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Lenten Kalendar.

March.		March.	
1 M.	Matins, 8.30 a.m. Mothers' Meeting, 2.15 p.m. Mothers' Meeting, Lower Keresley, 2.15. Evening School, 7.30 p.m. Rural Dean's Visitation.	15 M.	Mothers' Meeting, 2.15 p.m. Mothers' Meeting, Lower Keresley, 2.15. Evening School, 7.30 p.m.
2 T.	Young Men's Guild, 7 p.m.	16 T.	Young Men's Guild, 7 p.m.
3 W.	Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Litany, 8.35 a.m. Parochial Working Party, 2.30 p.m. Girls' Guild, 5 p.m. Evensong, 6.30 p.m. Cookery Class, 7.30 p.m. Evening School, 7.30 p.m.	17 W.	S. Patrick's Day. Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Litany, 8.35 a.m. Parochial Working Party, 2.30 p.m. Girls' Guild, 5 p.m. Evensong, 6.30 p.m. Cookery Class, 7.30 p.m. Evening School, 7.30 p.m.
4 Th.	Intercession Service, 8 p.m. Rev. H. W. Ottoway.	18 Th.	Intercession Service, 8 p.m. Rev. H. W. Ottoway.
5 F.	Choir Practice, 8 p.m.	19 F.	Choir Practice, 8 p.m.
6 S.	Confirmation Class, 6.20. Physical Culture Club, 7.45 p.m. Gymnastic Club, Boys, 6 p.m.	20 S.	Confirmation Class, 6.20 p.m. Physical Culture Club, 7.45 p.m. Gymnastic Club, Boys, 6 p.m.
7	3rd Sunday in Lent Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Matins, 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion (Choral), 11 a.m. Bible Class, 3.15 p.m. Evensong and Intercessions, 6.30 p.m.	21	5th Sunday in Lent Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Holy Communion (Choral), 10 a.m. Matins and Litany, 11 a.m. Bible Class, 3.15 p.m. Evensong and Intercessions, 6.30 p.m.
8 M.	Mothers' Meeting, 2.15 p.m. Mothers' Meeting, Lower Keresley, 2.15. Evening School, 7.30 p.m.	22 M.	Mothers' Meeting, 2.15 p.m. Mothers' Meeting, Lower Keresley, 2.15. Evening School, 7.30 p.m.
9 T.	Young Men's Guild, 7 p.m.	23 T.	Young Men's Guild, 7 p.m.
10 W.	Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Litany, 8.35 a.m. Parochial Working Party, 2.30 p.m. Girls' Guild, 5 p.m. Evensong, 6.30 p.m. Cookery Class, 7.30 p.m. Evening School, 7.30 p.m.	24 W.	Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Litany, 8.35 a.m. Parochial Working Party, 2.30 p.m. Girls' Guild, 5 p.m. Evensong, 6.30 p.m. Cookery Class, 7.30 p.m. Evening School, 7.30 p.m.
11 T.	Intercession Service, 8 p.m. Rev. H. W. Ottoway.	25 Th.	The Annunciation of the B.V.M. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Intercession Service, 8 p.m. Rev. H. W. Ottoway. Guild Preparation Service.
12 F.	Choir Practice, 8 p.m.	26 F.	Choir Practice, 8 p.m.
13 S.	Confirmation Class, 6.20 p.m. Physical Culture Club, 7.45 p.m. Gymnastic Club, Boys, 6 p.m.	27 S.	Confirmation Class, 6.20 p.m. Physical Culture Club, 7.45 p.m. Gymnastic Club, Boys, 6 p.m.
14	4th Sunday in Lent Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m. Senior Catechism, 3 p.m. Holy Baptism, 3.45 p.m. Evensong and Intercessions, 6.30 p.m.	28	Palm Sunday Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m. Bible Class, 3.15 p.m. Evensong and Intercessions, 6.30 p.m.

Choral Celebration.

In response to a special request by many members of the morning congregation, there will be another Choral Celebration at 11 a.m. on March 7th. Matins at 10.15.

The offerings on this date will be given to the Bishop of Worcester's Church Extension Fund.

Notes.

DAILY SERVICE.—8.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. (except where otherwise stated above).

Father Adderley is giving an address at S. Michael's on the Wednesdays in Lent, at 3 p.m.

ALTAR FLOWERS.—Mrs. E. Turrall.

The special subject on Sundays, at 6.30 p.m.: "Messages from the Battlefield."

The War and Lent.

Every day the meaning of this fierce struggle between the Christian nations of the world, and the momentous issues involved, goes home to our hearts with a deeper insistence. We realize the horror and misery of it all.

