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My dear People,

I want to ask your support for an object which I know you will all have at heart and that is the care of the churchyard.

A few months ago a stonemason who was working there and who knew many churchyards round, told me that he considered Keresley Churchyard to be the most beautiful in the district. Certainly we have inherited much from the past and we owe it both to those who have gone before us and those who will come after to do our part by it. It is particularly difficult in these times to get the long grass cut more than once, or possibly twice, in the year—but those who are responsible will do their best in this matter. But there is a great deal that individuals can do if they will:—

- (1) To cut the grass of graves belonging to their family.
- (2) To pick up any paper or rubbish which has blown into the churchyard.  
Confetti is a particular nuisance, as it takes a long time to get rid of it. It is forbidden to throw this in the churchyard itself.
- (3) To avoid putting artificial wreaths and especially wax flowers in glass vases. These are just as inartistic and inappropriate in a churchyard as they would be in our own garden.

If we all combined in these matters it would add to the beauty and dignity which our churchyard already has.

I want to plead on another matter. Fine weather on a summer's evening affects the numbers of the congregation far more than it ought. I would not trouble you about this if it were only my own feelings which were concerned—or even the feelings of visiting preachers—but it cannot be right to let the regularity of our worship depend simply upon whether there is nothing else we want to do.

I shall be away from August 4th for a month. The Rev. F. W. Green, Fellow and Chaplain of Merton College, Oxford, will be at the Vicarage and in charge of the parish.

Yours affectionately,

T. H. PERRY.

## Calendar for July.

- July 6—*Third Sunday after Trinity.*  
7-0 Holy Communion.  
11-0 Matins. Ps. 18.  
11-30 Holy Communion.  
6-30 Evensong. Ps. 19, 20, 21.
- " 9—Communicants' Guild Preparation Service, 8-15 p.m.
- " 13—*Fourth Sunday after Trinity.*  
8-0 Holy Communion.  
11-0 Matins. Ps. 24, 25.  
3-0 Children's Service.  
3-45 Holy Baptism.  
6-30 Evensong. Ps. 22, 23.  
OPEN-AIR MEETING IN THE JETTY,  
7-15 p.m.
- " 19—Saturday. Mothers Union Festival.  
3-0 Service in Church.

July 20—*Fifth Sunday after Trinity.*

8-0 Holy Communion (The Hut).

10-30 Matins. Ps. 26, 28.

11-0 Holy Communion (choral).

6-30 Evensong. Ps. 27, 29, 30.

" 22—*S. Mary Magdalene.*

8-0 Holy Communion.

" 27—*Sixth Sunday after Trinity.*

8-0 Holy Communion.

11-0 Matins. Ps. 31, 32.

3-0 Children's Service. *Flower Service.*

6-30 Evensong. Ps. 33, 36.

## Sidesmen on Duty.

July 6—Mr. J. H. Clarke; Mr. W. Wall.

" 13—Mr. Goodall; Mr. W. Glover.

" 20—Mr. R. Green; Mr. G. Enser.

" 27—Mr. W. Enser; Mr. W. Wall.

## Offertories.

May 25— £3 10 8 Central Ch. Fund.

June 1— £1 8 2 Church Expenses.

" 8— £2 9 11 " "

" 15— £2 8 6 " "

Free-will Offerings for May—£2 0s. 6d.

## Communicants' Guild.

A Special Service was held on the eve of the Confirmation to which the Confirmation candidates and their friends were invited. In spite of a thoroughly wet day a very good number attended and we had a fine service: we hope it may be repeated another year.

Miss Rotherham has kindly invited the Guild to a Garden Social at the Grange on Wednesday, July 23rd, at 7-30 p.m.

The next Preparation Service will be on Wednesday, July 9th, at 8-15 p.m.

## The Hut.

An encouraging report of the Sunday School is printed in another place. School is held every Sunday at 3 p.m. The Superintendent will be glad to welcome new children and visits from parents to the School and to the Children's Services will be much appreciated. Any interest shown by parents is always valuable and a great help to the School. We are very glad to welcome Mrs. B. Turner as a new teacher.

A very successful Whist Drive was arranged for June 14th, in aid of the Sunday School—over 60 were present. Prizes were kindly given by Mr. Barlow, Mrs. Faulkes, Miss C. Perkins, Mr. T. Perkins, Miss E. Clarke, Mrs. J. Ensor. Mr. George Ensor was M.C. and Miss Hands gave away the prizes. The profits came to £3 10s.

A Children's Flower Service has been arranged for July 27th, at 3 p.m. Gifts will be sent to the Hospital. We intend to arrange a Harvest Festival in the autumn. The hut gets very hot in the summer, but we hope this will not mean any falling off in the congregation. The attendance at the outdoor Service was very disappointing.

