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My dear People,

The very important question of a New Mission Church for Keresley Green was brought up at our last Parochial Council Meeting. It was decided to ask certain people to act as a Building Committee, which should make an appeal for funds and discuss plans; and to call a meeting of parishioners in September. This meeting will probably be in the Hut on September 23rd.

It is the most important question by far that the Parish has had to deal with for a long time—and deserves the support and interest of all. Notices of the Parish Meeting will be sent round so that everyone may have an opportunity of knowing about it and coming to it.

The experiment of holding some open-air meetings on Sunday evenings was well justified. They seem to have been well appreciated, and I hope we may be able to repeat them next summer. We are very grateful to the Clergy and others who gave up time out of very busy lives to come and help us. I shall be away from the Parish from August 5th—September 6th. The Rev. F. W. Green, Fellow and Chaplain of Merton College, Oxford, will be in charge of the Parish—any messages should be sent to him at the Vicarage.

Yours affectionately,

T. H. PERRY.

Calendar for August.

- Aug. 3—*Seventh Sunday after Trinity.*
7-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins. Ps. 34.
11-30 Holy Communion.
6-30 Evensong. Ps. 37.
- „ 10—*Eighth Sunday after Trinity.*
8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins. Ps. 39, 40.
3-45 Holy Baptism.
6-30 Evensong. Ps. 41, 42, 43.
- „ 17—*Ninth Sunday after Trinity.*
No Celebration of Holy Communion at The Hut.
10-30 Matins (plain).
11-0 Holy Communion (choral).
6-30 Evensong. Ps. 44, 45.
- „ 24—*Tenth Sunday after Trinity.*
8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins. Ps. 50, 52.
6-30 Evensong. Ps. 51, 54.
- „ 31—*Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.*
8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0—Matins. Ps. 56, 57.
6-30—Evensong. Ps. 61, 62, 63.

Sidesmen on Duty.

- Aug. 3—Mr. J. H. Clarke; Mr. G. Enser.
„ 10—Mr. Goodall; Mr. W. Glover.
„ 17—Mr. R. Green; Mr. W. Wall.
„ 24—Mr. W. Enser; Mr. G. Enser.
„ 31—Mr. J. H. Clarke; Mr. Goodall.

Offeratories.

June 22—	£4 3 3	Dr. Barnardo's Homes.
„ 29—	£2 5 7	Church Expenses.
July 6—	£2 7 3	„ „
„ 13—	£2 6 9	„ „

Free-will Offerings for June—£2 16s. 0d.

C. of E. Sunday School.

Most glorious weather favoured the scholars of the joint C. of E. Sunday Schools in the Village and at the Hut, when they went to their much-looked-for outing on Tuesday, July 8th.

A party of over 200 children, teachers and mothers left the village in the afternoon in motor char-a-bancs for a most delightful ride to Stoneleigh Deer Park. Once in the Park, the party scattered: some to amuse themselves with paddling, others to roam about amongst the bracken in hopes of tracking deer; while the older members of the party found enjoyment in resting beneath the shades of beautiful old oaks.

At the sound of a bell all were summoned to partake of an excellent tea. This was followed by games, and scrambles for nuts and sweets. Then the tinkling of a bell once again was heard, but this time it was a warning to prepare for home. The return journey was made via Kenilworth, and a halt was made at the Castle before finally proceeding to Keresley, which was reached about 8-30 p.m., after having spent a most enjoyable time.

“The Hut.”

We are glad to see a Notice Board fixed outside “The Hut”—to show what it is and giving the times of Services and Sunday School, and we are very grateful to a member of our Committee, Mr. J. H. Clarke, for painting it free of charge. The Sunday School is making great progress. There are now over 60 children attending it—we hope that the numbers will grow even during the holidays. A great deal is owing to the keenness of the Teachers—we shall soon need some more of them. The question of a New Church was brought up at the Parochial Council on July 15th. It was decided to call a Parish Meeting in the “Hut” about the middle of September, to discuss plans and to stimulate as much interest as possible. It is hoped to build a Church opposite Thompson's Lane, which will be a most convenient site near the new houses. The Public Meeting will probably be on September 23rd. We very much hope it will be well attended, especially by those who live at Keresley Green.

The following have undertaken to do the Altar Flowers in the “Hut” during August:—

- Aug. 3. Mrs. J. Enser.
„ 10. Mrs. C. Gibson.
„ 17. Miss Hands.
„ 24. Miss M. Bricknell.
„ 31. Mrs. Swinnerton.

Hut Free-will Envelopes for July, 16/6.

Church Council.

