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medicine, education, in the standard of living, in human tolerance we have come far. But we have far to go.

We do not have to look on helplessly at the poverty, disease and illiteracy of the world. We can play our part in helping the population of the world to literacy by making sure they have books and magazines and newspapers to read. We have to feed the hungry minds of the world with the literature that gives them a vision of a new society, not merely national, but international and eternal. The agencies of Oxfam and Christian aid claim our allegiance in reducing the bastions of poverty and disease.

We do not have to listen wearily to politicians' tales of financial crisis, and calls for a better spirit in industry and commerce. Declarations of intent are worthless without private will and determination to improve management labour relationships in our office, our factory, our shops, our boardroom, our trade union.

In 1965 we must remind ourselves that the great mistake of 1964 was to believe that new science, new technology, new

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9.30 a.m. The Family Communion.
10.30 a.m. Parish Breakfast.

2.30 p.m. Sunday School.
6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Full details of Week-day Services
are found on the Church porch
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The Vicar will usually be in Church on Monday, from 6.30 to 7 p.m., to meet anyone who wishes to see him, and to make arrangements for baptisms and weddings.

Who's Who in the Parish

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Tel. 362322.

Churchwardens :

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36 The Quadrant,
Tel. 362003.
Mr. A. D. Stacey,
10 The Green,
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Mr. H. S. Powell,
74 Main Avenue,
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44 Totley Brook Road,
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Yours sincerely,

RHYS WALTERS

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technique, new organisation are substitutes for basic good will and respect in human relationships. This lesson the Church is learning as well. No reorganisational reform of the Church of England, no proposed scheme of unity with the Methodist Church, can hope to succeed until each of us passionately wants to share in a united Church the task of winning our country for Christianity.

And yet when we part these ecclesiastical challenges, when we struggle with new expression of Christian teaching in the light of new knowledge, we still have a great contribution to make in 1965 to the world outside the Church. We can show them the verification of Christianity that really matters,

PARISH ROUNDABOUT

Confirmation

We welcome into full membership of the Church of England:

Donald Roy Bellamy, John Stephen Bramall, Robert Edmund Bridges, Trevor Howard Curtis, John Kenneth Heap, Alan Houldcroft, David Michael Nixon, Stephen Llewellyn Smith, Bernard Tooze, Christopher Richard Watson, Stephen Innes White, William Windle, Richard Edward Woolhouse, Patricia Bellamy, Claire Billard, Jean Lesley Clough, Elizabeth Ann Codd, Cathrine Dunn, Susan Jennifer Dunn, Anne

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how essential it is for each society to make its bookings through Mr. Snazell, and also (as we are functioning without a caretaker) to leave the Hall after each meeting as they found it.

History

The Men's Society have dreamed dreams. Early in March, they are going to present an exhibition of the history of our parish. Mr. Pocock is to direct the operation, and if any of our readers have interesting information about Totley will they please send it, *in writing*, to Ken Parsons at 30 Rowan Tree Dell. *Please do not give it to the Vicar or the Editor of the Magazine.*

Carols

Miss Steward has very generously presented the choir with a set of carol books, the first fruits of which were enjoyed at the Carol Service on December 20th. We are most grateful to her for her kindness, and to Mr. Jones, Mr. Haywood and the choir for their hard work in preparing to give us so much musical pleasure in our worship.

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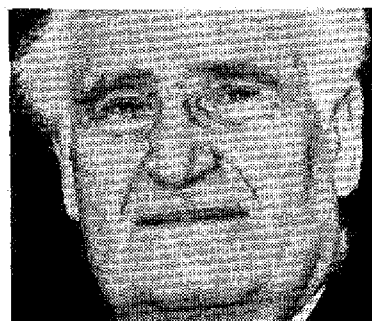
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The Gospels for January

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EPIPHANY 1 *St. Luke 2. 41-52* The Boy in the Temple

This passage is precious among other reasons because nowhere else in the canonical scriptures are we told anything about Jesus during the whole period between his birth and his baptism. It may be seen as a passion narrative in miniature. First, there is the going up to Jerusalem for the passover. 'Behold, we go up to Jerusalem.' In every detail of his life, as in his final Passion, Jesus was obedient. Then there is the sojourn in the temple, the place of sacrifice. For Jesus it was joy (see *Heb. 12. 2*); but to the kinsfolk and acquaintance it seemed like pain and loss. Lastly,

'after three days,' there is a symbolic resurrection with its consequences of reunion, enlightenment, and growth.

EPIPHANY 2 *St. John 2. 1-11* Mary and her Son

The relations between Jesus and his mother in St. John's Gospel make an interesting study. There are only two places in which her presence is mentioned, at the wedding in Cana and at the foot of the Cross. At Cana Jesus seems to deal with her almost harshly. She is his mother. But blood relationship is of itself of no deep significance. At Golgotha all is different. Now his hour has come, the true wine is being given, and his mother and disciples are being bound into that deep and mysterious unity for which he had prayed.

EPIPHANY 3 *St. Matthew 8. 1-13* Grace Abounding

'The Gospel of Christ,' wrote St. Paul, 'is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.' To-day's passage illustrates this truth. After expressions of belief two men, one a Jew, the other a Gentile, are healed (a token of their 'salvation').

The Jew is told to go his way and carry out the requirements of his religion. These institutional ordinances are not always to be despised. But neither is the grace of God withheld from those who stand in another tradition. The centurion is also told to go on his way with his prayer answered. But no conditions are imposed.

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The Bishop's Article

Happy New Year

All Things New

THE New Testament begins with the call of the Baptist, repeated by the Christ, "Repent; for the kingdom of Heaven is upon you!" (Matt. III, 2. IV, 17. N.E.B.) It ends with the declaration of the Ascended Christ, "Behold! I am making all things new!" (Rev. XXI, 5. N.E.B.) Those are invited to the central act of Christian worship, who "intend to lead a new life".

Repent! We might paraphrase the meaning of that word: "Face up to facts. Take a new look at the world around you, and at yourself, and at your own behaviour. Be ready for change, where sometimes change is most difficult, in your mind." In the words of Oliver Cromwell, "Think it possible you may be mistaken." In the words of St. Paul, "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." (Romans XII, 2.)

Our National Life

We need a new spirit and new attitudes in our national life, if we are to emerge from our economic troubles. As usual, this letter is written some weeks before it is printed. When I wrote it, we had just heard of the rise in the Bank rate, the failure even with this step to check the drop in the value of the pound, and the subsequent guarantee of credit by banks in other lands. By these steps, for the moment the situation looked a little less critical, and we had a reprieve. A reprieve by such means could however only be temporary. A nation, like an individual, cannot prosper for long by living on borrowed money. Painfully we have to learn that the rest of the world does not owe us a higher standard of living than our fellow-men enjoy elsewhere. If we want to maintain a high standard of living, we have to earn it by selling to other nations goods which they want, well made, delivered on time, and at prices which they are prepared to pay; and we shall only achieve this if in all sections of the community there is a new spirit of co-operation, of hard work and of service. As The Times said in its main leader in the midst of the crisis, "The only thing that will solve Britain's problems is the long overdue reawakening of the British people . . . The greatest myth of all is that salvation



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DIOCESAN ROUNDABOUT

Dr. R. C. D. Jasper, Lecturer of King's College, London, has been appointed by the Bishop to the Honorary Canonry vacated by the Very Revd. Alan Richardson, now Dean of York. Dr. Jasper served in northern mining parishes, as Chaplain to two Durham Colleges, as Vicar of a country parish, and Succentor of Exeter. He is the new Chairman of the Liturgical Commission and we shall welcome his learning and varied experience.

Our new Proctors are the Revs. E. R. Bickerstaff, R. W. T. Moore, J. Oldham, and B. K. Rice, the last three being among the 90 newcomers to Convocation and the Church Assembly. We wish them lively and fruitful sessions.

The Revd. K. R. Upton, Vicar of Church Gresley since 1954, is to be Vicar of St. Chad's, Derby.

Salary scales for assistant curates and diocesan grants have been revised. From Jan. 1st the minimum starts at £550, increasing £25 each year, and by £50 in the fourth to £650, plus free accommodation in all cases and an extra £50 for the married. Grants for the first three years will be £280 single, and £305 married, plus £50 in the fourth year. The grant for lay workers goes up to £175 on condition the extra £25 is passed on.

The Revd. Anthony Clough, formerly Curate of Melbourne, is preparing to serve the Church in India by a year's course at Broomfield Farm Institute, and helping at St. Mark's, Derby.

Staveley Herald is to have new covers designed by local school artists illustrating in scraper-board designs the approach of young people to the theme "religion and daily life".

The Diocesan Youth Council invite clergy and youth leaders to one-day schools on parish publicity, with special reference to duplicators, from 10 to 4 at St. Michael's House, Derby, (Jan. 28), and Loundsley Green Hall (Jan. 29).

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Ashbourne start the week of prayer for Christian unity on Jan. 18 with the film of Coventry Cathedral in the Empire ballroom at 7.30, and welcome Dr. William Neil of Nottingham to a united service in Trinity Methodist Church on Jan. 24th, at 6.30.

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Christian Stewardship. Parishes considering Diocesan Stewardship Campaigns this autumn are asked to contact the Stewardship Department by March 1st.

The Renishaw Iron Co. had a congregation of over 600 for the traditional service at the relighting of one of the blast furnaces where iron has been made for over 300 years. The Rector of Eckington (Rev. C. S. Branson) was assisted by the Rev. W. Davies, Methodist minister, and the singing led by the choirs of Eckington and Renishaw.

Canon A. E. Farrow is remembered by many for his work at Ashbourne and as Warden of our Lay Readers. His widow has compiled three booklets from his notes. They can be had for 1s. each from her at 2, Sitwell St., Spondon, or the publishers, Peter Smith, 24, St. James's Chambers, Derby.

Youth Service to the Community was the theme of a recent meeting at Matlock at which the Bishop, Mr. Jack Longland, and Mr. Alec Dickson, founder of Voluntary Service Overseas, spoke. This is being followed up in several areas in the hope of giving more scope to youthful initiative and unselfishness.

Congratulations to Margaret Weller, the first G.F.S. member to win the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award.

Dr. D. T. Niles, the Asian Church leader, can be seen on Viewpoint on BBC 1 on Jan. 20, at 10.40 p.m.

Pre-Training Conference for young women, 17 or over on full-time service in the Church at Dalton House, 31, Durdham Park, Bristol, 6, March 26-29. Particulars from the Principal.

DIOCESAN RECORD

Admission to Benefice. On Nov. 21st the Revd. Bertram Tom Abell to the Rectory of Upper Langwith. Patron—The Bishop by lapse.

On Dec. 4th the Revd. John Andrew Douglas Legg, M.A. to the Perpetual Curacy of Ashford with Sheldon. Patron—The Vicar of Bakewell.

Confirmations for January. 7th. Th. St. Philip, Chaddesden, 7.30 (P); 17th. Sun. St. John, Ilkeston, 6.0 (D); 26th. Tu. Woodville, 7.30 (P); 31st. Sun. Ironville, 6.30 (D).

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Dr. R. C. D. Jasper, Lecturer of King's College, London, has been appointed by the Bishop to the Honorary Canonry vacated by the Very Revd. Alan Richardson, now Dean of York. Dr. Jasper served in northern mining parishes, as Chaplain to two Durham Colleges, as Vicar of a country parish, and Succentor of Exeter. He is the new Chairman of the Liturgical Commission and we shall welcome his learning and varied experience.

Our new Proctors are the Revs. E. R. Bickerstaff, R. W. T. Moore, J. Oldham, and B. K. Rice, the last three being among the 90 newcomers to Convocation and the Church Assembly. We wish them lively and fruitful sessions.

The Revd. K. R. Upton, Vicar of Church Gresley since 1954, is to be Vicar of St. Chad's, Derby.

Salary scales for assistant curates and diocesan grants have been revised. From Jan. 1st the minimum starts at £550, increasing £25 each year, and by £50 in the fourth to £650, plus free accommodation in all cases and an extra £50 for the married. Grants for the first three years will be £280 single, and £305 married, plus £50 in the fourth year. The grant for lay workers goes up to £175 on condition the extra £25 is passed on.

The Revd. Anthony Clough, formerly Curate of Melbourne, is preparing to serve the Church in India by a year's course at Broomfield Farm Institute, and helping at St. Mark's, Derby.

Staveley Herald is to have new covers designed by local school artists illustrating in scraper-board designs the approach of young people to the theme "religion and daily life".

The Diocesan Youth Council invite clergy and youth leaders to one-day schools on parish publicity, with special reference to duplicators, from 10 to 4 at St. Michael's House, Derby, (Jan. 28), and Loundsley Green Hall (Jan. 29).

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'They've got plenty of time to sleep in,' I said.

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ROUNDABOUT

Annual General Meeting of the
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Watch with the M.U.

At our December meeting we had a very interesting and lively talk given by Mrs. Stansfield, about her visit to Singapore last Christmas. Her first hand experiences were most enlightening and entertaining and a very happy afternoon was enjoyed by all. In January the Mothers' Union Watch and Social Problems Dept. is organizing a Television Watching Week when members are asked to observe critically, any programme which they consider to be in bad taste. Both the B.B.C. and I.T.A. are interested in what our Union thinks.

