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My dear People,

I think that the fifteen Church Councillors who made the journey to Coventry on a dark and wet November night, to take part in a gathering of Church Councillors from the Deanery, felt they were well rewarded. It really was an inspiration to have the ideals and possibilities of council work put before us so clearly and eloquently. If only now we can keep that vision and carry out some of the ideals put before us! It would be a tremendous gain for our Council and for the Parish if we could manage to send representatives to Swanwick this year, as was suggested at the meeting. We must see if it can be done.

When the Rural Dean inspected the Church and Churchyard in November he said that it was the best kept churchyard he had seen. That's encouraging. But it is also a responsibility to keep up. I would remind you that it means a lot of work to keep a large churchyard like ours even passably tidy. Mr. Walter Enser, the Secretary of the Churchyard Committee, and Mr. Craner deserve our thanks for the good work they have done. Donations towards the cost of upkeep may be sent to Mr. Plevins or put in the box inside the Church. One of the questions which the Archdeacon asks in his enquiry is "Are artificial flowers allowed in the Churchyard?" To this I replied "No." I hope that all of us will co-operate in seeing that this rule is kept.

The Collections on Christmas Day will be given, as in previous years, to the Bishop's Fund for Poor Clergy. If any who wish to give to this fund will be away from home for Christmas, I shall be glad to receive and forward donations.

With best wishes to you all for a Happy Christmas.

Yours affectionately,
T. H. PERRY.

Calendar for December.

- Dec. 1—*S. Andrew, A.M.*
7-45 Holy Communion.
" 7—*Second Sunday in Advent.*
7-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins. Ps. 9, 11.
11-30 Holy Communion.
6-30 Evensong. Ps. 50, 67.
" 10—Wednesday, 7-45 p.m. Communicants' Guild Preparation Service.
" 14—*Third Sunday in Advent.* (Missions to Seamen).
8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins. Ps. 73. Rev. H. Nooté.
3-0 Children's Service.
3-45 Holy Baptism.
6-30 Evensong. Ps. 75, 76, 82. Rev. H. Nooté.
" 21—*Fourth Sunday in Advent.* *S. Thomas.*
8-0 Holy Communion (The Hut).
10-30 Matins.
11 Holy Communion (Choral).
6-30 Evensong. Ps. 96, 79, 98.

Dec. 25—*Christmas Day.*

- 7-0 Holy Communion.
8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins, Sermon and Carols.
11-30 Holy Communion.
6-0 Evensong (Plain).

KERESLEY GREEN MISSION CHURCH.

Christmas Day.

- 9-0 Holy Communion.
6-0 Carol Service.
" 26—*S. Stephen, M.*
10-0 Holy Communion.
" 27—*S. John, A. E.*
8-0 Holy Communion.
" *Sunday after Christmas.* Holy Innocents.
8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins. Ps. 2, 8.
6-30 Evensong. Ps. 45, 110, 113.

Sidesmen on Duty.

- Dec. 7—Mr. W. Enser; Mr. W. Wall.
" 14—Mr. R. Green; Mr. J. H. Clarke.
" 21—Mr. Goodall; Mr. G. Enser.
" 30—Mr. W. Enser; Mr. W. Wall.

Offertories.

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| Oct. 26— | £1 14 2 | Church Expenses. |
| Nov. 2— | £1 18 11 | " " |
| " 9— | £4 7 11 | " " |
| " 16— | £3 10 2 | S.P.G. " |
| Free-will Offerings for September, | | £3 10s. |
| " " | " " | October, £1 18s. |

Communicants' Guild.

In spite of wretched weather a very enjoyable time was spent in the Institute on October 29th. Nearly everyone came disguised in a mask and a raincoat, and the result was very amusing. Miss Herbert won the prize for the best disguise and Mr. Jack Clarke was the best detective of all, he guessed most right. Miss Sleath, Miss Flowers and Miss Martin gave prizes, Mrs. Niblett distributing them to the winners.

Refreshments were served and games occupied the rest of the evening.

M. MARTIN, *Hon. Sec.*

Mothers' Union.

The next meeting will be held in the Institute on Monday, Dec. 1st, at 3 p.m. Members will be sorry to hear that Mrs. Kenworthy Browne, who was coming to address us on that day, is ill, and has been ordered a complete rest, so she will not be able to come. I hope to be able to get another speaker.

The day of the Intercession Service in October was altered in the hope that it might suit some of the members who are unable to come on Mondays, but the attendance was disappointing. We must try to do better next time. One of the Intercessions placed in the box was unfortunately overlooked, and so was not offered at the Service.

There will be a Celebration of Holy Communion at 10-0 a.m. on New Year's Day. C.P.

Church Council Meeting.

