

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

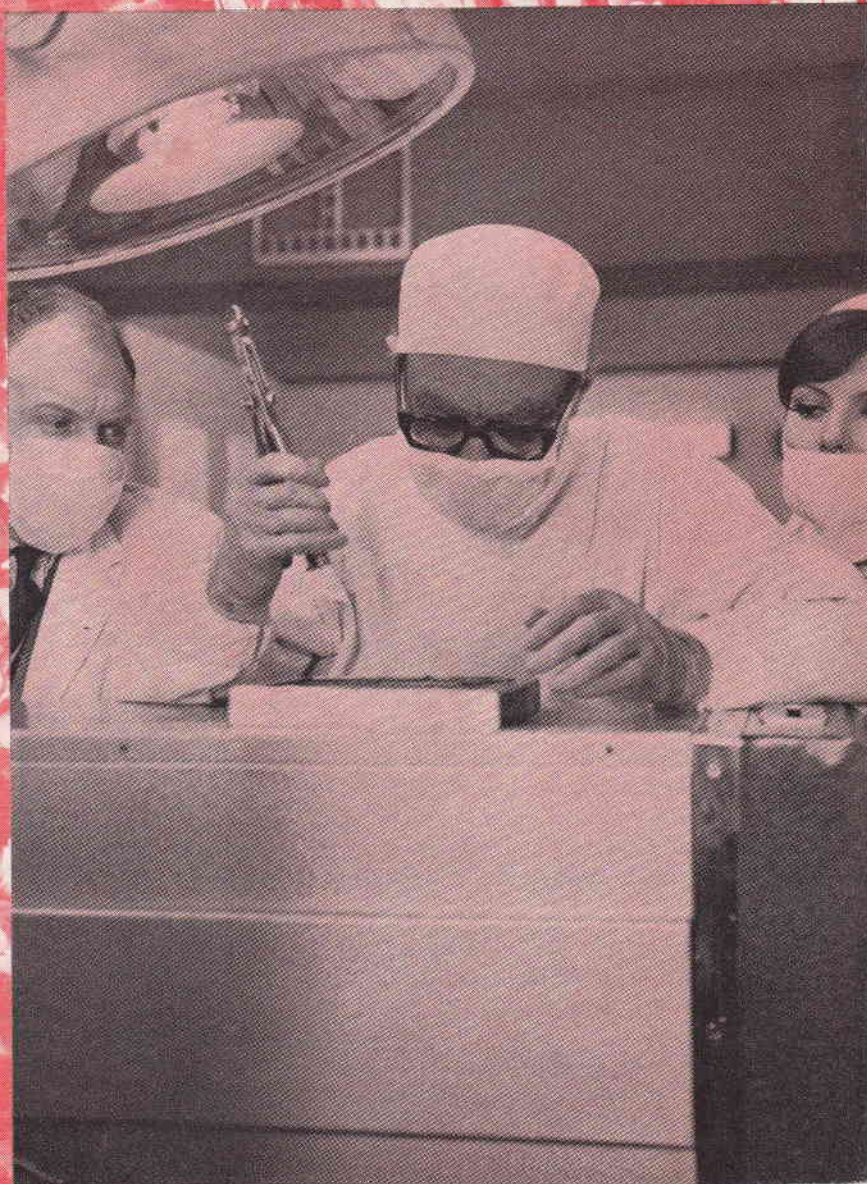
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The Pill, Transplants, Abortion—and  
Christian belief and attitudes.  
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### SUNDAY SERVICES

- Holy Communion :** 8 a.m.
- Parish Communion :** 10 a.m. New Communion Service (followed by Coffee  
in Church Hall.
- Evening Prayer and Sermon :** 6.30 p.m.
- Holy Baptism :** Second and Fourth Sundays of the month at 3 p.m. unless  
otherwise announced. Notice must be given.
- Holy Matrimony :** Banns to be given in at the Vicarage.

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

- Holy Communion :** Wednesdays and Saints Days at 7.15 a.m.  
3rd Friday at 10.30 a.m. with Laying on of Hands for sick.  
**And at other times, as announced. (See Notice Board).**
- The Daily Services of Morning and Evening Prayer are usually said each day  
at 7.15 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. (except on Saturdays). Wednesday :  
Morning Prayer is at 9.15 a.m. but it is advisable to consult the  
notice board in the Church Porch.

### CHURCH ORGANISATIONS AND MEETINGS :

- Children's Instruction :** Confirmation School and Crossbearers, 10 a.m. in  
Church Hall. 1st Sunday in month - Parish Communion.  
K.G. and Juniors : Sundays, 11.15 a.m.  
Nursery : Sundays, 11.15 a.m. in Mortimer Hall.
- Mothers' Union :** 4th Thursday. 7.45 p.m.
- Young Wives Group :** Alternate Wednesdays, 7.45 p.m. in Church Hall.
- Bellringers :** Practice Night — Friday nights, 7.45 p.m.
- Brownies :** Monday, 6 p.m. in Scout Headquarters.
- Girl Guides :** Monday, 7.30 p.m. in Scout Headquarters.
- Cubs :** Tuesday, 6.15 p.m. in Scout Headquarters.
- 43rd St. Nicholas' Scout Troop :** Friday, 7.15 p.m. in Scout Headquarters

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

PARISH CALENDAR : MAY 1970

- May 1. Friday. **Festival of St. Philip & St. James**  
7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
- " 3. **EASTER V. ROGATION SUNDAY**  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10.0 a.m. **The Parish Communion.**  
Rev. A. R. Fountain, Vicar of Faringdon.  
11.15 a.m. Children's Instruction.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong. The Members of the Over 60's Club will be invited to join us for Evensong.
- " 5. Tuesday. Meeting of the Cowley Clergy Chapter, 10 a.m.  
**C.M.S. RALLY IN LONDON.**
- " 6. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
- " 7. Thursday. **ASCENSION DAY**  
7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
6.30 p.m. Meeting at Charney Bassett for Conference on Work of Church Overseas.  
Prayer Group will meet in Church 8 to 8.30 p.m.
- " 10. **SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY**  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10.0 a.m. **The Parish Communion.**  
11.15 a.m. Children's Instruction.  
**No Holy Baptism Service on this day.**  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 11—14. The Vicar will be attending the Rural Deans' Consultation at St. George's House, Windsor Castle.
- " 13. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
7.45 p.m. Young Wives meet in Church Hall.  
Subject: "Gardening round the Year."  
Speaker: Miss M. Spiller from Waterperry.
- " 14. Thursday. Mothers' Union Prayer Group at 2.45 p.m.
- " 15. Friday. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion with laying on of hands for the sick.
- " 17. **WHITSUNDAY.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10.0 a.m. **The Parish Communion.**  
11.15 a.m. Children's Instruction.  
3.00 p.m. **HOLY BAPTISM** (by arrangement).
- " 20. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
8.00 p.m. Informal meeting of Lay Members of Deanery Synod.
- " 21. Thursday. Mothers' Union Festival at Banbury, 7.30 p.m.
- " 24. **TRINITY SUNDAY.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10.0 a.m. **The Parish Communion.**  
11.15 a.m. Children's Instruction.  
3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism (by previous arrangement).  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- " 25. Bank Holiday Monday. Coffee Morning in Church Hall arranged by the W.I.
- " 27. Wednesday. 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
7.45 p.m. Young Wives meet at the Vicarage.
- " 29. Friday. 8 p.m. Diamond Jubilee Service at All Saints, Highfield.  
Preacher: Rt. Rev. S. Y. Blanch, Bishop of Liverpool.
- " 31. **TRINITY I.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10.0 a.m. **The Parish Communion.**  
11.15 a.m. Children's Instruction.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.

