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St. Thomas  
and  
St. Mark  
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# Our new man at St. Mark's

Willis Fell, Curate of Clay Cross, is to be Vicar of St. Mark's Church, Brampton. He succeeds the Rev. Stuart Samuel who left four months ago. Mr. Fell hopes to be instituted in May.

Willis Fell is (to use his own words) 'a very ordinary person'. A Derbyshire man, he felt God's call to the ordained ministry later in life. He trained in Manchester on the North West Ordination Course for three years, which meant that he earned his living in a secular job at the same time. He did the usual theological studies with fifty other mature students who worked in various occupations throughout the north of England, and with different church traditions.

Willis served his first curacy at Bolsover before moving to Clay Cross, where he has worked with George Dunning for the last three years. His wife Lena is employed by the National Trust at Hardwick Hall during the summer season. They have two children: Susan who works in Chesterfield, and a married son who lives near Derby.

Willis enjoys listening to most kinds of music and likes a bit of gardening (to enjoy it). The whole family enjoy walking, and as they have two dogs it is just as well!!! His football team is Southampton, but he says Chesterfield are well worth supporting!

He looks forward to working at St. Mark's and in close relationship with his neighbouring parishes of Old Brampton, and Loundsley Green and St. Thomas. He thinks that the idea of keeping strictly to your own patch is a bit old fashioned. Asked whether he is 'high or low' (whatever that means) he replies both, catholic and evangelical. "I see the whole Church as one big family, the members caring for one another and for those whom we meet day by day in our daily lives, following the example of our Lord," said Willis.

Needless to say, the Ministers and members of the Brampton Churches look forward eagerly to Willis' arrival and extend to him a cordial welcome to their fellowship. The date of his starting work will be determined largely by the progress made in modifications to the clergy house in Shaftesbury Avenue.



# Roundabout

## EASTER MONDAY HIKE

Bank Holidays are now well established hiking days for members of our churches. On Easter Monday a walking party has been arranged and will probably take to the hills and valleys in the region of Ladybower reservoir near Bamford. Meet as usual in St. Thomas' car park at 10.00 a.m. All the family are welcome - but do bring strong footwear, warm and waterproof clothing and your packed lunch.

## CONFIRMATION

The Bishop of Derby will officiate at the Confirmation in St. Thomas' Church at the parish Communion on Sunday 11th May. It is expected that both adults and young people will be among the candidates to be presented.

## ANNUAL MEETINGS

St. Thomas' Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held this year on Monday 14th April at 7.30 p.m. in St. Thomas' meeting room. Holy Communion will be celebrated beforehand at 7.00 p.m. for any who would like to preface the meeting with this act of prayer. The A.P.C.M. provides the opportunity for every member of the electoral roll to play his part in electing the Church's officers for the coming year, and to ask questions about any aspect of church life.

## PASSION PLAY

A number of people from the parish will be going to the passion play at Oberammergau from 24th May to 31 May, and enjoy a few day's holiday as well. We hope to have their impressions - supported by photographs - in our next issue.

## PATRONAL FESTIVAL

The Festival of St. Mark will be celebrated at the 10.00 a.m. service at St. Mark's on Sunday 27th April.

## ST. MARK'S BARN DANCE

A Grand Barn Dance, in aid of the Organ Restoration Fund, will be held on Friday, 11th April, at the Goldwell Rooms, 8.00pm. Tickets £1.40 (including refreshments) from Brian Johnson (72590) or David Innes (36874). Please note the date and give us your support.\*

## PARISH PICNIC

On Sunday June 8th there will be an outing to Woollaton Park with picnic lunch and a tea provided (to be paid for). We shall travel in our own cars and leave directly after St. Thomas' Parish Communion 12 noon. There will be things for everyone to see and do and space in cars for those without transport. Meet at St. Thomas' car park.

Barbaque June 14th at the Rectory 7.30. Lots to eat; dancing on the grass, side shows, cake stall etc.

## EASTER FLOWERS AT ST. THOMAS'

\* Those who would like to remember a loved one at Easter please collect a card from the Church or Rectory. The cards will be placed on the altar. Donations along with the card will go towards Easter decorations.

