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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.

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

The Church is open daily for private prayer.

All cases of sickness should be reported at once to Rev. G. W. Barnard, 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.

Evensong—Sundays, 6.30 p.m.

Intercessions—Thursdays, 8 p.m.

Holy Baptism.—2nd Sunday, 2.30 p.m.

Saints' Day.—8.30 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."

Sale of Work for Missioner's Fund.

At a meeting of the ladies of the Parish, it was decided to hold a small Sale of Work for funds to provide a Missioner for the New Colliery, Lower Keresley.

It was also suggested that a collecting box should be put in the Church every third Sunday, in aid of the same fund. Of course the ordinary Church collections would take place as usual. This could start the third Sunday in September.

Letter to Parishioners.

I was glad to hear this morning some news of the Vicar. He writes to say that he has now returned to work, and has taken over new duties. He is now with the 2nd Royal Warwickshire Regiment, and happy to be among men of his own county. He says: "We are on the move again, and expect to be busy."

I am publishing an article from the "Morning Post" of to-day, which I hope may interest the readers of the Magazine. We have, indeed, every reason to be proud of the doings of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

The Vicar has applied for leave about Sept. 12, so I hope we may see him here again before very long.

I would ask you to remember day by day to pray for God's blessing on the work of the National Mission—and for the revival of spiritual life in the nation, the Church, and the parish. The following subjects for meditation and intercession may be found helpful.

Aug. 29, 1916.

G. W. BARNARD.

Prayer for the Revival of the Spiritual Life.

THE NATION'S REVIVAL.

1.—CONFESSION AND HUMILIATION.

(a) Meditate upon my own sins and shortcomings and confess them.

(b) National Sins.—Intemperance. Gambling. Immorality. Indifference. Pleasure seeking. Love of money. Neglect of Family Prayer, and of God's Word. Neglect of God's House, and of the means of Grace. Desecration of the Lord's Day. Forgetfulness of God and His claims. Infidelity and Unbelief.

2.—INTERCESSION.

For the Government, War Office, Admiralty. For Parliament, Trades Unions, Social Life. For Admirals and Generals, Officers and Men. For the Chaplains in Navy and Army. For the Press, Leaders of Thought. For a Christian spirit in all of these and a true following of Jesus Christ.

3.—PERSONAL CONSECRATION.

(a) Meditate on Power of Jesus (St. Matt. xxviii. 18; St. John xvi. 23-24; Rev. i. 12-18).

(b) Acceptance of Jesus as my Saviour. Act of belief in Christ's Power to revive the spiritual life of the Nation. Resolution to spend my strength to help forward such a Revival (a) in the Nation, (b) in myself. Dedication of myself to Christ's service for this purpose, yielding to Him my body, my soul, my spirit.

4.—THANKSGIVING.

Preservation of our King and Royal Family. For our Land kept from invasion. For the Response of our Empire, our Navy and Army, our People, our Colonies, our Medical Men, our Clergy, Red Cross and Ambulance Workers, the Work of our Women, our Spiritual Work amongst the Troops, for Money given for War and Spiritual Work.

THE CHURCH'S REVIVAL.

1.—CONFESSION.

My own failure to help the work of the Church. The sad Divisions and want of Love. The lack of an aggressive Christianity. Formality in Worship, and Worldly Spirit. Lack of Missionary Enterprise. Failure to influence the National Life. The back-sliding and lukewarmness of many.

2.—INTERCESSION.

For the Archbishops, Bishops and Clergy. For the National Call to Repentance and Hope. For a fresh Vision of Christ. For a fresh realisation of the Personality and Power of the Holy Ghost. For a fresh endowment of Power on Clergy and Laity. For a spirit of Love and Unity amongst all Christians. For increased Missionary zeal and effort. For a yearning for the souls of men. For a spirit of true self-sacrifice for Christ's cause. For more aggressive effort for the spread of the Kingdom of Heaven. For the work of Christ in the Diocese and our Rural Deanery. For the work amongst the young, the women, the men, the munition workers, the business classes, the professional classes.

3.—CONSECRATION.

Meditate on the Ability of Jesus to Keep (Rom. vi. 11-14; Jude 24; Rev. ii. 4). Prayer for victory over self and sin, for obedience to the Lord's Will, for new vision of His Ability to Keep.

4.—THANKSGIVING.

For the proposed National Call. For the maintenance of Church Work. For the work of the Church in the War. For the response to the Missionary cause. For the signs of Revival.

THE PARISH REVIVAL.

1.—CONFESSION.

My lack of help in the work of our Parish. Want of an aggressive spirit in (a) Temperance work, (b) work amongst men, (c) work amongst women, (d) reaching the business houses. My sense of the corporate life of the Church.

2.—INTERCESSION.

For the Clergy and Workers. For Services in Church, the Wardens and Sidesmen, the Choir and Officials of the Church. For a spirit of deeper Reverence and Worship. For a right use of the means of Grace. For a revival of spiritual life in our Congregation and Workers. For the Work in the Parish: Sunday and Day School Teachers and Scholars, Bible Classes and their Leaders, Mothers' Meeting and Mothers' Union, Sick and Social Clubs, District Visitors and Visitation, Open-air Work and Mission Service, Intercessory and Devotional Services, Temperance Work, Work amongst the Young, Communicants.

