

GOOD FRIDAY OBSERVANCE

ONCE again two special pilgrimages were held for the younger members of Caversham Parish on Good Friday. About 100 children joined with local children at Lasham, near Alton. The children walked through Lasham Woods carrying a cross which the photograph shows being assembled. They stopped from time to time to hear the story of Jesus' trial and crucifixion. The cross was decorated with flowers and left in the village church.

An older group travelled by coach to Guildford and after visiting the cathedral walked along the Pilgrim Way to St Martin's Chapel.

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The Editor's Column

ON FROM EASTER

(A sermon preached at the Eucharist in the Queen's Chapel, St James' Palace on Sunday, May 3)

C. S. LEWIS remarks somewhere in his writings that life is never normal; many of us, I suspect, re-echo what he says and have a hidden longing for life to be less hectic and the pace less demanding.

A great festival like Easter brings with it a thrill and a degree of excitement; and the Sunday after the Liturgy, the Scripture readings, the hymns, flowers and other things around the Church continue to make it evident that the resurrection is still central in our worship; and then we come to the second Sunday after Easter and the resurrection seems more remote. But yet the old collect in the Prayer Book for that day rubs home the point that we are always, and not just one Sunday a year, to receive the inestimable benefit of the resurrection and that we are daily and not spasmodically to follow the steps of Jesus, his steps along the Via Dolorosa as well as on the road to Emmaus.

No light matter

There was one group of men for whom life was certainly never the same again after the resurrection; that group was the eleven apostles. But why should there be any distinction in this respect between them and us? In the early days of the Church it was no light matter for a man or a woman to become a Christian.

It is no light matter today in those parts of the world where Christians are liable to persecution. But just because we do not run such a risk there is no reason at all why being a Christian should be a light matter for a single person who has been baptised (though too often the Church has treated baptism so lightly that it has given the impression that the demands of Christ are of little account).

The baptism and confirmation rite took place originally only at Easter because becoming a Christian was seen as a dying of the old heathen person and the rising of the new person into the fellowship of the Catholic Church of which our baptism has made us members. A change took place and there still has to be a change; it is demanded by the Easter gospel.

Back in Holy Week our thoughts centred on the self giving of Christ.

Acceptance of the resurrection means that we too must come to grips with an understanding of sacrifice. There is not much evidence that we have grasped this idea in the Church of England, certainly not financially; but the time has come for us to be prepared to stand up and be counted. A change is called for.

What sort of change?

The first change for the apostles was that they made the resurrection central to their living and preaching. If you study the sermons in the Acts of the Apostles you see how this is so. And we owe our Sundays to this fact; the day of resurrection to be borne witness to every week. There is nothing scriptural about the all too common Anglican practice of fortnightly worship.

Secondly the apostles were clearly men of joy. If you believe in the resurrection you cannot but be joyful. Words such as joy and gladness occur many times in the Gospel account of the events surrounding the resurrection. St Matthew tells us the women returned from the tomb with fear and great joy. St John tells us the apostles were filled with joy when our Lord appeared to them in the upper room on Easter night. St Luke tells us that the same group of men returned to Jerusalem after the Ascension "with great joy."

The third mark of the early Church was its strong sense of fellowship. They realised it was impossible to be a Christian in isolation from other Christians. Their strong sense of loyalty and their great care for each other were magnets which convinced others of the truth of the resurrection.

Three ways to change

First we have to see that, as for the apostles so for us, the resurrection is central to our life every day of the year. We criticise Judas but when he denied his Master he did not know the resurrection was to follow. When we fail Christ by not being with the brethren for the breaking of the bread on a Sunday are we not denying our Lord in a worse way than Judas for we know about the resurrection?

Secondly we must be men and women of joy, showing joy through every situation, however tragic it may at first seem. We will certainly show joy at our worship and as we leave from it. I sometimes wonder what sort of impression we give to non-Christians as we emerge from our churches. Do we convey an impression of deep seated joy? Anglicans have got rid of some of their shyness and the growing habit of exchanging greetings in the course of the Eucharist at the Peace has helped a lot, but we have still a long way to go.

And then we must give up attempting the impossible, and that is trying to be isolated Christians. Christian fellowship has usually to be expressed at two levels; in small groups so that there is a real experience of knowing and having a close relationship with a few other Christians, preferably including some from other branches of the Christian Church.

Our Lord felt the need for this with the group we call the disciples. But we also need the inspiration that comes from being a member of the larger worshipping community. The post-resurrection catch of 153 fish is a parable of that community, and although it was a big catch we are reminded that the net did not break. I feel bound to say to anyone who is not a regular and active member of a particular congregation that he has not faced up to the implications of his baptism.

Community of the resurrection

When we have accepted these three changes then the world at large will sit up and take note; we shall have taken to ourselves the title of an Anglican monastic order — the Community of the Resurrection, for that is what the Church must be. So perhaps there is a deeper meaning behind the remark of C. S. Lewis that life is never normal. Life for the Christian ought to be normal for the normal thing should be that he and every Christian is a member of the Community of the Resurrection.

But C. S. Lewis is only too right; life too often is not normal; it is sub-normal just as it was for the apostles on Good Friday night. The normal life is the life we strive for as we pray that old collect from the Prayer Book — that we may always most thankfully receive the inestimable benefit of the resurrection and by making this truth central in our lives, by being men and women of joy, and by actively giving expression to our faith in the life and worship of a Christian congregation we are indeed daily endeavouring to follow the blessed steps of our Lord's most holy life.

John Grimwade

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THE LINK GROUP

THE excitement mounted during the day of the annual 'Good-as-new' sale. This year it was held in the beautiful new Baptist Centre, and Eric Crutchley repeatedly came around to the busy stall holders reporting record attendances and record takings. Eventually the magnificent sum of £500 was reached, from sale of goods, and of refreshments in the coffee lounge. The group would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to this successful result.

At the group's meeting on April 27 at Audrey Preston's new home, a discussion took place on the way in which the money could be used for the needs of the various local charities with which the group is connected. A full account will be

given later.

Particular reference was made to the new home for severely disabled young people which opened on the day of the meeting. Contacts had already been established, and some help already given. It was hoped that more names could be added to the rota of minibus drivers. Louise Cropp had agreed to arrange

flowers for the official opening on June 27 and members offered to give the flowers.

The increasing expense of running the 'Furniture Business' (the collection and delivery of household goods to needy families) was also discussed, as well as ways of sharing the tremendous and ever-growing work-load so cheerfully undertaken by Joyce and Jim Plunkett.

LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT

REPRESENTATIVES of most of the Caversham churches met in Church House on April 30 to discuss what practical steps the churches, working together, could take to help the growing number of local unemployed.

A number of useful suggestions are to be actively pursued and after a further co-ordinating meeting at Caversham Baptist Church on Thursday, June 18 at 8pm it is hoped that some positive action will be undertaken.

If any readers have any ideas of ways in which the churches can give practical help to the unemployed the Editor would be pleased to hear from them. Mr K. Bennett presided at the meeting.

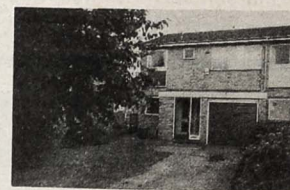
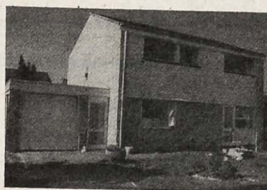


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Dear Sir

Several letters have queried my use of the word 'fact' with regard to the deterrent — that thirty-five years without a world war is due to its existence, in fact both Dr Hughes and Mr Marshall provide the justification for my use of the word. It is only too true that there have been many small wars during this time, the great powers did not openly join in. Both your correspondents say "no major power has seen any reason for joining in." World war one was started because Germany invaded Belgium on a pretext arising out of the assassination of an Archduke in Sarajevo. World war two started because Nazi Germany invaded Poland. It is a fair comparison to say that the occupation of Hungary by Russian arms and more recently Afghanistan would have resulted but for the deterrent in the involvement of the major powers.

Dr Hughes has used the opportunity to push the Petition for Unilateral Disarmament, he says that unilateralists and multilateralists can happily work together on this. There can be very few people who would not welcome disarmament throughout the world but there are a lot of us who at this stage in the world's history would not want to discard the ability to protect our families from aggression.

A number of points made in the original letter have not been mentioned by any of your correspondents: India and aid for instance. Britain last year was her largest donor contributing £140 million. Should we contribute at all while vast sums are earmarked for arms? Afghanistan. Out of a

population of 16 million 3½ million are refugees in Iran and Pakistan.

Cruise missiles. Miss Darter confidently states that this is a first strike weapon. By this inferring that either we or the Americans have it in mind to start a war. If by that she is assuming that whoever fires the first shot will eliminate every launching pad in the rest of the world that is stretching things a bit far.

The next point made was Vietnam. Miss Darter may have forgotten Korea where action to stave off Communism was taken by America, later supported by the UN. The disaster for the Vietnamese was they failed. It is extremely sad that every week in Hong Kong and the new territories bodies of men, women and children are washed ashore because they escape the regime by any means they can and usually in cockleshell craft. Had the American attempt succeeded there would have been few refugees.

Mr Marshall refers to Russian in the second world war amidst beligerent bleatings from the west, resisting Germany until near defeat for both of them. He implies that is natural that she should arm to the teeth because of what happened in 1939-41.

In 1939 Russian made a non-aggression pact with Nazi Germany, thus enabling Hitler to invade Poland, their share of the immediate spoils. A slice of Poland was subsequently incorporated into Russia, the annexation of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia which are part of the USSR. Having secured his other flank for long enough but for Great Britain and the Commonwealth on their own, to win the rest of

Postbag

Europe Hitler ran out of steam. As he could not succeed in invading Britain Hitler turned on Russia after he had lost the battle of Britain, not before. After Hitler went to war with Russia this country denuded itself of much needed arms, sent in ghastly convoys with enormous loss of lives of Navy, Merchant Navy and Air Force personnel.

As I mentioned in my first letter had this country sued for peace when by all normal standards she was lost in May 1940, none of us would be writing letters in a Church newspaper or practising our religion; we should be part of a godless dictatorship. What worries me is that we are at this moment facing a more dangerous and evil dictatorship that the world has ever seen. The British Council of Churches is pressing for unilateral disarmament, ie disarmament without reciprocity. Even if agreements are signed with Russia they regard them as binding on the other parties, but not on themselves. Your own leading article in the April 'Bridge' on Human Rights, such a short time after the Helsinki agreement, speaks for itself.

I cannot believe we should contemplate allowing the practice of our faith to be forced underground as it is to a great extent in Russia. If we cannot stand up for our faith, we have no right to call ourselves Christians. Nor has Christ ever told us to fold before the onslaught of the Devil.

BOB KYNASTON
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Caversham

Dear Sir

The current year's expenditure on so-called defence will be £12,274 million; for

what? An impoverished and oppressed people, rife unemployment, continuing fear, suspicion, hatred, a fool's safety.

But, we are told, we shall be getting £15,000 million in return for arms sold to foreign countries! How low can we sink? And is that the price for our nation's soul; that inner spiritual quality acquired throughout association and obedience to God through Christ? Remember seeing on the television British-made Centurion tanks in action against the Iranians during their civil disturbances, resulting in death, misery and homelessness? And are we not on a par with the drug-pushers, who care not a jot as to the wrecked lives of the recipients so long as they get their money?

Arnold Toynbee, the late British historian once stated: "Of nineteen civilisations that have come and gone, the main causes for their decline was Godless materialism, and drink." Add modern warfare and the preparations for war, and our present civilisation is in danger. Has He who came and showed us how the world might be saved, leaving us to follow His example and carry on His work, lived and died in vain?

If only people would THINK, and ACT! Rise up, O men of God and make your voices heard!

H. D. MARSHALL
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FIRST RIDE AFTER NEARLY 60 YEARS!



IN THE early days of the car industry a number of small firms built cars in Caversham, among them Herbert Engineering Company. Dennis Slade, a member of an old Caversham family, and in particular known to members of St Andrew's congregation, is seen here at the wheel of a car made by Herbert Engineering Company soon after the end of the first world war. He worked at the factory for two periods in the mid-twenties, separated by a time spent with Sigmond Pulsometer Pumps. The uncertain economic climate led to his being laid off and subsequent re-engagement.

The car had a high

quality reputation and was well made for the ten or more years of production. A sporting clog-shaped three-seater was available in 1923 and two of these have survived. It was through the generosity of the owner of one of these cars, Mr Roger Smith of Farnham, that Dennis Slade was able to renew his acquaintance with the company's product. The car is in a fine condition having been rebuilt and Dennis was able to take a good look at the whole car, including the engine. As he had never actually ridden in one of these cars it was an especial treat after nearly sixty years to be taken for a ride of several miles.

