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### In Memoriam.

JAGGER.—On the 26th November, in H.M.S. Bulwark, Cadet Oliver Robin Octavius Jagger, R.N., dearly-loved youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jagger, of Coundon, near Coventry, aged 16 years.



BRUCE.—Killed in action, on the 24th November, Major Jonathan Maxwell Bruce, 107th Pioneers, Indian Army, eldest son of Mr. R. I. Bruce, C.I.E., of Miltown Castle, County Cork, and brother of the Rev. Evans Bruce, Dehra Doon, India. R.I.P.

### THE ARMY.

Captain Chales D. Miller, The Staff, Aldershot.  
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 Pte. Arthur Jessop, 7th Royal Warwicks.  
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 Pte. Richard Harris, 7th Royal Warwicks.  
 Lieut. R. G. Kerr, 7th Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

### THE NAVY.

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

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.

## Notices for the Month.

ALTAR FLOWERS.—Miss E. M. Phillips.  
 PREPARATION SERVICE.—28th, 8 p.m.  
 Jan. 2—Sunday School New Year Party.  
 Jan. 6—The Epiphany.  
 Jan. 6 and 20—Parochial Working Party, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.  
 Jan. 7—Mothers' Union Service, 10 a.m.  
 Jan. 9—K.L.P.C.C. Display, 8 p.m.  
 Jan. 16—Parochial Social, 7.30 p.m.  
 Jan. 25—Conversion of S. Paul.

The Vicarage.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Our New Year's wish must express the great longing of every heart, that God may give to His people again the blessings of peace. Although we have been spared an invasion of our country and its consequent miseries; the horror of war has brought terrible suffering and left its cruel marks upon many homes—marks which few of us will live to see effaced.

To-day, we thank God for the splendid courage and heroism of our sailors and soldiers. We begin to see many healing signs of God's purposes for the Nation—in our national unity, the desire to help, the power and meaning of prayer. We see life becoming more simple and filled with more definite purpose, as we have been thrown back upon the great Realities.

If this crisis in England's history has tested our courage and unity, it has tested also our Christianity. Our helpfulness lies in many lines of activity; but, above all, is the call of prayer. We give much in money, and time, and work, but the supreme gift—if that is true upon which England's greatness is built—is prayer. What a glorious opportunity it is for all to show forth by their example that they believe in God and His promises regarding Prayer.

We are justly proud of the men from our own Parish, who are now so nobly doing their duty for King and Country. There is yet another Roll of Honour; a roll whereon will be inscribed for all time the names of those who, during these months of need, have given themselves to prayer.

In conclusion, I must add a word about the Church collections; and that is to thank the members of the congregation who, through these difficult months, have maintained their offerings, thus relieving the Wardens of great anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

WALSINGHAM C. KERR.

### Confirmation.

Classes will begin early in February. Names of candidates should be sent to the Vicar.

## Parochial Working Party.

Our Working Party, for the making of necessities and comforts for our Soldiers and Sailors and the Belgian Refugees, continues on its useful way. This month, we meet on Wednesdays, the 6th and 20th. We hope to send a large consignment, during February, to the Warwickshire Battalions at the Front. We trust that many more of our parishioners may now be able to help us during 1915—or until such time as the War ceases.

The Christmas presents for the Soldiers and Sailors from our Parish, were despatched in good time. These comprised altogether some 260 articles—not inclusive of the "Smokes." Many grateful letters and cards since received, testify to the value of these welcome gifts.

Miss Kerr thanks the following very much indeed for their generous contributions:—

	£	s.	d.
Per Mr. Loasby, second instalment	1	0	0
Mr. Thomson Plevins	12	0	
Mrs. and Miss Whittem	5	0	
Mrs. and Miss Sleath	5	0	
Mrs. Dusson, wool for muffler	3	6	
Mrs. Lloyd	2	6	
Mrs. Allen	2	6	
Mrs. Richard Green, monthly contribution	2	0	
Mrs. and Miss Manners	2	0	

Mrs. Statham, Khaki muffler, two pair mittens, socks, helmet, body-belt, leather bootlaces, soap; Mrs. Williamson, Khaki muffler, mittens, socks, helmet, body-belt; Mrs. Bennett, Lower Keresley, navy muffler; Miss Goode, Khaki muffler; Mrs. Charles Gibson, Khaki muffler; Mrs. Cowpe, Khaki muffler and mittens; Miss Compton, Khaki muffler; Mrs. Dusson, Khaki muffler; the Misses Turner, two pair

mittens, one pair socks; Mrs. and Miss Hands, two pair socks; Mrs. and Miss May Dalton, Khaki muffler and mittens; Mrs. G. Anderton, grey flannel shirt; Mrs. Osborne, leather bootlaces; Miss Rose, navy muffler.

