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Harvest of the sea

HARVESTS come in many forms. The latest, and certainly the most surprising, has come in the form of natural gas from under the North Sea. Already the pipelines are being laid. Before very long natural gas will be heating our homes and cooking our food.

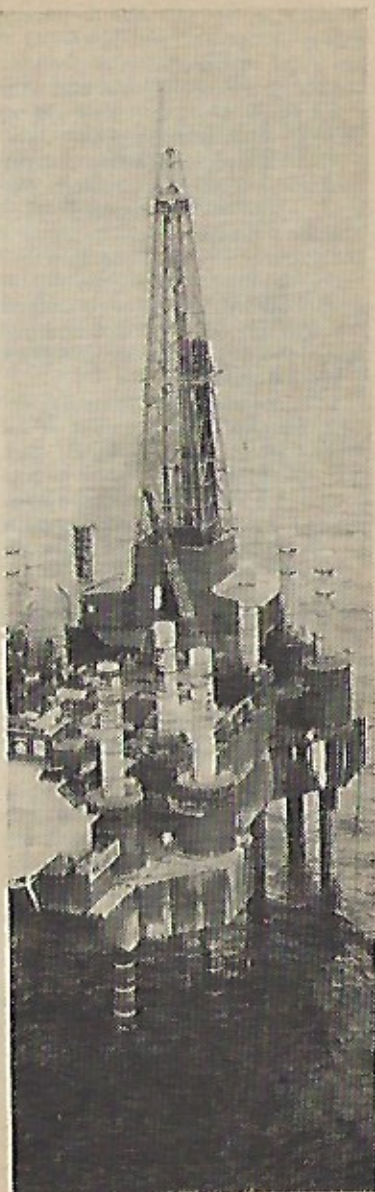
The consequences of this discovery are likely to be immense. It will supply our island, at a time when we sorely need it, with a new source of power. It might well have far-reaching effects upon our economy. Collectively, as a nation, we might be just that little better off through no longer having to spend quite so much in bringing in fuel from overseas. We might even be a little better off individually if the price of gas is lowered by this discovery.

All in all, this looks like being, as it was described at the time when the first strikes were being made by the drilling rigs, a 'bonanza'—a lucky strike of new wealth.

The Proper Response

But how many, it is possible to wonder, among all the experts in an infinite variety of capacities who are involved in it all, have spared a moment to be just simply grateful? 'The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.' The proper response to natural bounty is thankfulness, together with remembrance of the degree to which we all on earth ultimately depend on God.

Of course, the parallel between these gas finds and harvest is not wholly complete. There was no sowing—there is only the reaping. Man did not make,



North Sea drilling rig 'Mr. Louie' The Gas Council

or cultivate, this vast new resource of energy and power. He discovered it. So, if ever anything was a gift from the bounty of the earth, this is one. And a gift received without gratitude can prove to be not a blessing but a curse.

That is the age-old pattern of events spoken of so often in the Bible. 'Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse,' says the Book of Deuteronomy, 'the blessing, if ye shall harken unto the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day; and the curse if ye shall not harken unto the commandments of the Lord your God.'

There are many sombre signs nowadays that that is exactly what we are doing, worshipping personal gain, personal advantage. We seem to have come a long, long way from remembering the source of all our bounties, including that of life itself. Maybe harvest-time can be used to remind ourselves once again, even when the harvest comes in unexpected forms, of

THE SIGN

Not ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified

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- S. 1 Remigius, B., c. 530.
S. 2 Seventeenth after Trinity.
Tu. 4 Francis of Assisi, 1226.
Th. 6 Faith, V.M., c. 304.
S. 9 Eighteenth after Trinity.
Denys, B.M.
Th. 13 Translation of King Edward the Confessor.
S. 16 Nineteenth after Trinity.
M. 17 Etheldreda, Qu. Abbess, 679.
Tu. 18 St. Luke, E.
S. 23 Twentieth after Trinity.
Tu. 25 Crispin and Crispinian, MM., 303.
W. 26 Alfred, K., 899.
F. 28 St. Simon and St. Jude, AA.MM.
S. 30 Twenty-first after Trinity.

where we really stand, which is in the hands of God, all the time. SIGNET

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My Daily Bread

*Beyond the bread
I see God's promise given,
The rainbow spread
Across the arc of heaven.
The furrowed field,
The seed by mankind shed,
The golden yield
Of grain for daily bread.*

*Beyond the bread
I see Christ crucified,
His thorn-crowned head,
His pierced, wounded side
For all mankind;
His Body . . . blessed Sign:
For me . . . I find
The Bread of Life is mine.*

*Before the bread
In deep humility,
I bow my head
In reverence unto thee,
God knows my need,
With gratitude I take
My daily need
And thank him, for Christ's sake.*

M. ELIZABETH GARLICK

The Bible and the Dead Sea Scrolls

*The Jerusalem Bible
reviewed by
A. J. Bryant*

OVER the past year or two a considerable number of letters has reached the Editor regarding the Dead Sea Scrolls and our understanding of the New Testament. Not a few of these letters have expressed concern at suggestions that the Scrolls cast considerable doubt on the traditional text of the Bible.

