

St. Thomas' Keresley and Coundon Parish Magazine

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Mr. J. H. Clarke, Mr. R. Cooper.

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Notices for the Month.

MONDAY.—Clothing Club, Men's Club.
TUESDAY.—Young Men's Guild, 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY.—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Parochial Working Party at the Vicarage, 4 to 8 p.m.
THURSDAY.—Service of Intercession, 8 p.m.
FRIDAY.—Choir Practice, 8 p.m.
SATURDAY.—Tennis at the Vicarage, 2 to 8 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m.
SUNDAY.—The Library, 3.45 p.m., Mr. Suffolk. (First and third Sundays.)
ALTAR FLOWERS.—Mrs. K. Rotherham.
MOTHERS' UNION SERVICE.—10th, 3 p.m.
PREPARATION SERVICE.—24th, 8 p.m.
June 11.—Corpus Christi, S. Barnabas, A.M.
June 11.—M.U. Meeting, S. Michael's, 3 p.m.
June 24.—S. John Baptist.
June 29.—S. Peter, A.M.

The Church is open daily for private prayer.

All cases of sickness should be reported at once to the Vicarage.

Services.

Holy Communion.—Sundays, 8 a.m. Also, 1st Sunday, 12 noon; 3rd Sunday, 10 a.m., Choral.
Wednesdays, 8 a.m.
Matins.—Sundays, 11 a.m.
Week Days, 8.30 a.m.
Evensong.—Sundays, 6.30 p.m.
Week Days, 6 p.m.
Litany.—Wednesdays and Fridays.
Holy Baptism.—2nd Sunday, 3.30 p.m.
Saints' Day.—8.30 a.m.; 6.30 p.m.
Senior Catechism.—2nd Sunday, 3 p.m.
Sunday School.—10 a.m.; 3 p.m.
Kindergarten.—3 p.m.
Churchings.—Before or after week-day Services.

Mid-day Prayer.

The Church bell rings 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.

Confirmation.

The Service was held at S. Michael's on the 14th, when eleven candidates from the parish were presented.

Ember Pennies.

The amount received during 1914 was £1 ls. A very cordial letter of thanks for this donation has been received from the Secretary of the Fund. We would welcome new subscribers.

Communicants' Guild.

At the Preparation Service last month the following were admitted to the Guild: Mrs. J. H. Clarke, Mrs. H. C. Townshend, the Misses C. Cowpe, N. Dobson, E. Greenwood, E. Harrow, A. Hixon, E. Hixon, A. Parker, and Mr. P. E. Squires.

Ascension Day.

The weather was atrocious and the attendance, as well as S. Faith's Home, suffered in consequence. The children came in nearly full force; and if we missed the usual May Day costumes, the Service was of a thoroughly festival character.

Many members of the M.U. braved the elements; doubtless the thought of life in the trenches in such weather, helped to overcome all difficulties.

The collection for S. Faith's amounted to £1.

Mothers' Meeting, Lower Keresley.

During last month, Mrs. Lethbridge came with Mrs. Miller and Miss Ratliff to explain to our Mothers the aim and methods of the Mothers' Union.

Those of our Mothers at Lower Keresley who desire to join the M.U., are requested to attend a Meeting this month at Coundon Court. The date and time will be announced later. They will then be able to give in their names to Mrs. Miller, the enrolling member.

The Church Council.

At a meeting on the 19th, the Council decided to arrange for a brake to be run from and to Lower Keresley in connection with the Sunday Services. We know that residents in this district will gladly avail themselves of this opportunity of attending their Church.

Our Men Abroad.

We have received many interesting and welcome letters from the trenches. F. Ring, A. Mascord and J. Ward all write very cheerfully, under conditions that in severity must baffle all description.

We quote a few extracts from one of Corporal J. Ward's letters.

"Our Chaplain is a very nice fellow, and I am sure he deserves the V.C. for his services. In charges, I have seen him run under heavy fire, and he would be here and everywhere; it did not matter where I went, every day I would meet him. He is one of those sort that soldiers like; and nothing pleased the troops more than his conduct in the trenches. I shall never forget at Bois Grenier, after the charge, he came nearly up to the German wire entanglement. We have had a few exciting times since I came out here, we were the only Division to reach Belgium, and we nearly got to Antwerp, but owing to the Artillery not getting there with us we had to retire to Zonnibeke. We also tried to take Menin, but failed. Then we got to Ypres and fought a great battle. We were blown out of the trenches three times by those Jack Johnsons, as they are called. It was terrible to see the houses of the poor Belgium people falling.

We were in the battle of Neuve Chapelle, our casualties were not so great—three hundred and fifty I think. We are now getting ready to take part in another big battle."

