

# £9,000 A YEAR EXTRA INCOME NEEDED

## 1,000 HOMES BEING VISITED IN OCTOBER

The month of October is a critical one for the Church of England in Caversham and Mapledurham. Although it is nearly two years since the decision was taken to hold a stewardship renewal campaign in October, growing inflation in the past year has had a crippling effect on the finances of the two parishes.

An earlier crisis caused by the steep rise in the price of oil in the winter of 1973-74 was averted by a magnificent response in March 1974. But although the response was speedy and excellent it came only from 220 families, less than a quarter of those who are being visited this month.

Hitherto stewardship renewal campaigns have been held at intervals of four or five years, but it seems that inflation will now make some form of annual renewal necessary. The need for extra income has been brought about because of rising costs for almost every item of church expenditure, but the largest item in the budget is the payment of the assistant clergy. Dividend control has severely limited the amount of extra money that the Church Commissioners can make available so that the payment of the clergy is falling increasingly on the parishes either directly, or through their having to pay a larger annual share to the diocese.

### WEEKLY DEFICIT — £75

Since the start of this year the two parishes have been overspending by about £75 weekly. In order to wipe out this deficit and be sure of making ends meet in 1976 an extra income of £175 weekly is being sought. Failure to raise this extra money will mean that the parish will be unable to afford to maintain the present staff of clergy, and consideration will have to be given to closing one of the churches. But the Parish Stewardship Committee is determined to achieve this target and has accordingly planned a service of Thanksgiving on the feast of St. Simon and St. Jude, Tuesday, 28th October.

## YOUTH AT OXFORD



— L. L. BURN

Some young members of St. Barnabas Church admiring the deer at Magdalen College, Oxford.

### COMMISSIONED BY BISHOP

The team of about one hundred visitors who will be calling at one thousand homes of Church members start their work after their commissioning by the Bishop of Oxford at the special service held in St. Giles Church on Sunday, 5th October. All who take part in the visiting will have already made their own pledge. If one of the team comes to your house, please listen carefully to what they have to say. The visitors will be asking for help in time and talents and seeking more recruits for the Bridge Scheme of Social Service. The Bridge Scheme which originated from the 1963 Stewardship Campaign is very short of car drivers and more help is needed with the long term visiting of aged and housebound people.

### COSTS CUT

Every effort has been made to cut campaign costs to a minimum. To save money the special service which in 1966 and 1971 was held in the Town Hall was arranged in St. Giles, by kind permission of the vicar Canon Boulton and the Churchwardens. No extra paid secretarial help is being used, and the brochure has been kept as simple as possible and been produced without illustrations. The campaign Chairman is Mr. T. D. Birtwhistle and the secretary Mr. W. A. Vincent. Two members of St. Peter's, St. John's, St. Andrew's, St. Barnabas, St. Margaret's and Caversham Park Church are serving on the committee.

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## THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

# KNOCK, KNOCK.

I make no apology for writing this month as rector rather than as editor of an ecumenical newspaper, because October is a critical month for the Church of England in Caversham and Mapledurham.

Our community life in Caversham is strongly influenced by the presence of the Christian Church; indeed the fact that there is such a lively community here is very largely due to the work of hundreds of Christians who seek to serve Christ through their neighbour. But this work is costly both in time and money. We are constantly needing new helpers to replace those who move away, die, or are compelled by age to undertake less. A considerable proportion of my time is spent in finding replacements for those who for these various reasons give up different forms of service in the community. And inflation is undermining much of what we at present do.

For many years the parishes of Caversham and Mapledurham have practiced Christian stewardship; every few years a campaign has been held and Church members have been asked to think seriously of their obligations to give of their time, talents and money in God's service. The flourishing Bridge scheme of Social Service was the direct result of the first stewardship campaign in 1963. And the wonderful response at the time of the last campaign in 1971 has enabled us to make many improvements to our buildings and to fulfil our commitments to the wider Church, both in the diocese of Oxford and overseas.

## IN THE RED

When the treasurers of the parishes of Caversham and Mapledurham made their budgets this year they knew that they would be overspending by £4,000. Nevertheless these budgets were accepted in faith — in faith that the October stewardship campaign would increase the income not just by £4,000 but by £9,000 so that, allowing for continuing inflation, the books could be balanced till the end of 1976. So October is a critical month. The team of canvassers who are going to 1,000 homes, after having been commissioned by the Bishop of Oxford, know that unless they achieve their target, cuts must come in God's work. Without this extra money we shall be unable to replace whichever member of the team of clergy leaves next, and we shall have also to think in terms of closing one of the churches.

## ONLY ONE ANSWER

Earlier generations gave sacrificially to establish the Church in Caversham. It will be to our eternal shame if with all our affluence (and, let's be honest, we ARE an affluent community) we cannot maintain what they began. So I ask two things — first daily prayer that God's work will not be hindered through our failure to respond; secondly that, if one of the visitors knocks on your door, you will receive him or her as one who comes with a message from God, will listen carefully to what is said and will thoughtfully and prayerfully consider what your response is going to be. There is only one thing which we cannot afford, and that is to allow our indifference to curtail the work of the Christian Church in Caversham. But provided we all do the two things that I have just asked I have no fears for the future but rather am sure that the campaign this October will herald in another chapter of opportunity for those who accept Jesus Christ and Lord and Saviour.

*John Grimdale*

# SIXTY NOT OUT



— WALTON ADAMS

SEPTEMBER 6th WAS A VERY SPECIAL DAY FOR MR. AND MRS. R. H. M. CUNNINGHAM OF 35 ALBERT ROAD, FOR IT WAS THEIR DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. Married during the early part of the first World War they came to live in Caversham with their children in 1930. Until he retired, Mr. Cunningham was a resident engineer with the G.W.R. and responsible for the building of Leamington Spa station in the late nineteen thirties. During the last war he was also resident engineer on the quadrupling of the railway between Newport (Mon.) and the Severn Tunnel Junction. Mrs. Cunningham has been a member of the Mothers' Union for fifty four years and was a founder member of St. Andrew's Group. She has been a member of St. Andrew's choir since December 1935. Although they spent their Diamond Anniversary quietly together in their own home, they had a little family party with their eldest son at Ickenham on the following day. The Caversham Bridge join their many friends in congratulating them on this very special occasion and send their good wishes for the years to come.

