

# St. Thomas', Keresley and Coundon, Parish Magazine

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## Notices for the Month.

MONDAY.—Clothing Club. Miss Rotherham.

FRIDAY.—Choir Practice.

SUNDAY.—The Library, 3.45. Mr. Suffolk.

ALTAR FLOWERS.—Mrs. Plevins.

PREPARATION SERVICE.—24th, 8 p.m.

S. MATTHEW.—21st.

S. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.—29th.

EMBER DAYS.—16th, 18th, 19th.

## Services for the Month.

Sundays.—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Also  
1st Sunday, 11 a.m.; 3rd Sunday, 10  
a.m., Choral.

Holy Baptism.—2nd Sunday, 3-30 p.m.

Saints' Days.—8-30 a.m.; 6 p.m., Evensong.

Services of Intercession for our Soldiers and  
Sailors.

Monday, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, 8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

Thursday, 8 p.m.

Every Day at 8.30 a.m.

The Church is open daily for private prayer.

Contributions placed in the alms box will be  
given to the Red Cross Society.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—Sunday, Sept. 27th.

7 a.m. Holy Communion.

8 a.m. Holy Communion.

11 a.m. Matins,

Rev. W. J. Easterbrook.

3 p.m. Children's Service.

6.30 p.m. Evensong.

MOTHERS' UNION SERVICE, 17th, 10 a.m.,  
Holy Communion, with special Intercessions.

## The War.

" . . . in the darkness of Calvary. We learn there that behind all the storm, and behind all the power of force and material things of gold and iron, there is God, and spiritual victory and love. The Cross of Christ is the spring of faith and hope. Let us pray that in this our hour of darkness our faith and hope may not fail, but may be strengthened."

THE BISHOP OF WINCHESTER.

The first shock of the declaration of war has given way to a calm spirit of determination to do our duty. We have not yet realized the horror of war on such a vast scale, the cruelty and suffering, the depth of sacrifice it may mean—which in His mercy we pray God may spare us—but we know our cause is a righteous one, and the Nation is determined to go through with it.

The first clear duty of every man, entitled to do so, is to join the army that must be raised for the defence of our Country and our homes.

We envy those who can give their services, but we must remember that equally strong is the call to those at home to do their duty. Each one must find where his share of the work lies and how it can best be carried through.

It is a time for us all to live more simply, to avoid all waste, to endure hardness.

It will need courage and faith week after week in the long hours of anxiety and suspense, and facing even greater sacrifices which may be demanded.

The call to every Christian in our Empire is a call to prayer. Never has the call sounded more clearly, more imperative. The occasion has no parallel in the history of the world. It must send us straight to our knees before the God of all the earth. Every day even in the stress of duties, we must find time for this work of prayer.

If we believe in God, we believe in the tremendous power of prayer.

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

If we believe in God we believe that He, our God, has a purpose for this Nation—a purpose of good—and whether we are able to understand and follow this purpose will depend on the strength of prayer among us.

To our daily private prayers we must look to the power of united intercession, and claim with all the faith that God has given us, the fulfilment

of His promises where two or three are gathered together.

We have seen the magnificent way our country in the face of a common danger has sunk her differences and presented a united front, a sign of England's glory and greatness. We shall also put aside anything that hinders us from uniting our prayers to those that are going up to God.

Let everyone who can do so—and where we are in earnest difficulties will be overcome—join at least once a week in our greatest act of Intercession, in the Holy Communion offered with special intention for those engaged in the war.

From all sides the noblest offerings are being given to our country's need—from rich and poor alike—husbands, brothers, sons, gifts of money, gifts of service, self-denial in every form. Who can tell the loss to our Nation, to ourselves, if in this dark hour of trial, we fail to bring our faith, our love, in the passionate pleading of our cause before the Throne of grace.

Our soldiers and sailors in the midst of their hard and dangerous calling, must feel the help and support that comes from the great flood of Intercession continually offered up from those at home.

### Mid-day Prayer.

The Church bell will ring every day at noon, when we invite all our people to pause from their duties for a moment and offer up this prayer:—

O God, guard and bless our sailors and soldiers, and give us victory and peace.—Amen.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

#### THE NAVY.

D. Rotherham,	F. Beadle,
E. Rotherham,	R. Jagger,
J. Pinches,	J. Mitchell.

#### THE ARMY.

L. Boyd,	E. Rotherham,
W. Boyd,	R. Harwood,
E. Boyd,	C. Head,
I. Fisher,	P. Pinches,
H. Coates,	F. Ring,
G. Manners,	C. Jilks.
W. Jessop,	G. Oughton.

