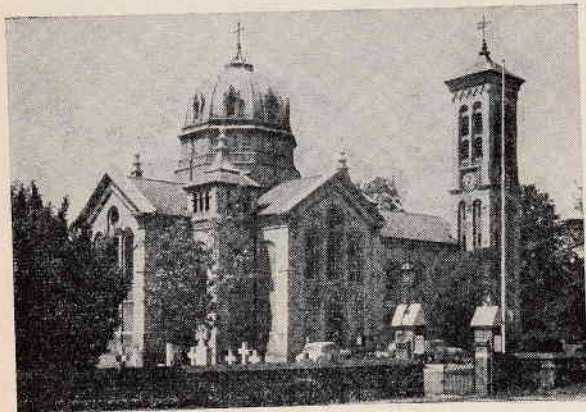
Susan Garth

Be Temperate

Dr. Leonard Wilson, Bishop of Birmingham, in his last address to his Diocesan Conference before his retirement, said he had wished only to make a short valedictory speech, but "events have been too much for me". He had been urged to declare on the last speech of Mr. Enoch Powell. "As Christian citizens," he said, "we are concerned with justice and righteousness, and we have to try and get legislation to abolish tyranny of any kind. Where this is an explosive situation, it is wise to be temperate and not to use extravagant language."

"It is sometimes forgotten that Christians have a duty to Enoch Powell. It is sad to see someone with such manifold gifts make the emotive speeches which give people some justification for thinking that he is a racist, though he claims not to be."

"The problems on our crowded island are difficult enough to solve with the best will in the world. They are not made easier by the arousing of passions by clever politicians or by frenzied ecclesiastical opponents."



St. James, Gerrards Cross

Susan Garth

You may remember she appeared on TV with her impassioned appeal for money to save Biafran babies—and then there were all sorts of questions and she seemed to disappear from view. A letter from UNICEF's Director of Information writes in glowing terms of her work—"No one burned into the public's con-

sciousness the circumstances of the children of Biafra in a manner comparable to the miracle you performed. You focused radio, TV and printed media to these tragic circumstances . . . The children involved in the Nigeria/Biafran conflict will forever be indebted to you".

West Country

If you live in the West Country or will be on holiday in those parts this month, may I commend a visit to the Northcott Theatre, Exeter, whose young (24) energetically creative Assistant Director, Jack Emery, son of a Baptist minister, is putting on his second documentary play, "Wesley: A man against his Age"—a play of particular interest at this time. And of course, Wesley's impact in the West Country was tremendous. Jack Emery's first documentary made a great impact and was the subject of a TV film last Good Friday. For information write Northcott Theatre, Exeter.

St. James, Gerrards Cross

For the past 17 years, the Rev. J. G. Harrison has been Vicar of St. James, Gerrards Cross. As he modestly says, he has continued what his predecessor began, an emphasis on family worship. To go there on a Sunday morning is an exciting experience—families rolling up on foot and by car. In service and sermon no histrionics, but simplicity and sincerity and a real sense of worship and devotion.

There have been several modest building additions over the years to accommodate the numbers who come. Now there is an appeal for £15,000 to provide more room for congregation and improve the usefulness and worshipfulness of the Church.

SAVING Children

Save the Children Fund
at work



FROM THE BEGINNING OF hostilities in Nigeria/Biafra millions of Ibo found themselves cut off from regular food supplies, without transport and with no money to buy food, even if they had any.

The number who died from sheer starvation is too shattering for civilized people to view with easy conscience. It is put at about 500,000. Dr. Gustav Weisglass, leader of a medical and relief team for The Save the Children Fund, considers this a realistic figure.

Even now, it is not easy to predict how many of the Ibo people will need emergency help even when the fighting has stopped. One thing is certain—that The Save the Children Fund will go on working for Ibo war victims for the rest of this year, and probably well into next year too seeking to help and to save.