## THE CAVERSHAM BRIDGE

The Editor very much regrets that it was necessary to combine the August and September editions of the Bridge, and that the present edition has appeared later than was originally intended. A number of difficulties have arisen in connection with the publication of the Bridge. The editorial board is doing its best to overcome them and apologies for the inconvenience that has been caused to so many people.

It has also been impossible to publish some of the material that has been submitted owing to pressure on our space.

## LINK GROUP

The letter which appeared in the last edition of the Caversham Bridge from Mr. Dallain was printed in error without its title, and it was of course referring to the work of the Link Group. This group has also arranged a meeting in Caversham Heights Methodist Hall on Monday, 14th October at 8 p.m. when Mr. Bernard Harris will be speaking about the work of Help the Aged — all interested are invited to attend. Further information about the activities of this group is obtainable from Mr. Dallain, at Antona, Gurney Close, Telephone 475890.

## CORRECTION

### CHRISTIAN AID

The total received from Caversham and Mapledurham from the house to house collection in Christian Aid Week was £1,205 and not £1,151 as stated last month. The total for the whole of the Reading area was £12,656, an encouraging increase of 25% over last year: such an increase is necessary to arrest the decline in the value of the £.

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# "THE PATIENT'S FRIEND"

by ZOILUS

FOR A NATION INCREASINGLY CONCERNED WITH THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE, and where the state plays a dominant role in the remedial and after-care treatment of illness, it may seem strange that until recently there was no organisation to stand between the public and the health authorities and act as a "patients' friend" to those who were troubled or confused by some aspect of the service or who wished to ventilate a complaint.

## CAVERSHAM

The re-structuring of the National Health Service brought about an opportunity for members of the public to have a voice in the organisation of the Service, and a number of Community Health Councils were formed throughout the country. Caversham is in the West Berkshire area, which is combined with South Oxfordshire and looks after a population of some four hundred thousand. The Council was inaugurated just twelve months ago and the first year has to some extent been one of experiment, when proper procedures had to be established for a completely new organisation for which there was no previous experience to draw upon.

## COMPLAINTS

The Council has a specific role in helping with complaints and enquiries from the public and ensuring that collaboration with the District Management Team enables matters to be dealt with as quickly as possible. During the last year the Council has dealt with 85 enquiries and 21 complaints, a modest total but one that may increase as more people become aware of this new facility. Complaints already investigated concern chiropody for the elderly, waiting time at the Ophthalmic Department and the lack of cheap baby foods in Caversham and Emmer Green.

## DEMOCRACY

As well as hospital services for out-patients and in-patients, maternity and child welfare, long term care, geriatric and mental health cases, there is a close relationship with the local Family Practitioners' Committee, and with dentists and opticians, in fact every aspect of the Health Service is of interest to the Community Health Council. In her White Paper "Democracy in the Health Service" the Secretary of State lays down the right not only to investigate areas of concern and act as patients' friend, but also to be consulted by the hospital authorities on major issues.

## THE COUNCIL

All the meetings of the main Council are open to the public, and a question and answer session is usually held, as well as talks by specialists on various features of health care. The Council has its headquarters at 10 Gun Street, Reading, where anyone with a complaint or enquiry is welcome to call on any weekday except Saturday, from 9.30 a.m. to 5.15 p.m. Or contact can be made with the local representative on the Health Council, who is Mr. George Robinson of 84 Kidmore Road, Caversham, telephone 475489; also during the day at 24 Prospect Street, telephone 470047/471785.

# GOLDEN WEDDING FOR CAVERSHAM COUPLE

On 1st August, 1925 Mr. and Mrs. J. Shipway were married at the Ardler Road Methodist Church. Mr. Shipway was a Caversham man from his birth and he took himself a bride from "foreign parts", from Reading. The ceremony was conducted by the late Rev. Shirley Eric. After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Shipway made their home in 2 North Street where they are still living. Both have been longstanding members of the Methodist Church and still support the Ardler Road Church.

Mr. Shipway is a member of the Sons of Temperance Friendly Society and the Reading Temperance Society. For many years he was the "organ blower" at Ardler Road until the electrification of the organ. He has also served as Secretary to the Sunday School.

Mrs. Shipway will be remembered by many Caversham residents for the loving way she used to take her niece on a spinal chair to church, the shops, and other places in Reading. This gave her niece an involvement in life she would never otherwise have had.

Mr. Shipway was employed for 16 years with British Railways. Now aged 74 (Mrs. Shipway is 73) he is still very active and interested in life. They celebrated their Golden Wedding with friends in the Schoolroom at Ardler Road. We offer them our congratulations and best wishes.

## 20 PRIEST HILL

The Reading Council of Churches Housing Association has just purchased No. 20 Priest Hill, and the house will be used to provide five units of accommodation for single parent families. Money raised last year at Caversham's Family Festival and given to the Housing Association made the purchase of this house possible. Social workers of the Oxford Diocesan Council for Social work will be working in conjunction with the reading Council of Churches Housing Association and members of Caversham Churches in the management of this house.

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ONCE AGAIN THIS ANNUAL EXODUS OF EIGHTY PEOPLE FROM THE PARISH OF CAVERSHAM to the old Nightingale family home on the edge of the New Forest proved to be a powerful object lesson in living together and showed how well people of all ages and temperaments get on, given good will on all sides.

This year we were particularly lucky with the weather, but more than this we were fortunate in the distinctly cosmopolitan atmosphere engendered by the several European visitors, Isabelle from France, Elke from Germany and Pastor Hanner Krause with his wife and three sons also from Germany, all joined in the many and varied activities with tremendous enthusiasm, and will certainly have taken back to their homes a picture of the British at their unreserved and friendly best.

As usual, tournament lists for Croquet, Squash, Bowls, Tennis, Scrabble, etc., were filled by the end of the first day, and although this competitor was knocked out several of the more energetic sports in the first round, I had the distinct impression that standards were high, sporting instincts were virile and demanding and everyone, from the oldest granny to the youngest toddler, were in there if not to win, at any rate to knock the stuffing out of their opponents with plenty of fun in the process.