In fact, the contrary is the case. The discovery of the Scrolls is indeed one of the most exciting archaeological finds of this century. It has by a happy chance coincided with another far more important happening, which cannot fail to have a profound effect on the whole of the Christian Church. This is the changed attitude of the Roman Catholic Church to Biblical studies.

Work in Jerusalem

One of the results of the recent Vatican Council has been a fresh emphasis on the liturgical use, exposition and study of the Scriptures. Long before the Council met, a team of Dominican scholars was established in Jerusalem to study both the most ancient texts of the Bible and the archaeology of the Holy Land.

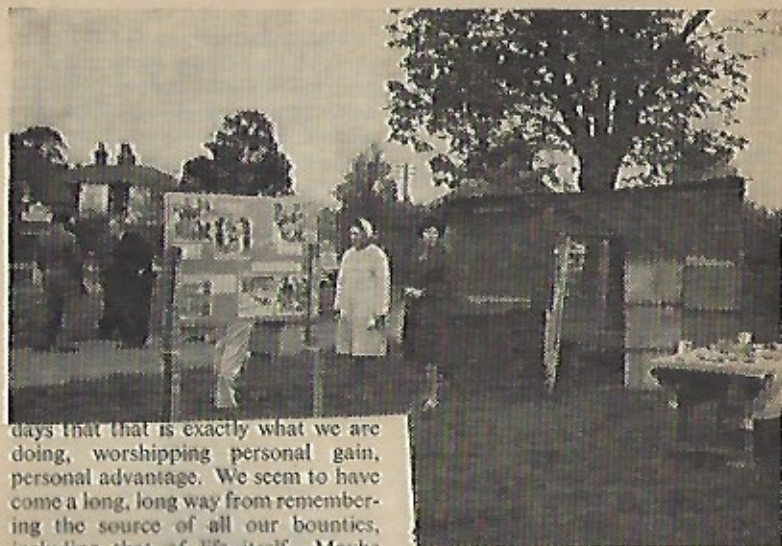
It was shortly after this group began its work, in the early part of 1947, that an Arab goat-herd, Muhammad ed Deeb by name, was aimlessly throwing stones into a cave near the Dead Sea when he heard the sound of breaking crockery. Subsequent investigation brought to light quite a number of jars containing ancient scrolls. These were torn into fragments and sold in Jerusalem as souvenirs. Soon their importance was recognized. Then, by devious means, and the expenditure of no little money, the bulk of the fragments were collected in St. Mark's Monastery in Jerusalem and the University nearby. This event certainly encouraged the group members and aroused the interest of many of the older people.

Recent Project

A more recent project in which the 20+ Group are sharing is the Meopham Housing Association. This is a locally-sponsored attempt by Christian people to assist in a situation where there is a growing shortage of

In 1952 the leader of the Dominican archaeological team, Father de Vaux, led an expedition to the place where the scrolls had been found, and discovered two more caves. These contained fragments of documents and two complete scrolls engraved on copper. Soon afterwards some Bedouin produced further manuscripts which they had discovered. The chase was now well and truly on, and by 1956 eleven caves had been investigated, and well-preserved texts of the Psalms and some of the Prophets had been recovered. These were about 2000 years old, and thus earlier than any hitherto known manuscripts of the Old Testament. For the most part they strikingly confirmed the accuracy of the existing text, although there were

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in action now

Neville Cryer reports . . .

10. FROM THE KENT COUNTRYSIDE

The local people tell me that Meopham is the longest village in England, and as it stretches along five miles of the road from Rochester to Wrotham this may well be so. Its history is certainly like its size. The present parish church was built in 1325.

But it was not to savour the past that I came here to produce this report. For what had drawn me to this part

of Kent was the news that some of the younger members of the present congregation had begun to make their own mark on the life of the Church.

Response to a Challenge

The 'Tanzania Project' was first explained to me by the Rev. Frank Mitchell, who was Vicar of Meopham until recently. It all developed, he said, after a visit by the Youth Chaplain and a visit paid by some of the young people to a meeting at which Bishop Trevor Huddleston was the principal speaker. At this meeting the Bishop had pointed out the great lack of concern amongst many English people for the needs of Christians overseas. The young people had there and then determined to respond to this challenge. They split up into groups of three or four members and each group studied one aspect of the life of this new country. Into their studies, and the play and exhibition which they then produced, they drew

both older members of the congregation and also youth groups from the surrounding area.

