



NEW MEETING ROOM FOR ST PETER'S?

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN squashed together in the Rector's study and another class in the sitting-room, Confirmation classes in the Curate's house, choir practice huddled round a gas heater in a draughty church, committee meetings round the Rectory dining table, the church vestry wall to wall with infants during the Eucharist, coffee and biscuits hurried over in time for the next service in church — it all sounds rather makeshift but this is how St Peter's has coped for years without any meeting facilities at the church.

Romantics may think it's all very New Testament "early church" but St Peter's is poised to embark on construction of its own

meeting-rooms and thus allow the growth in church life so far inhibited by lack of facilities. St Peter's congregation has for

several months studied the architect's plans for the new building. In February the plans were unveiled to the Parochial Church Council. Now the ball is in the court of the Borough Council's planning committee, upon whose decision the green light to build depends.

Why in the Churchyard?

The Diocese of Oxford — whose churchyard is the site — wait for formal planning permission, though the Archdeacon of Berkshire has

already given his enthusiastic support for the plan.

Options explored exhaustively were to build in the Rectory garden, or to develop the stable block at Caversham Court. The Diocesan Parsonages Board and the Reading Borough Council — respective owners of these sites — ruled out these options. Both authorities pointed to the desirability of building near the church itself. A design which was sympathetic to the beauty of the churchyard, enhancing rather

than detracting from the scene of the ancient St Peter's Church, was the brief given by the District Committee to its architect, Mr Nick Whiteley (himself a local resident and churchman). The building needs to provide for four meeting rooms with independent access which can be used in any permutation and can be opened up to give one room large enough for use as a "mini-hall."

Where's the money coming from?

This, plus an imaginative design appropriate for the setting in a site designed to keep existing trees unaffected as far as possible, is — in the view of St Peter's District Committee — just what the architect has conjured up with a touch of vision and flair.

The proceeds of

the sale of Balmore Hall in 1983 will, it is hoped, cover the cost of the new building. Balmore Hall was given by Miss Annie Radcliffe to St Peter's Parochial Church Council and the Diocese of Oxford in 1927 to be used "for the holding of classes, meetings etc in connection with the Church work" (thus the Deed of Conveyance states) with the prime condition that "The Rector shall have the first claim to the use of the property." The Deed, anticipating a time when "the property is no longer required for the purposes aforesaid," binds proceeds from sale of the Balmore Hall to be used either for "purchasing another building for similar purposes as contained in this Deed, or towards the erection of a mission chapel or new

Church within the parish, or for an endowment fund for the Assistant Curate or Curates of the said parish."

So there we are. Sorry, Curates, but St Peter's hath need of the money which might have come your way! That's what the Trust Deed requires and "classes, meetings etc in connection with the Church work" of St Peter's is precisely the purpose of the new building planned. All thanks to Miss Annie Radcliffe for her far-seeing generosity!

By the time you read this, it is fervently hoped, the Borough Council will have pronounced. If favourably, God be praised and the work can be commenced. If unfavourably ... no, we do not allow such defeatist thoughts after all the years of work put into this plan so far!



TALKING POINT

THE FOOLISHNESS OF PREACHING?

IT IS rare for young people today to think of preaching as relevant in the latter half of the twentieth century. On Palm Sunday two young men, Chris Garforth and Chris White were recognised, in Caversham, as local preachers in the Methodist Church. Below, each talks about his calling to preach and its relevance to everyday life.

Chris Garforth:

I DID not experience my "call to preach" in a sudden Damascus Road revelation, but over a long period of reflection and discussion. The seed was sown by two friends, both Methodist ministers. I was travelling to a District meeting four years ago when the minister whose car I was in asked if I had ever considered offering myself as a local preacher. "Funny you should say that," I said. "Four years ago, a minister in Newcastle asked me exactly the same question."



My reaction hadn't changed much, either. I had spoken at several fellowship meetings since coming to Reading and had even preached occasionally at overseas missions services (once church stewards learn that you have lived and worked overseas, you end up on everybody's list of "overseas missions" speakers!). But to become a local preacher, regularly leading worship and proclaiming the word of God? I wasn't sure enough of my own faith, I didn't know enough about the basic doctrines of the Christian church, I wasn't familiar enough with the bible to be able to stand in a pulpit, eight feet above a congregation, and preach.

My minister friend patiently explained that such uncertainty, far from being a disqualification, is a prerequisite. Without it, God has little to work with in preparing the would-be preacher. He described the programme of training and supervision laid down by the Methodist Church:

how I would spend some months assisting an experienced local preacher in preparing and conducting worship; how I would then be given my own preaching appointments, while at the same time studying for the four prescribed examinations — Old and New Testament, Worship and Preaching, and Christian Doctrine; how finally I would undergo an oral examination at a meeting of the ministers and local preachers in the circuit.

It seemed to make sense. Standing up in front of people and speaking to them was, after all, part of my daily work. Although preparing and preaching sermons is not the same as preparing and giving lectures, they demand similar disciplines and abilities. Why should God not want to use these abilities in His service within the church? And if I was going to continue to be asked to address church meetings and to preach occasionally, it was right that I should be properly equipped for the task. The more I thought about it, and the more I discussed it with friends within the church, the more I became convinced that God wanted me to take this step.



I have found the period of preparation hard work, but exciting. The prescribed course of study helped me to explore the bible with the tools of modern criticism — a process which has enriched my faith rather than undermined it. It has been a privilege to worship at virtually all of

the 27 churches in the Reading and Silchester group of Methodist Churches, each with its own atmosphere and personalities and history, yet each with the same warm welcome. There have been embarrassing moments — the time I arrived at a village chapel having left my sermon at home; and the Sunday evening I turned up at Woodley to preach at the 6.30 service, only to be told by the stewards that I should have been there at 10.30 that morning! It has been a special privilege for me and my wife Sally, to work with the young people of the Youth Group in preparing and conducting worship on a number of occasions at the Heights. And throughout, I have been very conscious of God's love and patience.



