

Marston times

PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT NICHOLAS

"Heigho! Come to the Fair!"

Well, it'll soon be here and Fathers and Mothers will be dragged through the throng and asked to shell out for 'just another ride on the aerial torpedo', or to join their youngsters in being whirled round the inside of a giant barrel to experience weightlessness at a much cheaper price than the astronauts. Still it's all good fun, and I love to walk through the Fair in the evening just to see the glorious old traditional roundabout, with its shining brass poles, multi-coloured horses, bright lights and superb mechanical organ.

The astonishing thing is to walk through St. Giles the day after the Fair. Not a wagon, not a booth, not even a candy floss stick or a stray potato crisp bag is in evidence. It is as if the Fair was only a dream.

Two years ago I found myself walking up the steps of the Abbey Church of St. Giles in Provence, named after the patron of our Fair. No-one knows his exact dates, but the likelihood is that he lived in the 8th century and originally came from Athens. He became a hermit and lived on herbs and the milk of a hind. The legend says that during one of the king's hunting expeditions, the huntsmen came upon

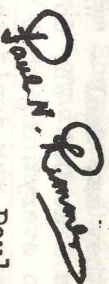
the hind and chased it into Giles' cave. In order to protect it, Giles stood at the cave entrance and the arrow, intended for the hind, pierced him. If you go to St. Giles' you'll find the legend carved on the impressive doorway. The legend goes on to say that the king was so impressed with St. Giles' holiness, that he built him an abbey on condition that he became the Abbot.

In England he became such a popular Saint that 160 churches were dedicated to him and he was regarded as the patron saint of cripples, beggars and blacksmiths.

By a strange coincidence, Christians have been asked to remember the cause of Wild Life on Sunday, 5th September.

In the words of Coleridge:-

"He prayeth well, who loveth well
Both man and bird and beast.
He prayeth best, who loveth best
All things both great and small;
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all."



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'THEM AND US'

AN ARTICLE ON RELATIONSHIPS IN INDUSTRY

By the Rev. A. W. Williamson, Worker-priest at B.L.M.C., Cowley

A Morris Marina by the Font and a tape-recorder playing extracts from two songs from "My Fair Lady", were both part of the Industrial Sunday Service at St. Luke's, Cowley, this year.

I used the songs - Professor Higgins singing "Why can't a woman be like a man" and Eliza Doolittle replying, "I can do bloody well without you" - to illustrate the theme of my sermon that Industrial Relations are simply one area of human relations, and so as Christians we need to think what "loving our neighbour as ourselves" means in industry.

Unfortunately there are still too many people who think of industry in terms of a feudal family, where the head of the family makes all decisions for the good of all; where he personally knows all members of his family and is concerned with their individual welfare; and where all the family know, respect and love their leader, and thus accept any task he may call on them to perform. For good or ill there are very few industrial establishments where it is physically possible to have such personal relationships, and so it is essential that we think realistically about the situation in which we live, where many thousands of men and women work in one factory, and where an organisation like B.L.M.C. can employ nearly 200,000 people.

Members of management may well wish that everyone saw issues the way they see them; echoing Professor Higgins, they may feel - "Why can't the men be like us? Why do they have to do everything that their stewards say - why don't they do what their managers say instead?"

On the other hand, union members, perhaps seeing management as responsible for one industrial crisis after another; certainly bombarded with platitudes from both press and management; urged to work harder for the good of the country when they are on short time or facing redundancy through lack of work; may feel along with Eliza Doolittle, "We can do bloody well without you."

How then can we approach human relations in industry? We must accept first of all that there are many related but separate interests and objectives which must be maintained in some kind of equilibrium. The main objective may well be the

production of goods, but since there are now so many different types of goods that could be produced, so many different ways to produce them, and different places in which they could be produced, no-one is willing to sacrifice everything to 'productivity' or economic performance.

And so we have no alternative but to respect and try to understand the position of other groups. A firm must be profitable, but too great an emphasis on profit can be inhuman. All groups accept that there must be give and take - but they will react if they think that they (and therefore their families' standard of living) are being asked to give too much and to take too little. Ideal prescriptions give way to compromise, which is of the very essence of human relations.

If good human relations were easy to achieve, there would be no need for social workers, marriage guidance counsellors, etc. In industry practically everyone realises that mutual agreement is essential for good relations and profitable production; many are striving hard over very long hours to achieve and maintain this mutual agreement in the midst of quickly changing circumstances. They need our support and encouragement.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Is your child now three?

Then now is the time for you to bring him or her to the Sunday School Nursery Group which meets at 11.15 a.m. every Sunday morning at the Mortimer Hall. This group is especially designed for children aged 3-5 years.