At first a make-shift hospital for the worst cases of starvation and malnutrition was established in a large church. Conditions were primitive, patients lay on straw mats on the floor, no proper cleaning and disinfectant materials available. Sometimes at night it was so cold that the patients lighted small camp fires on the church floor. So this work began.

In the early days hundreds of people queued up for treatment, they were in fact in the final stages of approaching death, and among the children there were many who were at that time little more than skeletons.

About 35,000 people a week were fed by this particular SCF team for many months. With two other SCF teams in the

area they are providing medical care for 12,000 and feeding more than 200,000 people every week.

In these situations death is always near, even when a patient is recovering he can suddenly die without anyone knowing what has happened. Conversely, it is a positive delight to watch a child being cared for grow from a living skeleton into a well-rounded happily smiling human being, within a week.

The cost of course is tremendous. And though much of the food distributed at feeding centres and many of the basic medical supplies have been provided by International Red Cross, it is calculated that between July 1968 and March 1969 it reached £250,000.

Nigeria/Biafra is not the only country in which The Save the Children Fund is carrying out vital work among children in need. In fact, this represents only the very tip of the iceberg of SCF's enormous task. In the past five years the Fund has given help in more than 20 countries, and since SCF was founded by schoolteacher Miss Eglantyne Jebb 50 years ago—it is now celebrating its Jubilee Year—it has worked in almost 100 different countries and collected and spent over £23,000,000!

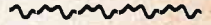
Today the SCF operates in 28 countries through more than 1,000 field workers, including doctors, nurses, welfare workers and administrators. Even in the United Kingdom its Homes, Clubs and Playgroups meet the needs not fully covered by government and cost SCF more than £6,000 every day, subscribed at home and abroad.

With an estimated 600,000,000 child-

ren—some of them in Britain—now living in poverty, and with the threat of wars and the distressing consequences of natural disasters, it is obvious that The Save the Children Fund faces a mammoth task.

During these past 50 years the SCF has developed into one of the world's largest international voluntary organisa-

tions dedicated to the welfare of needy children everywhere regardless of their race, colour or religion. And it will relentlessly continue to do this work. For children everywhere at least deserve to be spared or at the very least redeemed from the horrors their elders somehow seem unable to prevent bringing upon mankind.



FAMINE

Searching, searching, plains so barren,
Desperate victims of famine,
Hungry, weak, emaciated;
Bodies doomed; for this created?

Hands outstretched, praying, crying,
Populations slowly dying,
God send the rain to swell the seed,
Friends sustain them in their need.

Hopeless suffering degradations,
Rouse the conscience of the Nations.
Countries all omnipotent,
Give these people nourishment.

Kathleen Wood.

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Cardinal Heenan

EXTRAORDINARY SYNOD

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

This Month: Brendan O'Reilly, Divine Word Missionaries

TWO YEARS AFTER THE Second Vatican Council a unique event in Roman Catholic Church history took place. On 29th Sept. '67 an Episcopal Synod was held in Rome. Taking part were representatives of the whole Hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church. In all, 199 members took part. There were 13 heads of Eastern Churches, 138 bishops elected by 37 conferences of bishops, 25 prelates nominated by the Pope, the heads of Roman Curial congregations, 6 heads of religious orders of men elected by the conference of Superiors General of religious orders.

Just why ?

The intention was not to hold a mini-Council, but rather to implement a Vatican II programme to involve the world's Roman Catholic bishops in the government of their church. Before the Synod was a five point agenda: The place and purpose of law in a religious society; Dangers to the faith, with an appendix on atheism; Seminary reform; Mixed marriages; Liturgical reform. When the synod was over many asked: "Was it worth the effort?" Some thought that the agenda was all too "churchy". Others asked why observers of other churches had not been invited. The biggest criticism probably centred on the secrecy of the deliberations. Now after two years on the eve of another synod, enthusiasm for the effectiveness of such an institution is not high. Yet, granted that the percentage result of the first assembly may be as low as fifteen or even five, no one will deny that this body could be a power for effective leadership.