Over our fires, or in a comfortable bed, could we help thinking of the hardships our men are enduring so cheerfully during the bitter cold of last month?

We know that victory will be dearly bought. Every man is wanted.

The men without ties—who are eligible and leave it to others to fight for them—should be clearly made to understand their value as Englishmen.

Those of us who are beyond the useful age feel painfully out of it—not worth our “keep.” We forget there is a work to be done at home—a noble work.

We are not just what we were on August 3rd. For one thing we have been thinking about things that we were too busy to think about before.

Spiritual matters appear in a new light. The meaning of our relationship to God. The duty of public worship as giving to God what we owe to Him: the power of Prayer and Intercession.

Many of us realised this when we were able to join in offering the Eucharist as the principal Service on January 3rd. We felt its power; for that is really what all intercession means, pleading the merits of the one sufficient sacrifice on behalf of others.

Lent, in one sense, is less marked than usual. The call to self-denial, fasting and prayer, came last August.

But we are making a stronger effort to deepen our spiritual life, to get nearer to God and His will for us as a nation, to break once and for ever from those habits of indifference that have crept so insidiously into our life.

We are trying during these forty days to enter more completely into the sufferings of Christ, as we share the sorrow and suffering which this war has already brought to us.

We suggest a few simple thoughts and rules which may be some help.

Communion.—Remember it is a necessity for everyone. Not merely something that is good for those who can come.

Read again what our Lord said about Holy Communion, and notice how carefully He drives home the tremendous importance of the lesson, “Except ye eat and drink.”

This is nothing else but the spiritual food, without which we must starve. To try to live the Christian life, without that great sacrament, is to attempt that which is utterly impossible. It makes great de-

mands on our part in careful preparation; self examination and confession, as well as faith.

Prayer is the mightiest power in the world. Yet few have learned to pray.

It has been said that prayer is the breath of the human soul.

“Prayer is like ascending from some crowded fetid city street to the hills where we can breathe God’s air pure and undefiled.”

If we received everything we need without asking, we should become the very incarnation of self seeking atheists, so God in His love compels us to ask.

We must strengthen our life of prayer this Lent, but again it demands great effort.

1. PRAYER AND WORSHIP.

1. To attend Holy Communion at least once every week.
2. To be regular at the Church Services on Sundays. To attend one or more extra Services, especially the Intercession Service on Thursday.
3. To spend a quarter of an hour daily in private prayer.
4. To read a portion of Scripture each day.
5. To see if there is any way in which you could make your life more worthy of God’s acceptance.

2. FASTING. SELF-DENIAL.

1. To keep the rules of the Church.
2. To give up all alcoholic drink.
3. To abstain from places of amusement.
4. To give up smoking, or some habit.
5. To rise earlier in order to have more time for prayer.
6. To attend the Church Services on week days as frequently as possible.
7. To write down the results of self examination each week.

ALMSGIVING.

To give that which costs us something we value; to help those in need.

Select a few rules, write them down and keep the paper in your Prayer Book.

1. My rule of Prayer.
2. My rule of Fasting.
3. My rule of Almsgiving.

The Library.

The Annual Meeting was held on the 6th, Mr. Suffolk presented the accounts. It was decided that a new supply of books should be obtained. Mr. P. E. J. Squires was elected on the Committee. The Library will only open on the 1st and 3rd Sunday in each month. Subscribers can take two books.

Men's Club.

The departure of the 7th Warwicks has reduced our membership considerably.

Men over the military age cannot do better than join the Club now, and help to keep it going. In addition to other attractions, a set of snooker balls has just arrived.

The recent billiard competition was won by H. Green, H. C. Townshend being a good second; and the "best break" prize falls to a consistent scorer, R. Goode.

Varia.

RIFLE RANGE.—The indoor rifle range will be open this month on Monday and Wednesday. Those wishing to join should apply to Mr. J. H. Clarke.

ANNUAL WHIST DRIVE.—The parochial whist drive which took place on Shrove Tuesday in the Church of England Schools, Keresley, was a great success. All the arrangements were ably carried out by Mrs. R. Green and Mrs. J. H. Clarke. The prizes were generously given by Messrs. Smith and Son, Comley, Tullett, Gibberd, Bradford, Welton and Slingsby. The prize-winners were as follows:—Ladies: Miss Hayles, Mrs. W. Townsend, Miss Dorothy Edwards. Consolation prize, Mrs. J. H. Clarke. Gentlemen: Mr. W. Wainwright, Mr. Dowse, Mr. Lowe. Consolation prize, Master Harry Coley.—*Coventry Herald*.

