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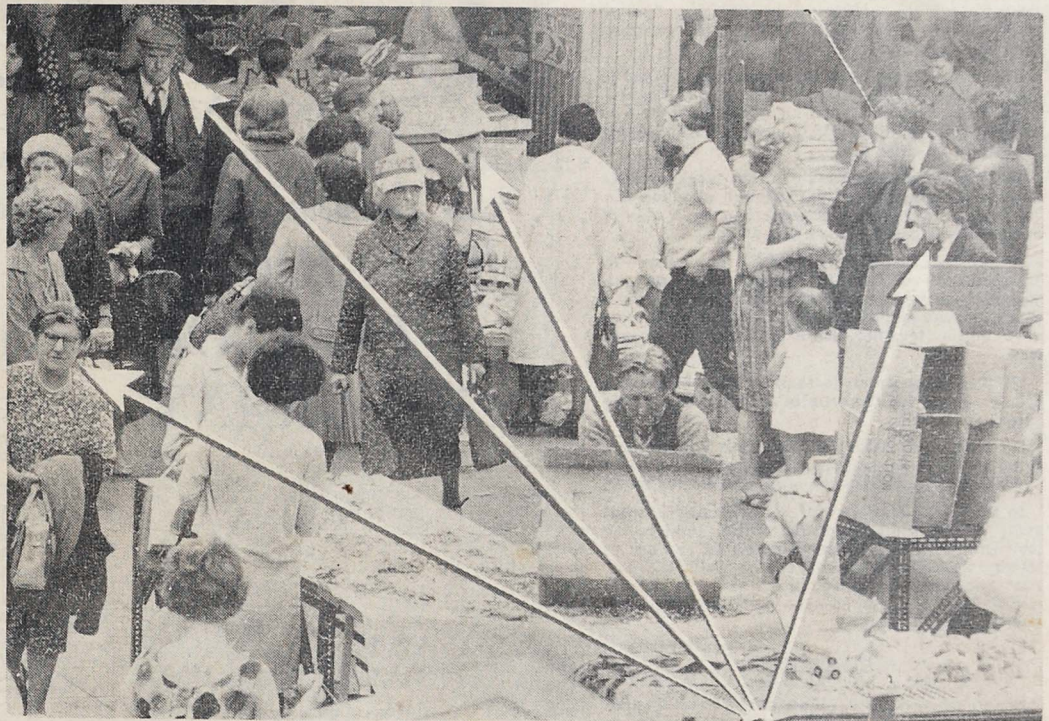
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# C of E IS IN FOR A SHAKE-UP



**EVERY ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE PARISH CHURCHES OF ENGLAND IS IN FOR A SHAKE UP.**

The biggest campaign ever to be organised in the ancient Church is to be launched next month. The idea comes from a conference in Toronto last year. Anglicans from all over the world realised that

(A) the Christian missionary task is too big and (B) the world is too small for old methods and old ideas.

Now the needle is going into the Church of England.

Its clergy and members will be told by a Council of the Church Assembly: This is a crisis. A world crisis. We wake up or perish.

The crisis is acute because Christian attitudes of love, tolerance and selfless

service are on the fade. From these scenes: industry; business; home; sport; international affairs; personal and community relationships; entertainment; journalism; government priorities . . .

Christians will be taught in the campaign that the practise of faith means a heap more than attending church.

It means holding these standards up, whatever the cost, in daily living.

A flood of practical literature is being prepared. All branches of the Anglican Church of home and abroad are co-ordinating their energies to make the campaign sizzle.

**THIS COULD BE THE START OF SOMETHING BIG.**

**T**HESE are ordinary people in an ordinary English market. Do they know what the Church is talking about?

The new campaign will make a lot of use of the expression "M.R.I." This means "Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence."

It's a good IDEA. But to the majority of people the WORDS are meaningless gibberish.

We'll use the initials, if we have to. But we'll mean Make Real Impact. Because that's what we must start to do—with people like these. **WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BE BORING.**

## Toronto statement

**P**ART of the Toronto statement reads:

"The Church's mission is response to the living God who in His love creates, reveals, judges, redeems, fulfils. It is He who moves through our history to teach and to save, who calls us to receive his love, to learn, to obey, and to follow.

"Our unity in Christ, expressed in our full communion, is the most profound bond among us, in all our political and racial and cultural diversity.

"The time has fully come when this unity and interdependence must find completely new level of expression and corporate obedience."

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Our comment . . .

# THE LESS WE ARE TOGETHER...

YOU can laugh. Or you can cry.

Axminster Council has decided to demolish community centre on a new housing estate because after they'd built it they discovered that nobody wanted to know.

Mr. White, the housing manager, is reported to have said: "It seemed that people just wanted to keep themselves to themselves, and they became anti-social. I suppose that they just want to watch television nowadays."

The council organised three public meetings to "try to save community life." But out of 700 residents fewer than 20 turned up. Only ten people on the estate agreed to pay 6d. a week towards putting the centre in order again.

You can laugh if you believe that what we have here is an indication of the strength of home life. Or you can cry if you believe it to be a case of community life going down the drain.

Axminster's not the only place, of course. In thousands of communities, village halls and get-together centres are falling to bits because only a small percentage of the people care any more about getting together, that is for the sheer pleasure of it.

We'll do it to watch football, or play bingo, but not any more for the sake of a laugh and a joke among ourselves.

It's too easy to claim that television is the reason. What seems to have happened is that for a variety of reasons we don't depend on each other any more.

In the Great War we did. Comradeship is what many an old soldier remembers first. And in the last war everybody dropped their reserve and we all sang with Vera Lynn and Gracie Fields till tears ran down our faces. Strangers confided in the air-raid shelters. Nothing was too much trouble to help a fellow human being.

## CHANGED

It's all changed now. Who would have thought it could ever be a commercial proposition to organise a movement like Welcome Wagon International here? Sponsored by business concerns, women call on newcomers to the community with a smile, groceries, information about local amenities like libraries and churches, and local commercial services and stores. They also call on special occasions such as on the arrival of a baby to the house.

A great idea—but this is what neighbours used to do, not from any sense of duty, but because they were neighbours.

The word neighbour has what the Americans would call a homey feel. It would be horrible if all it came to mean was another human being in a physical location, eating, sleeping and—O.K., let's say it—watching his telly.

Who is your neighbour? Hey — where've we heard that before?

## Assessing legal costs

MY reply to the editor's postscript to the letter on solicitors' conveyancing charges (September), is that the local searches and enquiries deal with an extremely wide selection of matters from draft maps of motorways to smoke control areas, and from airports to building and drainage by-laws, including a vast area of Town and Country planning and public health legislation. All — and each — of these matters may substantially affect the value of any property to a prospective purchaser. A SOLICITOR

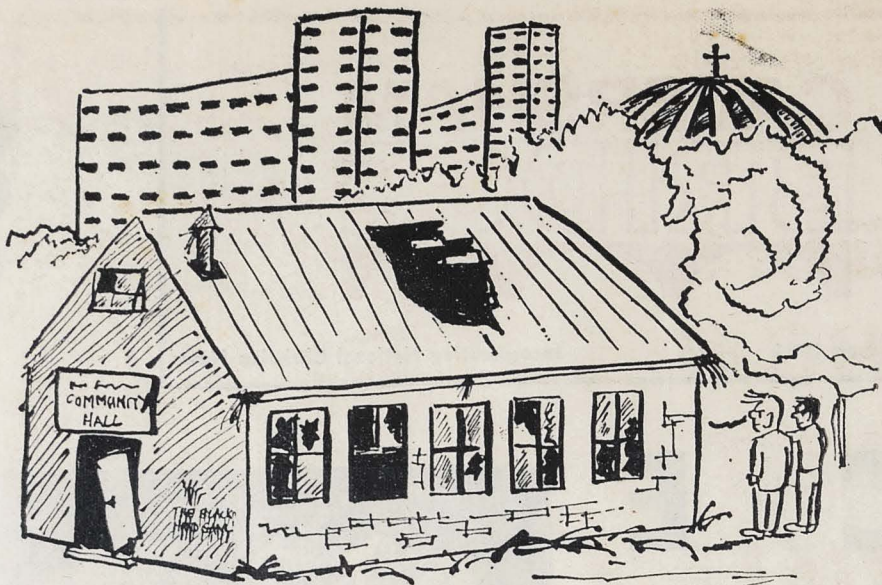
WASN'T the article on comic postcards ("the menace of our beaches—filth") doing the same thing as you accuse the cards of doing—trying to arouse a spurious excitement? My 11-year-old son said to me: "There's a funny article in the church paper, mum. What does he mean you must burn the card at once?" I said that some people don't think you should joke about sex, but I couldn't satisfy his curiosity about the burning part except by, finally, saying that people who don't like jokes about sex get excited by jokes about sex

and tend to use strong dramatic words. (We've no open fires, so the child pictured the difficulties of this ritual burning very clearly.)

As long as sex and marriage are serious matters (as Christians think they are) there will be jokes about them. Anyone who has really looked at the drawings on these cards will know that they are not likely to arouse admiration for the sins they illustrate!

ELIZABETH BOWLES

23, Colehill Lane, London, S.W.6.



"It was last used way back in the sixties. They used to hold what they called 'meetings' in it . . ."

. . . Your comments

# THE RIGHT TYPE OF IMMIGRANT

IN fairness to the present generation of English folk who have to live with the problem of uncontrolled immigration, Mr. Tom Chapman's unrealistic and idealistic views cannot be allowed to pass unchallenged.

Normal people from all walks of life are becoming bitter and resentful of the constant flow of propaganda from radio, TV, the press and super idealistic churchmen, ramming this one-sided doctrine down their throats, without having any voice in a matter that affects their everyday lives and interests to a very great degree.

Immigrants (generally of our own colour and with similar characteristics) have been welcomed to these shores at many and various times in our history. Most of these had much to offer, either in intellectual qualities or manual skill, to the country of their adoption but there has been no parallel to the flood of unvetted, unskilled immigrants which has been pouring into this small island during the last few years.

The very whisper of the phrase "colour bar" appears to have sent our authorities bending over backwards to prove their complete impartiality. Privileges have

been extended to immigrants, notably in the maternity and national assistance fields, which to say the very least, are not made so readily available to our own citizens who have paid for these benefits over many years. Our own Old Age Pensioners of the poorer class form a very striking case in point.

## Mature?

If it is a sign of national maturity to admit hundreds of thousands of people without health or character checks, then we are indeed the most mature people on earth. Canada, Australia and New Zealand who, in the interests of their own citizens, refuse to tolerate immigration without adequate safeguards must be, according to Mr. Chapman's arguments, little removed from the stone age. My own observations indicate that there is no colour bar with regard to the right type of immigrant who is willing to work and conform to our standards of living and hygiene.

Resentment occurs when these qualities are lacking. Finally, a little elementary common sense in government circles, calling for a minimum of 18 (or even 12) months' National Health contributions before benefit of any description became available, would have solved the immigration problem at the outset. There would have been no undesirable applying for admission to the country.

C. H. FULBROOK,

28, Thornton Road, Birmingham, 8.

Mr. Fulbrook is a 60 years old senior draughtsman, working with a Birmingham firm. Brought up in the Church of England, he says: "I am not now an active churchgoer, as I cannot accept religious dogma and prefer to do my own thinking."