Synod '69

The Synod of Bishops may take any of three forms. These are termed, general, extraordinary and special. That of '67 was a general assembly. The forth-

coming one, to be held in October, will be extraordinary. The principal difference from the last will be the presence of a smaller number of representatives. Instead of bishops elected by episcopal conferences on account of their peculiar fitness, the national hierarchies will be represented this time by their presidents. The convoking of a Synod is at the discretion of the Roman Pontiff. It is he who judges when it is opportune to hold such an assembly. Observing the present state of the church, it is not difficult to surmise why he should decide on one at this time.

The Agenda

Considerable secrecy surrounds the agenda for this extraordinary assembly. Cardinal Heenan, Archbishop of Westminster, appealed for permission to release details of the agenda. He wished to bring to the assembly not only his own mind, but the voice of his people as well. The Cardinal's wish evoked a sympathetic hearing from all of us, but on the other hand everyone is prepared to admit that the place of the Episcopal Synod in the active life of the church has not as yet taken shape. It is known that the deliberations will fall under two general headings, doctrinal orthodoxy and the teaching authority of the magisterium.

One of the recommendations of the '67 Synod was the setting up of a theological commission for the whole church. This has been done and it is to be hoped that the forthcoming assembly will benefit much by such an advisory body. It is to be expected that the help of these outstanding theologians will be sought in preparing the draft material. The future of the Episcopal Synod is still uncertain, but with the UNO model in mind, it is certainly a 20th century institution.

What Christian Aid preaches.

In the long run, the solution to world poverty isn't filling stomachs with food.

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With the obvious benefits of fewer mouths to feed.

However, how to make soil more fertile and wives less, aren't everyone's headaches.

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metal-work, and building.

That way they can get back on their feet by their own efforts.

In Thailand, we've taught people how to balance a diet.

And in Kenya, how to balance a book.

In Bolivia, we hired a trade union expert to study the labour situation.

It seemed the best way to find answers to the appalling unemployment problem.

Caused by the mass exodus of workers from country to town.

Of course, not all our activity is so long-term.

The Vietnamese, Nigerians and Biafrans have more urgent needs. And the doctors and nurses we've sent them have helped.

Though not as much as we'd like. We simply don't have enough money to help people all we could.

But we're praying you'll do a little something about that for us.

Christian Aid.

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What can we do?

DAVID ATTFIELD



We might go and serve—

FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS Biafra has been a name we cannot forget. It stands for civil war in Nigeria, the mass starvation of a people, including tens, if not hundreds, of thousands of children. Pictures on our TV screens or in the press show us the hideous slaughter still going on.

What can we do? We can give our money to relief organisations. That done, what else?

A few of us can actually go to Nigeria to work with the various bodies on the spot. Doubtless if we are doctors, nurses, or are trained in some other suitable way, we have thought whether we can go, and if we can, have offered our services.

Clearly charity is not enough to stop a war. So we have studied the political issues. Perhaps, on the one hand, we support the Federal Government and give it the benefit of the doubt. The war for Nigeria's unity can be quickly won. Victory will prevent chaos in Africa. The fault lies with the stubbornness of the Biafrans: they should be willing to talk on the basis of the Federal terms.

Perhaps, on the other hand, we think Biafra's revolt justified; the resistance of the people is proof enough that Nigeria can never give them what they want; political unity is not worth the price in children's corpses. In which case we press the British Government to stop spending our money on arms for the Federal government.

However, our personal political influence is slight. So what else remains? To pray . . .

Every Sunday we Christians ask God for peace in Nigeria. We shall go on

asking till peace comes. But will our prayers affect the course of events?

There is no way of telling. For if peace has not so far come through our prayers, God may have His reasons: possibly His unwillingness to take away the freedom of men to kill each other. Can such a God be love?

