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My dear People,

All of you would agree that this Country and the World need religion now—and the kind of religion that we need is thoughtful and sincere. Honest and earnest men want to know the truth. We do not want too much sentiment and we want no prejudice. Outdoor Meetings are being arranged on some Sunday Evenings in June and July (if fine) in the hope of meeting such a need. Speakers are coming from Coventry and other places and will include Rev. C. E. Morton (Vicar Designate of Holy Trinity, Leamington), Rev. E. Kenworthy Browne, Rev. G. D. Jordan, Some Women Messengers of the Diocese, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Wilson. I hope that all Church people will turn out to support them.

It was a privilege to have the Chairman of the Hospital to speak to us on Hospital Sunday. Those who have benefited by the good services of the Hospital will be glad to see that our Collections for it was double that of last year.

Our Confirmation Candidates are being presented at the Confirmation Service in the Cathedral on June 5th. I hope that many of you will remember them on that day.

Yours affectionately,

T. H. PERRY.

Out-Door Meetings.

After a Short Evensong in Church there will be OUT-DOOR MEETINGS (if fine) on :—

June 1st. ... in the Jetty.
June 15th. ... by the Hut.
June 29th. ... in the Jetty.

The Meetings will last about half-an-hour—there will be hymns, two speakers. Questions are invited. Come to them and bring a friend.

Sidesmen on Duty.

June 1—Mr. W. Enser ; Mr. R. Cooper.
" 8—Mr. R. Green ; Mr. G. Enser.
" 15—Mr. J. H. Clarke ; Mr. W. Glover.
" 22—Mr. Goodall ; Mr. W. Wall.
" 29—Mr. R. Green ; Mr. W. Enser.

Offertories.

April 27— £13 5 6 C. & W. Hospital.
May 4— £1 13 2 Church Expenses.
" 11— £1 12 8
" 18— £2 0 0 " "

Free-will Offerings for April—£2 0s. 8d.

Calendar for June.

June 1—*Sunday after Ascension.*
7-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins. Ps. 93, 96.
6-30 Evensong. Ps. 148, 149, 150.
OPEN-AIR MEETING IN THE JETTY,
7-15 p.m.
" 4—8-15 p.m. Joint Guild and Confirmation
Preparation Service.

June 8—*Whit. Sunday*

7-0 Holy Communion.
8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins Ps. 68 (omit vv21-23.)
3-0 Children's Service.
3-45 Holy Baptism.
6-30 Evensong. Ps. 104.

" 9—*Whit. Monday.*

10-0 Holy Communion.

" 10—*Whit. Tuesday.*

8-0 Holy Communion.

" 11, 13, 14—*Ember Days.*

" 15—*Trinity Sunday.*

8-0 Holy Communion (The Hut).

10-30 Matins. Ps. 29, 33.

11-0 Holy Communion (choral).

6-30 Evensong. Ps. 93, 99, 115.

OPEN-AIR MEETING, THE HUT, 7-15 p.m.

" 22—*First Sunday after Trinity.*

8-0 Holy Communion.

11-0 Matins. Ps. 1, 3, 5. Preacher :
Rev. G. Kerr.

3-0 Children's Service.

6-30 Evensong. Ps. 4, 7, 8. Preacher ;
Rev. G. Kerr.

All Collections for Dr. Barnardos' Homes.

" 29—*Second Sunday after Trinity. S. Peter, A.M.*

8-0 Holy Communion.

11-0 Matins. Ps. 10, 12, 13.

6-30 Evensong. Ps. 15, 16, 17.

OPEN-AIR MEETING, THE JETTY,
7-15 p.m.

Keresley Green.

The fortnightly Whist Drives have been well attended and it was decided to keep them on longer than usual. The prizes for the Whist Drive on April 26th were given by Mr. Jackson, Mrs. Robbins, Mrs. Priest, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Charlie Gibson, Miss Laura Craner.

It was decided at the last committee meeting to place a board outside "The Hut" to inform visitors and others of the times of the Sunday Services. During the summer there will be some *Outdoor Services* after a short evening service on Sunday. These will be held at the corner near the Hut about 7.15 p.m. on June 15th and July 20th (if fine). Special speakers are coming from Coventry and some of the "Women Messengers" of the diocese will also speak.

We hope that a lot of people will come to support and hear them.

Mothers' Union.

The meeting held in the Womens Institute on May 12th was well attended, Mrs. Oliver Bellasis kindly came from Shilton to address us.

On Ascension Day, (May 29th) there will be a Celebration of Holy Communion at 10 a.m.

There will be no meeting of the Mothers' Union in Keresley during June, but on Wednesday, 18th June a Service is to be held in the Cathedral, to which all members of the Mothers' Union in the diocese of Coventry are asked to come. It should be a most inspiring service, the numbers being very much larger than at our Ruri-decanal Festival

in the Cathedral in April. Members from 125 different branches are expected to be present. As we live near Coventry I hope that our Branch will be very well represented. I feel sure that all those who make the effort to be there will be glad that they have done so. The sermon will be preached by the Bishop. C. P.