**HOLY BAPTISM**

Easter Day, 29th March

Timothy David McClellan Avery, 11 St. Giles, Bletchington.  
Dominic Alun Fryer, 16 Cote Lane, Mossley.  
Dawn Elizabeth Riggs, 34 Mortimer Drive.  
Terry John Winter, 12 Duke Street, Botley.

Apr. 12.

Juliet Louise Warner, 35 Coniston Avenue, Headington.  
Rachel Caroline Foster, 3 Barns Hay.  
Sharon Jane Westlake, 34 Derwent Avenue, Headington.

## HOLY MATRIMONY

- Mar. 28. Andrew George Esplin and Jeanne Mary Johnson.  
Apr. 4. Edward William Morris and Ann Carol Pain.  
Apr. 18. Christopher Garth Hamilton and Janet Ann Lafford.  
David John Ashley Green and Margaret Jill Dolby.

**CONGRATULATIONS**—Though rather belated, owing to lack of space in last month's magazine—to Mr. & Mrs. Wilfrid Lafford who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the beginning of last month and also to their daughter and her husband; Mr. & Mrs. William Armstrong, who celebrated their Silver Wedding a few weeks before. To Mr. & Mrs. Roberts of Little Acreage we send our greetings as they prepare for their cruise as part of their Silver Wedding Celebration. May God bless them all and their families with health and happiness in the years that lie ahead.

## IN MEMORIAM

- Mar. 26. Hubert Harris, 61 years.  
Ada Mundy, 69 years.  
Apr. 4. Reginald Gale.  
Apr. 15. Reginald Joseph Simpson, 63 years.

We extend our deep sympathies to all who have lost those dear to them. Mr. Harris had been ill for a considerable time and bore his pain with courage. Mrs. Mundy, the mother of Mrs. Anne Holloway, died in hospital after a serious illness. Mr. Simpson, one of our familiar Marston figures, and proprietor of our local hardware shop died suddenly at home. A one-time Coldstream guardsman, he was a man of dignified bearing, and of warm friendliness who, with his wife, brought a note of genuine personal interest and concern into the world of business. Reginald Gale was the father of Mrs. Peggy Sheppard, and passed away at his home in Meadow Lane. To all who have been bereaved we send our wishes that the Easter message of triumph over the grave, may bring consolation and hope in this time of loss.

## ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

May 3rd—Miss J. Finch. May 10th—Mrs. N. Vernede. May 17th—Whitsunday  
—Mrs. Seabrook. May 24th—Trinity Sunday—Mrs. Porter. May 31st—Mrs.  
Cardy and Mrs. Webb.

## VICAR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

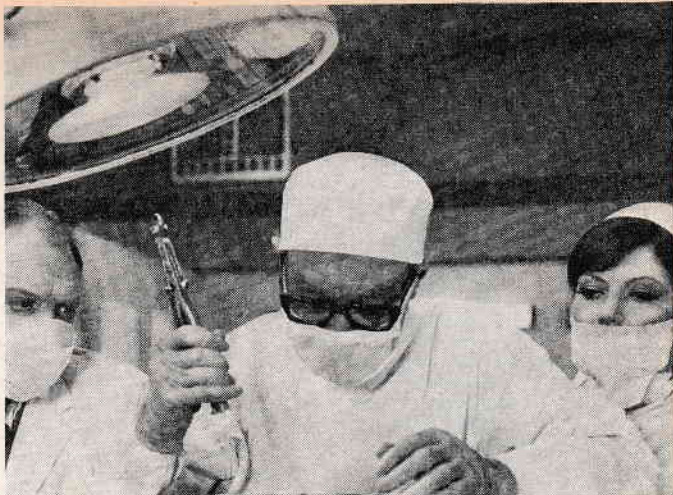
What a splendid Easter Festival we had this year! Despite the poor weather, the lack of flowers in our gardens, the Church looked as beautiful as ever, and the choir lifted our hearts as we joined in the Easter hymns.

Thank you also for a most generous gift. It will be very useful and is above all a pledge of your affection and support in my ministry among you.

On Trinity Sunday I shall have completed twenty years in the ministry, eleven of which have been in Marston, and the remainder in the Isle of Man, the Lake District, and South India. They have been years packed full of interest. Of course there have been frustrations and failures. I hope that over the years one has learnt a little more humility, and a great deal more compassion. At ordination one feels one knows all the answers! As the years go by, one learns that real pastoral care comes primarily through listening, and seldom through advice! Perhaps at times I detect a note of schizophrenia in myself: impatience and irritation with much

# TRANS- PLANTS

The Rev. Dr. Hugh  
Trowell, M.D., F.R.C.P.  
for 30 years in the  
Colonial Medical Service



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**I**N ANY NEW FIELD OF SCIENTIFIC advance, such as the question of organ transplants, there is often uncertainty about the Christian ethic. Usually this is found only after a prolonged debate within the Church, especially Christian laity who are involved, such as doctors and nurses as well as patients.

## TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

The commonest transplant is a blood transfusion, but it has proved necessary to administer the right group, otherwise all the blood which has been given is swiftly destroyed.

With other tissues, such as bone, muscle, heart or liver, it is found that people are even more individual. Due to their inheritance every cell of their body has an individual make-up and will differ from that of every other person, except that of an identical twin. When tissue is transplanted from one body to another it is almost always rejected, that is, slowly destroyed in the other person's body. Much research is being devoted to the study of rejection and certain drugs can be employed to decrease the severity of this reaction and to increase the prospects of survival in the transplanted organ. Unfortunately all these drugs decrease resistance to infections so that patients who receive

them are apt to die of some other overwhelming infection.

Transplantation of the brain will probably never prove possible. Brain transplants belong to the realm of science fiction.

## KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS

Some 7,000 persons die annually of kidney disease in England and their lives could be saved by transplants. A healthy person has two kidneys and could spare one because perfect health can be maintained by only half a kidney.

