

# St. Thomas' Keresley and Coundon Parish Magazine

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## Notices for the Month.

- MONDAY.**—Clothing Club: Miss Rotherham.  
Mothers' Meeting: Mrs. Plevins.  
Evening School: Mr. Jacques.  
Mothers' Meeting, Lower Keresley:  
Mrs. Adcock and Miss Kerr.
- TUESDAY.**—Young Men's Guild, 7 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY.**—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.  
Girls' Guild, 5 p.m.  
Evening School, 7.30 p.m.  
Cookery Class, 7.30 p.m.
- THURSDAY.**—Service of Intercession, 8 p.m.
- FRIDAY.**—Choir Practice, 8 p.m.
- SATURDAY.**—Physical Culture Club, 7.45 p.m.;  
Young Men's Gymnastic Club, 6 p.m.
- SUNDAY.**—The Library, 3.45 p.m., Mr. Suffolk.
- ALTAR FLOWERS.**—Mrs. Manville.
- PREPARATION SERVICE.**—25th, 8 p.m.
- Feb. 2.—Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Feb. 2.—Church Council, 8.15 p.m.
- Feb. 3, 17, 24.—Parochial Working Party,  
2.30 p.m.
- Feb. 4.—Mothers' Union Service, Litany,  
10 a.m.
- Feb. 6.—Library Meeting, 8.15 p.m.
- Feb. 17.—Ash Wednesday.
- Feb. 24.—S. Matthias, A.M.
- Feb. 24, 26, 27.—Ember Days.

## Sunday School Festival, Feb. 14.

- 8 a.m., Holy Communion.  
Special intercession for Sunday School work.  
11 a.m., Matins.  
Preacher: Rev. Canon Robinson.  
3 p.m., Prize Distribution.  
6.30 p.m., Evensong.  
Collections for the Sunday School.

We are happy to announce that Canon Robinson has consented to come to us. We ask parents and members of the congregation to make every endeavour to be present on this occasion.

## Lenten Notices.

A course of addresses will be given at the Thursday evening Intercession Services, by the Rev. H. W. Ottaway, of Leamington Parish Church. Subject: "Lessons from the War."

A special series of addresses will be given at the Mothers' Meetings, and at the Girls' Guild, during Lent.

## ASH WEDNESDAY.

- 8 a.m., Holy Communion.  
11 a.m., Litany.  
6 p.m., Evensong.  
7.30 p.m., Service at Lower Keresley.  
A full list of the Lenten Services will be issued later.

## 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.
- Service of Preparation every Saturday, 7.30 p.m.
- Special Services of Intercession for our Soldiers and Sailors:  
Sunday, 8 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
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.

## Parochial Working Parties.

### SOLDIERS, SAILORS & BELGIAN REFUGEES

Our Working Party, for the making of necessities and comforts for our Soldiers, Sailors and the Belgian Refugees, progresses apace. This month we meet on Wednesdays, the 3rd and 17th. We are sending a large consignment to the Warwickshire Battalions at the Front, during this month. Contributions will be gladly received. We trust that many more of our parishioners may be able to help us during 1915—or until such time as the War ceases. Our gallant soldiers and sailors deserve every comfort that we can possibly give them. This small sacrifice of our spare time should be willingly made.

Miss Kerr would be indeed glad to have the names of many more "knitters," who could do some work at home. The wool would then be supplied at once.

A list of further contributions to the Fund will be published next month.

### SALE OF WORK.

This Lent, owing to the war, we will only meet every alternate Wednesday, instead of every week. The first Lenten working party will be held on Wednesday, the 24th, from 2.30 p.m., in the Parish Room. All are cordially invited. Work may be brought, or can be supplied.

We do hope that those who are really unable to attend these fortnightly gatherings, will endeavour to make at home some small article for our Sale. If everyone of our parishioners were to contribute one gift each, during this Lent, by the time Easter Week arrived we should have a solid foundation for our Annual Sale in November. We would also have the happiness of knowing that we had "done our little bit."

