

NEW PRIEST FOR ST BARNABAS

At the time of going to press, the Rector announced the appointment of the Revd Adrian Dorber, to succeed Peter Sear as Emmer Green's resident priest, on the staff of the parish.

Adrian is 32 and has been assistant curate at Easthampstead since his ordination in 1979. An Arts graduate from Durham University (where he was elected President of the Students' Union), he spent a year as house-father in the Garvald

Institute for the Mentally Handicapped, then worked as research officer in parliamentary affairs with the CWS movement in Manchester. His theological studies gained him a diploma (with distinction) at Cambridge, where he trained for

the ordained ministry at Westcott House.

At Easthampstead, Adrian gained valuable parish experience with Len Tyler, Rector of the parish, and has been involved especially in teaching, liturgical presentation, and work with young people. One of his personal priorities is sharing responsibility for life in the Church at all levels with members of the congregation. In this respect he

will admirably build upon the work already done by Peter at Emmer Green.

Last year Adrian embraced the order of Holy Matrimony. Caroline — coincidentally but not contemporaneously a graduate of Durham also — is an Easthampstead lass and together they look forward to putting down family roots and settling into Caversham life based at St Barnabas, Emmer Green.

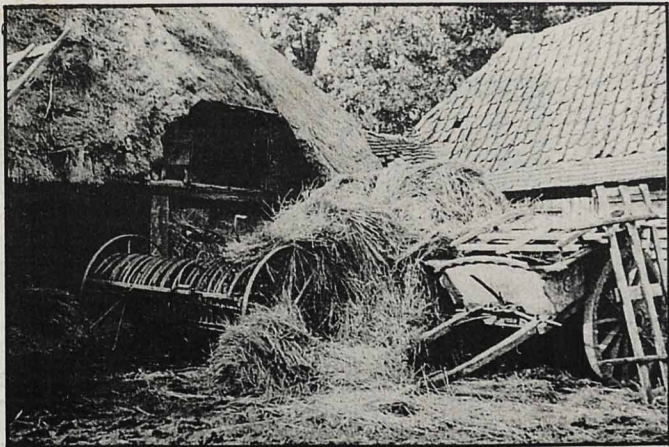
They bring with them an extra family member in the shape of their labrador dog!

It is hoped to welcome the Dorbers to 33 Grove Road in March and, after a long-overdue holiday, Adrian will commence duties in time for Easter. He does not own a motor bike, preferring four wheels to two, but slightly resembles his predecessor in sporting (at time of interviews) a trim beard!



Adrian will be licenced by the Bishop of Reading at St Barnabas on 25th March.

OLD MAPLEDURHAM



Two pictures of Rose Farm, Mapledurham in 1936. One appears to show a building being re-thatched. The old cart and hay rake are now museum pieces.



The other photograph shows a lovely walk up a very damp, rushy meadow to Noke End. At certain times of year this field was alive with frogs. Noke End was once a hamlet of several cottages, with a tiny green in the centre and a communal well (in the trees at the right of the picture). Now not one of these simple homes remains — though two were lived in around 1940.



Two thatched lean-to sheds on Mapledurham farms. The one beside the pond was at Whittles farm and the other at Lilley farm. Similar constructions must have been common on most farms in this part of the country. These were both still standing in 1937.

TALKING POINT

By the Rev. Ralph Rogerson, Methodist Minister at Caversham Heights



'IT'S FOR YOU-00-00-00'

New Poet Laureate Ted Hughes hates the telephone, according to one of his poems. Here are some extracts from it:

**"Do not worship the telephone
It drags its worshippers into actual graves"**

With a variety of devices, through a variety of disguised voices.

Sit godless when you hear the religious wail of the telephone."

"You plastic crab

Why is your oracle always the same in the end?

What rake off for you from the cemeteries?

Your silences are as bad ..."

*The stars whisper together in your breathing
World's emptiness oceans in your mouthpiece
Stupidly your string dangles into the abysses ...*

No Telecom shares for that lad!

Perhaps in some of our moods and after some of our experiences on the telephone we find sympathy with these sentiments! Is it stretching the analogy too far to say that sometimes our church leaders, when unchallenged to affirm the Faith of the Christian, equivocate to such an extent that they convey an impression of uncertainty, emptiness, confusion — their lines of faith dangling into a meaningless abyss?

A recent Television "Everyman" programme conveyed such an impression on me, when leaders of various denominations were questioned about the minimum amount of definite Christian belief necessary in their denominations to become a member. The Methodist leader, for example, was so insipid that I was left wondering whether many seekers after the faith had not been dragged into an "actual grave" of unbelief and cynicism by his uncertain witness.

Granted, in fairness and charity, that these Church Leaders "were shown as bending backwards in the attempt to present the Churches as sympathetically welcoming to the inquirer, and as completely free from anything which might be interpreted as dogmatism or obscurantist love of tradition" (Methodist Recorder). Granted, too, that a strong affirmation of faith ought to mean something deeper and greater at different stages of our lives. Consensus cannot be found to cover exactly all of these affirmations. Nearly forty years ago I could say, in exactly the same words as I say today: "Jesus is my Saviour. Alive for me. He saved me from my sins by His Death on the Cross". But there has been an immeasurable deepening of my faith in those 40 years — and changes too! The Faith hasn't changed. I most certainly have! Many times I have said "Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief." Surely, those who pretend they have no doubts and who repeat their well-worn shibboleths, parrot-fashion,

in the same old way year after year are suspect! Especially when they condemn as 'un-saved' those who do not express their faith in exactly the same way as themselves. A living faith is a progressive faith in one's own brand of faith! "An oracle always the same in the end". Yet after all excuses are made for those with their "Well-it-depends" and their "on-the-one-hand-but-on-the-other-hand" and their "Ums" and their "Ers", the "Everyman" programme was an indictment upon the Church when it speaks with a "variety of disguised", and halting, "voices" about the Greatest Thing in the World.

Limited space precludes a full affirmation here of all the Certainties I have found in Jesus Christ since my conversion 38½ years ago. Sufficient here to say that, aided by discovering Christ at work in places as diverse as Calcutta and Moscow, Detroit and Derby, and situations as different as death-bed and youth club, factory and communion table, I am certain:

i) That Christ Rose from the Dead and is Conqueror of Death and Sin.
ii) That the Cross is the Revelation in time constant of the Love of God in all time and eternity and is His "Power unto salvation".
iii) That outside Christ there is only death.

iv) That the Church is His chosen Vehicle (His Body) for communicating His Truth and, indeed, His Very Self. Thus it will never die.

v) That His Mercy and Love is everlasting for all who accept Him in trust — beginning an experiment which turns into an experience.

In conclusion, let me emphasise Christ is for all, therefore, for YOU.

Generally, television advertisements do not 'grab' me. One does. It is the one which shows Quasimodo, high up near the roof of Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, being urged on by the crowd below to answer the telephone ("It's for You"). He does. A smile wreathes his ugly features. "It's Esmerelda! She loves me. She loves me."

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Answer His Call now. It's for you-00-00-00!!!

The extracts from the poem "Do Not Pick Up The Telephone" are from "Ted Hughes, Selected Poems 1957-1981" and reprinted by permission of the publishers Faber and Faber.



Postbag

Dear Editors,
Church of St John the Baptist, Kidmore End

This fine mid-Victorian church has suffered a double blow to its fabric in recent months; the heating system has collapsed and the chancel roof is in urgent need of replacement. The total sum needed for these works is in excess of £11,000. Last year we had to find £4,000 to replace many of the windows.

We are having to work very hard to raise the necessary funds and as part of our campaign we are holding an auction at Chiltern Edge School, Sonning Common, on Saturday, March 2, 1985 at 2pm. Viewing

will be from 11am to 1pm. If you have any articles that would be suitable for an auction where purchasers would compete for their ownership (ie no jumble please) we would be very pleased to hear from you on Kidmore End 722113 (Joan Ronaldson) or 723890 (Neil Scott).

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Yours sincerely,
Alan R. Heywood
(Churchwarden)

CAVERSHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Caversham Horticultural Society will be holding its Spring Show on Saturday, 13th April, at 2.30pm in conjunction with the Reading Federation, at St Andrew's Church Hall. It will be open to the public between 2.00 and 4.00pm.