A few hundred persons have had a kidney transplant in various centres in Britain and the rejection reaction has been overcome to a considerable extent. Donors are carefully selected for tissues that are compatible, or nearly so, so that now about 60 per cent survive for two years or more at the best medical centres. Shortage of suitable donors at present prevents a widespread use.

## HEART TRANSPLANTS

Performed first at Cape Town in 1967 and the patient lived for over a year. This operation has attracted great publicity, as the heart in the popular Press is still the centre of life. This is a legacy of Hebrew Biblical anatomy, which regarded the heart as the centre of life, the emotions and possibly the

soul. Doctors regard the heart as a pump, essential to life, but so are many other organs, such as the brain, liver, and kidneys.

In the world probably about a hundred heart transplants have been performed. Technical difficulties are high, such as the differences in blood pressure, circulation and so forth. Rejection rates are very high and about three-quarters of all heart transplants are dead within a few weeks. Of liver transplants and lung transplants only a few have been performed, most die within a few weeks.

### DONORS

Organs have only been removed after death on any widespread scale in the case of the transparent cornea of the eye, which can be removed many hours after death and in which rejection seldom occurs. Corneal transplants have been very successful for many years.

Other organs such as the heart, kidneys or liver must be removed within half-an-hour of death, or they have themselves started to decay. This poses an enormous problem for doctors who see many die as the result of car accidents, brain tumours and so forth, in whom the inner organs are quite healthy and could be removed, perhaps even stored in a refrigerator, and used for those needing them.

If this practice is to become common there is general agreement that the corpse must be truly dead; death being

certified by all known tests by two doctors who are quite unconnected with the transplant team.

### CHRISTIAN ATTITUDES

The Christian religion, like the Jewish, has always had a profound respect for the body. The body is created by God; Jesus Christ was incarnate in a human body. This includes respect for the dead body, as shown at Christian burial.

In the Creeds we speak about the resurrection of the body. We do not believe that God raises up the body which was buried in the grave or destroyed at the crematorium, but that God will grant us a new body, a spiritual body, in Christ. This is the teaching of St. Paul in I Corinthians 15.

Jesus taught us that to give was better than to receive; he laid down his life for us. Christians certainly have a duty to offer what they can to help others. For many years now Christians have considered that it is a laudable thing to volunteer as a donor of blood; they now have to consider whether they should not volunteer to offer an internal organ, if they died, say, in a motor car accident.

The elderly may consider it offensive to receive a transplant or to give an organ for transplantation. One can reassure them about both points; their elderly organs are too aged to be suitable for transplantation. Neither will they receive transplants; these will go only to those who are young and in the prime of life.

## HEART AFFAIRS

J. H. HARLEY WILLIAMS, O.B.E., M.D., D.Ph.,  
Director General, Chest and Heart Association

THE HUMAN HEART is prone to be regarded as the seat of courage, determination, the finer emotions, also fear, apathy and the grosser instincts. However, we are interested mainly in the heart as a pump, which keeps nine pints of blood continually in circulation.

In the repair or replacement of heart valves, damaged possibly by childhood rheumatic fever, an ingenious man-made pump takes over, enabling the surgeon to operate without pressure of time or danger to the patient. Many congenital (inborn) heart conditions can be completely cured by surgery, notably 'blue babies', thus described because their

blood is not properly oxygenated, and the so-called 'hole-in-the-heart' patients whose two heart chambers have failed to separate normally. Some cases of severe heart malformation are at present inoperable.

Recently, surgeons have begun to replace a badly diseased heart with a heart taken from another human body. This has raised enormous interest all over the world.

For a specially trained surgeon, putting in a substitute heart is not a difficult operation. However, we do not yet fully understand the 'rejection factor'. The



## The Pill, Abortion, Heart Transplants—

**Len Chaloner gives a lay  
person's point of view**

**I**N OUR RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD it is not easy to sort out the needs, or maintain our traditional values when we are faced with such current social problems as those involved with the 'pill', abortion, or heart transplants.

IDEALLY PERHAPS PROVISION FOR the first two would be unnecessary. As older, sensitive persons we may loathe the whole subject, but in the community we find around us what are the alternatives? As Christians we should not bury our heads in the sand, or just dismiss the subject. If an illegitimate child is born, anything that affects the mother affects her child who is involved in the experiences from the start and inevitably takes them into adult life and usually becomes bitter and a social outcast. The two people responsible for this child's existence failed to think of these things. How should we think

of them? Reluctantly we may feel forced to have a further look at the 'pill'.

Social workers find to their surprise that girls regularly taking the 'pill' are not the ones who are 'sleeping around', but are mainly those who are 'going steady', who are planning marriage. It is girls who 'sleep around' who do not bother with the 'pill', which they say lessens their sense of 'kicks', of risk and excitement.

DOUBTFUL THOUGH MANY PEOPLE still feel about contraceptive information and help being given to unmarried girls, further urgent reflection on the point must surely be given when we reach the tragic problems of so much abortion. Abortion is a terrible business however we look at it, and the feelings of revulsion experienced by some doctors and nurses at the constant repetition and the scale of these operations in their destruction of potential life, must surely be understandable. But for the persons involved it is the utter failure of their most urgent and self-deceiving hopes and dreams. The situation of accepting the operation can involve the kind of appalling heartbreak to the point of change of character that many unmarried mothers experience in parting with their babies for adoption.

human body has enormous power of 'rejection'.

The ethical side of transplantation is very important. The donor whose heart is being taken is entitled to some consideration after his death. His relatives, likewise the patient receiving the heart, must understand what is being proposed. And the community as a whole must be satisfied that the problems are being approached in the right way, with due regard for human feelings.

The Chest and Heart Association, Tavistock House North, London, W.C.1, has carefully assessed the human side of heart illness. A 2s. postal order will bring you a new booklet describing how relatives and friends can help the heart patient to benefit to the fullest extent from all the new medical skills and techniques, and a selection of their leaflets.

It is still too easy to overlook that in all these problems of deep personal relationship there are responsibilities for two people, not just one. Sex education and its social responsibilities is still given far more frequently in girls' schools than in boys'.

**THERE IS UNLIKELY TO BE UNANIMITY** of feeling about these problems. Perhaps the most controversial of all is the heart transplant operation.

Rejection of the donor's heart has been a leading difficulty. Yet we have also to recognise that this kind of thing has been associated with earlier operations like those involving the donation of kidneys, and today this operation is meeting with increasing success. It may well be that continued research will produce new solutions, either presently overcoming

rejection, or possibly extending the use of spare parts—like plastic valves—so that eventually the transplant of a donor's heart may become superseded.