A meeting of the Church Council was held in the Council School on Nov. 4th, the following members being present: The Vicar, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Sleath, Mrs. Tabberer, Mrs. Sparrow, Misses Euser, Flowers, Hands, Perkins, Ratliff, J. Ratliff, Martin, and Rotherham, and Messrs. Sleath, Tabberer, Clarke, Craner, W. Enser, Green, and Loasby.

Before the ordinary business commenced, the the Council asked the Vicar to convey to Mr. and Mrs. Glover their best wishes for success in their new life in New Zealand.

The amount of the Diocesan Quota was £100, but only about £36 was at present forthcoming. The Council thought the Finance Committee should be asked to augment this sum from General Funds.

The Vicar mentioned the progress that had been made at the Hut, and hoped that the new building would be ready about Christmas time. He was pleased to say that an arrangement had been come to whereby Mr. Barnes' services would be retained, for at one time there had been a possibility of losing him. It was hoped to arrange a Garden Fête in the summer in aid of the Mission Church Fund.

Sixteen members gave in their names as willing to attend the combined meeting of Coventry Church Councillors to be held in Trinity Schools on Nov. 18th. H. P. L.

The Hut.

Good progress has been made during the last month. The Sunday School still grows; we need more teachers! Arrangements are being made for a Sunday School Party after Christmas—the date has not yet been fixed. After a tea for the children an entertainment will be provided, largely by the children themselves. We hope that many parents and friends will come to see what they can do. They are already practising hard.

The Football Team which has been started, owing to the energy of Mr. Turner and the help of Mr. Glover, has done very well; it is rapidly gaining the reputation of being invincible.

A Club for Men is being opened at the Hut on Monday evenings. It is only in its early stages yet, but is sure to flourish under Mr. Barnes.

Several more promises of chairs and hassocks for the new Mission Church have been received, but we still need a great many more. Some may not be able to give enough to buy a whole chair at once (6/6), but any smaller sum would be gratefully received towards the fund by the Vicar or Mr. Barnes.

The fortnightly Whist Drives have been well supported. The next one will be on December 6th.

The Free-will Envelopes for October came to 10/2 Altar flowers for Dec. 7—Mrs. Robbins.

„ 14—Mrs. Glover.

„ 21—Mrs. Gazey.

Christmas Day—Mrs. Swinnerton.

Nursing Association.

The Committee of the Keresley and District Nursing Association wish it to be widely known that anyone living in Keresley and Coundon is eligible for membership of the Association.

The Subscription Rates are as follows:

2d. per week, per family, except in the case of farmers and tradespeople, who pay 3/- per quarter. In cases of emergency, nurse may be called in by non-members, at the rate of 6d. per visit, which is to be paid through nurse.

The maternity fee for members is ... £1 1s.

For non-members it is ... £2 2s.

Nurse Harwood lives at 50, Bennett's Lane, Lower Keresley.

She has already been working for three months in the district, and her services have been greatly appreciated by many members.

Anyone wishing to join the Association should apply to Mrs. Plevins (Hon. Sec.), Spring Hill, Keresley; to Mrs. Gazey, Dr. Thomason's Surgery, Lower Keresley; or to any other member of the Committee.

The Women's Institute.

The monthly meeting was held on October 23rd. Once again we were doomed to disappointment, the lady was unable to come and lecture on "Home Life in Russia" owing to a bereavement. The attendance was not very large. The report of the Council Meeting at Warwick was read, and Mrs. Miller gave an interesting account of a day's tour in the Belgium battlefields. After refreshments, songs and games filled up the evening. The Rummage Sale on Nov. 8th was a great success, over £30 being taken. A stove has been fixed in the Canteen, which will be a comfort and convenience to the Canteen Committee. Weekly dances are held, usually on Thursdays, Mrs. Lowe has kindly undertaken the management of these, and they are very enjoyable. A Cinderella Dance was held on Armistice night, which, considering the wet evening, was well patronised. Fortnightly Whist Drives are held on Saturdays, alternating with those at the Hut. I shall be glad to receive nominations for the Committee for 1925 by December 8th, and hope that sufficient names will be given in to ensure an election by ballot. A Cantata is being practised and arranged for the Anniversary of the Opening of the Building, and other interesting gatherings are being arranged.

C. J. HANDS, Hon. Sec.

Holy Baptism.

Nov. 9—Dennis Thomas, son of George and Florence Mary Britain, Brownhill Green.

„ 9—Audrey Betty, daughter of John and Lily Anderton, Keresley.

„ 9—Hazel Kathleen, daughter of Leonard and Gladys Lewis, Wood Cottage, Brownhill Green.

„ 16—Gwendoline Alice, daughter of Francis John and Florence Boyes, Keresley.