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My dear People,

It was good to see that the special services during Lent were, on the whole, well attended, though we may hope that another year even more may come. Certainly the congregations on Good Friday and Easter Day were very good indeed, and the number of communicants was exceptionally large. We are very grateful to the Women's Institute for the loan of the Institute for the Lantern Service, and to Mr. Niblett for bringing his lantern which shewed such excellent slides. After paying for the hire of the slides, thirteen shillings was sent to the Mission in Jerusalem.

There is an account of the Vestry Meeting and Parochial Council under another heading. But I should like to say here how sorry I am that Mr. Niblett is compelled, through pressure of work, to give up his office as warden. Everyone in the parish knows how splendidly he has served the Church since he was appointed two years ago, and I am personally very grateful for the help he has been to me in my first months here, and for consenting to continue in office longer than he had intended. We are fortunate to find a successor with the experience of Mr. Tabberer.

When the Finance Committee prepared their budget for the coming year, they very rightly felt that we ought, in these times, to economise in all unnecessary things. But if for a time we have to do without some things we would like to have, I hope we may be able to do our part in supporting the Diocesan Fund. That fund provides workers and mission rooms in poor and large parishes; it gives grants to ordination candidates, and some assistance to the widows and orphans of clergy, and does other necessary work which can only be carried on if each parish gives its best help.

I should like to express my very grateful thanks to all those who contributed to the generous Easter offerings which the Wardens have given me.

Yours sincerely,
T. H. PERRY.

Sunday Services for May.

- 7th. *Third Sunday after Easter.*
8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins. Ps.: 124; 125; 126; 127.
11-30 Holy Communion.
6-30 Evensong. Ps.: 81; 84.
- 14th. *Fourth Sunday after Easter.*
8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins and Sermon. Ps.: 128; 129;
130; 131.
3-0 Children's Service.
3-15 Holy Baptism.
6-30 Evensong. Ps.: 145; 146.
- 21st. *Fifth Sunday after Easter—Rogation Sunday.*
Collections for Central Church Fund.
8-0 Holy Communion (Keresley Green).
10-30 Matins. Ps.: 132; 133; 134.
11-0 Holy Communion (Choral).
6-30 Evensong. Ps.: 107.

- 28th. *Sunday after Ascension.*
8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins and Sermon. Ps.: 93; 96.
6-30 Evensong. Ps.: 148; 149; 150.

HOLY DAYS.

- May 1st. *S.S. Philip and James.*
8-0 Holy Communion.
- May 25th. *Ascension Day.*
8-0 Holy Communion.
9-0 Children's Service.
7-30 Evensong.

Sidesmen.

The following are on duty this month:—

- May 7th. Mr. R. Cooper; Mr. J. H. Clarke.
" 14th. Mr. R. Green; Mr. Goodall.
" 21st. Mr. A. Enser; Mr. W. Enser.
" 28th. Mr. R. Cooper; Mr. J. H. Clarke.

The War Shrine.

Now that the War Shrine is to be repainted and removed, any names of Keresley men which were accidentally omitted should be sent at once to the Vicar.

Vestry Meeting.

A Meeting of the Vestry was held in the Council Schools on April 24th. Mr. Niblett was most unfortunately in bed with a cold, so the Church Accounts were presented by Mr. Plevins. These were read and carried. The Vicar thanked Mr. Sleath for the great help he had given him as Warden, and asked him to accept office again, which Mr. Sleath consented to do. The Vicar then announced that to his great regret Mr. Niblett was unable to continue as Peoples' Warden. Mr. Sleath spoke of the excellent work he had done, and said how very sorry he would be to lose him as a colleague. He proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Niblett for his services; Mr. Loasby seconded and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Plevins proposed Mr. Tabberer as Peoples' Warden. Mr. Craner seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

The Vicar expressed his thanks for the Easter Offerings (£25 4s. 2d.), and the meeting adjourned.

Parochial Council.

A report was received from the War Shrine Committee that they were willing that the Shrine be removed to the School, and handed over to the care of the Parochial Council.

A very generous offer of Mr. J. H. Clarke and Mr. R. Green to renovate and repaint it and for the cost of the materials was very gratefully accepted. The Vicar proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Clarke and Mr. Green for the great trouble they had taken with the shrine in the past and now. This was carried with acclamation.

An estimate for repainting the Church was received from Mr. Jervis and accepted. It was decided that the Vicar and Churchwardens should send out an appeal for £60 to cover this. It was pointed out that small sums would be very acceptable, so that as many people as possible may

share in the work. Sums of any amount should be sent to Mr. Plevins, the Treasurer, or placed in the box at the door of the Church. It was also decided that the heads of different organizations should be asked to collect subscriptions from their members.