God let men crucify Jesus. The Creator allows so much evil and suffering At this point many people will cease to believe in God. If they do so, all they can then offer to Biafra is the giving of money, service and political concern. There are those, however, who do still believe in God, despite Biafra, despite the Cross. Not only can they give money and service and show political concern, they can also go on praying.

Perhaps the greatest trial of our faith today for many young people is that we can do so little about the wretched world we live in, the world we feel so much a part of through TV. Yet the world's troubles are so many and immense that we cannot possibly as persons in one place do much to cure them. Our energy and time and passion are very slight. Maybe the point of prayer is to give our vote of protest to God and then to trust that His purpose will triumph in Africa.

Doing that is to act in our Lord for Biafra. So we are set free from distraction and worry and the pride of trying to perfect the world. We become free to love and to be effective now where we actually are at this moment.

PSYCHICAL STUDIES
MARY ANDERE

FOR MANY PEOPLE THE WORD "PSYCHIC" has sinister overtones-- anything connected is suspect, tying up with "black magic" or spiritualism! And, unfortunately, in the title "The Churches' Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies" it is usually the word "psychical" which is seized upon and forms an immediate mental block.

The C.F.P.S.S. was founded in 1954 by a group of clergy and laymen for the very good purpose of researching into the validity of psychic phenomena, which include such things as telepathy, precognition, paranormal healing (magnetic, psychic, charismatic, sacramental, spiritual etc.), and to examine their relevance to the Christian faith and life.

Their great concern was to examine questions directly relating to those parts of Christianity which often seem most puzzling--resurrection, survival, "the spiritual body", healing, the difference between "the Communion of Saints" and communication with the dead, etc.

To the outsider, the logic of the reason for its foundation is often overlooked! Yet who more than the Church of Christ should, in fact, be examining these questions? And if

there is danger in such matters, then who more than the Church should be in the vanguard? Who else should investigate? Who other should be on the spot to ensure against false and spurious teaching? In fact, where else **should** she be than just there where she thinks evil threatens the flock of Christ?

Paul lists among the diversity of gifts given by the Spirit, ". . . the discerning of spirits". All through the Gospels we find references--our Lord himself taught his disciples about the casting out of spirits . . . "this kind cometh not out but by prayer and fasting". . . Would He have said this unless He knew indeed there are spirit entities and elementals? Would He not have condemned if he had believed it false? St. Paul speaks of "the prince of the power of air", "principalities and powers", "the rulers

Short extract from

*"Flowers For
 The Church"*

by Rhona Churchill, just published by Pelham 25/-, fully illustrated.

WHILE there will always be several right ways of dealing with a pillar--there will

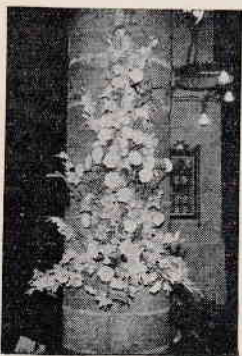
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also be certain treatments doomed to failure because, for one reason or another, they are basically wrong.

One thing: never lose the line of your pillar among a confusion of material. Think rather of dressing a pillar than decorating it. There are fat pillars and slender ones, stocky and tall. These descriptions equally apply to people--and the same sort of treatment of line will help you to make the best of them; to disguise their failings and highlight their charm!

For the Flower Festival held at Portsmouth Cathedral in 1968, the six ancient, slender, not lofty, black pillars had been lightly garlanded.

The method was extremely simple and



of the darkness of this world, spiritual wickedness in heavenly places", "seducing spirits and doctrines of devils". He himself had one, if not more, "out of the body" experience (II Cor. 12. 3-4). The Acts of the Apostles, let alone history, is full of puzzling cases.