### Our Roll of honour.

#### THE ARMY.

Captain Charles D. Miller, The Staff, Aldershot.  
 Lieut. W. L. Riley, R.H.A.  
 Pte. William Jessop, 1st Royal Warwicks.  
 Sergt. Richard Harwood, 1st Royal Warwicks.  
 Pte. F. W. Ring, R.A.M.C.  
 Pte. Arthur Hill, R.A.M.C.  
 Pte. David Poole, R.A.M.C.  
 Pte. George Oughton, 2nd Royal Warwicks.  
 Pte. C. Jinks, 2nd Royal Warwicks.  
 L.C. Jack Ward, 2nd Royal Warwicks.  
 L.C. George Ward, 2nd Royal Warwicks.  
 Gr. Walter Green, R.G.A.  
 Gr. Sam Stoney, R.G.A.  
 Gr. Charles Maycock, R.G.A.  
 Gr. Alfred Horobin, R.G.A.  
 Gr. Philip Pinches, R.G.A.  
 2nd-Lieut. Reginald Waters, 4th Royal Warwicks.  
 Pte. Harry Coates, 4th Royal Warwicks.  
 Pte. Alfred Mascord, 8th Royal Warwicks.  
 Captain E. Rotherham, 8th Royal Warwicks.  
 Pte. Charles Head, 7th Royal Warwicks.  
 L.C. George Manners, 3rd York and Lancaster.  
 Lieut. Geoffrey Cash, 6th Royal N. Lancashire.  
 Lieut. Reginald Cash, 8th Royal N. Lancashire.  
 Gr. John Rowe, R.F.A.  
 Pte. William Courts, R.F.A.  
 Pte. R. Rodgers, R.F.A.  
 Pte. Jack Baseley, R.F.A.  
 Pte. Louis Pinches, Oxford and Bucks.  
 Pte. William Nutt, Royal Worcesters.  
 Pte. Thomas Nutt, Royal Worcesters.  
 Pte. Percy Terhegge, King's Own Yorks.  
 Pte. Reginald Cliff, R.G.P.F.  
 Lieut. A H. Jagger, 7th Royal Warwicks.  
 Lieut. Bernard Kirby, 7th Royal Warwicks.  
 Pte. George Spraggitt, 7th Royal Warwicks.  
 Pte. James Clews, 7th Royal Warwicks.  
 Lce.-Corpl. William Osborne, 7th Royal Warwicks.  
 Pte. Arthur Baseley, 7th Royal Warwicks.  
 Pte. Charles Harrison, 7th Royal Warwicks.  
 Pte. Arthur Ryan, 7th Royal Warwicks.  
 Pte. Joshua Jessop, 7th Royal Warwicks.  
 Pte. Arthur Jessop, 7th Royal Warwicks.  
 Pte. J. Henry Poole, 7th Royal Warwicks.  
 Pte. Richard Harris, 7th Royal Warwicks.  
 Pte. Thomas Liddell, Royal Engineers.  
 Pte. John Howard, Royal Warwicks.  
 Gr. William Williams, R.G.A.  
 Pte. Frank Matthews, 1st Coldstream Guards.  
 Pte. Charles Douse, 7th Royal Warwicks.  
 Pte. Fred Ryan, R.F.A.  
 Pte. William Craner, R.F.A.  
 Pte. Arthur Osborne, R.H.A.  
 Pte. John Billingham, Motor Transport.  
 Pte. Sidney Timms, Motor Transport.  
 Captain R. G. Kerr, 7th Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

#### THE NAVY.

Lieut. Donald Rotherham, H.M.S. Cadmus.  
 Lieut. Eustace Rotherham, H.M.S. Centurion.  
 James Pinches, A.B., H.M.S. Caesar.  
 Boatswain James Mitchell, S.S. Manco..

Our prayers are also asked for :—  
 Leonard Boyd, Fred Coates, Walter Boyd, Ernest  
 Boyd, Clarence Boyd, Leonard Morris, Isaac Fisher,  
 G. P. Williamson, George Cowley, William Brown,  
 Frank Coates, Albert Bull, and Stanley Cooke.

### Confirmation Classes.

Saturday, the 6th, at 6.15, in the Church.  
 Those who desire to join should be present.  
 Other classes will be arranged.

### Rifle Range, Coundon Court.

The official scorer, Mr. A. Kirby, has issued the results of the "Class" Shooting Competition, which took place in the Autumn. Members had to return three consecutive cards of ten shots each.

An average of 90 per cent. and over qualified for the distinction of Class A; 80 per cent. for Class B, and 60 per cent. for Class C.

Class A.	
Rev. W. Kerr .....	91.2
Mr. L. Bryant .....	91.2
Mr. V. Rice .....	90.
Class B.	
Mr. W. Clarke .....	89.2
Mr. Storey .....	89.
Mr. Green .....	89.
Mr. J. Mitchell .....	81.
Mr. W. Coker Iliffe .....	80.
Mr. H. Fowes .....	80.
Class C.	
Mr. J. Billingham .....	79.1
Mr. C. Camwell .....	78.
Mr. D. Osborne .....	77.2
Mr. J. Kettle .....	75.
Mr. P. E. Squires .....	73.
Mr. F. Camwell .....	78.
Mr. S. Taplin .....	69.
Mr. J. H. Clarke .....	62.1

The best single card was returned by Mr. L. Bryant, with a score of 97.