A rota is being arranged of those who will undertake to supply and arrange flowers for the Altar. The rota for July is—

July 6—	...	Mrs. B. Turner.
„ 13—	...	Mrs. Terry.
„ 20—	...	Mrs. Lees.
„ 27—	...	Miss Hixxon.

The Free-will Envelopes for May came to 12/9

### Sunday School.

We congratulate Mr. W. Greenhalgh on his new appointment at Manchester but are very sorry indeed to lose his services at School. The loss will be felt not only by his own class—his regularity and enthusiasm was inspiring to teachers as well as children. We should like also to express sympathy to another teacher—Miss B. Cowpe—in her long illness, but we hope now soon to see her back again.

The results of the Examination held by the London Sunday School Institute are now known. Five of our teachers took the examination and all were successful. There was one First-class Honours, three Second-class, and one Third-class. This is exceptionally creditable, especially considering that it is the first time our teachers have taken such an examination, and unless we are mistaken there were no other candidates from the Coventry deanery.

We are glad to see that the attendance at Sunday morning School is much better than it was. We hope that children and parents will do all they can to keep that up and improve upon it.

The Treat will take place on July 8th as already announced. A start from the School for Stoneleigh will be made at 2.0. The expenses of this outing will be considerable and we should be glad of donations towards it.

On July 27th there will be a special *Flower Service* at 3.0. Parents and friends will be very welcome—indeed we are glad to see them at any of the Children's Services. The gifts of flowers, fruits, eggs, etc., will be sent to the Coventry Hospital.

We are very glad to welcome Miss L. Craner and Miss Faith Hancock as new teachers.

A report from the Sunday School at Lower Keresley is added below.

### Lower Keresley Sunday School.

We are making progress with our work here. The numbers are increasing and more interest is taken in the work by the children. We were sorry to lose the services of Miss Lilian Taylor, but her home is too far away for her to continue. Thanks are due to her for the help she gave whilst with us. The first children's service was held on Whitsunday. It was a pleasant little affair; Mr. Barnes conducted it, and we propose holding one each month. It will be announced the previous Sunday, and parents or friends will be welcome. The offertory will be given to the S.S. Funds or some special object. On the last Sunday in July we propose holding a *Flower Service*; we think the distance to the Parish Church rather far for our little ones to join with the other school. (We hope to join them

for the S.S. Festival in September). Gifts of flowers, groceries, jam, cigarettes, or anything else of use to the Hospital will be received and forwarded to the Coventry Hospital. Parents and friends are invited to join us at this service.

C.J.H.

P.S.—The missionary boxes were getting full so we opened them in May, and nearly 24/- was taken out of the three boxes, the tiny tots raised 4/6.

### Mothers' Union.

It is several years a joint service for all branches in the diocese has been held in our Cathedral, and the attendance on Thursday, June 18th, proved that the members recognised how great a day it was. Three thousand mothers gave in their names as wishing to be present. Many additional seats were provided, but even these proved quite inadequate for the steady stream which flowed in from 2-30 onwards. Many of us did not get seats, but I don't think anyone minded, and we felt that to stand for an hour was a small price to pay for the privilege of taking part in that wonderful service.

To be one of that vast throng giving thanks to "God for His goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men," to join with 3,000 fellow members in our Mothers' Union Prayer, to sing together psalms and hymns that we all know and love, and to hear the Bishop's most practical and courage-inspiring address, was an experience which we pray may leave a lasting and fruitful impression on each one of us.

During the singing of a hymn the money collected for the Mary Sumner House Fund was presented to the Bishop. A member from each branch carried an envelope with the amount given by that branch to the fund. Mrs. Sparrow was our chosen representative and the amount we sent was £10 14s. the proceeds of the Tea and Sale in January.

Saturday July 19th has been fixed for our Branch Festival, which will begin with Service in the Church at 3 p.m., at which the Rector of Allesley will preach. After the service all members are invited to tea in the Vicarage Garden, or if wet in the Women's Institute.

### Tennis Club.

Mr. P. V. Vernon has invited the Tennis Club to bring a Men's Six to play a match against Sir Alfred Herbert's Ltd., at Keresley Manor, on Saturday, July 19th. Mrs. Vernon most kindly asks all members of the Club to watch and to tea. Start 2-15 p.m.

An *Open-air Whist Drive and Dance* on the Vicarage Lawn is being arranged for Saturday, July 12th. If wet in the Institute. Refreshments will be provided and a good orchestra. Tickets 1/6 including Refreshments after the Whist Drive. Tickets for the Dance alone 6d., 6-30—11-0 p.m. Proceeds for Tennis Club funds.

### Holy Baptism.

- June 8—Dennis Clifford son of Walter and Alice Maud Hoste, Keresley.  
 „ 8—Ronald Henry, son of George and Florence Ensor, Lower Green.  
 „ 8—Roland Leslie, son of William Homer and Evelyn May Northall, Hall Hill Lane.