We are bidden to grow in grace, not to remain babes in Christ (Heb. 6. 1-3). The Fellowships exists to endeavour adequately to meet the intellectual and spiritual needs of her children to-day, and that there might be a wider understanding of the need to "go on to perfection". The motto of the Fellowship is "To faith add knowledge", and prayer, study, and meditation groups all over the country seek to do just this scriptural bidding. There is an extensive lending library and tape library, available to members, and the quarterly review contains thoughtful and thought-provoking articles on a wide variety of subjects relating to the fullness of Christian living. Those who wish to understand more can obtain information about the Fellowship from the Secretary, 5/6 Denison House, Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, S.W.1.

effective. A roll of green braid had been firmly fixed to, and wound round the top of the pillar, then tightly carried round it in sparsely graceful curves till it reached the bottom—where again it was bound round in a neat circle. The success lay in the courage in allowing the braid to remain partly uncovered. All too often flower arrangers can spoil their work by permitting themselves to succumb to an attack of "mechanic mania".

Anyone who has visited the Flower Arrangement Tent at Chelsea Flower Show will understand exactly what I mean. They will have heard the self-appointed judges concentrating solely on the game called "I spy mechanics!" The thing to do is to stand back and see the line and enjoy the beauty.

Easy Recipes

Recently I came across a most excellent leaflet produced by Eden Vale Dairy Fresh Foods. Often when faced with a carton of soured cream, or yogurt, or cottage cheese, my mind goes a complete blank and in the end I serve it up all plain and simple-like! But this leaflet gives a number of quick, and easy, recipes which make all these foods much more interesting and send one's stock sky-high as a cook—Cordon Bleu type at least! It can be obtained by writing to Maureen Gillespie, Eden Vale Dairy Fresh Foods, 83 Kingsway, London, W.C.2, if you cannot obtain it at your local grocer or dairy, and is well worth having.



Smoked Haddock Mousse

The following recipe also gives an extra touch of piquancy to your table!

1 oz. Blue Band margarine (I use this because it creams quickly and saves time in cooking); 1 oz. plain flour; $\frac{1}{2}$ pint milk; 4 oz. mayonnaise or salad cream; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. smoked haddock fillet, cooked and flaked; 2 hard boiled eggs, chopped finely; 2-3 oz. chopped pimento or green pepper; 4 teaspoons parsley, chopped; $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. gelatine and $2\frac{1}{2}$ fluid oz. fish stock dissolved together; 2 fl. oz. double cream, whipped.

For decoration: 1 hard boiled egg, sliced. Parsley sprigs.

To make the Mousse

Place the margarine, flour and milk into a medium sized saucepan. Whisking all the time bring to the boil over a low heat and continue cooking for a further 1-2 minutes. Stir in remaining ingredients and pour into a $1\frac{1}{2}$ pint fluted mould. Place in refrigerator to set. When set turn out and decorate with slices of egg and parsley. Serve with green salad.



Anglican-Methodism

Dear Canon Rhodes, **Offord, Kent.**

Mr. Stanley Smith's opinion that the 1928 Prayer Book's rejection "helped towards the decay of togetherness in the Church" must be questioned. My experience is that there was little sense of "togetherness" in those days; what there was did not diminish in the 1930s.

His implied condemnation of the dissentients to the Anglican-Methodist scheme has been explicitly repudiated by Archbishop Ramsey in his diocesan letter, and all readers of the final report on the scheme will have noted that in many places it insists on the need to respect the views of opponents.

One of the demerits of the scheme is that it may well result in disorder and disunion, whether rejected or accepted. In this unfortunate situation we have no right to sigh over the burdens on the consciences of those who cannot share our views.

Yours sincerely,
Dennis Clarke.

Dear Canon Rhodes, **Upton by Chester.**

I agree with Mr. Stanley Smith until the last sentence in his letter headed "Fateful Decision". I believe, contrary to him, that the responsibility for allowing any disorderly breakdown of discipline must be a heavy load on the minds of those who support this scheme which appears to me to be little less than a compromise aimed at pleasing all but doomed to satisfy none.

Yours sincerely,
W. Bigland.

