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A Letter from the Bishop.

THE BISHOP'S HOUSE,
COVENTRY,
Oct. 18th, 1922.

My dear Vicar and Wardens,

For the last three years the Bishop of Coventry has asked the Clergy and Wardens to devote their Christmas Collections to the funds of the Clergy Incomes Committee, for the purpose of bettering the incomes of the Clergy. I earnestly urge you to be good enough to allot your Christmas Day collections this year to the same purpose, and to commend it with all your power to the generosity of your congregation.

We cannot afford to relax for a moment our efforts to remove from our Church the reproach of paying a starvation wage to some of its Clergy.

I trust that no Church in the Diocese will fail to accede to this request, and I am glad that my first general appeal to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese should be for this cause.

Yours very sincerely,

LISLE COVENTRY.

16th November, 1922.

My dear People,

A year ago I was writing my first letter to you from Richmond—a happy twelve months have gone by—and we are grateful to think of the many good friends we have made here since then.

Next year we shall have a lot of work to do.

The Coventry Crusade will take place in May, and we must begin to get ready for it. There is one thing we can do at once. I am arranging a short Evening Service with intercessions each Saturday in Advent, and it is in my mind that we can make these Services the beginning of our preparation. There is also our Confirmation—the first in our own Church for many years. The Classes will begin early next year, but names of candidates may be given to me at any time now.

With best wishes to you all for a very happy Christmas,

Yours sincerely,

T. H. PERRY

Services for December.

3rd. *Advent Sunday.*

8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins.
11-20 Holy Communion.
6-30 Evensong.

6th, *Wednesday.*

7-45 Communicants' Guild Preparation Service.

9th. *Saturday.*

5-30 Evensong and Intercessions.

10th. *Second Sunday in Advent.*

8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins and Sermon.
3-0 Children's Service.
3-45 Holy Baptism.
6-30 Evensong.

16th. *Saturday.*

5-30 Evensong and Intercessions.

17th. *Third Sunday in Advent.*

8-0 Holy Communion (The Hut).
10-30 Matins.
11-0 Holy Communion (Choral).
6-30 Evensong.

21st. *Thursday. St. Thomas, A.M.*

8-0 Holy Communion.
5-30 Evensong.

23rd. *Saturday.*

5-30 Evensong and Intercessions.

24th. *Fourth Sunday in Advent (Patronal Festival).*

8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins and Sermon.
6-30 Evensong.

25th. *Christmas Day.*

7-0 Holy Communion.
8-0 Holy Communion.
10-0 Holy Communion (The Hut).
11-0 Holy Communion (Choral).
5-30 Evensong.

26th. *Tuesday. St. Stephen, M.*

10-30 Holy Communion.

27th. *Wednesday. St. John, A.E.*

8-0 Holy Communion.

28th. *Thursday. Innocents' Day.*

8-0 Holy Communion.

31st. *Sunday after Christmas (Mission to Seamen)*

8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins and Sermon.
6-30 Evensong.

JANUARY, 1923.

1st. *Monday. New Year's Day.*

10-30 Holy Communion.
5-30 Evensong.

Sidesmen.

The following are on duty this month :—

Dec. 3—Mr. R. Cooper ; Mr. J. H. Clarke.
" 10—Mr. R. Green ; Mr. Goodall.
" 17—Mr. A. Enser ; Mr. W. Enser.
" 24—Mr. R. Cooper ; Mr. J. H. Clarke.
" 25—Mr. R. Green ; Mr. Goodall.
" 31—Mr. A. Enser ; Mr. W. Enser.

Sunday School.

The following Teachers are on duty in the mornings :—

Dec. 3—Miss Martin, Miss Perkins, Miss Mitchell, Miss Sparrow.
" 10—Miss Martin, Miss Perkins, Miss E. Harrow, Miss M. Martin.
" 17—Miss Martin, Miss Perkins, Miss B. Cowpe, Miss Sparrow.
" 24—Miss Martin, Miss Perkins, Miss Mitchell, Miss Sparrow.
" 31—Miss Martin, Miss Perkins, Miss E. Harrow, Miss M. Martin.

Mothers' Union.

