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Sunday Services for December.

7th.— 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.0 a.m. Matins.
11.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

14th.— 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.0 a.m. Matins and Sermon.
3.0 p.m. Children's Service.
3.45 p.m. Holy Baptism.

21st.—S. Thomas.
10.0 a.m. Holy Communion. Choral.
11.0 a.m. Matins.

28th.— 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.0 a.m. Matins and Sermon.

Evening Service every Sunday at 6.30 p.m.
Churchings after any Service.
The Church is open daily for private devotion.
Cases of sickness should be at once reported to the Vicarage.

Christmas Day Services.

8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.0 a.m. Morning Service.
11.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
Offertories for S. Faith's Home, Coventry.
Carols will be sung at Evensong on Dec. 28th.

Patronal Festival.

The Choir have arranged for special services and an anthem, in honour of our Patron Saint. The offerings will be given to the S.P.G.

Confirmation.

Classes will begin early in January. The Vicar will be glad to receive the names of candidates.

Christmas Decorations.

In pre-war days the Communicants' Guild undertook this labour of love. We hope that members will continue the excellent custom. Please send offers of service to Miss Martin, Hon. Sec.

Men's Club.

The Club is now in full swing, and our Secretary, Mr. Suffolk, who carried on nobly through the lean times, is to be congratulated on the result of his work. A billiard tournament is attracting great interest; good games with exciting finishes can be seen most evenings. The noble game of chess has several followers, and we hope the Committee will organise a parish chess tournament. New members welcomed any evening (except Saturday) between 7 and 10 p.m.

Keresley Parish Magazine.

The prevailing prices of labour, paper and ink have hit parish magazines very hard, and many are retiring from the contest. We are glad to state difficulties have been overcome, and the K.P.M. will continue its useful career. We must, however, warn

Notices for the Month.

Monday.—Mothers' Meetings. Men's Club.
Tuesday.—Girl Guides. Folk Dancing. Men's Club.
Wednesday.—Boy Scouts. Men's Club. Girl Guides.
Thursday.—Girls' Guild. Choir Practice. Men's Club.
Friday.—K.L.P.C.C. Men's Club.
Saturday.—Dancing Class.
Sunday.—The Sunday Schools, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
The Library, 3.45 p.m.
Altar Flowers.—Miss Rotherham.
Communicants' Guild Service.—17th, 7.30 p.m.
Keresley Parish Council.—30th, 8 p.m.
26th.—Tennis Club Dance.
31st.—Dance, Coundon Court.

subscribers that they will find drastic changes in the January number. Our unique publication, generally acknowledged the best of its class, must pocket its pride and *economise*. As you all know what that means, we won't enlarge, except to ask that on Jan. 1 you will be merciful—"Don't shoot, we have done our best."

Will secretaries please note: (1) All matter for publication must be in on the 15th of the month; (2) Reports should be condensed as much as possible.

Ex-Service Men's Club.

It is proposed that a Keresley and Coundon Club be formed. A meeting will be held in the Schools on Wednesday, the 15th, at 8.15, to elect a committee, etc. Will all ex-service men please accept this notice and come along. Any who are unable to attend and wish to join, should send their names to the Vicar.

Sunday School.

The Sunday School teachers came to us from Coventry for a "Quiet Afternoon" on Saturday, Sept. 27th. The Vicar conducted the service, and gave us a series of addresses on "Ideals." Afterwards we came to the Schools for tea. It was a very pleasant gathering, and we hope to welcome the teachers again during next year.

Our summer treat took most of our funds, but we are anxious to give the children their Christmas Party, and so are arranging a concert, to take place on Dec. 18th. Please, parents and friends, will you do your best to come to the children's concert?

Teachers' Quarterly Corporate Communion at 8 a.m., Dec. 7th.

C. CLARKE, Hon. Sec.

Keresley Tennis Club.

Two very enjoyable evenings were spent in the Schools: Friday, Nov. 7th, whist drive; and Tuesday, Nov. 11th, dance, the proceeds of both items being in aid of our Tennis Club. The winners of the whist drive prizes were: Ladies—1st, Miss Townsend (Torch), presented by Mrs. Shannon;

2nd, Miss Rowe (Antimony Box). Gentlemen—1st, Mr. Dowse (Pocket Wallet), presented by the Tennis Club Committee; 2nd, Mr. Goode (Cigarette Case). Half-time, Miss Gibson (Photo Frame); Mr. Nettleton (Photo Frame). Booby, Mr. W. Osborne (Soap); Mr. King (Packet of Cigarettes). We specially wish to thank Miss Cowpe for her song, "The Trumpeter," which we much enjoyed; Mrs. Shannon for the first ladies' prize; Mrs. Clarke for meat for sandwiches; Mr. Smith for loan of stools, which saved us a considerable amount of trouble; Mrs. Niblett for kindly coming to give away the prizes.