The best ladies' score was made by Miss M. Kirby, who obtained an average of 90 from three highest cards.

The range has proved of immense service in affording men of this district the opportunity of becoming efficient shots, thus fitting them to take their share, whenever and wherever necessary, in defence of our country. To Captain and Mrs. Miller we tender our sincere thanks for providing the range and rifles; also for the kindness and hospitality they have always extended to the members of the Club.

The range will shortly be re-opened.

### British Red Cross.

#### KERESLEY & COUNDON V.A.D. HOSPITAL.

One of the twenty beds at our Hillcrest Hospital, is to be called the Keresley Parochial Bed. The weekly upkeep of this bed will be 10s. 6d. It will be maintained by sixty-three subscriptions of two-pence per week, given by our parishioners. Payments will begin from the time the wounded soldiers arrive at the Hospital, from France.

We have received the names of many subscribers to our Twopenny Fund. Others who would care to subscribe twopence per week, are requested to send at once their names to the Vicarage.

### Parochial Sale of Work.

Our Parochial Sale of Work, held in December, has realised some twenty pounds. The profits are given to the Soldiers, Sailors and Belgians' Fund. The balance sheet will be inserted next month.

### Rummage Sale.

Our next Sale will be held after Easter. In the meantime, Rummage of all sorts and descriptions will be very gratefully received and gladly stored at the Vicarage.

## Mothers' Meeting, Lower Keresley.

A weekly meeting for the mothers and babies living around our Colliery, was started on Monday, the 18th of last month.

Mr. Russell, Director of the Colliery, has most kindly lent us for the purpose the large greenhouse attached to the grounds of "Ravenswood." After the removal of the huge flower-stage, the repairing and the cleaning of the flues and chimneys, the replacing of sundry window panes, the application of many coats of white wash, the energetic use of divers scrubbing brushes, the Metamorphosis of our House was complete. This general Setting of The House in Order, has all been done for us by Mr. Russell.

The House makes an ideal meeting place. With the new cocoa-matting, the red muslin curtain and table covers, the tea cups and china—the two large water tanks boarded over make delightful tea tables and cupboards—the place presents quite a festive appearance for the Mothers every Monday afternoon. The hot air percolating through the floor-gratings, forms up-to-date hot water bottles. As one Mother remarked: "I have never before had such warm feet."

The one half of the House in use by us, holds 40 persons comfortably, together with the seven sewing tables and the two tea tables. When the partition is thrown open, 100 persons can be seated.

The Greenhouse, *qua* Grenhouse, is for sale. It can be inspected at any time, during daylight. Further particulars can be obtained from Mr. Evans, Secretary to the Colliery, 4, Priory Row, Coventry.

Mrs. Adcock has kindly consented to superintend and to provide tea every Monday. The meeting is greatly appreciated by the Mothers—and the babies, for whom toys are presented.

A small harmonium or piano is sadly needed. The former can be bought, second-hand, for 30s. or 40s. The latter could perhaps be lent? (The House does not suffer at all from dampness). Any assistance towards obtaining the one or the other, would be gladly and gratefully received by Miss Kerr.

## K.E.P.C.C.

An admirable display was given in the Keresley Schools on January 9th, by the Ladies' Physical Culture Club. Mr. Squires led off the proceedings with an inspiring rendering of "Tipperary," this being followed by a smart exhibition of free exercises given by a team of sixteen girls. "Little Grey Home in the West," charmingly sung by Miss Alice Enser, preceded a first rate display of stave exercises. The Vicar sang a couple of Irish songs, which were heartily appreciated. The formation of a "pyramid" by the girls gave place to a highly-diverting song and patter, "Wot Cheer, Carrots?" by Mr. J. H. Clarke. A number of Indian club swinging exercises, performed with exceeding deftness by the senior girls, was an attractive feature of the programme. Further songs by Mr. Squires and Mr. Clarke led up to the final display of marching and evolutionary movements, which were executed with a precision which spoke highly of the quality of the training received by the members of the club. At the close of the proceedings, the Vicar said that all who attended could see for themselves the good results to be obtained from the physical culture classes. He thanked all who had worked so hard to make the organisation successful, and congratulated the girls on the high standard of efficiency which they had achieved. Miss Kerr is president of the Club, with the following officers: Miss Blanche Enser (registrar), Miss Constance Clarke (hon. secretary), Miss May Enser (treasurer), Mrs. Noble (instructor), and Miss Dobson (pianist). Several of the Club members on Saturday were wearing medals indicating successes already gained. This year the Club hope to carry off the Shield in the Coventry competition, for which they are entering two "eights."—*Coventry Herald.*

The display realised thirty shillings, sixty six-penny tickets being sold. The proceeds are given towards defraying the expenses of the Club.