3.—CONSECRATION.

Meditate upon the willingness of the Risen Lord (Eph. i. 15-20; Eph. iii. 14-21). Prayer: To see the willingness of Christ to do this for me; for the power to attain to it; personal longing to win souls for Jesus; for reality in my own belief and life; for consistency and loyalty to Jesus.

4.—THANKSGIVING.

For any signs of Spiritual Revival in our Church. For the spirit of prayer to-day. For the longing for a deeper spirituality. For any who have been helped spiritually. For the sympathy and help of the Congregation.

Parochial Working Party.

The Working Party for the making of comforts for our soldiers and sailors will commence their weekly meetings for the Winter Season on Wednesday, October 4th, from 2.30 to 4.30, at the Parish Room. We hope that as many as possible will attend.

Materials will be provided.

Last season, with the help of friends working at home, we made 94 pairs of socks, 50 pairs of mittens, and 30 mufflers. These were sent to our men at the Front and those in training at home. Warm comforts were also sent to the mine sweepers and a parcel of socks to our V.A.D. Hospital. Balance sheet will be published next month.

In Memoriam.

Lieut. Donald Rotherham, H.M.S. Cadmus.
Pte. John Ryan, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.
Boatswain Jas. Mitchell, H.M.S. "Tiger."
Bomb. Ch. J. Hopkins, R.H.A.
Lce.-Corpl. George Mannets, 3rd Yorks and Lancs.
Pte. Stanley Cooke, 7th Warwicks.
Lce.-Corpl. L. Morris, 7th Warwicks.

We regret to announce that Gr. A. Horobin has been wounded.

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.
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 Gr. Philip Pinches, R.G.A.
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 Pte. Harry Coates, 4th Royal Warwicks.
 Pte. Alfred Mascord, 8th Royal Warwicks.
 Captain E. Rotherham, 8th Royal Warwicks.
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 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 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.
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 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.
 Corp. 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.
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 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.
 Pte. William Flowers, 2nd Life Guards.
 Pte. William Clarke, R.F.A.
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 Pte. George Mack, 4th Royal Warwick. Reg.
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 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.
 Corp. L. S. Allcock, 8th S. Staffordshire Regt.
 Pte. Sam Jessop, 12th Royal Warwickshire Regt.
 Corp. Harry Slater, R.G.A.
 Pte. Fred Tear, A.S.C.
 Dvr. Charles Lynes, R.H.A.
 Bomb. Charles J. Hopkins, 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.

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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ROYAL WARWICKS RECORD OF HARD FIGHTING.

The glowing tribute paid to the Royal Warwickshire Regiment on Friday (writes a Military Correspondent) is well deserved. Throughout the course of the war the battalions of the old 6th Foot have fought with distinction on many fields. Their deeds, like those of the Worcesters, Northumberland Fusiliers, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and many another would fill columns of space, but it is worth while to recall in particular the work of the 2nd Battalion which fought with the immortal 7th Division under General Capper to help the Belgians back in their retreat from Antwerp to the left of the Allied line. The battalion had mobilised at Malta, and came to France in the 22nd Infantry Brigade. When the Belgian Army was coming back the Warwicks and their comrades put a line across the front of Ypres and barred the Germans. Heavy losses fell to the battalion in much hard fighting covering a period of three weeks. The spirit of the men was extraordinary, and despite loss of officers and subordinate leaders, lack of sleep, and drives by masses of the enemy with countless machine-guns, the battalion engaged with the others of the Brigade in a successful counter-attack at Ypres in a critical moment when the enemy seemed about to burst through. Against four times their own numbers the Warwicks captured their part of the German line and took all the machine-guns which were playing such havoc. When the fight was done only the Brigadier-General, four officers, and 700 men out of 3,000 were left. The Brigade had succeeded. The Warwicks, on their part, had fought themselves to a standstill.

Later, at Kleghock, on October 9, 1914, the Warwicks were hotly assailed, but were so steady that the enemy could do nothing with them and had to retire. On October 21 they again occupied an exposed position under an enfilade fire, and suffered heavy losses without flinching. On that occasion they eventually retired, reluctant, by order, but two days later they were allowed to come on, and drove the Germans a long distance through a wood, where the commanding officer was killed.

General Lawford conveyed the Divisional Commander's thanks to the Warwick men, and added:

"Convey to the Battalion my high appreciation of their behaviour under trying circumstances. The losses show the efforts of the Battalion to uphold its reputation and the honour of the Empire."

Lord French came from General Headquarters while the Battalion was resting, and, forming the men up, said:

"You have suffered great losses . . . your regiment has glorious traditions, and you have well maintained them. . . . I wish to express my own personal gratitude for the good work you have done."

The Warwickshires are an ancient regiment, and are said to have won their badge at Saragossa by the capture of a Moorish standard bearing the device of an antelope.

Wellington described a charge of the regiment at Echalar in 1813 as "the most gallant and finest thing I have seen." The regiment marches to the tune of "The Warwickshire Lads," and the Germans have heard the fifers play it in three charges.

The Warwicks, in short, are famous for charges—under Wellington in the Peninsula, under Kitchener at the Atbara, under French in Flanders, and now under Haig in France.