A Celebration of the Holy Communion was held on All Saints' Day, preceded by an Admission Service. In spite of very nasty weather, a good number were present. The following were admitted as members:— Mrs. Baseley, Mrs. W. Lattemore, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Robbins, Mrs. Stephens.

Confirmation.

Three Candidates from this parish are being presented at the Special Adult Confirmation in the Cathedral on Dec. 6th. Please remember them in your prayers.

Our own Confirmation will be in the Parish Church on May 8th at 8 p.m.

Sunday Schools.

The attendance of some children has been irregular since the holidays. Parents could help the teachers very much by sending their children to school as regularly as possible. No teacher can effectively teach anything to a child who misses two lessons out of five.

Miss Vera Clarke is leaving us at Advent to be married. We wish her every possible happiness.

The Children's Party has been arranged for Saturday, Dec. 30th. It was proposed and carried, at the Teachers' Meeting, that only children who had attended School a reasonable number of times should be invited.

**Keresley and Coundon Church
Decoration Fund.**

CONTRIBUTIONS.		£	s.	d.	
Mr. W. Bennett	2	2	0
Mr. S. Cash	5	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. Evitts	10	0	0
Miss A. Ensor	10	0	0
Mr. Ensor	10	0	0
Mrs. Faulconbridge	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. Goodall	5	0	0
Miss Goode	5	0	0
Misses Herbert	4	0	0
Mrs. and Miss Hands	5	0	0
Mrs. W. Hands	5	0	0
Mrs. Jagger	5	5	0
Mr. H. Loasby	1	1	0
Mrs. Mitchell (Allesley)	1	1	0
Mrs. Miller	5	5	0
Capt. Miller	5	5	0
Mrs. A. H. Niblett	2	2	0
Mr. A. H. Niblett...	2	2	0
Rev. and Mrs. Perry	2	2	0
Mr. and Mrs. T. Plevins	2	2	0
Miss Rotherham	2	10	0
Mr. H. Rotherham	5	0	0
Miss Ratliff	1	10	0
Miss J. Ratliff	1	10	0
Miss S. Sleath	1	1	0
Mrs. Sparrow	5	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. H. Sleath	2	2	0
Mr. and Mrs. W. Tabberer	5	0	0
Mrs. Twist	100	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. E. Turrall	7	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Vernon	2	2	0
Mrs. Waters	5	5	0
Communicants' Guild	12	6	0
Sunday School	1	4	6

	£	s.	d.
Church Collection	13 10 5
Box in Church	...	12	6
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Ditto	...	8	
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Balance from Organ Fund	...	5	6 11
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EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jervis Bros. Account	...	94	0	0		
Receipt Stamps and Postages and Stationery	...	9	10			
Receipt Book	...	9				
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Balance in hand	94	10	7	
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	98	12	11	

THOMSON PLEVINS. £193 3 6
Oct. 26th, 1922.

Since this Balance Sheet was drawn up, £30 has been spent on the Curtains in the Sanctuary; and Carpets for the Aisles and a Reading Desk have been ordered.

The Hut.

The Committee met on Nov. 6th, and decided not to proceed with the scheme for cloak rooms while prices were so high. It was arranged to hold a New Year's Party on Saturday, Jan. 6th. It will begin with a Tea, which will be followed by an Entertainment. Mrs. Niblett and Mr. C. H. Clarke promised to arrange the Entertainment. Tickets, 1s.

The Women's Monday Meetings have been busy making some hassocks for use at the Services. They are a great addition to our comfort, and help to make the kneeling more reverent.

It was decided to hold a *Rummage Sale* in the Spring. Please bear this in mind, and let us have discarded clothes, etc.

Joint Missionary Boxes, 1922.

The Annual Meeting of the Box Holders will be held in the Parish Room on Saturday, Dec. 9th, at 3 p.m., when we hope all will be present.

M. E. SLEATH, Hon. Sec.

Concert.

Please buy a Ticket for the Concert given by the W.I. Choir on Dec. 4th to help pay off the debt on the *Parish Magazine*.

Communicants' Guild.