Mrs. Wood, our Deanery Representative is coming on January 12th to tell us more about the very worthwhile work done by the Watch and Social Problems Dept. Our Deanery (Eyam) is the only one in the Derby Diocese to have formed its own committee and is extremely active. S.G.M.

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Magazine Distributors

There will be a meeting of
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Monday, January 11th.

Holidays

The Vicar will be away from
January 4th to the 9th. There
will be a celebration of the
Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.
on January 6th, the Feast of
the Epiphany.

Parish Parties

The Ladies' Club Party as
ever was a great success, and
all the guests counted them-
selves lucky to be there. (Mr.
John Tinsdeall thought this
was the best party for years !)

The Parish Appeal Com-
mittee held their Christmas
Party for the parish on Friday,
December 18th and are accept-
ing bookings now for next
year. Don't forget the Parish
Hall Appeal Fund Whist Drive
on Friday, January 15th, 1965
at 7.30 p.m. in Totley Parish
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Electoral Roll

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We hope to try this again when the weather is better, although the rain did not dampen the Guides spirits.

The Local Association of the Guides and Brownies, are asking all parents to join the Parents and Friends Association. The annual subscription is 2/6, and the money will be used to maintain the camping equipment and Pack Holiday House at Whiteley Wood Hall, which belongs to the Guides and Brownies. Full details are available from Brown Owl or the Guide Captains. M.B.

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Committee: Messrs. Edwards, Harvatt, Simons and Thomson.

This meeting was followed by a very interesting and instructive talk by our member Mr. A. Watson on the work of the fire brigade.

Norton Mens Society have again invited us to hold a joint meeting with them on Tuesday, 12th January when Mr. C. Barnes will give his recent impressions of 'the Contemporary Soviet Scene'. Names as soon as possible please to any committee member so that transport can be arranged.

Our extremely popular annual dinner will be held on Thursday, 14th January in the Cross Scythes as in previous years — time 7.30 for 8 p.m., cost 14/6d. per head. Those wishing to attend should give their names, together with the cash, to our treasurer Mr. V. Mather, 1 Greenwood Mount, High Street, Dore as soon as possible. K.B.

Sympathy

The crowded church at the funeral service marked the love and respect of the congregation for Mrs. Culley, one of the oldest members of our congregation. Mr. and Mrs. Harris and Pamela have our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

We also remember in our prayers Mr. and Mrs. Wright in their great loss. Mrs. Bradbury, Mrs. Wright's mother died on December 23rd.

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The Parish Register

BAPTISMS

Nov. 8—Robert Paul Alderton

Nov. 15—Richard Pointer.

Nov. 15—Elizabeth Gill.

Nov. 22—Andrew Robert Bonnell.

Nov. 29—Robert Moore.

Nov. 29—Angela Jane Bayliss.

Dec. 6—Robert Edmund Bridges.

Dec. 6—William Windle.

Dec. 6—Claire Billard.

Dec. 6—Jessie Leeson.

Dec. 27—Giselle Hope Brannan.

WEDDINGS

Oct. 24—Trevor Paul Corker and Elaine Pamela Coates.

Oct. 31—Eric Vidler and Elizabeth Skillman Yardley Ball.

Nov. 7—Michael David Allinson and Ann MacDonald.

Dec. 23—William Edward Bolton and Patricia Tanner.

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The Vicar Writes: A TRIBUTE & CHALLENGE

The Annual Church Meeting was held on February 24th.

I spoke at the meeting of the wonderful record of service of the two retiring Churchwardens—Mr. Ernest Coleman and Mr. Dudley Stacey. I know that they were embarrassed by what I had to say, and may be even more so to read this, but I feel that it is only right and proper that we should take note of the loyal way in which these men have loved and served the church, and will continue to do so.

Radicals

Mr. Coleman was first appointed Warden in 1942 and Mr. Stacey in 1955. They are men of courage and humility, and I am sure that I speak for my predecessor as well as myself when I say how much easier the work of the Vicar of Totley has been because of their good advice and great loyalty. Though I can only guess what their political loyalties may be, certainly as churchmen they cannot be described as "conservatives"; they are Radicals with a capital "R". Two and a half years ago when we changed our

pattern of Sunday morning worship, and the Family Communion Service at 9.30 became the main morning act of worship, it was significant how this considerable alteration was accepted, without hesitation, by the Church Council and the congregation, on the advice of the Wardens. Obviously the council believed then, as it does today, that their collective wisdom was something not to be taken lightly, and that if they thought such a decision was good for the life of the parish then it was the right one.

Equally significant was their blunt determination to carry through the building of the Parish Hall, and — though perhaps there may have been moments when even their optimism wavered — the new life that the church and the community know because of it, is due in no small way to their courageous determination to find the radical solution to the radical problem.

For them it is certainly true to say that the Christian gospel is one of "No Small Change".

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No Small Change

You will already have received a copy of our Lent programme. May I suggest three resolutions—

1. That you will make a special effort to attend church at least once every Sunday in Lent, and one of the meetings each week.
2. That you will bring with you a friend or neighbour—Just a simple invitation is all that is needed—"Would you like to come with me next Sunday (or whenever it may be)?"

3. That you will take a Lenten self-denial box, so that by giving up one of the luxuries which we take for granted we may help a child to learn to read or a refugee family to have at least a roof over their heads and food in their stomachs.

In these three ways we shall be demonstrating that we are twentieth century missionaries, by our personal commitment and by our interest in and friendship for other people.

Yours sincerely,

RHYS WALTERS

PARISH ROUNDABOUT

Confirmation

As a result of a paragraph in last month's magazine, several adults have indicated their wish to prepare for Confirmation in the autumn. Before I begin formal classes, I would like to give any other adults an opportunity to join, and perhaps anyone who is interested will contact me some time this month.

Unity

I very much enjoyed my visit to Totley Rise Methodist Church on February 21st, and many of you have spoken to me most appreciatively of Mr. Chadwick's visit to All Saints'.

As you know, Mr. Chadwick will be taking up a new post later this year, and he will not need us to tell him that he has made many friends in our

church during his very successful Pastorate at Totley Rise.

Sunday School

In addition to the very generous donation of £40 made to the Parish Hall Appeal by the Rendezvous, which I mentioned last month, they have also presented the Sunday School with its first visual aid — an Aldis Projector. This will be a great help, and it is a good gift to receive, especially when we remember that most of the Rendezvous members belong to the Training College at Totley Hall. I have little doubt that their concern for the Sunday School at All Saints' will be reflected in the help they will give to the parishes in which they will live when they graduate from the College.

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Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers the family of Mr. Abson, who died last month after a long illness.

The death of Mrs. Sanderson came as a great shock to us all. We know the great grief and sense of loss that will be felt by her husband, and words are not adequate to convey to him and his daughter our deep sympathy. They will be much in our prayers during the coming weeks.

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(26 elected members, and 4 ex-officio members shown *)

The Vicar reported on the work of the Council in the past year. The following were elected as Sidesmen — Messrs. Ashton, Edwards, Gill, King, Johnston and Shepherd.

The meeting received a copy of the revised electoral roll, on which there are now 220 names, an increase of 19 over last year.

The Vicar thanked everybody for their efforts and excellent work, and urged them not to relax their endeavours to reduce the debt on the Parish Hall as quickly as possible, in order that the parish may play its full part in responsibility to the church elsewhere.

The audited accounts for 1964 were presented and accepted by the meeting.

The Mothers' Union (Mrs. P. Maynard)

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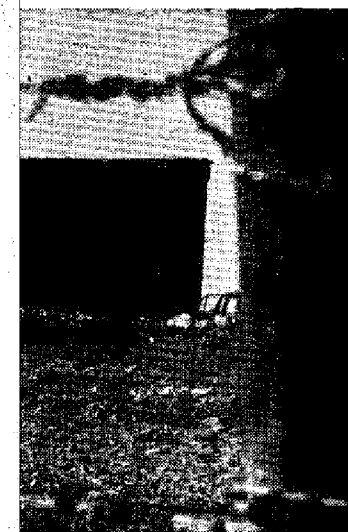
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Please remember in your prayers the family of Mr. Abson, who died last month after a long illness.

The death of Mrs. Sanderson came as a great shock to us all. We know the great grief and sense of loss that will be felt by her husband, and words are not adequate to convey to him and his daughter our deep sympathy. They will be much in our prayers during the coming weeks.

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Ralph Dean

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His duties are enormous, being nothing less than to further the unity and mission of the whole Anglican Communion, which itself represents 18 churches with some 45 million members scattered about the globe.

Although Dr. Dean comes from a diocese in Western Canada he is no stranger to London. He was born in Deptford, went to Wembley County School, and then, after a period in business, to the London College of Divinity. He was a Curate of St. Mary's, Islington, during the London blitz. Later Tutor, Chaplain and Vice-Principal of the London College of Divinity, he went to Canada in 1951 to be Principal of Emmanuel College, Saskatoon. He was consecrated Bishop of Cariboo in 1957.

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THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE TO THE DIOCESE

(The following message was read throughout the diocese on Sunday, February 7, and is printed here for reference, and for the sake of those who were unable to be in church on that Sunday.)

IN his last word to His followers before His Ascension, Jesus declared that they would receive power from the Holy Spirit, in order to bear witness to Him, beginning in their own immediate environment, and spreading out in widening circles unto the uttermost part of the earth. St. Matthew's Gospel ends with a similar bidding and a similar promise: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The Church and all its members are under this commission. We have received this charge from Christ; we only have the right to take His name to ourselves and call ourselves Christians, if we seek to fulfil His command.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have called all parishes to consider through this coming Lent, whether we are in fact taking our full responsibility in the outgoing, missionary work of the Church. I suggest that this means four things.

Look out

First each parish should ask whether its worship, its fellowship and its various societies are so organised, as mainly to consider and meet the needs of those who are already practising members of our church; or whether we are in fact primarily concerned, as we should be, to show the love of Christ in word and deed toward the whole community in each parish, and in His name to consider their needs. I hope that every Parochial Church Council, and the committee of every organization in each parish, will consider this question at some time during Lent.

Beyond the parish

Secondly in each Deanery we need to ask whether there are spheres of life, such as Local Government or industry or work amongst young people, which are wider than any one parish, and which therefore we can only reach and serve and influence, if clergy and laity from groups of parishes within a Deanery plan and work together.

To the needs of others

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As parishes consider their missionary responsibility in these various ways through Lent, they will find help from the material which is available from the Missionary and Ecumenical Council of the Church Assembly or from our Diocesan Missionary and Ecumenical Council or from the Missionary Societies. Whether or not use is made of such material, I ask that every parish, every society or organization

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A group from the 1964 Summer School approaching Fairlight Cove, Nr. Hastings.

able to visit the South in the near future. He asks for continued prayer for Christians that their hearts may hold no hatred or bitterness for the atrocities and suffering.

"We do rely on your prayers. By ourselves we are such poor witness to him. It is hard to stay patient and loving in the hot, busy days, yet your prayers uphold us."

Camphill Village Trust founded in 1954, has established three Villages where mentally handicapped adults can find family life and a satisfying job. They are increasingly self-supporting, but the long waiting list underlines the need for capital. The E. Midlands Hon. Sec. Mrs. Kay Ingram, 45, Magdala Rd., Nottingham is glad to speak about the work.

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Ordination as Deacon: Andrew Robert Hamilton, M.A. of New College, Oxford, and Ripon Hall by the Assistant Bishop of Derby on Dec. 20th in St. Bartholomew's, Derby.

Public Preacher's Licences—on Jan. 28th the Revds. Basil Hamer and Brian Rice.

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St. Luke 11. 14-28

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'You're in league with Satan,' say the opponents of Jesus, after he has enabled a dumb man to speak again. You are right to see in this action a sign of spiritual power,' Jesus seems to reply. 'But healing is the work of God, not of Satan.'

'My work is to overthrow the stronghold of Satan. And in this contest there can be no neutrality. Those who think they can be neutral will soon find themselves doing Satan's work. It is a dedicated will that I require, not sentimental expressions of devotion.'

ENT 4

St. John 6. 1-14

loyalty and Insight

St. John does not tell his readers a great deal about the Apostles individually. But the little he says is of significance, as may be seen from this Gospel.

Philip, as R. H. Lightfoot puts it, 'takes the Lord's words at their surface value and deals with the problem at the level of the market place.' Dogmatically loyal, but unable to penetrate to the inner meaning of the mission and message of Jesus.

Andrew had the gift of seeing the possibilities latent in any person or situation once they were brought into relation with Jesus. It was he who introduced his brother, Simon Peter, him and who later brought Gentile converts to his notice, as now he brings the lad with his packed lunch.

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The Gospels for March

LENT 1

St. Matthew 4. 1-11

Facing Temptation

WHEN Jesus was tempted he answered the devil with the help of verses from Deuteronomy which refer to the forty years of temptation experienced by Israel. Thereby the Evangelist teaches us that in his trial of forty days Jesus was encountering basically the same temptations that had befallen Israel in the wilderness.

By her institution of the forty-day season of Lent the Church recognizes that both she herself as a body and each individual Christian will have to face these basic temptations, which can only be overcome in the power of Jesus—the temptation to anxiety about the necessities of life; the temptation to look for certainty where none can be given; the temptation to claim an authority based on privilege rather than on service.