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### Keresley Coal Club.

It has been suggested that the formation of a Coal Club would be of great service in the parish. It would allow: (1), gradual payments, instead of the heavy cost during the winter months; (2), considerable reduction in price. A large membership will allow contracts to be arranged during July, on favourable terms. Will those who wish to join, kindly send their names to the Vicar at once.

### Keresley Higher Education Committee.

FIRST AID COURSE.

The ten lectures given by Dr. Orton were concluded on December 8th. The examination was held on the following Tuesday, the 15th of December, by Dr. Potts, of Birmingham. It was conducted under the regulations of the S. John's Ambulance Association. Out of a class of twenty-three members, ten candidates faced the much-dreaded ordeal; the courageous ten were successful, we are glad to say.

The following have, therefore, gained their First Aid Certificates: Mrs. Richard Green, Mrs. J. H. Clarke, the Misses Blanche Enser, Constance Clarke, Alice Rose, Jane Hands, Sarah Toon, Gladys Hosier and Muriel Kerr. Mrs. Lloyd has won her Medallion, it being her third examination in first aid.

Next winter there will be a course of lectures on Hygiene and Sanitation. This will complete the trilogy.

On December 19th Mrs. Lloyd was presented with a Swan fountain pen, by the members of the class. The little gift was in recognition of the very valuable help so kindly given by Mrs. Lloyd in the practical work, throughout the three months' course.

### COOKERY CLASSES.

A course of twelve classes on cookery is being given by Miss Leighton, in the C.E. Schools. Demonstrations, alternate with practical work, every Wednesday evening. The full complement of members attends each week.

### Mothers' Union.

Mrs. Miller entertained the Members of the M.U. and Mothers' Meeting last month. A full account appeared in *The Herald*; we can only add that the tea and the fascinating entertainment were the chief items of a most delightful afternoon spent at Coundon Court.

### Children's Party.

Our Sunday School Children's New Year party was a great success, as usual. After a delightful tea, the national songs of the Allies were sung in costume. Other items in the excellent programme, were also received with great and prolonged applause.

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## Keresley & Coundon Sunday Schools.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	.....	2	3	4
Children's Offertories	.....	1	9	4
Lesson Books, sold	.....		2	6
Church Offertory	.....	3	1	3
Parochial Returns	.....	4	13	6
		£11	9	11

EXPENSES.		£	s.	d.
Account book	.....			9
K.S.S. Lesson books	.....		10	7
Combridge—Prizes	.....	3	19	4
C. Harrison—K.S.S.	.....			9
Caldicott—Envelopes, Books and Pencils...	.....		2	9
Combridge—Registers	.....		2	9
S.S. Magazines	.....		10	10
Postage, &c.	.....			1
Mrs. Watson, Caretaker	.....		10	0
Mrs. R. Clarke, Caretaker	.....		10	0
Mrs. R. Clarke, Preparing K.S.S.	.....			5
C.C.—Schools	.....	1	19	0
		£8	14	1
Balance to Teachers' Summer School at Malvern	.....		2	15
		£11	9	11

Received with many thanks: Mr. Coker Iliffe,  
10s., S.S. Fund; Miss Goode, 2s., Children's Party.

### Parochial Whist Drive.

The annual Whist Drive will be held on  
Shrove Tuesday, February 16th, at 7.45 p.m.,  
in the C.E. Schools. All cordially welcome.

### R.D.C.

At a meeting held on the 24th, Mr. H. Sleath,  
Mr. Coley and Mr. H. P. Loasby were elected re-  
presentatives of this parish, on the Rural Decanal  
Conference.

### Bell-Ringers.

Mr. S. Oughton and Mr. Watson have resigned  
their positions, owing to pressure of work. Our  
thanks are due to them for the many years in which  
they have given their services to this work.

### Holy Baptism.

*"One Lord. One Faith. One Baptism."*

Dec. 13.—Arthur Frank Stowe.  
Jan. 10.—Stanley Garibaldi Osborne.

### Holy Matrimony.

*"Those whom God hath joined together let no  
man put asunder."*

Nov. 10.—Henry Townsend and Jean Kiddbissett.  
Dec. 19.—Peter Brown and Eleanor Feltham.  
Dec. 26.—Thomas Alfred Camwell and Fanny  
Manners.  
Dec. 26.—Frederick Stowe and Florence Hilda  
Jessop.  
Jan. 16.—Walter Shakespear Nicholas and Mary  
Pugh.

### Burials.

*"I am the Resurrection and the Life."*

Oct. 23.—Joseph Francis Pinches, aged 31 years.  
Dec. 24.—Annie Elizabeth Goodridge, aged 51.