The church needs preachers, both lay and ordained. They are needed to minister to those within the church — uplifting, challenging, leading in worship. They are needed, too, to proclaim God's word of love and forgiveness, of peace with justice, of victory through service and suffering — the gospel of Christ crucified and risen — to a world that so desperately needs to hear it. Standing alongside Chris White at our Recognition Service on March 23, feeling the love and support of the congregation as I asked for God's help in keeping the promises I was making, I realised that my preparation and training as a preacher were not over: they had just begun.

Chris White:

Gone are the days when crowds would gather outside a church to hear a celebrated preacher. No longer does preaching have the primary influence it once held, the old mission halls are silent and the seats in the upper balcony are empty.



Despite this, there is still a role left for the preacher amidst the rivals of technology, the television and radio broadcasts, the videos, books and magazines. It has relevance, because there will always be a need to hear the single voice of someone's experience living in the presence of God. People are fascinated with people; their struggles, hopes, fears, ideals, failures and successes. Being a local Methodist preacher is demanding in that you have to be prepared constantly to open up your life in a public way, to the full exposure of others. Your own life becomes a kind of testing ground for the faith and theology which is carried around within it.



Unless a person can stand firmly in life, practising a living faith in his or her community he has no right to preach. Commentaries and bible dictionaries may

give understanding to words, but alone they can never write meaningful and contemporary sermons. A local preacher can never afford to keep out of the fullness of life in the twentieth century. He has to experience joy and despair, elation and disappointment, fulfilment and frustration in order that all he communicates is both mature and human.



Heaven knows why some people become local preachers, I'm sure a whole variety of reasons and motives are involved. Had I realised how physically demanding it would become on top of a full-time job I would have thought far more about it! Having come through over two years now of regular preaching, in all kinds of Methodist churches, I am glad I went ahead to do this. One of the key discoveries of preaching is realising that we aren't sent to fulfil

our egos of display and eloquence, but we are sent to turn eyes toward Jesus Christ. The skills and knowledge we acquire only ever serve as tools in creating something very unique every Sunday. An encouraging feature is being aware that the truth of God's word and the power of God are communicated despite the flaws and weakness of the preacher.

One of the

frustrations of this work is the feeling that one often is applying merely a clean dressing to a wound that really needs major surgery. The term "hit and run" preacher is one I've heard and one which has truth in it. Only working within the context of a whole team of men and women who preach alongside the "full-time" ministers is there hope of success on the scale needed.

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CHANGING LIVES

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 12-17 1986

Michael Taylor, Director of Christian Aid writes . . .

CHANGING individual lives for the better is what most people hope to do when they give or raise money in Christian Aid Week (May 12-17).

They are putting food in hungry mouths, supplying medicine to fight disease and providing education to get rid of ignorance. These needs are undiminished while the basic causes of poverty remain.

Lasting effect
Most people readily appreciate that if their money is to have any lasting effect it must be spent mainly on long-term development rather than

short-term aid. It's the difference, for example, between sending a shipment of food to the starving and working with those same people on agricultural projects so that food can be produced on the spot.

Re-possessed

It may help to remember the vast numbers of hungry people in the world who don't grow their own food. This is not because they don't know how to but because they have been forced off their land by greedy or more powerful people or by competition or misfortunes beyond

their control. How is their land to be re-possessed?

It is all too easy to assume we know what is good for them, whereas they have as much right as we do to decide for themselves. The trouble is they are not always free to do so. Their rulers don't give them a voice or the means to take common action towards reaching their goals.

How are their rights to be restored?

It is difficult to think of answers to this sort of question which don't involve us in "politics". That can create



CHRISTIAN AID WALK Saturday May 10

problems for so-called charities which have to work within certain constraints, and for Christians who feel nervous about

the relation between politics and faith. But can we be seriously committed to changing things for good and deny it altogether?

Drastic

The Gospels suggest that Jesus's attempt to change things for good not only led to feeding hungry people but to suggesting some very drastic alterations in the relations between high and low, rich and poor, weak and powerful in Palestine. Tackling bad laws and oppressive sys-

tems may be as Christ-like as buying bread for the multitude.

Remedy

As we give and raise the funds so sorely needed to remedy the worst effects of poverty we should also think deeply about the rela-

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Dear Sir,

PLAN INTERNATIONAL

In a letter in your April issue, Mrs Rout commended the sponsorship scheme of Tear Fund, which feeds "not by bread alone" but by bringing the Christian message to the world's needy through its schools run by Christians.

Whilst it is clearly incumbent on Christians to bring the Good News as well as compassion where it is possible to do so, it

must be recognised that in these days there are countries in the world, particularly in the Middle East, where relief organisations with a Christian proselytising role are not welcomed, if not expressly forbidden to operate.

Oxfam, Save the Children Fund and Plan International still deserve the support of Christians in their endeavours to succour those sick and starving of the world whom the Christian agencies cannot reach.

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RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT

By Watchdog

New halls for old

Baltimore Hall, shabby and difficult to maintain as it was, nevertheless supplied a community need. In fact there was even something to be said for its shabbiness as it could be used for jumble sales and for the youth of the parish to let off steam without the fear that carpeted floors and nicely painted walls and woodwork were suffering damage. In its day the West Memorial Hall also, in spite of carrying with it reminders of the days of scratchy serge clothing, steamy coppers on a Monday morning and weekly doses of flowers of sulphur, served a similar purpose. This is not of course to say that more comfortable surroundings in keeping with modern standards are not welcome for the various other functions that a community hall is called on to fulfil.

