

St. Thomas', Keresley.

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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.

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

THE first words of the first number of the Parish Magazine must be to wish every reader a year of happiness, of peace, of plenty; may it be a year of good resolves fulfilled; of new hope and energy. May every Christian try to serve Christ more faithfully. Each of us do something to make the world a little better, a little happier.

We would ask that this Magazine may find a home in every house in the Parish. The two local pages will contain parochial news. Our Parish covers a wide area, and it is only by this means that all can know what is being done, and what is going on. So this Magazine is useful in bringing all into touch with our efforts for good, and making our Church life more real and helpful, than it has been perhaps, in the past.

Then there is the question of finance. The Magazine, to fulfil its mission, should find its way

into every house in the Parish; to do this, the price must not exceed one penny. Here the Editor, though able to boast of a long experience of the strictest personal economizing, must admit failure. A penny, after every scheme has been tried, will not meet the total cost. The inside Magazine is the best obtainable. The local printer seems to expect some remuneration. Will those who can afford it pay 2/6 or 2/- a year for the Magazine? We would be very grateful to those who will relieve us of this financial difficulty, and the Editor of his worried look.

We would like to thank the members of the Church for their attendance during the Advent week services.

Our Church was prettily decorated for the Christmas Festival; the Sanctuary, by Miss Rotherham; Pulpit, the Misses Turner; Reading Desk, Miss Hillman; Lectern, Miss Mitchell; Windows, A. Townsend; Standards, Miss Kerr; and Miss Singer.

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ALTAR FRONTAL.—There was indeed a pleasant surprise awaiting those who came to Church at Xmas. This was a very handsome white Altar frontal, with a beautifully worked centre, and super-altar frontal, for use on Festivals, presented to the Church by Miss H. Rotherham, Mrs. R. A. Rotherham, and Mrs. Mallam, in memory of Mr. John Rotherham. The members of our congregation greatly appreciate his most generous and appropriate gift, which greatly enhances the beauty of the Church.

Our Sunday School Choir assembled in large numbers on Xmas Eve, and processed round the parish. They certainly "carolled very sweetly," and their efforts were appreciated, as £2 10s was subscribed at the eight houses visited, towards a school Xmas Party. We would thank the kind donors. It is hoped that an organized Choir will do something to stop the many tuneless and painful efforts made by small groups of men or children at Xmas time.

The Young Men's Club has made a promising start; some 30 members meet at the Vicarage every Friday evening. The room is much too small for permanent use. The following officers were elected: Hon. Sec., J. R. Cooper; Committee, J. Craner, W. Clews, H. King, H. Fowkes, S. Houghton, C. Bowns, W. Ensor.

The Boys Football Club has been supplied with two footballs and goal posts, etc. The following kindly subscribed 10/- each—Miss N. Rotherham, Mr. H. Rotherham, Mr. H. Waters, the Vicar.

TO CHURCH EXPENSES FUND.

Mr. Hugh Rotherham, £5.

SICK AND NEEDY FUND.

Offertory on Xmas Day, £4 9s. 7½d.

It has been suggested to give a list of parish "wants" in the Magazine. When we think of their number, our courage fails; when we think

of the kindness and generosity of our readers we take fresh hope, and dip deep. A ping-pong table, small tables, and games of any kind, Magazines, for the club. Small oak credence table for Sanctuary. A sum of £1 to make up amount required for Children's Xmas Party. Two basses and a tenor for the Choir.

Several "Sittings" to let, apply to Mr. Sparrow.

CLOTHING CLUB.—It has been decided that year will close, and the cards signed, on November 5th, instead of in April. Members please note this.

ALTAR LINEN.—We gratefully acknowledge the gift of a new and complete set of Altar Linen and red silk Chalice Veil, from one of our congregation.

The Girls' Guild meets every Wednesday evening, in the Schools. The members are very busy plying their needles and knives in the cause of the Mission to Seamen, and other Church work. The Guild is divided into wards, over each of which two ladies preside, and assist the willing efforts of each member. There are over 40 members; any girl wishing to join, has the option of working at plain sewing, fancy work, crocheting, or chip carving. We thank those ladies, who kindly provided materials to start us in the work.

BAPTISMS.

- Nov. 5—Florence Amy Spiers
 „ 12—Francis Joseph Poole
 Dec. 5—Ernest George Gibson (P.B.)
 „ 10—Cyril Charles Edward Harris
 „ 20—Hubert Reginald Green
 „ 24—Hilda Nightingale

MARRIAGE.

- Dec. 25—George Arnold and Elizabeth Ellen Nicholls

BURIAL.

- Dec. 7—Catherine Sammons, aged 74 years