LENT 2

St. Matthew 15. 21-28

Jews and Gentiles Alike

The great debate in the early Church was as to how far Gentile converts should be required to accept the religion of the Jews before they could be admitted into the full fellowship of the Christian Church. The story which makes up this week's Gospel was no doubt framed to meet this debate.

It is true that Jesus himself preached mostly to Jews, and not to Gentile 'dogs.' But the attitude he took up in his chance meetings with foreigners showed clearly his intention to offer salvation to all.

See, for example, St. Luke 7. 9.

LENT 3

St. Luke 11. 14-28

Dedicated for Good

'You're in league with Satan,' say the opponents of Jesus, after he has enabled a dumb man to speak again. 'You are right to see in this action a sign of spiritual power,' Jesus seems to reply. 'But healing is the work of God, not of Satan.'

'My work is to overthrow the stronghold of Satan. And in this contest there can be no neutrality. Those who think they can be neutral will soon find themselves doing Satan's work. It is a dedicated will that I require, not sentimental expressions of devotion.'

LENT 4

St. John 6. 1-14

Loyalty and Insight

St. John does not tell his readers a great deal about the Apostles individually. But the little he says is of significance, as may be seen from this Gospel.

Philip, as R. H. Lightfoot puts it, 'takes the Lord's words at their surface value and deals with the problem at the level of the market place.' Doggedly loyal, but unable to penetrate to the inner meaning of the mission and message of Jesus.

Andrew had the gift of seeing the possibilities latent in any person or situation once they were brought into relation with Jesus. It was he who introduced his brother, Simon Peter, to him and who later brought Gentile inquirers to his notice, as now he brings the lad with his packed lunch.

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During Lent 1965, we have
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at the responsibility of the
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this period we are hoping that
all our members will visit the
sick and elderly.

On Thursday, March 25th,
our 'Wave of Prayer' service
will be combined with our
celebration of the Feast of The
Annunciation. The service will
be held in Church at 2.30 p.m.
We are hoping to enroll several
new members on this day.

Our plans for the Garden
Party include a sweet stall.
Mrs. Worrall is to hold a
Coffee Morning at her home,
9 Devonshire Road, on Satur-
day, April 3rd to help finance
this. Coffee will be served
from 10.30 a.m..

The meeting in April is on
Tuesday the 13th. This is
Tuesday in Holy Week. The
Rev. L. K. Usherwood of
Brackenfield is coming to tell
us of his visit to the Holy Land.
The talk will be illustrated with
a film.

At all our meetings friends of
members are very welcome.

The Men's Society

(Mr. K. Blackburn)

For the last meeting we were
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Brownies

(Mrs. K. Bridges)

On 22nd of February we joined all the Sheffield Brownie Pack for Thinking Day celebration in the City Hall. We were very pleased indeed that we had our new pennant in time for this occasion.

We welcome the new 'Tweenies' to our pack, and it is rewarding to see the steady increase in our numbers, as some of our senior members will soon be moving up to the Guides.

Guides

We wish to thank all who gave their support to the Coffee Evening. This was a very successful venture indeed. The proceeds have been used to buy Company Colours, and we are now able to participate more fully on ceremonial occasions.

Parish Hall Appeal Fund

March 19th—Whist Drive,
7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
Refreshments and Prizes
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March 23rd—Hat Show.

7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
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Coffee Morning

Mrs. White wishes to thank all who supported and helped at her Coffee Morning on February 6th, the proceeds of which, £18.10.0., have been given to the Parish Hall Appeal Fund.

Church School

A film show was held on Thursday, 18th February in the School Hall. Two films about Scotland were shown. At the meeting, parents of the children who are to visit Edinburgh with the school during Easter 1965, were told the final details and arrangements.

A school journey to Alton Towers is planned for Ascension Day.

Display of Work

On March 26th the children of the Church School will arrange a display of work in the Parish Hall. This exhibition will be a curtain raiser for the "Education Today" question time, arranged as part of the NO SMALL CHANGE programme.
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8.00 a.m. The Holy Communion
9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
9.30 a.m. The Family Communion
11.00 a.m. The Holy Communion (on the first Sunday of the month and as announced)
2.30 p.m. Sunday School
6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

Full details of Weekday Services are to be found on the church porch notice board.

The Vicar will usually be in church on Monday from 6.30 to 7.0 p.m. to meet anyone who wishes to see him and to arrange for Baptism and Weddings.

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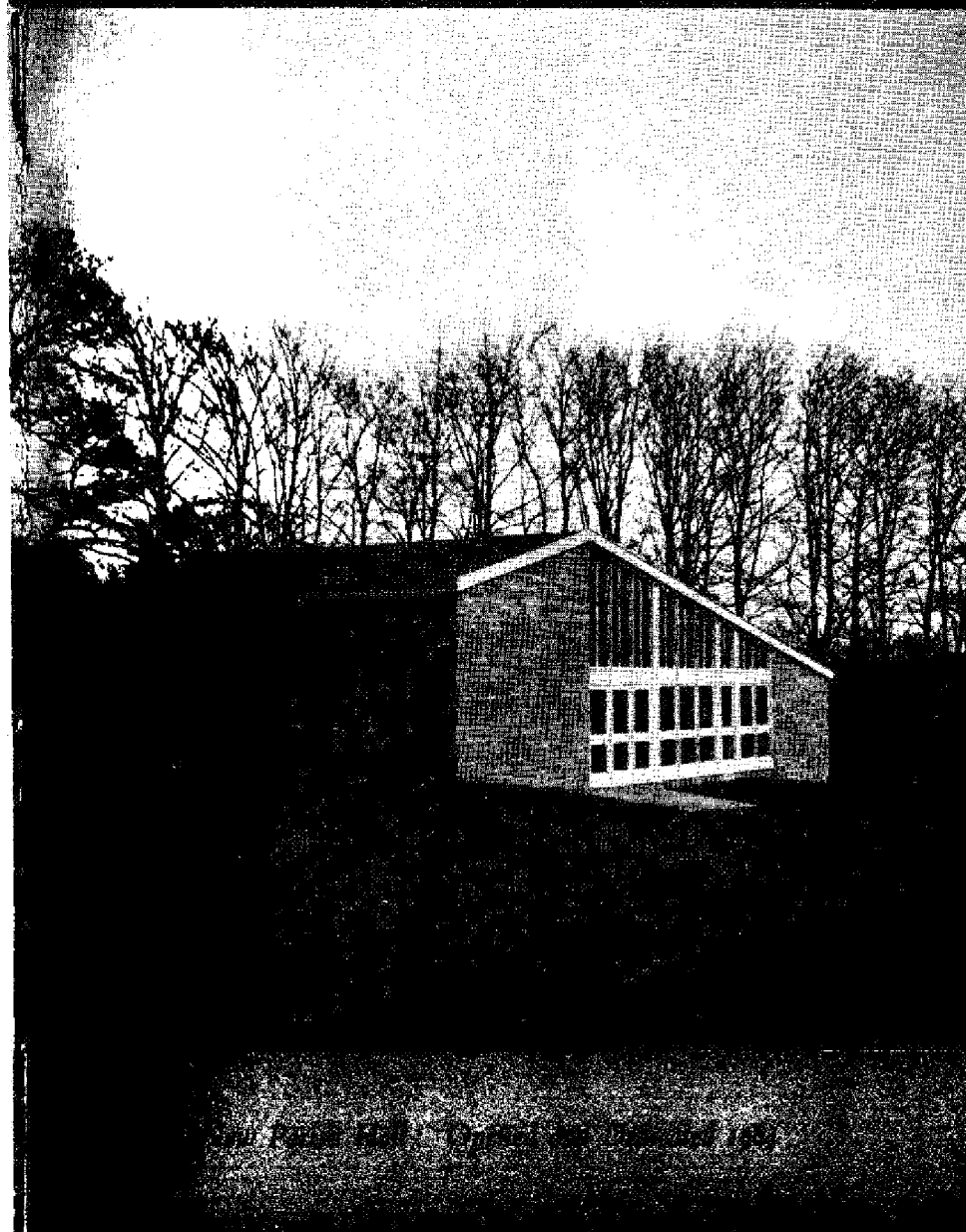
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THE VICAR WRITES: NO SMALL CHANGE

The Lent programme was a heavy one, and I am most grateful to the many people who made its success possible. Of course, the real success is not to be judged by attendance at the meetings, but in the manner in which we answer the many questions that our studies have raised.

When we look back at the history of our village or our country it all seems so simple, whilst now everything seems so involved, and the very complexity of our modern society sometimes induces in us a sense of weariness and hopelessness. So often one hears it said — whether in politics, industry or the church—"Yes, we have heard it all before; nothing is really going to change". I think we need to remember two things—

1. That though our predecessors may not have had the difficult problems which are ours, their resources were much less than ours, and for the Christian men and

women in ancient Totley, who tried to cope with the problems of poor relief, of education, disease, and Christian evangelism, it must often have seemed that the odds against them were tremendous. But above all they had a single-minded confidence that they would succeed; that they would build schools; would feed the poor; would conquer disease; would build a church.

2. That the apostles must have possessed this same confidence when they looked at the enormity of the task Jesus had given them, of building a kingdom that belonged to God. Without it, it would have been absurd to think that they had any hope of success; but succeed they did!

The sad thing about our own society is that there are so many good men and women who would like the world to be a better place in which to live, but have no confidence that their hopes will ever be realised. The

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apostles must have had exactly the same feeling after Easter Day, but— something transformed them from people with dreams of a better world to people determined to build it, and that "something" is called in traditional theology "the gift of the Holy Spirit". Through this inspiration, men and women throughout the centuries have gained the courage to face the tremendous odds and put evil to rout; freedoms have been won, poverty conquered,

diseases cured; and by this continuing inspiration, the kingdom of God will be built and the hopes of mankind realised.

This is why being in church on Whitsunday is so vital. It is not a sentimental occasion, but an opportunity to acknowledge that, from the source of all creation, there flows into man the power to continue the divine task of creating a world of perfection.

RHYS WALTERS.

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Sunday School

The contribution of the Sunday School and A.Y.P.A. to our Lent programme was extremely successful. We must thank the children for their enthusiasm in presenting "Saints Galore"; the teachers— Mrs. Jones, Miss Harris, Miss Coates, Mr. and Mrs. Mather — who trained them; Mr. Shepherd and the Senior Scouts who built the

model church; Mrs. Felton and Mrs. Rollin who made the costumes; Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. England who supplied the hats; the stage hands — Mr. Wiggett (who was press-ganged), Mr. England and Mr. Heiser; Mr. Wilkinson who provided the colour photographs of London airport; Mr. and Mrs. Drewery and Mr. Vaughan Dunn who trained the A.Y.P.A. choir; and, of course, we must not forget all the mums and dads who put up with the play for so many weeks.

We are all looking forward to the next time!

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The performance of "Messiah" on Good Friday evening was most memorable. Not only was it extremely suitable for Good Friday, but the fact that it was an ecumenical effort on the part of our own choir and that of the Methodist Church at Totley Rise made it even more noteworthy.

One of the recommendations of the discussion group, which met during Lent under the leadership of Mr. Raymond Gale, was that we should find more opportunities for joint activities with the other churches in the neighbourhood, and there is no doubt that Unity must spring not only out of theological reproachment but also from real fellowship. Our thanks to the soloists —

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Sympathy

We extend to Mrs. Sarjant our deepest sympathy in her bereavement; the death of Professor Sarjant came as a great shock to us all. His reputation was international, and he was working right up to the time when he died.

The crowded church at his funeral service was a tribute to the way in which his warm personality won him friends in a great variety of professions.

Council Report

At the Council Meeting on March 9th, Mr. Raymond Gale was elected Secretary and Mr. A. D. Stacey Treasurer.

The Council received the accounts of the various Societies.

The Vicar reported that the heating boiler, which was very old, had developed a leak, and we were advised that it would be necessary to replace it at a cost of £246. This places a very great stress on our finances this year, but was obviously essential.

Lights

The new lighting scheme has now been completed through the good work of Mr. King and Mr. Sandersen, and everybody agrees that it is a tremendous improvement. We have received from Mr. King a gift of the two lovely flower stands and sedilia for the sanctuary, and from Mrs. King two beautiful flower vases. We are most grateful to them for these very generous gifts.