## ROUNABOUT continued

MRS. GRACE BOOTH and MRS MINNIE COOPER

In February St. Mark's Church lost two well-loved, respected and long-serving members of its congregation in the deaths of Mrs. Booth and Mrs. Cooper.

Both ladies lived to see the tiny seed planted years ago in Hipper Street grow into the living Church of St. Mark today.

Mrs. Booth's husband, the late Mr. Albert Booth, was churchwarden for a number of years until his death. Mrs. Cooper was the widow of Mr. Charles Cooper, who served St. Mark's as a chorister for many years until his death a few years ago. Both these gentlemen were supported by their wives in all the duties they performed for our church.

Until ill-health prevented them from attending St. Mark's they were regular in their worship, outstanding in their service - the needles plied on behalf of the Ladies Working Party was but one of their many accomplishments, much appreciated by both buyers and sellers at every Bazaar - and gave valuable support in many unknown ways.

They will be sadly missed but always lovingly remembered. Their families know that their sorrow is shared by all at St. Mark's Church.

## PYTHON FILM BRINGS BLAST FROM CANON

Monty Python's comedy team should turn their 'acid' on Islam and then run for cover, says a Church of England clergyman who went to see the controversial film, Life of Brian.

Canon Ken Quine, editor of Leicester diocese's magazine News and Views and Vicar of St. Peter's, Belgrave, Leicester, found the film blasphemous and in bad taste.

"Only a fool could miss it," he writes in the March issue of his magazine. The Python team was funny without "this kind of thing." And he adds: "Let them turn their acid on Islam and events sacred to that religion, and then run for cover. They will get stiffer opposition."

## BAD TASTE

Canon Quine says that he went to the cinema without his clerical collar to inhibit, so that he could observe the 'congregation' as well as the screen.

He had to decide for himself who was right: the critics who found the film in bad taste or others, "including a few with-it gentlemen in cassocks," who thought it not in the least offensive.

## NOW HE KNOWS

Letter from a schoolboy: "Last week the Bishop came for confirmation, I was sitting quite near him, and now I know what a crook looks like."

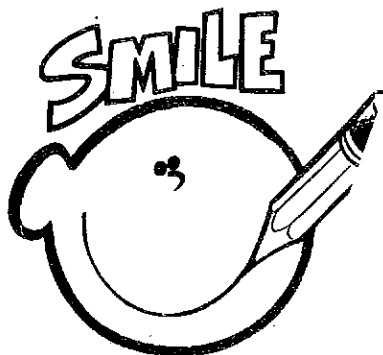
(From The Anglican Digest)



Forgive me Lord, that I should say,  
How hard I find it is to pray.  
I kneel in faith, sometimes in shame.  
Do other people feel the same?

I pray for what I do not need  
And You good Lord give patient heed.  
But in Your wisdom send to me,  
What e'r is best, and has to be.

Teach me to pray for one and all,  
To wait to listen to Your call,  
That here on earth You will be done;  
You know the need of everyone.



There will be a procession next Sunday afternoon in the grounds of the Monastery; but if it rains in the afternoon the procession will take place in the morning.

— *Irish parish bulletin*

“Mummy, did God make elephants?”

“Yes dear”.

“And did God make fleas?”

“Yes dear”.

“Well, didn’t He find that a fiddling job after making elephants?”

One of the questions on an examination paper set for police candidates was:

‘What are rabies, and what do you do about it?’

A candidate answered ‘Rabies are Jewish priests, and you can’t do anything about it.’

Answer to Puzzle Corner  
Here

$$545 + 5 = 550$$

Scripture exam howlers:

‘Thy rod and thy scarf’

‘David took away Saul’s spear and hot water bottle’.

The editor of a magazine who became irritated with the number of complaints about his editorials decided to run the Ten Commandments in place of the next editorial. A few days later a letter arrived: “Cancel my subscription. You’re getting too personal!”