The local Skittle Alley on Wednesday saw Pastor Hanner attacking the first nine pins of his life and doing it very well, and although competition among the four teams was fierce the dead heat declared at the end of the evening was felt to be due more to the mysterious 11.25% inexpertly deducted from the score of the two larger teams than to the evenness of the playing!

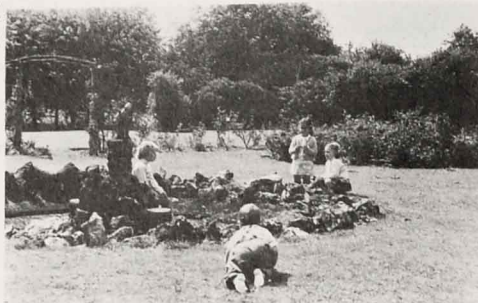
The dry weather encouraged a team of boys to scour the woods for dead branches for a Bonfire Party on Thursday, and the singing that followed included a spirited rendering of "Hab ne Tante in Morocco und die Kommt. Hipp-Hopp" to the tune of "She'll be coming round the mountains", and the Hokey-Cokey freely translated into several European languages.

The vital job of extinguishing the fire after the party fell to ex-army P.T. Instructor Mr. Roberts, who earlier had organised something called "Children's Sports", but with the age-limit being rather loosely defined it seemed that some of the older sports were enjoying themselves as much as anyone. The younger children, incidentally, found a familiar friend in Mrs. Roberts, as her Caversham occupation is to act as "Lollypop Lady" at the bottom of Oakley Road, and her kindness to the Children in Hemdean Road School is a byword in the neighbourhood, even to the extent one hears of asking the Headmaster not to scold the little ones who are late in case they scurry across the road too fast.

The cosmopolitan atmosphere reached its zenith at Friday's concert party, when a Chinese lady of enormous dignity charmingly presented the week's prizes to the tournament winners. Dressed in an exotic kimono, and "Coolie" hat, and twirling her parasol coyly over her shoulder, her witty remarks in pidgin English to the various competitors suggested a remarkable familiarity with their achievements, but this sharp-eyed reporter could not help remarking that her red toe-nails and the Rector's plaintiff enquiries for nail varnish remover after the party seemed altogether too much of a coincidence.

Various mysteries occurred during the week, of course, such as whose was the face behind the Gorilla mask, and whose were the hob-nail boots heard wandering in the corridors at night, and teenage dormitory members who had been warned off at the beginning of the week for noise, could be heard muttering about the giggling in the ladies' dorm long past midnight, but it was nevertheless a very happy week.

Perhaps the most perceptive remark of the week was made by three-year-old Helen Morrison who, when asked who was her best friend at Embley, replied wonderingly "Everyone of course". And so say all of us.



A happy scene in the grounds at Embley Park.

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The personal problems include matrimonial, landlord and tenant, housing, rents, eviction, employment, consumer, social security benefits, etc.

Everyday information includes requests for the dates of the Reading Pop Festival and the Henley Regatta, where to get a copy of a birth certificate, addresses and telephone numbers of local clubs and societies etc.

In addition, the Bureau has a free legal advice service at which a solicitor is in attendance. This is available Monday and Thursday afternoons and is by appointment arranged by a C.A.B. worker.

The Bureau is open Mondays to Fridays 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and is manned daily by a full-time paid organiser and four trained voluntary workers, handling 50 to 60 enquiries a day. Separate rooms are available for private interviews.

The Bureau is at 38 Caversham Road, Reading and the telephone number is Reading 598059. Call, phone or write; no appointments are necessary.

### IN THE SWIM

On Sunday, 14th September the Rector swam for the 100th successive day this summer out of doors, having started this year on 7th June. Most days he has swum in the Thames from the Rectory bank, the other days he swam in the open air pool at Embley Park during the parish holiday or in the sea at Morecambe in August where he spent his summer holidays.

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**TALKING POINT**

by Leslie Griffiths

**ON THE AIR**

WE ARE SOON TO WITNESS A CATAclysmic EVENT IN READING. Despite rumours that there have been difficulties in interesting investors Radio Kennet is shortly to take the air. Radio Kennet did I say? I'll forgive you if you hadn't heard about it. They do tell me that there are people who can't sleep because of their excitement about our forthcoming new radio station. But for most people the prospect is beheld with a sleepy indifference. After all, so they tell us, the main diet we'll be fed with is going to be music (of a popular variety) and news. Can you imagine listening to hours of piped music in the hope of hearing that there is no traffic jam at the Vastern Road/Caversham Road junction, or that your Willie has won the egg and spoon race in the All-England games being held at Buggs Bottom? It's all a bit much isn't it?

I must confess that I can't for the life of me understand why we are going to have this irrelevant radiodiffusion in Reading. We have pop music on the air already and in some large doses too. Will there be a peculiar Berkshire tone to the music that churns forth from the Kennet channel? After all, our annual Pop Festival has made us very percipient people and we would like to feel that our Radio Station will feed our more sophisticated taste for ear-splitting and unmusical din. But I suspect that in reality it will be just as dull and insipid as the popular music we hear in Greek restaurants, supermarkets, crematoria, and on the BBC.

Another point you'll forgive me for making after such a short length of time here is that a local radio station cannot have much success in a town like Reading that is

strikingly lacking an identity of its own. For work, shopping, entertainment, people go elsewhere as often as remaining in radiant Reading. No county cricket is played here, we besport a fourth division football club, and speedway (of all things) is our foremost sporting attraction. Reading is, of course, a great place to get away from. To Newbury for the races; to Henley for the shops; to the Downs for peace and quiet; to London for the theatre; to Oxford for culture and history; and to Hayling island for a paddle. It is indeed a formidable prospect to cater for the transistorised needs of a town whose population is looking in so many directions at once.