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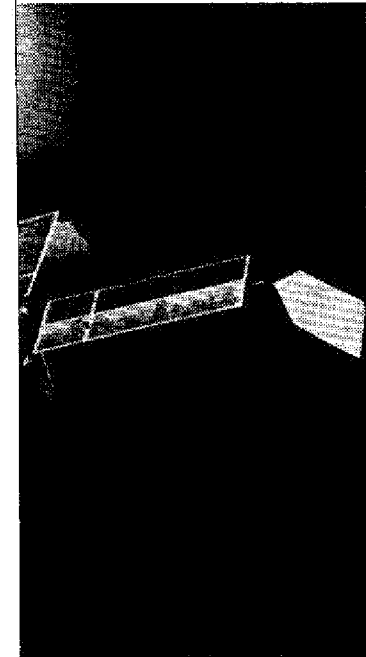
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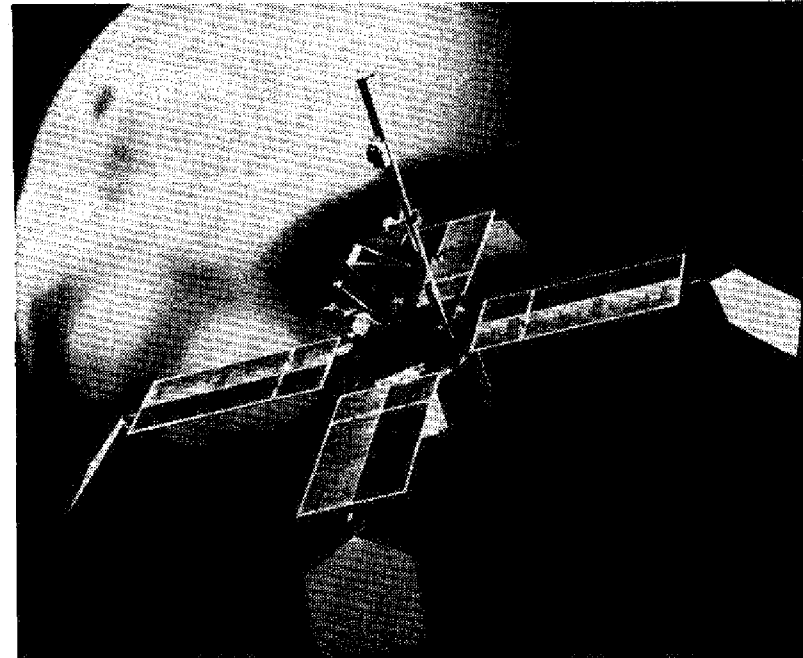
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ABOVE THE BRIGHT BLUE SKY

WHILE they beheld, he was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight.' This kind of language is getting some people worried, these days. How can we any longer talk about going 'up' to heaven, or 'down' to earth, in days when space exploration has made such terminology outdated? Where is heaven, in relation to those mysterious and apparently illimitable distances explored by such pieces of apparatus as those which have photographed the surface of the moon, or the Russian and American space vehicles which are even now on a journey to Mars? Even when the first sputnik orbited the earth, in the days of Mr. Khrushchev, he was reported as having jocularly

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Monica Furlong

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Married, with two young children, she is well able to look upon the Church with a critical yet understanding eye. There is plenty of criticism in her most recent book, but it is still called *With Love to the Church*; and the American magazine *Time*, in an article on new trends in Christian thinking, has quoted her as saying: 'I cannot imagine a more enjoyable time to be a Christian. For while the holocaust is sweeping away much that is beautiful and all that is safe and comfortable and unquestioned, it is relieving us of mounds of Christian bric-à-brac, and the liberation is unspeakable.'

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For further study

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The Bishop's Article

Changes in our Forms of Worship

"AS Article XXXIV declares 'every particular or national Church hath authority to ordain, change, and abolish, ceremonies or rites of the Church ordained only by man's authority, so that all things be done to edifying'. That, in fact, is what has been happening . . . We have entered a period of liturgical change, with all the advantages and disadvantages of such a time." These words come from the 1958 Lambeth Conference report on the Prayer Book. Since then the movement for reform has proceeded with quiet, but steady momentum.

The reform in ways of worship has been taking place in all communions, and is drawing divided churches together, as they learn from one another. It has two main aspects. One factor springs from a more accurate knowledge of ways of worship in the early Church. Those who drew up our Book of Common Prayer in the 16th century declared it to be their intent to restore the "godly and decent order of the ancient Fathers"; those who seek reform in our Church to-day continue their work, but with more accurate knowledge of the worship of the early Church. The second and complementary aspect is the desire that worship shall express the needs and aspirations of the people of our own day, and shall still be "in such a language and order as is most easy and plain for the understanding both of the readers and hearers." This present, pastoral need must balance and complement the expert, historical study of the tradition of Christian worship.

Changes we may expect

Certain changes have already come in many parishes in forms of worship without any radical change in the words of the Book of Common Prayer. Canon Naylor pictures a "visitor from the past" attending Holy Communion in a parish to-day which "is in the stream of the liturgical movement", and says: "In the service that follows he is on familiar ground as far as the words are concerned, but the presentation contains much that is new". In parishes under the influence of the Parish and People movement, the Service will probably be more corporate and congregational, as the name of that movement implies; laity will be taking a greater share in various ways, and the whole congregation may join in saying such parts as the



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Prayer of Humble Access or the prayer "Here we offer and present ourselves" after the Communion.

With the passing of the Prayer Book (Alternative and Other Services) Measure, we may expect further change under the authority given by Parliament to the Conventions. We may expect as a first step that authority will be given to various changes which are not controversial and which have come into common use, such as alternative prayers after the Third Collect, or the use of the shortened Commandments or the Kyries in the Communion Service. This would overcome the uncertainty and ambiguity when clergy promise to use the form prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer "and none other, except so far as shall be ordered by lawful authority". Meanwhile new forms of Service are being prepared by the Liturgical Commission, of which Canon Jasper is Chairman and our Provost a member. Under the Measure such new forms may either be allowed in certain selected parishes approved by the Bishop for an initial, experimental period of two years, or given authority for general use throughout the Church for a maximum period of fourteen years. If they are then to be included in a new Book of Common Prayer, further action would be needed, presumably through a Church Assembly Measure before Parliament; but such approach would be made with the knowledge that the new form had first been tried and tested in public worship in the parishes.

For further study

Parishes, groups within parishes, or individuals who desire more information will find useful the book by Canon Naylor, *Why Prayer Book Revision at all?* (Church Information Office 5s.) and the
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St. Peter's, Oreenhill is to be consecrated on May 22. The following Saturday, the Staveley Deanery Youth Club goes there for Sung Eucharist at 4 p.m. Other Youth Clubs are also invited.

MORLEY IN MAY

May. 4. Revd. Eric James at Parish & People Day.

May 21-23. Open Retreat—Rev. R. H. Priestnall (Special arrangements for any who can only come from Saturday afternoon).

June 8. Morley Day.

NO SMALL CHANGE

... in Chesterfield: "Certainly nothing as yet to give another twist to the spire! Nor any signs of wild revolutionaries waiting to blow up the whole fabric. Nevertheless more than a spate of words... underlying them all is the persistent question of priorities—what are the chief things the Church exists to do in this Parish and the wider world?... how much of our time, and energy and resources... are being spent on other things?"

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The Church's Ministry—concluded.

Confirmation preparation is also a matter for serious consideration by the Children's Department for in the past there has been a danger of Sunday School becoming a substitute for growing up with and into the life of the Adult worshipping community.

To sum up, ahead of the Children's Department lies a challenge. New and wider horizons must be explored if the approach and impact of the Church's Ministry to Children are to be effective and lasting. All that is undertaken must spring from a genuine care for the young by those called to teach, and by the Adult worshippers where they live.

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The Epistles for May

EASTER 2

1 Pet. 2. 19-25

THIS is a passage addressed to slaves. Slavery of the traditional kind is no longer met with. Nevertheless, everyone is still to some extent 'enslaved'—to the children perhaps, or to the job.

St. Peter's message is one that is not popular to-day. It is that our very slavery is at the same time our opportunity—our opportunity to follow in the steps of Christ. Submission, whether to lawful authority or to conditions of work or to the claims of the family, is not now usually classed among the virtues. But it was through the patience and submission of Jesus—submission, not servility—that the world was redeemed.

'When thou shalt be old,' said Jesus to Peter, 'thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.'

EASTER 3

1 Pet. 2. 11-17

The four imperatives at the end of this Epistle are a summary guide to the Christian in his relationships with others.

Every human being is to be honoured. Such is the due of one created in the image of God. 'Man is not a thing—not something to be used merely as a means: he must always in all his actions be regarded as an end in himself' (Kant).

Then come some specific categories. *Fellow Christians*, who stand to us in so close a relationship that they are best called brothers, are to be loved. They are to be treated as Christ treated his own. *God* is to be feared.

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The local churches have arranged a meeting on May 5th at the Union Church at 7.30 p.m., when the speaker will be Mrs. Lena Lloyd, Secretary of the Sheffield Christian Aid Committee. A film will be shown illustrating some of the work of Christian Aid. I hope that many members of the congregation will try to be present, as I feel that what hinders our work for the Church overseas is our ignorance of its needs and what is being done.

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Now some advance notice of a holiday photo competition to be held on 8th October. There will be sections for photos and slides in both black and white and colour, and prizes will be awarded by a guest panel of judges, so don't forget your camera this summer.

Finally a word of thanks to those members who scaled the heights to remove dust and cobwebs from the less accessible parts of the Church interior and also to those who are assisting in the church grounds.

Ladies' Club

(Christine B. Greenhoff)

On May 4th we are holding our Annual Plant Auction when we hope to see many of our members arrive and depart with arms full of plants, and flowers.

A Fashion Show is to be held on Tuesday, May 18th at 7.45 p.m. It will be given by Leonards of Asline Road and the tickets are 2/-.

An advance notice of our first meeting in June, which is on the first day of the month, when we are to have a film given by the Transport Department.

Church School Activities Edinburgh, Easter 1965

A party of 22 children and five adults visited Edinburgh at Easter. The visit lasted five days and much was packed into this time. The journey was made by coach, the coach and driver, Mr. T. A. Carnell, remaining with the party. Sightseeing included Edinburgh Castle, The Palace of Holyrood and Dunfermline Abbey. Coach trips were made to Loch Lomond (shrouded in Scotch mist) and the new Forth Road bridge. An evening was spent at the Gateway theatre, where an excellent production of John Drinkwater's 'A Man's House' was enjoyed. A fitting climax to the trip was the return journey made through the Lake District.

Is it my turn ?

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May 30—Mrs. B. Turner.

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2.30 p.m. Sunday School

6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

Full details of Weekday Services are to be found on the church porch notice board.

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THE VICAR WRITES: A QUESTION OF LOVE

A few days ago, nearly every national newspaper carried a photograph of a mother in Don-hoi holding a dead child, after the town had been liberated from Viet-cong occupation. I do not know how much the war in Vietnam is costing, nor — I suppose—does the mother of the dead child. At the opening of the Garden Party, we were reminded of the war in Vietnam and how much we all desire to see peace. Yet peace seems to be a hard thing to strive for; within hours of the initiative taken by the Commonwealth Prime Ministers it became obvious that it was not going to be as simple as all that! In the world in which we live, the difference between alignment and non-alignment is very difficult to define.

It may seem odd to you that, when so many of us are preparing for holidays, my letter should start with a reminder of the reality of the world, but there are so many things that we take for

granted—food in our larders; water in our taps; hospitals in our city; schools for our children. As we rejoice in the building of our new school in Totley, we should think back to the days when to be able to read and write was exceptional, and across the world to those countries where it is still regarded as only possible for a small minority, and where those who receive higher education can be counted on the fingers of one's hands.

A hundred years ago, the Church in this country was pioneering the creation of a national social conscience, in education, in housing, in health, in industrial relation; there seemed to be no aspect of life that was outside the attention of the Christian community. The Church then was filled with men and women overwhelmed with a realisation that they were meant to be agents of God's love. Today, we take pride in the past, but wonder how we can preserve the mission

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of the Church in an era when Christianity seems to be becoming an optional extra. The lesson of history is very clear, if we have the courage to learn it, and it is that the relevance of Christianity is directly related to the social action of the Christian community, to the degree we are agents of the love of God. We may not want to be reminded of a dead child in the arms of his mother in Vietnam, but if through that, your conscience and mine is stirred into action, then God will have brought good out of waste and evil.

We can pray that the diplomats striving for peace will be given the inspiration and persistence to succeed, and pray by prayer unceasing.

But the cessation of hostilities will not bring peace.

Peace is more than the absence of war. It is more than literacy, democracy, and freedom from poverty and disease, but all these are pre-conditions. Our forefathers who pioneered reforms at home knew that this would not be the kingdom of God, but also that on such foundations the kingdom could be built.

If we stop worrying about the techniques and institutions of presenting Christianity to our neighbour in our street, and start acting like men and women full of the love of God towards people like those in the Dong Hoi photograph, then our neighbour in our street may begin to see what Christianity is about.

It is a thought for your holidays.

RHYS WALTERS

PARISH ROUNDABOUT

Holiday Arrangements

I shall be away from the parish during most of July, and on Sundays the 11th, 18th and 25th the services will be taken by the Revd. R. G. Heawood, Vicar of Dore, and his assistant curate, Mr. Peter Staples. On these Sundays there will be the Family Service at 9.30 a.m. and Evensong at 6.30 p.m.

Other services will be suspended until my return. I am most grateful to the Vicar of Dore for his assistance.

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As long as we do not relax our efforts to clear the debt on the hall, it seems possible that we shall reduce it by £1,000 this year, but perhaps it is too early to count our chickens.

Parish Hall

During the month of August, apart from parish breakfast, the hall will be closed for cleaning and holidays.

The Church School is now using the hall, during the building of the new school, and we appeal to all societies to leave the hall as tidy as possible.

Farewell

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The way ahead

THIS is going to be a very important month for a great many boys and girls. They will be leaving school and facing the way ahead to the unknown territory of time to come.

And as the years pass most of them will look back from time to time nostalgically, seeing, maybe, a golden glow over the days of their youth:

Forty years on, when afar and asunder
Parted are those who are gathered
to-day,

Shall we look back and forgetfully
wonder

What we were like in our work and
our play?