At a recent church meeting the deteriorating condition of the rectory windows was discussed. Finally a motion was made: “We move that a committee be appointed to look into the rectory windows.”

— *The Anglican Digest*



Don’t go to any trouble, Dad. I’m not stepping long, so no fatted calf or anything. . . .

# NEWS ROUND-UP

## SETTING THE GOOD NEWS TO MUSIC

A twenty-four-year-old West Yorkshire schoolteacher, Mr. Geoff Taylor, of Carleton Green, Pontefract, has won the first prize of £500 in the Bible Society's "Sing Good News" competition.

The Society challenged musicians to set sections of the Good News Bible to music. Mr. Taylor, a self-taught guitarist, chose verses from the fourteenth chapter of St. John's Gospel based on the words "Do not be worried or upset."

## SERMON ON MOUNT

A special schools' prize of £500-worth of musical instruments, awarded by the Society and the Salvation Army, has been won for Whitefield Junior School, Liverpool, by Mr. Colin Vaughan.

Mr. Vaughan selected verses from the Sermon on the Mount which the school's forty-strong choir recorded. And the children will sing again when prizes are presented in the Albert Hall, London, during a musical evening on March 27.

Mr. Colin Waller, of East Ham, London, won the second prize of £300; and Mr. Ian Endersby, of Blackheath, London, came third and receives £200. The fourth prize of £100 has been awarded to Lee Abbey Music Workshop for an entry written during a workshop led by Mr. Adrian Bell of Burley Hill, Leeds.



## UNITED CHRISTIAN WITNESS AGAINST NATIONAL FRONT

Churchpeople in Southwark took action to counter the National Front march through the borough with a celebration of praise.

Speaking for the Church of England in Southwark, the Bishop said that they would have wished that an organisation based on evil principles should be forbidden to proclaim its racial doctrine; but they recognised that, in existing circumstances, the National Front could not usually be prevented from taking part in marches.

Throughout Saturday night and into Sunday morning Christians maintained a vigil in local churches, and on Sunday morning some members of black-led churches joined in the services of mainly white congregations.

The Ecumenical team of borough deans - representing the Church of England, the Roman Catholics, the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the black-led churches, the United Reformed Church and the Salvation Army - issued a statement which said: "We want this borough to be a place where black and white live together, equal under the law, equal members of society, unafraid to walk the streets; and we pledge ourselves to work together to bring this about."



If God gave you ten times as much as you give him, could you live on it?



### GINGERBREAD

10 oz. Self raising flour  
1 level teaspn. bicarbonate of soda  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspn. salt  
1 teaspn. cinnamon  
3 or 4 teasp. ground ginger  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspn. ground nutmeg or cloves  
5 oz. lard  
1 teacup water  
6 oz. brown sugar  
8 oz. (4 tablespns) Golden syrup or  
Black treacle.  
2 standard eggs (Size 3)

Sift flour, soda, salt and spices into a large bowl. Put lard, water, sugar and treacle into a saucepan and heat until lard has melted. Stir and cool.

Grease a shallow 9 inch square tin and line base with greaseproof paper. Make a hollow in dry ingredients and gradually mix in treacle mixture, stirring all the time. Add eggs one at a time and beat well. Alternatively mix with electric mixer.

Cook for one hour or until firm, <sup>40 mins</sup>  
Gas Mark 4. 325° - 350°

Leave to cool a little before removing from baking tin.

I want to know what the Bible says about Jesus, by Geoffrey Geoffrey Crogan, B.D., M.Th. Kingsway Publication. Price £2.50 (In the Public Library)

This book is one of a series of twelve designed to communicate the teachings of the Bible in language that most people understand.

The character and personality of Jesus have fascinated people for years, and more books have been written on the subject than about any other person. But this is a different approach to the subject and serves the different life style of people in modern society.

The book takes first the Gospels in a factual form, then come the questions, answers and explanations to points raised. This is followed by the studying of those facts already given in the works of Peter, James, Paul and John. In turn the Bible gives its meaning to the life of our Lord, to the relationship of Jesus to God, and to mankind, and finally to the wonder of God Incarnate.