The tournament prizes were given to their respective winners at the dance. They were distributed by Mr. Niblett, whom we would thank, as we learn that to be present necessitated a long train journey. We are also most grateful to the donors of prizes as below: Ladies—1st, Miss N. Osborne (Tennis Racquet), presented by Mr. Niblett; 2nd, Miss E. Walton (Toilet Box), presented by the Vicar. Gentlemen—1st, The Vicar (Pipe), presented by Mr. Tabberer; 2nd, Mr. Barlow (Razor), presented by Mr. Haddon (Coventry).

We thank Mr. J. H. Clarke for his comic song, "I'm a Dada," sung in his usual cheery, hearty fashion; Mr. Glover for two songs; and Mr. A. Marsden for his violin accompaniment for dancing.

I would like to say through our Magazine what an exceedingly pleasant surprise I had when I knew I was to receive a gift from the members of our Tennis Club. I feel that I said "Thank you" so badly at the time, and want to tell all those who gave it me that I appreciate and like it more than I can say, and especially the kind thoughts that prompted it.

Our fancy dress dance is fixed for Boxing Day—Friday, Dec. 26th, to commence at 7.30. Fancy dress quite optional; masks also optional, and must be taken off at 11 p.m. Programme tickets 2s. 6d., including refreshments at first interval. A committee of six ladies and six gentlemen to be appointed as judges, and prizes to be allotted by vote.

C. CLARKE, *Hon. Sec.*

BALANCE SHEET, WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE.

Receipts.—Tickets and Door, £16 8s.; Sold Refreshments, etc., £2 11s. 9d.; Liggins (boxes ret'd.), 1s.; Total, 19 0s. 9d.

Expenses.—Scoring cards, 4s. 6d.; tickets, 4s. 1d.; prizes, £1 0s. 5d.; tea, 3s.; sugar, 2s. 4d.; coffee, 5s.; margarine, 2s.; milk, 4s. 2d.; bread, 3s.; doyleys, 1s.; Lux, 1s.; cakes, £4 5s. 4d.; carriage on cakes, 6d.; hire of tables, etc., 6s.; pianist, 7s. 6d.; Mrs. Watson, 13s.; County Council, 12s.—£8 14s. 10d. Balance in hand, £10 5s. 11d. Total, £19 0s. 9d.

Joint Missionary Boxes.

The annual meeting of box holders will be held in the Parish Room on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 3 o'clock.

M. E. SLEATH, *Hon. Sec.*

Children's "Peace Day" Tea.

July 24th, 1919.

Subscriptions.—Miss Rotherham, 10s.; Mr. Vernon, 10s.; Mr. S. Cash, £1; Mr. Tabberer, 10s.; Mrs. Waters, 10s.; Mr. H. Rotherham, £1 1s.; Mr. Jagger, £1; Misses Ratliff, 5s.; Mr. Manville, £1 1s.; Mr. Manville (Telephone Box), 5s. 5d.; Mr. Plevins, 5s.; Mr. Turrall, £1 1s.; Amount owing to Secretary, £1 7s. 3d.; Total £9 5s. 8d.

Expenses.—Sugar, 7s.; tea, 3s. 4d.; butter, 10s.; fancy cakes, 5s.; prizes, infants 15s., older children £1 1s. 6d.; buns, cake, etc., £5 7s. 8d.; bread, £1 1s. 8d.—£9 11s. 2d. Less per sales, 5s. 6d. Total, £9 5s. 8d.

Gifts in kind were received from: Mrs. Flowers, Mr. Sanders (butter), Mr. H. Sleath, Mr. A. Sleath, Mr. E. Townsend.

H. P. LOASBY, *Secretary.*

Keresley Women's Institute.

At the October meeting, held in the Parish Room on the 27th, there was a good attendance. Lady Pollock gave an interesting address on "Current Events" and some good advice, and Miss Pollock gave a practical demonstration of skin-curing. Miss Bryson, the Hon. Sec. of the Warwickshire Federation, was also present. After tea Miss Pollock gave two amusing recitations, "The Wind" and "The Bishop and the Caterpillar," and Miss Winnie Green gave a piano solo. From the accompanying balance sheet it will be seen that £10 has been sent to Sir A. Pearson for the Blind Service men. I should like to thank Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Tabberer—who gave prizes—all who gave donations in money and kind; the Vicar for acting as M.C.; Mrs. Shannon for presenting the prizes; and all who helped to make the evening a success.