But how they will look back will, to a very large extent, be determined by the kind of life and work to which they

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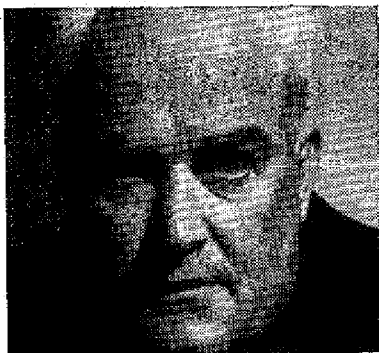
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PERSONALITY COLUMN



Dewi Morgan

DEWI MORGAN (pronounced Dhow-i rather than Doo-i), as all Fleet Street knows, hails from the oldest province of the Anglican Communion—the Church in Wales.

After curacies in Cardiff, Aberdare and Aberavon, he moved to Westminster in 1950 for a memorable twelve years at S.P.G. as Editor and Press Secretary. During this period he began to write his Anglican kaleidoscopes which were soon being read in every part of the world. *Expanding Frontiers* and *The Bishops Come to Lambeth*—1957, *Lambeth Speaks*—1958, *The Undying Fire* and *They Became Anglicans*—1959, 1962 *And All That*—1961.

In 1962 he became Rector of Wren's famous Fleet Street Church of St. Bride, and Chaplain to the Press Club, where he has been able to exercise a valuable pastoral ministry in a vital field. Recently he returned from a 30,000-mile journey to Algeria, Iran, India and Korea on behalf of Christian Aid. He tells the full story in his latest book *The Seeds of Peace*, and for good measure there is a fascinating film about it as well—'The Long March.'

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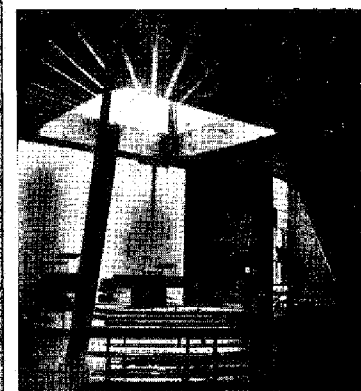
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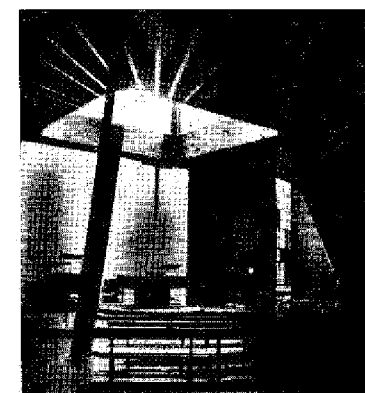
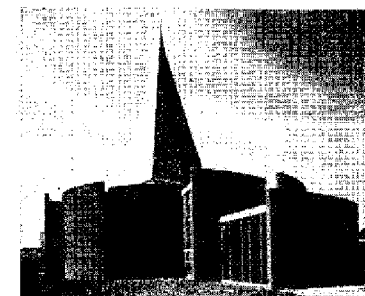
Repton

IN THE YEAR 653 A.D. four priests who had been disciples of St. Aidan at Lindisfarne, Diuma, Cedd, Adda, and Betti, were sent on a mission and allowed by the heathen king Penda to enter Mercia. One of these priests, Cedd, was later recalled and sent on a similar mission to Essex, where he became Bishop of the East Saxons in 654. In 656 the next king of Mercia, Peada, became a Christian; and Diuma became the first Bishop of Mercia. It seems fairly certain that Diuma would have held his see at Repton, which was the ancient capital of Mercia. Bede in his history writes of him: "Diuma in a short time won not a few to the Lord, and died among the mid-Anglians in the country called Feppingum". The name is obscure; but I owe to Canon Hopkins the suggestion that it might well be the equivalent of Rependune, one early form of the name of Repton. After Diuma there were three other Bishops of Mercia, Ceollach, Trumhere, and Jaruman. St. Chad, brother of St. Cedd and himself also a disciple of St. Aidan, then became Bishop of Mercia in 669, and settled in Lichfield, where it is said that "no Mercian bishop as yet had held his see". In 660 there was founded in Repton a monastery of religious men and women, and a little later in 714 it is said that the ecclesiastical house at Repton owned the Wirksworth mines. This first Christian settlement at Repton was destroyed by the Danes in 874. In the tenth century under the reign of Edgar a church was built, and the present crypt at Repton is probably part of that church.

It is very fitting that Repton should have been chosen for our new Suffragan See, because of its association with this early Christian mission and the first Bishops of Mercia. The title of our new Suffragan Bishop will be a constant reminder, both to our new Suffragan Bishop himself when he is appointed and to us all, of the missionary task to which God calls His church. We who call ourselves Christian to-day owe our faith to the fact that others have worked throughout the centuries to maintain and pass on the faith from generation to generation, and that we ourselves were taught the faith in church and home and school.

In our Midst St. Peter's, Greenhill

"Freely ye have received, freely give." It is our responsibility now in our day to maintain the faith and pass it on, praying



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But there are still 16 parishes of over 5000 totalling 135,000—a seventh of the Diocese—taking only 400 copies between them (1 to 337 people). They could add at least 7000 to our total if they included the D.D.N. in their magazines.

The comparative strength of our country parishes is shown in the Deanery sales ranging from Eyam and Ashbourne distributing 1 copy for 7 people to Derby's 20. Not all the urban deaneries are at the bottom: Bakewell 8, Longford and Buxton 9, Melbourne 10, Wirksworth and Heanor 11, Staveley and Glossop 13, Bolsover 15, Duffield and Ilkeston 16, Repton 18, Alfreton 19.

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stead of the brier shall come up the
lyric tree.' One day the whole
ation will mirror the glory of him
rough whom all things were made.

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1 Pet. 3. 8-15

Common Mind

We often find in the New Testament
at the ideal of life which is held up
the Church goes far beyond what
ght reasonably be expected of a
atural' community. 'Be ye all of one
nd.' In 1 Corinthians 1. 10 the same
eal is proposed by St. Paul—'be
rfectly joined together in the same
nd and in the same judgement.'

We need not suppose this to mean
at discussion and debate are pre-
pded. But after discussion, on the
attern of the events described in
cts 15, a common mind should be
pected and adopted.

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Acts 11. 27—12. 3

ner Circle Member

St. James the Great was the brother
the apostle John and son of Zebedee,
d is not to be confused with James,
h of Alphaeus, who was also one of
e Twelve, or with James, the brother
the Lord, the leader of the church
Jerusalem.

By trade he was a fisherman, whose
her ran a business big enough to
ed a certain number of employees.
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1 Pet. 5. 5-11

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In this passage the author first of all urges humility. This is a distinctively Christian virtue. It is the appropriate attitude of man before God who gives grace to the humble. It is appropriate that man should also be humble before his fellows, since they are made in God's image. Secondly, the author urges vigilance, lest his readers through persecution or deception should defect from the Church. He ends with an ascription of praise to God, through whose initiative the Church has come into being and through whose care her life is sustained.

TRINITY 4

Rom. 8. 18-23

Grandeur of Creation

'The world is charged with the grandeur of God,' wrote Gerard Manley Hopkins.

When St. Paul speaks in this epistle of 'the creation' it is not quite certain whether he is referring to the whole created order or simply to mankind. The former meaning would certainly accord with biblical teaching. For it is the whole created order which is now 'in bondage.' It is, as we read in Genesis 3, under a curse. Its true purpose is frustrated and distorted.

But through Christ the curse has been broken, and one day the grandeur will be fully revealed. 'Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and

instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree.' One day the whole creation will mirror the glory of him through whom all things were made.

TRINITY 5

1 Pet. 3. 8-15

A Common Mind

We often find in the New Testament that the ideal of life which is held up for the Church goes far beyond what might reasonably be expected of a 'natural' community. 'Be ye all of one mind.' In 1 Corinthians 1. 10 the same ideal is proposed by St. Paul—'be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement.'

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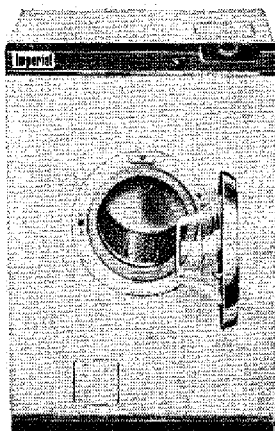
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Scout Notes

(Peter Draycott)

The Derbyshire 'Ramboree' will be held from July 31st to August 7th. (There really is such a word as Ramboree in Derbyshire Scout Jargon, although it does not appear in a dictionary. The emblem worn by the Derbyshire Scouts is the Derby Ram, so presumably a gathering of these fellows is a Ramboree, as opposed to a Jamboree, a gathering of lesser scouts from anywhere other than Derbyshire. Ed.)

Arthur Birley is Camp Chief, and Raymond Gale Assistant Camp Chief. The Chief Scout is to visit the camp on Sunday, August 1st. Also on this date, the camp will be open to parents and visitors, and a party from Totley, including the Wolf Cubs, is to visit the camp. The troop is very proud to be taking its own canoe to the 'Ramboree'

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All-Age status has, of course been subject to revision ever since the Education Act of 1944, and Totley Church School remains as the last all age school in Sheffield, and one of about a hundred left in England. The Education Committee has informed the School Managers that the re-organisation is to coincide with the rebuilding, and the children are to be accommodated in the Committee's Secondary Modern Schools at Silverdale and Abbeydale. During the past two weeks parents and children have been visiting the two schools, and making their choice. I am quite certain that the children will soon settle down in the schools of their choice.

Totley School will miss these older children. They have contributed much of value to the life of the school.

As these children go forward to their Secondary Schools, they have our very best wishes for their future careers.

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THE VICAR WRITES — DOWN TO EARTH

The Revd. Christopher Hall, in his sermon at our Harvest Thanksgiving, and in his talk on the Monday evening at the Coffee Evening for the Church Overseas, organised by the Guides and Brownies, gave us much to think about.

Mr. Hall talked about a "down-to-earth spirituality", and I think that it is worth while to evaluate our second year of Christian Stewardship in this parish by seeing how far we measure up to the "down-to-earth spirituality", of our Lord.

As I understand it, the essential truth of the Christian religion is the truth of humanism that is not merely scientific but is purposefully divine. The Christian is not concerned only with man as a scientific phenomenon, but with the divine miracle of the uniqueness of each human being. This humanism, to be of real meaning, must involve us in actions rather

than platitudes, and it must be action that witnesses to the whole of our concern with our fellow men. It could be said with truth that we are striving to serve the community of our village, and the provision of the material equipment for this service (in terms of our Parish Hall and the new Church School) strains our finances to the utmost. Nevertheless I feel that, hard pressed as we are, we have to find some means — however token — of expressing our concern for the whole truth of sharing in our Lord's love for all men; not just those among whom we live, but those separated from us by many hundreds of miles.

The film we saw at our Harvest Coffee Evening, of the work of the Church in Hong Kong, I know moved many of us. I hope that it will move many of us to

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action, and that we shall seek to link ourselves with a parish in the diocese of Hong Kong. I believe that if we do this we shall be trying to

witness to more of the truth than by concentrating our attention on ourselves.

Yours sincerely,

RHYS WALTERS

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Church Council

At the meeting on 15th September, the Vicar told the Church Council that they had received a legacy of £100 from the estate of Mrs. G. Culley, to be spent at the discretion of the Vicar and Wardens, and expressed the gratitude of the Council for this bequest. Mrs. Culley had a deep love for our church, and it is their intention to find some way of commemorating her memory.

Totley Hall

On 22nd September, jointly with our Methodist friends, we held a reception for the new students at the College of Education, 90 young ladies came, and I am most grateful to the members of the Rendezvous and others in the parish who helped with the arrangements.

Unity

I hope that we shall find many other opportunities of co-operating with the Church

at Totley Rise, and already we have arranged a joint service for St. Andrew's Day (30th November), when we will go to Totley Rise Church and the preacher will be the Revd. Leslie Seaman.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Our church was wonderfully decorated for the Harvest Services, and we thank all the people who sent gifts and the ladies who made such beautiful arrangements of them. We thank, too, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hayward and the Choir, whose music added so much to the joy of the services, and all who helped on Monday morning (especially Erica, Nicholas and Stephen) to take out parcels and flowers.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to Mr. Hill and his family on the death of Mr. Hill's father, Mr. Alfred Rowland Hill.

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(Mrs. C. B. Greenhoff)

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Guides and Brownies

(Mrs. K. Bridges)

Although arranged in a very short time, our Jumble Sale proved a great success. We would like to thank all the helpers, and Mrs. Harvatt, and Mrs. Firth who provided the tea. £25 was raised.

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much by what he said, nor by what he looked like, but by the manner in which he broke bread. Christians have recognized him in this Sacrament ever since. It is, inevitably, a great mystery. 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' the Jews ask in the 6th chapter of St. John. The question persists, but there is always a danger of over-stressing the importance of finding an answer to it. The great thing is not so much the manner in which our Lord comes to us through the bread and wine, but the wonder that he comes to us at all. What matters is that we should meet him when he does. It was Richard Hooker who said: 'I wish that men would more give themselves to meditate with Christ, what we have by the Sacrament, and less to dispose of the manner how? Let it therefore be sufficient for me, presenting myself at the Lord's table, to know what I receive from him, without search or inquiry of the manner how Christ performeth his promises.'