So perhaps the only selling point in the end is going to be the excellence of the local news service. Certainly that will be its only competitive point. So do you want your national news spiced with the latest happenings on the Warren? Do you rate highly the news that the Emmer Green constable had to change a tyre after running over a broken milk bottle? I'm being silly of course. And there may be a fire at the rectory or a murder in the Precinct, and that would be worth reporting of course. But our local news at the present time is so well covered by the Evening Post, the Reading Chronicle, the Caversham Bridge and other papers (with photographs), that I seriously wonder if this new organ of communication is worth the effort of bringing into existence.

It has been made abundantly clear in the meetings I have attended that the Church will have no special privileges accorded to it by the Kennet Commissariat. And so I end on my one positive note. Thank God for that!

**MAPLEDURHAM.  
PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting of the Mapledurham Parish Council was held on Thursday, 14th August, 1975. Mr. B. A. Fowles, Chairman of the Council, presided at the meeting.

The Parish Council are continuing to press the South Oxon District Council to reconsider the charges they have imposed for the Cesspool Emptying Service. The Parish Council feel that the charges are unnecessarily high and that they will cause financial hardship to old age pensioners and those on fixed incomes who use the service. The Council also feel that by making the charge of £5 per load of 1,000 gallons, it is going to encourage some residents to purchase sludge pumps, and they will then carry out their own form of emptying cesspools. The Parish Council have no legal obligation to carry out the service, there would appear to be a moral duty for the service to be undertaken at a more reasonable charge.

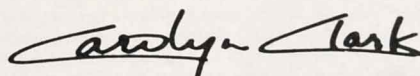
The Council also considered the slowness of the development relating to the main drainage scheme in the Upper Woodcote Road/Chazey Road areas of the Parish. It was understood that the technical aspects of the scheme were almost complete and ready to be put to contract immediately prior to March, 1974, but due to Local Government Re-organisation, it would seem that the new Authorities have had to start afresh. The Council are continuing to press the District Council and the Water Authority for some positive action to be taken in the near future.

The Council were informed of action proposed by the County Council to counter the Dutch Elm Disease problem. The County Council are to urge owners of seriously affected trees to fell them and burn the bark to prevent a new generation of the beetle from emerging and infecting other trees.

Regarding trees near the highway, the County Council, as highway authority will negotiate with the owners if it is thought to be necessary. In any event the highway authority has an over-riding duty to ensure that highway users are not put at risk, so the highway authority can insist on felling where trees adjoin a highway, but are on private land.

It is hoped that steps will soon be taken to clear the public footpath, now rather overgrown, that runs between Upper Woodcote Road and Woodcote Way.

The Council considered a letter from the South Oxon District Council regarding subsidies for local bus services, from which it would appear that those routes that run as an inter-town network are likely to be favoured, those off the main roads are likely to lose the subsidy with the resultant loss of a local service. The Council are making comments to the County and District Councils. Revised arrangements for the Concessionary Bus Fare Scheme were announced and the Council are seeking a local co-ordinator to operate the scheme for the Parish.



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# CAVERSHAM '75

STUDENTS OF READING COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY and the Berkshire College of Art and Design this year made Caversham the subject of their annual study project, and on 2nd July presented their final report at a meeting held at Highdown School.

The terms of reference of the Group Study Project were (a) to define the special prospects and problems of Thames and Caversham Wards and (b) to comment on these prospects and problems and to offer recommendations where appropriate.

For seven months during their weekly Liberal Studies periods students from the Departments of Building and Surveying; Civil, Mechanical and Production Engineering and Electrical and Electronic Engineering visited the two wards, assisted by students from the Department of Business and Social Studies, while students from the Department of Graphic Design and Photography at Berkshire College of Art and Design took over one hundred and sixty photographs.

The Team Tutor, Mr. D. L. Lee, pointed out that although a great deal of extremely professional material was produced by the team only three themes could be examined in depth in the time available, namely Social and Recreational facilities, Education and Housing and Planning.

The team chose to commence with a fairy story about a Prince marrying his Princess—a reference to the joining of Caversham to Reading—and The Reading Standard of 8th July, 1911 was quoted regarding the incorporation of Caversham with Reading "after a long fight" where the proceedings had "been vigorously contested stage by stage". Many slides were shown illustrating contrasting

views of the area, but I found the commentary accompanying them slightly aggravating in that I felt it laboured to prove a preconceived notion that social or class difference existed between "The Heights" and "Lower Caversham".

Many graphs and statistics followed, showing movements of traffic, population, housing deficiencies, household tenure and many more until it was impossible for this simple reporter to digest the plethora of facts and figures thrown on to the screen, although the volume of material produced and the excellence of its presentation commanded respect.

## THE ROLE OF THE CHURCHES

The team found that the Churches in Caversham are active and influential, and remarked that "The Caversham Bridge" offered forcible evidence of co-operation between denominations. The Working Men's Club and the Conservative Club were reported to have excellent facilities, as also did the other sporting, social or youth clubs in the area, they felt, however, that there was a need for more social activities for older people in Lower Caversham, and also wondered if there were enough recreational facilities for the young in that area.

The team had interviewed the Heads of all the schools in the area and were impressed with the commitment and dedication shown which they found wholly admirable, and quoted the widely held opinion that Reading's first Comprehensive School, Highdown, would redress any imbalance between the two Wards. They noted, however, that the choice in the area is still possible and they felt that as the academic record of Reading School is outstanding by any standards, it was a pity that there should be any

possibility of making this a Comprehensive School. They found all reports on work at Highdown highly favourable, and felt that the loss of fourteen or fifteen high-flyers from Highdown to Reading School annually was not critical to the former's achievements.

Although other schools in the area also merited the team's approval, they wondered how long Caversham would be content to put up with the difficulties of two schools on Lower Caversham, observing that one Nursery School was near an industrial site and a Primary School was next to a rubbish disposal contractor's base.

The team also touched on the possibility of inaugurating Community Colleges, and felt that the possibility of developing Highdown on these lines could be explored.

## GOOD HOUSING

The team appeared to find few faults with housing in the Higher Caversham area, and showed many slides of tree-lined roads and gardens and open public spaces. They felt that some of the older roads in Lower Caversham could be developed as car-free areas, and produced several artistic impressions of such roads as Pigotts Road, Kings Road and Queens Road treated in this way.