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SMALL ENGINEERING PROJECT IN CAMEROON

USING NATURAL RESOURCES...

When I asked if I would go to Yaoundi in Cameroon to work with a government department to devise a cheap method of processing wild oil palm, (Dura) fruit, I accepted the appointment with rather mixed feelings. I knew that the wild oil palm fruit, which is the main crop of the two hectare estates owned by small farmers, is not normally processed due to the lack of equipment and that valuable vegetable oil is therefore lost. I

could only spend one month in the country and in that time we had to get an idea, design a piece of innovative equipment, test it in the laboratory, commission it in the field and write a report. It is worth pointing out that the oil palm tree can be twice as high as a normal house and it bears bunches of fruit weighing about 20kg., the fruit being about the size of a small plum. The oil is in the thin flesh surrounding the large nut and has to be removed from the nut and pulped before oil can be expressed. The oil, is of course, used for cooking and eating and is a

Leslie Coward has been a member of St Peter's since 1968, when he and his wife moved from Earley. A very practical man (as St Peter's knows to its great benefit), since his retirement he has carried out part-time work as a consultant for various organisations.

As a Chartered Mechanical Engineer, his work has taken him all over the world. He describes below a very recent project in Central Africa. Readers may remember that Mrs Pauline Mercier designed a clay oven to save fuel and facilitate easier cooking, also for the African countryside, and it is good to know that Caversham talents spread so far overseas.

vital part of the diet. During 1984 this oil cost 60-80 pence per litre because it was in short supply. It was therefore considered essential that the small farmer should be able to process the fruit from their wild oil palm trees rather than have it go to waste.

The task of solving

the problem was given to CENEEMA (Centre National d'Etudes et d'Experimentation du Machinisme Agricole) and I was appointed to work with Emmanuel Mofor, the Head of the Engineering Department. The other members of the small team were Jules Tetica and Sonny Fomunyan. Jules had really worked to obtain his degree in engineering, he could only obtain a place in a Chinese University and in eight months he had learned sufficient Chinese, written and oral, to enable him to attend, what an achievement!

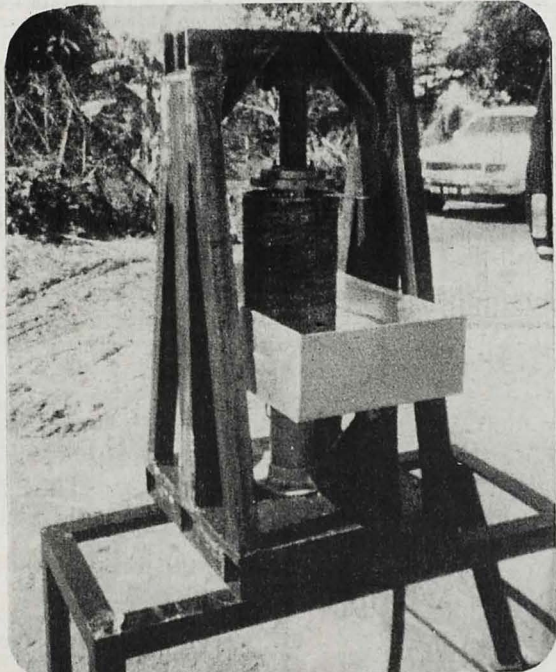
The whole project went more smoothly than I would have dared to hope and within the first three days we had decided what we would do. The technicians in the workshop were brought in to make up the parts as they were designed and drawn up, and to our collective surprise in three weeks we had made a small compact press, powered by an inexpensive hydraulic car jack and the whole thing cost less than 100,000 cfa (£200). We had also prepared guidelines for pre-processing and when we tried the press out at CENEEMA it was quite successful. The method of preprocessing is used in many countries and consists of dividing the fruit bunches into quarters with a machete and then boiling in water for eight hours. The fruit is then knocked off the hard stems with sticks and put into old oil drums with water for a further two hours of boiling. It is then macerated thoroughly using pestles and mortars and the resulting pulp put in another drum with a little water and heated to keep the tempera-

ture between 80-90°C prior to pressing. The press cage only held 7kg. of pulp, but it could be operated very easily and quickly and by working for about 4-5 hours per day during the harvesting periods, could more than handle the 10 tonnes of fruit obtained from the small farmers 2 hec-

tares of land. It could be seen that the farmer would be able to produce about 950 litres of clarified oil per year and this would pay back his £200 investment very quickly. Having had the brief proving trial at CENEEMA we got in touch with P. Urs Friedrich Egli, who was the priest responsible for a Catholic Mission at Otele, some 30 miles out from Yaoundi. He was a member of a Benedictin Order and had devoted much of his life to helping the farmers in Cameroon. In two days he had arranged for commissioning trials to take place at the Mission and had

... IN A PRACTICAL WAY

invited about 30 farmers and their wives to attend and to take part. The whole thing worked out well, from 70-80 per cent of the available oil was obtained and farmers seemed very pleased with press and the process. In fact I felt at the end of the month that although it was a very small project it was perhaps the most rewarding to have come my way because of the complete understanding and co-operation which existed during that period.



■ The finished press



■ Farmers trying out the press at the Catholic Mission

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KATY IN CAVERSHAM

Our Roving Reporter visits CPV

WALKING through a housing development in South London recently, I passed a small precinct of about ten shops of which four were boarded up. There appeared to be two small grocery stores competing against each other and likewise two newsagents/confectioners. There was a greengrocer and an off-licence, but these were both closed and there wasn't a customer in sight.



This set me thinking about the factors that make a small shopping precinct successful. In the Farnham Drive shops in Caversham Park Village, they are well aware of the problems that beset such an enterprise. In order to attract regular customers, it seems four factors have to be

right — a sufficient range of shops, potential customers in large enough numbers, adequate car parking and moderate prices.



I am glad to say the Farnham Drive shops seem to be winning. There have been times when several shops have stood empty, but at the present time there is only one vacancy. The largest unit formerly a small supermarket has always been a problem. It probably is just too large. Most people do supermarket shopping in one of the large cut price stores. But now this unit is back in business again as 'Images' — Dance and Fitness Studios'. There you can get into shape by

joining classes in aerobics, kung-fu, keep fit and all sorts of dancing from jazz to ballet, to name but a few.

A large range of groceries can be bought at La-Belle who stepped admirably into the breach when the supermarket closed by turning their delicatessen business into a comprehensive store selling a wide range of groceries and health foods, as well as providing an off-licence. Ironmongery, fishing and gardening equipment (including plants and seeds) can be found at Lynton's. We have a hairdressers (both sexes) — 'R & K Hair Creations', an office supply shop — Hugh Hall, and a newcomer — Arren Electrics Ltd.

Three basic needs are well supplied by

'D & E', the greengrocers, Caversham Park Butchers (where incidentally, as a side line, they sold kisses in aid of Ethiopian famine victims) and the Post Office/Newsagent at the end of the row. The latter also sell toys, paperbacks, sweets and stationery. The most obvious need is for a chemist. That would be a great asset and I for one miss the freezer shop.



To round things off we have had for a year or so now the Indian Restaurant — Village Tandoori. I have spoken of this excellent addition the the Farnham Drive Scene before. It provides one of the best meals out in the Reading

area and has a take-away service as well.

The greengrocer, the newsagent, Lynton's hardware shop and La-Belle all open on Sunday mornings, but most of the shops are closed on Mondays.

Yes, it's encouraging to see Farnham Drive shops in good heart and it would be hard to find more helpful or friendly service anywhere. That, together with the car park, the swings and a safe play area for children, make it a very pleasant place to shop.



Congratulations to Julian Asquith and Mary Sansom who have won places at Oxford, to read Physics and English respectively. They are both pupils at Highdown School.

GOODBYE PLAYGROUP— HELLO SCHOOL



—EUNICE COOPER

■ Thirteen happy children join together for "a last photograph" at Micklands Nursery Playgroup. The children all started school in January, twelve to Micklands School and one to The Hill.