Sunday School Festival.

Canon Robinson was the special preacher for our Festival, and this was his first visit to the Church. The attendance was disappointing. Evidently Sunday School work has little interest for the majority of our people. We have a noble body of teachers, who give up a great deal of the little spare time they have, to teach the children; it is not much to ask that all members of the congregation, and especially parents, should by their presence on this day, recognise these self-sacrificing labours.

The collections were under £2, but the following subscribed in their parochial returns: Miss Rotherham, Mr. H. Rotherham, Mr. Sleath, Miss Ratliff, Mrs. Jagger, Mr. Cash, Mr. Waters, Mr. C. Iliffe and the Vicar.

Mothers' Union.

There was a good muster of members at the special Service on Ash Wednesday. Four new members were admitted. On the 24th, in the Parish Room, the address given by Mrs. S. Cash, was most helpful and interesting.

The 25th is the special day of the year in connection with this Union.

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Parochial Whist Drive, Dec. 5th, 1914.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
By 112 Tickets		5	12	0
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		£5	12	0

EXPENSES.		£	s.	d.
To Printing			3	0
.. Programmes			8	6
.. Booby Prizes			3	6
.. Caretaker, Schools			2	6
.. Cartage of tables			1	6
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			19	0
Balance to Parochial Working Party for Soldiers, Sailors and Belgian Refugees		4	13	0
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		£5	12	0

Audited and found correct, H. SLEATH.
Miss Kerr thanks very much indeed those who so kindly sold the tickets for the Whist Drive.

Parochial Sale of Work, Dec. 19th.

Receipts.		£	s.	d.
By Receipts		20	0	9½
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		£20	0	9½

Expenses.		£	s.	d.
To Mr. Enser, cartage			7	6
.. Caretaker			2	6
.. Messrs. Caldicott & Feltham			7	9
.. Messrs. Mountford			1	0
.. Messrs. Patrick			11	4
.. Refreshments			7	0
.. Purchase Club Cards			6	9
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			2	3
To Balance: 240 V.A.D. postcards at 1d.			1	0
Parochial Working Party for the Soldiers, Sailors and Belgian Refugees		16	16	11½
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		£20	0	9½

Examined and found correct, H. SLEATH.

New Year Social, Jan. 15th, 1915.

Receipts.		£	s.	d.
By 51 Tickets		2	11	0
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		£2	11	0

Expenses.		£	s.	d.
To Printing			3	0
.. Caretaker			2	6
.. Floor Polish			1	0
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			6	6
.. Balance for Parochial Tennis Courts		2	4	6
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		£2	11	0

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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.

The Sale will be in aid of the Belgian Refugees.

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.

The following are some of the subscribers to this Fund:—Mrs. Allen (2), Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Bretherton, Mrs. Bateman, Mrs. Edward Clarke (3), Mrs. Bennett (senior), Mrs. Cowpe, Mrs. Cheeseman, Mrs. J. H. Clarke, Mrs. Davies, H.D., Mrs. Dowell, Mrs. Dowse, Mrs. Everall, Mrs. A. Enser (3), Mrs. Flowers, Mrs. Goodall, Mrs. John Gibson, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Richard Green, Mrs. Harry Harrison, Mrs. Harrison (Lower Keresley), Miss E. Lawrence, Mrs. Lloyd (3), Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Pickering, Mrs. Thomson Plevins (3), Mrs. Noel Plevins (3), Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. and Miss Sleath (3), Mrs. Joseph Smith, Mrs. John Saunders, Mr. Sarney, Mrs. Statham, Mrs. George Smith, Mrs. Storrie, Mr. Squires, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. William Townsend (3), Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. Walker.

Joint Missionary Boxes, 1914.

	£	s.	d.
The Vicar's Class	14	7	
Senior Girls	5	11	
Junior Girls	7	11	
Junior Boys	5	8	
Miss Phillips	3	4	
Miss Turner	17	10	
Miss Asher	16	3	
Miss Martin	6	4	
K. & F. Sparrow	2	5½	
The Vicar	3	0½	
Mrs. Coley	2	2½	
Miss Flowers	2	0½	
Miss Dalton	2	6	
A. O. O.	19	8	
Mrs. Green		11	
Mrs. Sleath	4	11	
Mrs. Statham	2	6	
Offertory, 8 a.m., S. Luke's	4	6	
	£6	2	7
Allotted S.P.G.	4	0	6
A.C.S.	1	1	6
Mission to Seamen	1	0	7
	£6	2	7