### Intercessions.

That it may please Thee to give to the people of this country a ready cheerfulness to make sacrifices, to endure hardships, and unselfishly to take their share in the common burden.

That it may please Thee to animate all our sailors and soldiers with the spirit of discipline, calmness, and courage.

That it may please Thee to grant that our cause may be vindicated, and that victory may attend our arms, both by land and sea.

That it may please Thee to give to this nation true repentance for its great and crying sins, and grace to seek that righteousness which exalteth a nation.

That it may please Thee to give us grace to learn the solemn lessons which Thou wouldest reach us during the continuance of this war.

That it may please Thee to teach us to put duty before pleasure, self-discipline before comfort, patriotism before self-interest, and Godliness before all things.

That it may please Thee to teach us at this time of national danger to bow our knees before Thee, and revive amongst us the spirit of true worship.

That it may please Thee to grant that during the War, and after it, our Churches may be thronged with reverent congregations of men and women.

That it may please Thee to grant that the spirit of mercy and compassion may be shown to all non-combatants, the wounded, the sick, the homeless, and oppressed.

That it may please Thee to grant that all who have to face death may commend their souls into Thy Hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most merciful Saviour.

That it may please Thee to be merciful to the souls of all who fall in battle, or die of sickness or of wounds, to grant them Thine eternal rest, and to let light perpetual shine upon them.

*We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

### Women's Communicants' Guild.

The Annual Meeting was held at the Vicarage on the 22nd, Miss Rotherham presiding.

The following officers were elected: Committee—Miss Hands, Miss B. Enser, Mrs. Sleath, Miss Kerr, Mrs. R. Green, and Miss Martin. Hon. Sec.—Miss Turner. Hon. Organist—Miss Lloyd.

An important resolution bearing on the attendances at the Monthly Preparation Service was considered and passed. Full notices will be sent to all members.

It was decided to convene a meeting of those interested in the class for physical culture. This will be held at the Vicarage on Saturday, the 19th, at 6 p.m. We hope any who propose joining the class will be present.

### Church Workers.

Despite the somewhat unfavourable weather, the gathering of Churchworkers at Coundon Court on the 8th, was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. Tea was prepared in the spacious Winter Garden, and thus fortified we underwent the painful operation of being photographed. Judging by the results one member of the group seemed to enjoy it.

An excellent conjuring and ventriloquist display followed, and this pleasant party ended after trying to express our thanks and appreciation to our kind and generous hostess.

### Sunday School.

The Senior School and Kindergarten will re-assemble on the 6th.

The Quarterly Corporate Communion for the Teachers 20th, 10 a.m.

It was decided at a meeting held on the 22nd, that after this year the prizes hitherto given for attendance, etc., would be discontinued.

### National Relief Fund.

The collections of the 23rd were given to this fund.

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## **The Red Cross.**

The Keresley and Coundon detachment held their first Church Parade on the 9th, joining in the special Service of Intercession.

It is certainly a matter of congratulation to the Secretary and members that the hour of need finds them fully trained and ready, and able to offer their efficient services to the War Office.

## **Keresley Higher Education Committee.**

The Education Authorities have kindly granted our request for the First Aid and Cookery classes. The former will be held on Tuesday evenings, from October to December, 1914, the latter from January to April, 1915.

The course on First Aid will begin on Tuesday, September 29th, at 8 p.m., in the C.E. Schools. There will be ten lectures, each of one hour's duration; the examination will be held probably before Christmas.

Miss Kerr hopes very much that *all* those who attended the Home Nursing Classes last Session, will make *every* endeavour to be present at these lectures on First Aid to the wounded—whether or no they entered for the previous examination. The class, as before, will be limited to thirty in number. No men will be admitted.

Will those who wish to join, please send their names to the Vicarage during the next fortnight? The charge for the series of ten lectures is one shilling. Books, price one shilling each, and bandages may be obtained from the Vicarage on or after the 20th of this month, or on the 29th at the C.E. Schools.

N.B.—During the subsequent winter session of 1915, we hope to have the third set of lectures on Hygiene of Sanitation.

## **Baptisms.**

May 30.—Henry Charles King.

June 14.—Doris Arnold.

July 12.—Eric Barker.

Aug. 9.—Cyril John Stowe.

Aug 9.—Leslie John Anderton.

## **Marriage.**

June 24.—Albert Edge and Eva Maria Hopkins.

## **Burial.**

July 30.—Albert Whitem, aged 76 years.

August 27.—Harriet Hows, aged 72 years.