C. J. HANDS, *Hon. Sec.*

BALANCE SHEET OF WHIST DRIVE.

Receipts.—88 Tickets at 2s., £8 16s.; door, 10s.; donations, £1 1s.; cakes, etc. sold, 12s. 6d.—£10 19s. 6d. Additional donations from—Mrs. Faulks, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Hands, 2s. 6d.; Miss G. Hosier, 2s.; Mrs. Lowe, 2s.; Mrs. Perkins, 2s.; Mrs. Sparrow, 2s.; Miss F. Hancox, 1s.; Miss Hosier, 1s.; Mrs. H. Taylor, 1s.; Nurse Laurenson, 1s.—17s. Total, £11 16s. 6d.

Expenses.—Scorers, 5s.; lamp oil, 1s. 10d.; C.C. (Fire), 4s.; Mrs. Watson, 4s.; Men's Club (Tables), 5s.; Cakes, 16s. 8d.—£1 16s. 6d.; Balance, to St. Dunstan's, £10; Total, £11 16s. 6d.

Committee meeting, Thursday, Dec. 4th, at 3 o'clock. The December meeting will take the form of a social gathering, and the President, Mrs. Miller, will be very pleased to entertain all the members to tea on Monday, Dec. 29th, at four o'clock, to be followed by a conjuring entertainment. The Annual General Meeting will be held in January, when the committee and officers for the ensuing year will be appointed. Nominations to be sent in to the Hon. Sec., Miss Hands, before January 1st.

Keresley Nursing Association.

By the kind permission of Capt. and Mrs. Miller a fancy dress dance will be held in the Winter Garden, Coundon Court, on New Year's Eve, in aid of the above Association. Tickets 2s. 6d. each, including refreshments.

A. M. LLOYD, *Hon. Sec.*

Keresley Green.

The postponement of the Mothers' Meeting was a great disappointment. The arrangements broke down, but other plans are being made.

Keresley Soldiers and Sailors Supper.

August 15, 1919, was a red letter day—had not the parish organised a dinner to do honour to the men of Keresley and Coundon who returned from the great war?

There were pleasant anticipatory sniffs all over the village at 7.30 p.m. as the men rolled up, each modestly trying to look as unlike a soldier as possible. Inside the School a fairy wand must have been in action, and the transformation effected was a pleasant surprise. The old room, reminiscent of the mischievous joys and tasks of other days, was converted into a banquetting hall, charmingly decorated. One thing the war taught men is the art of taking cover, and it didn't need a lot of teaching either, when little things were flying about promiscuous-like, but rarely have we found such luxurious cover as when we got our legs under the mahogany—I beg its pardon—trestle table. Thus entrenched, the photographer had a shot; the result, by the way, was not very good—mugs close up to the camera show up well, but the rest might have had gas masks on without detracting much from their appearance. Mr. H. Rotherham, Chairman of the Committee, in a few well-chosen words, gave us a hearty welcome, and expressed on behalf of those who had not the honour of serving their country in arms, appreciation of the splendid services given by those present. This created the right atmosphere, and brought us to zero hour. The limitations of space—which many regretted at the time—now prevents any description which would do justice to that dinner. It was a marvel of organisation. We venture to think that if those responsible had been put into red tabs in August, 1914, the dinner might have been held years ago. Some good songs were heard through the smoke barrage. The health of the committee was drunk, several times, and the National Anthem was sung—so we were told—at the breaking up of the festivities.

Gifts, etc., to Soldiers' Supper—Capt. Miller, whiskey and a pig; Mr. H. Rotherham, cigars; Mr. H. Lenton, Mr. A. Morris, Mr. S. Taylor, beer; Mr. J. Smith, whiskey; Mr. T. Plevins, cigarettes; Mr. J. H. Clarke, Mr. R. Green, potatoes; Mr. Vernon, peas; Mr. D. Wilson, Mr. R. Goode, Mr. Goodall, vegetables; Mr. Catlin, cigarettes; Mr. Niblett, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Spriggs, Mr. Anderton, Mr. Falconbridge, Mr. H. Sleath, vegetables; Mrs. Miller, Miss Rotherham, Miss Ratliff, Mrs. Niblett, Mrs. Plevins, Mrs. Sparrow, Mrs. Sleath, Mrs. Falconbridge, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Nightingale, fruit tarts.