It is clear from the New Testament that the fellowship of the breaking of the bread was central to Christian worship from the earliest days of the foundation of the Church. Of these first Christians it is recorded that they 'continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers.' Here, then, is the central act of Christian worship, the Lord's own service instituted by Christ himself and persisted in during two thousand years of Christian history.

Approach with Faith

The Lord's command 'do this in remembrance of me' has been obeyed by the Church through the ages. In it, by the grace of God, Christians have found means of drawing near to Christ, of consecrating themselves to his service, and of deepening their understanding of their redemption through him. So therefore, to go to

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Communion is very definitely a part of living our faith; and as in the case of church-going in general it is by no means good enough just to rely only upon inclination. There must also be elements of duty and discipline in the matter. And, of course, it is above all necessary to approach the Sacrament with faith. Even so, we must be careful to remember that faith is certainly not going to affect the reality of the Sacrament itself. Christ will be there in the Sacrament whether we are ready for him or whether we are not. It is not our own attitude alone which brings the Body and Blood of Christ into the bread and wine. It is not we who do this thing; but God. Yet faith is a necessity; not for making the Sacrament what it is, but for the conditioning of our own hearts and minds to receive it worthily.

Preparation

And always we need to remember that some preparation to receive so great a thing is needed from us when we come to make our Communion. This is what the Catechism in the Book of Common Prayer has to say about preparation: 'What is required of them who come to the Lord's Supper? To examine themselves, whether they repent them truly of their former sins, steadfastly purposing to lead a new life; have a lively faith in God's mercy through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of his death; and be in charity with all men.' And here are some words which Jeremy Taylor once used, writing for our forebears of long ago on this very matter: 'Arise early in the morning; give God thanks for the approach of so great a blessing; confess thine own unworthiness to admit so divine a guest; then remember and deplore thy sins, which have made thee so unworthy; then confess God's goodness and upon him place thy hopes; and invite him to thee with renewed acts of love.'

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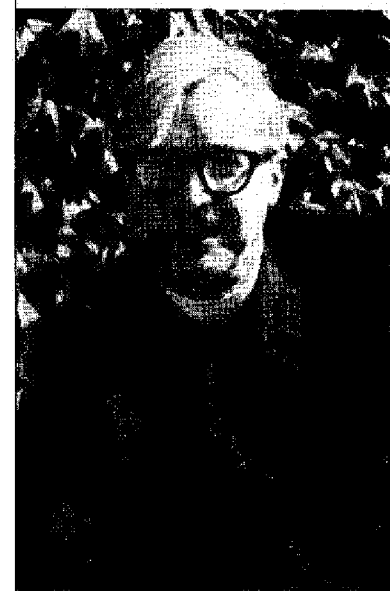


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Let me therefore mention certain specific ways in which as diocesan bishop I shall look for help, and in which our clergy may expect help from the Suffragan

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much by what he said, nor by what looked like, but by the manner which he broke bread. Christians he recognized him in this Sacrament ever since. It is, inevitably, a great mystic 'How can this man give us his flesh eat?' the Jews ask in the 6th chapter St. John. The question persists, but there is always a danger of overstressing the importance of finding answer to it. The great thing is not much the manner in which our Lord comes to us through the bread and wine, but the wonder that he comes us at all. What matters is that we should meet him when he does. It was Richard Hooker who said: 'I wish that men would more give themselves to meditate with Christ, what we have by the Sacrament, and less to dispute of the manner how? Let it therefore be sufficient for me, presenting myself at the Lord's table, to know what receive from him, without search inquiry of the manner how Christ performeth his promises.'

It is clear from the New Testament that the fellowship of the breaking the bread was central to Christian worship from the earliest days of the foundation of the Church. Of the first Christians it is recorded that they 'continued steadfastly in the Apostolic doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers.' Here, then, is the central act of Christian worship, the Lord's own service instituted by Christ himself and persisted in during two thousand years of Christian history.

Approach with Faith

The Lord's command 'do this remembrance of me' has been obeyed by the Church through the ages. In by the grace of God, Christians have found means of drawing near Christ, of consecrating themselves to his service, and of deepening their understanding of their redemption through him. So therefore, to go

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The Bishop's Article

The Suffragan Bishop of Repton

I WELCOME most warmly the appointment of the Reverend Canon William Warren Hunt as our new Suffragan Bishop of Repton. Our whole diocese will welcome him and his wife, and be grateful for the help which they will bring to us. We hope that they will have every blessing and happiness, as they come to work with us for Christ and His Church in this diocese. His consecration will take place in Westminster Abbey on St. Andrew's Day, November 30th. I hope that there may be a strong representation from our diocese at that Service; and I ask that all our parishes and people will remember him in their prayers, as he prepares for his new responsibilities.

The Diocese and its Parishes

In the New Testament the Church is both the Church universal, and the Church in each particular place. A Diocese has no separate life apart from its parishes; it is the fellowship of the parishes. For many purposes the work of the Church must go forward through pastoral care and evangelism in each parish. There are many spheres of work which can only be undertaken, when parishes work together in each Rural Deanery and in a diocese, as there are other spheres which must be undertaken on a national or wider level.

It is important that there should be close mutual understanding between those people, both clergy and laity, who by their office and work represent the diocese as a whole, and those who work in the parishes. The building of such understanding is all the more necessary in a diocese like ours, which has no one natural centre where people from different parts of the diocese assemble and meet one another. The understanding can only be built, if those who represent the diocese are constantly out visiting the parishes; and I have long felt the need for a Suffragan Bishop, who would give additional help in our diocese in this way.

"Pastor Pastorum"

Now that our new Suffragan Bishop has been appointed, I can say a little more on ways in which I hope he will help us, though there must be many things which we cannot settle until he is actually present with us for consultation.

I do not propose in this diocese to assign to the Suffragan Bishop and to the Assistant Bishop special geographical areas. The assigning of a geographical area is a wise and indeed necessary custom in very large dioceses, where there are several



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Canon Warren Hunt, Bishop-elect of Repton

Suffragan Bishops, each of whom can assist the Bishop with special care for some one part of his diocese. In this diocese I hope that I may have the assistance of the Bishop of Repton when he is consecrated and comes, and I hope that I may long continue to have the assistance of Bishop Parfitt, each for the diocese as a whole. They will both be open to accept invitations and will, I hope, receive many invitations from all parts of the diocese.

Of all the varied responsibilities of a Bishop one of the most important, and indeed probably the most important, is that he should act as "pastor pastorum", shepherd of the shepherds, for the clergy of the diocese. While the diocesan bishop bears the ultimate responsibility, it is a continuing and varied task, which as Bishop of a diocese of this size I cannot hope to fulfil myself alone. I shall greatly value the help of our new Suffragan Bishop, as I greatly also value the help of Bishop Parfitt, and also of the Archdeacons and Rural Deans in their respective spheres.

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be introduced in which boys and girls could make the first stumbling attempts to work out their own approach to God. Above all, the need is not so much to speak to God as to allow Him to speak to us. All too often He is "crowded out" by the zeal and fluency of our own intercessions.

Of course, God's communication with us is by no means limited to religious services. Schools might make more use of music and poetry in their Morning Assemblies, and also of readings, talks, or dialogues which attempt to search out the religious significance in different aspects of boys' and girls' everyday experience. Some progress might thus be made in destroying in their minds the false antithesis between what is "religious" and what is "secular".

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Rev. E. R. Bickerstaff wrote in the Littleover Magazine: Some boys, it is said, do not believe in God, and do not enter into the spirit of worship. Hence worship should be abolished. But there are many who do believe in God, and to whom the school worship is an opportunity for worship and prayer at the beginning of the day, valued all the more if there is not much opportunity for a quiet time at home before school. The most that could be claimed here surely is that if there is a genuine rejection of the Christian faith by a boy, his parents should be able to claim exemption from worship, in the same way in which they can claim exemption from Church teaching in a Church School.

Secondly, if adolescents are to be able to have abolished that in which they choose to be inattentive, it is likely that few lessons would be given in school at all.

There is a need to "bring up a child in the way in which he should go". If the educational system of the country recognises the Christian faith, and if worship is a vital part of that faith as it is, then surely education must contain training and practice in the habit of Christian worship... To refuse to give them that training... is not to be impartial. It could suggest that the Christian faith is of less importance than those things in which we insist that children shall be taught and trained, whether they wish to or not.

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Men's Society

(Mr. K. Blackburn)

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On Friday, 22nd October we shall debate with the Ladies Club the motion that 'The Hand that rocks the cradle does not rule the world'. Needless to say we are counting on maximum male support in this 'battle of the sexes'.

Mr. Geoffrey Parsons will present a talk entitled 'Lubrication for the Layman' on November 12th. Mr. Parsons is a lubricant research engineer at the international research laboratory of a major manufacturer of oil and fuel additives.

All our meetings are held in the Parish Hall, and commence at 8 p.m. Membership is open to all men in and around the Parish: all are welcome.

Ladies' Working Party

(Mrs. D. Simons)

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Christian Stewardship (Jim White)

The Stewardship Thanksgiving Service will take place on Sunday, October 31st at 6.30 p.m. This service will be followed by a report meeting in the Parish Hall. Tea and light refreshments will be provided. Your invitation will be delivered by one of the Hostesses.

The Church School

The building work continues, and although there has been some delay because of the poor weather, the brickwork on the new hall is now nearly at roof level. The chimney is erected, and it is hoped that the roof will be on within the month.

School continues in spite of all the confusion and chaos. We were pleased to welcome seven new pupils when the term commenced.

New Name

In future the Church School is to be known as Totley, All Saints' Church of England Primary School.

October Spectacular

Mrs. Stansfield has collected yet another 200 pairs of old spectacles for help overseas. However, she has no intention of closing the collection at this score. She will be pleased to receive as many more pairs as possible at 6 The Grove, Totley.

Christmas Cards ?

Two members of our congregation have undertaken to order Christmas cards for members of the Church. Mrs. D. Simons has details of the cards on sale by the Church of England Children's Society, and Mrs. C. A. Tym is performing a similar service on behalf of Christian Aid. If you would like to support either of these organisations when you are purchasing your cards, do not hesitate to contact either Mrs. Simons at 57 Sunnyvale Road, or Mrs. Tym at 66 Sunnyvale Road.

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It seems incredible that Christian Stewardship is now something which we take for granted in our parish. Two years have passed since our campaign, and perhaps many of us smile when we think of the worries we had and the things we said as we struggled to launch the campaign in the parish. But I think there is a great temptation to see Christian Stewardship as a once-for-all plateau, and — when it has been attained — to relax. We know that this is not true of trying to be a Christian; we know how, each day, we have to strive to maintain the standards that we set ourselves yesterday, and this is true of Christian Stewardship as well. There is a constancy in the struggle, and there can be no lull, no truce, no temporary respite when we can rest and feel secure.

Finance

Financially, Christian Stewardship has brought us blessings and problems. It is wonderful to see how families have maintained their level of support, and how the Church Council battles with the problems of being stewards of God's money. I said in

my report at the Christian Stewardship Reunion on 31st October that, of our total income of £3,400, over £1,200 represents our investment in the future of the parish by building the hall, and £700 or so goes towards maintaining the work of the Church in the diocese and overseas, and in helping Church Schools in this and other parishes of the diocese.

The fact that every penny of our income is fully committed, makes for discussion and debate, which is good for the life of the parish, not only because we are stewards of other people's money but because we are stewards for God in building His kingdom. The moment that we become complacent and indifferent to the needs of others in our own parish and elsewhere; the moment that we live for ourselves alone; at that moment as Christians we will be the most miserable.

Time ?

Some of the work of the Church is limited, not just by finance, but by the amount of time that we have, and I think it would be good for us to ask whether we are

allocating all the time that we can to the service of God in the church or community where it is most needed, rather than where it gives us most satisfaction. This is as much a matter of conscience and our response as is the question of how much we give of our wealth. The thing to remember is that we are not on a plateau, but that — as Christian men and women practising stewardship — we have only gained some yards in the ascent to the stature of the perfect man, Jesus Himself.

Yours sincerely,

RHYS WALTERS.

P.S.

I hope everybody has kept Tuesday, November 30th (St.

Andrew's Day) free for our visit to Totley Rise Methodist Church. The Preacher will be the Revd. J. L. Seaman, who has served overseas with the Methodist Church. The service will start at 7.45 p.m. There will be an opportunity to meet the preacher after the service, and to ask him questions. Many of you will recall the visit of our Methodist friends to All Saints' last year at St. Andrew's tide, and I hope I shall see very many of you on Tuesday, November 30th.

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Our School

The last few weeks have seen great progress towards completion of Phase 1 of our new Church School. I know that, this past term, members of the staff and the children have been working under very difficult conditions, and I am most grateful to them for the way in which they have tackled the many problems that living on a building site has presented. It now looks almost certain that we shall have occupation of most of the new building during the Spring term,

though it may be some time before the builders are off the site.

