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Vicar—REV. WALSHINGHAM C. KERR, B.A.

Churchwardens—Mr. Sidney Cash, Mr. W. H. Tabberet.

Sidesmen—Mr. A. Enser, Mr. R. Green.

Mr. J. H. Clarke, Mr. J. Allen, Mr. Sleath.

Organist—Mr. H. P. Leasby.

Deputy Organist—Miss F. Lloyd.

Verger—Mr. J. Craner.

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.—Wednesdays, 7.30.

Holy Baptism.—2nd Sunday, 3.45 p.m.

Saints' Day.—8.30 a.m.

Churchings.—Before or after any Services.

Catechism.—2nd Sunday, 3 p.m.

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.

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.

Letter to Parishioners.

My dear Friends,

The chief event of the month of May has been the Confirmation at St. Michael's on May 18th, when twenty-two candidates from this parish were presented. An old countryman once told me that the only preparation he received for Confirmation was being told, a day or two before, to be at the cross-roads at a certain time to meet the waggon that was to take the boys and girls to the church in the neighbouring town. It was small wonder, then, if the newly confirmed soon fell away. Even now, when Confirmation is taught in day and Sunday school, and when Confirmation classes last for weeks, and the meaning and solemnity of the "Laying on of Hands" is more fully realised, the newly confirmed cannot just be left to themselves. They need every help and encouragement that the Church can give them, if they are to continue "lively members of the same." We Churchpeople, parents, teachers, and friends, should do all we can to keep within the fold every single boy and girl who has been confirmed, for their own sake and for the sake of the Church.

The Churchwardens have handed to me, in accordance with the Vicar's wish, half of the Easter offerings. May I express my thanks to those who

contributed to the Easter collections, and say that my share is a considerable help in these hard times.

It is a good thing to hear some men singing in the choir again; also to be able to get a band of bell-ringers for Sunday evening. Even with so many men away, Church work must not all be left to the women! And speaking seriously, whatever men can do for the Church now is of greater value, because there are so few able and willing to do it.

The Church Council is about to meet to consider the urgent need of repairing the floor on the north side of the church. By the time this is in print their decision will probably be known.

By the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Herschel the Church in Keresley is deprived of two good friends and workers. The Girls' Guild especially will miss Mrs. Herschel. We wish them every happiness in their new home at Leamington.

Mrs. Herschel has handed over to me her Red Cross collecting work, so that I shall issue and open the envelopes until I can find some one willing to take on the work.

My offer of National Service made in last month's Magazine still holds good.

Your faithful Minister

Renovation of the Church Floor.

For some time past the Churchwardens have been giving their attention to the very bad condition of the floor on the North side of the Church, which is caused by dry-rot. It was at first intended to have it temporarily repaired, but as this would not stop the mischief, and as there is a great risk of it spreading to all the woodwork in the church, it has been decided to have the North floor thoroughly renovated throughout, in such a way that the dry-rot will be effectively checked. The method chosen is to remove the whole of the floor on that side, and to lay down a bed of cement; and upon that a wood-block floor; also to cut out any parts of the oak seats that are affected and to replace with sound material. The work will be put in hand as soon as possible. It will not necessitate the closing of the Church, but the North side of the church will not be able to be used while the renovation is proceeding, which will take about six weeks.

The cost is estimated at between £60 and £70, and it is hoped that parishioners will contribute generously towards this amount.

Working Party.

The next monthly meeting of the Working Party will be held on Wednesday, June 6th, at the Parish Room, at 3 o'clock.

Mothers' Union.

During Lent three addresses were given to the Mothers' Union, the first by Miss Cox, and Miss Brochie kindly gave the other two. They were much enjoyed, and there was a good attendance.

On May 7th Mrs. A. Kirby gave a War Saving cooking lecture. Some very useful recipes were given and some delicious dishes cooked without flour.

Twenty-three of our members promised to keep the Voluntary Rations, and signed their names to that effect. They will receive cards and badges. If any of the other members wish to join this League, will they send their names to Miss Ratcliff, Coundon.

Communicants' Guild.

The monthly Preparation Service will be held on the Wednesday evening before the third Sunday in each month.

Confirmation, May 18th.

"Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost."

John Henry Gurden.	Dorothy Sarney.
James Duckett.	Elizabeth Cowpe.
Richard Green.	Elsie Osborne.
Beatrice Smith.	Elsie Eden.
Dorothy Hands.	Ethel Walton.
Edith Clarke.	Ada Davis.
Nellie Osborne.	Evelyn Constant.
Violet Bricknell.	Olive Slec.
Gertrude Bricknell.	Annie Skermer.
May Bricknell.	Gertrude Stoney.
Hetty Wilson.	Ida Marshall.

Holy Baptisms.

"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism."

April 8.—Walter Lawrence Goode.
May 10.—Dorothy Evelyn Sarney.

Burials.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

March 29.—Ephraim Townsend, aged 58.
April 5.—Susan Truseler, aged 87.

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In Memoriam.

April 6.—Gnr. Charles Ward, R.F.A. (killed in action).

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Subscriptions to Perchial Bed—May 13th.

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15	—	—	37	2	0	59	—	—
16	1	0	38	—	8	60	1	0
17	1	0	39	—	8	61	—	—
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The Vicar's Thanks.

The Vicar writes from France—

"I wish to send my sincere thanks to all who subscribed to the Easter Offering presented by the Wardens. At such a time this kind gift brings a special message of encouragement."

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