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KATY IN CAVERSHAM

I always said that some of the friendliest people I know come from lower Caversham, so I suppose I shouldn't have been surprised when the chatty lady in front of us on a canal trip in Amsterdam turned out to be from King's Road. Nice meeting you and your very friendly family, Mrs Parsons. I'm sorry I've forgotten your number, but I do hope we'll meet again some time — and I hope you got back all right in spite of the airport strike.

A doctor on the spot

And if friendliness is a hallmark of some

areas, gratitude is obviously not far behind in others, as was shown when Mansel Moore of Emmer Green organised a farewell presentation to Dr Caiger-Smith of the Emmer Green surgery, on his retirement. I'm sorry doctor — it must have been embarrassing for you to listen to all those wonderful things that were said about you when over 200 people met in April to present you with a cheque for £1,360 (and Mr Moore says contributions are still coming in), but you must forgive us. We don't often get the opportunity to show

our appreciation in such cases — and you certainly deserve everything that was said! Please don't lose touch with Caversham.

And, by the way, a big thank you to Mr Moore for organising this presentation — it was a mammoth effort on the part of all concerned.

From time to time

I do wish they'd fix that clock outside the library. I know we're cutting expenses all round, but it really is disconcerting when you're rushing to an 8 o'clock service at church to find it might possibly be only 3am (or

is it pm). Though I'll admit it doesn't beat the clock in Amsterdam which not only said the wrong time, but said it differently on all four faces.

It's happening in Caversham

And I should add my apologies to the library staff, among others, who I've promised to 'write up' some time, including the very friendly gentleman from Queen's Road who is going to introduce me to the world of computers and the like when I have time. I see we also have a new video shop in Caversham which really

has some very interesting tapes — don't be put off by the slightly under-dressed lady on the picture of one tape. It's not pornographic, just what is called 'adult' these days. And they have got some very good tapes there if you're rich enough to afford the equipment.

Farewell to a dear friend

I'm sure many people will have been sorry to hear of the death, in April, of Henry Klein who has lived with his family for many years in Peppard Road. Coming as refugees to this country just before the war, Henry and Lisa had

their hard times to begin with, but it certainly never made them bitter or stopped them from taking a keen and practical interest in community affairs. Henry himself, who was employed for many years at the BBC Monitoring Service, worked at one time with the Council for Race Relations and, more recently, with the Citizens' Advice Bureau where his early training in law was put to very good use. It is a measure of the affection he and his wife have earned, that the crematorium chapel was packed for his funeral and we do offer our very sincere sympathy to his wife and their son, Stephen, and daughter, Barbara, who now lives with her husband and children in Australia.

'Said the Spider'

AT A superficial glance, a psychological "thriller" with a cast of eleven women might not have seemed the obvious choice for the Caversham Players. In the event their production of 'Said the Spider' by Beatrice Leader in St Andrew's Hall on April 23, 24 and 25 entirely confounded any such doubts and indeed proved one of their most redoubtable successes. The plot concerns the schemes of a mother to dominate her daughters' lives and bend them to her own will and their attempts to break free from the maternal web. While it was true that most of the characters in the play probably needed the attentions of a good psychiatrist, the situations in which they were placed by the author produced gripping theatre right up to the final denouement besides affording excellent studies for the actresses.



These they seized with avidity; in general the standard of acting overall was probably the highest of any of the Players' productions. There were several notable debuts — Belinda Byers

(making her debut with the Players, though well-known from the young people's group) impressed by her poise and maturity, Violet Bowsher who bubbled delightfully as Robbie, the housekeeper, Mo Morris who successfully rose to the big emotional outburst of Ann Fordyce's part, and Sheila Hodson as Mrs Laura Danton, a confident and suave performance.

The rest of the cast were familiar from previous productions and it would be invidious to single out any from such an outstanding group, (though special mention must be made of Marjorie Tillman's performance as the malign Mrs Harper since much of the success of the play rested on her shoulders). The remaining cast were Paula Beabey, Anne Bliss, Jan Carden, Val Orpwood, Louise Smith and Marion Thwaite.

Once again the Players are to be complimented on the magnificent set which did so much to cre-

ate the right atmosphere for the play, though most of the play's success must be attributed to the excellent direction of Dorothy Byers.



Their next production will be "A Man For All Seasons" in July which will highlight the male acting talent of the group and if it is as good as the present production deserves our support. If the lack of support for the Players — and audiences were not as full as they should have been — forces them to put on pot-boilers, (and I note ominously an Agatha Christie thriller is promised for the autumn), then it is we, the public who shall be the losers. Support the Players and enable them to give us plays as good and consistently entertaining as 'Said the Spider.'

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— PETER SEAR

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A policeman's life

At a time when the police's image across the country as a whole is not very good, it is pleasing to note that Caversham is fortunate in its local 'Bobbies.' PC Peter Towner, a Caversham man born and bred, looks after the eastern half of the territory, whilst WPC Ann Small, a comparative newcomer, is in charge of the western half. Both these are to be seen going about their duties on push bikes or on foot, rather than roaring along the main roads in panda cars, so both know and more importantly, care about what is going on. Peter Towner's application to turn some waste land in Amer-sham Road into a play area shows where his concern is. Lack of play space does not of course lead straight to crime, but it can be a source of complaints from adult members of the community who find kids, probably inadvertently, damaging property or even endangering their own safety.

The trouble, however, is that both these officers spend a comparatively small proportion of their time here. Apart from police station duties, they can hardly be expected to be available twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. Petty crime and that other far more widespread nuisance, anti-social and even dangerous parking, go on all the time. There is also a marked reluctance on the part of the police, and this does not mean individual officers, to deal with non-moving traffic offences. Offenders

RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT

by WATCHDOG

know they can get away with it.

That spanking new police station (and here let us weep a tear for the late lamented old one) we bought for our local force seems not to have led to any marked improvement in the availability of the police when required, as there are at any time far more staff of one kind and another inside it than there are out in the town. And did you know that it only deals with part of the town anyhow? The west districts come under the aegis of Pangbourne. Expensive equipment is no good on its own, but the village bobby belonged to a different society from that we now have. Ann Small and Peter Towner do, however, seem to be the modern versions of those respected figures.

