

St. Thomas' Church.

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FEBRUARY, 1906.

Vicar—Rev. WALSINGHAM C. KERR.

Churchwardens—Mr. KENNETH ROTHERHAM and Mr. HUBERT WATERS.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS—

Holy Communion, 8 a.m., also First Sunday at 11 a.m.

Holy Baptism, Second Sunday, 3-30.

Matins, 11 a.m.

Evensong, 6-30 p.m.

Saints' Days, 10 a.m.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE—

Second and Fourth Sunday at 3 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—

10 a.m. and 2-30 p.m.

NOTICES FOR THE MONTH.

CLASSES, &c.

Girls' Guild—Wednesday, 5-30 p.m., Schools

Boys' Club—Wednesday, 6 p.m., Vicarage

Choir Practice—Thursdays, 7-30 p.m., Church

Sunday School Choir—Thursday, 5-30, Schools

Young Men's Club—Friday, 7-30 p.m., Vicarage

Chip-Carving Class—Tuesday, 5-30, Vicarage

Clothing Club—Hon Treasurer—Miss Rotherham.

(Payments every Monday Morning.)

Verger—Mr. CRANER (who receives Notices of Banns, etc)

Hon. Sec. for Magazine - Mr. H. LOASBY, The Schools.

OUR Magazine has received a very kindly welcome in both Parishes, the Hon. Secretary's report relieves us from all doubts of its financial success. There must be very few houses where the Magazine is not taken, as 200 copies are ordered. This is a great encouragement; it shows a readiness on all sides to help any efforts that are made for the spiritual good of the Parish.

We heartily thank those ladies who have undertaken, and so successfully inaugurated, the distribution of the Magazine.

On February 11th and every second Sunday, at the 8 a.m. Celebration, there will be Special Intercession for Sunday School work. We hope that many parents will be present at these services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The Xmas Party was held on January 5th. The tea tables, arranged and nicely decorated by some of the teachers, ably assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Loasby, were quickly thronged with happy and appreciative guests. Judging from the

determined attack on the good things provided, this must be a healthy district. After tea, Mr. Hugh Rotherham gave an excellent Magic Lantern Entertainment; the uproarious expressions of delight must have well repaid him. The Vicar distributed small prizes to those who had gained full marks during the two months school was open last year. A vote of thanks to Mr. Rotherham, and those who had kindly provided the tea and prizes, brought to an end a very happy evening.

A very successful Concert was given on December 30th, in aid of the Young Men's Guild. The schools were crowded, even the standing room available, used up. The following programme had been arranged—Songs by Mrs Sawers, Miss F. Smith, Mr. Arthur Bill, Mr. P. Wilks; Duet, "Madam, will you walk," Mrs. Sawers and Mr. P. Wilks; Two Costume Songs, from "Three Little Maids" and "Mikado," by Miss B. Hillman, Miss F. Smith, Miss I. Browett, and Mrs. Sawers. Two Plays, "Second Thoughts," by Members of the Thespian Club—Miss

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ST. THOMAS', KERESLEY.

Easton, Miss Mildred Jones and Mr. A. L. Bill. "Breaking the Ice." Miss Browett and Mr. Hay. Accompanist, Miss Rotherham. Everything was so good, that it is difficult to praise any one item. In "Second Thoughts," the acting was excellent. The Vicar proposed a vote of thanks to those who had provided such a delightful evening's entertainment, and also to Mr. B. Browett, who unfortunately was unable to be present. The proceeds, in aid of the Young Men's Club, amounted to £5, after paying all expenses.

The Young Men's Guild intend to hold a Social and Dance, at the Schools, on Tuesday, the 13th inst. Mr. Leeson has been engaged to play during the evening. The tickets (price one shilling) can be obtained from Mr. Cooper, Brownhill Green, or any member. Early application should be made, as the number is limited.

On Thursday evening, January 25th, a Presentation was made to Mr. A. E. Phillips, a very old member of the Choir, on his recent marriage to Miss L. Dillworth. The presentation took the form of a dinner and tea service, subscribed for by the Churchwardens and Choir. Although Mr. Phillips has taken up his residence at Earlsdon, it is hoped that his long service in the Choir will not be entirely severed, but that on many occasions in the future (and the oftener the better) his well-known figure may be found in its accustomed place.

CONFIRMATION.—Classes will shortly be formed for those who wish to be prepared for Confirmation. We hope that christian parents and godparents will fulfil their sacred responsibility: "Ye are to take care that 'this child' be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him"; this is the rule of our Church, that when our children have come to years of discretion, i.e., when old enough to know the difference between right and wrong, they should openly affirm their resolution, to be true disciples of Jesus Christ, and "to continue His faithful soldiers and servants unto their life's end." The Vicar will be glad to receive the names of those who will attend the classes.

CLOTHING CLUB.—The Hon. Treasurer asks us to remind members that cards and money should not be sent by the younger children.

BLANKET CLUB.—At the request of many members this Club will be continued. Payments can be made at the Vicarage, on Mondays, at 6 p.m. A bonus will be given at the end of the year—the same as last year—on amounts of £1 and 10/-.

GIRLS' GUILD.—During the past month our Girls' Guild has made good progress in work and attendance. The "Fancy Work" Ward, superintended by the Misses Ratliff and Turner, has laid the foundations of our stall, in the shape of several D'oyleys, neatly and effectively worked. This is a good start, and the other wards will soon contribute their quota. Miss Kirby has promised to read to us next Wednesday, which will add much to the interest of the evening.

Much regret is felt at the decease of Mr. Joseph Liggins, who has lived in our midst for more than 60 years. He was a prominent figure in the public life of Coundon. For forty-three years he successfully carried through the arduous duties of Poor Law Guardian; and was for some time Vice-chairman of Meriden Board. He has been ill for some time, and the end was not unexpected.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

TO THE MAGAZINE FUND—2/6 from Mr. Tredell, Mrs. W. Turrall, Mrs. A. Kirby, Miss Ratliff, Mrs. Jagger, Mr. R. Phillips, Miss M. Kerr, Mrs. Caddick, Mrs. E. Turrall, Mr. T. Townshend, Miss Phillips, Miss Rotherham, Mrs. Waters, Mr. E. Phillips, Mrs. F. Twist. 2/- from Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Hands, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. French, Mrs. K. Rotherham, Mrs. Craner. 1/6 from Mr. Pratley, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Reeves, Mrs. Griffin, "Parishioner."

CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY AND PRIZE FUND.—Mr. H. Waters, 7/6; Mr. K. Rotherham, 5/-; Mrs. Allday, £1; "Parishioner," 2/6; Mrs. Mitchell, 10/-

FOR THE BOYS' AND YOUNG MEN'S GUILD.—Mr. K. Rotherham has very kindly presented us with a handsome bagatelle board. The members greatly appreciate this gift. Magazines from Mrs. E. Turrall, *Pearson* and *Windsor* (monthly); Mrs. Mitchell, *Illustrated Papers*; "Parishioner," 2/6

BAPTISMS.

Jan. 14—William Thomas Cyril Gibson
" 14—Ina Emma Probert Morris
" 14—James Edward Poole
" 20—Mildred Alice Caddick

MARRIAGE.

Jan. 7—Arthur Lenton and Charlotte Ann Kenning

BURIAL.

Jan. 6—Joseph Liggins, aged 91 years