From the three major deficiencies in their country which Tanzanian visitors from the London office revealed—Education, Medicine and Food—the young people selected a project to equip part of a school by trying to raise £250 over two years.

Meetings in Homes

This is not the whole story of Meopham's youth, however, nor would it be unusual if it were. I was entertained during part of my stay by Mr. and Mrs. Freere, a young couple in their twenties. Dennis Freere and his wife have had a hand in the formation and running of the 20+ Group which tries to carry on the life of the younger Church members when they have finished with Youth Clubs as such.

Though the Group, formed two and a half years ago, is not a large one, it is steadily growing and is a healthy size for the population of the parish as a whole. To the group, which normally meets twice a month on a Sunday evening in one of the members' homes, have already come a string of interesting visitors from various walks of life, but including the local Roman Catholic priest and the part-time Strict Baptist minister.

One of the monthly home meetings is what they call a 'serious evening'

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

There is a grace of kind listening, as well as a grace of kind speaking. Kind listening is an act of the most delicate interior mortification, and is a great assistance towards kind speaking. Those who govern others must take care to be kind listeners, or else they will soon offend God.

FREDERICK WILLIAM FABER

when they hear and pray about some piece of welfare or community service, and on that occasion they have a collection for the object which they have been considering.

The two most significant events in the recent life of the group are connected with Christian Aid and Housing. Last year they erected a life-sized replica of a Hong Kong refugee hut on the village green, and all sections of the church and local community were enrolled to staff and maintain it during the week. Passing motorists were invited to bread-and-cheese snacks, and an Eastern-type meal was served to some hundred people. This event certainly encouraged the group members and aroused the interest of many of the older people.

Recent Project

A more recent project in which the 20+ Group are sharing is the Meopham Housing Association. This is a locally-sponsored attempt by Christian people to assist in a situation where there is a growing shortage of reasonably priced accommodation. Land for some thirty units of housing is being bought and the 20+ Group had just had a Social Evening before I arrived to raise money to buy shares in this undertaking.

I have said enough to underline the point with which I began. This is an ancient part of Britain but not all its history and life is under the churchyard soil. Here are young Christians in action now and for the days ahead. Meopham is a fruitful ground and perhaps it should not surprise readers to hear that it was Christians here who were first responsible for the creation of the latest branch of the Telephone Samaritans in England—the Medway Towns Branch. With a new and vigorous vicar in their midst there is much to look forward to—and action there should be in plenty.

The Collects for October

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Good Works

SOMETIMES we slip into thinking that the grace of God is a reward which he gives to those who, as a result of their upbringing and their own efforts, have managed to achieve some measure of righteousness and some measure of faith. The truth is that we cannot ever either earn or deserve God's grace. God's grace 'prevents' (or precedes) every movement we make towards him. He initiates; we respond. And his grace also 'follows.' So that, as we respond, we receive grace upon grace.

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Temptations

All temptations are of the devil. The devil may tempt a man through his own nature—the 'flesh.' And this temptation may be physical as in the Temptation story in Luke 4. 3 when our Lord is tempted by the devil to use his divine power to turn stones to bread to relieve hunger, or spiritual, when he is similarly tempted to jump off the roof of the temple in order to create an impression. Or the devil may tempt by external means.

The flesh is not in itself evil. Body and mind may have unruly instincts. But their need is to be redirected, not eradicated or repressed. Similarly, the world is not in itself evil. 'He was in the world, and the world was made by him' (Jn. 1. 10). But the world has the besetting sin of forgetting that its origin and destiny lie outside itself with God.

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Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Spirit

We cannot describe the wind itself. We can only describe what it does. So it is with the Holy Spirit.

This is how St. John sees the role of the Spirit. In relation to the Church it is to guide her members into all the truth as step by step they are able to bear it. In relation to Christ it is to bear witness of him. The Spirit does not act independently of the Son, but points the relevance of Christ's words and deeds to each and every situation.

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Readiness to Serve

This Collect is one of those which shows signs of a 'security-mindedness' which implies that one of the Christian's prime concerns is to keep himself from spiritual harm. Careful interpretation is needed if it is to appear consistent with the authentic Christian spirituality which teaches that 'whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.'

But readiness to serve is certainly an authentic Christian virtue. We need to be ready to discern the presence of Christ as he enters into every situation of our lives, even when and where he is least expected. Cheerfulness is in the same category. For as we discern Christ's presence in the storms of life we hear him say, 'Be of good cheer' (Mt. 14. 27).