It is a most comprehensive book, covering all aspects of Christianity and its teaching, and should be a great help to all its readers.

*"Eight stone  
six! This really  
is Heaven."*



# CORNER

5 + 5 + 5 = 550

One stroke of the pen makes this correct. Where do you make it.

Answer on page 9

# DROP NUCLEAR DETERRENT

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## DROP NUCLEAR DETERRENT AND HERE'S WHY SAYS B.C.C.

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Mr. Francis Pym, The Secretary of State for Defence, was told recently by a delegation from the British Council of Churches that in the Council's view, the British independent nuclear deterrent need not and ought not to be replaced when it becomes obsolete in the mid-1990's.

They pointed out that since the number of nuclear powers has increased from one to six or seven. The total of 10 or 20 war-heads in existence in 1946 has become the 30,000 of the present day. Their destructive power is now measured in megatons rather than kilotons. Humanity and the world we inhabit can be destroyed many times over.

### Wholesale Destruction in a 'Just War'

The primary concern of the BCC derives from the traditional just war doctrine, which is accepted by most non-pacifist Christians. In particular this requires that military operations shall not cause direct harm to non-combatants, and that they shall not be destructive to excess — beyond what is necessary from a strictly military point of view.

Nuclear weapons fail both tests. No matter how small their size, they are likely to be indiscriminate in their immediate effects; they cannot avoid being indiscriminate in their long term effects — for radiation continues to affect everything it has touched

far into the future. Furthermore, it is difficult to see how the weapons could be used in any likely European theatre of war without wholesale (i.e. 'excessive') destruction and loss of life.

### Reducing the Spread of Nuclear Weapons

The second ground of the Council's concern is that at present the campaign to reduce the spread of nuclear weapons to non-nuclear states lacks political force partly because no one will make a new initiative.

In the view of the BCC, as well as many commentators on military affairs, Britain's nuclear deterrent is not essential to Western defence, nor is it relevant to the defence of a Britain that would survive being defended by it.

To forego the replacement of the Polaris system would have positive results in two ways at least. It would put pressure on existing non-nuclear armed states who have not yet done so to sign the Non-Proliferation Treaty. (For they greatly resent what they regard as the arrogance of the nuclear armed powers for demanding a restraint of others which they refuse for themselves.) Secondly, it would require a response from other nuclear states in terms of their own commitments to nuclear disarmament.

### Safer Place to Live

In the light of these considerations, the BCC Assembly, by an overwhelming vote last November, urged the Government not

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# Come, Holy Spirit



Creator Spirit, source of the dynamic energy in the universe, offer your power to recreate the Church, taking the seed of our hope to make new life.

Spirit of power, present in the life of Jesus who reached the full height of manhood, offer your power to the Church enabling it to reach its maturity.

Renewing Spirit, you swept through the group of disillusioned disciples revitalising them in fellowship, mission and service. Offer your power to the Church recalling us to the priorities of our life and task.

— From Prayers for the Church  
Community published by NCEC

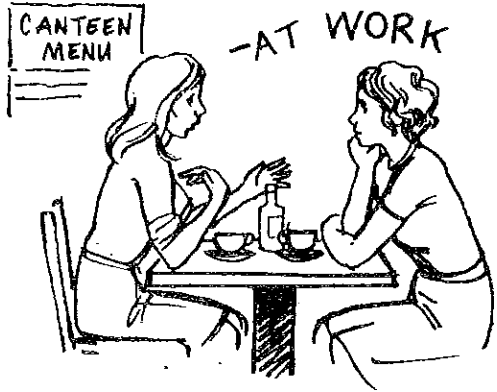
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## Nuclear deterrent, concluded

to replace Britain's Polaris missiles, and urged other countries to take equivalent steps of renunciation or restraint.

The Rev. Brian Duckworth summed up the Council's case by saying that 'far from endangering our security, such an initiative would make the world and Britain a safer place to live in. At a time of great international tension, it would give new moral and political force to the cause of the non-proliferation of the most dangerous weapons the world has ever known'.

