

# St. Thomas' Keresley and Coundon Parish Magazine

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Vicar—REV. WALSINGHAM C. KERR, B.A.

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

Sidesmen—Mr. A. Enser, Mr. G. Martin, Mr. R. Green.

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

Organist—Mr. H. P. Loasby.

Deputy Organist—Miss F. Lloyd.

Verger—Mr. J. Craner

## 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,

In his last letter to me the Vicar writes that he has been suffering from influenza. I am sure we all sympathise with him, and hope that by now he has completely recovered.

I read the other day in the newspaper that as the war goes on the congregations in London churches become smaller and smaller every week. The writer seemed to sympathise on the one hand with the clergy who are faced with this discouraging fact, and on the other hand with the absentees, who are giving almost every minute of their time to National Service, and if they have any leisure on Sunday are only too glad to devote it to complete rest. What the case may be in our own parish I am not certain; but most likely there are at least a few who have been attending Church less regularly than formerly, owing to their desire to make Sunday a day of entire relaxation from the strain of war-work. It would be easier for me to excuse than to accuse—to say, "You are quite justified in resting your tired body—over-tired perhaps—when you get the chance. You need not break your rest by coming to Church." It would be easy for me to say this, because I well understand what a great strain is being put upon the physical strength of workers at present, and how necessary periodical relaxation is. But I do not think it would be right. Public worship is as much a duty as private prayer. That is a plain fact. For a Christian, public worship is not optional, it is an obligation. And the excuse of being too tired—what does it mean? That you are physically incapable of going to Church? That it would injure your health to make the exertion? No! People are not such weaklings as that. It means that you just don't feel inclined to turn out. There is the point—the conflict of inclination and duty. When they clash, the Christian puts inclination aside, and chooses duty.

## 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.

Then, too, a Christian believes in prayer as a matter of course. At every service we have war-prayers. We pray for sailors and soldiers, for sufferers through the war, we pray for victory and peace. Perhaps God is waiting to see more general reliance upon Him before He will grant us victory. Public worship gives us the opportunity of showing our reliance upon God, by praying to Him to grant our desires. And so, if there were no other reason for attending public worship, it calls us now to join in the war-prayers.

Will you, whose case is touched by these words of mine, make it your Lenten Effort to do your duty to God on Sunday as staunchly as you do it to your country during the week, by joining in the public worship of the Church?

Your faithful Minister, A. C. COLLIN.

## Sermons during Lent.

Subjects.—Sunday mornings: The Majesty and Mastership of God. Sunday evenings: 1. Prayer. 2. Bible Reading. 3. Holy Communion. 4. Fasting. 5. Almsgiving.

## War Shrine.

At a public meeting, held in the Parish Room on February 14th, it was decided to erect a War Shrine, inscribed with the names of all the men from the Parish who have joined the Navy and Army, specially distinguishing those who have laid down their lives for their country. An original design by Mr. J. H. Clarke was chosen, and it was decided to entrust the work to Mr. R. Green and Mr. Clarke. The site fixed upon for the Shrine is the wall of the school, facing the main road. A committee, with Mr. Clarke as chairman and Mr. Suffolk as secretary, was appointed to collect subscriptions (limited to 10s.) and to make any further arrangements that may be necessary. Everyone will be glad to join in this tribute of honour to our gallant defenders.

**Women Communicants' Guild.**

A meeting of the committee was held in the Parish Room on February 19th. Miss May Martin was appointed joint secretary. The committee revised the list of members, and agreed that some who have not been keeping the rules should no longer enjoy the privileges of the Guild. The monthly Service of Preparation for Holy Communion, on the last Wednesday in each month, is to be revived and held regularly. A working party for members of the Guild is to be opened on Saturday afternoons, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Parish Room, the first meeting to be on March 3rd. On that day and the following Saturday, at 5 p.m., Miss Brochie, a friend of the Grey Ladies, has kindly offered to give addresses to the Guild. It is for the members to show their appreciation of this kindness by ensuring a full attendance and a hearty welcome for Miss Brochie, whose experience will make her words well worth listening to.

**Mothers' Union.**

The Annual Service will be held on Monday, March 26th, at 3 o'clock, in S. Michael's Church. Preacher, Rev. F. B. Feist, Vicar of Leamington.

**Parochial Working Party.**

Owing to pressure on space in the January Magazine the following donations—re Whist Drive—were only acknowledged in one sum. We wish to acknowledge them with many thanks: Per Mrs. Sleath—Mrs. Miller, 10s. Per Miss Hands—Mrs. Niblett, £1; Mr. and Mrs. Ramsdale, 10s. 6d.; Mrs. Gardner, 10s. Per Mr. J. H. Clarke—Mr. J. Smith, 25s.; Mr. H. Rotherham, £1; Mr. H. Lenton, 10s. 6d.; Mr. Herschel, 10s. Per Miss C. Clarke—Capt. Miller, 10s. Per Miss Martin—Mrs. E. Turrall, 10s. Also we have received from Mrs. Herschel the Red Cross Fund 8s. for December and £2 4s. 1d. for January.