The Guild held the first Social of the Season on Oct. 25th, in the Women's Institute. A Competition took place, each person representing an English town. The prizes were won by Miss Cowpe, Miss Saint, Mr. Jack Clarke, and Mr. W. Glover. Refreshments were served at the intervals, and the rest of the evening was spent in games. Special thanks are due to the donors of prizes, Mrs. Niblett, Miss Dalton, Mrs. Sleath, and Mr. Glover; to the Refreshment Committee, and to Mr. Niblett for his assistance in the Competition.

The following members have been admitted to the Guild, Mrs. Robbins, Miss Gladys Stopps, Miss J. Green, Miss Perkins, and Mr. J. Probert. The next Preparation Service will be on Dec. 6th, at 7-45 p.m. The Christmas Social will be held on Dec. 27th. Notices will be sent out later.

MAY MARTIN, Hon. Sec

Parochial Church Council.

A special meeting was held in the Council School on Thursday, Oct. 26th, at 8-30 p.m.

The principal business was to consider a proposal from the Churchyard Committee in reference to felling several trees in the Churchyard. The Committee had consulted Mr. Hazel, of Arley, and he is willing to undertake the work for the timber, but would not take any responsibility for damage. Miss Rotherham proposed and Mr. Niblett seconded that his offer be accepted. This was agreed to. The Vicar said he would be responsible if any damage was done, and asked the Council to relieve him of that. On the proposition of Mr. Loasby, seconded by Miss Rotherham, the Council agreed to do this.

Mr. Niblett suggested that an insurance against this risk be affected, and after some discussion this was agreed to.

Mr. Loasby spoke of the slippery state of the tiles in the Chancel, and it was resolved that an effort be made to remove the polish.

The Hon. Sec. of the Bishop's Memorial Fund wrote a letter of thanks for our donation, which was read by Mr. Tabberer.

The signs of damp on the Church walls was mentioned, and the Vicar said Mr. Jervis' man had been up and said it was the old dampness coming out.

The Vicar said he considered the old table of fees should be revised and properly sanctioned, and gave notice of this for next meeting.

It was announced Mr. Loasby had agreed to act as our representative on the Coventry C.L.B. Committee.

C. J. HANDS, Hon. Sec.

Women's Institute.

The monthly meeting on Oct. 19th, was attended by sixty-nine members.

Mrs. Miller presided, and a Lantern Lecture on English Cathedrals was given by Miss Warren, of the Victoria League, London. It was a most interesting lecture, several of the slides shown being from the lady's own paintings. Mr. Niblett kindly supplied the lantern and worked it. Votes of thanks were accorded both lecturer and lanternist. This part of the meeting was open to all, and several friends and about sixty children attended. At the

business part which followed, Miss Bennett, Mrs. Blake, Miss Fergusson, Miss Lloyd, Mrs. D. Ratliff, Miss Tuckley, Mrs. T. R. Vickers and Miss Whitehead were admitted as members. Bank books were given out for the babies of Mrs. Sarney, Mrs. Shapcott, and Mrs. Worrall, and a similar sum is being paid in to the account of Mrs. Perry's baby daughter. The Choir, under the training of Miss Ratliff and Mrs. Sleath, has made a good start, and are giving an entertainment on Dec. 4th, the proceeds of which, after paying expenses, will be given towards paying off the debt on the Parish Magazine.

A Rummage Sale was held on Oct. 28th, to pay for new stoves; this resulted in a sum of £26 18s. 4d.

Eight of us attended a model meeting at Berkswell on Nov. 6th. The weather was very wet but we were well looked after, and spent a very enjoyable time, quite worth the little discomfort of walking to the Radford bus.

On Armistice night a Whist Drive and Dance was held. Sixty players took part in the Drive, others coming later for the dance.

The December monthly meeting will be merged in the Anniversary Celebrations on Dec. 16th, when we hope to have a good entertainment, notices of which will be issued in due course.

C. J. HANDS, Hon. Sec.

Holy Baptism.

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.

Nov. 12—Arthur, son of George and Florence Amy Britain, Allesley.

Marriage.

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

Oct. 28—Sidney Alfred Harry Cain, bachelor, of Feltham, to Eva Hixxon, spinster of this parish.

Burial.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

Nov. 11—Joseph Ernest Peacock, Coventry, aged 48.