We would remind our readers that letters at the front are most acceptable. Any address can be obtained from the Vicarage.

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 Terheege, 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.
 Sergt. John Howard, 12th 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.
 Bombr. William Craner, R.F.A.
 Pte. Arthur Osborne, R.H.A.
 Pte. John Billingham, Motor Transport.
 Pte. Sidney Timms, Motor Transport.
 Gr. Frank Bricknell, R.F.A.
 Gr. William Courts, R.F.A.
 Gr. Alec Catlin, R.H.A.
 Gr. J. Edwards, R.F.A.
 Pte. Brian Troth, 7th Royal Warwicks.
 Pte. Edgar Hosier, R.A.M.C.
 Pte. John Ryan, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.
 Gr. David Osborne, R.F.A.
 Pte. Herbert Lloyd, 7th Royal Warwicks.
 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 Morris, G. P. Williamson, George Cowley,
 William Brown, Albert Bull, and Stanley Cooke.

Keresley Church Accounts.

EASTER 1914 to 1915.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Collections for Church Expenses	80	2	0
Missions to Seamen	2	15	4
The Hospital	5	7	0
The Organ Fund	2	2	7
S. Faith's, Ascension Day	15	9	
Barnardo's Homes	2	11	9
Prince of Wales' Fund	14	0	9
Belgian Relief Fund	15	0	1
S.P.G.	3	4	6
S. Faith's	2	12	5
Red Cross	5	10	5
Sunday Schools	1	16	5
Church Extension	2	16	4
Easter Offering	19	16	3
	78	9	7
Parochial Tea	7	19	0
Discount			8
Balance due to Wardens	14	3	6
	£180	14	9

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Debit balance	4	3	8
Visitation Fees	12	6	
Astley, rope	2	6	
Beecham (balance of account)	10	0	0
Hassocks	10	0	
Matterson	14	7	
Enser, repairs	2	14	0
Anslow	11	6	
Organist	20	0	0
Bellringers	5	5	0
Lee, organ	2	10	0
Harmonium	2	0	0
Corbett	3	0	0
Laundry	1	1	0
Oak Case for frontals	1	10	0
Insurance	3	15	0
Churchyard Fund	2	8	6
Cheque Books	5	0	
Cleaning	6	12	6
Organ Blower	2	10	0
Candles and Oil	7	0	4
Printing	1	2	11
Coal	7	15	10
Verger	9	0	0
Music	2	11	2
Materials	14	5	
Organ Fund (reserve)	3	4	9
Cutting Ivy	10	0	
	£102	5	2
Special Collections	78	9	7
	£180	14	9

Examined and found correct,

THOMSON PLEVINS,

April 15th, 1915.

The Library.

We are most grateful to Mrs. Manville for a large number of valuable books. An additional catalogue has been issued.

Missions to Seamen.

The collections on April 25th amounted to £4 19s. 6d. The Secretary of the Society writes: "Thank you all a thousand times for the generous gifts which are most cheering."

Parochial Working Parties.

We desire to thank very much indeed, all those who have kindly contributed Lenten gifts for our Sale of Work. These gifts will go far towards making our Parochial Stall a sound financial success.

During the summer, our two working parties will meet at the Vicarage every Wednesday, from 4 to 8 p.m. We will work alternately for our Soldiers and Sailors, and for our Sale of Work. Wool and materials, ready cut out, will be supplied. We do hope that as many as possible will try to attend these weekly gatherings.

The following letters need no preface:—

From Lt.-Col. Grundy, Royal War. Regt., London.

We received to-day another parcel from the women of Keresley, and I send you our sincerely grateful thanks. There were a nice lot of shirts and socks, and I heard last Friday from the Regiments that those are the things needed most.

From the Belgian War Refugees Committee, London.

We have to thank you very much for the exceedingly useful parcel of clothing you have sent us for distribution amongst the Refugees. Your generous gift is much appreciated, and we would ask you to convey our grateful thanks to the women of Keresley who have so kindly contributed.

From the Belgian War Refugees Committee, London.

We are in receipt of your letter of May the 4th, enclosing a sum of £8, as a donation to the funds of this Committee, for the relief of Belgian Refugees.

We are very grateful indeed for this donation, which, we understand, is the proceeds of your spring rummage sale, and which will enable us to maintain a Refugee for sixteen weeks.

One needs only to come into contact with these people to realize how great is their need, and when we say that we have dealt with something like 150,000 of these Refugees you will gain some idea of the work which we have been doing and our need for financial support.

Will you please convey to the donors our very grateful thanks.

From the Missions to Seamen, London.

Very many thanks for your most kindly thought and practical sympathy for the great needs of our sailors.

