

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

Vicar.—Rev. WALSINGHAM C. KERR, B.A.
Churchwardens.—Mr. W. H. CADDICK, Mr. T. TURNER.
Sidesmen.—Mr. H. SLEATH, Mr. J. BARNET.

NOTICES FOR THE MONTH.

CLASSES, ETC.

MONDAY.—Mothers' Meeting, 2.15. Mrs.
G. F. Twist.
Clothing Club, 12. Miss
Rotherham.
Blanket Club, 6.30. Miss
Kerr.
Men's Club.
TUESDAY.—Young Men's Guild. Even-
ing Classes, 7 to 9.
WEDNESDAY.—Girls' Guild, 5.30.
Men's Club.
Communicants' Guild (Junnr.),
7.30. Miss Townshend.
THURSDAY.—Horticulture Lecture.
GUILD SERVICE.—4th, 7.15.
ALTAR FLOWERS.—Mrs. E. Turrall.
SCHOOL MANAGER.—Mr. E. Turrall.

The season of Lent begins this week. The fact that its call to a special effort for deepening the spiritual life is welcomed by few, emphasizes its need.

The great danger of religion is unreality. There is such a temptation to get into the habit of using language which is unreal, expressing unreal sentiments, sometimes indulging in unreal practices, that the first essential thing to do if Lent is to be a useful time to us, is to divest our minds of all cant and unreality.

Let us begin at the very beginning, find out exactly where we are, test quietly and strongly what we do believe, match our words and our actions to our faith, then our Lenten discipline will make us stronger Christians, able to worship Christ with our intellects as well as our hearts, and bring a new grip on the faith which, perhaps unthinkingly, many of us have inherited from our childhood.

The chief aim of Lent is briefly contained in the Collect for the first Sunday; when we pray that prayer next Sunday we shall begin with our Master's fasting, we shall remember how He put the associations and appetites of the earth aside that His Father might come close to Him. We shall pray to Him to help us,

SERVICES IN LENT.

ASH WEDNESDAY—
8.30 a.m.
11 a.m.
7.15 p.m.

Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m.
Daily Evensong, 6 p.m.

SUNDAYS—

Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Catechism, 3 p.m.
Mar. 8. Preacher, 6.30 p.m. Rev. R.
E. Walker, S. Mark's.
,, 15. Preacher, Rev. F. W. Cropper.
Offertories for the "Missions
to Seamen."
,, 22. Celebration at 12 noon.

so to let spirit in where flesh is now, closest to our wills, that hereafter we may be more full of spiritual influences, more ready to do what is right than what is pleasant, more sensitive to the fear of God than to the fear of man.

Suggestions.—There must be something definite, a rule, to be kept with perseverance.

The Lent rule comes under three heads:
1. *Prayer*, public and private—especially increased attendance at the Holy Communion.

2. *Fasting*, some real self-denial.

3. *Almsgiving*—giving, and doing unselfish acts of kindness, which cost something.
S.P.G.

The annual meeting will be held at the Baths Assembly Hall, on the 24th, 8 p.m. We advise those who can to attend. Dr. Marks, a missionary in Burmah for forty years, will tell something of his wonderful experience.

HOUSE OF LAYMEN.

A meeting will be held in the Parish Club Room on Friday, the 6th, at 8.30, to elect two laymen from this parish to the Ruri-decanal Conference. All adult Communicants of the Church of England are earnestly invited to attend.

We gratefully acknowledge the following subscriptions:—

Magazine.—2s. 6d.: Mrs. Singer, Mrs. Jagger, Mrs. E. Turrall, Miss Ratliff, Mrs. T. Townshend, Mrs. C. Adcock, Mrs. Iliffe, Mrs. Hillman, Mrs. Caddick, Mrs. W. Turrall, Miss Rotherham, Mr. Phillips, Mrs. A. Kirby. 2s.: Mr. W. Townsend, Mrs. Hands, Mr. C. Henson, Mr. Turner, Miss S. Townsend, Mrs. Jones, Miss Goode, Mrs. Smith. 1s. 6d.: Mr. Reeves, Mrs. French.

Young Men's Guild.—Mr. W. H. Cad-dick, 5s.; Mr. R. Phillips, 5s.; Mr. G. Singer, 10s.; Mr. H. Rotheram, 10s.

A Whist Drive held on January 22 proved very attractive; the nine tables in use required some ingenuity in arranging. Every one enjoyed the evening so much, it was decided to have another last month, which was equally successful. Mrs. and the Misses Townshend, the promoters thereof, were heartily thanked for the excellent arrangements.

Teams representing the Men's Club and Young Men's Guild met in billiard and whist competitions—result, one match each, and two very interesting and enjoyable evenings.

Scores.—Billiards, Men's Club: A. Godden, 1; T. Green, 0; J. Green, 1; R. Goode, 0; Wainright, 1; F. Pratley, 0; H. Townshend, 1—4.

Young Men's Guild: W. Harwood, 0; Vicar, 1; C. Woodfield, 0; F. Osborne, 1; Jessop, 0; S. Oughton, 1; Craner, 0—3.

Whist.—Club: Godden and Townshend, 0; Goode and Green, 0; T. Townshend and Hewins, 1; Reeves and Pratley, 1—2.

Young Men's Guild.—Craner and Vicar, 1; Woodfield and Lloyd, 1; Oughton and Jessop, 0; F. Osborne and Roe, 0—2.

Return:—

Billiards.—Men's Club: Goode, 0; T. Green, 0; J. Green, 0; G. Thompson, 0; W. Nightingale, 0; Wainwright, 0; H. Townshend, 1—1.

Young Men's Guild.—Harwood, 1; Lloyd, 1; Woodfield, 1; Oughton, 1; Jessop, 1; D. Butters, 1; Craner, 0—6.

Whist.—Men's Club: Oughton and Hewins, 0; Green and Goode, 0; Wainwright and T. Townshend, 1—1.

Young Men's Guild.—J. Roe and D. Butters, 1; Craner and W. Kerr, 1; Lloyd and Woodfield, 0—2.

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RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance in hand	0	5	2
Per. Miss Kerr	1	7	1
„ Miss Townsend	1	9	3
„ Miss Lloyd	1	4	0
„ Miss Hands	1	12	5
„ Miss B. Enser	0	19	10
„ Miss Turner	1	19	9
„ Miss A. Enser	0	19	9
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„ Miss Martin	0	17	3
„ Extras	0	6	2
„ Advertisements	4	16	0

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EXPENSES.

	£	s.	d.
To Loss on Almanacks	0	3	1
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„ Carriage	0	14	2
„ Magazine and printing	14	5	9
„ Balance	1	6	8

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H. P. LOASBY, *Hon. Sec.*

Examined and found correct,

WALSINGHAM C. KERR.