The question that now arises is how far the new building that is to replace Baltimore Hall can satisfactorily fill the needs it left behind. Apart from the fact that it will not have built-in shabbiness, one thing that is immediately apparent is that size-wise it cannot provide the space Baltimore offered. This does not mean that it will not be very useful for the small but necessary gatherings that are always taking place in the life of a busy parish as the Rector's article so graphically describes. However, it is to be hoped that this building will also retain something of the function of a parish room which Baltimore Hall was before it was made over to St Peter's and how indeed it continued to be. Obviously its size and position will partly dictate its use.

Other questions are also being asked. Is the churchyard the best site? It is a historic place and very pleasant in appearance, which is derived partly from its position above Caversham Court, partly from its trees and also from its graves, spanning well over two centuries and reflecting the attitudes and tastes of those who used to live in Caversham and worship at its parish church. How far can breaking up this harmonious whole be justified? Or must each age make its own statement and, as long as graves are not desecrated or trees unnecessarily felled, need neither be regarded as sacrosanct?

Whether Bath Stone is a suitable cladding material when St Peter's itself is built of the locally occurring flint stones is another question. Perhaps another look should be taken at Greyfriars Church, which extended its premises very successfully, using flint to echo the existing building and whilst keeping within a traditional style produced something which is indisputably modern.

As a building in its own right the new meeting place looks pleasant enough, even allowing for the fact that an architect's drawing always looks somewhat remote from the workaday world we all inhabit. On the other hand, being close to the church as it is, one asks whether its rather fussy exterior is in keeping with the solid simplicity of the old building.

However, a new dimension has in fact been added to the whole issue with the surprise, though nevertheless welcome announcement that the Borough Council itself is proposing to refurbish the Old Stable Block at Caversham Court, providing, amongst other things, a meeting room available for public hire. How far would this serve the purposes for which St Peter's needs premises close to the church? It certainly ought to be possible to negotiate its use on a Sunday morning, and it would probably be available at other times. The question would then arise as to how far it would be justified to build in the churchyard at a price, one gathers, that could be in excess of that coming from selling Baltimore Hall.

Whatever decision is finally reached the points to remember are that it should meet the requirements of good planning and cater for existing needs. These two need not be in conflict.

Spare a penny

Not before time, St Martin's Property Corporation has replaced the Holm Oak that had to be felled, largely because of their mistreatment, with an English Oak, Holm Oaks being virtually unobtainable in this country. They promised to do so last October, but no one was really surprised when they failed to. As it happened, it was probably a good thing, with the bitterly cold and drying East winds that damaged most plant life, though St Martin's cannot have known that was going to happen.

They had to have a reminder from the Borough Council who, with the backing of Caversham Residents' Association, also asked them to consider having a public notice board in the precinct so that organisers of local events would not pin notices to the bark of trees which can harm them. In fact the Borough Council offered to provide the board free of charge and maintenance under the Cleaner Reading Campaign, so that St Martin's would incur no costs whatever. St Martin's, however, objected, saying it would be untidy and drab (a laugh indeed, remembering the state of the car park when it was in their sole charge), would impede pedestrian flow (whatever do they mean?) and moreover they would require a rent for it. Money is what the Cleaner Reading Campaign and Reading Borough Council is short of, so the matter was not pursued further. Money is not what St Martin's is short of, and for a firm that owns great tracts of property in London and substantial amounts in Reading and other provincial towns and which sent representatives to Caversham last summer who, with hands on their hearts and in hurt tones protested that responsibility to local residents was a cause they held dear, this is too audacious to credit, unless of course you know St Martin's of old. Perhaps we can organise a flag day or pass round the hat to help St Martin's in their hour of need.

Could have been worse

The threatening chaos as traffic attempted to cross Caversham Bridge whilst it was being repaired has turned out to be less than expected. There has occasionally been the bad morning, but on the whole traffic has flowed much as it always has, that is with the usual delays but nothing really dreadful. It will seem almost a luxury when all the lanes are open again.

Double triumph

Hemdean House School once again staged a sparkling show for their annual drama club performance. This time it was the Wizard of Oz, and the audience thoroughly enjoyed sharing a winsome Dorothy's adventures, as in the company of the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Lion, she went in search of the reputedly wonderful Wizard, whilst blood-curdling, beautiful or baffled witches hindered or helped their progress. It was not only admiring parents who came to

watch their offspring's triumph. Tickets were sold out as a wider audience has got to know that this is a show worth watching.

In the same week, the School rowing IV won the Women's Novice Clinker Fours Trophy in the Reading Schools' Head of the River contest, thereby beating Kendrick and Abbey. The sport was only introduced in September, but rapidly became a firm favourite with the girls, who were undeterred by the severe winter weather. For a small school they manage to make their mark.

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must surely have been among the great gathering of onlookers.

On that spring morning two of Henry's greatest knights took part in single-handed combat. The reason for this trial of strength had its origins in 1157 when Henry made an invasion of Wales. In a narrow mountain pass his vanguard was put to rout and Henry de Essex, the hereditary standard-bearer to the King, thinking his monarch slain,

threw away the royal standard. Six years later Robert de Montfort, closely related to Essex, accused him of cowardice in connection with

the incident. Could he have been jealous of his kinsman's privileged position? Even if not de Montfort had some reason for making the accusation. The King therefore ordered the two knights to appear

before him and fight the matter out in single armed combat.

In order that no pressure be exerted on either opponent the affair took place well out of reach of everyone, except for a chosen few, hence

the choice of the island.

Essex was defeated and thought to be mortally wounded. On the instructions of the King, monks from nearby Reading Abbey who were present at the scene, took the body away for burial. However, on reaching the Abbey, they found Essex still alive and nursed him back to health. After his recovery he became one of their order.

Perhaps he felt it would be wiser to spend the rest of his life within the sanctuary of the Abbey, for with his defeat his lands had been confiscated, and it is highly unlikely that he would have trusted his kinsman, de Montfort, in the future. Surely life as a monk in the sixth largest monastic house in England would seem no bad choice under the circumstances.