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United Nations Associations

The Sheffield Council of Churches is actively participating in the work of the Association in Sheffield, and the Archbishops of Canterbury and Westminster, and the Moderators of the Assembly of the Church of Scotland and of the Free Church Council, have called on Christians throughout the United Kingdom to pray and work for members of the United Nations. It is hoped, therefore, that many people will support the work of the local branch, whose programme we print below:

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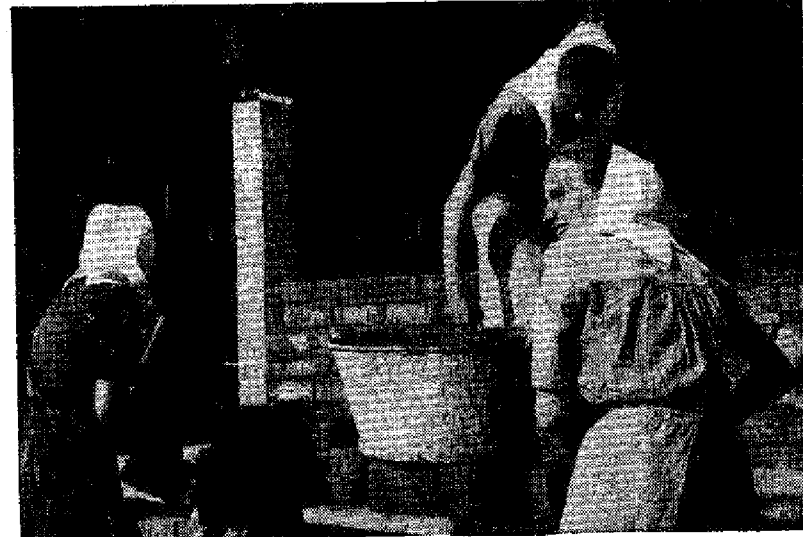
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Do morals matter?

FROM time to time for years past, on this very page, we have been asking this question. We have drawn attention to evidences of the sudden decline in public and private morals which as a feature of our times is just a fact. And especially from time to time we have drawn attention to the flood of pornographic literature and questionable entertainment which again is a feature of these times.

Living in Changed Times

We are therefore all the more delighted to know that others, and in other countries too, are also becoming roused to these sombre facts. 'Moral Landslide,' for instance, is the title of a remarkable article in a bulletin recently issued by the Evangelical Sisters of Mary, at Darmstadt, in West Germany, an Order which, coming into existence following the war, has already made a considerable Christian mark upon Western Germany.

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forth, to the best of their ability, their own concern for their neighbours as Christ is calling us to do now.

Social Conscience

The social history of the Church abounds in great names of those who fought for the rights of humanity. The Franciscans in the stinking alleys of mediaeval towns; the Methodists proclaiming the Gospel under the very shadow of the mill; the Evangelicals with their immense practical concern for the poor; Shaftesbury, the liberator of the child slaves of industry; Wilberforce and his friends, liberators of the black slaves of the whip; priests like Fathers Lowder and King in London's East End in the last century; William Temple with his passion for social justice in this. All these, and many others, are the highlights of the scene, the Christian social conscience has indeed amassed a record of practical benevolence which has never been equalled, and indeed never been approached by any other faith. We to whom the call comes now to give personal service to our neighbours and our community are the inheritors of this splendid past. Therefore it is for us to see that, living out our faith in this day and generation, we do not dishonour it. There are some splendid words of Frank Weston, once Bishop of Zanzibar, which sum it all up well: 'It is folly, it is madness, to suppose that you can worship Jesus in the Sacrament and Jesus on the throne of glory, when you are sweating him in the bodies and souls of his children. Go out into the highways and hedges, and look for Jesus in the ragged and naked, in the oppressed and the sweated, in those who have lost hope, and in those who are struggling to make good. Look for Jesus in them; and, when you have found him, gird yourself with his towel of fellowship, and wash his feet in the person of his brethren.'

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The Bishop's Article

Intercession

New Testament Days

It is written of the Ascended Christ in the Epistle to the Hebrews, "He ever liveth to make intercession." (Heb. vii, 25). In His life on earth Jesus said on one occasion to Simon Peter, "I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not." (Luke xxii, 32). Doubtless He would daily have prayed for His disciples, and for those who came to Him for help. St. Paul similarly writes in several of his letters, "I make mention of you always in my prayers." (Rom. i, 9 etc.). In the letter to Timothy it is written: "I exhort therefore that . . . prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men: for kings, and for all that are in authority: that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." (1 Tim. ii, 1-2). The first disciples continued daily in the temple, though already within the New Testament period the warning had to be given to their followers: "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is." (Heb. x, 25).

Our Own Day

As I write this article, the current number of the Church Times carries the front page headline, "Churchgoing in England said to be on decline". It says that a Gallup Poll revealed that between 1957 and 1963 the proportion of the worshipping community dropped by a third. The reasons given by those who stopped attending church were loss of habit, boring and uninteresting services, "no point in going", and difficulty in belief.

It is little use those who attend worship blaming those who do not; we must be able to explain to them what is the point in private and public prayer. It is not sufficient simply to appeal to the authority of the New Testament; we must interpret that authority, and explain it in terms that will seem significant in the world of to-day. This article will be read for the most part by those who already attend; let me say a little to encourage those who may falter, and to help church members in explanation they may give to others. I write on one aspect of worship, intercession; there are of course other equally important aspects, gratitude, instruction, meditation, the offering of our lives in the service of the living Christ.

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POSTBAG—School Worship

Dear Mr. Editor,

Divine worship in school is clearly such a vital activity that it must always be under deep and serious review. Dr. Chapman is to be congratulated on the way he has fostered this concern. He gave some of the reasons why the words "compulsory worship" have an ominous ring. More so, I suppose, than the words "compulsory education", which imply the enforced pursuit of truth.

However, my main reason for writing is to introduce a passage from "Half our Future": "We have seen that the corporate life of the school is a potent instrument in the moral development of the pupils. So is its corporate worship in their spiritual development. We have visited many schools and taken part in the morning assembly. Sometimes we have found that on the day of our visit the school was divided into smaller natural communities . . . Normally, the whole school has been together, realizing as perhaps nowhere else its essential unity. We say with conviction and gratitude that we have very often been impressed by the reality which has marked these services. Corporate worship is not to be thought of as an instrument of education, though it is that—but as a time in which pupils and teachers seek help in prayer, express awe and gratitude and joy, and pause to recollect the presence of God. We admit we were surprised when one of our number told us that new entrants to industry whom she interviewed frequently told her that what they missed most now they had left school was school prayers."

This Newsom Report was concerned with the "education of pupils aged 13-16 of average and less than average ability". Personally I would rank it as one of the most important social documents of our generation, and its evidence cannot be ignored.

Very few would "underestimate the effect of the competent and Christianly committed teacher in the classroom". The pity is that there are not more of them. I would submit that the desperate need is not the abolition of compulsory worship, but the development and integration of the work and insights of such teachers with those of ministers of religion.

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For the February issue entries (which should reach the Editor not later than November 8th) must be confined to the subject of 'Mother and Daughter,' for March (entry date December 1st) 'Brother and Sister,' for April (entry date January 1st) 'Twins,' for May (entry date February 1st) 'Three Generations,' for June (entry date March 1st) 'Pets.' Other subjects will be announced later.

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Rules

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Thursday, May 5th, 1966
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Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday this
year falls on 14th November.
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8.00 a.m. The Holy
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The Parish Hall Appeal Fund

(Mr. P. Harvatt)

The Appeal Committee wishes to extend public thanks to the Drama Group for their gift of £50, and to the Guides and Brownies for their donation of £10. The next Whist Drive is on Friday, November 19th, in the Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at 2/- each.

Rendezvous

We were very grateful to Mr. Pocock for giving us his talk on the history of Totley at our last meeting, and also to our Secretary, Lexi Yaker, for an excellent slide show of her holiday in the Greek Islands and a folk-dance evening, which is to be repeated by popular request.

This month's programme is —

- 7th Evening of favourite records.
- 14th Talk and discussion by a Marriage Guidance Councillor.
- 21st Folk Dancing.
- 28th Slides and film of the Holy Land.

At our meeting on the 7th, bring along your favourite classical, pop or jazz record (a brand-new gramophone needle will be provided to ensure its protection !) and for the folk dancing, our young ladies are recommended to bring flat-heeled shoes. All young people in the 18-30 age-group (or thereabouts) are welcome to join us on a Sunday evening at 7.45 p.m.

Parish Register

BAPTISMS

- Sept. 26—Fiona Gillott.
- Sept. 26—Rupert Guy Richardson.
- Oct. 10—Julie Anne Trotter.
- Oct. 10—John Abson.
- Oct. 10—Claire Elizabeth Justice.

- Oct. 24—Carol Ann Couldwell.
- Oct. 24—Phillip John Maries.
- Oct. 24—Andrew James Howell King.

WEDDINGS

- Oct. 4—John Holmes and Pauline Gyte.
- Oct. 24—William Tonks and Elsie May Hearnshaw.

Is it my turn ? Altar Flower List

- Nov. 1—Miss Harris and Mrs. Whitehouse.
- Nov. 7—Mrs. Powell.
- Nov. 14—Mrs. Smith.
- Nov. 21—Mrs. Walters.
- Nov. 28—Mrs. White and Mrs. Mather.

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Sundays :

- 8.00 a.m. The Holy Communion
- 9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 9.30 a.m. The Family Communion
- 11.00 a.m. The Holy Communion (on the first Sunday of the month and as announced)
- 2.30 p.m. Sunday School
- 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

Full details of Weekday Services are to be found on the church porch notice board.

The Vicar will usually be in church on Monday from 6.30 to 7.0 p.m., to meet anyone who wishes to see him and to arrange for Baptisms and Weddings.

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WHO IS ANN RICHENS ?

Miss Richens is a nurse with the Church Missionary Society at Sungei Buloh, which is near Kuala Lumpur. She went out to Malaya in 1962, and though she is now at home on leave she will be returning there early next year. She is going to be our overseas correspondent, and from time to time we shall print letters from her telling us of her work. Sungei is a small agricultural village, where there is a church, clinic and maternity home.

Miss Richens will be visiting the parish in early December, and I hope that everybody will make a real effort to meet her. You may imagine what it is like to be 3,000 miles from home, working often in difficult circumstances, and what a great joy it is to know that you are being assisted by the thoughts and prayers of people at home.

THERE WILL BE A COFFEE MORNING AT THE VICARAGE from 10.30 to 12 o'clock on **THURSDAY, 9th DECEMBER**, when Miss Richens will be the guest of honour. In the evening,

after she has spoken to the A.Y.P.A., **THERE WILL BE A MEETING IN THE PARISH HALL** at 8.15 p.m., when you will be able to meet Miss Richens informally and hear about her work. She will also be talking to as many of our young people's organisations as possible, and to the children of our Church School.

Parochial Church Council

At a meeting on 17th November, the Church Council approved the budget of expenditure for 1966, and received the latest news of the Parish Hall Appeal. At 31st December 1964, the Appeal had raised £3,220, exclusive of the money that the Parochial Church Council makes available from its funds towards repayment of the debt and interest charges. With covenants grossed to their full value, the Appeal Fund now stands at £4,500.

The Vicar expressed thanks to the Council, to Alderman Kirkman, to the members of the Parish Hall Appeal Committee, to the organisers of

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the Garden Party, and to everybody who has worked so hard during the past twelve months to make this substantial result possible.

In addition to the money raised by the Appeal, the Church Council has budgeted a sum of £1,200 each year towards repayment of the money borrowed from the bank to pay for the hall.

We still await the final statements of accounts from the builders and architects, and as soon as these are available we shall be able to state the exact position.

Price Reduction

As from next January, the price of All Saints' News will be 3d. To effect this economy we shall change the format to that of a parish newspaper, and I hope that we shall increase considerably our circulation at this price. Mr. Fred Cooke, of 245 Baslow Road (Tel. No. 365278) will be in charge of the distribution of the newspaper, and we are most grateful to him for taking over this extremely difficult job from Mr. Maltby.

May I express my personal thanks to Derek Maltby for the work he did in organising the distribution of the magazine, which is not a simple job as one might think. I

am grateful, also, to the street distributors who — I know — make every effort to get the news out as soon as possible, because unless this is done much of what is printed would inevitably be out of date. If anyone has any complaint or difficulty over the problems of distribution, perhaps they will contact Mr. Cooke.

We must express our thanks, too, to our advertisers, without whose generous support it would be impossible to produce a printed news sheet at all.

Stewardship

I hope that every Stewardship family has received a copy of the report on the second year of our Stewardship Campaign. If not, will they please contact Mr. J. A. White of 128 Baslow Road.

Church School

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not conducive to speed and we must be patient for a month or so longer yet. I am sure that when you see the completed buildings you will think that it has all been very worth while.

Advent

Many of you will already have started thinking about preparations for Christmas. Advent, which started on November 28th, is the season when we begin to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem, and during Advent we ask you to remember the children in the care of the Church of England Children's Society—5,000 of them—by taking an Advent Purse to bring to church on Christmas Day, so that we can send our Christmas present to them. The purses are now available in church, or can be obtained from Mrs. J. E. Simons, of 57 Sunnyvale Road, who is Secretary in the parish. Last year we were able to send over £65.

The Christmas Services will be :

Sunday, December 19th —

8.00 a.m. The Holy Communion.

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer.

9.30 a.m. The Family Communion.

