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My dear People,

You will see in the report of the last Parochial Council Meeting that notice was given of a motion to be brought up at the next Meeting for the abolition of Pew Rents. This is an important subject, and I am very glad that the Council is going to deal with it.

Pew Rents are comparatively new in the Church of England—they became common in the early part of the 19th century—but there is no doubt that many people feel that they are a real hindrance to the spiritual work of the Church. They have for that reason been abolished lately in most churches which had them. Legally the Churchwardens have the first and last say about Pew Rents: they can impose them or take them off as they think best, but most Wardens would naturally consult their Parochial Council in this matter, as a Parochial Council is now responsible for the finance of a Parish. Personally I feel strongly that a Parish Church should be free and open to all worshippers, and that where it is not so there is always some spiritual loss. It is clearly intolerable for any incumbent to know that part of his income is derived from a source which is a hindrance to the good of the Church. Where Pew Rents have been abolished regular worshippers have generally found that it makes no difference to their sitting in their accustomed place—but it makes those who do not wish to rent pews, and visitors, feel more welcome to the Church than they otherwise would.

There is a slight change from last year in the "Good Friday" Services. Instead of a Three Hours' Service the Vicar of Radford will conduct a Devotional Service for two hours, 1-0—3-0 p.m., which I hope many will attend. It is my duty to remind you that the Prayer Book appoints Easter Day as a day of obligation for all communicants—"Every Parishioner shall communicate at least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one."

Yours affectionately,

T. H. PERRY.

The Bishop expresses the wish that as many Church Councillors as possible should attend the Installation of the Sub-Dean on April 5th, at 3 p.m.

Calendar for April.

- 2nd. *Wednesday.* 7-45 p.m., *Lantern Service.*
 6th. *Fifth Sunday in Lent.*
 7-0 Holy Communion.
 11-0 Matins and Holy Communion. Ps. 22.
 6-30 Evensong. Ps. 51.
 9th. *Wednesday.*
 7 45 p.m. *Communicants' Guild Preparation Service.*
 13th. *Palm Sunday.*
 8-0 Holy Communion.
 11-0 Matins. Ps. 61, 62.
 3-0 Children's Service.
 3-45 Holy Baptism.
 6-30 Evensong. Ps. 86 ; 130.

Holy Week and Easter.

- Monday
 Tuesday } 8-0 a.m. Holy Communion
 Wednesday } 5-30 p.m. Evensong.
 Maundy Thursday }
 Wednesday. 7-45 p.m. *Lantern Service.*

Good Friday.

- 8-0 Litany and Ante-Communion.
 11-0 Matins (without Sermon).
 1-3 *Meditations on the Passion of our Lord*
 (conducted by Rev. E. Kenworthy
 Browne, Vicar of Radford).

Easter Day.

- 7-0 Holy Communion.
 8-0 Holy Communion.
 9-45 Holy Communion (The Hut).
 11-0 Matins. Ps. 16 ; 111.
 11-30 Holy Communion (Choral).
 6-30 Evensong. Ps. 113 ; 114 ; 118.

- Easter Monday.* 10-0. Holy Communion.
Easter Tuesday. 8-0 Holy Communion.

Hospital Sunday.

- 27th. *First Sunday after Easter.*
 8-0 Holy Communion.
 11-0 Matins. Ps. 3 ; 57.
 6-30 Evensong. Ps. 103.
 All collections given to Coventry and
 Warwickshire Hospital.
 29th. *Tuesday. S. Mark, E.M.*
 10-0 Holy Communion.
 May 1st. *Thursday. SS. Philip & James, A. & M.*

Sidesmen on Duty.

- April 6—Mr. W. Enser ; Mr. R. Cooper.
 " 13—Mr. R. Green ; Mr. G. Enser.
 " 20—Mr. J. H. Clarke ; Mr. W. Glover.
 " 27—Mr. Goodall ; Mr. W. Wall.
 May 4—Mr. W. Enser ; Mr. R. Cooper.

Offertories.

February 17—	£1 12 11	Church Expenses
February 24—	£1 18 6	" "
March 2—	£1 8 9	" "
March 9—	£2 10 2	" "
March 16—	£1 18 1	" "

Free-will Offerings for February—£2 13s.

Mothers' Union.