We have received replies from nearly all our men in France and at home and from most of those at Salonica. We are sending second parcels to those abroad now, consisting of two pairs of socks, two cakes soap, note pad for active service, magazine, candle, and mittens, as fast as we can get them made; mufflers to those who had not one at Christmas. We have sent thirty now, and hope to send another thirty by the middle of March.

Some of us are commencing to work for our sailors, who are doing so much for us. We shall be pleased to supply wool to anyone who can knit either muffler or mittens or socks, the first two articles we want soonest. We hope to publish a list of workers later on. C. J. H.

**Whist Drive.**

On Friday, January 12th, 1917, a whist drive was held in the Council Schools in aid of the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and although the weather was unpleasantly wintery a good number (comprising 29 tables) left their cosy firesides and braved the elements to obtain the pleasure of another of our parochial whist drives.

We wish to tender our very best thanks to the following kind friends for prizes: Mrs. Turrall, Miss E. Harrow, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Cash, Mr. Tabberer, Mr. Pickering; also to the "Saturday Social Club" for their donation of £1 towards refreshments, and to Mrs. Green and helpers who so excellently managed the refreshments.

Prize winners were as under:—Ladies—First, Mrs. R. A. Pettifer; Second, Mrs. Harrison; Half-time Score, Miss W. Green; Door Prize, Miss Marsden; Booby, Mrs. R. Newman. Gentlemen—First, Mr. Bennett; Second, Mr. Sparrow; Half-time Score, Mr. S. Tibbetts; Door Prize, Mr. Green; Booby, Mr. A. Osborne.

Our Balance Sheet shows a margin of £7 10s. 11d.

**Sunday School Party, Jan. 1st. 1917.**

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Children's Contribution ... ..	15	9	
Two Visitors ... ..	1	0	
Miss Stringer ... ..	2	0	
Entertainment ... ..	11	3	
Cakes and Milk ... ..			6
<b>Total Receipts ... ..</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>
Balance from Teachers' Fund ... ..	2	0	6½
	<b>£3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0½</b>

Mr. Dalton kindly gave bread.

EXPENSES.

	£	s.	d.
Perkins: Milk and Carriage ... ..	4	8	
Flowers: Butter, Tea, Sugar ... ..	9	2½	
Liggins Cakes ... ..	1	8	8
Watson: Caretaker, Preparing Room.			
Washing Table Cloths ... ..	4	6	
Allwood: Crackers ... ..	8	0	
Oranges ... ..	6	3	
Enser: Putting up Stage ... ..	8	0	
C.C.: Fire and Lights ... ..	1	6	
Message ... ..			3
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### Sunday School Festival.

This was held on Sunday, February 11th. The festival was kept by making the 8 o'clock Holy Communion a corporate Communion for Sunday School teachers, and by introducing special hymns, sung by a choir of Sunday School children at the other services. These hymns were sung very reverently and sweetly, and did full justice to the trouble which Mr. Lossby had taken in training the singers at rather short notice. We were also glad to welcome the girls of Sir Thomas White's School to our festival, and to listen to their delightful rendering of a children's hymn. The collections at all the services were given to the Sunday Schools. Though no special appeal had been made, the sum collected amounted to the excellent total of £5 18s. 5d.

### British Red Cross.

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Subscriptions to Parochial Bed—January.

No.	s.	d.	No.	s.	d.	No.	s.	d.
1	—	—	23	1	4	45	—	—
2	1	4	24	—	—	46	4	0
3	—	—	25	—	8	47	—	—
4	1	4	26	—	—	48	1	4
5	—	—	27	—	—	49	—	—
6	1	4	28	1	0	50	1	0
7	5	0	29	1	4	51	2	0
8	—	—	30	—	—	52	2	0
9	8	—	31	—	—	53	1	9
10	—	—	32	—	—	54	2	0
11	—	—	33	—	—	55	1	0
12	—	—	34	—	—	56	—	—
13	1	4	35	2	0	57	—	—
14	—	—	36	—	—	58	—	—
15	—	—	37	4	0	59	—	—
16	1	0	38	1	4	60	1	0
17	1	0	39	1	4	61	—	—
18	—	—	40	1	4	62	—	—
19	—	—	41	—	—	63	—	—
20	—	—	42	—	—	64	—	—
21	—	—	43	—	—			
22	8	—	44	—	—			

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### Holy Baptism.

"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism."

Jan. 30.—Betty Tabberer (privately baptized).  
Feb. 11.—Helen May Enser.  
Feb. 11.—Frederick Stowe.  
Feb. 11.—Charles Montague Williamson.

### Confirmation.

Feb. 7.—At S. Mark's: Clara Elizabeth Moore.

### Holy Matrimony.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Feb. 17.—Thomas Stafford and Emily Cure.

### Burial.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

Feb. 6.—Betty Tabberer, aged one month.

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