SUE RYDER SUPPORT GROUP CAVERSHAM

THE group recently held a planning meeting to arrange the year's fund raising events. Again the group extends its thanks to all who supported them, enabling £400 to be sent to the home.

The home has welcomed Mrs M.

Cottrell as their matron and also received the happy news of the engagement of her predecessor, Mrs A. Moat, to Captain Ormsy, recently retired House Governor to the home.

Future diary dates:

Saturday, April 13th — Jumble Sale at Caversham Hall.

Saturday, October 12th — All Sorts Sale at Caversham Hall.

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LETS LINK UP

THE Link Group open meeting sponsored by Caversham Rotary Club in November, was attended by over one hundred people. This was the culmination of many months of work and thought as the first step towards a centre where help and offers of help could be co-ordinated. A full report of the meeting was published in the January number of the Caversham Bridge.

Action taken so far

1. Questionnaires returned showed a lively and practical interest by many charities and local organisations in the scheme for a centre for the co-ordination of their work.
2. The committee had a meeting with representatives of eight organisations including some not present on November 21st to ask how a centre could help them. Enthusiasm was shown about the idea of a filing system with facts about their work

and volunteers needed as well as a regular news letter.

3. The joint use of the Rector's room in Church House by the Link Group and the Good Neighbour Scheme as an office has now been agreed and members of the committee are now collecting data for the filing system. The office when ready will be open on week-day mornings.

4. The large room in Church House has been offered to the Link Group as a 'drop-in' centre initially for two mornings a week. It was agreed that a notice board with information about the organisations of use to casual callers, as well as a cup of coffee and a 'listening ear' will be essential in this room.

Both these rooms are given generously for the cost of heating only. The Link Group is very grateful to Caversham Rotary Club for the financial help promised for the equipment needed

by
Doreen Bennet
Link Group Chairman

sary to set up the Centre.

What help do we need?

We need kindly and sympathetic people who can provide a warm welcome either in the Centre or at the end of a phone. They must also be practical and knowledgeable enough to give the help needed.

1. Help could mean to be put in touch with the Good Neighbour Scheme's driving, shopping, visiting services.

2. Help would mean a visit by a Link Group member with an invitation to tea, or information about Luncheon Clubs, Out-while, Playgroups, Churches etc.

3. Help could mean contacting National Childbirth Trust, Age

Concern, Mencap, Reading Emergency Aid Project or one of the many charitable organisations offering more specialised help.

4. Help could mean offers of furniture and household goods and help with transport.

What of the future?

The future — offers of help and cries for help — depends on YOU. The Link Group believes in caring for people. I think a focal point is widely known could be a step towards this, but the Centre must be a means to an end, not an end in itself. As an illustration of this we heard from members who have a special interest in some of the various organisations we try to help. Reading Emergency Aid Project continues to need clothing (mostly for men) and blankets as well as basic food-stuffs. Katesgrove Family Aid asks for household goods and for drivers. There is always a home for

furniture and furnishings and the Mother and Baby Home in Priest Hill has an ongoing need for these — necessary replacements for wear and tear. Reading Victims' Support Scheme is in urgent need of more volunteers, details were given for local children's parties to the NSPCC, Katesgrove Family Aid, Peppard House and Heathcroft. Toys from St Peter's and the Baptist Church Toy Services were taken to the NSPCC and Family Aid. The Baptist Church also sent small gifts for the mothers at the Mother and Baby Home. These are some of the needs for which the Link Group tries to cater.

At the end of the meeting held on January 28th from which the above report comes, arrangements were discussed about the concert on March 2nd and our annual Good as New Sale in the Spring.

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GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME AGM

THE Annual General Meeting of the Caversham Bridge Good Neighbour Scheme was held on Thursday, 24th January at Church House. The Rector, the Rev. Richard Kingsbury, opened the meeting with a short devotional address, the theme of which was "God forgive us our

inactivity and complacency", and he commended those who in any way were refuting this statement. The Chairman, Dr J. Rothwell, continued with the formal business and introduced Miss Ether Youens, Secretary, who had taken over since Mrs Besley's retirement. She

looked forward to a time of expansion and consolidation. She explained that the six area organisers worked from their own homes and whilst this would continue, a central office had been found which would be open for two hours each day as a beginning to which enquiries could be made concerning all facets of the Bridge scheme.

No rent

The office was on the first floor of Church House, where there would be a telephone and a central filing system. No rent would be charged, and only a nominal sum towards heating and light. The office would be shared with the Link Group, to whom the Caversham Rotary Club had offered funds. Barclays Bank had kindly offered some furniture, but the expensive item would be the telephone. Any help towards manning the office would be highly appreciated.

History

The meeting agreed formally that the Good Neighbour Scheme should use the room at Church House. After Mr Tomlin had presented the Annual Accounts, on which there were no questions, the Chairman introduced the speaker, Mr. Richard Gash, Senior Probation Officer at HM Prison, Reading.

Mr Gash spoke of the early history of the prison. It was built in 1844, a model system for its day, on the site of an old house of correction. It has not changed at its core but has had considerable alteration modifications and additions.

Lock-up

It was empty between the wars, then used as a lock-up by the Canadian forces in the Second World War. After the war it was initially an ordinary Borstal, then a recall Borstal centre. It was then used as a training prison for category "C" prisoners, mainly those having committed sexual offences and segregated for their own safety. In 1979 it became operational as a "new local" prison. It holds 450 people, staff and prisoners.

At work

Since the mid-60's, Probation Officers have been working in prisons advising, counselling, supporting. Whenever possible, they liaise with families during the period of imprisonment and follow up afterwards. As a "local" prison, Reading takes many prisoners for the first six months of their sentences before transfer to longer term prisons in the SW Prison Division. Those early months were the most important for settling in. There is a remand

wing which houses many foreign nationals (there were 132 just before Christmas) which, though making life interesting for the Probation Officers, also produces great difficulty in making contact with the home base. Mr Gash had illustrated his talk with slides of the prison, both inside and out, and he answered questions. There was a distinct feeling that this very worthwhile job needed help. The Probation Service itself was always in need of volunteers.

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ROUND THE CHURCHES

NEW MUSIC SUPREMO AT ST PETER'S



■ Andrew Bosley ready for action

CAVERSHAM church organists welcome a new colleague to swell their distinguished ranks, with the appointment from 3rd March of Andrew Bosley as organist and choirmaster at St Peter's.

Andrew, a 35 year old civil servant, lives at Theale, where he has been organist since 1968 and choirmaster since 1975. Very much a son of Berkshire, he first took to organ playing at St Mary's Thatcham, studied under Ernest Hopkinson at St Nicholas, Newbury and continued organ and church music studies at Bradfield College with Victor Standing. His first appointment, as organist at his home church of St Mary, Cold Ash, came when he was only 15.

He and his wife Brenda have two children, Teresa (8) and Matthew (4), and put high priority on worship as a family. Andrew has catholic musical tastes, ranging from Elgar and Holst to Bowie and Lennon. He values the

musical traditions of the Church but feels that there is need of a wider spectrum in the use of music in worship and is keen to involve all kinds of musical instruments, contemporary composers as much as the great musicians such as Wesley, Dykes and Goss, and sees the offering of children as an important part of presenting the liturgy.

He has graduated from sporting pastimes such as playing rugby to being a shove-ha'penny connoisseur and enjoys boring people on the merits of real ale. Andrew admits to only one eccentricity — he likes 'Fawcett Towers'. The Rector of Caversham, who has been known to identify himself on occasions with Mr John Cleese, stresses that at the time of offering Andrew Bosley the post at St Peter's he was unaware of this eccentricity.

Andrew was quick to stress for his part the great work of his predecessors at St Peter's and to pay tri-

bute to Fiona Shrimpton for the way in which she has served the church since the departure of Lionel Bourne as organist in September 1984.

ST JOHN'S NOTES

THE publication dates of the Caversham Bridge mean this is the first issue to which it has been possible to send notes about Christmas — a long time ago now. Still, it is very pleasant to recall that St John's congregation had a happy and blessed Christmastide together.