6.30 p.m. Service of the Nine Lessons and Carols.

In addition, at 2.30 p.m.

The Children will tell the Christmas Story, and we hope that many parents will be able to come and hear them.

Christmas Eve—

December 24th—

11.30 p.m. The First Communion of Christmas.

Christmas Day—

December 25th—

8.00 a.m. The Holy Communion.

9.00 a.m. Carols for Christmas Morning.

9.30 a.m. The Family Communion.

Your Prayers

Many of you will have heard of the illness of Mrs. Adamson, who is greatly loved in our parish. I know that you will remember her in your prayers, together with her husband and Valerie. Will you also remember Mrs. Staines of Main Avenue and her husband, and Mrs. Baylis who has recently lost her mother.

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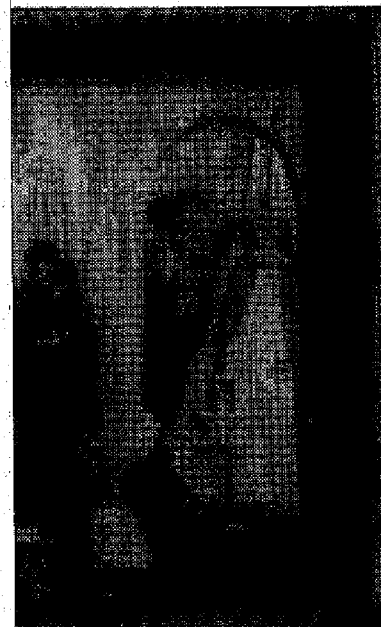
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they be ready to give, and glad to distribute; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may attain eternal life.'

'Be merciful after thy power. If thou hast much, give plenteously: if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little: for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity.'

Dues and offerings for the work of the Church both locally and in the world at large have always been, therefore, a part of Christian duty. MRI has taught many of us to revalue this old concept, and to see in Mutual Responsibility in the Body of Christ our duties towards the Church as a whole, whether it be round the corner or in Africa.

But almsgiving—that is to say, giving beyond the strict requirements of duty—is a different matter altogether. It is also a very important matter. To be generous, to give of one's own to help others, is as much a part of the practice of the Christian faith as saying one's prayers, or going to Communion. It really is in practice more blessed to give than to receive, and failure to do so can be quite as serious in its spiritual consequences as failure to pray, since the spirit of generosity can be allowed to wither away just as easily and just as regretably as the instinct to worship.

Giving that Hurts

The world is full of need: the needs of the afflicted, of the handicapped, of the poor—and there are plenty of these even in the Welfare State, especially among the old—and this mass of need is a challenge to every one of us. It can be taken as a fact that unless we are giving, and giving until it hurts, like the widow in the Temple, we are to that extent failing in one of the many duties which our Lord requires of us.

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Jesus calls us forward into the Land of promise beyond death, of which He has said, "I go to prepare a place for you." He calls us also to hear and obey His will, here and now, so that His reign may be established as in heaven, so on earth. Wherever He meets us, He comes in judgement, sifting the good from the evil, and calling to a crisis of decision. That crisis will always mean risk and adventure to unknown worlds, as in the classic statement of the meaning of faith, Abraham went out, not knowing whither he went." (Hebrews xi, 8.)

Bible Sunday

The Advent Sundays remind us how we must prepare for the coming of Christ our King. "Let every heart prepare a throne!" On the Second Sunday in Advent we remember the gift of the Bible as our preparation, that "we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." In our prayers and with our gifts this year let us remember the "Feed the Minds of Millions" appeal, part of the purpose of which is to make the Bible available over vast areas of the world, where people long illiterate are now learning to read.

Worship and the Ministry

The passing of the Prayer Book Alternative Services Measure will open the way for experiment in our worship in this coming year. The phrase we often use, "As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be" is fitting response for the praise which should be given to God. It does not mean that the ways in which we praise Him should for ever remain unchanged. Let me give advance notice that we are hoping to hold at Swanwick from March 28th to 30th a conference on Worship, with special reference to the Alternative Services Measure and the work of the Liturgical Commission. The conference will be mainly for clergy, and those who would be interested are asked to keep these dates free. I hope there may be meetings also for laity on the Monday and Tuesday evenings.

On the Third Sunday in Advent we remember that it is the work of the Christian ministry to "prepare the way of the Lord." We need many more young men for the work of the ministry in England and in other countries, as we need also many more young men and

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The Bishop's Article

"THE ADVENT OF OUR KING OUR PRAYER MUST NOW EMPLOY"

WE are like people living in some town or village, which is to receive a visit from the Monarch, and where therefore preparation must be made. This is the lesson of Advent, and it is a lesson which concerns our abiding situation on earth. At this time we look forward and make preparation to celebrate the birth of Christ. We look forward also to the day when the Ascended Christ shall come in triumph, and claim the world for His reign.

What exactly do we mean and expect, when in the Advent Collect we speak of "the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and the dead?" We do not know. When the World Council of Churches met in Assembly at Evanston in 1954, and discussed the nature of the Christian hope, they could reach no clear agreement on its meaning. Yet this was not surprising. As St. Paul pointed out long ago, "Hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?" (Rom. viii, 24.) It was the mistake of the Jews in the time of our Lord, that they had become too precise in their expectation of the Messiah, and failed to recognize Him when He came.

Just because the Advent hope looks forward into a world as yet unknown, we can only use the language of myth and parable and poetry. "Lo! He comes with clouds descending." "Lo! The Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heaven." This is the language of allusion, rather than of exact description. It is a signpost, pointing forward into the unknown, so that we are content to say, "If we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." (Rom. viii, 25.)

Certain other things at Advent we can however say. The Church is called to live for the future, not for the past. In his great study of history Arnold Toynbee singled out archaism, the attempt to live in the past, as one of the signs of a civilisation in decline. That fate had befallen the Pharisees in Our Lord's time, so that they sought to settle and justify every action by appeal to past precedent. Jesus warns them of the peril for those who look back with the saying, "Remember Lot's wife", who according to ancient legend was turned into a pillar of salt. A Church which lives in the past, celebrating its own anniversaries, and seeking past precedent for every action, still

needs that warning. 'The Christ we serve is ahead of us on the road of life, beckoning forward; He calls us daily to adventure into a Land of Promise, not yet seen.'

Jesus calls us forward into the Land of Promise beyond death, of which He has said, "I go to prepare a place for you." He calls us also to hear and obey His will, here and now, so that His reign may be established as in heaven, so on earth. Wherever He meets us, He comes in judgement, sifting the good from the evil, and calling to a crisis of decision. That crisis will always mean risk and adventure into unknown worlds, as in the classic statement of the meaning of faith, "Abraham went out, not knowing whither he went." (Hebrews xi, 8.)

Bible Sunday

The Advent Sundays remind us how we must prepare for the coming of Christ our King. "Let every heart prepare a throne!" On the Second Sunday in Advent we remember the gift of the Bible as our preparation, that "we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures, might have hope." In our prayers and with our gifts this year let us remember the "Feed the Minds of Millions" appeal, part of the purpose of which is to make the Bible available over vast areas of the world, where people long illiterate are now learning to read.

Worship and the Ministry

The passing of the Prayer Book Alternative Services Measure will open the way for experiment in our worship in this coming year. The phrase we often use, "As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be" is fitting response for the praise which should be given to God. It does not mean that the ways in which we praise Him should for ever remain unchanged. Let me give advance notice that we are hoping to hold at Swanwick from March 28th to 30th a conference on Worship, with special reference to the Alternative Services Measure and the work of the Liturgical Commission. The Conference will be mainly for clergy, and those who would be interested are asked to keep these dates free. I hope there may be meetings also for laity on the Monday and Tuesday evenings.

On the Third Sunday in Advent we remember that it is the work of the Christian ministry to "prepare the way of the Lord." We need many more young men for the work of the ministry in England and in other countries, as we need also many more young men and

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It is true that the "County", through the Children's Department, undertakes some adoption work, but in the main our functions are quite separate. I believe much of the confusion arises from the fact that the Children's Officer is usually appointed "Guardian ad litem" by the Courts when an Adoption Hearing is arranged. This means that the "County", through its Child Care Officers, enquires into all adoption placements, irrespective of who may have placed the child with the couple wishing to adopt, and makes a report to the Court.

In English Law a parent may place a child with whomsoever he/she pleases, and that child cannot be removed unless some neglect is proved, although an adoption order may not necessarily be made. Unless conditions are extremely bad, it may do more harm to the child to be removed from those he already knows as his "parents". The Guardian, therefore, does not oppose the adoption, thus giving some semblance of approval.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Clergy Moves. The Revd. E. E. C. Smith, Vicar of Ripley since 1957, is to be Vicar of the large parish of Aston, Birmingham.

St. Giles, Normanton have contributed £100 towards the passage to S. America of their missionary recruit, Miss Margaret Bates.

Choirgirls can go to their first R.S.C.M. Course at St. Elphin's, Darley Dale in August.

Training in Worship will be the theme of the Diocesan Course for Sunday School Teachers from August 13-20.

The Christmas Eve Communion will be broadcast from Croydon Parish Church on the Home Service conducted by our new Suffragan Bishop.

Christian Aid received £150,000 less in 1964-5, although 300 more places joined in C.A. Week. They offer a useful study course "Servant of the Servant Church" (2/6).

DIOCESAN RECORD

Public Preacher's Licences October 15th. The Revds. David Prytherch, M.A. and John Christopher William Rosser, ALCD.

Stipendiary Curate's Licences October 15th. The Revds. Barry Heritage (St. Mary, Chaddesden), John Keener Mount (Tideswell), and Eric Stott, ALCD (Normanton-by-Derby).

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The Epistles for December

ADVENT 2

Rom. 15. 4-13

Benefits and Promises

ST. Paul has been saying that Christians cannot live by a law of every man for himself, and has pleaded for mutual deference within the Church. He now recalls the selfless example of Jesus Christ as this is interpreted for us in scripture.

Jesus was a 'minister of the circumcision'; that is to say, he exercised his ministry as a Jew among the Jews. In his own person he fulfilled the promises of which the Old Testament speaks. But the benefits of the promises belong to all men, to Jews and Gentiles alike. Texts from the same Old Testament can be adduced in support of this.

God, the ground of hope, is asked to bless the readers.

ADVENT 3

1 Cor. 4. 1-5

Ordained Ministry

After having spoken about the need for unity within the Church as a whole St. Paul comes now to speak of the special role of Church leaders—the ordained ministry, as we might say. They are to be humble, responsible, reliable. This is the implication of the three words 'ministers,' 'stewards,' 'faithful.'

The ordained ministry is always a target for criticism. But ministers must not be deflected from their task by criticism, any more than by adulation or flattery. Nor does it matter how they themselves assess their work. All that matters is that their ministry should be pleasing to God.

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Ladies' Working Party

(Mrs. D. Simons)

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land, as they seek to give
wise and righteous leader-
ship to their peoples.

What we do when we pray
is perhaps the greatest of all
the mysteries that surround
us, but there is the certainty
that our prayers are never
futile or wasted.

Accounts Reminder

The Auditors, Messrs. Kirk-
man, Manning and Kay, would
like the accounts of all organ-
isations, societies and maga-
zine main distributors (Mr.
Palmer, Mr. Maltby and Mr.
Tinsdeall) by January 9th.

Men's Society

(Keith Blackburn)

On Friday, 10th December,
a short A.G.M. will precede a
talk by the Vicar entitled
'Religion in 1980'. The Vicar
will be assessing the likely
future trends in religious
practice.

On Christmas Eve we shall
be singing carols around the
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Scout Notes

(Peter Draycott)

The Cubs and Scouts are most grateful to the Group Committee members who have worked so hard with fund-raising activities, in particular the very successful Jumble Sale and Bring and Buy.

The Bonfire, built by the Seniors was a great success, and enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to David Shepherd and Peter Draycott, who have just passed the Wood Badge Preliminary Training Course.

Church of England Children's Society

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In addition, several people have sent gifts for the Golden Needle League.

Nativity Play and Carol Service

The Church School Nativity Play and Carol Service will be held this year on Wednes-

day 15th and Thursday 16th of December. The play will be presented in the Church at 7 p.m. We extend a cordial invitation to all members of the congregation to attend, and we would be particularly pleased to see any old scholars on this occasion. Tickets (free, but a collection will be taken) may be obtained from the School.

Is it my turn ?

Altar Flowers

Dec. 5—Totley Ladies' Club

Dec. 12—Mrs. Wostenholme

Dec. 19—Ladies' Working Party.

Dec. 26—Ladies' Working Party.

Parish Register

BAPTISMS

Nov. 7—Louise Justice.

Nov. 7—Susan Ann Jackson.

Nov. 7—Oliver Henry Rowe

Nov. 21—Louise Broadhead.

WEDDINGS

Oct. 30—Robert John Bagshawe and Lyn Margaret Raynes.

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8.00 a.m. The Holy Communion

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

9.30 a.m. The Family Communion

11.00 a.m. The Holy Communion (on the first Sunday of the month and as announced)

2.30 p.m. Sunday School

6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

Full details of Weekday Services are to be found on the church notice board.

The Vicar will usually be in church on Monday from 6.30 to 7.0 p.m., to meet anyone who wishes to see him and to arrange for Baptisms and Weddings.

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