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

12 for 6/-, Holy Land Flower Cards 1/- each. Bargain cards 12 for 3/-, Brochure available War On Want London W.5.

# Better to lay low and say nothing?

I HAVE been a regular Churchman for over 50 years, including chorister, server, P.C.C. member, etc.

An Archdeacon, quoted by your own page 1 (July issue) appears to blame the laity for empty churches. Might it not be that the laity are becoming increasingly antagonised and disillusioned by so many of our clergy's (prominent and otherwise) association with political and neo-political bodies, and interference in controversial matters with which it would be better for the church not to become involved, let alone used as a platform from which to express these opinions?

I have gained the impression that your news sheet cannot be considered blameless in these directions, and the article headed "Procrastinators," I would cite as a typical example. This article seems to me to be irrelevant to Church matters, and ill-informed in its content. It is a brief and unwarranted attack on certain classes of individuals.

I am not a solicitor, but in a long business career have had dealings with many solicitors, and your so-called "cartoon," and the accompanying article, is not only a travesty of the facts, which one should hardly expect in a church paper, but also is obviously written by a person quite ignorant of the profession. The average solicitor

(not clerk) works from 8.45 (lunch 1½ hours) until average 7.30 p.m. For your contributor's information public opening times in professions or semi-professions do not signify working times. Banks open from 10-3, are an example, since staffs start at 9 or before, and average about 6 p.m. leaving.

The law is a highly skilled profession, requiring years of training and examinations, but, as solicitors are not permitted publicity to reply to criticism (usually ill-informed or ignorant), they are fair game for safe attack.

If articles such as "Procrastinators" are church journalism, they are not calculated to enhance respect or good feeling, which should be the object of the existence of church papers.

By the way, what does "De-digitate" mean? My dictionary doesn't give it.

S. H. BATES,

Upway, 53, Henley Avenue, Ilfley, Oxford.

Generally speaking, Mr. Bates, "de-digitate" means to stop messing about, and start paying alert attention to things that really matter. We entirely disagree that our function is to "enhance respect and good feeling." Christian journalism may once have meant that, but we, at any rate have de-digitated.—Editor.

Marjorie Moore's

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## Vicar tells Church Commissioners:

# BUILD HOMES, NOT OFFICE BLOCKS!

A VICAR WHOSE PARISHIONERS CANNOT AFFORD THE HIGH RENTS DEMANDED IN THE WEST END OF LONDON HAS CHALLENGED THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS TO BUILD FEWER OFFICES AND LUXURY FLATS AND MORE HOMES FOR NEWLY-WEDS AND ORDINARY FOLK.

The Rev. Eric Hart, Vicar of St. Mark's in Marylebone Road, London, W., claims that the land-owning Commissioners are ignoring the needs of the church's own worshippers.

Mr. Hart, who lives near the Edgware Road where the Commissioners are developing a vast new estate, says: "High hopes were raised once that these buildings would help our quite desperate housing problem."

"But from my window I can read the notice: 'Shops, offices, 22 units.' Some flats will undoubtedly be erected, but at what kind of rent?"

Mr. Hart believes that the time has come for the Church to return to something like its former role.

### Ordinary

He asks the Church Commissioners when they are going to build a block of flats at reasonable rents in his parish.

"When will you enable us to say to a young couple about to marry, 'We can help with a flat'?"

The vicar says the Commissioners have done much fine work—"but we still need a large block of flats for ordinary people. We challenge you to build one."

Landlords in Mr. Hart's area demand rents like £10 and £20 a week for a flat, or £5 a week for a single room.

He says that the Commissioners are building offices in Edgware Road and yet a block of offices near his vicarage has been empty for a year.

"I do not want the Church to get a bad name by catering for one class of people. If the government cannot cope with the housing situation, the

church must blaze the way," he added.

### For houses

A spokesman for the Church Commissioners said that since the end of the Second World War they had sold 300 acres of land in London to the London County Council and other housing authorities.

"In addition, we have provided 1,750 flats and small houses in various parts of London for people in the lower income groups," he said. "The rents are about £2 10s. a week."

"Certain parts of London are not suitable for this type of development," he added.

## WHOLE VILLAGE HELPED MAKE VICAR'S COPE

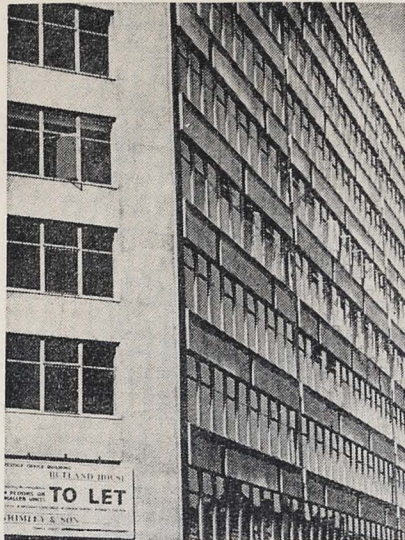
A SILK ceremonial cope, made for the vicar of a tiny Essex village, was stitched together by every member of his parish—"a living expression of Christian fellowship," said the vicar.

Artist John Aldridge, who lives in Great Bardfield, Essex, was asked to design the cope, and every villager took home small portions of silk tapestry. After six months the pieces were joined together and presented to the village church.

The Vicar of Great Bardfield, the Rev. Richard Masheder, said: "I only wear the cope on special occasions."

In it are many hundreds of triangular pieces of stitched silk, each one

Offices—built for months—still to let



...Kids—alive for years—still no decent homes



### Looking up

Jodrell Bank telescope, the largest in the world, was recently opened to the public for the first time.

Professor Bernard Lovell together with his colleagues showed nearly 18,000 people, more than half of them school-children, around the gigantic telescope, explaining how it worked and showing signals that were being received from earth satellites.

The telescope was open only for one week, but it is expected to re-open again sometime later in the year.

### Mother of the year

A Mennonite registered nurse, Esther Thiessen, from Calgary, Alberta, has been chosen Orphans' Mother of the Year by the Korean Youth Leaders' Association. Esther has served for five years at the Children's Relief Hospital, Seoul.

### Bell reminder

During Christian Aid Week in Sheffield the city's bells tolled once every six seconds for an hour to mark the unnecessary death of the world's victims of food-deficiency diseases.

## RED CROSS APPEAL FOR DRIVERS

AN appeal to men and women motorists to volunteer as car drivers to take the many thousands of lonely, handicapped and house-bound people of London out and about from their homes has been made by the County of London headquarters of the British Red Cross Society.

"We are desperate for volunteers, men or women drivers, who can spare us some time, however little, to aid us in our ever-growing welfare work," says Mrs. Jean Cocker, the appeals and publicity officer.

Wanted immediately are 200 drivers. They will get paid 7d. a mile for the use of their cars.

The branch also has a number of mini-buses ready for someone to take the wheel.

In Paddington alone there are 13,000 house-bound, old and infirm people and the position is repeated throughout London.

### Manpower

"The demands on us are growing and growing and we have a terrible feeling of frustration because of the lack of drivers," says Mrs. Cocker. "We are not asking for money but a lot of manpower from men and women with charity in their hearts."

The work is varied; it may involve taking a person to hospital, an elderly couple out for a trip in the country, assistance to a railway station or even helping with the shopping.

## Sold 5,500 pens to help orphanage

BALL pens purchased with borrowed money and sold at a profit have helped members of the Junior Friends of Blackburn Orphanage (Lancashire) to raise £285 to buy a gas cooker for the orphanage's Henley House, Accrington.

The Junior Friends bought 5,500 ball pens on credit and it has taken them two years to sell them.

Teenagers from six schools are banded together as the Junior Friends of Blackburn Orphanage.

Their 13-year-old treasurer, Susan Smith, puts the aim of the organisation as: "To help the children at the orphanage in any way possible but

especially to provide them with company."

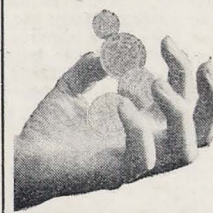
She says the orphaned children enjoy the Junior Friends' visits. Games and various work groups are organised.

### Well done

The work includes decorating, ironing, mending, drama and crafts.

The secretary of Blackburn Orphanage, Mr. Tom Street gives the Junior Friends a pat on the back. He says during the winter they help the house mothers by sewing and mending the orphan children's clothes.

## GRASP THIS OPPORTUNITY for Christmas fund raising!



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## BEAT THIS, B.E.A.!

BIRDS show almost all features of existing sub-sonic aircraft. They are well streamlined, with retractable under-carriages and slots, but as well, they have efficient folding wings and their brain can be compared with a large computer linked to the flight mechanism to provide a complexity and perfection of control not approached in aircraft.

—Dr. R. H. J. Brown, assistant director of research in the Cambridge University Department of Zoology.

## Getting in on the act

I AM very enthusiastic about going to England. There are a lot of big things going on there, a lot of development, and I want to be part of it.

—Professor Harry Johnson, a Canadian newly appointed to the chair of economics at the London School of Economics.



## NO SAE BAD, YE KEN

THE general impression in England seems to be that Scotland is a grey, dull place, and that labour is always fighting with management.

Perhaps this accounts for the apparent fears of both the Government and English management, resulting in their huddling in a state of slum-like overcrowding in the south-east corner of England.

Having spent the past six years in Scotland, starting a company from absolute scratch with nothing more than four walls, a roof and some very raw material for labour, I have to say that Scottish public relations has failed somewhat miserably in the past in projecting its own image.

—Mr. J. R. McNally, managing director of an instrument making firm.

## Dead right, mate

LOOK how life has changed.

—The Sun.

## Gentlemen— Thank you

I THINK the Beatles have helped reduce the number of juvenile delinquents. They provide an outlet for the young people to release their excess energy. A lot of juvenile delinquency is not the result of wickedness but of too much money and too many high spirits.

—Lord Denning.

## WHAT IS DISCIPLINE?

NOR are we, in this generation, markedly successful in training our adolescents to be aware of the full consequences of their actions. There never was a time when irresponsibility was so heavily subsidised. In part this is due to a confusion in the concepts of discipline.

—Dr. F. Lincoln Ralphs, Chief Education Officer, Norfolk.

## PRIORITIES

HISTORIANS of the future may remark on whether it was more important to have worked towards putting a man on the moon during the 1960s, or to have worked towards averting the world famine of the 1970s.

—Dr. Raymond Ewell, Vice-President for research, New York State University.

## The Press

I FIND a lack of sympathy for the Press by the citizen is disquieting. I mistrust all generalisation about the Press.

—Mr. William Deedes, Minister without Portfolio.

This page represents a selection of recent utterances made in public on a variety of subjects.

The quotations have been selected as being likely to provoke discussion. Opinions here expressed must not be taken to represent the views of the Editor or the proprietors of the National Christian News.

# QUOTING...

## Cash on the nail

THE Japanese god Daikoku — the god of profit — is now wearing a necklace formed out of five Olympic rings. Bootblacks in Tokio have decided to raise prices from 50 to 60 yen (11d. to 1s. 1d.) because foreigners — sportsmen and tourists — have bigger feet than Japanese. This is a tiny drop in the boundless sea of commercial activity.

—Report in PRAVDA.

