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My dear People,

We have tried for a year the experiment of having a Service of Holy Communion at 7 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month; and at first it seemed to meet a need. But it has not justified itself in the long run, and I propose now to go back to the old time of 8 a.m.

Everybody is agreed that there is a value in having special times for rest and reflection, and an opportunity to review our position. Lent is such a time when wise people "go into training" that they may fit themselves better to take their part in a life which is meant to be spiritual as well as material. Since the war, many of us have found it difficult to make any special effort or to impose on ourselves any self-denial, but it is important we should get back this kind of discipline. So I ask you to pray that we may keep this Lent well and that each of you will do his best himself.

I have been asked to call your attention to a Special Series of Addresses in the Cathedral on Thursday afternoons. But these are not meant to take the place of our own Lenten Services. There will be a Special Service each Wednesday evening, at 7-45 p.m., with an address. And the Litany will be said on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m.

The Coventry Deanery has been asked and has agreed to make a joint special effort this year on behalf of the Missions to Seamen. One form that our help can take is to give them the proceeds from our Lent Savings Boxes this year. Mr. Sudworth, their Lay Secretary, is coming on the evening of February 22nd, to explain the needs of his Society. Considering how much we in England owe to our Seamen, I hope we may all combine to give them what help we can.

Yours affectionately,
T. H. PERRY.

Calendar for February.

- Feb. 1—*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.*
8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins. Ps., 80, 81.
11-30 Holy Communion.
6-30 Evensong. Ps., 7, 8.
" 2—*Purification of B.V. Mary.*
7-45 Holy Communion.
" 8—*Septuagesima.*
8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins. Ps., 104.
3-0 Children's Service.
6-30 Evensong. Ps., 147, 148.
" 15—*Sexagesima.*
8-0 Holy Communion (The Hut).
10-30 Matins. Ps., 139.
11-0 Holy Communion (Choral).
6-30 Evensong. Ps., 25, 26.
" 22—*Quinquagesima.*
8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins. Ps., 15, 20, 23.
6-30 Evensong. Ps., 30, 31.

- " 24—*S. Matthias.*
7-45 Holy Communion.
" 25—*Ash Wednesday.*
8-30 Children's Service.
10-0 Holy Communion.
7-45 Special Service and Address.
Mar. 1—*First Sunday in Lent.*
8-0 Holy Communion.
11-0 Matins. Ps., 51.
11-30 Holy Communion.
6-30 Evensong. Ps., 6, 32, 143.

Sidesmen on Duty.

- Feb. 1—Mr. Goodall; Mr. W. Wall.
" 8—Mr. W. Enser; Mr. G. Enser.
" 15—Mr. R. Green; Mr. J. H. Clarke.
" 22—Mr. Goodall; Mr. W. Wall.
Mar. 1—Mr. W. Enser; Mr. G. Enser.

Offertories.

Christmas—	£11 5 4	Bishop's Poor Clergy
Day		Fund
Dec. 28—	£1 8 11	Church Expenses.
Jan. 4—	£2 0 11	" "
" 11—	£2 5 5	" "
" 18—	£2 17 8	" "
Free-will Offerings for December, £1 17 6d.		

Parochial Meeting and Social.

The Church Council has arranged a Parish Social to be held in conjunction with the Annual Church Meeting at the Institute on *Friday, February 20th, at 7-30 prompt.* All parishioners, whose names are on the Parochial Roll, are very cordially invited. There will be no charge for admission, but a charge of 6d. will be made for refreshments. A programme for a Social Evening is being arranged, and the annual business, which will include the election of a new council and a review of the year's work, will take place during an interval. We hope that a great many people will come and help to make the gathering a big success, so that the social life and the church work of the parish may both benefit.

Keresley Green.

The Sunday School Party on December 30th was a great success. A very good tea was prepared by Miss Hands and the teachers, who were helped by members of the Committee. We were very glad to welcome some of the teachers from the other schools.

Father Christmas had made special arrangements to stay over his ordinary time, so that he might attend this party, and his visit and his gifts of crackers were thoroughly appreciated by the children. The entertainment which followed was provided almost entirely by the children, who had been carefully trained by Mr. and Mrs. Barnes.

