

St. Thomas' Church.

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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—Wednesday and Friday, 7-30, Vicarage.

Choir Practice—Friday, 7-30 p.m.

Blanket Club—Hon. Treasurer—Miss Kerr
(Payments, Monday, 6 p.m.)

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.

LENT SERVICES.

ASH WEDNESDAY—

Children's Service, 9-15 a.m.

Litany and Service, 10 a.m.

Evensong and Sermon, 7-45 p.m.

Thursday, March 8th, 7-45—Rev. M. J. Whicker—

S. John's.

" " 15th, 7-45—Rev. R. E. Walker—

S. Mark's.

" " 22nd, 7-45—Rev. R. E. Healey—

S. Thomas'.

" " 29th, 7-45—Rev. R. A. Coombs—

Allesley.

DAILY SERVICE—

Matins, 9 a.m.

Evensong, 6 p.m. (except Thursday.)

During the Sundays in Lent, the Vicar will preach two courses of Sermons—

11 a.m.—"Words from the Cross."

6-30 p.m.—"The Trial and Death of Jesus."

CONFIRMATION CLASSES—

For Young Men, on *Thursdays*, in the Church, beginning *March 1*, at 8-30 p.m.

For Young Women, *Saturdays*, in the Church, beginning *March 3*, at 6-30 p.m.

ON Ash Wednesday we begin the season of Lent. It is a time of spiritual culture for those who do not entirely disregard the Church's system of spiritual education—and who can afford to do so? The purpose of Lent is that by sincere self-examination we may gain a true knowledge of our spiritual state, to remedy wherever we discover ourselves to be living unworthy of our Christian profession; that by self-discipline we should gain more self-mastery; and through greater self-sacrifice render better service to God and our fellows.

The Church does not lay down any strict rules about Lenten observance, trusting to the wisdom and earnestness of each member; it must be very personal, not imitated from any pattern, but the utterance of each one's repentance and love.

The Collect for the first Sunday in Lent sets before us that longing for "new and contrite hearts," as the first step to loftier holiness of character, and the Church calls upon each, for self-denial, to enable us to subdue the flesh to the spirit, that we may hear the voice of God within.

The following practical methods have been found very helpful—

(1) To secure a little more quiet time for reflection and prayer.

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- (2) Self-examination—looking into our motives and conduct, with the simple desire to know the truth.
- (3) To make a special study of some part of Holy Scriptures.
- (4) To practice some self-denial.
- (5) To make a more frequent and earnest use of the means of Grace, offered by the Services of the Church.
- (6) To take up every ordinary duty with fresh zeal and determination, to seek fresh opportunities of rendering service in the Church to Christ.

Make sure that Lenten observance is purifying, strengthening, uplifting our character and life, helping us to be more unselfish and more useful.

MISSIONS TO SEAMEN.—The Rev. E. W. Michell will preach on behalf of this Society on March 18th. The Society is doing a grand work among our Sailors and Sailor lads, in Home and Foreign Ports. We trust that members of our congregation will use this opportunity of shewing their appreciation, by their presence and support.

ALTAR FLOWERS—The following ladies have kindly undertaken the supply of flowers—

February—Miss Singer.
 March—Mrs. E. Turrall.
 April—Mrs. F. Twist.

MAGAZINES.—Those who require extra numbers of the Parish Magazine, should give notice the month previous.

SOCIAL.—The Young Men's Guild held their first "Social and Dance," at the School, on 13th inst. Some of the Committee were hard at work early in the evening, and the rooms soon underwent a complete transformation. Flags, kindly lent by the Rector of S John's, and extra lamps, "commandeered" from the neighbours, added much to the festive appearance. The floor received great attention, and was as difficult to navigate as the frost-bound road outside. Many a stalwart youth 'lost his feet'—fortunately the floor is strong.

Despite a fall of snow and sleet, 120 guests arrived, and with Mr. Leeson at the piano, the dancing was kept up with great zest till a late—or rather an early—hour.

During the evening, Songs were given by Mrs. French, Mr. Collier, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Leeson. The refreshments, under the care of Mrs. Flowers, were excellent.

The Secretary, Committee, and the "M.C.'s," Messrs. S. Collier and Hemmings, are to be congratulated on the success of their first effort. Everyone present seemed to enjoy it thoroughly. It has been decided to hold another in Easter week.

BALANCE SHEET.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Tickets sold	6	1	0
Expenses:—						
Printing	5	0		
Floor Polish	2	0		
Mr. Leeson	1	1	6	
Lighting, etc.	2	2	½	
Fee, Schools and Caretaker	6	6		
				1	17	2½
Balance	£4	3	9½

J. R. COOPER, Hon. Treasurer.

OFFERTORIES.

	£	s.	d.
Jan. 28th—Church Extension Society	...	2	12 10
Feb. 4th—Church Expenses	...	4	19 0½
Children's Offertory—Sunday School Fund	...	11	3

The Vicar acknowledges with sincere thanks the following gifts—

For the Young Men's Guild.

10/6 from Mr. C. Whittem.
 10/- from Mr. R. Phillips.

For the Magazine Fund.

2 6 from Mrs. Hillman.
 2 6 from Mrs. Singer.
 2 6 from Mrs. Lloyd.
 2/- from Mr. W. Townsend.

For the Girls' Guild.

Three large hanging lamps, from Mrs. F. Twist

MARRIAGES.

Jan. 27th—Bernard Bosworth and Elizabeth Mullis.
 „ 31st—Albert James Edwards and Alice Cooper.

BURIAL.

William Clarke, aged 73 years.