Other groups cater for all children through to confirmation. The Kindergarten group for 5-8 year olds and the Juniors for 8-11 year olds meet at 11.15 a.m. at the Church Hall. The Confirmation School and Crossbearers meet at 10 a.m. in the Church Hall and join in the Parish Communion the first Sunday in the month.

New members are welcome in all groups, even if they have never attended Sunday School before.

ST. NICHOLAS-TIDE FAYRE
SATURDAY DECEMBER 4th.

festival of light

LONDON SEPT. 25TH.

If you're fed up with porn. on the stage, or the publicity given to the magazine "OZ", which translates into graphic cartoons the lewd fantasies of a retarded adolescent. If you're sick to death of being regarded as not 'with it', because you don't want sex and violence by the shovelful on T.V. . . . then go along to St. Aldate's Church on Sunday, 12th September at 8 p.m. and learn about the National Festival of Light in which Christians of all denominations are asked to join in a march from Trafalgar Square to Hyde Park on 25th September. Special trains will be run from Oxford to London, and there will be special speakers at the Rally, which is backed by everyone from Bishops to popstars. Leaflets are available and on the week previous it is planned to have everything from a National Day of Prayer to Nationwide Beacons of Light - the age-old warning when Britain was threatened by evil hordes, as it is now by the muck-rakers.

Sign the list in the Church porch if you want to go on the special train, but in any case, remember the after Church meeting at St. Aldate's on Sunday, 12th September, at 8 p.m.

THE BELLS OF MARSTON

Marston and its bells are world famous, for the Tower held the world record for ringing on five-bell towers. Not at last, after saving for years and by numerous efforts, our ringers have raised enough money to instal a sixth bell. A faculty has been granted and work will start in the near future. Congratulations Roy Jones, Alex Gammon and all faithful ringers, young and old, who have made this fine achievement possible!

'HELP! WE NEED SOMEBODY!'

Marston County Youth Club goes from strength to strength. From a membership of 12, four years ago, there are now over 100 names on the list, with an average weekly attendance of between 70 and 80 young people.

The Club itself is organised mainly by the members, with guidance from a small team of volunteers headed by Mr. Peter Sargeant. It is a place and a time to meet people; listen to records or the Group formed from within the Club; to play table-tennis, billiards, badminton or chess; to drink coffee or coke; and to chat!

MONDAY NIGHTS
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A permanent helper is urgently needed.

Offers of help to present the young people with new ideas or interesting projects at one of their meetings would be welcomed.

For further information please contact Mr. P. Sargeant,
2 Windsor Crescent, Marston.

'WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE!'

"Ham and egg supper in aid of the Church" read the notice-board. A Hen and a Pig walked by and the Hen looked up and said: "Well, at least mine was a free-will offering."
"Yours may have been" replied the Pig, "but mine was sacrificial giving."

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THE NEW WHITE BUILDING ON THE HILL

The large white building on the hill above Marston has now become a distinctive landmark from several vantage points north of Oxford. It is the first phase of the New Oxford Teaching Hospital on the Manor House site and contains the Hospital Maternity Services for Oxford. A new road is being constructed from Headley Way to the hospital grounds which will terminate in a large car park near the entrance to the out-patient department.

When the hospital opens in the spring of 1972, the Maternity Department and the General Practitioner Unit at the Churchill Hospital and the Nuffield Maternity Home in Walton Street will close.

The building is designed as a tower block on a podium. There are seven storeys, referred to as levels, the first two of which form the podium in which there are three courtyards, containing attractive gardens which will allow light and air into this part of the building. Each of these first two levels has an entrance for patients; expectant mothers attending the Out-patient Department using the entrance on Level 1.

Throughout the building the aim has been to give as much privacy as possible to each patient, and to create a homelike atmosphere. This aim is particularly reflected in the

Delivery Suite on Level 2, where each expectant mother will be nursed in a single room, which is colourfully decorated. This floor also contains the Special Care Baby Unit, the Midwifery Training School and accommodation for students. The Hospital has a total of 167 beds, most of which are in the tower block in which the four-bedded rooms, each with a nursery and toilet facilities attached, look towards Oxford United's Football ground.

Research laboratories and offices are provided on Level 3 for the Professorial Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

The opening of the new hospital will create several new posts, particularly for those interested in giving hotel services to the patients. These posts will be advertised towards the end of the year.

harvest thanksgiving

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH
Sunday, 3rd October

8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Parish Communion
11.15 a.m. Gift Service for Parents and Children

6.30 p.m. Evensong

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