

# St. Thomas' Keresley and Coundon Parish Magazine

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## Notices for the Month.

MONDAY.—Clothing Club. Men's Club.

WEDNESDAY.—Holy Communion 8 a.m. Parochial Working Party at the Parish Room, 2.30 to 4.30.

THURSDAY.—8 p.m., Choir Practice, Parish Room.

SUNDAY.—The Library, 3.45 p.m., Mr. Suffolk. (First and third Sundays.)

The Church is open daily for private prayer.

## 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.

Evensong.—Sundays, 6.30 p.m.

Intercessions.—Thursdays, 8 p.m.

Holy Baptism.—2nd Sunday, 2.30 p.m.

Saints' Day.—6.30 a.m.

Churchings.—Before or after any 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.

## Services of Intercession for our Sailors and Soldiers.

Sunday,

### Prayers to be Said Daily.

A PRAYER OF PENITENCE.—Forgive me, O God, all the sins and selfishness of the past, and give me the grace to repent and lead a more useful life; I ask this for Jesus Christ's sake.

A PRAYER FOR HELP.—Stretch forth Thy hand, Thou God of Hosts, and decide between us and our enemies; give us fortitude and courage to endure hardness as good soldiers, and crown our labours with victory; for Jesus Christ's sake.

A PRAYER FOR THE SAILORS, SOLDIERS, AND AIRMEN.—Guard with Thy loving care those who are in peril, whether on sea or land or in the air. Help them to remember that "underneath are the Everlasting Arms," and keep them safe in life or death; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A PRAYER FOR THE WOUNDED AND THE MOURNERS.—Send Thy healing grace upon the wounded and pour Thy comfort into the souls of the mourners; give them both a "warrior's mind" until the day dawn and the shadows flee away; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A PRAYER FOR THE NATION.—Stir up, O Lord, a spirit of service throughout the country; may the soul of the nation respond to the call to sacrifice and help me to play a worthy part in this Great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And we sum up our petitions in the words our Lord taught us—"Our Father, which art in heaven."

## Letter to Parishioners.

I am asked by the Vicar to write a few lines about the National Mission. As a temporary substitute for Mr. Kerr, the responsibility for conducting the National Mission will devolve upon me; but being a new-comer it will be necessary for me to rely to a very great extent upon the devotion and keenness of all members of the Parish, to enable me to pick up the threads and to ensure success. May God bless and prosper this and all other works which are undertaken according to His will.

A. C. COLLIN.

Halesowen, Oct. 19, 1916.

## Sale of Work.

A Sale of Work will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4th, 1916, at 3 o'clock, in the Keresley Schools, in aid of the Colliery Missioner Fund. Donations can be sent to Mrs. S. Cash or Mrs. Tabberer. Admission free, tea 6d.

## War Savings.

A War Savings' Club has been started in the school, and is proving quite popular. Mr. Loasby is ready to receive subscriptions of from 6d. upwards at any time when the day school is open.

We regret to announce that we have lost the services of Mr. Squires in the Parish, as he has found it necessary to live nearer to his work, and so has left Keresley. We shall miss him, especially in the choir, where he has always been such a willing helper.

## A Letter from the Vicar.

B. E. F.

16/10/16.

My dear Friends,

I was delighted to get a few days at home. I had visions of a peaceful time, with opportunities of seeing you all. Unfortunately, my plans were upset by a hitch in the arrangements for providing a locum tenens, and most of the time was spent in correspondence and interviews. However, I am glad to say the Bishop—who had given me instructions to go on with the work here—relieved me of all anxiety by appointing the Rev. A. C. Collin, of Halesowen, to take charge of the parish. Mr. Collin comes this month, and I know you will all give him a good welcome. His immediate and most responsible work will be in connection with the National Mission.

Yesterday, while you were listening to the Bishop's Messenger, we had many services in odd places. A good-sized farmyard held one congregation, and I noticed that a small black cat formed up with the men. Later two of our airmen tried to join in, but they received a lot of attention from the enemy. Although the plucky airmen did not seem to mind—we did—some unpleasant things were raining down as we sang our hymn. However, no one was touched. At the next service we were the cause of an interruption. It was some miles back, and a big band assisted. After we started off with a cheerful noise, I discovered that we had cut short the sermon of a Chaplain just over the hedge. I expect to hear more of this!

When on leave I had several queries as to the best kind of gifts to send out. I could wax eloquent and produce a list that would stagger those generously inclined. The Working Party has first claim; may I plead for wider support. They send to all the men from this parish the most useful articles. We have had our first touch of cold weather, and in my little hut I felt it intensely. You may imagine what it must be for those in the trenches.

The "Daily Telegraph" is responsible for the supply of plum puddings for all the troops. Mr. Loasby would forward any small gifts. Sixpence supplies one man.

I am asking the Wardens to spare me a share of the Christmas offerings towards the cost of prayer and devotional books for those who really need them. A small portable gramophone would also be most acceptable. Our men are doing their

work splendidly under the most trying conditions, and I know you will do all you can to help them.

