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My dear People,

This is going to be an important month for us because of the election of new representatives to the Diocesan Houses and the Parochial Council. The Parish has benefited very much through having a strong and keen Parochial Council; therefore all the more does it deserve the interest and support of all parishioners. First of all we must undertake—*The Revision of the Electoral Roll.*

Those are qualified to be electors who are resident lay members of the Church of England (or, if non-parishioners, they must have attended the Church for 12 months) who are over 18 years of age, are baptized, and have signed the necessary form. Many must have become 18 since last year. It is hoped that they will ask for a declaration form from one of the Sidesmen at the Church, and return it before February 10th.

*The Annual Parochial Church Meeting* will be held in the Old School, on Monday, February 27th, at 8-0 p.m. All those whose names are on the Electoral Roll are asked to try to be present then. The business will consist:—

1. In electing 3 men and 3 women to the Diocesan Houses and the Ruri-Decanal Conference.
2. In electing 20 members to our own Parochial Council.

N.B.—Members of the Council must be over 21, and actual Communicants of the Church.

There shall also be presented at the Annual Meeting:—

- (a) The Revised Copy of the Electoral Roll.
- (b) The Annual Report of the work of the Parochial Council.
- (c) The Parochial Finance Committee Report.
- (d) Reports from Parochial Organizations.
- (e) Reports from Members of Diocesan Houses.

*Important.* All Candidates for Diocesan Houses or the Parochial Council should be nominated on nomination papers with names of proposer and seconder, which should be sent to the Vicar by February 20th at the latest; and the consent of the candidate to serve must be obtained.

Treasurers of Committees are reminded of a resolution, passed by the Parochial Council on November 29th, that: "A copy of the Balance Sheet of each organization granted money from the Council should be posted on the Church doors seven days before the Annual Meeting of Electors."

Yours sincerely,

T. H. PERRY.

## Sunday Services for February.

- 5th. *Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany.*  
8-0 Holy Communion.  
11-0 Matins. Ps.: 99; 112.  
11-30 Holy Communion.  
6-30 Evensong. Ps.: 106.
- 12th. *Septuagesima.*  
8-0 Holy Communion.  
11-0 Matins and Sermon. Ps.: 104.  
3-0 Children's Service.  
3-45 Holy Baptism.  
6-30 Evensong. Ps.: 147; 148.
- 19th. *Sexagesima.*  
8-0 Holy Communion (Keresley Green).  
10-30 Matins. Ps.: 139 (omit vv. 19—22).

11-0 Holy Communion. Choral.

6-30 Evensong. Ps.: 25, 26.

26th. *Quinquagesima.*

8-0 Holy Communion.

11-0 Matins and Sermon. Ps.: 15; 20; 23.

6-30 Evensong. Ps.: 30; 31.

## Holy Days.

2nd. The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Communion, 8-0.

24th. *S. Matthias A.M.* Holy Communion, 8-0.

## Notices for the Month.

Wednesday, Feb. 1st. Mothers' Union Service, 3-0.

Thursday, Feb. 16th. Guild Preparation Service, 7-30.

Wednesday, Feb. 22nd. Guild Social, 7-30.

Each Wednesday at 7-30 p.m., a Service at Keresley Green.

## The Communicants' Guild.

During the Winter months three successful Guild Socials have been held in The Women's Institute.

The first was held in October and was arranged by our late Vicar. A Head-dress and Games Competition comprised the Entertainment, and a most enjoyable time was spent. The Prizes were presented and given to the winners by the Rev. W. C. Kerr.

Members of the Guild always look forward to a Social arranged by Mrs. Niblett. Games and an amusing sketch entitled, "That brute Simmons," in which Mrs. Niblett, Mr. J. H. Clarke and Mr. Swinnerton took part, were thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The Committee were responsible for the Christmas Social. A Whist Drive of sixteen "hands" followed by a Dance was arranged. The prizes were given by Mrs. Miller. Mrs. Turrall, Miss Rotherham and Mr. H. Rotherham, and were presented to the winners by Mrs. Perry.

Miss Cowpe very kindly played for the dancing.

Refreshments are provided at all the Socials by the Sub-Committee.

At the Preparation Service, on Jan. 12th, three new members were admitted to the Guild, Mrs. Perry, Miss Hilda Martin and Miss Nancy Eden.

Will anyone wishing to join the Guild please send in their names to me.

MAY MARTIN, Hon. Sec.

## The Hut.

A very successful Fancy Dress Dance took place on Boxing Night. There was keen competition for the prizes, and the winners are to be congratulated on their dresses, and on the very excellent prizes which they won.

The New Year Party, on January 3rd, was a great success, especially was the Sketch given by Mrs. Niblett and Messrs. Clarke and Swinnerton enjoyed. The Tea was most ably arranged.

The first of a series of Fortnightly Whist Drives took place on January 14th, when, in spite of the bad weather, a good number turned out, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, February 6th, at 8-15. All are welcome.

The Services on Wednesday evenings, at 7-30, and on the 3rd Sunday, at 8-0 a.m., are now resumed, and are being well attended.

### Rummage Sale.

A Sale in aid of the Hut Funds will be held one Saturday afternoon in March. Friends are asked to send gifts to Mrs. Niblett or Miss Saint, or a postcard will ensure collection.