We are immensely grateful to the women of Keresley for their welcome gift, which will be so much valued by seamen. We never get as many woollies as we could make good use of.

Keresley Higher Education Committee.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Vicarage on the 18th of last month.

For the ensuing session of 1915-16, it was decided to apply for the grouped course of four subjects; for a course of hygiene and sanitation; for a course of cookery; and for a first aid course.

Application was made also for a bursary of £3, towards the expenses of bringing to these classes some of the residents at Lower Keresley.

The grouped course will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, from October to March, inclusive. The hygiene and sanitation lectures will be given by a Doctor, on Tuesday evenings, from September to November. The examination will be held early in December. The cookery classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, from January to April. The first aid course will begin during March, 1916.

Miss Kerr hopes very much that those who attended the home nursing and first aid classes during 1913 and 1914, will make every endeavour to be present at the lectures on hygiene and sanitation—whether or no they entered for the previous examinations. The class, as before, will be limited to thirty in number.

British Red Cross.

KERESLEY & COUNDON V.A.D. HOSPITAL

Our Hospital is filled with wounded soldiers, twenty-one beds being utilized.

As we go to press, the subscriptions towards our Parochial Bed for the first four weeks are being received. We thank all those who have helped by making their returns in good time.

Payment to the Hospital dates from the day of the arrival of the wounded soldiers, Saturday, May 15th. There are, altogether, 58 families subscribing to our Twopenny Fund for the Keresley Parochial Bed, these contributing a total weekly amount of 13s. 3d.

A cheque for £2 13s. will be paid once every four weeks to our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Hugh Rotherham.

Mr. J. H. Clarke has kindly made a special box for our Red Cross envelopes; this is cleared after each Sunday Service.

The amounts received for May will be acknowledged next month under each subscriber's special number.

The following are some more subscribers to our Fund: Miss Goode, Mrs. Charles Gibson, Miss M. Martin, Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. Harry Smith, and the Members of the Bible Class.

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K.E.P.C.C.

The final for the Coventry Ladies' Physical Culture Association's Challenge Shield took place at the Corn Exchange on May 3rd.

The work of each team was highly creditable. The marks for Keresley were divided as follows:—Staves, 104; running, marching, and physical exercises, 105½; floor pyramid, 17½; total, 277.

A word of praise is due to Keresley, who were by far the youngest team both in age and experience. Nevertheless, their work showed a marked improvement on that of the previous year, and if they progress in the future as they have in the past, not many years will lapse before they will have their names on the shield. It was a surprise to see them working so well, and their display favourably impressed many of those present, and was specially commented upon by the Chairman. It was regrettable that they did not receive some recognition for their plucky effort.

The names of those taking part were:—Misses M. Dalton, V. Clarke, E. Harrison, A. Potts, O. Harrison, B. Enser, C. Clarke and C. Cowpe; reserves: Misses E. Harrow and E. Bates. Hon. pianist, Miss N. Dobson.—*Coventry Herald.*

Keresley Parochial Fund.

EASTER 1914 to 1915.

RECEIPTS.

1914	£	s.	d.
Brought forward from last Balance Sheet	2	18	10
July 18th—Mr. S. Cash	1	0	0
Mr. H. Rotherham	1	5	0
Miss Rotherham	10	0	
Mrs. Jagger	7	6	
Miss M. Ratliff	5	0	
Miss J. Ratliff	5	0	
Mrs. Caddick	5	0	
The Rev. W. Kerr	2	6	
Mr. H. Sleath	2	6	
Mr. T. Plevins	2	6	
Sept. 7th.—Mr. W. Coker Iliffe	1	0	0
1915.			
Feb. 26th.—Miss Rotherham	7	0	
Bank Interest, 1913	1	3	
	£8	12	1

EXPENDITURE.

1914	£	s.	d.
Sept. 11th.—Grant for Assistant Priest	2	2	0
Oct. 21st.—Grant to Girls' Guild	1	0	0
1915.			
March 6th.—Parochial Table Cloths	8	3	
Caretaker, Keresley Mothers' Meeting	5	0	
Mr. Ensor, four trestles for Parochial tables	10	0	
Mr. Austin, Printing for Mission Anniversary and Harvest Festival	15	2	
Messrs. Caldicott & Feltham:—			
400 Handbills for Church	8	6	
24 Parochial Return Slips	2	6	
250 Mission Anniversary Handbills	6	0	
100 Invitation Cards and Envelopes	5	6	
100 Church Council Postcards	3	6	
	1	6	0
	6	6	5
Cash in Bank	2	5	7
Cash in Treasurer's Hands			1
	£8	12	1

RICHARD J. GREEN, Treasurer.