A question time followed, and several of the local Councillors and representatives of local organisations received enthusiastic answers to their questions, which ranged over many subjects from the provision of a new Library to the building of a third bridge over the Thames. In answer to one question about leisure, however, I felt that one young man was mistaken when he said that while people from Lower Caversham appeared to take part in many community activities, the residents of the Heights were far too busy staying at home worrying about the values of their houses! Either he hasn't noticed the many activities taking place nightly in St. Andrew's Hall or he does not realise how tired people get in working to pay the excessive rates in that area!

# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School has for many years been accepted as a normal part of a child's religious up-bringing. The history of our Sunday Schools is a checkered one, problems arising, schools closing for lack of teachers, schools bursting at the seams and crying out for lack of space. Problems created have become, in most cases, problems solved. There are a great many people who can look back on their Sunday School days with pleasure and gratitude. However the pattern of Sunday School training and worship has changed considerably over the years as indeed has the pattern of worship in our churches. Whereas in past years children stayed on until they were fourteen even fifteen nowadays the norm would seem to be eleven, the age of transfer from primary to secondary education. Confirmation now takes place at an earlier age, the wisdom of this is arguable.

## MODERN TECHNIQUES

As the age of leaving Sunday School has changed so have the methods of teaching. Gone are the days of the Catechism, of learning, parrot fashion, the weekly collect and psalms (there are those who doubt the value of new methods). Teachers are now expected to use more sophisticated lesson books, activity cards and projects. Sunday School lessons are in fact having to keep up with the change in approach to teaching found in our day schools. Sunday School teachers, who, by and large, are untrained are expected to maintain day school standards and this, for people with a full-time and often exacting job, is asking a great deal. Very often one finds a Sunday school teachers involved elsewhere in parochial life. It is right that we should thank God for the devotion of Sunday School teachers, remembering them regularly in our prayers. Obviously they do not seek praise, but a 'thank you' now and again would not go amiss. All they ask is that parents show an interest in the child's efforts at Sunday School and support them in the various Family Services.

## CHILDRENS PRAYERS

The following prayers were composed by some of the children of St. Andrew's Sunday School a week or two before they broke up for the summer holiday. They have been faithfully copied as written, spelling and punctuation are the childrens—these apart, the prayers do give some indication of children's spirituality.

'Loving Jesus Please help me to remember you as I ought.  
Please remind me to pray to you in the holidays  
Help me to be kind and not selfish.  
Please make me Happy even if it rains at camp.  
Please help me to comfort the sick.  
Please help me to be kind to living things even if they are only insects'

'Thank you God for my eye's and lips, to let me see the sky and my mum and dad'

'Dear God in heaven,  
Thank you for the landscape,  
The beautiful countryside,  
The picturesque land,  
Thank you for the big blue sky  
Dotted with white clouds,  
And the big, yellow sun,  
That beams down all day  
Dear God in heaven,  
Thank you.'

'Dear God  
Help us to remember to say our prayers every day and not to forget you during the holiday. Help us to be obedient and love you because you love us and don't forget about us even when we forget you. Amen'

'Thank you God for making human beings and animals and plants please help them to live. Please make any ill people better and please make the blind the deaf the dumb the handicapped'. B.J.G.

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# MISS GREEN REMEMBERS

When I called to chat with Mrs. Haines of Gosbrook Road recently in connection with an article on her father who was the Caversham blacksmith, I was told — "there's Miss Green, she'd love to tell you more about old Caversham". So I made a date and one evening walked just over the bridge to Newport Road.

Miss Green's grandfather was a coffin maker to Mr. Lewis, the Caversham undertaker, who had his premises where Mr. and Mrs. Good used to have their little electrical shop beside Oakeshotts. Years ago Miss Green can remember an aunt of hers ironing away merrily on a coffin lid which made an excellent ironing board — a novel one too!

When photography was the up and coming thing, Grandfather Green decided to try his hand at this very flourishing new trade, and his son, Miss Green's father, followed in his footsteps until in 1927 he went to work at Elliotts. They lived, and carried on the photography business in one of the cottages which adjoined a large privately owned grocery shop.

As a little girl Miss Green can remember Mr. James and Mr. Wiggins, the two drivers of the grocery carts, taking her with them on their weekly delivery rounds way out in the countryside. How she enjoyed it.

## The German Band

Someone else also had a soft spot for this little girl—a large elderly travelling musician. Every Friday a four man German band arrived to play at Berry's Corner; that was the name given to the road junction at the bottom of St. Peter's Hill where Mr. Berry had his harnessmaker's shop, and we now find the traffic lights. This kindly old German gave Miss Green a penny every week and when

she had saved up almost five shillings her father suggested she gave her generous old friend something in return. So she began to knit him a thick muffler for cold winter days, but little girls are sometimes slow with such tasks even if it is a labour of love, and sad to say the poor old musician was knocked down in London and died before he ever received his gift.

Berry's Corner was one of the focal points of the village. Right in the centre was a small island of land, perhaps once a small village green. Or did some ancient tree grow there like the one beside the library and St. Anne's well? Certainly not the place for the village stocks and whipping post, for they were on the corner by the Library in the mid-nineteenth century. Anyway, every Christmas the Salvation Army played and sang their carols on this central spot.

## Weekend Treats

Sunday morning heard the muffin man on his way round, ringing his handbell to let folk know that hot crusty rolls could be bought

from the tray he carried on his head. A cloth covered the delicious new bread to keep it warm. Another mouth-watering item was the weekly dough cake which Mrs. Green made every Saturday and which was sent up to a bakehouse in Emmer Green to be cooked and returned to the door, all for a penny.

During the First World War a bad fire damaged the outhouses around the yard belonging to the Green's home, and after the debris had been cleared away, there was room to make a small garden. Before there had just been no room. So Miss Green set to and made little flower beds which she filled with pretty weeds she had gathered here and there, some perhaps on her journey into the country with Mr. James and Mr. Wiggins. However, Mr. Green had other ideas and did away with the pretty weeds, replacing them with gaudy African marigolds which his little daughter couldn't abide—especially the smell of them—and who can blame her for they certainly have a strong, unpleasant scent if you bruise their leaves.

I wonder what people will remember about Berry's corner in years to come? The noise and fumes from endless streams of traffic? I doubt if their memories will be as pleasant as Miss Green's.