May I express, on your behalf as well as on my own, our sincere gratitude to Mr. Barnard for the loyal and devoted manner in which he has carried out the work of the parish for thirteen months. On all sides I heard of his kindness and the great interest he took in our parochial affairs. Mr. Barnard's wonderful energy radiates in every direction with the happiest results.

Yours sincerely,

WALSINGHAM C. KERR.

### Sunday School.

A teachers' meeting was held in the Parish Room on Monday evening, September 25th. The Vicar presided, and there was a good attendance. Decided that children must make a certain number of attendances in the three months preceding the party, or they will not be allowed to go.

Children wishing to go home after morning school must obtain leave from the Superintendent.

Standard 1 to remain with the Infants on Sundays.

£1 was allotted from Teachers' Fund towards postage on Christmas boxes to old scholars at the Front.

Matters connected with school finance were also settled.

### Parochial Working Party.

The winter meetings commenced October 4th. A good number of friends are busy making comforts for our men on active service.

We hope to send a parcel for Christmas to each one abroad. Will relatives please send full address and regimental number to Mrs. H. Sleath or Miss Hands by the end of November.

We acknowledge with many thanks £1 from Sunday School teachers and £2 0s. 3d. Red Cross Funds from Mrs. Herschell.

### S.P.G.

S.P.G. Annual Meeting, S. Mary's Hall, Monday, November 6th, 1916, at 8.15 p.m. Speaker: Rev. H. A. Dempster (New South Wales), Organising Secretary, Lincoln.

The teachers and children of the Day Schools will again send a parcel of tobacco and cigarettes this Christmas to each of our men at the Front. We expect the cost this year to be close on £10.

## Our Roll of Honour.

### THE ARMY.

The Vicar, Chaplain, 49th West Riding Division.  
 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.  
 Dr. 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.  
 Corp. 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.  
 Lieut. Geoffrey Cash, 6th Loyal N. Lancashire.  
 Lieut. Reginald Cash, 8th Loyal N. Lancashire.  
 Gr. John Rowe, R.F.A.  
 Pte. William Courts, R.F.A.  
 Driver R. Rodgers, R.F.A.  
 Pte. Jack Baseley, R.F.A.  
 Lce.-Corpl. 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.  
 Corpl. John Howard, 12th Royal Warwicks.  
 Gr. William Williams, R.G.A.

Pte. Frank Matthews, 1st Coldstream Guards.  
 Corpl. Charles Douse, 7th Royal Warwicks.  
 Pte. Fred Ryan, R.F.A.  
 Bombr. William Craner, R.F.A.  
 Lce.-Corpl. John Billingham, Motor Transport.  
 Lce.-Corpl. Sidney Timms, Motor Transport.  
 Gr. Frank Bricknell, R.F.A.  
 Dr. J. Harry 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.  
 Gr. David Osborne, R.F.A.  
 Pte. Herbert Lloyd, 7th Royal Warwicks.  
 Gr. Wilfred Greenwood, R.F.A.  
 Captain R. G. Kerr, 7th Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.  
 Pte. Tom Osborne, R.A.M.C.  
 Pte. Harold Beaumont, King's Royal Rifles.  
 Pte. Albert Wale, King's Royal Rifles.  
 Trooper William Flowers, 2nd Life Guards.  
 Pte. William Clarke, R.F.A.  
 Gr. John Barr, R.G.A.  
 Lce.-Corpl. Sam Allcock, 11th S. Staffords.  
 Pte. Herbert Hodgekins, M.T., A.S.C.  
 Pte. George Mack, 4th Royal Warwick. Reg.  
 Pte. James Harrington, 15th Hussars.  
 Pte. Ernest Steeley, R.G.A.  
 Pte. William Wainwright, 7th Royal Warwicks.  
 Pte. Richard Spicer, Coldstream Guards.  
 Pte. Walter Dyke, R.F.A.  
 Pte. Harry Manners, 3/7 Royal Warwicks.  
 Pte. Sam. Allcock, 11th S. Staffs.  
 Corpl. L. S. Allcock, 8th S. Staffordshire Regt.  
 Pte. Sam Jessop, 12th Royal Warwickshire Regt.  
 Pte. Harry Slater, R.G.A.  
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 Dvr. Charles Lynes, R.H.A.  
 Gr. E. H. Statham, F. Comp., A.C.S.  
 Pte. Tom Ward, 3rd Berks. Regiment.  
 Pte. Walter Host, Mechanical Transport, A.S.C.  
 Pte. Joseph Kenning, 12th Warwickshire Regiment.  
 Pte. D. A. Fowke, A.V.C.  
 Pte. Archie Hancox, 6th Dorset Regt.  
 Pte. Herbert Davis, Royal Warwicks.

### THE NAVY.

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

Our prayers are also asked for :—

G. P. Williamson, George Cowley, William Brown,  
 Albert Bull.

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