M.K.



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Mrs Doreen Bennett reported on the work of the Care Centre. The Committee had been reconstituted and an anniversary meeting was being arranged on a date to be announced. The month had been less busy and it was felt that emphasis should be put on more publicity for the work of the Centre. Rotary had held a party for Senior

Citizens at the Milestone Centre in Emmer Green. This had been a great success with one hundred guests.

Gifts of furniture had been received and homes found for some articles, the house in Priest Hill and Social Services being helped among others.

The fortnightly tea parties continue. Members were told of the death of Mr Jack Bishop, one of the original guests. It is hoped that another man may join the next tea party — there is a shortage of masculine company!

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ST ANNE'S NEWS

TO comply with planning regulations, the Parish has introduced a new health maintenance scheme which hopes to make enthusiastic converts: as the gate to the car park has to remain locked during the week, parishioners attending weekday masses are giving up the struggle to turn and park in South View Avenue, and some have actually begun to walk to church instead. It may be some years before local decline in cardiovascular morbidity is noted in official statistics.

Refurbishment of the church has suffered further delays, but we hope a judicious mixture of dogged perseverance, prayer and miracle will nevertheless overcome all obstacles and allow work to begin.

The above was one of the items discussed at a well-attended parish meeting. Also debated was the set-

ting up of a committee, which was to work out a constitution for itself, and to assist Fr Meagher in directing general policy. Under it, a number of sub-committees covering various areas of parish activity were to be appointed. Further details are to be worked out at subsequent meetings.

ST. ANDREW'S 75th ANNIVERSARY

Do you have any old postcards, pictures, cuttings or any other memorabilia of St. Andrew's Church from years gone by?

We need such material to prepare and display during the year's Festival Celebrations, particularly at the time of the Flower Festival, Summer Fete and Harvest Festival.

If you have anything that you think would be of interest and are prepared to loan it for exhibiting please contact Norman Kent (Phone Reading 475472 evenings; 479378 days).



The Bishop of Reading with the Rev. Tony Dalton, after the latter's licensing at St Andrew's on March 12.

— E. S. Archer

BAPTIST NEWS

Getting it right

For the second time in the space of a few weeks the Beeb has descended on Caversham to broadcast "live" a Service of Worship. Live the service may have been but the run-up was killing for Baptists who, unlike their Anglican counterparts, wait for the streets to be aired on a Sunday morning before setting-out for Church. To be in

Church by 9am must, to some, have savoured of purgatory. And then there were the rehearsals, official and unofficial, which must have made training for the half-marathon a mere walk-over. It appeared that smiling was a prerequisite to good hymn singing — it does something for the palate. Standing and sitting had to be performed with cloistered silence, arthritic knees and creaking chairs permitting. Coughing, to say nothing of spitting and spluttering, was distinctly taboo. Breathing had to be accomplished from "down-here," that nether region which normal breaths do not reach. The rustling of service papers and the dropping of hymn-books had to be achieved in a cathedral-like hush and even digital watches with alarms were liable to confiscation at the door. Words had to be enunciated clearly and skating-over that demi-semiquaver — whatever that may be — in the third line was just not on. And what Baptist minister has carried out a dry baptism and to crown it the poor chap had to prune his sermon to eight minutes and fifty-

nine seconds — an exercise in cramming a quart into a pint pot if there ever was one.

And making it known

Yes — it was good for a laugh but on the day it became a solemn privilege to witness from the small corner of God's vineyard at the corner of Prospect Street to thousands throughout the land; to make known more widely the scriptural authority for, and the underlying beliefs in, one of the principal, and perhaps peculiar, ordinances of the Baptist Church, that of believers' baptism by total immersion. The occasion was the public acceptance by Ann Smith and David Hay of Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord as they passed through the waters.

It was a memorable occasion for all present, in particular the candidates, and was especially significant for that elder statesman of the Church, Mr Leslie Wyeth. Leslie, who assisted in the Service by leading the Baptismal Prayer, was himself baptised in the Church seventy years previously at the age of fourteen, the same age as David Hay.

ST ANDREW'S MOTHERS' UNION

DURING Lent this year members were very fortunate to have both the Rector and Fr Tony to provide them with "Food for Thought". The Rector led the weekly Tuesday afternoon Lent Study course, his theme being "The Way, the Truth and the Life". Fr Tony led a meditation on St Therese of Lisieux at the evening meeting which is being very well supported.

One of the members is an accomplished needlewoman and has made for the church gifts of white linen — some from

Mothers' Union members and some from members of the congregation — new Purificators, Credo Table and Altar Cloths and these were all used for the first time at Fr Tony's Licensing.

The team to lead the discussion on "The Ordination of Women" will be: The Revd Richard Kingsbury, The Revd Canon Anthony Boulton, Miss Claire Gough, Mrs Hilary Unwin.

There will be plenty of opportunity for audience participation. Book the date Wednesday May 28 at 8pm in St Andrew's Hall.

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The Rev Richard Kingsbury, Caversham Rectory, Church Road. Tel: 479130. (Parish Office: Monday - Thursday 9.30-12.30. Tel: 471703).

The Rev Alan Wilson, St John's House, 9 South View Avenue. Tel: 471814.

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The Rev Paul Kenchington, 51 Galsworthy Drive. Tel: 475152.

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ROUND THE CHURCHES

NEWS FROM THE CHAPEL ON THE HILL

This month we were reminded of what a truly wonderful Lord we have. During one morning service one of our brothers at the chapel shared a testimony with us.

One day in the previous week he had set out from Leicester to Aberystwyth — a journey normally taking three and a half hours. In the evening, towards the end of the journey, he took a mountain road and came across three sheep completely blocking the snow-covered road. Despite flashing headlights and a hooting horn, they refused to move. So there was no alternative but to drive around them. Unfortunately the car stuck fast in a bank of ice, and our brother had to get out and try to move the ice and snow away.