Sunday School.

The Summer Party has been arranged for July 8th when we hope to drive to Stoneleigh and have tea in the park. Parents and friends of Sunday School children who care to join the party will be very welcome, but they must let Miss Perkins, the secretary, know before June 15th as we have to let the garage know definitely how many will be going. The charge for visitors will be 4/6 including tea. A flower service has been arranged for July 27th and the Sunday School Festival for September 14th. On Saturday, September 13th, the Coventry Association of Sunday School Teachers are holding a quiet afternoon in Keresley church; the conductor will be the Sub-dean.

Seven of our Sunday School Teachers took the correspondence course of the London School Institute during this winter. It was very helpful and enjoyable, the results of the examination for a Sunday School Teachers Certificate are not yet known.

Four delegates from our Schools went to the Diocesan Sunday School Festival at Warwick on May 17th, when Miss Newby from Southwark gave a most interesting address which was followed by a service in S. Mary's.

We are sorry to lose the services of Mr. T. Cowpe, who has resigned his post as teacher. Donations towards the expenses of the Summer Party will be gratefully received, they should be given to the magazine distributors or to Miss Perkins or the Vicar.

Communicants' Guild.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by Guild Members and friends on April 30th. Between 40 and 50 were present including the Vicar and Mr. and Mrs. Niblett.

Miss A. Enser and the Misses Craner very kindly gave prizes for the whist.

Members of the Guild worked very hard for "the Children's Ward Sewing Guild" during Lent, and a splendid parcel of garments and slippers was sent to the Hospital.

The proceeds of a Whist Drive, £5, and a donation of 10/- from Mrs. Niblett bought the materials, and Miss Rotherham gave two pairs of slippers.

The next Preparation Service will be on Wednesday, June 4th, at 8-15 p.m. That is the eve of the Confirmation at the Cathedral, and the Confirmation Candidates from this parish are being invited to join in a Special Service of Preparation. We hope that the members of the Guild will make a particular effort to come to this Service to welcome and support those who are to be confirmed the next day.

Lent Saving Boxes.

Lent Saving Boxes have been received from: Rev. T. H. Perry, Miss Downing, Miss Jones, Miss

Dalton, Miss B. Cowpe, Miss E. Harrow, Miss Fortnum, Miss Perkins, Mrs. Niblett, Miss Worthington, Miss Hands, Mrs. Perry, Miss A. Mitchell, Miss Martin, Miss Lloyd, Miss Flowers, Miss E. Bosworth, Miss L. Bosworth, Mrs. and Miss Sleath, Miss Dorothy Enser, Fred Enser, Miss D. Suffolk, Miss E. Stephen, Mrs. J. H. Clarke, the Misses Craner, Miss A. Enser, Miss G. Bricknell, Miss Nancy Eden, Miss Hilda Walton.

The proceeds, which came to £6 12s., have been forwarded to the Transvaal Mission for training native clergy.

Church Council.

A Meeting of the Church Council held in the Council School on May 2nd was well attended, the following being present:—The Vicar, Messrs. Sleath, Tabberer, Clarke, Craner, W. Ensor, G. Ensor, Glover, Goodall, Niblett, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Sleath, Mrs. Tabberer, Mrs. Niblett, Mrs. Sparrow, the Misses Ensor, Flowers, Hands, Lloyd, Perkins, Ratliff, J. Ratliff, and Mr. Loasby, Hon. Sec. Apologies for absence were received from Miss Rotherham and Mr. Green.

The chief business of the Meeting was Mr. Sleath's proposition that Pew Rents in the Church be abolished. After this had been seconded by Mrs. Perry, Mr. Niblett spoke, he being of opinion that if this source of income were dropped it would not be easy to find another way of raising the money; he thought the idea not desirable at Keresley. Mr. Clarke thought that pew rents were a bar to religion, people making them the excuse for staying away from Church. The Vicar strongly felt that pew rents were a bar to progress; part of his stipend was obtained from a source which hindered people from attending Church, and this was intolerable. Miss Hands wondered whether in the event of the motion being carried the seats would be appropriated. Several members took part in a general discussion mostly in favour of the abolition of the rents. On being put to the vote the motion was carried, sixteen voting for and one against. The Wardens were asked to notify pew holders of the change.

Miss Ratliff, Mr. Niblett and Mr. Clarke, were elected to make arrangements for holding occasional outdoor evening services during the summer months.

The Secretary was asked to write a letter of congratulation from the Council to the Rev. C. E. Morton, of Clifton, on his appointment as Vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Leamington.

Mrs. Perry mentioned the bad state of the mat in the Porch, and it was decided to leave its repair in the hands of the Churchwardens. H.P.L.

Holy Baptism.

May 11—Trevor Arthur, son of Cyril Alfred and Lilian Rose Millhouse, Wall Hill Lane, Brownhill Green.

Marriage.

Apr. 21—George Smith, bachelor of Exhall, to Mary Elizabeth Elaine Hiorns, of Keresley.

Burial.

Apr. 26—William Statham, aged 60 years.