At the back of all these questions lies public disquiet about donors and death: the feeling that we do not know what really happens about donors, or what does in fact constitute death. Newspaper accounts have not eased such misgivings and even doctors themselves are not unanimous in feeling that these operations should go forward without further research to be carried out. Perhaps the surgeons who already seek to appeal to the public to enable the operations to go on could help to allay the feelings of doubt and anxiety by themselves officially recording their own names as potential donors.

## SATELLITE'S MISSION

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# PLACE TO VISIT - KIRKSTALL ABBEY

The Rev. Rex E. Booth

**Y**ORKSHIRE ABOUNDS IN ANCIENT abbeys and priories. The interested historian or casual tourist will find the most accessible to be Kirkstall Abbey. Situated in Leeds, in the heart of the West Riding, it gives its name to the surrounding suburb. It is only ten minutes ride from the city centre, and stands on the edge of the main Leeds-Ilkley road.

With the River Aire flowing beneath its walls, the ruined Abbey is strikingly impressive. Its remains show a considerable amount of twelfth century workmanship, and its grounds are as well kept as any park.

**T**HE CISTERCIAN MONKS FIRST came to Kirkstall on May 19th, 1152. They dedicated the Monastery they started to build, after their arrival from Barnoldswick, to the Virgin Mary.

The Abbey they founded led a full and active life until its dissolution in 1539. The monks played a very important part in the life of Yorkshire, particularly in the development of the wool trade. The Cistercian monks were the first group to see and exploit the possibilities of an export trade in wool, and were England's most powerful group of wool growers until the fourteenth century. They produced wool of an extremely fine quality, and were among the first to sort their wool into three grades to facilitate easier handling.

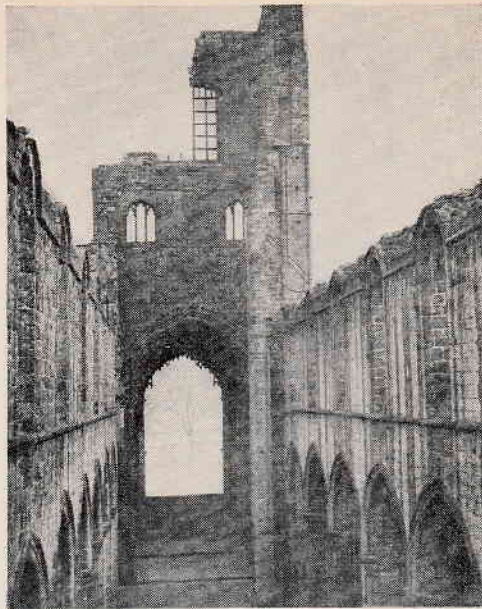


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**M**ANY DOCUMENTS RELATING TO these prosperous years can be seen in the very fine Abbey House Museum, opposite the Abbey. This museum is built about the remains of the Abbey Gatehouse. On display are documents, dated in the twelfth century, authorising grants of land to the monks from the local land owners.

The Monks of Kirkstall were active in other spheres of industry and commerce. There is evidence that pottery manufacture was carried on in the Abbey from the twelfth century. It is believed that the adjacent Kirkstall Forge may have been founded by the Kirkstall Monks.

The Wibsey Horse Fair, in Bradford, is still held annually. It was founded by the Monks of Kirkstall.

**T**WO PLACES IN PARTICULAR IN THE Abbey afford the visitor special interest, since their names recall their functions in the past. The Chapter House is the place where each morning the monks gathered for a public reading of a chapter from the rule of

St. Benedict. At the same time the internal and disciplinary business of the Abbey was conducted. The Warming House was the only place in the Abbey where heating was available (apart from the fires in the kitchens). It was to this room that the monks came to get warm during the hard northern winters.

**T**HE CISTERCIAN ORDER CONTAINED then, as now, two types of brethren. There were choir monks, who were literate and became teachers, writers, and copyists in the community. There were also lay

brethren, who were illiterate and whose work was mainly manual. They wore different coloured habits. The latter were members of the order and not servants.

**C**ONSIDERABLE EXCAVATIONS HAVE been carried out in the Kirkstall grounds for the past decade or so, and archaeological discoveries made there are on show in the Museum.

No one with an interest in the history of the Church could fail to spend an enjoyable hour in this particular part of Yorkshire's great historical heritage.

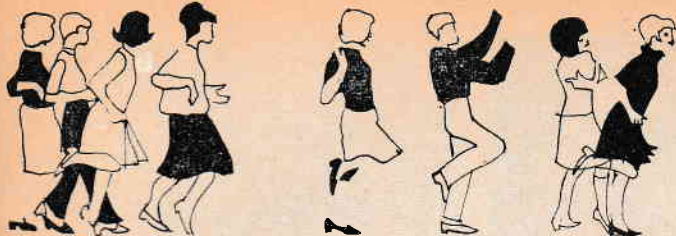
## *Praise*



*Mid-day at Chapel Stile, in the parish of Great Langdale*  
Photo: R. W. A. Swain.

Our thanks we give for miraculous spring  
 With its beauty of life reborn;  
 For young of all kind, thanksgiving we bring  
 Sensing hope for this world sin-worn.  
 We thank Thee, God, for Thy gift of the sun,  
 And the wonder of summer flowers,  
 We thank Thee too for cool rivers that run,  
 And fleeting, fresh'ning showers.  
 For autumn's great glory we offer our praise,  
 Look long, and store mem'ries anew;  
 Who but Thee could'st so enrichen our gaze  
 On displays of such rare-splendour'd hue?  
 Thank Thee, O God, for giving winter to earth,  
 For it has its stark beauty to bring.  
 Blest Season of all! 'Twas the time of the Birth,  
 So with paens of praise let men sing.

*Rebecca Cook*



## Be Glad

"Now is the month of May"—of all months the most lovely and heart warming. The skies are high and blue; the sun shines warm and bright; trees, hedges, fields and gardens grow splendid in their fresh beauty and richness; the birds sing and rush merrily around in their home-making. Should we not be glad?

May also is rich in those days which can help and kindle our devotion and spiritual growth. The very first day of May is St. Philip and St. James' Day—with its searching gospel (St. John 14): "Let not your heart be troubled . . . I go to prepare a place for you . . . that where I am ye may be also . . . I am the way, the truth and the life . . ." Who can stop and study these words without feeling horizons lifting, a wider, greater world, a new call to following our Lord? Then comes Rogation Sunday (May 3rd). If St. Philip and St. James' Day, Ascension Day (May 7th) and Whit Sunday (May 17th) take our thoughts and devotion right out of the ordinary everyday, then Rogation Day keeps our feet on this earth, thinking of the growing crops—and yet it also helps us to see nature and growth as all part of God's world and God's work. Be glad—and a glad May to you.