## They stand and watch

MANY people, far too many, are quite prepared to stand and watch a constable knocked about when he is trying to make an arrest or merely restore order. Things are getting to a pretty pass when everybody expects the game to be played according to the rules, but nobody will help anybody to enforce the rules. Timid men will always look the other way or turn aside when trouble is brewing. After all, we must face it, there are timid policemen.

—Police Review.

## Symptomatic?

JAMES BOND and Buchenwald, when all is said and done, belonged to the same century.

—Leading article, the Guardian.

## Virgin birth idea doesn't matter

IT is quite possible to accept wholeheartedly the reality of Our Lord's incarnation without being committed to a belief in the virgin birth.

—The Bishop of Birmingham in a letter to the Times.

## Parson who swore

I WAS an R.A.F. chaplain for 25 years, so I've heard enough strong language in my time. Of course, not everyone condemned the use of the word, in fact some of my parishioners thought I was modern and with it, which is rather flattering.

—Rev. Gerald Groves, Sussex Vicar, who used a swear word to describe the noise of motor bikes, and was criticised by parishioners.

## THE PILL-1

THE pill might carry long-term risks of cancer. The full story is not yet known. But the population explosion throughout the world is a real problem. We are treating a real disease.

—Professor Segaloff, head of the Department of Medicine at Tulane University, New Orleans.

## THE PILL-2

THE pill is the most effective and acceptable form of fertility control so far available. The intensive research now in progress will almost certainly produce equally or even more effective and acceptable methods in the future, so that alternation of methods will make it possible to avoid possible hazards arising from the long-term use of any particular one.

—Professor A. S. Parkes, of the Cambridge Physiological Laboratory.

## Not quite over

WHAT could be more ridiculous than to sing "The joys of day are over" at twenty to eight on a Sunday evening, with Perry Mason or Sunday Night at the Palladium still to look forward to?

—Michael Hennell, Principal, Ridley Hall, Cambridge.

## Can you trust him?

MEN are more important than parties, and it is a sound principle to vote for a man you know you can trust rather than for one whose integrity is in doubt, even though his political programme is impeccable.

—The Bishop of Manchester.

## "PHYSICIAN,..."

THE time has come to exercise a ruthless self-analysis. How is it that so many people in the field of psychiatry are considered to be neurotic and unstable? How is it that so many are intolerant and narrowminded? How is it that in so many of our hospitals and clinics the relationships between members of the staff are poor and even hostile? Can we go on preaching understanding and tolerance, while at the same time we provide the best example of the exact opposite?

—Dr. Joshua Bierer, Medical Director, the Institute of Social Psychiatry.

## ADVERTISING VIEW

ADVERTISING is in itself a form consumer protection, drawing attention to what is available arousing interest and attracting the customer into the shop. No advertiser who wants to stay in business will set out deliberately to deceive.

—Mr. Leslie Room, Director General of the Advertising Association.

## It's just a rumour ...

BRITISH Railways do not abandon any line or station until the majority of the public have abandoned it themselves.

—A British Railways spokesman.

## Beat music madness

IT is my firm opinion that beat music is to a large extent responsible for the madness affecting the minds and conduct of many youngsters who without it would be perfectly normal people. It intoxicates them more effectively than would alcohol and it inflames and distorts their emotions in as deadly a fashion as drugs.

—Rev. C. Champneys Burnham, Rector of All Saints', Hastings.



# CAVERSHAM BRIDGE

THE NEWSPAPER OF THE ANGLICANS, BAPTISTS,  
METHODISTS AND ROMAN CATHOLICS OF CAVERSHAM.

## Sign of the times

THE CAVERSHAM BRIDGE greets its readers and hopes that they will feel they have something unique in their new paper. Many people are giving generously of their time and skill to make the production and distribution of this paper possible. They are doing this because as Christians they believe that a paper such as this can play a vital part in the life of our community.

Those of us who are privileged to share in the production of this paper hope to tell each month of what is good and constructive in our common life in Caversham. Too often it is the seamy side of life which attracts most publicity.

But we believe that in our community many people are seeking to fulfil the command of Christ to love their neighbours, and we want both to encourage them in what they are doing and to stimulate others to do likewise. We want also to be a channel for the expression of Christian opinion about Caversham problems.

When Jesus Christ took human flesh He taught us that God cares for the whole of human life. Today He entrusts that care to His Church, and so, as Christians, we believe that we must be involved to the uttermost in the life around us.

### EXEMPT?

We hope also that the CAVERSHAM BRIDGE will be a visible sign of the growing spirit of charity and understanding between separated Christians. Church leaders have for long exhorted their members to work together: too often we have agreed with their sentiments but have thought ourselves exempt from their application.

Recently the Pope declared "Let us stress what we have in common rather than what divides us." So for the first time Anglicans, Baptists, Methodists and Roman Catholics have found themselves co-operating over the production of a local church newspaper, and through the columns of this paper it is our resolve to proclaim together Christian principles so far as loyalty to our own Church permits.

We hope that with these aims there will be no single person in Caversham who does not become a regular reader of the CAVERSHAM BRIDGE.

*John Grindale*

## CAVERSHAM PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT PETER DEDICATION FESTIVAL FESTAL EVENSONG

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 6.30 p.m.

Precacher: THE REV. DAVID JENKINS

(Fellow of Queen's College, Oxford)

The combined choirs of the four churches of the parish will sing and there will be no service in the other districts at 6.30 p.m. that evening.

## Christian duty to vote

**POLLING DAY** will soon be here. No Christian can escape from his obligation to be concerned with the government of the country. The CAVERSHAM BRIDGE holds no brief for any particular party—but it does say a Christian should use his vote prayerfully.

Earlier this year in Caversham it was the Church which

brought together our three parliamentary candidates to answer questions of policy on a common platform, and we all appreciated the frank but friendly way in which they did this.

On this page two Roman Catholics and a Methodist give their reasons for voting as they will.

Whether you vote Burns, Emery or Lee make sure you use your vote.

### Conservative



By Mr. Francis Angers

AS there are no specifically Christian political parties in this country, a Christian who wishes his religion to find expression in his politics is in a difficult position.

He finds himself unable to give unconditional allegiance to any one party and, unless he is to contract out of his duty as a citizen, finds himself obliged to support a party on general principles without necessarily agreeing with every point in that party's programme.

It is because I believe the political philosophy of Conservatism to be consistent with Christian principles that I am voting Conservative at the General Election.

What is the philosophy of Conservatism?

Firstly, a due sense of tradition (as distinct from mere reaction); a conviction that the past and present are part of a whole, and that any attempt to break violently with the past is doomed to failure.

#### For man

Secondly, that the State is made for man and not man for the State. Conservatives oppose equally the unbridled individualism of the Victorian Radicals, and the bureaucratic state envisaged by Socialism.

Thirdly, the belief that on

the whole private enterprise is the system best suited to our country's needs, though this does not preclude individual measures of public ownership where these are seen to be clearly necessary.

With this belief is bound up the principle that the interests of Capital and Labour are not opposed but complementary.

Conservatives reject the doctrine of the class war in toto, while fully realising the importance of Trade Unions, and their right to participate in the management of industry.

Lastly, Conservatism upholds the role of religion in society.

This belief found its classic expression in the speeches and writings of Burke.

It may be argued, and with some degree of truth, that the foregoing is a highly idealised conception of Conservatism.

#### Ideals

It is indeed true that the Conservative Party has often fallen far short of its ideals, but of what organisation, and indeed of which man can this not be said?

In conclusion I am persuaded that as a Christian I can best express my Christian beliefs in a political form by supporting that party, which, despite its shortcomings, stands for the country as a whole, and which combines respect for all that is best in our past with a reasoned faith in our future.

I AM very glad to answer the question as to why I, as a Christian, am a Socialist.

In the late 1920's and early 1930's I became a Sunday School teacher and later, a Methodist Local Preacher. This necessitated a thorough study of the Bible and Christ's teaching at the time that I had to face a world of unemployment, social inequalities and social injustices—indeed, as it was said, "poverty in the midst of plenty."

Between my studies and my life existed a gulf which, unless it could be bridged, meant that religion had no real meaning.

#### Denounced

Although the phrase was then unknown, I found that the first "welfare state" existed in the early chapters of the Bible, the early laws of the Children of Israel denouncing extortion by high interest and usury, the unjust confiscation of property, the exploitation of the weak by the strong—they are all there to be read. These were the laws which Jesus said He had come to fulfil not destroy. He condemned those who broke these laws but, tragically, these evils still exist.

"The earth is the Lord's," said the Psalmist, "we own nothing by right, we are only stewards of God's gifts." Read Jesus' parable of the sheep and the goats or of the righteous and the unrighteous. Stewardship is a word much

### Labour



By Coun. C. E. Buck, J.P.

used nowadays in Church circles—it must apply not only to giving to the Church but to all God's gifts.

#### Scared

Christians are in the main scared of getting "mixed up" in politics, but we should never be afraid of speaking the mind of Christ in all things. As far as I am concerned, Christ has led me to express my Stewardship to Him, and my duty to the community. His children, through Socialism,

### A DAILY PRAYER FOR USE DURING THE GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Almighty God, the source of all wisdom: Direct, we beseech Thee, the minds of those now called to elect fit persons to serve in the High Court of Parliament: that they may have regard to Thy glory and the welfare of Thy people: and on those whom they shall choose, bestow, of Thy goodness, the spirit of wisdom and true religion: for the sake of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



THINK...

PRAY...

VOTE !!

### Liberal



By Mrs. Justice Mair

AS a Christian I shall vote for the Liberals because I find their policy more clearly based on Christian ethics than that of any other party.

Our Lord said, "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And not one of them shall fall on the ground without your Father." Fear not therefore: better are you than many sparrows." It is this care for the humblest person, in trouble and in happiness, which is the mainspring of Liberal policy.

The Liberal Party is not the instrument of mass organisations of employers or employed; it does not fight for one class or group against another; it believes "people count" and that each human being has equal rights to equal opportunities.

#### Welfare

I remember that practically every national measure to help people in misfortune has come from Liberals. Old Age Pensions

and National Insurance were both brought in by a Liberal Government against stubborn opposition. Even our present welfare system was the work of Lord Beveridge, a famous Liberal.

So I find the appeal of Liberalism is to the conscience of the people—in its policies for priority for education housing, curbing exploitation, stopping waste of public funds and keeping an efficient force to support international peace.

#### Conscience

I feel that this appeal to the conscience of the people cannot be ignored by a Christian and that this will have a profound influence for good on the new Government, whatever its politics, if people who believe in Liberalism will vote Liberal.

Clearly I shall vote for Mr. Burns, the Liberal, because I know him to be a good man, in a good party, with a good policy.

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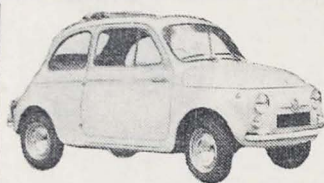
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## TALKING POINT

# NECESSITY TO UNITE AGAINST EVIL

"WHEN bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall, one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle." Edmund Burke—"Thoughts on the cause of the Present Discontent."

History can, in many ways, be considered as a record of the struggle between Good and Evil. Good has always prevailed in time, though evil can, meanwhile, leave many scars.

Never in the history of Christianity has the effort to discredit and destroy the Christian way of life been so pronounced as it is in our day.

The atheist, the agnostic and the anti-Christian have been aided considerably by our modern means of communication, and the Press is more powerful than it has ever been. It is capable of unlimited good or evil. The harm it can do is well high irreparable.