Of course, in the evening on a mountain road during such a severe winter, the temperature was very low indeed, and he soon began to suffer frostbite and had to get back into the car to thaw out.

What were the options? Sit it out? But four gallons of petrol would not last long and the road was very remote. He certainly had no energy to keep on digging. The answer was clear — he would have to walk to shelter — or freeze to death.

Taking grease and vaseline from the car axle and engine, he smeared it over his face for protection. Then, in the bitter cold wind he set off, eighteen hundred

feet above sea level. Before long, our poor brother wanted nothing more than to curl up and go to sleep. Obviously hypothermia was setting in.

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, You're with me."

Gradually his physical condition deteriorated and he collapsed, panting for breath, clothes and body frozen, on all fours. At that point he remembered that in God's sight he is a prince, a son of the King. He felt the end was near, yet wanted to be found on his knees with his head and hands lifted to God as a testimony to His love in life and death. "Lift me up on my knees," he pleaded.

Suddenly the ice on either side of him changed from blue to orange and to red. Lights on the ice were dancing and he realised that he was standing and dancing with the angels of God! A couple of minutes ago he'd been unable even to lift his head. Ice was melting and water was running off the rocks and he was able to drink. Then the lights disappeared and our brother carried on walking until he reached the shelter of a farm nine miles after abandoning his car.

What a mighty God we serve! As a church we were silenced and humbled by this testimony of a true miracle of God's wonderful love and power!

PALM SUNDAY



■ Palm Sunday procession at St Peter's — the choir are leading the congregation on their walk from Caversham Court.

— E. S. Archer

GOSBROOK ROAD REVIEW

FRIENDS at Gosbrook Road Methodist Church, Caversham, have been "making do" in many ways as the hall has been out of action due to interior decoration. Many events have taken place in the church building and countless times grateful thanks were expressed that the pews have been removed and that the building is now multi-purpose.

The Womens' Fellowship enjoyed their anniversary when the speaker was the Rev. Richard Kingsbury. They were joined by ladies from St John's, the Baptist Church, and Henley Methodist. Mothering Sunday saw a large congregation and mothers young and not-so-young received flowers during the service. The preacher was Rev. Brian Skinner.

Rev. Patricia Herriot-Ing visited the Church for the Overseas Missions anniversary, when a tea was enjoyed and a

film about the Church in the Caribbean was shown. This film brought a message which stimulated discussion and concern for the work overseas.

Rev. Ralph Rogerson conducted a parade service where the Young People from Caversham Heights Methodist Church presented a service with "peace" as its theme. This service had been compiled by the Heights Squash under the leadership of Chris and Sally Garforth and the church appreciated the involvement of members from their sister church.

The Ambassadors Drum and Bugle Corps are working hard with new music for the coming season. The band has been helped considerably by more instructors coming forward to help. At the end of March some of the young people went to an individual instrumental competition at Wembley. All did well at their

first solo competition and David Champion, Lorna McArdle and Andrew Read are to be congratulated in having the confidence to take part. The first competition for the whole Corps is on Sunday, May 18, at Gosport.

The new fund-raising committee has got under way and successful events such as coffee mornings and jumble sales have taken place.

So spring and Easter are here with their signs of new life and new beginnings. The church looks forward to the challenge of the months ahead and with special pleasure to the united services planned in Caversham when there will be opportunities to continue in fellowship with our fellow Christians.

ST PETER'S WIVES GROUP

On a wet March evening, St Peter's Wives Group were able to share with Martin Beek his extensive travels in North America. Martin, an accomplished artist, teaches art and pottery at Summer school and with camera and sketch pad, travels in his spare time.

Members were able to marvel at the scenic beauty of the "American Landscapes" and to appreciate the artist's interpretation of their colour and texture.

The appreciation and thanks of the Group were expressed by Margaret Oliphant.



The next meeting is on May 20 in Church House at 8pm when Mrs Ann Thurley will talk about her breeding of goats and the art of spinning their hair and its use in garment making.

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Sue Ryder Support Group, Caversham

THE group has just spent its first sale afternoon of the year at the Hill School Easter Fair. It was a happy and profitable occasion. The next venture with jumble is on Saturday, April 26, at Caversham Hall. Jumble will be welcome at the hall from 10am.

Thanks to the

generosity of so many people the group has gathered some very nice new goods like a tea service, iron, electric blanket, books and a coffee maker, and is now running a raffle which will culminate at Highdown Fair on May 17. Tickets available from Ann Deane, telephone 473798.

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Lindsay Mullaney writes:

The question of women's role in the Church, whether as ordained ministers, fully participating lay people or passive recipients of male dogma is a topical one on which most readers of the Caversham Bridge doubtless have strong views. Yet how many local Christians are aware of the services held each year, and hosted in turn by the different denominations, for the Women's World Day of Prayer.

This year the theme for the service was "Choose Life" and the prayers, readings and hymns were chosen by Australian members of the movement. On Friday, March 7, services were held in many parts of the world, uniting women from all branches of Christianity in prayer and fellowship. Here in Caversham the Anglican community played hosts to the rest of the Christian family at a service at St Barnabas' Church in Emmer Green.

Following prayers and readings led by Jane Steer of St Andrew's and Angela Kingsbury of St Peter's, the main address on the theme of "Choose Life" was given by Norah Chapman from the Central Evangelical Church in Reading. She shared her thoughts on how our lives proceed through a series of choices both on the trivial every-day level and on major moral and spiritual issues. Just as Pilate offered the crowd the choice between Jesus and Barabbas so we, through the use of our free will, are called to declare our allegiance to Christ as Light and Life of the World.