M.K.



Mr. James and Mr. Wiggins with their grocery vans. Notice Mr. Green's shop on the right.



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## CAVBRIDGE SCHEME

As those readers who attended the Annual General Meeting of the Caversham Bridge Scheme of Social Service last January will know the Organisation is in the process of creating a list of all those living in the Caversham area who are housebound and who might need assistance from time to time.

This work is being organised by Mrs. Offord and she asks for more volunteers who will undertake to call at every house, in a location of their choice, and check if any elderly or housebound person is living there, and if so to hand in a printed card on which is stated the help that can be offered should the need arise.

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## RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT

### LOWER CAVERSHAM

Caversham is a large place for a suburb of a provincial town (not that your true Cavershamite regards it merely as an adjunct of Reading); in fact it is larger than many a small town. It is therefore not surprising that some parts are not known to those who live in other parts, particularly if they are not on the way to somewhere else. One such is the older part of Lower Caversham, tucked away between Lower Henley Road and the river, comparatively free of day long through traffic, possessing a quiet charm of its own, yet sadly neglected.

In an estate agent's list, it would sound idyllic. Conveniently situated to urban amenities, it lies next to open farm land, and on the banks of England's most famous river, where water fowl nest and trees lead to the water's edge where stands the successor of a mill mentioned in Doomsday book. Ancient flint cottages, their gardens gay with flowers, are rivalled only by half timbered cottages and the occasional Georgian farmhouse, whilst the whole is complemented by a genuine old village pub. How blissful it all sounds.

Yet the whole place is bristling with problems. Take for instance, the question of traffic. Maybe there is not much through traffic, but various devices have had to be introduced to prevent traffic using the area as a short cut, and still motorists evade them. This problem is gradually being reduced, but much worse is the daily invasion of heavy vehicles bringing with them pollution and danger. To find where they are going, simply turn your back on the flower bedecked cottages and the donkey grazing

peacefully in its field, and there you will see modern factories and warehouses such as might be expected in the middle of Birmingham but certainly not in a picture postcard village. Of course they should never have been allowed to have been built there, but there they are, and as planning legislation and the state of the country's economy stands, there they will have to stay. As factories, they are not too bad. They are not dirty or cluttered, but they are gaunt, stark, and completely out of keeping with their environment. Is it too much to ask that something be done to screen them or soften their impact? Constant vigilance on the part of local residents is also needed to prevent lorries from intruding on the streets even more than is unavoidable in the circumstances.

Life in Mill Green does not consist of watching the Thames run softly and messing about in boats. The developer has his eye on the place and if he had had his way, tower blocks would by now have covered the place, with the odd engineering works thrown in. And that back water by the ancient mill (well, actually a factory now) where the ducks and swans nest; it looks rather an unpleasant colour and seems to be the watery grave of unwanted junk.

### NEW HOUSING

It is in this part of Caversham that the Borough Council's newest housing estate is being built and surprisingly, the complaints of those living there are all that Caversham Residents' Association forecast when the plans were first published. With the closing of St. John's School, the nearest school is the Hill, a long and dangerous walk for young children. There is a long walk to the nearest shops and 'buses, and, in common with anywhere else in East Caversham, chemists and doctors are even further off.

As for landscaping, the estate is raw and uninviting looking, rather like the nearby factories, playgrounds for children are lacking, and problems are building up. Something must be done, and it is encouraging to know that the residents are prepared to make their own efforts to improve matters, given the opportunity. But 'buses and schools are of course beyond their capacity.

## by Watchdog

### HERITAGE

Readers will have noticed that in the July issue Worton House, Mill Green, was given as a supplementary listed building. It used to be a listed building but it now joins the company of graded buildings now demolished. All that remains is part of its flint and brick wall.

Although too recent of construction to be on the list of graded buildings, the grey and yellow brick terrace in Star Road is worthy of mention. Well built and unassuming, it is typical of much late nineteenth and early twentieth century domestic building in Reading, which was famous for its brickwork. The terrace retains unbroken a pleasing unity, thanks to the fact that none of its residents has fitted unsuitable windows or doors or refaced their houses to spoil a simple harmony.

They are to be congratulated.

### FACE LIFTS

Without wishing to be unkind or to curtail people's freedom to choose their house style, it must be said that too many houses are being spoilt by incongruous new windows, doors, or cladding. This is not to deny that some older houses need renovation nor that some, built in a period when builders took short cuts with mean doors and windows, are improved by a skilful 'face-lift'. But the end result must look as if it fits. The wrong kind of windows in a terrace house for instance, spoil not only the individual house but the whole terrace. Cotswold stone is lovely in the Cotswolds, but imitated on a Victorian brick house in the mid-Thames Valley, it looks as ridiculous as a Georgian doorway imposed on a twentieth century suburban house. Quite an amusing game can be played, counting houses that have been improved by renovation and those that have been ruined, scoring systems to be settled by the players.

### IMPORTANT MEETING

An important public meeting, organised by the Caversham and District Residents' Association, will be held on Monday, 13th October at 8 p.m. at Church House. The subject is "Our Rates: Are we getting Value for Money?" and the speaker will be Mr. W. H. Tee, Chief Executive Officer for the Borough of Reading.

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## READING - DUSSELDORF LINK

EARLY THIS YEAR the announcement appeared in the Reading press that Reading and Dusseldorf, betrothed for twenty eight years, had at last agreed to wed! It was on 14th January that members of the Reading Council accepted a long standing proposal that formal recognition should be given to the link with this German city which had been steadily developing without official blessing since 1947.

Dusseldorf, premier industrial and commercial centre of the Ruhr, suffered near destruction in the Second World War. In 1947 the situation there was still desperate, and General Collins, commander of the Berkshire Regiment, appealed to the then Mayor of Reading, Mrs. Phoebe Cusden, for help. He appealed for toys, for clothing, for food and for donations—for all forms of aid that could alleviate the deplorable conditions in which the children of the city were living. The response was immediate and generous.