## Our World

The reading of our daily newspapers does not bring much gladness. In preparing for a sermon on "Our World and Ourselves" recently I took the trouble over several days to cut out the goings-on in our world. It soon became a depressing exercise—bitterness, wrangling, greed, strikes, a police murder, a lot about abortion and abortion clinics, drug addicts, crime. In this world where do we Christians stand? A people with a quality of living and a lively message of life, deeply willing to help—or a pathetic minority huddling our faith, our services, our churches?

## "Weak-Kneed, Watery, Powerless"

In these devastating terms has the Billy Graham, London, office director, Maurice Rowlandson, spoken of British radio

religion. When "pirate" radio was functioning, he says, and accepting religious broadcasts "so popular did these programmes become that at least one 'Pause for Prayer' was offered more and more time at less expense . . . the B.B.C. has resolutely refused to accept a similar programme . . . our middle-class, churchy speech makes the simple Gospel difficult to understand". What do you think? Write to: The Editor, Cathedral Office, Bury St. Edmunds.

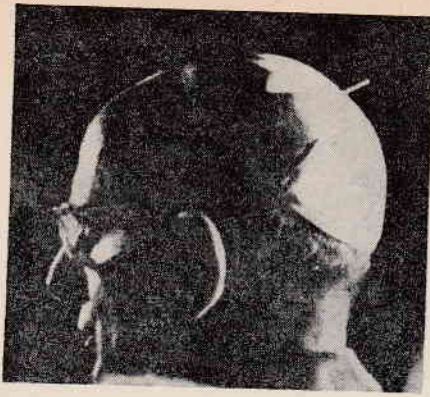
## Come and Help

The Bishop of Wakefield (Dr. Eric Treacy), writing in a recent issue of his *Diocesan News*, says: "We bishops and clergy are worried men, and we are often left to get on with it on our own.

"The work of the parish priest these days is not easy. So many of his securities have gone. It is a heartbreaking business to battle with the indifference of the community; to minister to decreasing congregations; to see, as is often the case, his parish pulled down around him to fulfil the dream of some remote planner; to live within the atmosphere of growing hostility to the Christian faith."

## Renewal

Any lively and concerned Christian is deeply aware — as the outside world is—that we are not really cutting ice. Organisations are set up whose aim is Christian renewal; the churches struggle with their systems, liturgies, services and plant to help towards renewal. Many will agree with the comment in *New Christian*, January 8th, 1970: "May it not be that the real work waiting to be initiated involves penetration beneath the surface of church and social reform to the source of renewal, namely a deeper commitment to Christ? Daily it becomes more apparent that the real malady afflicting the Church is not theological or structural archaism—these are only symptoms—but the lack of personal, individual commitment to him who is the source of its life and the goal of all its striving. Until there is a renewal of commitment it seems impossible for the shape of the Church's corporate life or the quality of its witness to be radically changed."



Pope Paul



Dr. Horace King

## In Deep Trouble

The Pope recently has spoken pessimistically "of the tribulation of the Church and of bitterness for us". Clearly the question of retaining compulsory celibacy, now heightened by the demand for each priest to give an annual pledge of allegiance to celibacy, and the Pope's statement "The sacred celibacy of priests is a capital law in our Church. One cannot abandon or even discuss it. This would be a step backwards". Yet the R.C. Church in Holland through its properly appointed Council has almost unanimously voted to allow for a married priesthood. The R.C. clergy of West Canada have likewise voted by a large majority in favour of relaxing this rule. Even in Italy in one area, Pozzuoli, it is reported that 66 out of 67 priests have voted against compulsory celibacy.

Within Italy itself there is considerable political tension against the Church, which it is hinted is using all its pressure to prevent divorce legislation, so far denied in Italy. There is reported certain unrest within the Church in Italy. Last year after the appearance of an apostolic visitor in the Archdiocese of Bologna, the liberal minded Cardinal Lercaco was

told to leave. An apostolic visitor is now going to the Archdiocese of Ravenna, whose archbishop is a liberal and is supposed to have offended local conservative opinion, because he has not been outspoken on the current issues of celibacy, divorce and State and Church relations. How far removed—and dangerously if not disastrously removed—from the hopeful days of Pope John and Vatican II.

## Election

The Speaker of the House of Commons, Dr. Horace King, M.P., addressing the annual lunch of the Religious Weekly Press Group, told of the vicar who prepared for every eventuality in an election. If the Tories won he would appoint the hymn: "Now thank we all our God"; if Labour: "O God, our help in ages past"; and, if Liberal: "God moves in a mysterious way".

## Naive Optimism

Dr. Glyn Simon, Archbishop of Wales, in his diocesan leaflet has chided "the naive optimism of our social reformers who suppose that a bit of education and a couple of Acts of Parliament will put the matter right". The new Gaming Act has led to more gambling, more casinos; Abortion Reform to more abortions. There was now the effort to repeal the Obscene Publications Act. Certain interests were making vast profits. Where lies the remedy?

The Duke of Edinburgh, speaking at King's College on the dilemma, comes to the point:

"To make life tolerable and indeed possible for intelligent man there must be some criterion of right and wrong, some positive motivation, some vision of an ideal, some beckoning inspiration."

Christians have, over the centuries, witnessed by their lives that they had found these very things in Christ. But today?



Let's go Dutch



Canon Kenneth Jones

## VISIT TO AMERICA

Canon Kenneth Jones, Vicar of St. John's Church, Hove, tells of 6 months spent on the staff of a U.S. Cathedral—and of a Parish Conference which made its mark.

**WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO.** With a determined air and jutting jaw, Willard F. Kitts, prominent Albuquerque lawyer and dedicated Episcopalian, told St. John's Cathedral congregation of the tasks ahead of them after a lively and well-supported Parish Conference in September 1969. To quote an Albuquerque newspaper, "this was no ordinary conference": it was a "happening" and its repercussions will be felt around the Cathedral for years to come.

This story of my discovery that Episcopalians are not much better but certainly no worse than Anglicans begins with the last Lambeth Conference. Bishop Kinsolving of New Mexico spent a week-end in our Hove vicarage and, as a result, a six-months exchange programme was arranged.

### Cathedral Congregation

We arrived, 6th June 1969, in Albuquerque, a city of 300,000 people, and I began my duties as a residentiary canon of St. John's Cathedral on 8th June. Every Sunday there is a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m. followed by Sung Eucharist at 9.15 a.m. and again at 11 a.m.; the parishioners meet in the Hall for coffee before and after every service. There is no Evensong on Sundays: the daily offices are not said and prior to the parish conference there were no weeknight activities. There are many women's guilds who indulge themselves innocuously in pointless pur-

suits but no-one says—"Lord, teach us how to pray aright!"

The people who came to the Cathedral are typical of the Episcopalians we met in that they are largely middle-class, extremely kind and hospitable to a degree. Out in the "boon-docks" (wilderness areas), up at Los Alamos Atomic Energy Centre (where Ph.D's are two-a-penny), down to the oilfield of Hobbs (where you can stand on a soap-box and see for two days!), everywhere we had the same warm-hearted reception: an American characteristic richly inlaid with Christian love. The fact that they know little and do less about affairs beyond their borders is hardly their fault when leadership is so little in evidence.