There is no substitute for the ten commandments if we want to enjoy a peaceful and contented life and assure for ourselves eternal happiness in the life to come. The evils that are most noticeable in our country today stem from neglect of the Christian way of life. The only solution is a return to that way of life, to observance of the commandments of God.

Hence, it is that realising how necessary it is for all honest Christians to unite and combine in the face of the evils of our day, I wish the "Caversham Bridge" every success.

I sincerely hope that it will have the support of every family in Caversham and that it will assit towards a renewal of a Christian way of life.

W. J. O'MALLEY

## Paper's founder to preach

THE Rev. Nicolas Stacey, the well known Rector of Woolwich, will be preaching to all our distributors at a service in Caversham Parish Church on Sunday, October 25, at 6.30 p.m.

Mr. Stacey was one of the pioneers of Church newspapers. When a curate in Portsmouth he started one of the first parish papers. Then on becoming chaplain to the Bishop of Birmingham he became the first editor of the "Birmingham Christian News" and shortly afterwards started the "National Christian News," with which the "Caversham Bridge" is associated.

He was succeeded in Birmingham as editor of the "Birmingham Christian News" by Mrs. Mary Clift, who is editorial adviser to the "Caversham Bridge."

It is hoped that all our distributors will gather together for this common act of worship and dedication which will take place shortly before the publication of our November issue.

Mr. Stacey's last visit to Reading occurred in the spring of 1963, when he spoke in the Town Hall at one of the Christian Family Year meetings arranged by the Mothers' Union.

At Woolwich he has initiated many experiments in ecumenical partnership.

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# THEY ALL SAY: THE BRIDGE WILL FILL A NEED

FROM PETER EMERY



THE highest commendation should be given to those whose ideas and perspicacity proposed the publication of "Caversham Bridge" and then had the drive to press this concept into action. The moment I heard of its inception I was enthusiastic about the whole idea.

It has always been my belief that although there was room for Christians to worship God in differing ways, there is no room for a division in the entity of the Christian Faith. Nor is it acceptable to me that the

indivisible beliefs of the Christian religion should afford schisms or divisions over dogma or the imperative need for Christian unity.

Thus, since I have been the Member of Parliament for Reading I have worked constantly for greater unity amongst the churches of Reading. I have tried to give help or assistance to all and every denomination within the borough and when I acted as the chairman of the Reading committee for Christian Family Year I insisted that all Christians in Reading should be included.

## GOOD THING

Thus I believe that any new venture that works for closer liaison and unity between the various religious denominations is a good and proper thing. As "Caversham Bridge" is dedicated to this end it is excellent. I wish it well in all its endeavours and I sincerely hope that its influence and teachings will draw all Christians closer together within the unity of the Holy Trinity.

FROM THE RT. REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF OXFORD, DR. H. J. CARPENTER

I WARMLY welcome the joint enterprise represented by this newspaper. The Churches taking part in it will get to know one another better, as they read about one another's activities, and in this way understanding and goodwill will grow. I hope, too, that sometimes they will be able to make a united comment on affairs of general or local importance to Christian people. Perhaps some who do not profess active membership of any Church will be



more ready to read a joint newspaper of this kind than a magazine of any one Church.

This newspaper is a welcome sign of closer Christian co-operation in Caversham and I wish it all success and a wide circulation.

## Drop us a line

Everyone turns to the correspondence columns in a newspaper. It is hardly possible to have any in our first number but we shall welcome letters from readers either about the contents of the "Bridge" or about aspects of Caversham life. Subject to the limitations on our space we shall hope to publish some next month. Send them to the Editor at Caversham Rectory, Reading.

## St. John's jottings...

Wednesday, October 7.—Wednesday Group 8 p.m. Mrs. Bolton "The work of the Mothers' Union Watch Committee."

Wednesday, October 21.—Wednesday Group 3 p.m. in Caversham Hall. Miss Adams "Children's Prayers."

Tuesday, October 27.—Mothers' Union 3 p.m. in St. John's Hall. Mrs. Carr "Living the Christian life."

Wednesday, October 28.—S.S. Simon and Jude, Holy Communion 7 a.m.

## Boy Bishop?

Not quite, but children in St. John's District are forming their own Junior Church whereby learning to run their own affairs and worship, just like the grown ups, they will prepare themselves

WE ARE PLEASED TO PRINT IN OUR FIRST ISSUE FIVE MESSAGES FROM CHURCH AND CIVIC LEADERS. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE FIRST NUMBER OF THE "CAVERSHAM BRIDGE" HAS MET WITH A WONDERFUL RESPONSE. WE, TOO, BELIEVE THAT THIS PAPER IS GOING TO FILL A GREAT NEED IN THE COMMUNITY LIFE OF CAVERSHAM AND WE ARE GRATEFUL TO OUR LEADERS FOR THEIR KIND MESSAGES.

FROM THE REV. L. M. WHEELER, PRESIDENT OF THE READING AND DISTRICT FREE CHURCH FEDERAL COUNCIL

I BESEECH you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you" — so wrote Paul to the Corinthians.

The different branches of the Church are more and more aware that with varying accents and emphases they exist to "Speak the same thing" — to proclaim Jesus Christ. But they know too that they often fail to communicate what they speak. In particular they often fail to use effectively that vital means of communication, the printed word.

How cheering it is to hear of the enterprise by which, in one neighbourhood at least, the Churches shall "speak the same thing" through a united ministry of newsprint! I very gladly take



this opportunity of sending every good wish for the success of their undertaking to those responsible for the publication of THE CAVERSHAM BRIDGE.

FROM THE RT. REV. FRANCIS GRIMSHAW, ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM

I AM very interested to hear that it is proposed to publish a periodical which will keep the people of Caversham informed about religious activities in their area. "The Bridge" is bound to do good and I wish it a wide circulation and a long life.

May it encourage those who have perhaps neglected the habit of worshipping God to begin again and those who have never had it to discover for themselves what a difference it makes.



FROM THE RT. WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF READING, COUNCILLOR MRS. ALEXANDRA STURROCK, J.P.

I WAS most interested to hear from the Rector of Caversham of the joint venture of the Anglicans, Baptists, Methodists and Roman Catholics at Caversham in producing a monthly newspaper.

In these days of stress and international tension it is encouraging to hear of Christians of such widely divergent denominations presenting a united front to the community and I congratulate the authors of the venture.

I have recently visited the island of Iona where I have seen something of what is possible when the various denominations make a united effort. There the Iona community, a group of devoted ministers and laymen, spend the summer months restoring the ancient Abbey founded by St. Columba in 563. In the winter months these same men are ministering to the needs of missions and churches in new housing areas on the mainland.

It gives me great pleasure to wish "The Caversham Bridge" every success in the future.

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EVERY Anglican is going to  
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 letters in the coming year.

MRI stands for Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence, a statement drawn up in August 1963, at the great Anglican Congress in Toronto. And in the early days of September every incumbent in England received a letter from the archbishops asking all parishes to observe St. Andrews tide as a day of informed prayer for the world mission of the Church and to use Lent 1965 as a season of special study of the Church's work in the world.

This request from the archbishops comes just when our own parish missionary committee had arranged an ambitious week-end under the title of "World Parish." So we are able to give details of this event, which has been carefully planned to help us all to understand more fully the needs of the World Church.

Earlier this year the Church Council agreed to find money for a new church in the diocese of St. John's, Kaffraria, South Africa. The rector of that parish will be speaking at the principal meeting in Balmore Hall on Saturday, October 17. Be sure you hear the Rev. P. M. Wood that afternoon.

**Methodist Churches**

October preaching appointments

CAVERSHAM		CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS	
Oct. 4	Mr. W. G. Sampson	11.00	Rev. E. Richards
	Rev. E. B. Wright (1)	6.30	Rev. S. J. Dain
Oct. 11	Rev. J. O. Cochran	6.30	Rev. E. B. Wright (2)
	Mr. D. Williams	6.30	Rev. F. Hunter
Oct. 18	Rev. E. B. Wright (3)	11.00	Mr. B. Bosler
	Mr. D. Tomlinson	6.30	Rev. E. B. Wright (3)
Oct. 25	Rev. P. W. Luxton	11.00	Rev. E. B. Wright
	Mr. B. Bosler	6.30	Mr. D. Williams

Notes: (1) Choir Sunday; (2) Parade Service; (3) Holy Communion.

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**Saturday, 17:**

- 2.30 p.m. Exhibition of Photographs and Books.
- 3.15 p.m. MEETING to be addressed by the Very Rev. Festus O. Segun (Provost of Lagos, Nigeria) — The Rev. Bruce Haylar (late of North India) — The Rev. P. M. Wood (on furlough from South Africa).
- 4.30 p.m. TEA — with opportunities to meet our guests.
- 7.30 p.m. RECITAL OF MUSIC from other lands.
- 8.15 p.m. BRAINS' TRUST to deal with questions raised by members of the parish.
- 9.15 p.m. COFFEE — with opportunities to meet our Overseas' guests.

**Sunday Preachers October 18**  
**St. Peter's**

- 9.15 a.m. and 11 a.m. The Very Rev. F. O. Segun, Provost of Lagos Cathedral, Nigeria.
- 6.30 p.m. The Rev. C. F. Ash, recently Chaplain of St. Mark's Cathedral, Bangalore.

**St. John's**

- 9.15 a.m. The Rev. H. G. Jones, recently in Madurai Diocese, Church of South India.
- 6.30 p.m. The Very Rev. F. O. Segun.

**St. Andrew's**

- 9.15 a.m. The Rev. A. D. John, formerly of the Church of South India.
- 6.30 p.m. The Rev. E. J. M. Wyld, St. Mark's Cathedral, Bangalore.

**St. Barnabas'**  
 9.15 a.m. The Rev. E. J. M. Wyld.  
 6.30 p.m. The Rev. A. D. John.

**Sunday 18:**  
 8.00 p.m. YOUTH MEETING to be addressed by the Rev. Alexander John and Mrs. Betty John, by a student of Voluntary Service Overseas and Miss Angela Butler.  
 9.00 p.m. COFFEE and the chance to talk with guest participants.

During the weekend the Parish will be hosts to students from other countries who are at present studying in the University. They will participate with us in the Conference.

**Monday, 19:**  
 3.00 p.m. A meeting for the LADIES of the Parish in the Balmore Hall — Miss Margaret Madden (late of North India and now on S.P.G. Staff) will show the Film "OPEN THE DOOR" (dealing with a South African Township).

**Prayer Evening**  
 The evening of Friday, October 9 will be observed as a time of prayer in seeking God's blessing on the "World Parish" weekend. Material for intercessions will be in all four churches and a chain of prayer will be kept.  
 St. John's 6-7 p.m.  
 St. Peter's 7-8 p.m.  
 St. Barnabas' 8-9 p.m.  
 St. Andrew's 9-10 p.m.