66 YOU SHALL BE  
MY WITNESSES!"



# not for grown ups

## peration clean-up

**NATIONAL SCOUT JOB WEEK  
APRIL 7-12 1980**

Scout Job Week (in predecimal and inflationary times well known as 'Bob-a-Job' Week) is held every Easter to raise funds for the British Scouting movement.

This year, April 7 to 12, the emphasis will be on cleaning up the country, with more than 50,000 scouts and cubs from groups all over the UK selecting their own rubbish clearing schemes and carrying them out, hopefully with the usual local community support. Nationally the occasion will be substantially sponsored by Kentucky Fried Chicken, with prizes from Colonel Sanders for the best schemes.

This ..... is ..... the ..... way .....  
the ..... church ..... sometimes .....  
looks ..... to ..... the ..... vicar .....  
when ..... he ..... goes ..... into .....  
the ..... pulpit .....

It would look like this if every body brought  
somebody else to church!

### JUMBLER BIBLE BOOKS: WHAT ARE THEY

XDEOSÙ  
OMSA  
NEGSEIS  
GSEIK  
TCAS

STUTI  
NASPPIHPLI  
SGEDUJ  
HAISIA  
VRPOBRE

### ANSWERS

Exodus  
Amos  
Genesis  
Kings  
Acts

Titus  
Philippians  
Judges  
Isaiah  
Proverbs

When I was small  
My mum was tall.  
But now I am big  
She's shrunk a bit.

— David Lindsay (8½)



# IN YOUR GARDEN



Everyone must grow runner beans. Seeds are usually sown outdoors not earlier than the beginning of May. It is recommended that one seed is sown at the foot of each pole (spaced 9" to 12" apart. I used to sow two to each pole and generally finished with more poles than beans but my slugs were very greedy. Now I always start my beans protected against the ravages of weather and slugs, a sheet of glass covering a box if nothing better is available. A container which will accommodate a 4" depth of compost (John Innes No. 1 or similar) is required and the seeds should be spaced 2" apart each way. Plant them about 1" deep and don't forget to keep them watered. This plant will not grow in a temperature much below 50 deg. F. I once had a box of seedlings actually stand still for a few days because of an unexpected drop in temperature. Runner beans like rich living and plenty to drink. They benefit from manure or garden compost dug in during the previous winter and I expect all gardeners are aware of the practice of opening up a trench and filling it with garden and kitchen vegetable waste. The trench should be back-filled during the early part of the year so that the ground can settle. Almost all plants require a degree of firmness to promote root growth. Failing sufficient vegetable material to put in the trench screwed up newspaper can be added, it will absorb water and act as a reservoir during dry weather and ultimately rot down to provide humus.

Runner beans are particularly subject to invasion by black fly which, like its green relative, can rapidly build up to plague proportions under favourable conditions (as happened last year). Immediately the first few are seen action is needed. A regular weekly spray using Derris, Pyrethrum or one of the general purpose insect sprays stocked by all horticultural stores should keep them at bay. Fungicides and other types of sprays recommended for specific ailments are unsuitable for this purpose. If you have plenty of time Derris dust applied to the underside of each leaf is very effective.

Free flowering plants which give a succession of blooms throughout the season will often produce better flowers if the first few buds are removed. Pansies and sweet peas are typical of the flower which benefit from this treatment. The first flower buds of dahlias may be removed with advantage and in addition dis-budding may be done. This consists of removing the smaller buds which surround the terminal bud of each flowering branch. If in addition buds are removed further down the branch even larger blooms will result. In the case of chrysanthemums only dis-budding should be practiced. It is by means of these techniques that the magnificent blooms which win prizes at flower shows are produced.

It is generally advised that rhubarb crowns which have been forced are only fit for the compost heap. You may like to defy this piece of gardening lore so try giving them a generous ration of manure and leave for a season without pulling any sticks. If you've the patience you may be surprised.

Bedding plants purchased are often not properly hardened off having been raised under protected conditions and are offered for sale much too early. Wait until the weather has warmed up a bit and the icy gales have subsided before you buy them for immediate planting.