Quieter roads

Traffic problems are unavoidable and were the subject of the second half of Caversham Residents' Association annual meeting. There were two speakers, both from Transport 2000, and the first told us what was required if we wanted to get heavy traffic out of our residential through roads, and have it move fast. As this involved more motorways, ruined countryside and the widening of Sonning Bridge, no one liked it at all. The second speaker put the alternative, which was to improve public transport so that people

would prefer to use it rather than their own cars. He was not anti-car. As he said, it has widened and enriched people's lives, but its over-use is the trouble. Restrictions on private driving must be accepted if life is not to become intolerable and the countryside is not to disappear under mass urbanisation. The fuel crisis may yet push us into formulating saner and more socially desirable transport policies. A bus is ten times more fuel efficient than its equivalent in cars and takes up 80 per cent less road space. High speed trains are four and a half times more fuel efficient than cars. Pollution from fumes, lead and rubber debris would also be reduced.

We all know why we do not use public transport as much as we should, just as we know why on other occasions we find it preferable. There should be more of these if we are to live pleasanter, healthier lives.

Blagrave Farm

Modern transport

has even played its part in the controversy now going on about Blagrave Farm which used to flourish happily out in the South Oxfordshire countryside, but now finds suburbia has crept up on it. A public inquiry at the beginning of June is hearing an appeal by the owner against Reading Borough Council's refusal to allow ten houses and garages to be built there, and the conversion of two barns for residential use. It is difficult to find anyone prepared to welcome the former, but the latter could be more acceptable. Certainly the setting of an undesirable precedent applies, as does creeping urbanisation, but if plans showed more clearly what was feasible, there might be more support for it. Drawing up detailed architectural plans for something that might not come off is an expensive business, but without them it is difficult to reach a conclusion. The Planning Committee's reluctance shows an admirable concern for the amenities of the area. It is a pity they were so rash about Caversham's old Granary.

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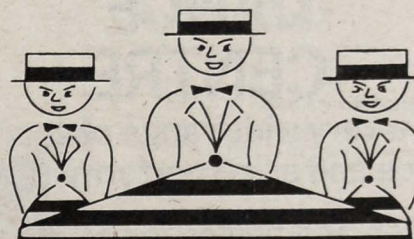
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OUR MAN IN MOSCOW

FOR OVER THREE YEARS Kevin Ruane was the BBC's correspondent in Moscow. It was an ideal posting for him. He'd been trained as a Russian interpreter and his first job with the BBC was as a monitor of Russian broadcasts at Caversham Park.

Born in Liverpool, he first wanted to be a priest and spent more than two years in the local junior seminary of the Redemptorists. When he left, he continued his schooling at the Jesuit day school of St Francis Xavier, finishing with an exhibition to Peterhouse, Cambridge. There he read classics and thoroughly enjoyed university life and all it had to offer. National Service was still in force, so after Cambridge he joined the Army, keen to get on to the Joint Services Russian course, which he'd heard of only by chance.

Eventually he succeeded, though he was chosen originally to train as a technical assistant, in spite of the fact that he considers himself largely non-numerate. The course began in a camp on the edge of Bodmin, in Cornwall. It was winter, and as he recalls it, when the snow storms came it was rather like something from a Russian novel with huddled figures emerging from all directions as they made their way from hut

to hut and set about the essential daily task of lighting the stove.

Russian monitor

Kevin Ruane came to Caversham in 1957 for what he considers one of the most enjoyable and rewarding jobs he has done, that of Russian monitor in the exciting days of the first Sputnik, Krushchev in his prime and the affair of the American U-2 spy plane piloted by Francis Gary Powers. From there to the Monitoring Service's News Bureau, where he says he learned the basics of journalism, and eventually to the foreign desk in the newsroom of Broadcasting House in London.

Then he went on a couple of brief assignments to the USA in Nixon's last days as President as well as to Moscow for two months in 1975. On St Valentine's Day in 1977 he started a three-year stint as correspondent there. He left behind his wife Beryl, who he met at Caversham Park whilst she was working

there, and his two children, Frances and Vincent, though they were all to join him in Moscow for varying periods, later.

Within a few days of his arrival Kevin Ruane received a call informing him that an

reporting. This community represented points of view which were very widespread from people who would not consider themselves to be dissidents and would hate the title. There was a great many of them and the majority were religious.

large pumpkin, the first of several.

Religion flourishes

Notwithstanding, religion does flourish in the USSR, amazing when one reads recently in school text books of 12-14 year olds, that Christianity was born in the east without a mention of the Jews, and a history of the ancient world contains no reference to the Bible. Figures published some years ago stated that there were 35 million believers in a population of 266 million, but Mr Ruane thinks this well underestimated.

He has evidence that many young people are interested in the Church, considering it to be the country's only salvation, for they were brought up in an atheistic society and they think the church is most fascinating. He spoke of a young man who used to run seminars on faith and belief. He was ridiculed as a no good layabout, but he was a bright lad as his school reports showed. People are arrested for very little reason sometimes, like being critical of the communist party; comments which would be laughed at if uttered in this country.

The Orthodox Church is the largest in the country and many more people belong to it, or respect it than is generally thought. The Ruanes came across many people who were outwardly materialistic. One woman of their acquaintance, although divorced and remarried, was planning to go to confession as the basis of a new start with the Church. Another

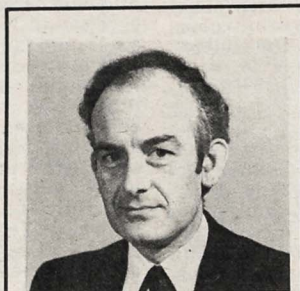
told them that she was not married, though she wore a wedding ring and had a baby. She meant that she had not been married in a church, only at a civil ceremony, and it worried her.

It was usual for people to be married in the Palace of Marriages, but by no means impossible to be married in church. One church the Ruanes visited on Sundays was always very busy. In one part of the church you would find several coffins for joint funerals, whilst in another part of the same church and at the same time, another priest would be baptising several babies. Outside in the gardens of the Novodevichy Monastery, old women in black, under black umbrellas, walked round and round, praying for hours at the holy pictures and ikons gathered there.

Mr Ruane thinks there is not as much security for the Russian people as there is in this country, and uncertainty of the future makes living in the present that much more positive. As a result, friendships tend to be closer. The Russians produced figures to show that they read more books and certainly more poetry than anyone else, and Kevin Ruane thinks this to be quite true, for the poetry gives them the spiritual sustenance they don't get elsewhere.

Caversham must count itself fortunate to have such an honest and concerned reporter, and we hope we may look forward to reading further about his experiences.