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 For  
 The guidance of the  
 Holy Spirit as a new  
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**Sunday services**

**CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

- St. Peter's**  
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
 9.15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION  
 11.00 a.m. Matins  
 12.15 p.m. Holy Communion (1st and 3rd Sundays)  
 6.30 p.m. Evensong  
 11.00 a.m. Sunday School  
 Infants — Hemdean House School  
 Juniors — Balmore Hall
- St. John's**  
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
 9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST  
 6.30 p.m. Evensong  
 11.00 a.m. Sunday School  
 Infants — Church Hall  
 Juniors — The Church
- St. Andrew's**  
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
 9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST  
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion  
 6.30 p.m. Evensong  
 11.15 a.m. Sunday School  
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- St. Barnabas'**  
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 9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST  
 6.30 p.m. Evensong  
 9.15 a.m. Sunday School  
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**Baptist Free We record ...**  
**Church Notes**  
**BAPTISED**

Good wishes are extended to the following young people who are continuing their studies:—  
 Mr. David Prior at Brighton College of Technology, Miss Janet Miller at Bognor Regis Teacher Training College.  
 Mr. Peter Colyer, B.A., at Oxford University and to Miss Ruth Perring who is starting her studies at Southlands Teacher Training College, Wimbledon.

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A "Field Day" was held by the Sunday School at Hemdean House School (by kind permission of the headmistress, Miss Olive) on the afternoon of Saturday September 5. This was well attended by the children, teachers, and older friends who enjoyed a picnic tea and a full programme of games, competitions and races.

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 Thursday, Oct. 8: NIGHT MUST FALL (X). Also: TWO ARE GUILTY (X)  
 Sunday, Oct. 11 (4 days): ORPHEE (A). Also: LE BARON DE L'ECUSE (A)  
 Thursday, Oct. 15: HUD (A) Panavision. Also: MAN TRAP (A)  
 Sunday, Oct. 18 (4 days): BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S (A) Tech. Also: IT STARTED IN NAPLES (A) Tech.  
 Thursday, Oct. 22: HENRY V (U) Tech. Also: SEA SANCTUARY (U) Tech.  
 Sunday, Oct. 25 (4 days): ROMAN HOLIDAY (U). Also: A TOUCH OF LARCENY (U)  
 Thursday, Oct. 29: TIME OF THE HEATHEN (X). Also: IVAN'S CHILDHOOD (U)

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Picture: Fred Walker

## Cricket for the fun of the thing

A **S**PLENDID crowd watched some light hearted cricket when the four congregations of Caversham parish took part in the inter-district cricket tournament on Queen Anne's School fields. In the first round St. Peter's, in spite of the masterly head gear of Mrs. Moore were defeated by St. Barnabas who fielded ten players and the Rector. St. John's seemed set for victory when in the ten overs to

which each innings was limited they scored forty nine, a liberal proportion of which were from wides. St. Andrew's however beat them only to be outwitted in the final by St. Barnabas who were by now becoming more crafty to the tactics of the game. Many thanks to the headmistress of Queen Anne's for allowing the use of the school fields which provided so attractive a setting.

## BAPTIST MINISTER LEAVES AFTER EIGHT YEARS



**T**HE Rev. A. S. Bell, Minister of the Caversham Baptist Free Church for the past eight years, has accepted the position of Deputy Principal of John Groom's Cripplegate, and will start his new duties at the beginning of October.

He and his family will be moving to Hatch End, near to the headquarters of the Cripplegate which is in Edgware Way. Since coming to Caversham in 1956 Mr. Bell has seen many changes at the Baptist Church, and has welcomed into its fellowship nearly half of the present membership.

### YOUNG PEOPLE

He has had a special interest in the work amongst children

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and young people, and he and his wife have been leaders of a thriving Young People's Fellowship.

During his Ministry considerable work has been carried out to the Church Buildings, including the complete redecoration of the Church, and major renovations to the West Memorial Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell have made a wide circle of friends, and there are many in the neighbourhood, as well as within their own Church, who will wish them well in their new surroundings as Mr. Bell accepts the call to a different sphere of Christian Service.

## Youth camp

**D**URING the last weekend of August the young people of Caversham Baptist Free Church, under the leadership of Mr. J. Hart, camped at Colstrop Farm, Hambleden, by kind permission of Mr. A. D. Keene.

The camp, which was held in glorious weather, took as its theme: "The Character of Christ and Me." In addition to activities normally associated with camping discussion sessions on the theme were led by Mr. Hart, Mr. P. C. Coker and Mr. P. Elford. On the Sunday morning Mr. Elford conducted the service at Hambleden Congregational Church, which had been placed at the disposal of the campers.

The concluding event of an excellent weekend was a service of worship and thanksgiving conducted by Mr. Elford in Caversham Baptist Free Church. The catering arrangements for the camp were in the capable hands of Mrs. Hart who is to be complimented on the excellent meals which she produced.

## St. Anne's news

**T**HIS year has shown the usual crop of items of parish interest. So far there have been nine marriages and 39 baptisms. Growth of the parish in numbers has been mostly due to an influx of families from other districts. It seems that the school now remodelled and up to standard, is more popular than ever. To ensure finding places there parents with young children move into Caversham.

His Grace, Archbishop Grimshaw, visited the parish on Sunday, June 21 and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 115 children and nine adults. This was a memorable occasion for the parish but it was forcibly impressed on us that the church is now much too small for such occasions.

On Saturday, August 15, Feast of the Assumption, a group of Anglican Pilgrims visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Caversham under the care of the Rev. J. A. Wynne, from Windsor. There was a coach-load from Birmingham and another from London apart from the group from Windsor. Benediction was given at four and a talk on the Shrine by Mr. F. Angers was much appreciated.

The development at Caversham Park will mean facing a major parish development, and a site has been reserved for a church and a one form entry Junior and Infant School. As the new village is due to be completed by 1970 the school and church will be needed by that time also.

Parents, teachers and children said goodbye to Sister Joseph on her retirement from the admission class after a record of 45 years teaching there. She will be missed very much indeed. We welcome Sister Mary Elizabeth who has taken her place and we hope she will be very happy at St. Anne's.

Eight members of the congregation have died this year. While praying that they may rest in peace we again extend our sympathy to the bereaved families.

The parish suffered a major loss in the death of Dr. J. Murphy-O'Connor, Dr. Jim, as he was always known, was the quiet, self-sacrificing and most self-effacing of men, always ready to assist in every way possible. Three years ago he was honoured by Pope John 23rd with the Bene Merenti Medal for his years of charitable work with the Bene Vincent de Paul Society. In his death the priests at St. Anne's have lost their right-hand man and the congregation a guiding light and great example. The loss to his family cannot be assessed. We pray they may have divine strength and comfort to sustain them.

### OPEN TO MEN

Evensong will be sung in St. Laurence's at 5.45 p.m. and at the evening meeting at 7.30 p.m. which is also open to men the Rt. Rev. Ambrose Reeves is speaking. He will be remembered for his courageous stand when Bishop of Johannesburg. Programmes which serve as admission tickets are needed for the two gatherings in the Town Hall.

## Mothers' Union faces a heavy programme

**T**WO big events concern all members of the Mothers' Union in Caversham parish in October.

On Wednesday, October 14, a Quiet Day is to be held in St. Peter's from 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. The conductor is the Rev. John Betton, vicar of Cowley, Oxford.

Members should bring sandwiches and a hot drink will be provided in Toc H during the lunch break.

It is hoped that all members in the parish will do their utmost to be together for this time of quiet and waiting upon the Holy Spirit. Anyone else is of course welcome to attend.

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## FAREWELL TO THE REV. B. AND MRS. COLEMAN

LOOKING back over the past six years of the Rev. T. B. Coleman's ministry at the Caversham Methodist Churches, the time has sped all too rapidly.

When first coming to Caversham, Mr. Coleman, in reply to a question as to what he felt called to do during his ministry, said: "To preach the Word of God."

How ably—and in what a diversity of ways—he has done just that! An able preacher, with a sense of fitness for all that was done in the worship of the Church, he has taken the Word that he preached into the everyday things of life. To him, Christianity was meaningless unless it meant involvement in every part of life.

Throughout his time amongst us, he has practised a caring ministry not only to those of his own Churches—and there are many who have been grateful for his kindly help in times of sadness and difficulty—but to those outside the fellowship of the church. His work with the Samaritans was only part of this side of his ministry.

### Jazz

Youth work claimed his particular interest and he was always happy amongst young folk. He had the ability as a musician of being "with it" in an understanding of modern jazz which provided an immediate contact. His talent of musicianship he has given unsparingly—for he could play and discuss anything from Bach to "Beat."

He introduced us to the freshness of modern Church music and there are many who became aware of composers such as Geoffrey Beaumont and the search for a new expression in music as part of the worship of the Church.

Behind all this was always the urge to lift the spiritual life that folk might be the more fitting followers of the Lord. The formation of a number of Society classes, which met regularly for fellowship and

study in the homes of our members, has been one outcome of this.

The oversight of two churches in Caversham and the village churches at Woodcote and Gallowtree Common has been the major part of his work amongst us; but he also undertook the work involved in the secretaryship of Circuit and District Youth Committees. Such things as the organisation of Week-end Retreats and Conferences took a great deal of time and effort but this he did gladly if it meant that such work gave the opportunity of drawing someone more closely into the fellowship of Christian people.

### Delight

During these six years, Mrs. Coleman has played her part in the life of the Churches for she, also, is an able preacher and musician. In both these talents, she inspired and delighted us.

So much could be said but limitations of space preclude this—sufficient to say a deeply-felt "Thank You" to both Mr. and Mrs. Coleman for all that they did in Caversham and to wish them God's Blessing in a new sphere of activity.

## St. Andrew's angles

Wednesday, October 28—St. Simon and St. Jude, Holy Communion 9.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

### District Meeting

The last informal District meeting was a lively and stimulating, that we feel that it is high time we had another. It has been arranged for Tuesday, October 13 at 8 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall, and we hope that many will take the opportunity to discuss the various aspects of our District life.

The District Committee has no major issues to put to the meeting, but there must be many matters which individuals would like the chance to raise, and this is your opportunity.

### Confirmation

Training will begin during October, with a view to Confirmation at the end of January, 1965. Details will be in the "St. Andrew's Weekly News." Candidates should apply as soon as possible to the Priest-in-Charge.

### Hall Manager

From October 15, Mrs. K. M. Wayman (19, St. Andrew's Road—Tel.: 72540) will be in charge of St. Andrew's Hall bookings, and all applications should be made to her from that date.

### Preachers

During October there will be visiting preachers on the 18th and 25th. Details of the arrangements for October 18 will be found elsewhere. On October 25 Fr. G. C. Triffitt, Superior-General S.S.J.E., will preach at the 9.15 a.m. Family Eucharist.

### Women's Retreat

The Annual St. Andrew's Women's Retreat will be at the St. Alban's Diocesan Retreat House from Monday, October 26—Wednesday, October 28, and the conductor will be the Rev. A. Stephen Jeffery. Details are available from Mrs. Armstrong (Tel.: 72789).

### Young Wives'

Young Wives will be warmly welcomed to the various services and meetings organised for M.U. Family Day. On Wednesday, October 14 at 7.45 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall, there will be an "ANY QUESTIONS" panel, including a Marriage Guidance Counsellor, the Headmaster of a Secondary Modern School, a Children's Specialist from the Royal Berkshire Hospital, and the Secretary of a Youth Club Association. The Caversham Heights Methodist Church Young Wives have been invited to join us for this meeting.

### Fellowship

The programme for October includes a play reading on October 8, and a Gramophone Evening on October 22. Both meetings take place at 8 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall, and all are welcome.

