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My dear People,

By the time this magazine is published, 19 of our fellow parishioners will have been confirmed in the Cathedral on May 23rd. The yearly Confirmation is an event of importance to the whole parish; it should move all of us to stir up the gift which we have ourselves received, and to try to fulfil the prayer which was said at our own Confirmation, *that we might daily increase in the Holy Spirit*. At such a time we have a special responsibility, because those who, by this Confirmation, have just become full members of our fellowship, need the companionship and help and example of those who have been confirmed before. They will make their first Communion on Whit Sunday, when, as at Easter and Christmastide, every parishioner should communicate. May there be very many there to welcome them to the fellowship of Christ's religion, and to share in the Communion of His Body and His Blood.

On June 18th Sermons will be preached, morning and evening by the Rev. George Kerr, and the offertories given to Dr. Barnardo's Homes. Our Sunday School Festival has been arranged for July 9th. Canon Chappel has promised to preach at the Morning Service, and Rev. E. Kenworthy Browne in the evening. I should like to express my gratitude to those ladies who have voluntarily helped Miss Herbert with the cleaning of the Church whilst it was in the hands of the painters, especially Mrs. R. Green, Mrs. Martin, and Mrs. Williamson, who have given a great deal of time and hard work to it.

Yours sincerely,

T. H. PERRY.

Sunday Services for June.

4th. *Whit Sunday.*

- 7-0 Holy Communion.
- 8-0 Holy Communion.
- 10-30 Matins. Ps. : 68 (omit vv. 21-23).
- 11-0 Holy Communion (Choral).
- 6-30 Evensong. Ps. : 104.

11th. *Trinity Sunday.*

- 8-0 Holy Communion.
- 11-0 Matins and Sermon. Ps. : 29 ; 33.
- 3-0 Children's Service.
- 3-45 Holy Baptism.
- 6-30 Evensong. Ps. : 93 ; 99 ; 115.

18th. *First Sunday after Trinity.*

- 8-0 Holy Communion (Keresley Green).
- 10-30 Matins. Ps. : 1 ; 3 ; 5.
- 11-0 Holy Communion (Choral).
- 6-30 Evensong. Ps. : 4 ; 7 ; 8.

25th. *Second Sunday after Trinity.*

- 8-0 Holy Communion.
- 11-0 Matins and Sermon. Ps. : 10 ; 12 ; 13.
- 6-30 Evensong. Ps. : 15 ; 16 ; 17.

HOLY DAYS.

- June 5th. *Monday in Whit Week.*
10-30 Holy Communion.
- June 6th. *Tuesday in Whit Week.*
8-0 Holy Communion.
- June 7th. } *Ember Days.*
- " 9th. }
- " 10th. }
- June 13th. *S. Barnabas.*
8-0 Holy Communion.
- June 24th. *Nativity of S. John Baptist.*
8-0 Holy Communion.
- June 29th. *S. Peter.*
8-0 Holy Communion.

Sidesmen.

The following are on duty this month :—

- June 4th. Mr. R. Green ; Mr. Goodall.
- " 11th. Mr. A. Enser ; Mr. W. Enser.
- " 18th. Mr. R. Cooper ; Mr. C. H. Clarke.
- " 25th. Mr. R. Green ; Mr. Goodall.

The Hut.

A Committee Meeting was held after the Evening Service on Wednesday, April 24th, and there was a good attendance of the Committee. Mr. Swinnerton, the Treasurer, reported that there was about £20 in hand but that he had hoped to repay Mrs. Niblett the £21 which was still owing for the piano. Mrs. Niblett then made the very generous offer that the Committee should pay half what was still owing, and that the account should then be considered settled. The Vicar expressed the gratitude of the Committee to Mrs. Niblett for her offer, which was very gratefully accepted.

It was decided to continue the Services on Wednesday evenings at 7-30 for the present. Miss Amy Hickson and Mrs. Gibson offered to do the necessary caretaking involved voluntarily. On May 17th the Guild Preparation Service was held at the Hut. There was a good attendance, although some very regular members were unable to come that day.

On May 19th a Whist Drive, in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, was held. About 60 people were there, and spent a very enjoyable evening.

The Communicants' Guild.

The last Social of the season was held in the Women's Institute on April 20th. A Guessing Competition was arranged, and this proved very amusing. The prizes were given by Mrs. Niblett, Miss Rotherham and the Vicar, and were won by Mrs. Swinnerton, Mr. G. Enser and Miss Cowpe, Miss Rotherham presenting them to the winners.

During the evening songs were given by Miss A. Enser and Mr. J. H. Clarke, and Miss Cowpe gave her services at the piano.

The Preparation Service was held at the Hut on May 17th, and was fairly well attended.

Will Confirmation Candidates wishing to join the Guild please send in their names to me ?

The next Preparation Service will be on June 15th, at 8 p.m. MAY MARTIN, Hon. Sec.

Women's Institute.