### Episcopalian Nightmares

The draft, Vietnam, Black Power and rural poverty are horrors that bring conscience-smitten churchpeople out in cold sweats at night and cause near-hysteria in Episcopalian conventions.

Some take the ultimate sanction of withdrawing their pledges while others stop going to church. The majority agonise over the right decisions. I saw few parishes where people are well-informed on these issues.

An even bigger factor contributing to sleepless nights might be the lack of communication between parishes and National HQ at 815 Second Avenue, New York. The Episcopalian Church has a remarkable network of deliberative groups which seem well

designed for arresting decision making, evading responsibility and trapping ideas in a web of inaction.

### Prayer and Planning

So St. John's Cathedral members welcomed the prospect of a Parish Conference to examine how best to proclaim the Gospel in Albuquerque through their worship and work. Three months were spent in parochial prayer and planning for the four successive nights of intensive conference activity. A group of laymen came up with this prayer for daily use:—

"Heavenly Father, we humbly pray that you may grant us the grace to be more in thy image so that we may look upon our fellow-beings with love and compassion."

This was how enthusiasm spread through the parish: a spirit-filled

group set alight in the hearts of parishioners a burning zeal to seek and do the Will of God. The Parish Conference provided a platform for all views to be heard and from it emerged a nine-months programme of study and service leading to further action.

### Hard Work

The people of Jerusalem rebuilt the city in Nehemiah's day because "the people had a mind to work." So in Albuquerque the Cathedral members know they have a lot of work to do and are eager to get on with it.

The last word comes in a quote from Archbishop Temple—"if the parochial clergy are lethargic, indolent and worldly the church they represent suffers: if they have vision, holiness and zeal the church will grow strong in influence."

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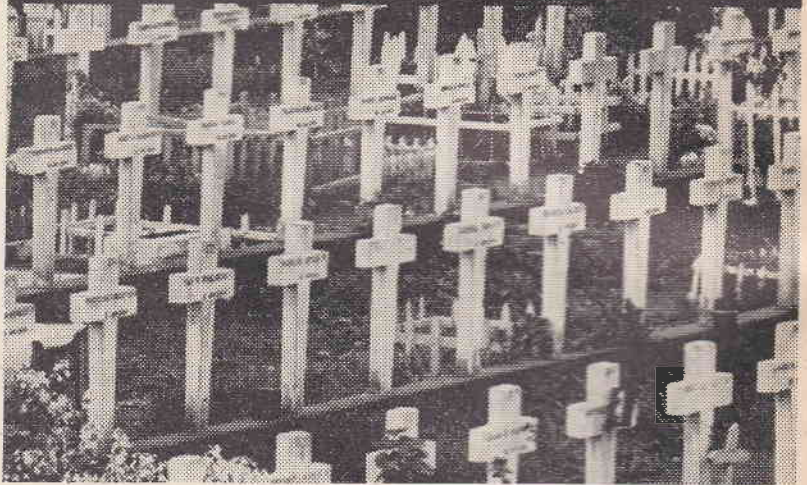
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# Do we care?

David Attfield

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**EVERYONE SAYS THIS IS** a permissive age, as never before in history, in which we are free to do what we like. No longer does the law or the state, Church or tradition, parents or teachers tell us what to do. We have to grow up and make up our own minds and decide for ourselves what is right. Christians today have to be the grown-up children of God.

Thus when we consider the Pill and abortion, as we do this month in *Church News*, what should be our basic value? I suggest *care for persons*. Christians can take up this principle because they believe God made men in His own image as persons. Christ showed in teaching and healing God's care for persons.

Non-Christians may adopt the same yardstick because at least in the unembittered young it is natural and spontaneous to care. Thank God, whatever their religious or political opinions, young people today care as never before and go on *Charity Walks*, work for *V.S.O.*, do *Community Service*.

So if we care for persons, should we use the Pill? Married couples care for each other and their children. There is a limit to the number of offspring mothers and fathers can properly love and provide for. The Pill then is one way to care by limiting the family, while still being free to make love. Yet there is the well-known risk of thrombosis and depression as side-effects of the Pill. So deep care for persons may doubt the use of the Pill—and suggest other ways of loving, other forms of contraception.

What of people who are not married to each other but who feel the urge to express their love in sex—is the Pill for them? Real care and affection and honour always respects the other person, whatever the pressure we feel, and therefore it is wise to avoid those situations where we know we may be over-tempted. For those who cannot resist, then taking the Pill may be a sign of care, for at least the tragedy and misery of the unmarried mother and her unwanted baby can thus be prevented. Yet for a man and a woman who really are in love and want



to enjoy each other, then genuine commitment—marriage—is surely the better way.

And if marriage is impossible now or later, and if the couple care for persons so much that only the best will do, then chastity must surely be a deeper form of caring than bedding after swallowing the Pill. Temporary love, as a short interval in a life of sleeping around, may seem a kind of loving, made safe by modern means—but anyone with knowledge of these things will tell you how poor and shoddy it is and how destructive it can be of all that love richly is. This isn't caring for persons in all their infinite mystery!

Abortion is surely a shocking thing, and one of the cruellest scars of our demoralised society. And with abortion there is surely the third person to care about as well as the pair themselves. Any doctor will tell us in what senses the embryo at three months is a person and in what senses it is not. And in case it is a person — and can we be sure it is not? — then we may well rediscover our nobility and goodness by giving the foetus the benefit of the doubt and so care for it as a person in the making.

Adoption or an extra mouth to feed is far preferable to killing what is going to be a child. Sometimes, of course, there may be a danger to mother's health or sanity and this may make abortion the lesser evil.

True living offers no easy answers. But, if we are given to prayer, may we pray that the God who cares for every sparrow and every hair of our heads, may teach us to care. And even if we cannot pray, at least we can seek to care for others as much as we care for ourselves.

Mary Andere asks:

# Who is the Church?

**TODAY THE CHURCH IS LARGELY** under fire, and in the forefront facing the barrage stand the clergy! A good deal is said about "the meaning of the Church", "the nature of the Church", etc. — and very little, we might note, about the Person of Jesus! Yet take Him out of the picture, so to speak, and precious little remains . . . which may be what is wrong to-day . . . !

**BUT ONE POINT SEEMS CONFUSED.** "Who is the Church?" Usually the answer implies the clergy and ecclesiastical set-up in the various denominations, and "it's all up to them!" But the truth is the Church is composed of "the people of God", comprising clergy and laity! Every Christian is meant to be an evangelist, a representative of Christ in his own sphere of life. Many would say that we are all "called to be priests and kings" unto the Lord, and this is basic truth. Wherever no ordained member of a Church is present, there you and I are "the Church" on every occasion. The mantle of Elijah may be a bit on the large side for us, but we are meant to gather it up and wear it . . .