M. B.



• Kevin Ruane

Akadamecian Sakharov was giving a press conference. He attended and heard that Mr Sakharov had received a letter from President Carter promising American support for the Human Rights Organisation. This was released before President Brezhnev had been informed officially.

So his first story was about dissidents and thereafter the dissident community captured his interest and was highlighted in his future

One of his earliest stories concerns a trip across Moscow to a new tower block to meet a group of Pentecostals. They were all rather shabbily dressed and one who embraced him on both cheeks in the Russian style was a bishop in this particular section of the church, those who would not register with the state. (All churches have the opportunity to register with the state and become officially recognised. Many did not, as they considered it gave the state too much power over the upbringing of their children).

This group was trying to emigrate. Another group, who were astonishingly well organised, were the Seventh Day Adventists. Their secret printing presses produced sophisticated books, some of which the Ruanes have now. Some of their leaders were on the run and in true recusant style, had their own list of safe houses. Once the word spread that Kevin Ruane was an interested, caring person, he heard many stories from all over the USSR about the treatment and plight of dissidents. A sensitive man himself, he became very upset by some of what he heard.

He mentioned Mr Shelkov, who was arrested at the age of 83 and sentenced to five years in prison and died there after a year. His family was not allowed to pick up the body. He mentioned the Jews, some of whom were very religious but they tended only to come out openly for the great Jewish festivals. He made many friends. Mrs Orlov, wife of the imprisoned physicist, brought him a present from friends he had made in Tashkent. She gave him a string shopping bag, containing a

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News of St Anne's Parish

FATHER MICHAEL NEYLON

The congregation was very sad to lose the services of Father Michael Neylon, who was only here since last August. During the time he was here, he worked very hard to bring the parish together as a community. His move to Our Lady, Old Fallings, Wolverhampton, was brought about by the grave shortage of priests in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. His Grace the Archbishop has decided that Caversham must be left with only one resident priest. It is hoped that the parishioners of St Anne's will all do their best to assist in the work of the parish. Everyone will miss Father Neylon, and prayers are asked for the future of the parish.

Future Events

Joint Parish Dance: The Parishes of St John Bosco, Woodley, English Martyrs, Liebenroad Road, Reading, and St Anne's will come together for a dance at the Top Rank, Reading, on June 3. It is hoped that this will be a great success.

Corpus Christi Procession, Mapledurham House Grounds: This will consist of Corpus Christi Mass, Procession and Benediction in the grounds of Mapledurham House on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Thursday, June 18 at 7pm. This is a revival of the old procession which took place up to thirty years ago, and had been helped by the recent restoration of Mapledurham House and grounds by Mr John Eyston. It is hoped that other local parishes, Sonning Common, Goring and Henley-on-Thames will assist in this great occasion.



Baptist News

Brownies, Brownies, Brownies

Thousands of 'em, or so it seemed on entering the Baptist Church Hall one evening recently. The occasion was the dedication of the 11th Brownie Guides new colours to which parents and friends had been invited. The Act of Dedication was shared by the Revs R. Rogerson and D. Weller, the new flag being blessed and then 'trooped' ceremoniously before the assembled company—a simple but nonetheless impressive occasion. The evening was not all solemn stuff, even if it seemed to be to one little Brownie who was overwhelmed with emotion and burst into tears, for the Pack staged a balanced and extremely well presented evening's entertainment. The discipline of those on

parade was a joy to behold and reflected great credit not only to the Brownies themselves but also to Brown Owl, Mrs Helen Ault, and her helpers.

Such is life

During the re-opening and re-dedication service the congregation overflowed into the Upper Hall where they were able to watch the proceedings in the worship area on closed circuit television. During the course of the service one small lad, finding the 'broadcast' somewhat tedious and a little boring, was prompted to inquire of his mum: 'What's on the other channel?'

Thus far so good

The newly opened building seems to be coming into its own. The Sunday services have been extremely well attended and on Good Friday when the Methodists shared the service it was a full house. During the week the premises have been used extensively by the various Church organisations. Inquiries have been received from others seeking to use the premises for various activities and functions and it was particularly gratifying that the first such occasion was the Link Group's 'Good as New' sale. The School Lane Playgroup has also returned following its enforced exile and is 'shaking down' in the congenial surroundings.

Caversham Heights Methodist News

One of the highlights of Holy Week was the performance of Stainer's 'Crucifixion' sung by the combined church choirs of Caversham Heights Methodist and St Paul's URC. It was a privilege to listen and take in the depth of feeling expressed in words and music. The well-balanced choir, conducted by Maureen Leckie, movingly portrayed the procession to Calvary and Christ's anguish when He wept for the sorrows of man, shedding His very life blood for their sakes and pleading "Come unto Me."

What wonderful hymns the choir led—on the one hand depicting the glory of Jesus' heavenly home which He left to experience earth's greatest degradation and humiliation, and on the other hand the firm assurance of the final hymn "None can move us from Thy presence." Ralph Lascelles gave a sympathetic accompaniment and his mastery of this fine organ was apparent in this varied and excellent choice of stops which so enhanced the music for choir and soloists alike.

What a joy it was to hear Gilbert Wale in the tenor part. His vocal range easily coped with the demands of solos

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such as "The Majesty of the Divine Humiliation" when the wonderful words "Thou art sublime" "Though art the King" rang out.

Keith Search's rich voice was absolutely right for the bass part and his deep feeling for the words communicated itself to the congregation, allowing them to really feel the

Ambassadors at Brighton

The weather was wet and overcast as the two coaches pulled up outside the Brighton Corn Exchange, and out poured the 1st Caversham Boys Brigade Band, "The Ambassadors."

The boys stood outside the coaches for a



— Graham Aisbitt

■ An evening service at Caversham Heights Methodist Church taken by the Squash Youth Group on the theme of Tomorrow's World.

depths of the promise that "Whoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." This particular part led into the double quartet "God so loved the world," often a pitfall for amateurs, but here perfect in balance, tone and pitch.

The moving and beautifully sung duet "So Thou liftest Thy divine petition," emphasised Jesus' extreme love in pleading for God's forgiveness for man's transgressions even while enduring the agony of the Cross.

This hour of contemplation enabled those present to feel the wonder of God's supreme sacrifice and enriched their understanding so that having shared His sorry they may the more easily feel the joy of the resurrection morning on Easter Day.