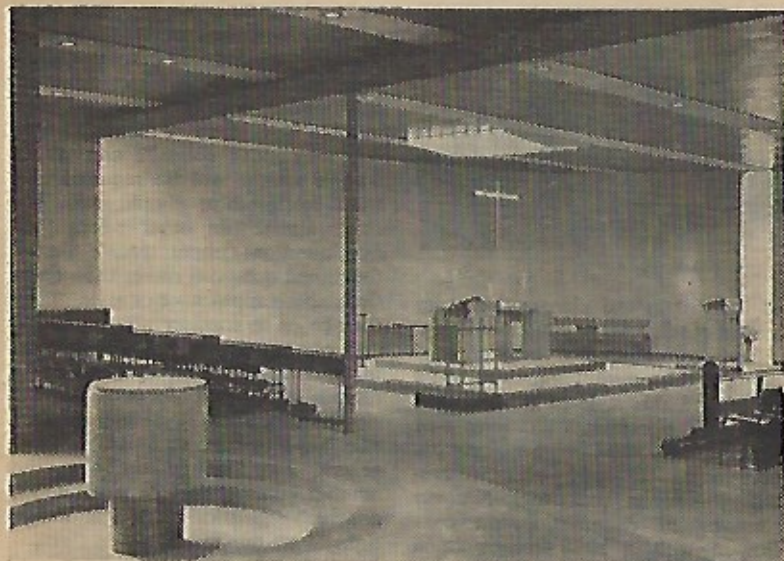
Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

Pardon and Peace

The conjunction of 'pardon' and 'peace' is due as much to theological as to literary considerations. There can only be true peace when there has been pardon; just as there can only be pardon when there has been penitence.

The same notion is stated again, the terms pardon and peace being replaced by cleansing from sins and quietness of mind.

RONALD GORDON



Interior view of St. Chad, Phoebe

Architect: Denys Hinton and Associates

New Shapes in Churches

The first of two articles by Gilbert Cope, Deputy Director, Birmingham University Institute for the Study of Worship and Religious Architecture

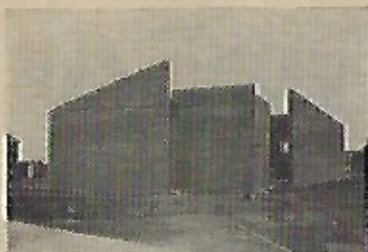
PROPERLY speaking, a 'church' is a body of people. But in popular usage a 'church' is taken to mean a building, i.e. the shelter of the local membership of the Body of Christ. We speak of 'going to church,' but, really, we should speak of 'going together to be the church.'

Christians can gather together to be the church in any sort of building—or, indeed, without any building at all. But, obviously, it is convenient to meet

in a building of some sort. What sort of building? Historically, church buildings have been constructed of many different materials and in many different sizes and shapes. The form of any church building reflects much of what 'the Church' was understood to be by those who designed and constructed it. Subsequent alterations also indicate that later generations may have had different ideas from those of the original builders.

Most people have a common 'image' of what a church should look like and, often, when confronted by a modern church, they are inclined to say 'That doesn't look like a church!' The popular image is, of course, a two-roomed building (nave and chancel) built in the Gothic style (pointed arches), complete with bell-tower and, maybe, steeple as well. The majority of the churches of Britain are of this kind: many were built in the latter part of the medieval period and most

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Exterior view of St. Chad

of the rest in the nineteenth-century revival of this kind of church building.

Two comments are not inappropriate at this point. First, there was a time when this style of building was new—and shocking. We may well imagine that some of our forbears, accustomed to dark, heavy, earth-bound Norman (i.e. Anglo-Norman romanesque) churches, when confronted with a new soaring stone skeleton said 'That doesn't look like a church!' Secondly, travel to European countries has opened the eyes of many British people to the fact that in some regions the popular image of a church is certainly *not* Gothic. For example, in Ravenna a 'church' means either a long-aisled basilica or a centrally-planned octagonal building; in Rome the predominant image would probably be the development of the classical revival known as baroque; in Bavaria the elaborate interior decoration called rococo would be an essential part of the image; only in northern European territories does the Gothic image prevail.

We must accept the fact that there are many different types of building—widely ranging in both size, materials, style and appearance—which were built as churches and, in most cases, are still used for Christian worship. And when we accept this fact and, correspondingly, rid our minds of the prejudice that a 'church' *ought* to 'look like' this or that building type, then

we can begin to appreciate what modern church-builders are trying to do.