It was particularly nice to see so many parents and friends of the children. When ninety parents were added to ninety children, and a dozen or so teachers, The Hut got pretty full! But the excellent show well deserved it. "Nursery Rhymes," The Nigger Troupe, The Pinafore Song

were all much applauded. The audience seemed to enjoy it as much as the children—which is saying a good deal. An excellent programme was concluded by a dramatic little sketch—"Blue Beard"—by Mrs. Glover and some friends. It was the first party of the kind held at The Hut, but it will be hard to beat.

The Committee Meeting on January 14th was poorly attended owing to atrocious weather and night-work. We hope to have a good meeting in February, as we shall then have to make important arrangements for our Annual Meeting.

Attention is called to the fact that as well as Sunday School at 3-0 and Evensong at 6-30 every Sunday, there is a celebration of Holy Communion on the third Sunday in each month.

Any more names of candidates for Confirmation should be given in at once to the Vicar or Mr. Barnes.

Sunday School.

On Saturday afternoon, January 5th, the teachers, children and members of the Bible Classes, to the number of about 150, gathered for their Annual Christmas Party in the Women's Institute, which was kindly lent by the Committee.

A very willing and energetic band of teachers and workers prepared an excellent tea which was much enjoyed. While partaking of tea the children were amused with crackers which were given to them by Santa Claus.

Afterwards, the children gave an entertainment, which was well attended by parents and friends. At the conclusion, the children gave three hearty cheers to show their appreciation to those who had helped to give them so much pleasure.

Before leaving every child received a cake and orange.

C. M. PERKINS.

Coventry Cathedral. Lent, 1925.

A Course of Addresses will be given in the Cathedral on Thursday afternoons in Lent at 3 p.m. :—

Feb. 26—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

Mar. 5—The Rev. J. K. Mozley, Principal of Leeds' Clergy School.

„ 12—The Rev. J. K. Mozley.

„ 19—The Rev. J. K. Mozley.

„ 26—The Rev. J. K. Mozley.

April 2—The Rev. H. A. Wilson, Rector of Cheltenham.

St. Dunstan's.

Our annual Christmas appeal, on behalf of St. Dunstan's Homes for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors, brought in the total of £15 1s. 6d., made up of 257 sums varying from a penny to a pound.

In acknowledging the receipt of this amount the Treasurer says :—"Will you please convey to those who assisted you, and, if possible, the people of Keresley and Coundon, our warm appreciation of the practical way in which sympathy has been shown for our Blinded Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen? Please be assured that this gift will be of the greatest possible assistance to us in our endeavour to bring hope and happiness into their lives."
H.P.L.

Keresley Sports F.C.

On Saturday, January 17th, Keresley Sports met Herbert's Athletic on the Peel Connor Ground at Stoke, in the final of the O'Beirne Cup. The game was marred by an unfortunate accident to one of Keresley's players, R. Harris, who broke his leg after eight minutes play, and was conveyed by ambulance to the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital. Despite this handicap Keresley won the cup by the only goal scored. Herberts were awarded a penalty but failed to score, Kirby saving well from Phillips. When Keresley were awarded a penalty, Morris made no mistake, scoring what proved to be the winning goal. Herberts had more of the play after the interval, but were up against a stubborn defence, A. Harris and F. Sparrow being safe and reliable, and covering W. Kirby in goal so well that he was rarely troubled. After a hard-fought, clean and fast game, Mr. C. A. Westaby, of Peel Connor, presented the cup to the captain of Keresley, W. Kirby.

Keresley Team—W. Kirby (Capt.); A. Harris, F. Sparrow; A. Jones, R. Harris, H. Heritage; H. Pinfield, H. Martin, A. Morris, W. Griffiths, L. Williamson. Reserves—W. Osborne, R. McLachlan.
C. E. COOPER, Hon. Sec.

Marriage.

Dec. 24—Alfred John Courts, bachelor, to Lilian Elsie Gibson, spinster, both of this parish.

Burial.

Jan. 14—Charles Townsend, Brownhill Green, aged 77 years.