Scripture exam

Members of the Junior Church recently sat the Scripture Exam. The results were:

Honours Certificate and 1st prize: Helen Garforth, Ian Macrae, Gregory Pollard, Sarah Boardley.

Honours Certificate and 2nd prize: Belinda Byers, Teresa Coates, Jennifer Softley, Tracy Davis, Nicole Grandage, Helen Ruckitt.

1st Class Certificate: James Hanson, David Kent, Michael Search, Sally Pearce, Rebecca Street.

3rd Class Certificate: Colin Byers.

Average mark 85.8%. Helen Garforth's paper has been entered for the National Competition.

uniforms intact, the boys headed towards the Corn Exchange for the Southern District Boys Brigade Band Competition.

After the novice competition was over, the trumpeters got ready for their test piece. The trumpet team was David Cook, Andy Waters, Alister Turtle, and Jan Keating. The test piece was hard to play and but for a few bad notes, the team did well. During this, the drum team assembled themselves and they were Darren Wright, Barrie Stone and Simon Turtle. The drummers marched on as the trumpeters came off. The drum team played well and certainly did themselves credit.

After the test pieces were over, the Championship Class competition began. All of the band taking part in this section were of an impeccable standard.

The Ambassadors marched on to a catchy tune called "Prelude" and after the judges were ready, the band went into a thundering rendition of "Starwars." This tune caught the audience's full attention immediately, and from then on the band kept the interest of all at the Corn Exchange.

The Drum Major, Paul Champion, put on a splendid performance to retain the trophy he won last year, and all had heart attacks when he bounced the mace on his knee, up into the air

and caught it again.

The well co-ordinated marching routine caught the judges' imagination and so did the high standard of music.

All too soon it was over and the Ambassadors marched off to rapturous applause.

At the presentation afterwards, the Ambassadors came away with these trophies:

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July Edition

All material for inclusion in the July edition of the Caversham Bridge must be sent to Church House by Wednesday, May 27th.

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— Graham Aisbitt

Helens Rowlands and Shirley Ford, both aged 17, are pictured here receiving their Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Insignias from Col. John Peacock who has taken part in many overseas expeditions, including the 1976 Everest Expedition. The awards were presented in early March in the home of Mrs Wiggett, the coordinator of Caversham's Duke of Edinburgh Award Group.



— John Williamson

Members of the 3rd Reading (St Peter's, Caversham) Scout Troop recently collected 3,300 wrappers from confectionery manufactured by Mars Ltd. It was all in a good cause as part of a nationwide campaign to raise £50,000 to enable the Goadiggers Charity to build 10 new children's playgrounds in deprived areas.

For every wrapper collected, Mars will donate one penny to the Goadiggers, which means that the lads' efforts have resulted in a donation of £33 towards the cost of the playgrounds. The Troop's plans for the future include their annual summer camp to be held this year in the New Forest.

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LAURIE HUNT

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As a young man he went off to make a life of his own. He married and had a family, eventually returning to the place of his youth. Since at least the nineteen forties he made his home in one of Grove Cottages.

Here during the last few years he has been housebound but he has had his young friends from Highdown School to visit him and do his shopping and his marvellous home help to keep the home going. His little brown bird in its cage was his great joy and kept him company with its cheerful singing.

Now after several months in hospital Laurie has recently died. He must have been well known to all who have lived in Emmer Green any length of time for he was one of the oldest members of the community. He was a grand

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ROUND THE ANGLICAN PARISH

Two acts of worship of very different kinds will be remembered by many people in the parish to in connection with the observance of Holy Week this year. On the Monday night of Holy Week an unexpectedly large number of people attended at St Peter's for a meeting for worship after the manner of the Society of Friends. A number of Quakers from the Henley and Reading meetings of the Society of Friend were present, and as the matter of silence in Anglican worship, had come up for discussion on a number of occasions during the Lent study groups, it was obvious that the opportunity for worship in this way was much appreciated.

It became apparent at once that further gatherings of this kind would be welcome and the next one is planned to take place on Whit Monday, June 8 at 8pm in St Peter's. It was felt appropriate that it should be held close to the feast of Pentecost. Then on Good Friday the Three Hours Devotion was conducted by Bishop Bulley and his memorable addresses made a deep impression on the large congregation.

It was noticeable this year how many more people felt able to stay for the whole three hours. Another youth pilgrimage was held on the afternoon of Good Friday along with the Pilgrims Way at Guildford, while two coach loads of children went for a second time to the parish of Lasham in Hampshire, where a former member of Caversham's Church Council, Charles Shaylor, is now Churchwarden.

Parish Confirmation

The Bishop of Reading comes to St Peter's on Tuesday, May 26 at

7.30pm for the annual confirmation service. No tickets are required but it is advisable to arrive by 7pm.

Worship questionnaire

Following the Lent study on worship a questionnaire will be available on Whit Sunday and it is hoped that all regular worshippers in the parish will obtain a copy and answer it.

ST PETER'S NEWS

St Peter's District Committee has decided to hold another festival at St Peter's Tide 1982, and a committee is being set up to plan it. It is hoped to perform some mediaeval mystery plays in the open air and to relate a flower festival to the theme of the plays. There will also be some special concerts. The festival will start on Saturday, June 26 and finish with the Eucharist on the evening of St Peter's Day, Tuesday, June 29. The first flower festival was held in 1970 in connection with May-day Week; a second followed in 1974 as part of Caversham's Family Festival. In 1978 the festival committee staged a highly successful exhibition of Caversham history in Church House under the direction of Miss Mary Kift while a flower festival was held in church with concerts and special services.

Lent appeal

£278 has so far been received in the Lent Fast envelopes for the special USPG appeal.

St Peter's Wives

For their April meeting the Wives' Group enjoyed a fashion show given by the In 'n' Out Boutique, Caversham. The models, who included some members, treated the audience to a colourful display of mainly summer fashion which catered for a wide age range as

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CAROL KNIGHT — VSO

This is Carol Knight, who St Andrew's are sponsoring through the VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas) scheme, as part of their Lent giving. Carol, who recently completed studies in Agricultural Business and Management, flew out to Malawi (formerly Nyasaland) on May 8 to assist the Tsango Co-operative in setting up an efficient distribution system for tropical fruits from the farms to the market towns. She also intends to advise on uses for secondary produce (bruised or damaged fruits), ie canning or preserving.