## The National Day of Intercession.

January 3rd, 1915.

The King has invited all his people to join with him on this day, in prayer for Divine guidance at this time of National crisis.

Let us loyally respond to this request of our Christian King.

It may be hoped that not one in this parish will fail to appear before God, at least once on this National Day.

Service—8 a.m., Holy Communion.

11 a.m., Special Service of Intercession and Holy Communion (choral).

3.45 p.m., Litany.

6.30 p.m., Service of Intercession.

The offerings will be given to the Red Cross Fund.

## Prince of Wales' Fund, Coundon.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Cowpe		5	0
Mr. and Mrs. W. Townsend		5	0
Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins		2	6
Mr. King, Senr.		2	0
Mr. King, Junr.		2	6
Mr. Hands		1	0
Mr. J. Sparrow		5	0
The Vicar		5	0
Mr. H. Rotherham	5	5	0
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### **Parochial Sale of Work. Captured Zeppelin.**

The sale of work held at the Keresley Church of England Schools, on December 19th, was a distinct success. The proceeds were devoted to the Belgian Refugees and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund.

The School in which the sale was held was tastefully decorated with bunting, the colour scheme consisting of colours of the Allies. No formal opening took place, because the sale was merely a parochial affair.

Miss Kerr's helpers at the various well-loaded stalls were:—Mrs. Lloyd, the Misses Turner, Mrs. J. H. Clarke, Miss May Martin, Miss Florence Lloyd, Misses Vera and Constance Clarke, Miss Amy Asher, Mrs. Loasby, Miss Tuckley, Misses Blanche and Alice Enser. Among the side shows were the "Captured Zeppelin," under the "guidance" of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clarke, which formed a novel form of the old-style "dip"; and "guessing the weight" for a leg of mutton, presented by Messrs. Young. A casket of tea was presented by Messrs. Slingsby, and Messrs. Liggins gave a large fruit cake, and also several dolls were entered for competition. Mrs. Manville presented two very fine landscape paintings, executed by H. Cooper, in oil colours. Mrs. Searle very generously lent her gramophone. Picture postcards, in colours, were sold at a penny each, in aid of the V.A.D. Hospital, at Hillcrest.

The tea was well attended to by Mrs. Sleath, Mrs. Coley, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Green, Mrs. W. Townsend, Mrs. Allen, Miss Hands, Miss Sleath, and Mrs. Dalton.

Those present during the afternoon included Capt. and Mrs. Miller, the Misses Miller, Mrs. Alfred Kirby and Miss Kirby, Mrs. Sidney Cash, Mrs. Mocatto, Mrs. Searle, the Misses Searle, Miss Helen Rotherham, Mrs. Edgar Turrall, the Misses Turrall, the Misses Ratliff, Mrs. and Miss H. D. Waters, Mrs. Charles Adcock, Miss Eleanor Phillips, Mrs. Thomson Plevins, etc. Mrs. Manville sent a letter of regret, at the last moment, being unavoidably prevented from attending the sale.

A very pleasant little concert took place during the sale. Miss Waters, at the piano, played with great feeling and finesse, while Miss Eleanor Phillips's recitation was very much appreciated. Mr. Squires also proved a good amateur artist.

—Coventry Herald.

Miss Kerr tenders grateful thanks to the following for their very welcome gifts:—

For the stalls: Mrs. Miller, 30 articles; Miss Rotherham, eight garments; Mrs. William Townsend, two pair knitted gloves; Mrs. Sparrow, two garments; Miss Sleath, two ties; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clarke, the Zeppelin and dips; Mrs. Hands, bag; the Mothers' Meeting, for making nine garments during Lent, the material kindly supplied by Mrs. Noel Plevins; Mrs. W. Townsend, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Dowse, Miss Martin, and Miss Asher, for dressing dolls; Mrs. Williamson for kindly cutting out materials supplied; the Girls' Guild, fancy work; Messrs. Young, leg of mutton; Messrs. Slingsby, casket of tea; Messrs. Liggins, Xmas cake; Mr. W. Tackhall Browett, 5/-; Mrs. Mitchell, Allesley, 2/6; Mrs. Harrison and Mr. Scambler, Lower Keresley, 1/- each.