Good modern architects, when asked to design a building, ask such questions as 'Who is going to do what in it?', 'How many of them and how will they move about?', and 'What sort of rooms will be required and what relationships should exist between them?' In other words they ask questions about *people* first—functional questions rather than questions about appearance or style. They then go on to consider what materials and construction methods would be most appropriate for a building to contain the activities for which provision must be made. At this stage they also have to take into account the general character of the site, the amount of money which is available, and such regulations and legal obligations as are applicable.

Architectural Fantasy

Oddly enough, some architects seem to forget this approach when they are asked to design a church: they go all romantic and think first about appearance and what a wonderful opportunity they have to show off their expertise. Unfortunately, such architects can often 'get away with it' because the client (i.e. the local churchpeople) is not sufficiently well-informed either about modern architecture or even about public worship!

Good modern churches are built as the result of an extended dialogue between a patient architect and a building committee willing to ask themselves fundamental questions about worship—what they really want to do in the building.

(In a subsequent article Dr. Cope will discuss some of these fundamental questions; he will also deal with the relationship of other church rooms to the 'worship-room' and other interesting questions.)

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RECTOR'S LETTER

On the 16th of this month we shall be holding our annual Church Missionary Society Sunday when the Reverend H. Busk will be our deputation speaker at both services. Once again this will give us the opportunity to hear and appreciate the value of missionary work. Sadly to say quite a number of Christians are not missionary minded. Nevertheless all thoughtful Christians realise the importance of this work, not only in combating communism—the twentieth century bogey—but also in combating the materialism of our world which has not only seized upon Western Christendom and others to a point of fever, but is rapidly spreading to those we call pagan. Let then the love of Christ constrain us to support the missionary and his work with our prayers, and almsgiving to the best of our ability.

I would also like to draw your attention to the meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society at Fairlight Village Hall on 5th October. A notice of this appears in the magazine. And here I would ask that we not only give generously but also make a place in our prayers for this

Society's most necessary work in the circulation of the Gospel, the Good News of God's love and Kingdom among all nations.

With best wishes from us all at The Rectory.

Yours sincerely,
ERNEST A. PARKINS.

It was with deep regret we heard of the death of Mr. James Rubie on 11th September. Mr. Rubie in my years here and until his departure to Devon gave most valuable help in the choir. His beautiful rendering of many a tenor solo and his kind and friendly disposition at all times will be remembered by many of us for a long time. We record our deep sympathy to Mrs. Rubie and her family and may God grant them the consolation of His love and peace at this time.
E.A.P.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

- 2 TRINITY 17 Harvest Thanksgiving
Mattins 10.45, Holy Communion 11.55,
Evensong 6.45.
9 TRINITY 18
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Evensong 6.45.
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E. Mr. Glazier Mr. Pratt
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E. Mr. Simpkin Mr. Coleman
30 M. Mr. Jury Mr. Hill
E. Mr. Barden Colonel MacLead
November 6 M. Mr. Pearce Mr. Pratt
E. Mr. Pratt Mr. Gilbert

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15th, Mrs. Pearce, 22nd, The Misses Hill,
29th, Miss Lorden and Mrs. Allwork.
November 5th, Mrs. Newman, 12th, Mrs.
Farrar, 19th, Mrs. Woodhouse, 26th, Mrs.
Lindsay Grant.
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10th, Mrs. Gilbert, 17th, Mrs. Pratt, 24th
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world to cease;
The wrath of sinful man restrain,
Give peace, O God, give
peace again.

- H.W. Baker.

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WORK PARTY

The Work Party will meet this month on Tuesday October 18th and on November 1st, 15th and 29th. New members will be welcome.

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WANTED:

Strings or loose beads are urgently needed by the Rectory Work Party. If you can help please leave the beads at the Rectory or give them to a member of the Work Party and we shall be most grateful.

P.P.

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J-A-Y-H-E-E

The Diocese of St. Albans
has recently "adopted"

Jeyi and now share with Pett a common interest. The following extract appeared in See Round the St. Albans Diocesan leaflet.

Food is never plentiful in India and as the newspapers have been telling us it is even scarcer now than usual. Huge shipments of grain are being sent there from abroad and being rationed out as relief to the hungry who can be reached. In India many cannot be reached.

The fertile plains of the Ganges are well cultivated and Jeyi (pronounced Jayhee) is set in country not unlike our own fenland. The men work on the land, repairing dykes, weeding or planting. The young boys tend their cattle. The women can be seen washing the family's clothes in the village pond, using large stones as scrubbing boards. At sunset as a fire of dried cakes of cow dung is lit, a meal of chapattis (pancakes) and brinjals (small aubergines) is prepared. Little or no eggs, milk or meat. The women eat after and apart from the men. No one stays up late as, though they have clay oil lamps, there's no oil to spare.