Their Mothers' Union held their New Year party on January 15th. It was in the bitterly cold snowy weather, but forty two people went, and enjoyed themselves very much. The concert party, who were booked for the entertainment, had to cancel their booking, at the very last moment, because of illness. Mrs Eunice Cooper, from the

WITH spring flowers blooming in the garden and Easter just a few weeks away, Christmas seems a long time ago. But the Christian need not, and indeed **should** not, confine celebrations of Jesus' birth to the few days around December 25th. Every day Jesus wants to be born anew in our lives. We rejoice that the Christmas services brought many visitors to our church.

On the Sunday before Christmas we met in the Hill Primary School for a time of family worship, with the children taking part. The theme was centred around the reason for Jesus' coming into our world. The same eve-

ning we had a service of carols and testimonies from various members of the fellowship, giving glory to God for answers to pray and the way He longs to intervene in our lives.

On Christmas Day we met with joy for just a short time to praise God for coming to us. As the Christmas season passed we are left with a real sense of expectancy for this new year!

Ladies Coffee Morning

One regular weekly event at the Chapel is the ladies' coffee morning. The group encompasses all ages — from the young unmarrieds to the grannies! A crèche is provided for the under fives so that the mums can relax and concentrate. Generally we meet all together from 9.45 until 10am in the worship hall, and then divide into four smaller groups for an hour. During the hour we may look into God's word or spend the time in prayer — praying for the many needs of our world, this country, and the needs of those within the group. Once or twice each term we meet in our small groups in various homes throughout Caversham and at other times we specifically aim the meeting at those who do not usually meet with us.

At 11am we come together for coffee, biscuits and a chat, and usually leave by about 11.30am. Thurs-

day mornings are very often a highlight of the week, especially for those wives whose husbands do not share their faith. Over the past few years several women have come to put their trust in

Jesus directly as a result of coming along on a Thursday.

We are always very pleased to welcome newcomers, whether or not they regularly worship with us. Please come along!

CAVERSHAM PARK CHURCH NEWS

Joyce and David Newby

IN January Caversham Park Church formally closed its link with Joyce and David Newby, whom they had supported during the past few years in their work in Sri Lanka with the Voluntary Service Organisation. Joyce and David are now back in the UK and have bought a smallholding in Norfolk. On a cold snowy evening in January they came to Caversham Park to show slides of their work in Sri Lanka and to explain how the money raised by the church had been used. Joyce has been involved chiefly with young children and during their last year, when they worked under the auspices of the Save the Children Fund, had initiated the Fund's involvement with pre-school playgroups as an extension of their commitment to children's homes etc. David has been training young boys in certified schools in various skills to help them eventually find

employment. While in Sri Lanka they had witnessed with sadness and horror the riots between the Tamils and the Singalese. Now they are about to begin a new enterprise in snowy Norfolk, no doubt missing both their Sri Lankan friends and the warmer climate.

Pianist wanted

Although there is no choir or call for elaborate settings by Bach and Mozart, nonetheless music plays a large part in the worship at Caversham Park Church. At the time of writing there is an unfilled vacancy for a pianist to share responsibility with our existing pianist for playing at the eleven o'clock service. Ideally, such a person would take over twice a month (on first and third Sundays) but a lesser commitment would nonetheless be welcomed. Offers please to the priest-in-charge, Graham Lynch-Watson (475152).

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The Berkshire County Council has allocated two sites, at the Hill School and St Martin's Roman Catholic Church in Caversham Park Village. The St John's Companies hope to raise £200 towards the cost of the trees. They have also set out to grow some. All the Brownies have planted pots of acorns, and there are also attempts to grow beech and hazel, plums, apples and 'conkers' from seed. If anyone else has small unwanted seedlings the organisations would be interested to hear about them.



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ROUND THE CHURCHES

ST ANNE'S NEWS

THIS January the parish got down to the business of raising money for the famine and drought relief in Africa; and though events were hampered by bad weather and illness in High Places, they continued undaunted throughout the month.

There were a number of very successful coffee mornings at the Presbytery, in the parish hall, and in various parishioners' houses. To this was added a Hunger Lunch which raised £62. A parish sale was very well attended and received a visit from the Mayor to encourage the proceedings. Meanwhile individual donations to the fund continued. Notice boards displaying progress charts announced an interim total of £2,500 by mid-February.



In the parish newsletter Fr Meagher's review of the year 1984 noted the overall growth in number of mass attendances on Sunday and weekdays: The total for the six Sunday masses being nearer nine hundred than eight hundred — it is expected they will pass the thousand mark by next December.

Distribution is somewhat uneven: The Heights Chapel is uncomfortably full quite often, while St Anne's Church overflows on special occasions only; there is no obvious solution to this at the moment.

Parishioners were urged to make extra efforts to attend the weekday morning masses, and Benediction on Sunday.

Finally, for the New Year, there are plans for a Mission in September.

GOSBROOK ROAD REVIEW

1985 was welcomed at Gosbrook Road Methodist Church with a traditional Watch Night Service, led by Rev. Brian Skinner. The service was felt to be a worthwhile enterprise, and members and friends who attended had a happy time of fellowship together.

Cinderella at The Hexagon was well supported by the Church, as the Boys' Brigade Juniors and the Girls' Brigade made up a party to see the pantomime, and the Women's Fellowship also enjoyed an evening out to see the Hexagon's Christmas Show.

Members from Gosbrook Road and Caversham Heights joined other Methodists from the Reading Circuit for a Social Evening and Dance at Mapledurham Hall on Saturday, January 19th. This was a great success, the hall being packed to capacity.

The Ambassadors have been practising hard for their first 'Winterguard' competition, which took place at Islington on Saturday, January 26th.

These are special competitions with movement, marching and flag work to taped music. The young people looked very smart in their new red and grey uniforms, and the band as a whole are grateful to

parent and friends who helped to make the new outfits. The Winterguard, who were placed 5th, are trained by Mrs. Beryl Cooper, and are led by Guard Captain Catherine Hackman. They hope that with more practice their marks will be improved. More results will be given in later editions of this newspaper.

ST PETER'S WIVES GROUP

IN December a good turn-out of members enjoyed a very lively demonstration of microwave cookery.

Also in December, members, husbands and daughters went to Carol Singing. Thanks to the generosity of residents in the Sheridan Avenue/Hem-dean Road area, the Group has sent a cheque for £45 to The Sue Ryder Home at Nettlebed.

The 1985 programme made a good start with a very informative talk by Mr Fred Pugh on his life as a Town Councillor. Keeping his promise to make the evening non-political, members learned very simply the obvious complex business of running a large town like Reading.

1985 is the Group's 21st year — it meets at Church House on the third Tuesday of the month at 8pm. On the 19th March, Mrs Peggy Makins, who lives locally, will talk to the Group about her life as "Evelyn Home".

Any readers interested in joining should contact the Chairman, Jean Pugh (472949) or the Secretary, Dorothy Churcher (473353) for further details.



E. S. Archer

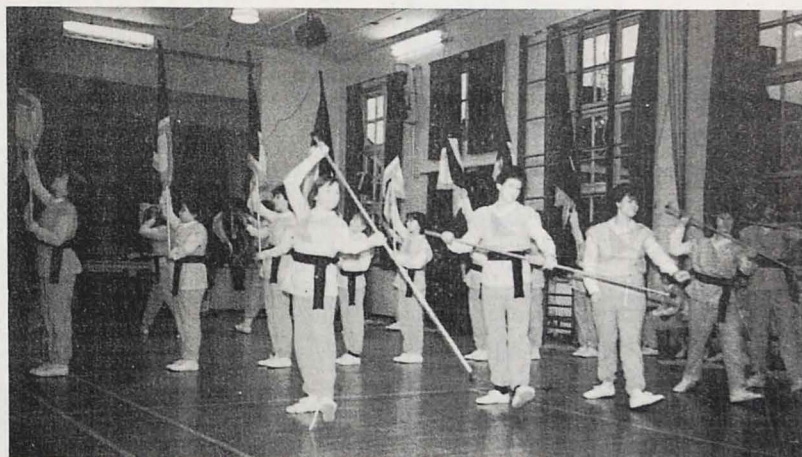
AFTER the Rev. Peter Sear's last service at St. Barnabas, various presentations were made at a social gathering held in the hall. The clergy wrote and sang a farewell ditty, well up to Caversham standards, and

gave their own special thank you. Seen in the picture are Mr Ken Bennett, Churchwarden, with the Sear family, Anne and Peter, Rachel and Catherine. To the right of the shy Rector are Mrs. Valerie

Gardiner and Mr. Ernest Pakenham-Walsh, District Wardens. The Sear family were given garden furniture and a cheque, with separate presents for Anne and the children. The great number of

people who turned out on a very cold evening made the Hall the warmest place in Caversham, and the warmth of those present was clearly extended to the Sear family.