## AND HAIL TO THE REV. E. AND MRS. WRIGHT

SUCH is the continuity of Methodism that with the farewells to Mr. and Mrs. Coleman fresh in our minds, we are already welcoming their successors, Mr. and Mrs. Ewart Wright.

Born in the Nottinghamshire mining town of Kirby-in-Ashfield and educated in Mansfield, Ewart Wright trained for the Methodist Ministry at Richmond College, Surrey, and spent a further six months at Selby Oak before embarking for the

Mission fields. During six years in South West China, he experienced Circuit work, training preachers and some pioneer work among the River Miao tribal people.

After China there followed four years in Louth (Lincs.), six years in Birkenhead and six years in Buxton before joining us in Caversham.

Married in Calcutta in 1945, Mr. and Mrs. Wright have four children. Clive (17), is staying in Buxton to finish his schooling and hopes then to go to University or teacher training college. Paul (16), is training at H.M.S. "Conway," before being apprenticed as a deck officer in the Merchant Navy. Hilary (11), is at Edgely Hill Girls' College, Bideford, and David (5), will be attending Caversham Primary School.

### Nurse

When time permits, Mr. Wright is interested in sport, gardening and photography and we have already noticed some of his efforts in the Manor garden.

As yet, we know little about Mrs. Wright except that she is a qualified nurse who tries to keep in touch with her profession when and where she can. We hope she will forgive us quoting her husband as saying, "She is the strength of our partnership in everything."

After all, he should know! We look forward to sharing the continuing work and witness of the Church with our new minister and his family, praying that their ministry amongst us may prove to be a means of richest blessing.

## Bits from St. Barnabas'

### Offertory list

There are still some blank spaces to be filled in. Please remember that the Offertory is now no longer confined to families with children and so complete accordingly!

### District meeting

Everyone interested in the life and work of St. Barnabas' is invited to an informal meeting in the Hall at 8 p.m. on Monday, November 9.

### Baptism ...

... will be publicly administered at Evensong on Sunday, October 11, at 6.30 p.m.

### Mothers' Union

There will be no ordinary meeting in October as we shall be sharing in the Quiet Day at the Parish Church on October 14, which will be conducted by Rev. John Bettison. Details of this Quiet Day appear elsewhere in this issue.

October 6 is Family Day and will be observed accordingly.

### Good wishes ...

... go out to those young people who will be going to various universities and colleges at this time of the year. At the time of going to Press full details were not known, but next month we shall record our thanks and good wishes in a more personal way.

## Methodist morsels

A Young People's Conference on "Love and Marriage" has been arranged by the Circuit Christian Citizenship Committee, the Circuit Youth Council and the University "Meth. Soc."

Place: Wesley Methodist Church (School Hall), Queens Road, Reading. Date: Saturday, October 3. Time: Afternoon Session 4.30. Tea 6.00. Evening Session 7.00. Speaker: The Rev. Kenneth G. Greet. There will be a "Brains Trust."

The Wesley Guild at Highmoor Road which meets on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. announces the following for its October programme.

October 6: Inaugural Communion Service; 13: Annual Society Meeting; 20: Home Missions—Film; 27: "Social Services for the Community." Speaker, Mr. Elizabeth Edgar.

Each week there is a Prayer Meeting at 7.25 p.m. in the Church Hall before the main meeting.

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**THE Rt. Hon. Duncan Sandys.**  
He has been Colonial Secretary since 1962, and under Sir Alec Douglas Home has been Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations and for the Colonies.

Aged 60, he was educated at Eton and Magdalen College, Oxford. In the Commons he paid "warm tribute" to the work of Gilbert and Ellice Island missions.

Lending  
a hand  
in Japan

**A**FTER a recent earthquake at Niigata, Japan, 35 students at International Christian University, Tokyo, went on two separate weekends to the area and distributed relief goods, cared for children, and in other ways helped the people made homeless by the disaster. The students worked under the Japan National Christian Council.

More than 12 students also took part in a week-long work camp at Niigata. On the campus of International Christian University collections of food, money, and clothing were made jointly by the Student Welfare Committee, the Missions Committee of the ICU Church, and other campus groups.

**FIFTY-THOUSAND** people in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands face ruin. And an angry missionary has come to London to plead for a better deal for them.

The tiny islands are in the Pacific Ocean. They are a British colony. But a shoe-string education budget for many years means that most of the population are barely literate.

Now the economy of the islands can't support a growing population. They must go and live elsewhere.

"But who wants 50,000 barely literate coloured people? If we'd bothered to educate them they might have stood a chance," says accountant missionary Eric Blacklock, who has lived in

the islands for eight years. He serves with the London Missionary Society.

He is angry because while the colony can't afford better education facilities, a recent report of the Council for Education in the Commonwealth indicates that £6 million was allocated by Parliament in the last five years for that purpose, and IT WASN'T ALL USED.

In the Commons on July 20 Mr. Duncan Sandys, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations and the Colonies, said: "There are inevitable limits to the economic potential of these small and scattered islets, and voluntary resettlement of as many of the population as can be absorbed elsewhere, where there are better opportunities, is being actively pursued."

### TRIBUTE

Mr. James Griffiths asked what proportion of the children in the islands were able to attend school, and what steps were being taken to provide primary and secondary education for all the children of the colony?

Mr. Sandys: "Primary education for all children between the ages of six and 16 is compulsory in the colony. I would pay a warm tribute to the work of the missions which has made this possible."

The L.M.S. has two ministers, two teachers, a youth

worker, and Mr. Blacklock, who is administrator, bursar, accountant and printer, working on the islands. Also at work there is the Roman Catholic Sacred Heart Mission.

Mr. Blacklock says: "Already an impoverished Colony, its Government provides a minimum of social services, including a minimum of education. About 80 per cent. of children are in mission schools; but some village schools have 300 children with only one teacher. Everything in this Colony is done on a shoe-string, a string which is due to break soon."

### OURS

"An economic expert has said that the case for promoting social and administrative services in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony was outside the realms of economic development; it was in the field of human rights and international obligations. And whose are those international obligations? Ours."

"The same expert said that the only hope for these people is to resettle elsewhere. But who wants 50,000 barely literate coloured people?"

Educated they might stand a chance. Always the Colony Government must plead lack of funds for failing to undertake its responsibilities in education.

"As recently as June last the Colonial Office stated

that it could not offer hope of an early change in primary education policy, due to economic circumstances. The Colony Government had to be careful, it was said, not to overload its budget. Mr. Sandys added nothing in parliament to his department's earlier statement.

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The Methodists batter at it from one side; the Anglicans from the other. Every known device is used to break down the dividing wall between two great branches of the Christian Church. So far it has hardly begun to crack. Last month the best brains from both Churches studied Christian unity again at Nottingham. But the problems remain. ARGUMENT focuses on this delicate issue.

## Caution: Let's be clear . . .

says Father A. H. Simmons, Master of the Society of the Holy Cross, Aldershot

CHRISTIANS ought to be "of one heart and mind," because unity is Our Lord's will. That is sufficient reason for trying to discover ways and means of uniting those who have been divided for centuries.

The reunion of Christians should be the concern of us all. Ecumenism is no longer the interest of a few cranks. We realise that we must all endeavour to come together, in common faith, in common government, in common worship and sacraments.

First, we must agree on what we believe. For members of the Church of England the basis of understanding can be none other than the traditional truths taught by the undivided Church of the West, and the East, to which we in the Church of England are unquestionably committed. We have "no peculiar" (i.e. odd, strange, exclusive) doctrines of our own.

### THORNY

The process, however, of growing together in understanding the common teaching of the Church may take a long time. We agree, e.g. with the Methodists substantially, but there are still thorny issues which "prickle" and hedge us apart—whether bishops are essential to the life of the Church—what, precisely, happens when a person is baptised—what ordination means—what is effected by the consecration of the bread and wine in Holy Communion, and so on.

We can gloss over our "unhappy divisions" by forms of words which are ambiguous—expressions meaning one thing to the Catholic-minded and another to the Evangelical. But this is a false form of unity—precarious, ephemeral, and unreliable—as the shifting sands of sentiment on which the house of so much so-called religion is built.

We need, before all else, to clarify our common beliefs, and agree on what we mean by Christianity.

Secondly, we must agree on the question of government of the Church, or else it will remain disordered and divided. Who is responsible, under God, for ruling the Church? Did Our Lord appoint any means of providing successors to His Apostles? Are these officers of the Church essential?

The Church of England acknowledges that the authority to rule and guide the Church rests, by the ordinance of Christ, and the practice of the apostles, in their successors, the bishops. Archbishop Ramsey has said that they are the "backbone" of the whole Church.

The authority of bishops, we believe, is shared by the priesthood,

to which men are ordained by the bishops, with prayer, and the laying on of hands.

### AMBIGUOUS

Unfortunately, Methodists do not agree on this point. Bishops, they say, are not essential, nor is ordination by a bishop, and it is only by hiding our differences under the snow of ambiguity that it has been possible to devise a "Service of Reconciliation" which purports to unify our ministries.

Are Methodist ministers to be "ordained," or to receive what is lacking in their Ministry, by this service? We must agree on what it means.

A further study of the whole question of what is meant by the priesthood might help to solve the problem, which will continue to maintain divisions until it is resolved.

Thirdly, there is the Church's teaching on the sacraments. While we have much in common with Methodists, there are still divisions of thought which mean that we cannot at present share either baptism, or the sacrament of Holy Communion. Anglican teaching is that, by baptism, even an unconscious infant is made a member of the mystical Body of Christ—but to many Methodists this teaching is "shocking."

To us, too, the Eucharist (Holy Communion), is a "showing forth" of the eternal sacrifice of Christ, and the presence of Christ under the consecrated forms of bread and wine is a "real" one. He is "verily and indeed, taken and received" in the sacrament. To us, therefore, it is shocking that after the Methodist Communion service the remains of the bread and wine are often thrown to the birds, and the wine from the unused Communion cups poured back into the bottle.

### SUBLIME

We cannot share in the divine mysteries without a common understanding of what is meant by this service. To Catholic-minded Anglicans the offering of the Eucharist is the sublime expression of our unity of mind and heart—to share in the common sacrament is the goal of reunion—a goal which will only be reached when we have arrived at a common conception of the faith, with the bishop recognised as the chief pastor of the local church, and we are all living together in unity the common life of the body.

In the meantime, let us go on trying to understand one another. It is God's will that we shall all be one—under One Shepherd—that we seek to do His will is sufficient motive for continuing the process of co-ordination.

## But the world is waiting . . .

says Brian Duckworth, a Minister of the Methodist Church in Birmingham

I BELIEVE that union between the Methodist and Anglican Churches is possible and necessary, for three reasons:

1. OUR CHURCHES BELIEVE, PREACH AND TEACH THE SAME CHRISTIAN RELIGION AND THERE IS NO REASON FOR KEEPING THEM APART.

Methodism accepts, "the traditional truths taught by the undivided Church of the West, and the East" and teaches that salvation is by faith in the love of God and life in the Church of His Spirit. As Father Simmons says, Anglicans agree "substantially" with the Methodist position. He goes on to insist, however, that some of the remaining differences are so serious as to justify our present divisions and thus continued waste of God's resources.

He lists as major differences, "whether bishops are essential to the life of the Church—what, precisely, happens when a person is baptised—what is effected by the consecration of the bread and wine in Holy Communion."