Here for fifty years, Christians have been helping Indian villagers to an acknowledgement of Christ by serving them as teachers, nurses, and in the development of their village life. First a small school, then enlargement, then teacher training, then a dispensary and a Church, an operating theatre, electricity, midwifery classes. All this

now supported by grants from the Indian government.

Then, in 1963 disaster - the monsoon floods ruined Jeyi.

What was to be done.

The Bishop of Lucknow aimed not just to repair what could be saved, but to use this disaster as an opportunity to expand. Work began at once and has continued since. We are (both) trying to take our share in this small but significant step towards feeding the hungry and towards bridging the gulf between the have and the have not nations of the world.

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VILLAGE NEWS

Pett Village Hall Film Shows

After the summer break the Film Shows started up again on Thursday, September 8th. "Composition in C" told of the manufacture of numerous plastic materials, and "Race against Time" showed how the new Grand Stand was built at Ascot. "The Year of the Cortina" was filmed at all the big races and Rallies in which the Cortina did so well. Bring your friends to the next showing on Thursday, 13th October.

- H.W.

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16th September 1966

PETT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - There was a good attendance at the September meeting, which was presided over by Miss D.M. Clarke. She welcomed Mrs. Shearer, who had come to judge the competition. It was announced that the "Christmas" party would be held on November

24th.

Pett's "Scrapbook for 1965" will be on show at an Exhibition of East Sussex Scrapbooks to be held at Lewes Corn Exchange on October 11th and 12th.

Mrs. Jury, Treasurer gave a final report on Pett W.I.'s collection for Cancer Research. £28.12.6. has now been sent to the Hastings fund.

Miss Parks reported that the Evening Institute had enjoyed a talk by Mrs. Waterman on photography.

Mrs. Lovejoy, for the Produce Section, said that a profitable time had been spent on September 2nd, when novices in jam-making brought their work to be judged by Mrs. Mason.

Pett Winter Fair will take place on 4th November. Miss Clarke then welcomed Alderman William Dunlop, Pett's representative on the East Sussex County Council, and Chairman of the County's Roads and Bridges Committee.

He was heard with great interest.

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JUDGEMENT DAY?

"Under the heading Lenten Arrangements in the monthly magazine of the parish of St. Peter, Staines:

March 13, 6.30 p.m. - Rev. St. John the Divine, Kennington.

Peterborough in the Daily Telegraph.

"Smiles and laughter have settled more disputes and saved more awkward situations than all life's logic, philosophy and economics put together."

- Unknown.

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"The test of a preacher is that his congregation goes away saying not 'What a lovely sermon' but 'I will do something about it.'"

- St. Francis de Sales.

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"The worst thing that could befall a Jew was not the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, but the far greater spiritual danger of forgetting God".

- William Purcell.

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OBVIOUS EXPLANATION:

Buying a Bible in a Bournemouth bookshop, a Quaker remarked to the young woman assistant: "You know, I'd be lost without this to turn to every morning."
"Ah," she said, "I thought you looked like a crossword fiend."

- Peterborough,
in The Daily Telegraph.

Results of Snapshot Competition 'Age'



1st
Mrs. N.
Barber,
Breaston,
Derby.



2nd Mr. L. J. Bowles,
Redruth, Cornwall.



3rd Mrs. L. M. Clough,
Gillingham, Kent.



SPECIAL PRIZE

This month a special prize is awarded to Miss E. L. Padwick for her photograph of Miss A. Tilley of Christchurch, Hants, who was 105 last March.

SEE PAGE 156 FOR FURTHER COMPETITIONS

Your Questions Answered

Before the Reformation

Was England a Roman Catholic country before the Reformation?

Your question really raises the whole history of the Church. In the New Testament we find that there was only one great church to which the churches in different cities all belonged (Eph. 4, 1-5). After the disintegration of the Roman Empire communications became difficult, and in A.D. 1054 the Church split into two, the Bishop of Rome becoming the leader of the Church in the West, of which the Church in England was part. During the next five centuries the Roman Church became in many ways corrupt, and in 1516 Martin Luther, a Roman priest in Germany, began a campaign for reform. A large part of the German, and later Scandinavian, Church followed Luther and broke away from Rome. In England Henry VIII at first attacked Luther, but later because of his matrimonial problems repudiated Papal authority. Thus the movement towards a more austere form of Christianity spread here also. Today, largely

as the result of the work of Pope John XXIII, reformation is being effected in Rome itself. 4475

The Rosary

Why is the Rosary so little used in the Anglican Church?