They will be missed.



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RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT

By WATCHDOG

CAVERSHAM ROAD STRATEGY

TWO very important documents have been published simultaneously by Berkshire County Council under the title Reading Highway Strategy. One is the consultation document for the third Thames bridge whilst the other, to which the options set out in the former are essentially linked, deals with what has come to be known as the Cross Town Route.

Common to these documents are a number of important points. The whole strategy is aimed at dealing with local traffic only and providing relief for over congested existing roads. Neither of the routes proposed is designed to be a by-pass for through traffic. The whole study is based on an explicit proviso that unrestrained traffic growth cannot — and should not — be catered for.

It is emphasised that any new Thames bridge depends upon the Cross Town Route for its connections into the central network, but that the Cross Town Route is cost effective in its own right, without a new river crossing. What then is this Cross Town Route? It is the follow-up to the completion of the Inner Distribution Road, whose merits and demerits it is not the function of this article to examine. It will run from the Sutton's roundabout on the A4, across the railway, along King's Meadow to Vastern

Road, then along Caversham Road, Richfield Avenue, and probably Portman Road to Oxford Road. Most of it goes through land capable of accommodating major highway works without causing serious environmental damage, though care must obviously be taken of the stretch between the railway line and the river. The section that particularly concerns Caversham is also the section which is the most environmentally sensitive, that is the four hundred yards or so of Caversham Road from Vastern Road to Richfield Avenue.

It is an essential link in this route, but with or without it, it is destined to be a major traffic artery as it is the only link from the town centre to one of the two Thames Bridges. It is a part of a mature and densely developed area, fully utilised for residential and commercial purposes. It is, maybe, a little short on beauty, but its wide pavements and rows of plane trees are its saving grace, so that there remains some semblance of a wide avenue leading to the banks of the Thames.

The problem is, how to deal with it. It can be widened to allow for four traffic lanes with lay-bys for parking and bus stops, but this will mean the loss of the trees on the north-east side and a reduction in the width of the pavements, bringing

traffic much closer to the houses (stop grizzling, pedestrians, there'll still be room for you to pass each other). On the other hand, the trees and pavements could remain untouched and a 'tidal' system introduced, with two inward lanes and one outward in the morning peak hour, reversed in the evenings. Kerbside parking would be abolished not only in Caversham Road but also in some of the side roads and large, visually intrusive overhead gantries would be required to operate the system.

This is what the consultation is about. A few points should be borne in mind by those intending to comment. The trees on the north side, it is claimed, will be replaced with semi-mature trees. It will however be a long time before they make any significant contribution to the street scene. At the same time, three on the north east pavement are already not mature trees, after Rediffusion's axe-happy men got to work. The older ones, though good for several more years, eventually will need replacement anyhow. Perhaps the houses affected by the road widening should be offered free sound-insulation as part of the deal. Any alternative scheme by-passing Caversham Road would only mean unacceptable demolition in the side roads.

THE THIRD BRIDGE

WHILST we in Caversham might not agree that the effectiveness of a third bridge necessarily depends on the Cross Town Route, the general view would probably be that it would add to its effectiveness. As far as the bridge itself goes, there are four options, and the consultation is designed to find the most favoured one.

The two to the west must be unacceptable on grounds of the environmental damage they would inflict on the Chiltern escarpment, the poor link-up with the Reading road system, and associated engineering problems which will add to the cost. The two to the east provide a much better link with existing and proposed roads in Reading and are less environmentally damaging. As far as cost goes, the east route nearer Reading is estimated at £5.6m, the one nearer Earley Power Station at £7.9m, whilst the two west ones are £6.5m and £6.9m.

All the traffic surveys done (see December's Bridge) indicate that there is no need for link northern by-pass roads. Berkshire County Council

could anyhow not plan for these as they are in Oxfordshire, and Oxfordshire would strenuously oppose them as being undesirable. Berkshire on the other hand sees them as being unnecessary. The study devotes a whole section to alleviating Oxfordshire's fears that a new river crossing will lead to pressures to develop in the rural areas to the north. Perhaps it would be uncharitable to point out that Oxfordshire has cheerfully gone on upgrading the A4074 and the road from Crowmarsh to Oxford apparently without any qualms about pressures to development it might bring. A purely local river crossing in an urban

area is much less of a threat.

In order to make informed comments the documents should be studied, or the exhibitions that are arranged, should be visited. The County Surveyor's Department, Shire Hall, Shinfeld Park RG2 9XG wants your comments before 14th June. Members of Caversham Residents' Association's comments at the Annual Association's comments at the Annual Meeting to be held on Monday, 18th March at 8.00pm at Church House. Only members' views will be taken into account for this, though anyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

HEMDEAN VALLEY APPEAL

AN appeal against the Planning Committee's decision to refuse permission for five hundred houses has been lodged. All interested parties are now preparing their case. The applicants are clearly hoping for a change of policy at the Department of the Environment, who on all previous occasions have unequivocally dismissed

such appeals. As soon as the date of the Public Inquiry is fixed and the address for objections announced, it is important that a flood of letters is sent. All who can should attend at least a part of the Inquiry. It is hoped there will be an evening session for those unable to attend during working hours.

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ALTHOUGH January's meeting was cancelled owing to bad weather, The Social Studies meeting at the end of the month was well attended by members glad to see each other again. Mr W. Dear, who has been a warden at Basildon and Grey's Court at Henley, spoke interestingly about the excellent work of the National Trust in helping to preserve lands, properties and gardens. Its forerunner was The Commons Preservation Society. It is one of the three largest landowners in the country and also owns several hundreds of thousands of sheep. Slides showed beauty spots such as Watersmeet in Devon and the Dove river. Items from the cellars of the National Gallery and furniture from the Victoria and Albert Museum are exhibited in stately homes. Pages from a very old Bible were found on a Kingston-Lacey estate in Dorset.

All members and outsiders are invited to the new leisure afternoon on the first Wednesday in every month between 1.45 and 3.45pm, starting

in February at Mapledurham Hall off Woodcote Road. It is hoped to encourage useful crafts and activities and a cup of tea will be provided for a small charge. If you thought that a leisure afternoon was snoozing in front of a fire and do not know what to expect, come along and find out what is going on.

Maplewood WI

DESPITE the weather there was a good attendance at Maplewood's thirtieth Birthday meeting in January. Mrs Joy le Mare, president, welcomed members and guests. The entertainment took the form of "Woman's Hour", with Mrs Evelyn Mann, cookery expert, lately of Berkshire College of Agriculture, as "Guest of the Week".

Interviewed by Mrs Barbara Belfield-Smith, Mrs Mann told how a diploma gained at the Technical College spurred her on to greater things, culminating in her appointment as a teacher. The programme also featured Nature Notes, Holidays, Listeners' letters, and Hobbies. Mrs Eileen Clarke gave the vote of thanks. Members enjoyed an excellent tea, the decorated birthday cake being made specially for the occasion by Mrs Joan Ford.

ROUND THE CLUBS

Caversham Ladies Club

IT had been agreed that the January meeting would be informal, as the weather was usually inclement, and speakers had difficulty in travelling. This was a great success, and members discussed what talks they would like, outings, special events, charities, etc. Thanks were expressed to the committee for all their hard work on behalf of the club, and also to Dora Stockwell, secretary, for the very varied programme she had arranged for 1985.

Rosehill WI

Miss Vincent welcomed members to the January meeting, on a bitterly cold afternoon. The speaker was Mrs F. Slade, her subject "The Everest Trek", which she has been doing for the last eleven years, from Katmandu to the Base Camp. The talk was illustrated by beautiful slides.