The prayers and read-

ings which followed the address explored the implications of this choice in involvement with the struggles of the oppressed, the hungry and the homeless and reminded us of Christ's great command of love to his chosen people. The service ended with the Lord's Prayer and the hymn "The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended" with its image of the worldwide church constantly at prayer—a fitting close to this annual coming together of women who, while aware of our differences of theology, liturgy and cultural tradition, are increasingly eager to praise God together and to give witness to our faith.

"CHOOSE LIFE"

WE ALL have the amazing gift of life... and to prove it we are here! So, where is the choice? However haphazard it may seem neither your existence nor mine is an accident, God the creator does not make mistakes, we are here for a purpose, and therein lies our choice. The English language is one of great richness and subtlety, and yet there is only one change of letter between the words LIVE and LOVE

Jesus came into the world to share our life so that we might share in His. He invites us to love one another as He loves us, "Will you love your neighbour, for Me?"

According to C. S. Lewis if a medieval



mystic were asked what was at the heart of the Gospel he would have replied, "Love". In our day the more usual reply is selflessness or self denial. It appears, says Lewis, that we have moved from the positive to the negative, such is progress. But it was Jesus who gave us just two commandments — "Love God and love your neighbour as you love yourself". Love ourselves? That's quite a thought... what about our 20th century self denial and so on? But think about it, if we cannot learn to love and accept ourselves how can we hope to love our next door neighbour, our friend in the next street, or that stranger from Samaria? To quote a friend of mine, "Nemo dat quod non habet"... you cannot give what you do not have, loving yourself leads to loving your neighbour and loving God.

Choose life, this is our reply to the invitation of Jesus to share love. Take Mary Magdalene, she was judged unfit company for decent folk, but Jesus loved her. His love called forth a new self respect and feeling of self worth in her. His love was without judgement or condemnation. His love changed her from within. Her response, which was love spilling out with the perfume to all around enabled her to choose life, enabled by the love of the greatest teacher of all.

Ann Varma crossed the river to St Mary's, Silchester where she gave the address on "Choose Life" as follows:

Jesus invites us to follow Him.

So, here is the choice before each one of us, as Jean Vanier puts it, "Calling forth the life in another through love..." or as George Fox has it, "Answering that of God in every one..." for do we not know that "God is Love". Gonville French Beytagh talks of the pain and agony of loving about its nakedness and exposure, not sentimentality, but total giving of ourselves.

The gift of love... each of us is a special gift, given by God, given to others, and by the same token we must see the gift of others to us, God's gift which will help us through life... we must choose to give and to receive.

In conclusion, in choosing a life of love, we must learn to love unconditionally as God loves us, calling forth a

richer life for ourselves and our world. This says Brother Roger of Taizé is "living dangerously". It is having the faith to expose ourselves, our vulnerability and poverty, our weaknesses and our loneliness. But having made the choice we find that we are not alone, we can experience the fulfilment of God's promise that He will be with us as we seek to love rather than be loved, understand rather than be understood, console rather than be consoled, for it is in giving that we receive... life more abundantly. Thank you women of Australia for turning our world up side down. LIVE LOVE and LOVE LIFE. Friends, let us pray for one another as we make the conscious choice each day to CHOOSE LIFE!
Anna Varma



Postbag

Dear Sirs,
In this year's Reading-Digital Half Marathon there will be two entrants running for Action Aid.

They are Andrea Cartwright from Emmer Green and John Layland of Earley.

Money raised from sponsoring these two runners will go towards the various projects funded by Action Aid in the Third World.

The Reading Action Aid Support Group last year raised more than £1,000 for several Action Aid projects, including the Water Aid programme, the Development Fund which aids refugees in Ethiopia and Somalia and a programme in Bangladesh to provide tube wells to replace wells contaminated by the typhoon in 1985.

During 1986 the Group will concentrate their fund raising efforts in supporting Action Aid's new project in Somalia. This is a horticultural training programme for women in the refugee camps in Somalia, to attempt to make the families more self sufficient.

Anyone interested in the work of Action Aid and in supporting the Reading Group in their fund raising activities should contact

Eileen Dart on Reading 427412 or Jenny Parsons on Reading 872415.

Eileen Dart

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Dear Sirs,

I have just been reminded of the Parish Retreat I went on in February, and would like to share it with your readers. This morning I received the film which included some photographs of that peaceful weekend. To anyone who has never been on a retreat it is a wonderful experience.

Although a retreat based on silence, this year's Parish Retreat at St Mary's Convent, Wantage, gave a complete feeling of togetherness. The chapel of St Mary Magdalen with carvings of the seven stations of the cross is most appropriate for this time of year.

I would like to say thank you to everyone involved.

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Retiring Tower Captain Doug Beau-

mont was thanked for leading the team through a successful year (which included a DIY sprucing-up of the ringing chamber) and congratulations were offered to the St Peter's ringers on winning the annual "striking contest" and coming a creditable fifth in the whole Diocesan Guild ringing competition last year.

In her 25th year as a St Peter's ringer, Ann Osborne was elected Tower Captain for the coming year, with Wendy

Robinson as Deputy Captain. Roy Harris, stalwart of the ringing fraternity locally and beyond, was elected secretary. St Peter's tower is — as ever — in good hands and we look forward with gratitude to another year of good ringing, thanking God for the talent and devotion of our ringers.

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The team ready for action

— E. S. Archer

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OBITUARIES

Miss ETHEL TEGG

THE death occurred on Monday, March 17, 1986, at Roselawns Nursing Home, of Miss Ethel Tegg, aged ninety. Many middle-aged and older people in Reading will remember her as a popular teacher at the old Wilson and Swansea Road (E. P. Collier) Central Schools. Later she became

headmistress of Battle Junior School where she was regarded with great affection and respect by pupils, staff and parents. After her retirement she was for some time a governor of Christchurch Primary School.

