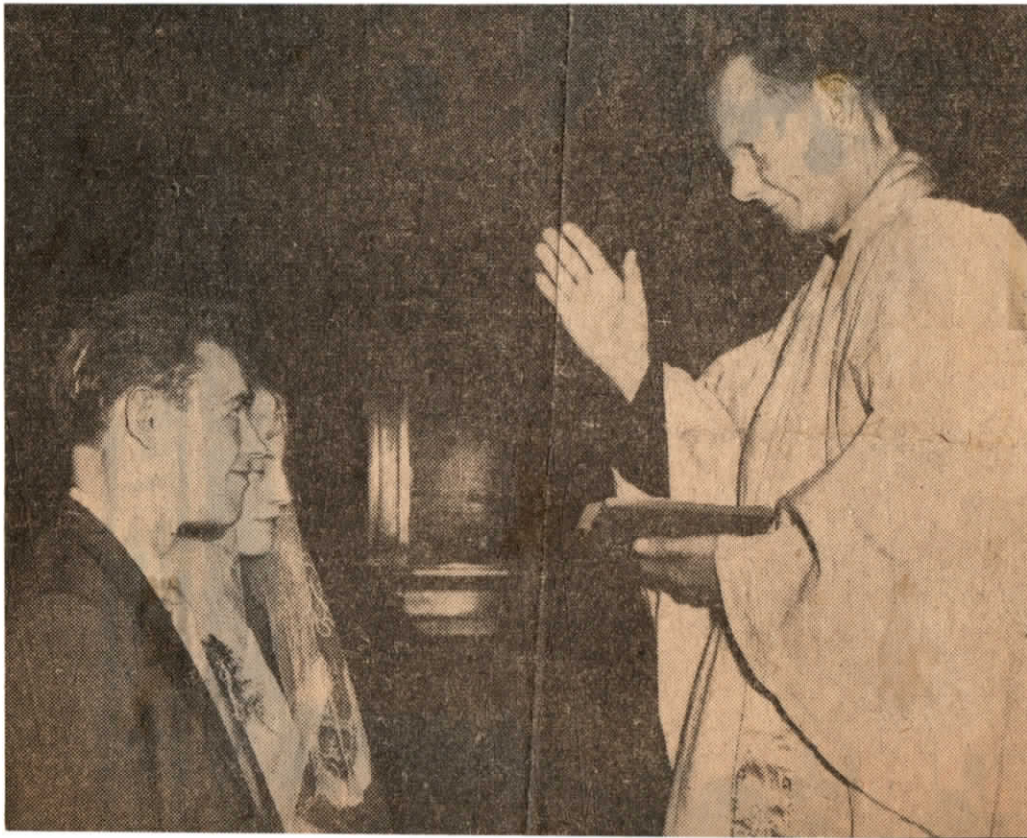


# PARSON JOHN WORKS IN

A WORKMATE  
—BUT HE  
WED THEM!

# THE BREWERY

HE'S TAKING THE  
CHURCH  
TO THE WORKERS



● The working parson, The Rev. John G. Rowe, officiating at the wedding of 21-year-old Elizabeth Willer and Andrew McNab at Shoreditch Church yesterday. He is the bridegroom's workmate.

## *'I want to share their life'*

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**B**REWERY employee Andrew McNab was married to Miss Elizabeth Willer yesterday by the Rev. John G. Rowe. Nothing unusual in that—except that Mr. Rowe works for the same firm as the bridegroom.

He believes that if the workers won't go to church, the church must go to the workers—even to a brewery. So he got a job at Truman's brewery in Stepney, London, first of all as a yeast presser and now as an electrician's mate.

He had been at the brewery some time before the employees found out he was a clergyman. He is not a teetotaler and enjoys a drink with them in the evenings.

Mr. Rowe is also a part-time unpaid assistant to the Vicar of St. Paul's, Bow Common. He officiated at the wedding of workmate McNab at Shoreditch Parish Church.

A modest man, he dislikes publicity about his job or his ideas.

A friend told me: "He took this job to be near the people." He bases his ideas on those of the worker-priests of France.

Mr. Rowe has told a colleague: "I am not out to convert my fellow-workers, which they tell me is impossible anyway!"

### Sharing life

"I wish simply to share in

their way of life as much as I can, for they are no less God's people than those who go to church."

This worker-priest of the Church of England is married with three children. He was born in British Guiana and was a police officer there.

Later he studied at McGill University in Canada (where he was accepted for Holy Orders), and at Cambridge.

Last word from a fellow-worker: "He mucks in very well with the men. They like him and call him John."