The competition for "A Savoury Quiche" was won by Mrs Burtenshaw.

Chazey WI

THE meeting in January was given a very interesting talk by Jeanette Hartley, a British Airways stewardess. She has been flying for sixteen years on various aircraft and seen the merger of BOAC and BEA into British Airways, who fly to 180 cities in 70 different countries with 200 aircraft moving 30,000 passengers a year, and are the biggest British earner of overseas income.

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gers are given luxury foods and champagne in keeping with the supersonic image and separate airport lounges and check-in facilities help to enhance this.

Blagrove WI

A WARM welcome was given by Mrs M. Popplewell, the President, to the many members who braved the snow and ice to attend the January meeting.

Mr Terry Warner, himself blind, spoke on the work of "Guide Dogs for the Blind", telling of its early beginnings soon after the First World War, to the growth and expansion of the present day. Training plays an important part in the puppy's early life, learning kerb drill, working in traffic and busy areas, such as shopping centres, all help prepare it for the time when it becomes the guide and constant companion of someone who depends so much upon it.

The competition 'A picture of a pet animal' was well supported and won by Mrs Reed.

Caversham Community Association

THE icy weather prevented many members from attending the social evening arranged for the 7th January. The 24 members who came had a very enjoyable time listening to a musical group called 'Outlore'. Dave Croton, Malcolm Plant, Doug Allen and Hugh Gee, the members of the group, gave a varied programme of Country and Western style songs. Malcolm Plant also gave some amusing recitations to complete an entertaining evening.

The failure of the heating system caused the meeting arranged for the 21st January to be postponed until the following Monday when Mr Bernard Moring, a member of the club, gave a slide film show. Colourful scenes of beautiful tulip gardens in Holland and also of Spalding Tulip Festival gave the appreciative members a reminder of springtime. Mr Moring also showed slides of some fine shire horses from the Shire Horse Show at Peterborough and views of local places of interest.



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GOING ON RETREAT

by Brian Woolgar

WE shall soon be thinking of going on retreat either the Parish retreat or as individuals during 1985.

Someone once said that going on retreat was rather like bird watching. In our daily life, we see birds and hear them, but often we only catch a glimpse or them in flight or a snatch of their song. If we wanted to look at them more closely, and really get to know and recognise their

voices, we would need to set aside time when we could become still and attentive, waiting and listening for them. This is what we try to do in prayer not only to bring to God or active worship and love, our thanks and concerns but also to be still before him, attentive to His presence and His voice. But sometimes it is difficult to create this inner space of watchful and loving attentiveness to God. The pressures of time,

of noise, and of our achievement-orientated society lead us all too easily into a relationship with God in which we seem to be the speakers and initiators. 'Don't just stand there, do something!'



We must never forget that at the heart of the relationship with all those whom we love is a delight in simply being with them, deepening our friendship not by 'doing' anything, or in anyway imposing ourselves on them, but by just 'standing' there, and sharing time and experience together. A retreat is an attempt to deepen our relationship with God by discovering ways of 'standing' before him. Leaving behind our activities, the inner and outer noise, the limitedness of our time, the anxiety, is a way to become free of discovery. Having stopped, we can look and listen. Our sensitivity to God is sharpened in this 'watching', sometimes by the silence which becomes a 'presence',

a silence in which we can know God, and come to learn his searching out and knowing us. Sometimes, awareness is heightened by music or by liturgy, or by exploring ways of meditation. Retreats used to conform to a regular pattern of silence and addresses made by the retreat conductor, but now a varied range of programmes is offered by retreat houses, which provide, in addition, such approaches as Christian yoga and the creative arts. There is also a long tradition of hospitality for individuals seeking a time of quiet and reflection. It is often a deep and enlarging experience to share in the peace and rhythm of a religious community, and many retreat houses are set in beautiful countryside.



A retreat is not a negative 'getting away' so much as a positive 'coming to' to look for the beauty of God's presence, to listen to the richness of His Word, and to learn to go forward in his

love, the mainspring of all our activities done in His Name. 'Be still, and know that I am God' (Psalm 46:10). Why not have a talk to your minister or clergy for further help and advice. They will be happy to help in any way possible.

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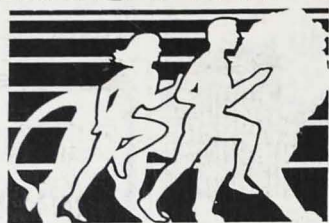


AROUND THE WORLD

RUNNING FOR 'GOLD'

HAVE you kept your training going in spite of the bad weather of late? If you are hoping to get round the 13.1 miles on the 24th March nothing should be stopping you now from running at least three or four times a week. Don't forget it is the running that you do more than three or four weeks before the race that really counts and not the training in the couple of weeks up to the event. If you haven't run before it isn't necessary to go out and run the whole 13 miles in your training but you should get in one or two runs of at least 1½ hours duration. Also, whether on your legs, bike or car, take a careful look at the course so that you know how far you have covered at any particular stage in the race.

The event is again



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guaranteed to be a great success as the entry of 6,000 was reached before the closing date of February 1st. There are many interesting entries including a lecturer from Mexico University plus other runners from Switzerland, Belgium and France as well of course as people from

every corner of the United Kingdom, from Galway to the Orkneys. There will be a higher number than before of lady runners and there has also been a marked increase in the number of older male competitors above the age of 50 years.

One other exciting feature of the 1985

race is the quality of the top runners taking part. Last year's winner, Mike Hurd, will be facing tough opposition in defending his title with at least ten runners capable of improving on last year's record time of 64mins 39secs.

These include Steve Anders, the current A.A.A.'s 10-mile champion with a previous best time of 63mins for the Half Marathon. Also, there will be Nick Brawn who finished fourth in the New York Marathon in 1981 and eighth in 1984 with a best Half Marathon time of 64mins. Others include the winner of this year's British Marathon at Bolton and the winner of the recent Athens Marathon. The best lady is likely to be Margaret Lockley who ran last year's London Marathon in 2hrs 36.06

secs. Many of these top runners are using the Reading Half Marathon as their final preparation for the 1985 London Marathon which is just four weeks later.

In addition to the able-bodied runners there will be a strong contingent of wheelchair competitors as well as three totally blind runners who will be escorted by able-bodied companions, as will a group of mentally handicapped runners, many of whom will be taking part for the first time.

For those people running for the third time — the award for completing the course in 1983 was a 'Bronze' medal, in 1984 it was 'Silver' and to complete the set — for 1985 it will be 'Gold'.

Don't forget, keep up your training and if you are not running — turn out and give support to your friends and neighbours.

THE joinery and metalwork produced in the Gosbrook Road factory of Elliotts has a deservedly high reputation but the contracts to which it is supplied are usually in the United Kingdom. However, in recent months a large quantity of joinery has gone to The Gulf for the Sultan of Qaboos University. Over three thousand teak gates have been despatched and production is now well in hand of nearly two thousand wardrobe fronts.