Mrs. Searle for lending her gramophone during the afternoon.

For the refreshments: Mrs. Sleath, Mrs. Coley, Mrs. Dalton, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Green, Mrs. W. Townsend, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. G. Anderton, Mrs. Cowpe, Mrs. Haywood, and the Vicarage.

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## Parochial Whist Drive.

A most successful whist drive was held at the Schools, on December 5th, the proceeds going to the working party for materials for the Sailors and Soldiers, and for the Belgian Relief Fund. The prizes were distributed by Miss Kerr to: 1, Miss Dobson; 2, Miss G. Hosier; 3, Miss A. Barker. Gentlemen—Mr. Slater, Mr. Wakefield, Mr. Cramp-ton. Consolation prizes—Mrs. Clarke, Mr. J. Ryan. Mystery, Mr. Everall. The prizes were kindly given by Mr. S. Willer, Mr. Patrick, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Riley, and Mr. Caldicott. The Whist Drive realised £5 12s., as 112 tickets were sold.—*Coventry Herald.*

## The Christmas Festival.

The Xmas Festival this year differed in outward circumstances from that of other years. It could hardly be otherwise, in such a time of national anxiety and sorrow. But the old message came to us with a new meaning of strength and comfort—"Unto you is born this day a Saviour." With our minds full of our soldiers in the trenches and our sailors on the high seas, we were yet able to join with the angels in their song of triumph—"Glory to God in the Highest."

We are greatly indebted to those who assisted in the Church decorations—Font, Mrs. Miller, per Mr. Allen; altar and sanctuary, Miss Rotherham; pulpit, Miss Lloyd, Misses C. & V. Clarke; home work, Miss A. Asher, Misses B. and A. Enser, Miss M. Enser; and to Mrs. Plevins and Miss Phillips for superintending the Guild work.

The collection for S. Faith's Home was £2 12s. 5d.

## The K.P.M., 1914.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. Loasby, acknowledges with many thanks half-crown subscriptions for the Magazine during the past twelve months, from the following:—Mrs. Adcock, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Caddick, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Sidney Cash, Mrs. Hillman, Mrs. Jagger, Mrs. Alfred Kirby, Mrs. Manville, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Plevins, Miss Ratliff, Miss Rotherham, Mrs. Searle, and Mrs. Hubert Waters.

A limited number of bound volumes of the K.P.M., for 1914, may now be obtained. Will those who would care for a copy, please send word to Mr. Loasby before the 10th of this month. Price 2/6. Those who wish to have their own Magazines bound, should send their twelve copies to the Schools before the above date.

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

A display will be given by the members of the Keresley Ladies' Physical Culture Club on Saturday, January 9th, at 8 p.m. The programme will consist of Marching, Running, Indian Clubs, Free Exercises, Staves and Pyramids. Admission sixpence. The proceeds will be given towards defraying the expenses of the Club. Tickets may be obtained from the members. Accommodation strictly limited.

## Parochial Statistics.

	1913.	1914.
Baptisms .....	20	21
Weddings .....	10	11
Communions .....	1,539	1,715
Burials .....	13	7

Diocese of Worcester

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**THE NATIONAL DAY  
OF  
HUMBLE INTERCESSION**

*Sunday, January 3rd, 1915*

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The BISHOP OF WORCESTER and the Clergy invite you to observe the request of HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

The King asks that *all* his subjects shall join in humble intercession with Almighty God in the present time of War.

We may well pray that out of these troubles may arise the Glory of God, a truer understanding of Christian Brotherhood, and a lasting Peace among all nations.

Let us also ask that while the Honour of the British Empire and of our Allies is maintained, we shall have Grace to use our position aright for the upholding of Righteousness, Mercy, Justice and Truth.

We need also to pray for the brave men who are risking their lives for their country, and for the sorrowing and the anxious who remain at home. We will remember too, before God, the wounded, the dying and the dead of both Friends and Enemies.

But we must not forget to give thanks for our preservation here in England from the visitation which has befallen other nations at this time.

There will be those who have not been accustomed to come to Church, but we invite them to come now and join in this Great and Solemn National Day, and to make this a beginning for more regular worship and prayer.

It may be hoped that no man, woman or child will fail to appear before God at least once on the National Day in answer to the call of their King.

The Church will be open all day for public and private prayer; the hours of Services will be found on the Church notice board.

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**God save our King, our People, and our Allies**