A Meeting of the Church Council was held in the Council School on July 15th, the following members being present:—The Vicar, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Sleath, Mrs. Sparrow, Miss Rotherham, Miss Hands, Miss Enser, Miss Perkins, Miss Lloyd, Miss Martin, and Messrs. Craner, Green, and Loasby, Hon. Sec. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Sleath, Mr. and Mrs. Tabberer, Capt. Miller, Mrs. Niblett, Miss Ratliff and Miss J. Ratliff.

The business of the Meeting consisted of "Diocesan Finance" and "A New Mission Church."

After some discussion Miss Rotherham proposed, Miss Hands seconded, and it was carried that, collections in Church be again made this Autumn and at Christmas towards the quota asked from the Parish for Diocesan Finance.

The Vicar mentioned that the Hut at Lower Green was too far away from the new houses for Church Services, that it had only been put up as a temporary building, and that it was quite unsuitable in summer time. He had accompanied the Bishop and Mr. Jackson some time ago to two sites offered by the Colliery Company, and a piece of land had been agreed upon. It was now up to the Parish to erect a suitable permanent building. A temporary building would be unsightly, and there would be no grants for such a building from any of the Church Societies. He thought a building Committee should be appointed to draw up plans and collect subscriptions. The proposition was seconded by Miss Rotherham and carried. It was also decided that a Parish Meeting be called on Tuesday, September 23rd, at Lower Green, and that handbills announcing the same be printed and circulated.

The Vicar said he was pleased to tell the Council that the Ecclesiastical Commissioners had increased the stipend of the living by £50 a year. He said that part of this would help towards the stipend of the Lay Reader, the matter being left in the hands of the Finance Committee.

The Vicar and Miss Rotherham gave short accounts of the Ruri-decanal and Diocesan Conference Meetings recently held, this concluding the business.
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Tennis Club.

The Whist Drive and Dance at the Vicarage on July 12th, was quite a success. We were lucky in having a nice day—though the wind made it a little difficult to hold on to the cards. There were 70 people for the Whist Drive and a good number came later for the Dancing. The Refreshments and Prizes were all given by members of the Club. Mrs. Perry gave away the prizes. The Refreshments were most capably managed by Mesdames Day, Martin, Perkins and Williamson. Altogether it was an enjoyable evening and will result in a good profit for Club funds.

A very generous gift of a magnificent set of tennis poles and net has been received from Mr. William Browett, to whom we are very grateful.

The Women's Institute.

A party of 37 members and friends spent an enjoyable day at the British Empire Exhibition on July 2nd. Leaving Coventry between 8 and 9 a.m., Wembley was reached about 11, and here the party promptly broke up into small sections. One or other of these parties visited every part of the Exhibition with the exception of the Queen's Dolls' House. Some visited the Rodeo, some the Amusement Park, others found the various pavilions and palaces quite enough to fill their day. One party dined in Australia, and had tea on the South African train. All were greatly impressed with the wealth and variety of produce, which the various pavilions shew, and with the large amount of work put in the construction and arrangements. The visit was an education to many of us. The Artistic Indian Pavilion, also Burmah, with its peal of bells ringing with the wind; South Africa, Canada, New Zealand and Australia, were places we would like to visit again, and tempted us to linger; but time fled fast and we had to leave them. We had a delightful non-stop journey back to Coventry, arriving at 10-8 p.m., ten minutes before time, and considerably earlier than we were expected.

Mrs. Miller kindly paid for a reserved coach for us, and this added greatly to the comfort of the party. The weather was perfect, but too hot.

On Tuesday, July 15th, we had another little outing, this time by char-a-banc to Berkswell, to attend a W.I. Conference. Forty-one members went; Mrs. Miller paying half the cost of the char-a-banc. Again the weather was ideal. Mr. Harris (Park Garage Co.) took us via Wall-Hill, Corley Moor, Meriden, and Bradnock's Marsh to Berkswell, returning direct to Meriden and then as an outward way. We found a very crowded meeting in the Reading Room, Berkswell, which was addressed by Miss Fergusson, the General Secretary N.F.W.I. We should have liked to have heard her at more length. Tea was provided by the Berkswell W.I. at the Garden Café, at a charge of 4d. each, and was much appreciated. We got back about 7-30, after an enjoyable afternoon.

C. J. HANDS, *Hon. Sec.*

P.S.—Some of the men are asking if they may join the "Women's Institute."

Holy Baptisms.

July 13—Hazel Ina, daughter of Frederick Thomas and Helen Elizabeth Osborne, Keresley.
" 13—William Edward, son of William Edward and Beatrice Thomas, Keresley.

Burials.

June 30—Rachel Bates, aged 79 years.
July 1—Annie Tatton, aged 62 years.