At the Monthly Meeting in March (the report of which was crowded out in last month's magazine), an interesting lecture on "A Walk through Indian Cities" was given by Miss Festing, of the Victoria League. This was an open meeting, about 80 school children attended, and their behaviour was very good.

The April and May Meetings have been taken up with arrangements for the Garden Fête to be held at Coundon Court on June 29th, the Fête at Warwick Castle on June 8th, Whist Drives on June 9th and 29th, etc.

At the April Meeting reports of the County Federation Meeting on Mar. 17th and the Exhibition Committee Conference on April 12th were read by delegates. Practices of the Folk Song, "The Keeper," which is to be sung *en masse* at Warwick on June 8th, were held at both meetings, Miss Ratliff kindly acting as Accompanist and Teacher. Copies of the song—with music—may be obtained from Mrs. Williamson, 2d. each. A party is being made up to go to Warwick by motor char-a-banc; fare, 2s. 6d. return. Anyone wishing to join is requested to give in their names to Mrs. R. Green by June 3rd.

A Whist Drive was held on Saturday, May 6th, proceeds towards purchasing materials for the leather stall. Seventy-two players took part, and prizes were won by:—Miss E. Clarke, Mrs. Statham, Miss G. Perkins, Mr. A. Charlott, Mr. Wall and Mr. W. Enser. Mr. C. E. Douse acted as M.C., Mrs. T. Plevins presenting prizes to the winners. The prizes were given by Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Plevins and Mrs. Tabberer. A Dance followed, at which Miss Cowpe kindly acted as Accompanist.

A cake which Mrs. Miller gave to be drawn for was won by Mrs. Goodall.

Another Whist Drive and Dance will be held on Friday, 9th, towards the purchase of sweets for the cake and sweet stall.

Lady Ilkeston has consented to come and open the Fête on June 29th. There will be stalls of both useful and ornamental goods, tobacco, cakes and sweets, toys, etc., hoop-la, spinning jenny and other attractions, finishing up with an open-air Whist Drive. C. J. HANDS, Hon. Sec.

The Church Decoration Fund.

It is a real pleasure to have the Church so clean and fresh, and a great convenience to have the extra room in the Sanctuary, which is available now that the rails have been moved forward. That will also be an improvement in the appearance of the Church, particularly when we have the new Sanctuary carpet which has been promised by one of our parishioners. But the painting of the Church and the repairs of the pews and the spouting still have to be paid for; and, unfortunately, it will prove to be more expensive than we thought. When it came to the repair of the spouting, we were told that it was a waste of time and money to paint and mend the old spouts, as they were too narrow to carry the volume of water from the roof, and that, unless they were replaced by broader ones, we should soon have damp and spoiled walls again. This will mean an additional cost of about £30, so that, instead of £60, we shall need £90. The Churchwardens felt that there was no alternative,

because, unless we do what we can to make the Church watertight, the money spent on painting and repairs would be wasted. In spite of the difficulties of the time, we hope this amount may soon be raised—even small amounts are very helpful—and we hope that all who worship in the Church will be able to help in some way in preserving it. Contributions should be put in the box which is in the Church, or sent direct to Mr. Plevins. Donations received up to date are as follows;—

	£	s.	d.
Mr. L Bennett	...	2	2 0
Mr. and Mrs. Evitts	...	10	0
Mrs. and Miss Hands	...	5	0
Mrs. Jagger	...	5	5 0
Mr. Loasby	...	1	1 0
Mrs. Mitchell (Allesley)	...	1	1 0
Mrs. Niblett	...	2	2 0
Mr. Niblett	...	2	2 0
Rev. and Mrs. Perry	...	1	1 0
Mr. and Mrs. Plevins	...	2	2 0
Miss Rotherham	...	2	10 0
Mr. H. Rotherham	...	5	0 0
Mr. and Mrs. H. Sleath	...	2	2 0
Miss S. Sleath	...	1	1 0
Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Tabberer	...	5	0 0
Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Vernon	...	2	2 0
Mrs. Waters	...	5	5 0
Box in Church	...	12	6
		£41	3 6

Budget for 1921.

The following is a summary of last year's Budget:—

	Amount Required	Amount Received
1. Sunday School, Working Expenses and Party	£ 40 ..	£ 35 14 6
2. Choir Outing	20 ..	11 17 6
3. Churchyard Fund	30 ..	13 7 0
4. External Repairs of Vicarage	40 ..	1 2 0
5. General Fund	50 ..	18 2 0
6. Augmentation of Local and Diocesan Stipend F'nd	100 ..	43 12 0
7. Diocesan Fund	50 ..	7 10 0
	£330	£131 5 0

Holy Baptism.

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.

- May 14th.—José May, daughter of Herbert and May Franklin, Keresley.
 „ 14th.—Beryl Joan Mary, daughter of John Thomas and Alice Rowe, Stoke.
 „ 14th.—Margaret Alice, daughter of Charles Edwin and Florence Cooper, Keresley.
 „ 14th.—William George, son of Walter John and Susie Ivy Freeman, Keresley.

Burial.

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

- May 19th.—William Thomas Hows, aged 79 years.