Ethel Tegg will also be remembered by many for

her singing. She sang in many Reading churches in the 1920s and 30s and broadcast twice in the early days of the wireless. She also regularly took leading roles in Reading Operatic Society productions of that time. The Children's Concerts, which were the forerunners of the Schools' Music Festivals, were started largely by her efforts.



After coming to Caversham in 1962 she was a regular worshipper at St Andrew's Church until ill-health prevented her from attending. She had been ill for over a year but was very well cared for at Roselawns where she was noted for her cheerfulness and unfeigned gratitude both to the devoted nurses and helpers who cared for her, and also to the many friends who frequently visited her.

David Milling, former priest-in-charge of St Andrew's writes: I used to take Holy Communion to her at her home in Highmoor Road, and for me it was an enormous privilege. She was a lively and interesting person, and was always cheerful and happy, even her last year, when she was handicapped by a series of strokes. Her favourite expression was "How much I have to thank God for!" and it is entirely in keeping with her character that she should have chosen two hymns of praise and thanksgiving, to be sung at her funeral. After one of her strokes, she was a little bewildered about what had happened to her; she concluded that she must have been suffering from 'a heart bursting with adoration!'

Ethel showed great love and affection, both to her friends and to her family. She had only one brother,

Mrs Thelma Grundy

LESBIA Scott's beautiful hymn, 'I sing a song of the saints of God', embodies so much that was Thelma Grundy, who died on Wednesday, March 19, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. She was patient and brave and true — attributes so richly displayed to those who were privileged to visit her in hospital during the closing days of her life. There was no evidence of self-pity, remorse or uncertainty for even then she continued to live for the Lord she loved and knew, and it was in the knowledge of His love for her that she gained strength to triumph over physical weakness.

Thelma was a private person who sought no limelight; she was content to remain just one of the saints of God. Her loving concern extended to all, she was a lifelong admirer

of John Groom's Association for the Disabled, a generous supporter and prayer-partner of Sally-Ann Ousley, the Baptist Church's missionary in Bangladesh, and a much adored and appreciated helper with generations of Caversham Brownies, to name but a few of her interests.



On a personal level she was the kindly enquirer in times of distress and anxiety and acted as advocate before the Throne of Grace. Baptists in Caversham and others, including her friends and neighbours at Sonning Common, have been greatly blessed to know Thelma for she truly succeeded in being one of the saints of God. Christian sympathy is extended through this paper to her husband and other members of her family.

Bill, who emigrated to New Zealand in his youth; he had two children, James (who died quite young) and Graham. Graham and his wife Ena had four children, Geoff, Jenny, April and Chris, and they in turn had six children. Ethel took a great interest in her nephew and his family, and shared in their joys and sorrows, and they always came to see her when they were in England.



She was one of the most loving affectionate people I have ever known, and I am sure that was the secret of her constant happiness and serenity. Her faith in God impressed everyone who knew her, and it came from the heart, and was utterly natural and spontaneous.

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Kennet Branch

The March meeting was addressed by Detta Odronski, a Youth Leader, a Youth Exchanges, and how they can provide valuable insights into life in other countries. The young were very interested in meeting feminists, minority groups and the police and forming attitudes towards people, increasing confidence and political awareness. More exchanges were planned and grants were available.

Anyone wishing to join the group should contact Vicky on Pangbourne 3260.

Chazey WI

The March meeting for Chazey WI was their AGM with Mrs Clarke from Mapledurham WI present as

the VCO. The new programme was discussed, followed by the treasurer's and secretary's annual report, and the president's address. The election for president then took place and Mrs Kathy Sell was re-elected. The new committee then retired and everyone enjoyed a supper of baked potatoes with a variety of fillings.

Caversham Ladies Club

There was a good attendance at the March meeting which Mrs Harwood opened with her usual welcome to all members. This was pleasing as it was the AGM and showed their interest in their Club activities.

Mrs Harwood in her report paid tribute to the club's late Secretary Mrs Dora Stockwell, who had died suddenly on holiday. In her role of Secretary she had always given so much

time and effort towards helping the club run smoothly. Mrs Harwood then read a report of the previous year's activities, thanking members for all their varied help and attendance. Mrs Leach who did a very good job over birthday cards distribution, Mrs Howe on committee who stepped into various different roles, and finally to the officers and all committee for the help and confidence they had given to her during her year of office.

Reports were then read out by Secretary Mrs Melhams, Treasurer Mrs Q. Strong, Sales Ladies Mrs B. Strong and Mrs E. Locke. The Committee then retired and Mrs Weald, Vice-Chairman, took the chair, firstly thanking all the committee and saying how much she had enjoyed working with them. Mrs Weald then asked for nominations for Chairman, etc. Within a few minutes the Committee were back in the seats they had

recently vacated. They had been voted back unanimously. Mrs Harwood thanked members for their confidence and promised they would do their best to make next year of office as interesting as 1985.

Tea was a very welcome diversion, then future trips were discussed and dates settled. Now all that is needed is a good summer.

A lively sales table in the hands of Mrs B. Strong brought to an end a very lively and interesting AGM.

Caversham Heights TWG

Silver Spoons and Old Reading

IN his talk on a bleak night in March when Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild met in St Andrew's Hall, Mr A. N. Callan revealed an extensive knowledge of silver spoons, the mak-

ing of which can be traced back to Roman times. Members brought along spoons of their own which Mr Callan examined and much interest was aroused. He said it was a good thing to use and wash them which helps to prevent tarnishing.

At this meeting news was given about an earlier coffee evening for new members, a successful bring and buy sale and jumble sale which have boosted low funds, and a meeting of the drama group. Although it was reported in March "Caversham Bridge" that there was a unanimous vote against the scheme for the Channel Tunnel, it appears that there was in fact a small minority in favour. At social studies in Highmoor Hall Mr Charles Moss, a keen photographer and collector of historical facts, showed a map of Reading in the 16th century and other interesting illustrations of Reading in earlier days. Did you know that Oxford Road was once known as Pangbourne Lane and Cross Street, once the only road between Broad Street and Friar Street, as Gutter Lane?