### FOR EVER

Father Simmons will wait for ever for his precise agreement. In demanding it as a condition of reunion he is being more Roman than the Romans—who allow considerable range of belief on these questions and are even now involved in continued study and re-statement of some of the issues.

The demand is contrary to the spirit of the gospel. Jesus had hard words for those who wanted every "t" crossed and "i" dotted.

But Father Simmons's own position contradicts his argument. If precise agreement is necessary on these thorny questions before one can live in the same Church with another, how does he remain an Anglican? He must know that his own extreme High Church views are in a minority in his own Church. His statement would be taken by an unsuspecting Methodist to suggest that all Anglicans agree "precisely" on the answers to these questions—and that it is we Methodists who are vague, ambiguous. Anyone who knows his local Anglicans must wonder whether Father Simmons does!

2. OUR DEVOTIONAL HERITAGES COMPLEMENT ONE ANOTHER AND ARE BOTH NECESSARY TO THE CREATION OF CHRISTIAN PERSONALITIES IN THE PRESENT AGE.

What is so sad about Father Simmons's article is that it reveals he has never shared in Methodist life or discovered its inner strength or its basis in the sacraments of baptism, the Lord's Supper and the Word.

We believe that by baptism a child is received into membership of

the Body of Christ. (No doubt Father Simmons could produce a Methodist who finds this "shocking." I have never met one who does. But in any case it will not do to set up the uninstructed as representative of a whole Church's viewpoint: he would be the first to protest if the opinions of such an Anglican were quoted against him).

Within the Body of Christ our young man will be nurtured so that in due course he will, after proper instruction, become a full member of the Church. (That is, he will reaffirm, for himself, the vows taken on his behalf at baptism.)

### BAPTISM

During the instruction he will learn the meaning of the sacrament of baptism (though not, "what, precisely, happens when a person is baptised"—God alone knows that). He will also hear, in the words of Charles Wesley's sacramental hymns, that in the service of Holy Communion

"Christ's presence makes the feast" and that in preparing himself for it he must pray that the Holy Spirit will

"Effectual let the tokens prove." He will learn that the elements are handled reverently, but not superstitiously, and that at the conclusion of the service what comes from nature is returned to nature, as happens with the consumed elements.

Furthermore he will learn of the life of fellowship and of the need to meet in his class to increase his own and others' spiritual understanding. (Is this one of our "odd, strange, exclusive" doctrines? What on earth are they?)

Of course, our young man may not continue to follow out the instruction he is given. He may forget his baptism, refuse the means of Grace. Methodism, like Anglicanism, is littered with the lapsed.

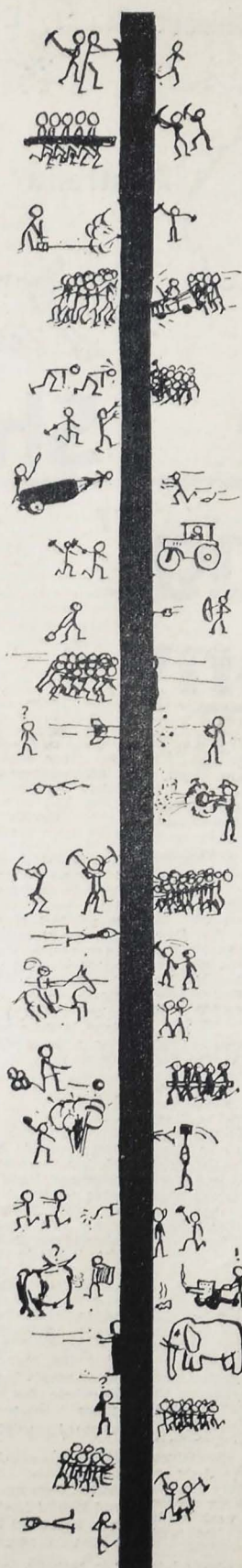
### PASS-WORD

But if he goes forward all he needs to enrich his life still further is a share in the spiritual riches of Anglicanism and all other Christians. Despite Father Simmons' attempts to prove that it is a tiny cubby-hole, where everybody believes precisely what everybody else believes, we wish to live in the "large room" that saints of Anglicanism have grown up in. Father Simmons bars the way until we can utter his pass-word.

3. OUR UNION IS NECESSARY FOR THE SAKE OF THE MISSION AND WITNESS OF THE CHURCH TO A NEEDY WORLD.

My colleague says nothing about this. Presumably he gives it low weighting when balancing his arguments for and against.

With the majority on the conversations I should want to put it first and give it heavy weight. A suffering, unbelieving, divided nation needs the spectacle of a reconciled and reconciling Church to release its capacity for belief, to come to its aid in efficient, relevant Christian service and to present it with a life renewed in unity.





## Auntie Julie writes to the children

### CHEER UP WINTER WITH HOME-GROWN FLOWERS

DEAR CHILDREN,

Have you noticed how few leaves are on the trees now? Soon it will be winter time and the weather will be too cold for any plants to grow.

Some plants can be grown in the house, where it is nice and warm. If you plant them now, they will flower in time for Christmas and make lovely presents.

If you would like to grow a flower yourself, go as soon as possible to a seed shop and buy yourself some bulbs. One hyacinth or three crocuses are good to start with. If you decide on a hyacinth, you will be able to buy a glass vase with a bowl-shaped neck in which to grow it. Fill the vase to just below the neck with water and rest the bulb, pointed end up, in the bowl. The water should not quite touch the bulb. After a week or so, roots will appear under the bulb, which will very soon reach the water level and fill the vase.

Crocuses can be grown in a saucer of water! First find some small pebbles and wash them to brighten their colours. Place the pebbles in a saucer and balance the crocuses, pointed end up, on the pebbles. See that there is always some water in the saucer, as it will dry out easily, but try not to let the bulbs rest in water or they may rot.

If you follow these instructions carefully,

you will have a lovely show of flowers to brighten your room in the cold winter months.

AUNTIE JULIE.

### Malcolm's Prince

Dear Auntie Julie,

We have a pet dog. He is a dark brown colour with one white foot. His name is Prince. He is one year old and he is very playful. When I go to bed Prince comes with me and lies on the end of the bed. When he wants something to eat he jumps and starts to lick my face.

MICHAEL GOLDSMITH  
8, Hill Road,  
Mitcham,  
Surrey.

### GOOGLES, ON TELEVISION

### THOSE STUPID ADS!

INDEPENDENT television upsets me.

My vendetta is because of the advertisements. What I rebel against is their inanity!!

Does anyone really believe certain tablets cure headaches in a "split second" what difference is there in the multitude of washing powders? how many times has the awful story of B.O. really been recounted? what fool would drive a brand new car in the waves along the sea shore to demonstrate its tyres?

On listening to any of this rubbish my immediate reaction is to blacklist the product and avoid buying it if possible. Incidentally I have noticed that many items not advertised are much better value.

I am not being frivolous when I suggest that some of those who shout so loudly for a "clean-up" television campaign might release some of their fervour on an "improve advertisements" campaign.

# DON'T WASH THOSE SHEETS---JUST CHUCK 'EM AWAY!



THINK...

PRAY...

VOTE !!

AMERICAN women have some magic formula that enables them to dispose speedily of housewives' chores and keep most of their lives free for a round of parties, meetings, or straightforward leisure. At least, that is the way it seems.

And American women have often sighed over the inability of Englishwomen (and Scots and Welshwomen, for that matter) to arrange any free time for themselves.

At last I have been able to find the answer to this mystery, which has baffled me for years. I have never got a really clear account of how it is done from any American. But an English housewife friend has just returned from a year over there, and provided the answer.

Modern gadgets are not the only explanation for the American woman's way of life. My friend didn't have anything much beyond a vacuum cleaner and a refrigerator. "But I hadn't been there two weeks before the girl who lived across the road came in and found me ironing a huge pile of washing, including sheets," she said. "She went through them and tossed most of it away. Americans NEVER iron sheets, she said, nor tea towels, nor children's night clothes. She thought I was hundreds of years behind the times, slaving away like that."

### Hated

Usually, they have fitted nylon sheets which need no ironing, but which my English friend hated, preferring to stick to her linen and cotton sheets. Laundries, and all other services, are prohibitively expensive, so she went on washing them herself.

"The real key to American women's lives is that they don't do housework as we do," said my friend. "They leave everything, give a tidy round at night, and then turn the whole place out

By Joan Best

about once a fortnight. Then they spend a whole day at cleaning, and leave it till the next time round."

I couldn't understand how they led such bright social lives until the early hours of the morning when they had young children who woke around seven. My friend had the answer to this one, too. Most of them had a sleep in the afternoon, she explained. Young children often went to the pre-school kindergartens after lunch — half-day nursery schooling often being in the afternoons — so giving them a clear two hours for resting. "But they don't go out much in the week," she added. "Everything stops dead on Friday and people go gay for the whole weekend."

She found the sociability just a little tiring — friendly wives would suddenly arrive and take them all off for picnics, there was an inescapable round of parties, and their house was full of tots who would come in and telephone their moms to say where they were playing. But the children had a wonderful time.

### Hectic

It was common practice for them to "stop over" at each other's houses for the night and their social round was as hectic as anyone's. This children-organisation obviously takes a lone burden off a mother's shoulders. The communal life they lead would prevent much loneliness of mothers and young children if it were adopted here.

But apart from that, and in spite of that memorable American hospitality, my friend is very, very glad to be back in her peaceful English home again, washing and ironing to her heart's content!

## "I was born shy"

—Norman Wisdom

WHAT does it take to be a great comedian? From Norman Wisdom I had this reply.

"You must have a comedy brain, because it is your brain that guides your hands, your feet and your tongue."

"You must be a natural-born exhibitionist, I'm afraid. In other words you must be a swankpot. You must be able to make other people laugh and enjoy doing it."

But he added: "I am shy. I have learned not to be quite so shy, but I have never been a great conversationalist or mixer. I think I was born a shy person."

"But I enjoy making an exhibition of myself. It is a question of having supreme confidence in yourself. You must have this confidence, otherwise you will do it badly and fail."

### INTERESTS

Norman, by the way, clings to the cult that "life begins at 40." He used to dread the thought of being 40, but says that now he is nearing it he understands that old saying. He has taken up lots of new interests, including acrobatic diving in real earnest, has had an elaborately equipped yacht built, and has taken up golf. Norman is star of the current Rank comedy "A Stitch in Time."

## Kitchen corner

**Chocolate Layer Cake**  
5 oz. flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

2 oz. butter or margarine  
2 oz. castor sugar  
4 oz. golden syrup  
1 egg  
2 oz. plain chocolate  
1 teaspoon vanilla essence  
4-5 tablespoon milk

Sift together the flour, baking powder and bicarbonate of soda. Melt the chocolate. Cream together the butter or margarine, sugar and syrup till light and fluffy, then beat in the egg, melted chocolate and vanilla essence. Add the dry ingredients alternately with the milk, mixing thoroughly to blend, then turn the mixture into a grease-proof paper-lined deep sponge

tin. Bake in a moderate oven at 350° F. or gas Mark 3 for one hour. When cold, cut across and sandwich together with chocolate butter cream.

**Chocolate Butter Cream**  
1 oz. icing or castor sugar  
1 level dessert spoon cocoa powder  
2 oz. golden syrup  
2 oz. unsalted butter

Few drops of vanilla essence. Sieve together the icing or castor sugar and cocoa powder. Add to the butter and syrup and cream thoroughly until the mixture is smooth and fluffy. Flavour lightly with the vanilla essence.