Although the name 'Paternoster Row' in London is a reminder that Rosaries were once widely used in England, they have not been popular since the Reformation on the ground that they encourage 'vain repetition' of prayers. Whether this popular view is soundly based is quite another matter, and there can be no doubt that, properly used, the Rosary is an excellent aid to devotion, as the Anglican writer Baring-Gould once said. However, the fact that the Roman Church has tended to make the Rosary an end in itself, with its own feast day, makes it unlikely that it will be widely adopted by Anglicans. 4476

What is Unity?

Exchange of pulpits and inter-communion is already practised to some

extent by the Churches. What is meant by complete unity, which one supposes is the ultimate aim?

The meaning of 'Church Unity' and its ultimate aim is expressed in the words of our Lord in John 17, 20 and 21: 'I do not pray for these only, but also for those who are to believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.'

If the New Testament is taken at its face value the object of Christianity is so to change the hearts of men that all barriers of wealth, class, nationality and race are broken down. In the face of such a programme limited exchange of pulpits and inter-communion are a modest enough step indeed, but they are at least a step in the right direction. 4477

Whys and Wherefores

Could you please answer the following questions regarding Church customs? Why do some people kneel at the words 'and was made man' in the Creed? Why is a small bell rung on several occasions during the Communion Service? Why are the candles put out after the Third Collect at Evensong?

The custom of kneeling at the words 'and was made man' in the Creed is

said to have become widespread after Louis XI of France ordered it in his private chapel, after observing some monks make the reverence in acknowledgement of our Lord's humility at the Incarnation.

The ringing of bells to mark points in the service grew up when people ceased to be able to understand Latin. The bell was rung at the Sanctus to remind the congregation to stand and join in, and again at the words of Consecration to indicate that all should kneel.

Putting out the candles after the Third Collect at Evensong is quite a modern custom. 4478

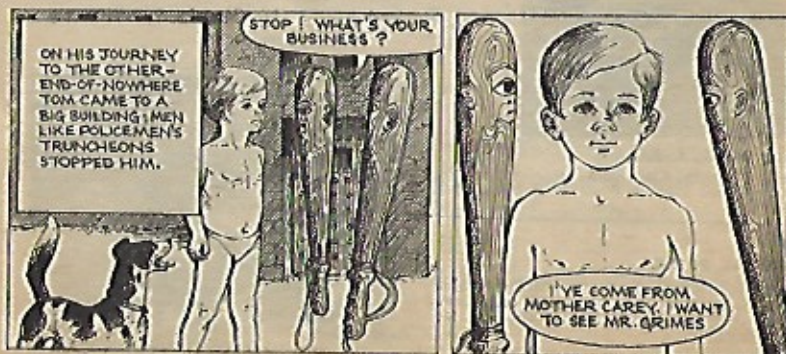
Why Robes?

Why do the clergy of the Church of England wear robes?

The wearing of ceremonial robes by those who are called to exercise any particular function in the community is by no means limited to the clergy. Basically, the reason why the clergy wear robes would seem to be the same as the reason which leads lawyers, schoolmasters, and even members of city councils to do so. 4479

All questions on the faith and practice of the Church of England sent to the editor of Question Page, 35 Pembroke Street, Oxford, will be answered personally by him if accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope. A Book Token, value 5s., will be sent to the writer of each question published.

The Water Babies, from the story by Charles Kingsley



SNAPSHOT COMPETITION

Due to the popularity of this year's snapshot competition we have decided to hold a further competition in 1967. Readers are invited to submit their entries, together with a descriptive caption, by the following dates: October 14th for the subject of 'Mother and Baby' to appear in January; November 1st for 'Home-work' to appear in February; December 1st for 'Feeding Time' to appear in March; January 1st for 'Bedtime' to appear in April; February 1st for 'Play-time' to appear in May; March 1st for 'In Camp' to appear in June. Other subjects will be announced later.

PRIZES

Each month, the three best entries will be awarded prizes. First prize, three-guinea Book Token; second prize, two-guinea Book Token; third prize, one-guinea Book Token.

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2. Each entry must be clearly marked on the back with the name and address of sender. For return of photo please send stamped addressed envelope.
3. Also on the back of each entry should be a descriptive caption to the photograph.
4. Competitors may submit now entries for any of the classes mentioned above.
5. Entries should be addressed to the Editor, 35 Pembroke Street, Oxford.

THE BIBLE AND THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

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many minor variations and some of them were of importance.

Meanwhile the Dominicans had started to produce their new translation of the Bible, taking the new discoveries into account. This appeared in French between 1948 and 1954, and it has been praised both for its historical accuracy and the excellence of its style.