We ask for a liberal response from all our readers so that the Hut funds may be well replenished.

### Sunday Schools.

Our Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 31st. We all gathered in the Old School Room for Tea, and the children one and all did full justice to the eatables. We then crossed into the Institute for the Concert, and a very happy hour-and-a-half we spent there, enjoying most heartily the efforts of our school chums to amuse us. The Programme comprised:—

Fairy Play, "The Brown Mouse," parts ably taken by:—

Alice Whittington,	"Queen of the Revels."
Elsie Willson,	"Red Riding Hood."
Eileen Bosworth,	"Blue Bell."
Lilian Taylor,	"First Fairy."
Dorothy Suffolk,	"Second Fairy."
William Bryant,	"Robin Hood."
Hedley Bryant,	"The Elf."
Bob Dalton,	"Attendant to Robin Hood."
Jack Whittington,	"Attendant to Robin Hood."

Recitation by Doris Ford, "The Christmas Pudding."

The Sunday School Minstrel Troop:—  
Troop Band, "Blaze Away."  
Jokes.

Songs:—  
"The Milkman's Call in the Morning."  
"Pudding that's made of Jam."  
"Underneath Dat Ole Umbrella."  
"See you later."

Sketch, "The Black Judge," parts ably taken by:—  
John Clarke, "P.c. Blazes."  
Leonard Williamson, "Judge."  
Sidney Cowpe, "Lawyer."  
Fred Enser, "Begger."  
Edward Cowpe, "Pimple's Mother-in-Law."  
Harry Martin, "A Bloodthirsty Villian."

God save the King.

Balance Sheet shows a profit of £1 15s. 1d.

An excellent balance after all the party expenses are paid.

We extend our thanks to all who helped to give the children this happy time, especially to Mr. J. H. Clarke, Miss B. Cowpe, Miss Wilson, Miss Sparrow, and Miss V. Clarke, who were principally responsible for the fine Concert. To our kind friends for donations, and all those who sold and bought tickets, and the Women's Institute for the loan of their room for the concert, which was a great advantage.

We hope to arrange a Teachers' Concert about Easter to augment our funds, and would again solicit generous support.

### The Women's Institute.

The first anniversary of the opening of our building was celebrated on Dec. 15th, 16th and 17th with performances of an Operetta, "The Enchanted Glen," on Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon, and a Partner Whist Drive on Friday

evening. There were good audiences at both performances of the Operetta, and great credit is due to Miss Ratliff and Madam Fairbairn for the way in which they had trained the performers, who, one and all, acquitted themselves well.

A Christmas Stall was in charge of Mrs. Tabberer and Mrs. Plevins, and tea was also provided.

On Dec. 29th a Fancy Dress Dance was held which was well patronised, about 150 being present, though the "Fancy Dresses," might have been more numerous. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mrs. W. T. Browett (who gave away the prizes), the judges, and the donors of the twelve handsome prizes.

On January 3rd, Mrs. Miller entertained the members, together with the Infant Welfare Members to tea and a Cinematograph performance. Over 120 were present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Members' children were admitted to the entertainment, and before leaving each received a sandwich and mince-pie. During the evening Mrs. Miller announced that the balance for the December festivities amounted to £70.

On January 10th the Operetta was repeated and was again well patronised, more than 180 being present. When all did so well it is unfair to single any out for special mention, and the members of the Women's Institute thank all, both promoters and performers, for what they did. The whole Operetta exceeded expectations.

At the Partner Whist Drive, on Dec. 16th, there were 68 players. Prizes were given by:—Capt. and Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Waters, Miss Rotherham, and members of the W.I., and were won by Miss Nevitt and Mr. J. Green, Mrs. Statham and Mr. Matthews, Mrs. Hosier and Mr. Aldridge, Mrs. Faulks, Mr. J. Osborne and Miss D. Suffolk. Mr. Lowe kindly acted as M.C., and the prizes were given away by Mrs. Hands.

Our next Monthly Meeting will be held on Thursday evening, Feb. 23rd, when an address on Rural Councils will be given, and we hope Lady Ikleston will also be present and tell us something about the County Federation.

C. J. HANDS, Hon. Sec.

### The Blinded Soldiers' Fund.

Our annual Christmas appeal for the Blinded Soldiers' Fund was well responded to, a sum of £13 12s. 4d. being forwarded to headquarters. Two hundred and thirteen envelopes containing money were returned, the amounts ranging from a penny to fourteen shillings. Though smaller by £2 10s. than the 1920 collection there is cause for gratitude, for we know that in several cases efforts were needed to send even a small amount. Our heartiest thanks are given to all subscribers.

### Holy Baptism.

*One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.*

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| Jan. 8. | Keith Herbert, son of Herbert Henry and Elsie May Jones, Keresley.           |
| " 8.    | Beatrice Irene, daughter of Frederick and Sarah Mabel Leatherland, Keresley. |
| " 8.    | Phyllis Edna, daughter of Frederick and Sarah Mabel Leatherland, Keresley.   |

### Burials.

*"I am the Resurrection and the Life."*

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| Dec. 24. | John Henry Poole, Keresley, aged 23.             |
| " 24.    | Emma Whittem, Coundon, aged 86.                  |
| " 30.    | Basil James King, Brownhill Green, aged 1 month. |