*The Archbishop addressing the Convocation of Canterbury*

**REMEMBERING THIS, WE WILL ALSO** learn to be less harsh in criticism and condemnation of the clergy! We'll know how difficult it sometimes is to proclaim truth and love faithfully, as Jesus sees it, in the middle of a trade dispute, or in social gatherings where questionable dealings may be discussed and applauded, or even, as so frequently happens, where the name of God is merely an expletive. We'll know then it's not always easy to indicate firmly that we are on the Lord's side — and it may make us more compassionate in our attitude to the clergy.

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## DEPRESSING READING

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The new report from the Council for Women's Ministry in the Church (C.A. 1758—S.P.C.K. 1/-) makes depressing reading on many counts—"reduction in number of responsible posts at diocesan level" for women; "glaring anomalies from one place to another in what women are allowed to do", while "educational calibre of those offering for service is rising (I really wondered how they measured it), the total number of such women continues to decline". "The

Church has yet to learn how to make the best professional use of married women."

The report then goes on—"as the Church has not decided on the ordination of women or even on the future of the diaconate—what can the Council for Women's Ministry do, for only when these two questions have been faced and answered in one way or another will it be possible to see clearly how women can participate more fully in the ministry of the Church":

who, basically, were ordinary laity called to a special office . . .

IF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROCLAIMING the gospel were accepted by us instead of left always to clergy, wouldn't it make more impact on the world? Those with whom we have to deal will often listen more willingly to us than to them. What we are is known to them, and our beliefs will be assessed in that light . . . It makes us stop and think! If our lives bear inspection and are in any degree admirable, the butcher and baker may listen when they wouldn't listen to clergy. All initially want to feel that Christianity works in the lives of ordinary people, not just on the word of those "paid to do the job!"

IT'S NOT SO MUCH THE DOCTRINE of the Church (important though that is ultimately) that we must know but the power and presence of Jesus.

ONLY THOSE WHO THEMSELVES KNOW the Lord Jesus Christ in their own experience can truly help others to Him. And this is really the task of "the Church" — of us all — not arguments about ritual and dogma, but leading men to Jesus Christ, the Light and Life of the world.

Can you, do you, do this? If you can't, then be a little compassionate towards that part of the Church called "the clergy", who may also be having the same difficulty . . . ! Or perhaps, if you "seek to find", then you may even be able to help others to this reality, to the joy of those who truly "have been with Jesus" . . . Who knows?

## Recipes

Cold drinks are always acceptable on a hot summer's day—and we hope we will have plenty such days again this year! Iced tea is deliciously refreshing, served in a sparkling long glass after gardening, or when just lazing . . .

**Iced Teas:** Make a pot of strong Cey-



## CANINE FRIEND

You little old mongrel bitch,  
You oddest, ugliest member of your kind,  
You sorry foundling, cowering in a ditch,  
What put the need to own you in my mind?

You little old mongrel bitch,  
You queer ungainly bundle, half-pint size,  
What gave you power to make my  
heart-strings twitch  
With all that sorrow, love and beauty in  
your eyes?

You little old mongrel bitch,  
You 'sport', you 'other breed', you  
canine freak,  
What made us reach our present pitch  
Where wordless, mind unto mind we speak?

You little old mongrel bitch,  
The same power makes my neighbour  
brother

As makes your life and mine so rich,  
That made Him die and live again who said,  
"Love one another". W. B. Harvey

lon tea, or Ceylon and Indian mixed, and let it brew for five minutes. Half fill a tall glass with ice cubes and then top up with the prepared tea poured through a strainer. Sweeten to taste with sugar syrup, for which a recipe is given below.

**Iced Lemon Tea**— Put one dessert-spoonful fresh lemon juice into a tall glass. Add ice cubes and top up with freshly brewed and strained tea. Sweeten to taste. Garnish with a slice of lemon and sprig of fresh mint.

**Iced Lime Tea**— Put one dessert-spoon pure lime juice into glass and add the ice cubes and tea and garnish with a slice of fresh lime or lemon.

**Iced Orange Tea**— Put one dessert-spoon fresh orange juice into glass and add ice cubes and tea etc. For garnish use a slice of orange.

**Sugar Syrup:** Boil up 4 oz. sugar and  $\frac{1}{4}$  pint water for a minute. Pour into a bottle and keep on the shelf for sweetening cold drinks.

For those who still prefer their tea hot, a cup of Ceylon, or China tea, served with a slice of lemon and no milk, is equally refreshing.



**Your Letters . . .**

**Anglican-Methodism**

Sir,  
I read in "Church News" (Jan. issue) of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. One does wonder however why a remark was made in this paragraph anent the Anglican-Methodist Set-Back last year! Has everyone conveniently forgotten that prayers were offered before this voting for reunion—quite right and desirable—and the result of the voting was against reunion!

**Beckenham**

Why is this completely ignored? And if it is then it makes a remarkable lack of faith in "prayer". May I suggest that all who do not agree with reunion of Methodist/Anglican Churches are not misguided of necessity and certainly not insincere! So many who have dissented have a very real wish to preserve the discipline and validity of our Church's Sacraments. There are those (who receive little or no hearing) who feel just as strongly that what really matters is not so much of an all-get-together plan but an all-round effort by individual Churches to convert those who have no belief. Unity will not fill empty seats in church. What is wrong with worshipping God in the way which best fills each individual's needs? Frankly a non-conformist service or a "watered down" Church service to accommodate does no good, nor does it help any individual.

But what puzzles me most of all as an ordinary church-goer is the lack of belief in the power and wisdom of prayer.

To call a defeated vote after prayer a "setback" surely has a moral somewhere!

Yours sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Olive Ball.

**Empty Churches**

Sir,  
In York I read a year or so ago that because people were moving out to live in the suburbs the town churches would be closed and others built in the new centres. We are seeing this in Lincoln also. P. J. Jacobs in his article "Only behind brick walls" realises that repetitive services bore many of us, including teenagers. I add another reason why people do not attend: the set time of the service, the hour and a half before it expires, getting dressed ready, changing back, etc.

**Ingham**

If people live out of town they certainly work in town and have a lunch hour to walk around in and that is when our town churches should be open with music and prayers for people to come in for five minutes or half an hour and go out refreshed. Why not open the doors of the town churches and let the music stream out and the people in?

Yours sincerely,  
H. R. Taylor.