The members present at the meeting held on March 3rd, were glad to welcome Mrs. Sherwood again and to hear her address. She spoke of the need of a new vision of God in the life of each one of us ; a vision which would make us glad, as were the disciples of old : "when they saw the Lord," and more ready, as they were, to serve Him.

There will be no Mothers' Union Meeting on April 7th, but on the 14th a service of intercession is to be held in the church at 3 p.m. This will be

the Monday in Holy Week and so seems a specially suitable day on which to start again our intercession services. We do hope that many members (and any others who care to come) will make use of this opportunity of corporate prayer for the needs of the Mothers' Union as a whole, for our own particular branch, for individual members who may be in need of special help, and for other people or causes which we have at heart.

Members are asked to write down on slips of paper, subjects for prayer and to place these in a box which will be found in church on the preceding Sunday and throughout Monday.

C. P.

Keresley and Coundon Institute

AN ORATORIO, "Christ and His Soldiers,"

will be given on

SATURDAY, APRIL 12th at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.,

By the INSTITUTE CHOIR,

(assisted by Male Voices).

Soloists: Miss Gladys Palmer, Mr. Wright,
Mr. Waldron Smithers.

Accompanist: Mrs. Kenworthy Browne.

Conductor: Miss Ratliff.

Tickets: Afternoon, 2/- & 1/-; Evening, 2/-, 1/- & 6d.

This is the first time a work of this kind has been given in Keresley, and we hope that as many as possible will come and hear it.

Keresley Green.

The Free-will Offering scheme by means of weekly envelopes is making good progress. The result for Jan. was 4/0½, for Feb. 6/8½, for March 14/-. We shall do well if this rate of increase is kept up. There is some doubt whether everyone understands the scheme. The idea is that a packet of envelopes is given to each subscriber with an envelope for each Sunday in the year, and that each week he shall put in the envelope what he considers he should rightly give for Church purposes. The envelopes should be put, week by week in the box provided in the Hut. The scheme is convenient because it suits all purses, no sum is too small and none too large. It is scriptural: "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him as God has prospered him." It is regular and everyone can take his share, and for these reasons it is coming to be generally recognized as the best method of Church finance. For the benefit of those who are new to the district may we repeat

that the Sunday services are as follows: Holy Communion, 8 a.m. on the 3rd Sunday; and every Sunday, Sunday School at 3 p.m., and Evening Service at 6.30 p.m. Everyone will be very welcome at these services.

On Easter Day there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 9.45 a.m., the only possible time on that day. Even if it is not very convenient we hope that communicants will manage to come then, remembering the Prayer Book rule: "Every parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one."

The Rummage Sale realized £12 4s. 9d. and the entertainment on Feb. 23rd £3 10s. 6d. The next committee meeting will be on April 7th, at 8.15 p.m.

Parochial Council.

The first meeting of the newly-elected Church Council was held in the Council School on March 7th, 1924. Owing to illness the attendance was smaller than usual.

A letter was read from the Bishop thanking the parish for its quota of £103 to the Diocesan Fund.

Mr. Tabberer was re-elected Vice-chairman. Miss Hands had unfortunately been advised by the doctor to give up her position as Hon. Sec. The Vicar spoke with appreciation of the good work she had done in the last two years and Mr. H. P. Loasby was elected Hon. Sec. The Finance Committee was re-elected, as were also the Envelope Committee with the omission of Miss Saint's name, the Churchyard Committee, and the Sidesmen with the addition of Mr. Wall's name.

A letter was read from Mr. Dalton giving details of the new Diocesan Budget. Our share was the same as last year, and it was left to the Finance Committee to arrange for its collection.

It was decided that a Corporate Communion of the Council should take place on the Sunday before the next Council Meeting.

Mrs. Sleath brought up the matter of Pew Rents in the Church, and after a discussion he gave notice of motion for a future meeting that pew rents be abolished.

Mrs. Tabberer mentioned the uncomfortable kneelers in the centre seats, and it was decided that some old kneelers be mended and brought into use, both here and in the gallery.

H. P. L.

Holy Baptism.

March 10—Beatrice Lilian, daughter of Sidney John and Effie Louisa Barnett, Hall Hill Lane.

Burial.

March 3—Joseph Bowns, Radford Road, aged 81 years.