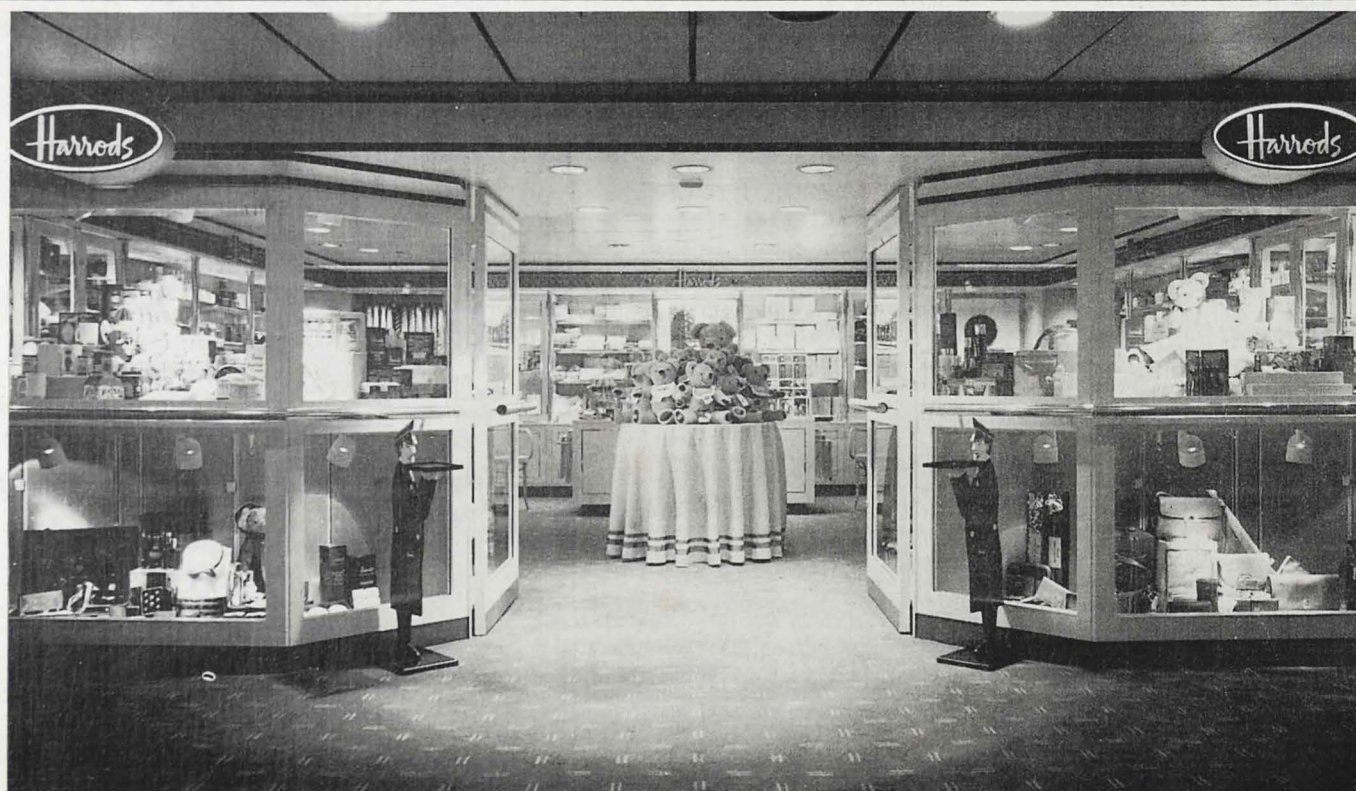


Another interesting contract has been the fitting out of a suite in the Beijing Hotel in Peking. This hotel, the premier in the Chinese capital, has plans for a general upgrading to five star standard and Elliotts are in competition with nine other contractors from Europe

and the Far East for a contract to up-grade all of the six hundred rooms. The work was carried out at very short notice and all the materials were sent by air from this country and included silk faced wall paneling, marble panelling to the bathrooms, bedroom furniture, bathroom fittings and general furnishings.



Two of Elliotts' skilled craftsmen, Peter Dove, a Caversham resident, and Alvin Blackmore, went to Peking before Christmas to carry out the work with the help of Chinese labour. They returned in January to carry out modifications required by the hotel management. If Elliotts are successful in obtaining the contract for all the rooms, it will provide work for the Caversham factory for two years ahead.



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WE RECORD

BAPTISED

St Peter's

Oct 14 — Thomas Eagling
Oct 21 — Gareth Eighteen
Nov 25 — Emily Randall
Dec 30 — Duncan Geere, Mark Gregory

St John's

Oct 7 — Paul Hakewill, Lisa Phipps,
Victoria Bannister, Shaun Tegg
Nov 4 — Kirsty Viney
Nov 18 — Gary Allwood, James Bushnell
Nov 25 — Wayne James
Dec 2 — James Swannell
Dec 9 — Emma Lawrence, Matthew Lawrence,
Matthew Walker, Daniel Tocock
Jan 27 — Marylyn Wallis, Helen Wallis, Karen Wallis

St Andrew's

July 22 — Alexandra King
Aug 5 — Carly Mellin
Aug 12 — Guy Read
Aug 19 — Jonathan Monks
Nov 5 — Laura Gray
Dec 9 — Lisa Jackman, Matthew Robinson
Dec 16 — Michelle Smith

St Barnabas

Nov 25 — Steven Williams, David Ferris, Jane Barley

St Margaret's

Aug 5 — Hannah Stone

Caversham Park

Sep 23 — Benjamin Ponting, Carolyn Myatt
Oct 21 — Fiona House, Rachel Morgan-Jones

St Anne's

Louise Thompson, Peter Eggleton Olive, Simon Chandler,
Patrick Joyce, John Gregory, Ian Gregory, Peter
Gregory, Susan Gregory, Darrell Alper, Francoise Alper,
Carina Alper

Jan — Roisin Philip

Received into the church

St Anne's

Stephen Rooney, Michele Walsh

Child Dedication

Chapel on the Hill

Sep 23 — Rebecca Holmes

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St Peter's

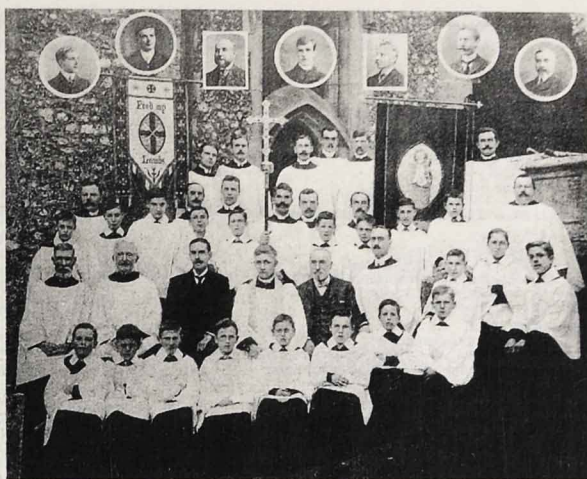
Sep 1 — Gordon McPhail and Deborah Clarke
Sep 8 — James Alcorn and Pamela Gledhill
Sep 8 — Christopher Catton-Taylor and Angela Ballard
Sep 29 — James Trevorton and Nicola Bunce
Oct 6 — Dean Justice and Anne Bernard
Oct 7 — James Martin and Belinda Exell
Oct 27 — Keith Parsons and Victoria Chevallier
Nov 3 — Nigel Beckford and Nicola Boaks

St John's

Oct 27 — Nicholas Tipton and Yoko Kannami

St Andrew's

March 31 — Leslie Price and Jane Sinnett
May 12 — Mark Harris and Susan Blake
June 23 — David Bowcock and Inger Wesenlund



■ St Peter's choir and bellringers (insets) with the Reverend Cleaver c. 1912. Mr Ernest Cook is shown in the second circle from the right. A local teacher, he was in charge of St Peter's Sunday School for many years. Many readers of this paper may see other faces they remember.

July 28 — Christopher Susel and Clair Boon
Sept 15 — John Sinclair and Carol Manning
Oct 20 — Timothy Gilbert and Joanna Goddard

St Barnabas

Jan 20 — Sarah Hester and Roger Fuller

St Margaret's

May 5 — Christopher Readings and Sarah Allwright
May 12 — Anthony Durrant and Julia Warner
June 23 — Kim Faulkner and Melanie Grey
June 30 — Gary Collins and Carol Wright
Aug 25 — Martin Brady and Ann Shell

St Anne's

Stephen Rooney and Vivienne Walsh
Mark Pearce and Mary O'Brien
Paul O'Kelly and Diane Gatter

FUNERALS

St Peter's

Nov 19 — Alice Blackall

St John's

Oct 15 — Charles Bryant
Nov/Dec — Philip Proctor, Peggy Cave Albert Haskell,
Blanche Beasley, Leslie Leach, Stanley Tegg, Agnes
Gamble, Michael and Ian Bills
Jan 30 — Leonard Slade

St Andrews

Jan 9 (1984) — Morris Cheer
May 10 — Thomas Bengier
July 6 — Joan Palmer
Nov 24 — Irene Dennison
Dec 21 — Edward Drage
Jan 3 — Edward Ayres

St Barnabas

Jan 19 — Evelyn Earley

St Margaret's

June 20 — John Granville
July — Helen Anderson (Burial of Ashes)
Aug 16 — Douglas Vincent