Carol's home is in Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, but she has travelled widely in connection with her studies. Before college she spent some time working in Norway; later during her course she spent ten months specialising in tropical agriculture in Australia. As well as farming, Carol is also interested in hill walking, watching cricket and ghosts (in Shropshire she lived in a haunted farmhouse). After completing her studies last year she was a warden at a house

for the homeless.

Carol has visited Caversham twice, the first time to introduce herself to the Mission and Outreach Group which have decided to invest this year's Lent giving in forming a distinct link with the Third World. For the two-year (minimum) duration of Carol's service St Andrew's will pay 10 per cent of the expenses while the Government pays the rest.

Carol's second visit was a longer and more rigorous affair altogether; she visited several homes in the district, attended services and addressed the first bi-monthly church meeting. Trevor Beabey gave her some vital lessons in car maintenance because Carol will have to look after her own Land Rover in the bush. In Malawi Carol will not only have to face the typical problems of under-developed countries, but also the somewhat Victorian niceties of dress decreed by the Life President Dr Bunda. Jeans, and any trousers for women, are not permitted — calf-length skirts being the order of the day!

well as most budgets. Each outfit was received appreciatively by the Wives' Group who were keen to know the price, size-range, etc. Coffee rounded off a most enjoyable evening.

St Peter's and St Barnabas' Mothers' Union

Two services at St Peter's Church for the Mothers' Union. Lady Day followed by tea at the back of the church. And again in Holy week when members attended Evensong instead of their usual meeting.

Also during April several members were happy to accept an invitation by the Salvation Army Women's League at the Citadel, Anstey Road, for their centenary celebrations. As well as joining in the prayers and hymns members were entertained by a choir and soloists. Tea was served afterwards to upwards of 300 women.

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IN THE STEPS OF DEREK WORLOCK

It was at a Confirmation Service at St Anne's Church when I was introduced to Bishop Derek Worlock. There sat I, an Anglican, in a strange pew of the "opposite" church, and the beneficiary of a warm and venerable personal greeting from the Patriarch of the Portsmouth Diocese. That was 20 years ago when the new concept of ecumenicalism was barely off the drawing-board. Recently, as most of us know, His Grace has succeeded to the Archbishopric of the Liverpool province.

During Easter week I paid a visit to this great city, once renowned for its colossal docks and shipyards, but my first assignment was to the Anglican Cathedral, now virtually completed after 75 years under construction. I was

immediately drawn to the impressive replica of the Cross at Calvary, standing in solitude in the north aisle. There, with the thorns and brutal chain, it rested like a grim silhouette in the vast interior of the

ment was constructed by the hands of Caversham craftsmen. Around the walls hung collages and mobiles produced by the Roman Catholic schoolchildren of Merseyside. This year, Archbishop Derek

By PETER SHOCK

largest Anglican cathedral of the world.

Onwards then, I trudged to the other end of Hope Street, to Liverpool's Metropolitan Cathedral, built in a phenomenal modern circular design, and by contrast the erection took only four years to complete.

The High Altar is set in the hub of the building, and the entire curved seating arrange-

ment was leading the observance of the Roman Catholic Social Services Centenary. Until recent years Liverpool has had a past history of poverty and destitution, and in the latter half of the last century conditions became so appalling that Father Nugent, chaplain to Walton Jail, together with Bishop O'Reilly founded the Liverpool Catholic Children's Protection Society.

Father Nugent's unique policy was to round up the waifs and strays of Liverpool's dockland and ship them off to Canada where they could be settled with prosperous families in the expanding towns and farming communities of the New World. 'Save the child' was Father Nugent's rallying call, when hun-

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dreds of little boys and girls were begging in the streets or trading almost worthless possessions to buy food.

He also opened homes for abandoned children, and at one, at Kirkdale as many as 1,300 children were in residence. A Night Shelter was also opened in the centre of the city, the sole purpose for which, was to keep the children off the streets at night and to give them a wash, a basin of coffee and a hunk of bread and treacle.

From those early days the services began to extend into other social spheres and the name changed to the Catholic Social Services, embracing the facilities of infant welfare, working boys' clubs, fostering, child guidance, work with mentally handicapped and the deaf, alcoholics, and latterly the emphasis has been towards the establishment of self-help groups.

Many Roman Catholic communicants living in Caversham and elsewhere would have received the Sacrament of Confirmation from the hands of Bishop Derek Worlock, and as he administers the commemoration of Liverpool's Roman Catholic Social Services Centenary this year, their prayers and those of other creeds will be needed for the continuation of the work vital to the exigencies of a large city population.



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DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARDS

Philippa Jewiss (left) and Bridget Hicks from the 1st Caversham East Ranger Unit with their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Awards. In order to gain the awards they undertook various activities including an expedition, firefighting, flower-arranging, and a special interest activity — playing the cello for Bridget, and dressmaking for Philippa.

Change of place

It was stated in last month's Caversham Bridge that Miss Angela Butler was to be ordained deaconess at Tilehurst. Her ordination has been transferred to Holy Trinity Church, Cookham, the parish where she is working and will be on Sunday, June 28th at 6.30pm.

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Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild

Respect was paid to the late Mrs P. Tiffen at the start of the April meeting.

Treasures of the Bodleian were demonstrated and explained to members by Dr W. Hassell. All exhibits were at least five hundred years old and many were one thousand years old. Dr Hassell explained his major problem — how to preserve and yet make accessible. The earliest rule made for the Benedictine Monks is over one thousand years old, but what monk will only look and not want to kiss the work? The works of art are on parchment, hand made and are mostly symbolic gospels. The crucified halo represents Christ, and the Green Cross the life tree.

Members have achieved their £100 target for the Jimmy Savile appeal with a raffle and bring and buy.

The guild now has an active handicrafts group under the happy chairmanship of Mrs A. Shepherd. Having recently made shoe pin cushions and Easter baskets, the group is next to tackle trinket boxes and slimmastics.

The Easter Bonnet competition attracted a dozen imaginative ladies with their creations, and was won by a pretty confection created by Mrs E. Smith.

A party of hardy members braved the snow and visited Pebble Mill at Birmingham enjoying the entertainment of Rostal and Schaeffer and the charm, as well as the good dress sense of Kevin Keegan.

Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild

The members of the Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild enjoyed a talk given by Miss E. Turner at their April meeting, on 'Jewellery and Silver'. Miss Turner worked for Bracher and Sydenham before retiring and talked on all aspects of jewellery, especially its general care. Mrs Perrin gave the vote of thanks.

The members are working hard and well for the Jimmy Savile Stoke Mandeville Appeal, choosing an original variety of ways to raise money, and the fund is increasing rapidly.