### THE FIRST EXCHANGES

Soon afterwards it was arranged to bring six children to Reading for a three-month stay, and the following year another thirty came. In 1949 the first reciprocal visit was organised, seventy members of local youth organisations visiting Dusseldorf. The Reading Dusseldorf Association founded by Mrs. Cusden in 1947 to meet an urgent need, was opening

doors long closed by the Hitler regime and for the children these doors are still open every year, parties from Reading and Dusseldorf paying exchange visits each alternate year. At Easter 1976 hospitality will be given in Dusseldorf to twenty or so young people from Reading, and in 1977 their families will reciprocate by acting as hosts to German youngsters. The secretary of the Reading Dusseldorf Association is Mr. Harold King, 182 Belmont Road, Reading, who is always anxious to hear of families who would like to participate in the scheme.

Despite the former lack of civic blessing, other Reading organisations have developed links with Dusseldorf, including the Reading Council of Churches. In June this year sixteen members of different denominations led by the Reverend Gerald Restall, Director of St. Mary's Centre, arrived in Dusseldorf to spend a week with member churches there. The German leader was Pastor Klaus Dedring, who had developed a deep interest in things English as a result of spending six

years in London with the German equivalent of the Missions to Seamen.

### A FULL PROGRAMME

Pastor Dedring's programme was intensive and full of interest. The party was received by Mayor Deimel at the Town Hall, by the Dusseldorf Council of Churches at the Haus der Kirche and by the English Church in Dusseldorf. The Catholic organisation 'Caritas' offered hospitality for a day to see the remains of the Roman city of Xanten and the beautiful carved altarpieces in the church of Kalkar. Highlight of the week was perhaps the visit to the Deaconess House at Kaiserwerth on the Rhine at which Florence Nightingale stayed in order to study the nursing methods developed by the deaconesses, the protestant equivalent of nuns. The party were able to see Miss Nightingale's signature in the Register of Visitors.

Reading, the reluctant bride, will this month wear a token to remind her of her vows when the newly appointed Reading Dusseldorf Link meets for the first time. The Link, a co-ordinating committee jointly sponsored by the Reading Dusseldorf Society and the Reading Council will not only give encouragement to existing links between the two towns but will seek to foster exchanges in the cultural and sporting fields and the association of business and professional organisations.

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So once again St. Margaret's Day went off very happily and successfully. Grateful thanks are due to Lord and Lady Thurlow for allowing the use of their home and garden which really "made" the occasion.

## ST. PETER'S WIVES

The Social evening in the Rectory Garden was a great success and was attended and enjoyed by a good number of members and their families.

Unfortunately, the dates chosen for the July Ramble and August Picnic did not coincide with the summer's generally good weather. The Ramble took place in somewhat wet conditions, although the rain held off during the actual walk. The Picnic, however, was cancelled.

The Annual General Meeting will take place this year on 21st October. It is hoped that all members will turn up to elect next year's committee.

On 28th October the Group will be visiting the Berkshire Agricultural College again. This time the subject of the demonstration will be "The use of Wine in Cookery".



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## YOUNG CAVERSHAM

by PETER SHOCK

I was sitting recently on the ramparts of Goodrich Castle, a 12th century ruin that overlooks the meandering River Wye and the lush green meadows of Herefordshire—or if one prefers, the new County of Hereford and Worcester! History would have much to relate about this old relic, like many other such specimens of our national heritage. So why not, I thought tread the path of centuries, whither I will—20th century entrance charges permitting? Ah, then on my way out, the clerk at the ticket-window, sensing my curiosity for crusty old derelictions, and with apparent telepathic instinct, called out—"Can I interest you in something, sir?" "What might that be," I asked, expecting to be conned into purchasing a pair of Oliver Cromwell's eye-glasses. "Something special, for you—a Season Ticket to the Ancient Monuments and Historic Buildings of Britain, lasts for one year!" I decided this was a fine idea and a genuine opportunity to see what the nation has to offer wherever my travels should take me. The ticket cost me just one pound; my passport to nearly 750 historic sites in England, Scotland and Wales. A free guidebook was handed to me which contained details of admission times and other relevant matter, also a large map showing all the locations. All the places listed for which the Season Ticket is valid, are managed by the Department of the Environment. There are some exceptions, mainly where the buildings are residential such as Windsor Castle. I also had to check to see if, by waving my pass, Her Majesty would allow me to

survey the seclusion of Buckingham Palace. But it just was not on; inquisitive patrons are politely referred to the Queen's Cottage, Kew Gardens, open April to September, Sat., Sun., Bank Holidays, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Philip, who is only seventeen years old, attended Highdown School until recently and lives in Caversham, playing most of his golf at the Reading Golf Club in Emmer Green where he has been playing since he was nine years old.

In the English Amateur Championship he progressed well through the competition until beaten by eighteen year old Nick Faldo who won the competition and became the youngest ever winner of this Amateur Championship which was dominated by brilliant young players. Morley may now find it difficult to achieve one ambition of being the youngest winner of this competition, but he may well achieve his other aim of being only the second Left-handed golfer to win the Open—thus emulating the great Bob Charles.

When interviewed for the 'Bridge' over a year ago, he impressed as a sportsman who was going to succeed and his recent success demonstrates that his single mindedness and determination have paid off.

### NEW COMPETITION

The new Reading Youth Football League Competition for the Under 14 Year Olds will be starting shortly with over fourteen teams from the Reading area taking part. Both of our star local teams, Caversham Boys and Mapledurham, will be competing and will no doubt continue the friendly but determined rivalry existing between the two teams.

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# ROUND THE CLUBS

## READING CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS' TOWNSWOMENS' GUILD

The guest for this month was Major Rance, of Wells Stores, Streathley, giving a very expert and instructive talk on French cheeses. It is amazing the varieties of cheeses there are from the Normandy and Provence areas, and the different ways in which they are made and cured.

Major Rance not only explained all the intricacies of the cheeses but took members on a tour of the meadows and rivers of France, which help to enhance the flavour of the cheese.

When buying soft cheese, they should look good and feel firm around the sides, they are very rich in fat. The best are farmhouse made, with their own individuality. Some ways of curing go back to the twelfth century and are still used today, with different flavours from different regions. Members were advised never to put a good cheese in the refrigerator, as this kills the bacteria that makes it taste so delicious.

Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Burton won prizes at the Federation Floral Art Display in the Town Hall on 2nd July.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the Watermill Theatre, near Newbury by members and their husbands.

### EMMER GREEN

A most interesting talk on "History of the Theatre" was given

by Miss P. Innes at the July meeting. Miss Innes commented on the fact that drama and religion were very closely connected in Greek and Roman plays. She drew comparisons between Greek tragedies and many of Shakespeare's dramas, and also the work of Ibsen and Shaw. A former actress and drama coach, Miss Innes described how much pleasure people gained from the theatre during the war when she toured the country with a drama group. The Arts and Crafts section visited Whitefriars Glass factory in June, and the Emmer Green Guild were most successful in winning two cups at the Exhibition of Floral Art at Reading Town Hall on 2nd July.

### BLAGRAVE W.I.

At the July Meeting Mrs. Wilkie welcomed the Guest Speaker, Mrs. Mates, who gave an enthralling talk on a Victorian Lady Doctor, who was, in fact her own mother. Mrs. Mates described vividly the great difficulties which her mother had had to overcome to qualify and showed from her box of "Cherished Possessions" mementos and letters to her mother showing the loving encouragement given to her by her missionary father. She also told of the life's work of her mother helping women and children in some of

the poorest parts of London's East End. Members and friends

thoroughly enjoyed a tea-party given by the kind invitation of Mrs. Wilkie. Mrs. Wright, who was the delegate at the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall gave a most interesting report on the proceedings.

### MAPLEWOOD W.I.

The July meeting was chaired by a vice-president, Mrs. B. Belfield-Smith, who deputised for the President, Mrs. K. Bubb, who was present, but indisposed, with a fractured leg.

The garden party given by Mrs. Alton raised £15 for Institute funds.

Mrs. Susan Hill gave a cheerful, amusing and helpful talk about her own acting experiences, called "Jack of all Drama Trades". Mrs. D. Titley expressed the thanks of the meeting. Mrs. Smith won the best flower competition.

### CAVERSHAM PARK W.I.

Members enjoyed a very enlightening talk given by Mrs. Woolbridge on "Personal Grooming". The competition for an embroidered hair band was won by Mrs. P. Young.

### CAVERSHAM AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMENS' GUILD

A very interesting demonstration was given by Mrs. Collier on papersculpture. She was thanked by Mrs. Smith. Members and

Committee introduced Petticoat Line for the social half-hour with Mrs. Barrow as Chairman.

## READING CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS' TOWNSWOMENS' GUILD

A recent meeting took the form of a coffee evening. After the official business Mrs. E. Mason, Mrs. E. Inwards and Mrs. H. Hens showed slides and gave a commentary on exotic flowers and fruits of South Africa, the peaceful Dorset countryside and beautiful scenery in Austria and Switzerland. It made members feel they were on an additional holiday and the evening was enjoyed very much.

About 28 members visited the Whitefriars Glass Works early in September. A competition for a small knitted or crocheted article to be donated to the bazaar was planned for the next meeting.

### THE CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS SOCIETY

The Caversham Heights Society launches its second season on the inland waterways! At the first meeting of the Society on Tuesday, 7th October, Mr. Alexander Ferguson will talk on English canals and, in particular, on the enterprise of restoring to use the Kennet-Avon canal. On the following Saturday there will be an opportunity for members

of the Society to visit the Waterways Museum at Stoke Bruerne and to experience briefly the water gipsy life on the narrow-boat 'Castle Rose'.

Later in the session there will be the chance to travel much further afield — whilst securely seated in the Heights Methodist Church Hall! Mr. Robert Gillmor, artist and President of the Reading Ornithological Society, will speak on East African Wild Life and Miss Lois Mitchison, author of five books on China, will report on 'China Today'. This year's range of topics is wide. For those interested in art there

will be a talk on the Pre-Raphaelites, highlighted recently in the television series 'The Love School', by Miss Elizabeth Einberg, Assistant Keeper of the Tate Gallery.

For students of the contemporary scene there will be stimulus to their thinking in 'British Technology — is it Off Target?', the title of the lecture by Sir Ieuan Maddock, Chief Scientist of the Department of Trade and Industry.

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St. John's  
July 20th Wayne Smith  
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Christine Clark  
Richard Miles

August 31st  
St. Barnabas  
July 13th Alexander Burn  
August 17th Anwen Philpot

St. Margaret's  
July 20th Kate Steele

Caversham Park  
July 6th Joanna Pigot  
Matthew Jones  
Suzanne Hanton  
Rebecca Fowler  
Christian Hill  
Clare Oxborrow  
Rachel Hawkins  
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Matthew Laverick  
Jennifer Latter  
Lee Lloyd  
Louise Giddings

July 20th  
August 17th

### MARRIED

St. Peter's  
July 12th Richard Irvine and Janet Griffin  
August 2nd Alan Waters and Annette Bailey  
Richard Neale and Gillian Babbage  
August 9th John Baker and Jane Amor  
September 13th Michael Whistler and Caroleann Toms  
Nicholas Oxley and Linda Ridout

St. John's  
August 16th Robert Thomas and Diane Pickering

St. Andrew's  
August 16th David Hull and Patricia Brannan  
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St. Barnabas'  
July 5th Joseph Gallagher and Julie Searle  
July 19th Anthony Taylor and Wendy Jutchison  
July 26th Charles Crowley and Janice Sparks  
August 2nd Timothy Aldous and Ruth Risius  
August 9th John Bramley and Sally Bartholomew  
August 16th Richard Cox and Margaret Bradley  
August 30th John Farrow and Anne Russell

St. Margaret's  
July 19th Nicholas Brogden and Janet Eaton  
September 6th Stephen Holloway and Susan Hissey

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August 29th Kathleen Smith

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10.45 a.m. Family Service (3rd Sunday)  
11.15 a.m. Matins (not 3rd Sunday).  
11.30 a.m. Holy Communion (3rd Sunday).  
12.15 p.m. Holy Communion (1st Sunday).  
6.30 p.m. Evensong (not 1st Sunday)

#### St. John's

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong (2nd Sunday)

#### St. Andrew's

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST.  
11.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
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