St Anne's

Michael McDonagh, Cecil Mitchell, Anne Rojek, Brymor
Davies, Lilian Donnellan, Marjorie Morgan

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

(continued from page 12)

Holy Saturday — Confessions 10.30am-12.00 noon, 3.00-4.00pm and 5.00-6.30pm. Vigil ceremonies for Easter with Blessing of New Fire, Blessing of Paschal Candle, Service of Readings, and First Mass of Easter with Blessing of Baptismal Water and Renewal of Baptismal Promises. Easter Vigil Ceremony begins at 8.00pm
Easter Sunday — Masses at 9.00 and 11.00am (Latin)
Collection at all Masses (including Vigil). Easter offerings

Our Lady of Caversham

Saturday, March 30 — Confessions from 9.30am. Mass at 10.00am
Palm Sunday — Masses at 8.30 and 10.30am and 5.00pm. Blessing of Palms before 10.30 Mass. Distribution of Palms at 5.00

Tuesday in Holy Week — Mass at 10.00am
Good Friday — Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord at 6.30pm. For other details of the Ceremony see St Anne's programme. Confessions will be heard after the Ceremony

Holy Saturday — Confessions 4.30-5.00pm
Easter Sunday — Masses at 8.30 and 10.30am and 5.00pm
NB: (i) Collection on Good Friday for the Holy Places; (ii) Collection on Easter Sunday — your Easter Offering

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SUNDAY SERVICES IN MARCH

ANGLICAN

St Peter's
8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am PARISH COMMUNION
11.15am Holy Communion (1st and 3rd Sundays)
11.15am Matins (2nd and 4th Sundays)
6.30pm Evensong

St John's
8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am FAMILY EUCHARIST
11.00am Children's Service (1st Sunday)

St Andrew's
8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am FAMILY EUCHARIST
11.15am Holy Communion (not 3rd Sunday)
11.15am Matins (3rd Sunday)
6.30pm Evensong

St Barnabas
8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Family Communion (apart from 2nd Sunday)
9.30am Family Service (2nd Sunday only)
4.30pm Evensong (1st Sunday only)

St Margaret's, Mapledurham
8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sunday)
11.00am PARISH COMMUNION

CAVERSHAM BAPTIST FREE CHURCH

10.30am Morning Service
6.30pm Evening Service
CAVERSHAM PARK CHURCH (Caversham Park Primary
School)
11.00am FAMILY COMMUNION (1st and 3rd Sundays)
MORNING WORSHIP (2nd and 4th Sundays)

CAVERSHAM HILL CHAPEL

10.30am Morning Service
6.30pm Evening Service

METHODIST

Caversham, Gosbrook Road
11.00am Morning Service
6.30pm Evening Service

Caversham Heights

8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sunday)
11.00am Morning Service
6.30pm Evening Service

ROMAN CATHOLIC

St Anne's
9.00am, 11.00am (also Saturdays 5.30pm)

Our Lady of Caversham
8.30 and 10.30am, 5pm Mass

St Martin's School
9.15am Mass

Mapledurham House
6.00pm Mass (last Sunday)

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SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

ANGLICAN

St Peter's
Palm Sunday — 8.00am Holy Communion, 9.15am Parish Communion, 11.15am Holy
Communion, 6.30am Evensong. Palms will be distributed at all services
Maundy Thursday — 9.30am Holy Communion, 8pm Holy Communion
Good Friday — 12.00 noon, three hours devotional service: Archdeacon of Oxford
Easter Day — 8.00am Holy Communion, 9.15am Parish Communion, 11.15am Holy
Communion, 6.30pm Evensong

St Andrew's

Palm Sunday — 8.00am Holy Communion, 9.15am Family Eucharist and Blessing of
Palms, 11.15am Holy Communion, 6.30pm Festal Evensong.
Tuesday, April 2 — 8.00pm Compline and address
Wednesday, April 3 — 9.30am Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday — 8.00pm Sung Eucharist and Vigil
Good Friday — 9.00am Service of the Cross
Easter Eve — 8.00pm Easter Eve Ceremonies
Easter Day — 8.00am Holy Communion, 9.15am Family Eucharist, 11.15am Holy
Communion, 6.30pm Festal Evensong

St Barnabas

Palm Sunday — 8.00am Holy Communion, 9.30am Family Communion
Maundy Thursday — 7.30pm Holy Communion
Good Friday — 10.00am One hour's devotion
Easter Day — 8.00am Holy Communion, 9.30am Family Communion, 6.30pm
Evensong

St John's

Palm Sunday — 8.00am Holy Communion, 9.15am Family Eucharist, 4.00pm Evening
Prayer
Maundy Thursday — 8.00pm United Service with Free Church. Preacher: Rev Ralph
Rogerson
Good Friday — 10.00am Meditation, 11.00am Children's Service followed by picnic
and walk
Easter Day — 8.00am Holy Communion, 9.15am Family Communion

St Margaret's, Mapledurham

Palm Sunday — 11.00am Family Eucharist and distribution of palms
Good Friday — 9.30am Devotional Service
Easter Day — 8.00am Holy Communion, 11.00am Family Eucharist

CAVERSHAM BAPTIST FREE CHURCH

Palm Sunday — 10.30am Morning Service, 6.30pm Evening Service
Good Friday — 10.30am United Baptist/Methodist Service, Preacher: Rev Brian
Skinner
Easter Day — 10.30am Baptismal Service, 6.30pm "Songs of Triumph" followed by
Holy Communion

CAVERSHAM PARK CHURCH (meets in Caversham Park School)

Palm Sunday — 11.00am Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday — 8.30pm Holy Communion at 1 Aldenham Close
Easter Day — 11.00am Holy Communion

METHODIST

Caversham Heights

Palm Sunday — 11.00am Morning Worship, 6.30pm Passiontide Music (Choir)
Maundy Thursday — 8.00pm United Service at St John's. Preacher: Rev Ralph
Rogerson
Good Friday — 10.30am United Baptist/Methodist service at Baptist Church.
Preacher: Rev Brian Skinner
Easter Day — 8.00am Holy Communion, 11.00am Divine Worship with Holy
Communion

Gosbrook Road

Palm Sunday — 11.00am Morning Service, 6.30pm Evening Service
Maundy Thursday — 8.00pm United Service at St John's. Preacher: Rev Ralph
Rogerson
Good Friday — 10.30am United Baptist/Methodist Service at Baptist Church.
Preacher: Rev Brian Skinner
Easter Day — 11.00am Morning Service, 6.30pm Evening Service

CAVERSHAM HILL CHAPEL

Palm Sunday — 10.30am Morning Service, 6.30pm Evening Service
Good Friday — 10.30am Family Service
Easter Day — 10.30am Easter praise for the family at the Hill Primary School,
6.00pm Worship at the Chapel

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (meet at Friends Meeting House, Church Street, Reading) —
Meeting for worship each Sunday at 10.45am

ROMAN CATHOLIC

St Anne's

Saturday, March 30 — Confessions 10.30am-12 noon, 6.15-7.30pm. Mass at the Shrine
(Latin) 11.30am
Palm Sunday — Mass at 5.30pm Saturday, with Blessing and Procession of Palms.
This Mass will fulfil the Sunday obligation. Morning Masses at 9.00 and 11.00am
(Latin). Distribution of Palms at each morning Mass. Stations of the Cross and
Benediction at 6.30pm

Monday in Holy Week — Masses at 7.15 and 9.00am. Confessions 7.00-8.00pm
Tuesday in Holy Week — Mass at 7.15am. Penitential Service and Confessions at
7.30pm

Wednesday in Holy Week — Mass at 7.15 and 9.00am. Confessions 7.00-8.00pm
Maundy Thursday — Mass at 7.30pm only. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper with
Procession of Altar of Repose and Watching until midnight. 11.00am Mass of Christ
at St Aloysius, Oxford. Celebrated by Bishop McCartie. St Anne's altar boys will
attend

Good Friday — Stations of the Cross and Sermon at 10.30am. Liturgy of the Passion
and Death of Our Lord, with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion at
3.00pm. Confessions afterwards. Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. A
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