It was reported that the Free-will Envelope Committee had met and had divided the Parish into districts and that they would shortly be asking people to become subscribers to the Fund. It should be understood that the money given in the envelopes is handed over to the Finance Committee, and is distributed by them to the various funds which appear in the Budget, *i.e.*, Sunday School, Churchyard, Choir, Diocesan Fund, and Vicar's Stipend.

The Church Collections only just cover the running expenses of the Church itself, and all these funds have to be found apart from collections in Church. Even small amounts are a great help if they are given regularly. If 100 people were to contribute 2d. a week, the Envelope Scheme would bring in nearly £50 a year.

Mr. Niblett was co-opted as a member of the Parochial Council on his resignation as Warden.

Communicants' Guild.

On March 29th a very interesting Lantern Lecture on "A Tour in Palestine" was given by Rev. L. H. Reakes, of Holy Trinity, Coventry.

Members of the Mothers' Union were invited and altogether over one hundred were present.

The Working Party held during Lent has been most successful. Members of the Guild have also been working at home and a good number of garments are ready to be sent to the C. & W. Hospital.

The following have made or given garments;—Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Niblett, Miss Rotherham, Mrs. and Miss Sleath, Mrs. Sparrow, Mrs. and Miss Hands, Miss Saint, Mrs. Goodall, Mrs. J. H. Clarke, Miss C. Clarke, Misses B. and A. Enser, Misses L. and S. Craner, Misses C. and B. Cowpe, Misses H. and M. Martin, Miss E. Clarke, Miss Flowers, Mrs. Green, Miss Harrow, Miss Toon, Mrs. and Miss Martin

Will members please note, the next Preparation Service will be held at *The Hut*, on May 17th, at 7-30 p.m. We hope to see a good number present.

MAY MARTIN, *Hon. Sec.*

Mothers' Union.

A Celebration of the Holy Communion was held in the Parish Church on the Thursday in Easter Week. This month the meeting will be in the Institute, on Wednesday, May 3rd, at 3.0 p.m., when the speaker will be Mrs. Sherwood.

Tennis Club.

A General Meeting was held in the Council Schools on Wednesday, April 5th, at 5-30. About 20 were present. An apology was received from the Vicar, who was unable to attend through illness. Mr. J. H. Clarke was elected Chairman. Arising out of the minutes it was reported that two 1/-dances had been arranged, but were unsuccessful, and it was not possible to hold the Fancy Dress

Ball on Boxing Day. The Concert had still to be considered. The Committee for the coming season was elected as follows:—Rev. T. H. Perry, *President*; Mr. J. H. Clarke, *Hon. Treasurer*; Mr. N. T. Barlow, *Hon. Sec. (pro. tem)*; Mr. J. Courts, *Assist. Sec.*; Miss Cowpe, Mr. Billingham, Mr. W. Courts.

Our Hon. Treasurer gave us an approximate balance sheet showing a deficit of £13 3s. 6d. The Men's Club kindly granted us £2 10s. 0d. towards this. It was decided to hold a Whist Drive and Dance on Easter Tuesday to augment our funds.

It was proposed and carried that all subscriptions were to be 10/6 per member, entrance fee, 4/6. Members living outside the parish (limited to ten) must have had experience.

Sports Club

Whist Drive and Dance.

A very successful Whist Drive and Dance was held at the Institute, on March 31st, to raise funds for the Cricket Club.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	
Tickets sold	14	9	0	Printing Tickets	10	6		
Taken at door	1	0	0	Scoring Cards ...	5	0		
Canteen ...	1	14	8	Miss C. Cowpe...	8	0		
				Refreshments ...	3	9	3	
				Mr. Osborne ...	8	0		
				Institute ...	2	2	0	
						7	2	9
				Balance ...	10	0	11	
						17	3	8
						17	3	8

Audited and found correct,
S. W. CLARKE,
C. SUFFOLK.

C. E. COOPER.

Matches, 1921.

		Opponents.	K. & C.
June 4.	Kingfields T.C., at home	98 ...	71
" 11.	Priory T.C.	102 ...	86
" 18.	Humber T.C., Mr. Vernon's	148 ...	141
July 9.	Priory T.C. away	60 ...	38
" 16.	Kingfields T.C. "	77 ...	95
Aug. 6.	Humber T.C. "	37 ...	62
		522	493

Holy Baptism.

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.

April 16th.—Douglas, son of Thomas Edwin and Amy Bullock, Heathfield Terrace, Keresley.

Holy Matrimony.

Those whom God has joined together, let no man put asunder.

April 17th.—Percy Troth, bachelor, of this parish, to Maud Sayers, spinster, of the parish of Longford.

Burial.

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

April 13th—William Judd, aged 70 years, Keresley.