Women's Ministry

Dear Canon Rhodes, **Chester.**

The all-male monopoly of this prerogative, which has persisted down the centuries, seems, in this day and age, unnatural, unbalanced and unhealthy.

It is also exceedingly dull and tedious to a great many women, who, after all, comprise the bulk of most church congregations.

Yours faithfully,
Joan Cameron (Mrs.)

Dear Canon Rhodes, **Appleby.**

David Attfield's searching questions at the end of his article might call for different answers but one question should surely receive an emphatic NO. "If you are certain that Anglicans are right and that bishops are vital, then should you not accept their judgement on Ordination?" But bishops don't all agree anyway. Some are in favour of the ordination of women and others would surely follow if only the few would have the courage of their convictions.

Yours faithfully,
Joyce Harper.

Dear Canon Rhodes, **Yelverton, South Devon.**

We are being exhorted continually to pray for more men to offer themselves for ordina-

tion. I cannot do this as long as the Church fails to use the spiritual power of dedicated women. When the Church stops dictating to God whom He shall use in the furtherance of His purposes and adopts as its watchword "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit", then it will receive the full power of the Holy Spirit, which alone will make its mission effective in the world.

Yours sincerely,
(Miss) Dorothy J. Strettell.

Visiting

Dear Canon Rhodes, **Southwold, Suffolk.**

I found very interesting the article "Women in the Church". May I ask, would it not be to the advantage of the Anglican Church to invite women to become "District Visitors" so that every house, flat, bungalow and cottage in every parish could be regularly visited, and where need existed the Clergy asked to visit and give their special help?

I consider such visiting essential if our Churches are to be maintained and increased.

Yours,
(Miss) D. Forster.

Russia

Dear Canon Rhodes, **Scunthorpe.**

I get a little tired of people emphasising Russian godlessness. Can anyone really believe that God hasn't spoken to Communists? The Christian democratic countries are equally to blame for the state of the world and we carry on wars in the name of Christianity. Russia may not see God in the image of Christ yet, but they will learn when true Christianity begins to show itself in the Western World.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs.) M. Hurst.

More Simplicity

Dear Canon Rhodes, **Grimsby.**

"Except ye become as a little child ye cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven". These words are well known to those who have read the Bible.

There is little of simplicity among preachers on religion today or in discussions on religion we sometimes hear on the telly. Most preachers in a place of worship, and those on telly, use as many big highbrow words as they can find; words with 14 to 15 letters which are not understood by many; theories often wrapped up and put in roundabout fashion.

Yours,
"More Simplicity"

Thank You

Dear Canon Rhodes, **Central Council for the Disabled**

I am writing on behalf of the Group to thank you for the publicity which you gave us in "Church News" recently. You will be interested to know that as a result of the article we have had a number of enquiries, and I hope that we have been able to be of some help.

Thank you once again.
Yours sincerely,
Barbara M. Stow,
Group Director.

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YOUNG WIVES

The first meeting of the new session will be on **WEDNESDAY**, 17th September at 7.45 p.m. in the Church Hall when there will be a Fashion Parade.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY : 1st September

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

OVER 60's CLUB

The Club will resume its meetings on Monday, 8th September. We are still in urgent need of helpers for this Club particularly those who could help with transport. If you can help in any way, would you get in touch with Mrs. Yates or Mrs. Tomlinson as soon as possible. Any offers of transport should get in touch with Miss Lodge.

MORNING MARKET : Saturday, 11th October.

THE CHURCH'S CHILDREN

1. **The Children's Instruction** will be resumed at **11.15 a.m.** on **SUNDAY**, 8th September. The Crossbearers and Catechism will also reassemble at 10 a.m. As this is the first Sunday in the month they will be attending the Parish Communion. We have been pleased to see some of our Catechism coming faithfully to the Communion Services during the holiday season.

We shall be pleased to see all the children back with us and delighted to welcome any new ones on that day. The Village Hall is where the under 5's meet and the Scout Hall for the Kindergarten (5's to 7½ years).