Blagrove Women's Institute

At the April meeting Mrs M. Wright presided in the absence through illness of the new president, Mrs J. Price. Members enjoyed a most interesting talk on "The Story of Lace" given by Mrs D. Wright, dating from Elizabethan times to the present day. The speaker brought some exquisitely beautiful specimens. The competition being an exhibition of members' lace, was won by Mrs E. Iliffe, Mrs Haigh, second and Mrs Hunter third.

Caversham Women's Institute

Mrs Hilda Adair presided at the April meeting. Mrs Doreen Mann gave a detailed report on the Spring Council

Meeting which was held at the Hexagon.

A warm welcome was given to Dr Mike Simmons who gave an enlightened talk accompanied by the slides on the body scanner, which was preceded by a recorded message from the late Ken Thomas.

On April 13 some members visited the Star and Garter Poppy Factory at Richmond; members were encouraged by the guide as they toured the factory to talk to the disabled men and women and discuss their work as they busily made some 80 million poppies for Remembrance Day in the United Kingdom and abroad.

The competition for a souvenir plate was won by Mrs Edith Silver, second Miss Rosemary Powell and third Mrs Lily Hensley.

At the meeting on June 18 Mrs G. Bartlett will talk on growing fuchsias. The competition will be an indoor foliage plant.

Maplewood Women's Institute

The April meeting was a Members' Meeting which the new president, Mrs Joan Fry opened and then handed over to Mrs Betty Carden and a committee for one meeting. This was a very pleasant afternoon, the speaker Mrs Shattock telling of her teaching life in very varied schools here and in Africa. Mrs Joy Lemare carried the institute as far as the semi-finals in the County Scrabble competition.

There was an interesting exhibition of old gadgets, but what were some of them for?

Rosehill Women's Institute

Mrs E. Ellingham welcomed members and one new member to the April meeting. A number of members had attended the Spring Council meeting at the Hexagon the previous week. After the usual business Mrs June Markham gave a most interesting and informative talk on 'How to get the most from your Bank' (Barclays).

A theatre outing to Farnham had been much enjoyed. An exhibition of money boxes was shown, some very old, some modern, but quite a large collection.

Caversham Community Association

On Monday, April 6, the members met for a dancing evening, mainly Old Tyme but some modern dancing included. May Plant demonstrated various Old Tyme dances, the evening ended with the members joining in a

lively dancing of the quadrilles.

On April 13 the club's 30th birthday party was held. A tasty meal was provided with salad and savoury dishes, fruit flans and later in the evening delicious birthday cake, baked and decorated by Florence Haigh.

Rob Crompton, welcomed again by the members, entertained with song and music and later judged the pearl tiara competition. Grace Goodbody was the winner with Sandra Pomeroy the runner-up. George Palmer gave several songs, accompanied by Mrs Palmer. Old Lang Syne was sung by the members who then went home after a happy evening.

At the Annual General Meeting held on April 27 officers re-elected were Mrs Muriel Waite as chairman, Miss Maida Atkinson as secretary and Mrs Florence Haigh as treasurer.

In her report Mrs Waite said that the meetings during the year had been well attended and that there was still a waiting list for membership.

As it is the Year of the Disabled Mrs Florence Abell made a collection on their behalf.

Caversham Darby and Joan Club

The highlight of the month of April was the thirty-third birthday party held at Balmore Hall. Mrs Burdon a WRVS member stepped in at the last moment and played the piano for singing and dancing. During the afternoon the 2nd Caversham, St Andrew's Guides came and distributed flowers to the members and then stayed and helped to serve the very good tea which had been provided by the Leader and

helpers. The tables were decorated with nests filled with miniature chocolate eggs, and a chick on the top, made by the St Peter's Brownies. The birthday cake was cut by Mrs D. Dawkins and distributed.

After a vote of thanks to the Leader and helpers the members left for a short break for the Easter holiday.

Caversham Ladies' Club

The club held its Easter party in April and was attended by most of the members. A large buffet was prepared and much appreciated by all, together with two

Easter cakes made by Mrs May Harwood and Mrs Queenie Strong.

The competition was an Easter card either painted or collage. The first prize for the painted card was won by Mrs D. Stockwell and the second by Mrs L. Moore. The first prize for the collage went to Mrs M. Nelhams and the second prize to Mrs E. Lock. These were judged by Mrs Beard.

During the afternoon there were old-time songs in which all could join, accompanied on the piano by Mrs Nelhams.

On leaving each member was traditionally given a new laid egg.

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6.30pm Evensong

St John's

8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am FAMILY EUCHARIST
11.00am Family Service (1st Sunday)
6.30pm Evensong (1st Sunday)

St Andrew's

8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am FAMILY EUCHARIST
11.15am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

St Barnabas'

8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am FAMILY EUCHARIST
11.00am Service for Parents and Children (Last Sunday in the month)
6.30pm Evensong (2nd Sunday)

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St John's
February 22 — Mark Littlejohn
March 22 — Shaun Coppin, Rachel Neville, Michelle Loder
St Andrew's
April 5 — Katie Buckman
St Barnabas'
March 29 — Alexander Scott
Caversham Heights Methodist Church
April 5 — Margaret Errington, April 12 — Louise Simpkin
Gosbrook Road Methodist Church
March 22 — Sharon Davey, Valerie Davey
March 29 — Kevin Everatt
St Anne's
March 8 — Victoria Hafford, March 29 — James Sears
April — Joseph McKeown, Maria McGrath

MARRIED

St Peter's
March 7 — David Crossthwaite and Carol Squir
Eric Scott and Jeanne Oates
March 14 — Paul Holder and Lesley Donachy
Barrie Davies and Jacqueline Kingston
March 21 — Phillip Quinn and Susan Bailey
April 11 — Christopher Tozer and Joanna Watkins
Christopher Tucker and Jennifer Hughes
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April 20 — John Szepletowski and Julie Evans
St Barnabas'
March 28 — Zina El'Tal and Steven Garnett
April 4 — Ashley Tavener and Alison Walker
St John's
February 7 — Malcolm Phillips and Diane Whitlock
Caversham Heights Methodist Church
March 14 — Brian Cowdrey and Pamela Smith
March 21 — John Lakeman and Caroline Wale
April 11 — Keith Simmonds and Sharon Brown
April 18 — Christopher Broome and Janice Cox
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St John's
April 27 — Reginald Marshall
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