**Gibraltar**

Sir,  
In connection with the first article in the February issue of "Church News" you may like to have the following information:

**St. Leonards-on-Sea**

The famed preacher George Whitefield left England for Georgia on February 2, 1738. On

his way, he spent a fortnight at Gibraltar, where he discovered a Religious Society of soldiers, founded some 12 years earlier by "Sergeant B", who was still there. They met in the Church "three times a day to pray, read, and sing psalms, and at any other season when they pleased". He joined them at their devotions and was greatly impressed by their behaviour as were they by his preaching. This, of course, carries one back to about 1726, long before there was any Methodism. Sergeant "B" must have owed his inspiration to one of the Religious Societies founded in the previous century in England by Horneck, Woodward, etc.

See L. Tyerman, "The Life of the Reverend George Whitefield" (1876) Vol. 1, pp. 119-122; and my own "Voluntary Religious Societies. 1520-1799" (1963) p. 173, etc.

Yours sincerely,  
F. W. B. Bullock.

**God's Creatures**

Sir,  
No doubt you read in the press about the number of animals that were abandoned over the Christmas period, and are abandoned or taken to be destroyed at holiday times. In some small measure could not the Church of England help to bring home to people that all these creatures are God's creations. If the Church throughout the land could arrange to have Animal Sundays or Pets' Services just once in a while, and allow children and adults to take their pets to the Church for God's blessing, this would perhaps in some small way instil into people's minds (even those who don't attend the service) that animals are not toys to be dispensed with when they grow tired of them or are inconvenient.

Yours faithfully,  
(Miss) Alma Adams.

Sir,

**Elstree**

The time is long overdue for the Church of England, and other denominations, to pronounce its condemnation of the exploitation of animals in our so-called Christian society.

There are "Animals' Belsens" in factory farming; there is torture in the capture and training of circus animals, and life-imprisonment in tiny cages of noble beasts in travelling fairs. There is the inhumane slaughter of seals, the loathsome badger dig, and the hunting of hares, foxes and deer.

The animal kingdom should be under man's protection and not his destruction. I would like to see leaflets covering all the aspects of cruelty to animals put on notice boards in every Church.

Yours sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Eva Doherty.

Sir,

**Norwich**

The medical profession will never be able to free mankind from pain while they employ methods which cause pain to other living beings. This is the inexorable and just law of the universe.

Yours sincerely,  
A. L. Edwards.

Sir,

**East Dean**

It is the duty of Christians to oppose any kind of cancer research which involves abominable cruelty to God's animal creation.

Yours sincerely,  
H. Harman.

The Editor acknowledges many letters on this subject which now regrettably must be closed.

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of the status quo, the pre-occupation with paperwork, and slow progress towards reunion—and together with this a love of our dear old Anglican Church, with its spirit of worship, pastoral opportunities and privileges, and all that goes up to make the seasonal round of the Church's year.

The problem is to keep both in balance.

“God grant that we may have courage to change what needs to be changed; patience to accept what cannot be changed; and wisdom to discern between the two.”

Finally to the Vicar and parish of All Saints, Highfield, we send our sincere wishes and offer our prayers as they celebrate their Diamond Jubilee on May 29th.

Yours sincerely,



P.S. Have you bought your New English Bible yet?

### **CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH**

Easter Party for Junior Children. Saturday, May 2nd, 3.30 p.m. — 6.0 p.m.

### **OVER 60's CLUB**

Easter Morning Market: Thank you everyone who helped with and supported this effort: Result: £40.

Mr. Posie—the “Music-maker” is taking the Club to the bulb-fields in May, and through the generosity of Mr. & Mrs. Weeks of the Jack Russell and their friends, all the Club will be entertained to tea during the outing.

Annual Rogation Day Service for Over 60's Club: Sunday, May 3rd. 6.30 p.m.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT ST. NICHOLAS!

### **THE MOTHERS' UNION AND THE CHURCH OVERSEAS**

Mrs. Carter draws our attention to some facts about Mothers' Union support for the Church Overseas, which were contained in a recent letter to the Church Times:

“Over £90,000 is raised by the Mothers' Union which covers our commitments to overseas. This work includes the training of wives of ordinands in Africa, and similar work in the Brides Schools in India, and Christian Education and Leadership in South Africa. One hundred and sixteen women church workers are fully supported, eighty-seven of these are nationals. This fact is important.

The Oxford Diocese Mothers' Union is linked with the Diocese of Owerri, and Miss Waddington, the M.U. Worker, has recently returned to Biafra from England to continue her work among the families in that area. In many other parts of the world Mothers' Union workers are involved in Social Welfare and Educational Work to help improve family life in emerging countries.

Last year the Oxford Diocese Mothers' Union raised over £2,000 towards work overseas — more than it spends on running its work in the Diocese. In addition a similar sum has been donated by M.U. Branches and Young Wives Groups to buy a Land Rover for a worker in the Far East. This is enough to pay for the Land Rover together with all customs duties and transportation expenses.

#### THANKS :

- To the W.I. for a donation of £6 12s. 6d. towards the repair of the green chair covers in the Church Hall.
- Also to the Young Wives Group who have lined the curtains which they provided for the Hall, thus making them opaque — a great advantage to those showing transparencies during the daylight hours.

#### THE CLOCK OF LIFE

In view of recent publicity in the press over the matter of the Church Clock the following little verse may be of interest :

“ The Clock of Life is wound but once  
And no man has the power  
To say just when the hands will stop  
At late or early hour.  
NOW is the only time we own  
To do His precious will  
Do not wait until tomorrow  
For the clock may then be still.”

#### “ ACT NOW ! ”

Have you signed up yet for the C.M.S. Annual Rally at the Metropolitan Tabernacle — Elephant and Castle, London, May 5th at 8 p.m. The bus will leave Marston at 5.30 p.m. — all-in fare (including special entrance ticket) is 15/-. Join us for a “ varied, fast-moving, programme ; first hand reports on mission today's hungry, divided world ; corporate praise and prayer.” See notice in Church porch.

#### MORTIMER HALL

- (a) ENTERTAINMENT OF DANCING — On Wednesday evening, 27th May at 6.30 p.m. the children of Miss Legge's School of Dancing are presenting an Entertainment in the Village Hall in aid of the Village Hall Extension. Tickets available from members of the Hall Management Committee and from Miss Legge, price 3/-.
- (b) SUMMER FETE — A Fete in aid of the Village Hall Extension Fund will be held on the Recreation Ground and in the Hall on the afternoon of Saturday, 6th June, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Amongst the usual attractions will be a roundabout and swings arranged by Mr. Hebborn and a Push-Ball competition organised by Marston Saints F.C. between teams drawn from those competing in the Schoolboys' Sunday Leagues. It is hoped that this event will raise a good sum of money so that the outstanding debt on the completed extension can quickly be cleared.

N.B. CONFIRMATION SESSION I after 10 a.m. service on June 7th.

## CHURCH & LOCAL CLUBS, SOCIETIES, ETC.

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O. J. Lodge, The Flat, 15 Mill Lane, Old Marston.  
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