The Junior Children (7½ to 10 years) come into the Church at 11.15.

2. We look forward to welcoming many parents and children at **11.15 a.m.** on **SUNDAY**, 5th October for our Harvest Thanksgiving Service when gifts to distribute among the older folk of the parish will be most welcome. The **NURSERY** children who normally meet in the Village Hall, will come to **CHURCH** on that day at 11.15 a.m.

3. **Outing in October.** This year we hope to go to **GLOUCESTER** with a possible visit to Sudeley Castle and Grounds on **SATURDAY**, 11th **OCTOBER**. Details will be sent out to all parents in September. Tickets for this outing will be available in the **CHURCH HALL** on **FRIDAY**, 26th September from 8 p.m. onwards.

BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY

A Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale has been arranged in the Marston area. This will be on **THURSDAY**, 18th September at the **CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HALL**, Marston Road from 10 a.m. Do your best to support this effort and come along and bring your friends for a cup of coffee.

MUSINGS

“ So we built the wall ; and the wall was joined together :
for the people had a mind to work ”

A verse from the Book of the Prophet Nehemiah who was a great builder of walls. But I wonder how many people of the parish realise that this was going on very quietly and unobtrusively behind our beloved St. Nicholas' Church? Mr. Handley who lives in Apple Tree House has been doing a magnificent piece of craftsmanship in building up again the wall at the back of our Church which adjoins his garden too behind whose walls there is a glorious array of flowers. As people came and went on their business during the past weeks, this has been going on and is now complete. We are indeed most grateful to Mr. Handley for restoring this wall for us.

All who saw Mr. King's exhibition of his paintings, must have also been impressed with Mrs. Zoe King's ability as a photographer. Together with her husband's paintings, Marston has now a record in paint and photography of its buildings and personalities in 1969.

Some people occasionally complain about the bells, but it is nothing to the many questions as to why the tower is so often silent on a Sunday morning these days. There are lots of bellringers about, and this is an urgent plea : “ Bellringers of Marston UNITE—and let us be welcomed to church by the familiar peal once more ! ”

Mr. Peter Sheppard and his family had to cut their holiday on account of an accident when someone ran into the back of their car. However no-one fortunately was injured and they were able to begin their holiday again after a few days delay.

“ Anything you can do, I can do better ! ” might have been the cry of the daughter of Mrs. Marian Woodhouse, of Gordon Close, who gave birth to a baby daughter in Suffolk only ten minutes after her mother (in Marston) had done the same. To a comparatively young grandmother, mother, and their babes, we send our congratulations.

Do people use the book stall in Church? Not as much as they might do. With a selection of everything from Michel Quoist to Muggerridge, there should be something to suit all tastes. Take a look at the stall when you're next in Church.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Harvest Thanksgiving will be held this year on Sunday, 5th October.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.0 a.m. Parish Communion.
11.15 a.m. Special Thanksgiving Service for parents and children.
Gifts of tinned and packed foodstuffs will be welcome at this service.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.

Decoration for Harvest Thanksgiving

This will begin early on Saturday, 4th October because of weddings. Gifts of flowers and fruit will be most welcome in CHURCH on Friday evening or BEFORE 9 a.m. on SATURDAY morning. Donations towards flowers will be gratefully received by Miss Lodge at any time.

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. Vernede, The Manor
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Parochial Church Council. Sec. : Mrs. M. Harlow, Fir Tree House,
Oxford Road.
Scouts. Scout Leader : Mr. N. Lankford, 55 Crotch Crescent, New
Marston.
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Secretary : Mrs. R. B. Wells, 14 Raymund Road.

LOCAL

- Allotment Association.** Sec. : Mr. R. Bowen, 135 Oxford Road.
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The Marston Players. Mrs. Yates, 81 Woodstock Close, Woodstock Rd.
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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.

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