There was hardship after the war against Napoleon, but the more affluent helped the poor in the town. Mr Palmer supplied 5,000 books to the town library at its outset. Marks and Spencer had a penny bazaar in West Street. Mr Moss promised to come another time to show more pictures to his very interested audience.

Blagrove W.I.

MRS Fricker, Voluntary County Organiser, was the guest at the Annual Meeting on March 4. In the chair was Mrs Joan Ford, standing in for the President and members heard reports on the year's activities and the financial position of the Institute. The committee for the new year will be almost as before with Mrs Popplewell as President, Mrs Sawyer, Secretary, Mrs Humphreys as Treasurer.

Mrs Fricker chaired a question and answer session when members raised points and problems concerning the W.I.

The competition

for a jar of homemade marmalade was won by Mrs Peacock second Mrs Housden and third Mrs Benham.

New members are always welcome at Mapledurham Pavilion on the first Tuesday in each month at 2.30pm.

Rosehill WI

At the AGM Miss Vincent welcomed members and Mrs Clark, VCO. After thanks to the old committee and several presentations, the new committee for 1986/87 was presented, and Miss Vincent was again elected as President. Mrs Weller resigned as Secretary after many years. Mrs Clark then talked to members, giving ideas of the ways routine jobs could be done by non-committee members to lighten the load. The competition for a covered coathanger was won by Mrs Gillings.

Mapledurham Playing Fields and Pavilion

THIS month we publish some further details of regular

activities at the Pavilion.

Play Group

THIS is held from Mondays to Fridays in the mornings for children aged three to five years. Full play facilities are available and there is now the added benefit of the new extensive playing area on the field.

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Caversham Wine Makers Circle

The Caversham Wine Makers Circle meets at the Pavilion at 8pm on the first Wednesday each month. Secretary Ray Goodman, 1 Knowle Close, Caversham. Telephone 474593.

One of the main objects of the Circle is to foster and keep alive the interest in the art of traditional wine and beer making. Each month a speaker is invited. About half of the year's topics will be connected directly or indirectly with wine or beer making. The remainder will be of general interest. During the year two main competitions are held together with other mini-competitions. Social events are also an important part of the

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ROUND THE CLUBS

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annual programme. In the last five years the Circle has become involved in raising money for different charities. Last year £330 was donated to Dr Naik's appeal for the Renal Unit at the Royal Berkshire Hospital and this year already over £350 has been raised for the National Association of Colitis and Crohns Disease.

Mapledurham Bridge Club

THE Club meets every Thursday at the Pavilion at 7.30pm for Duplicate bridge tournaments. The emphasis is upon a friendly social evening rather than tough competitive play, but the standard is reasonably high. Three teams of four play in the Chiltern Bridge League. The membership is up to its limit at present and a waiting list is in operation. Enquiries should be made to Norman Brown, 104 Albert Road, Caversham. Telephone 474009.

Maplewood WI

MAPLEWOOD held their annual meeting at St Andrew's Hall when Mrs Joy Le Mare was re-elected as President for the coming year. Two new Committee members were elected, Mrs D. Anghelatos is to be Secretary with Mrs J. Baddeley as Treasurer.

There was an

impressive display of handiwork that members had made over the past year. Also on show were Easter Eggs individually named for the handicapped children at Peppard House together with a Simnel Cake made for them by Mrs H. Baker. Flower of the month competition was won by Mrs G. New.

Caversham Community Association

MR Charles Moss visited the club on March 3 and gave a slide film show and talk on "Old Read-

ing". The photographs gave fascinating glimpses into Reading's past with views of buildings now pulled down, shops once local household names but now closed and the busy scene in Reading's streets when Huntley and Palmer's workers were homeward bound. The Chairman, Maida Feast, thanked Mr Moss for his interesting talk and said that he would be welcomed on a return visit.

There was a good attendance at the friendly whist drive held the following week with Doreen Crawley ready to help the less experienced players. The prizewinners were —

1st Mrs Prett, 2nd Mrs Fullwood, 3rd Miss Jamieson with Mrs Thominet receiving the consolation prize.

A Handicraft evening on March 17 was a quiet but useful occasion when members were willing to instruct their fellow members in patchwork, crochet and knitting. A departure from handicrafts was in the group learning how to play the game of Chinese patience.

A talk and demonstration on "Flower arranging for the Home" was given by Mrs Margaret Carter on her second visit to the club. Some delightful arrangements were made by Mrs Carter including

one for Easter using Madonna lilies and dark red chrysanthemums. Another attractive design was made from a cardboard frame, using a painted detergent box, to form a greetings card with real or silk flowers. Many useful tips were passed on to the members to help them with their own arrangements during this interesting talk which completed the meetings for the month.

A visit was made during the month to the Southern Gas Board showroom for a cookery demonstration. A charge was made, the proceeds going to the Anthony Nolan Appeal Fund.

Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild

DESPITE the cold weather there was a good attendance at the Guild meeting in February to hear Mrs Kovacic speak about "The Land of Contrasts in Yugoslavia". The handicraft class is attempting leathercraft, and sharing the after-

noon with the scrabble enthusiasts.

The latest speaker at the Guild was Miss Hurlley whose talk about the National Society For The Prevention of Cruelty To Children was most enlightening and touched the hearts of all members.

With the coming of Spring many visits are being planned including celebrations for the Guild's 25th anniversary this year.



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St John's
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 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'
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 9.30am Family Communion (apart from 2nd Sunday)
 9.30am Family Service (2nd Sunday only)
 11.00am Holy Communion (2nd Sunday only)
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