Ladies Cooked Vegetables—Mrs. Spriggs, Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Stalham, Mrs. G. Osborne, Mrs. Stoney, Mrs. Duckett, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Goode, Mrs. Anderton, Mrs. R. Green, Mrs. Storrey, Mrs. F. Osborne, Mrs. Harrison.

Waiters—Mr. Taylor, Mr. Anderton, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Loasby, Mr. Gibson, Mr. A. Sleath, Mr. H. Sleath, Mr. Whittem, Mr. Falconbridge, Mr. Swinnerton, Mr. Tabberer, Mr. Vernon.

Committee—Capt. Miller, Mr. Niblett, Mr. Harris, Mr. Lowe, Mr. Sparrow, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Griffen, Mr. Plevins (Treas.), Mr. Clarke (Sec.).

Donations for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Supper—Capt. and Mrs. Miller, £5; Mr. H. Rotherham, £5; Mr. E. Turrall, £5; Mr. Vernon, £2 2s.; Mr. S. Cash, £2 2s.; Mr. Niblett, £2 2s.; Mrs. Waters, £2 2s.; Miss Ratliff, £1 1s.; Mr. T. Plevins, £1 1s.; Mr. Reeves, £1 1s.; Mr. Tabberer, £1 1s.; Mr. Lowe, £1 1s.; Mr. Kirby, £1; Mr. H. Whittem, £1; Mrs. Nightingale, £1; Mr. and Mrs. C. Whittem, 15s.;

Mr. G. Pickering, 10s. 6d.; Mr. Suffolk, 10s.; Mr. Clarke, 10s.; Mr. Randall, 10s.; Mr. A. Sleath, 10s.; Mr. Sparrow, 5s.; Mr. and Mrs. W. Townsend, 5s.; Mr. Harris, 5s.; Mr. A. Enser, 5s.; Mr. R. Green, 5s.; Mr. Davis, 5s.; Mr. Arthurs, 5s.; Mr. and Mrs. Sharlot, 5s.; Mr. E. W. Sanders, 5s.; Mr. Dussion, 5s.; Mrs. Townsend, 3s.; Mr. W. Enser, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. W. Enser, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. O. Enser, 2s. 6d.; Mr. J. Smith, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Hewitt, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Willer, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Sanders, 2s. 6d.; Mr. J. Enser, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Swinnerton, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Evans, 2s. 6d.; Mr. L. Enser, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Arnold, 2s. 6d.; Mr. McDonald, 2s. 6d.; Mr. C. Townsend, 2s. 6d.; Mr. W. Smith, 2s. 6d.; Mr. B. Allen, 2s. 6d.; Mr. W. King, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Dowell, Mr. Storey, 2s. 6d.; Mr. A. Jones, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Bosworth, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Goodall, 2s.; Mr. Watson, 2s.; Mr. J. R. Cooper, 2s.; Mr. A. Camwell, 2s.; Miss A. Enser, 2s.;—
Total, £40 14s.

CASH ACCOUNT, SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' SUPPER, August 15th, 1919.

CASH.

	£	s.	d.
To Donations, as per List	40	14	0
„ Cash refunded for five bottles of whiskey at 10/6	2	12	6
	£43	6	6

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
By Cash—			
A. Lowe, for Meat	9	19	6
Mrs. Plevins, for Minerals	3	0	10
T. Tullet, for Crockery	4	8	10
D. Osborne, for Carting	15	0	
Taylor, for Beer	8	10	0
Watson, Caretaker	1	10	0
D. Cooke, for Cigarettes, etc.	4	19	2
Waters and Co., for Whiskey	4	4	0
Allwood and Co., for Groceries	1	14	6
E. Blakeman, for Cream	1	10	0
Connop, Printing	7	6	
Lamp Oil	3	4	
Receipt Books and Sundries	8	9	
Thirteen Packs of Cards	13	0	
Balance towards Printing	1	2	1
	£43	6	6

CHARLES D. MILLER,
THOMSON PLEVINS, Treasurer.
J. H. CLARKE, Hon. Sec.

Holy Baptisms.

“One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.”

Nov. 9.—Kathleen Phyllis Mary Worrall.
Nov. 9.—Kathleen Joan Sanders.
Nov. 9.—Sylvia Iris Sanders.
Nov. 9.—Freda Westwood.

Burials.

“I am the Resurrection and the Life.”

Oct. 31.—Charles Nicholls, aged 64 years.