Cover the top and sides of layer cake with more butter cream and decorate to taste with glacé cherries and nuts.



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## BIBLE STORIES AT THEIR BEST

Children's Books by Brian Ogden

LAST October whilst half listening to the radio I realised that "Housewives' Choice" had ended and "Five to Ten" had begun. At first I wasn't too sure, as it started with George Gershwin's "It Ain't Necessarily So." This was how the B.B.C. chose to introduce David Kossoff's adaptations from the book of Jonah.

These stories, brilliantly told, really bring the characters to life—Jonah didn't want to be a prophet, he was not very good at it, and he was very cross about having to be one for most of the time he was one. So popular were these stories

that the B.B.C. have published two small books of them. Entitled "David Kossoff at Five to Ten." They cost 3s.

After Jonah, we have the delightful "Tobias and the Angel" and this is followed by 10 episodes in the life of Jacob. Finally we meet three donkeys each of whom played a part in the life of Christ.

If your children enjoy a bedtime story then read these, as they are written in serial form. If they read themselves then give them a copy because these are Bible Stories at their very best.



# Nina, the one who "went astray"

**K**OMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA, the Russian newspaper of the Young Communist League, recently carried this letter from Nina, a 16-year-old girl:

"I am a Young Communist League member and I am 16. I am a normal girl but at the same time I am unusual. I am a member of a sect. Yes, I am a Baptist strange, isn't it? Frankly, I don't consider myself a member of the Young Communist League. I have a Komsomol card, but my soul belongs to God.

"Father was a drunkard and mother was sad; all my brothers and sisters were crying all the time. My school mates looked on me with contempt and pity. But at church people met me with warmth and care. They wore black . . . but they have, and now I have too, a great and pure belief—the belief in God. He will protect us.

## INSULT

"Let Komsomol members pass me without greeting. Let them look upon me with contempt. Let them say behind my back the word they regard as an insult—'Baptist.'

"Let them. I don't need them . . . now I am praying. God is almighty. My brothers and sisters in God treat me very well. I believe them. And I believe God. Before, I thought people invented God to oppress each other and now I think you should not invent God because he already exists. The only thing I do not know is what to do with my Komsomol card."

The newspaper put this heading on the letter: "The one who has gone astray." The Editor commented that he did not think Nina was lost to Communism. The very fact that she had written to the newspaper, he said, demonstrated how deeply she felt the uncertainty of her position.

## Cross-channel swim helps widow

Phil Spanjer (33) a Spitalfields Market business man, was forbidden by his doctor to swim after a coronary thrombosis.

But he led an eight man team from the market on a relay cross-channel swim. Wagers from market colleagues raised them £150. The money has been given to the widow and children of a workmate who died aged 32.

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## Striking new veins

**I**N a recent campaign for blood donors organised by the National Blood Transfusion Service, 5,000 new donors have been recruited in Stockport.

This was in response to an appeal by the N.B.T.S. for Stockport to become self-sufficient. The town hospitals use 5,000 pints of blood a year and although Stockport has a population of 142,000 only 2,500 pints are contributed by local donors. This, thought the Blood Transfusion Service, wasn't enough.

Mr. Barber, the Regional Donor Organiser, said that the appeal had been completely successful.

# THINK... PRAY... VOTE!! New centre met 7,755 questions

**A** TOTAL of 7,755 enquiries was answered by the Church of England Enquiry Centre during its first year's work from July 1, 1963, to June 30, 1964, the Church Information Office announces.

Varying aspects of some 70 or 80 subjects were dealt with each month, and about 120 different subjects are now listed in the Enquiry Centre's files.

Some 79% (6,134) of the enquiries were made by telephone; 16.5% (1,279) were written enquiries; and 4.5% (342) were made by personal callers. As far as possible queries were answered as soon as they were received, and 97.9% of all queries were dealt with on the day of receipt.

Enquiries about Church appointments and the addresses of clergymen accounted for about 30% of the total. There were 379 enquiries about Archbishops and Bishops. Other subjects frequently raised were: Marriage and divorce . . . 274  
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Queries concerned with belief, theology or doctrine form a comparatively small proportion—4.3%—of the total but they represent an important section of the Centre's work. The staff sought the help of a panel of theological advisers nominated by the Bishop of London.

**Practical**  
Most queries came from members of the general public who had practical problems which they felt the Church could help them to solve or who wished to find out some specific information. An increasing proportion came from abroad. Quite frequently foreign visitors came to the Church Enquiry Centre for information.  
The Enquiry Centre is part of the Church Information Office, Church House, Westminster London S.W.1 and its secretary is Mr Angus Pearson.

## MILLION STAMPS TO AID THE DEAF

**M**RS DIANE SHELTON, of Oakdene Road, Bramhall, Cheshire, together with a friend, was hoping to have a million trading stamps by the end of September, so that children from a deaf school will be able to have the latest group speech training machine, expected to cost £400.

After finding out that she could obtain this machine from the stamp firm, she immediately circulated hundreds of local schools and organisations.

To date 125,000 stamps have been received from all over England and over 100 youth clubs in the Bolton area have promised to send her 500,000 before the deadline.

Mrs. Sheldon has a good reason for helping deaf children. Two of her own three children are deaf.

## There are plenty of good footballers about, so why

# MUST SOCCER BE SUCH A BORE?

**W**ITH the English soccer season a mere two months old, the average spectator will already have experienced the sad realisation of early hopes confounded.

The rugby fan suffers not, for he regards the approach of his season in the manner of an "old boy," in anticipation of a series of re-union dinners, apprehensive only as to whether his bank balance, ulcer, and wife will stand another term of making the rounds.

Hope of better things to come springs for ever eternal in the breast of the soccer fan, in defiance of all previous experience, that this will prove to be HIS season.

A season when his team will climb on the band wagon; when he eagerly awaits each match day to bask in the reflected glory, and be readily charitable to the lesser mortals of the opposition.

For the few the dream becomes reality. But for the overwhelming majority the league programme rapidly becomes a drag.

## Defence

The steadfast refusal of the football league to accept the proposals of its own management committee to revise the league's structure, namely four up and four down, means that midway through the season clubs not concerned in the championship race embark on a policy of rigid defence in order to stay in the safety zone.

This emphasis on defensive tactics is not only ruining the game as a spectacle in this country, but also overseas, as witness the last European cup final between Internazionale and Real Madrid. By adopting a system of blanket defence, the

winners, "Inter," were able to nullify even such great virtuosos as Puskas and Di Stefano.

If the football world at large allows itself to be influenced by success achieved in such a negative fashion, soccer as far as the terraces are concerned will be reduced to the level of chess.

## Success?

The game must allow for improvisation and inventiveness. The fans may demand success at any price, but in retrospect it is the players and not the system that retains their interest.

Stanley Matthews, who in his fiftieth year has decided to retire at the end of this season, would have been recognised as a genius in any age. It is, however, by no means certain that if he were now at the beginning of his career the great talent that thrilled millions would have been allowed to develop.

The game abounds, with good footballers; men of adequate if limited talent. These are the faceless ones. It is the player capable of the unorthodox that fires the imagination and draws the crowds.

Our fathers speak of James, Tully, Buchan, and Cresswell. Surely we shall tell our sons of Law, Greaves, Pele, and of course, Matthews.

**BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE WE MUST ENSURE THAT OUR FOOTBALL ENVIRONMENT IS ONE WHERE GENIUS SUCH AS THEIRS IS ALLOWED TO FLOURISH.**

## Christian Aid record

Christian Aid Week in May raised more than £700,000, a record.

During the campaign half the houses in Britain were visited by collectors, "ton-up" motorcyclists volunteered to stick up posters, a Salvation Army pop group sang beat music on the steps of St. Paul's, and the Bishop of Kensington sold miniature loaves from a Tote-H bread van.

## Help for old churches

One Roman Catholic and four nonconformist places of worship were among the 160 historic English churches which benefited from £80,576 grants and interest-free loans distributed in 1963 by the Historic Churches Preservation Trust, it is announced by the chairman (the Archbishop of Canterbury) in the annual report.

The cash income of the trust in 1963 was £297,000, while promises under covenant provided a further £42,500. The amount distributed was less than that taken in, because of the delay between the assigning of grants and the completion of arrangements for work to be done.

## Methproofing!

A newly opened Methodist chapel in Heald Green, Cheshire, has been completely soundproofed to deaden the noise of low flying aircraft using nearby Manchester Airport.

Asks Ernest Adkins



## Sailing to the font

**A** CHURCH OF SCOTLAND minister, the Rev. Buchanan-Smith, of Christ's Church, Oban, sailed 54 miles in his yacht to conduct a christening on the island of Coll, in the Hebrides. The island has not had a minister since 1958.

Mr. Buchanan-Smith, a member of Oban Sailing Club, made the trip in his six-metre yacht Vrana after competing in the annual Western Isles yacht race from Oban to Tobermory Mull.

He christened Ronald Duff, aged five months, the grandson of Dr. James Glover, the island's doctor. The parents, Mr and Mrs. Gordon Duff, of Sherbrooke Avenue, Glasgow, are on holiday on Coll. It was the first christening for several years in the island's tiny church.

## More meals on wheels

Whitworth, near Rochdale, Lancashire, is to raise its number of "meals on wheels" service to old people in the area from 20 per day to 50 per day.

This increase is due to a recent carnival held in the village which realised £650.

## Help for mother

Detective Inspector Bill Worth told Derby magistrates that detectives felt so sorry for a woman charged with theft that they clubbed together and bought food for her five children.

She had had nothing in for five days. The woman was placed on probation for two years after admitting that she stole a £40 wage packet to buy her children food.



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Incorporating National Christian News



Once, most children went to Sunday School. Now most stay away—and only one in seven stays on to join the Church.

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**SHOCK REPORT HITS AT  
OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS**

## Children quit in their thousands

**T**HOUSANDS OF CHILDREN HAVE WRITTEN OFF CHRISTIANITY AS A RELEVANT ISSUE IN MODERN LIVING.

That's the conclusion of a detailed research carried out by a housewife journalist into what is being done in day and Sunday Schools about our children's religious education.

Her findings are published as a book (*Backward Christian Soldiers*, Hutchinson, 16s.). She points out that during the last 60 years Protestant Sunday Schools have lost a thousand children a week. Why?

Most of them, she says, get bored.

She produced these figures for comparative attendance spanning recent years:

	1951	1961
Baptist	228,532	174,268
Congregational	225,788	188,135
Methodist	805,659	587,276
Presbyterian	35,296	31,057
Total (including C. of E.)	2,808,600	2,400,268

Yet the total number of children of school age were:

1951	1961
6,137,000	6,921,000

A Free Church Federal Council report recognises that poor Sunday School teachers are doing more harm than good, and that the general Sunday School teaching standard is low.

### OUT-OF-TOUCH

She speaks of emotionally ill-equipped adolescents and out-of-touch elderly ladies who are expected to take on the Church's responsibility for teaching children in Sunday Schools, and claims:

"Very many children leave their Sunday School because their doubts and questionings are not treated with respect and learning there."

SO WHAT'S THE ANSWER? MORE FROM THE BOOK IS ON PAGE FIVE.

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