The English version of the Jerusalem Bible, as it is known, will be published on October 21st. Like the French version it is a translation from the original manuscripts, but it incorporates material which has come to light since the French version was published. The English editor is an eminent Roman Catholic scholar, Father Alexander Jones, who has been assisted by a group of some twenty-seven translators and revisers. Introductions, some written by Father de Vaux himself, and others by Father Pierre Benoit, are provided to both individual books and groups of books. They make most interesting reading, and if in places their conclusions appear a little conservative to those who have become conditioned to the more radical views of some Protestant

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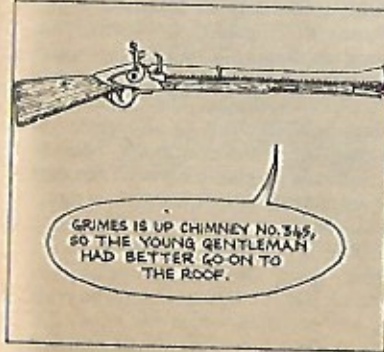


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scholars they are perhaps none the worse for that. Of their concern to present an accurate text, and to explain that text in the light of what is known from the most recent archaeological work, there can be no doubt.

THE JERUSALEM BIBLE may be obtained from Mowbrays, 28 Margaret Street, London, W.1. It contains 2,100 pages, with eight maps, and is issued in cloth at 84s., post 3s. 6d. Orders may be recorded in advance for despatch on publication day, October 21, 1966.





Kenneth Sansbury

THE new Secretary of the British Council of Churches has now been in office long enough to discover how challenging and important a job it is. Clearly, the ecumenical movement in this country as in others must now either move forward or stagnate. Cyril Kenneth Sansbury, formerly Bishop of Singapore and Malaya, seems just the man to face such a challenge. His background is wide indeed. After Cambridge and Westcott House Theological College, and curacies in Dulwich and Wimbledon, he was an S.P.G. missionary in Japan, chaplain at St. Andrew's, Tokyo, and later to the British Embassy there. After that he was an air-force chaplain, then Warden of Lincoln Theological College, and Warden of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, before going to Singapore. He was an honorary canon of Canterbury Cathedral and is an honorary fellow of St. Augustine's. He is married, with three children. Such is the factual record. Behind it lies the heartening truth that in Kenneth Sansbury the British Council of Churches has as its General Secretary a first-class man. His forthcoming book, to be published by Mowbrays next spring—called *Truth, Unity and Concord*, a study of the Anglican faith in an ecumenical setting—is certain to be interesting and likely to be important.

Have you read?



H. G. G. Herklots reviews...

WHAT do we make of the 'Establishment' of the Church of England? What does it mean for us? Is it a good thing that Bishops are appointed by the Crown? Is the Establishment something to be exported?

To this last question the answer is almost certainly No: attempts to set up an established Church across the sea have brought more difficulties than advantages—from the Church in colonial Virginia with its tithes paid in tobacco to the establishment of the Church in India. As late as 1946-7 the expenditure on ecclesiastical affairs shown in the Indian accounts was £285,597; and this was largely raised from a non-Christian public.

The time has come for a fresh examination of the position of the Church in England in relationship to the State. This is done in a Penguin volume entitled *The English Church—A New Look*, edited by Bishop L. S. Hunter, formerly of Sheffield. 'The Church of England,' he writes, 'has clung too long to a belief in the value of amateurism. It looks outmoded in a technological age. The Church also clings quite absurdly to an eighteenth-century belief in discontinuity. Months are allowed to elapse between the date of an incumbent's or bishop's resignation (or death) and the successor's institution or enthronement.' They order these things differently elsewhere. Yet the Bishop—and the team he has collected—does not argue for disestablishment. He wants a national

Church, which serves the nation, and does not forget that it is but a part of the catholic Church of Christ.

This is basic reading for the Church Councillor. *God's World* by Bishop Trevor Huddleston of Masasi is basic reading for the enquirer, one who wants to know what it means to be a Christian and what difference it makes.

Here is a book about the Church in England and a book about the Church in the world: *The English Church—A New Look*, edited L. S. Hunter (Penguin Books, 4s. 6d.). *God's World* by Trevor Huddleston (Fontana Books, 3s. 6d.).

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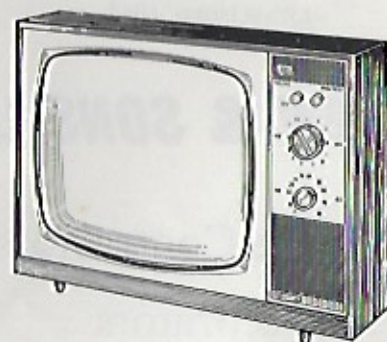
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