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St. Katherine's, Teversal

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RECTOR'S NOTES

I suppose the foremost thought in almost everyone's mind as we enter upon another year, is: "What will the year 1942 bring us?" That it will be a momentous year for the whole world no one can doubt, for there is not a single country that is not now affected by this terrible war. It is indeed a total war. What I am sure we need to be reminded of again and again is the fact that we are fighting not only against "flesh and blood," but also against "the principalities and powers of darkness." Our Gracious and God-fearing King emphasised this truth in his broadcast on Christmas Day and urged us to look to God for help and guidance, and to put all our trust in Him. The President of the United States has again and again expressed the same thoughts in his broadcast messages, and he is calling his people to prayer on the first day of the New Year.

But why are not our Churches full every Sunday with those who still believe in God and in the power of united prayer? There are difficult days ahead of us, days when we may have to walk in darkness, days of anxiety, personal and national. Surely our wisdom is to trust in the Name of the Lord and to stay upon our God. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" How comforting that thought is. But if we want God to be "for us," we must show ourselves worthy of His Divine help. So, as we enter upon this New Year, let us show our gratitude to God for all His mercies to us during the last two years by giving up ourselves more whole-heartedly to His service, and let us never cease to pray that peace may be restored to the world, and God's Will done on earth as it is in heaven.

Rise up, O men of God,
His Kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood,
And end the night of wrong.

SOCIAL EVENING

The members of the Mothers' Union and the C.E.M.S. met together on Saturday, December 27th, in the Manor Room, and spent a very happy evening. There were competitions, games and songs, and in the interval refreshments were provided. Many thanks are due to all who helped to make the evening such a success.

NEW CHURCHYARD

It has been decided to plant a number of ever-flowering bushes in the new Churchyard. Towards the expenses of this will be and should be sent to Mr. W. R.

CAROL SERVICE

On Sunday, January 4th, the children of Teversal School will repeat the Carol Service, which they gave last month. I am sure that all who heard their delightful singing will wish to hear them again, and that those who were not able to be present will welcome this opportunity of hearing them. The service will commence at 3 o'clock.

CONFIRMATION

As I have already announced the Bishop of Southwell will hold a Confirmation in our Church early in March, and I am commencing the Confirmation Classes on Sunday, January 11th, at 3.30 in the Belfry. I hope parents and god-parents will encourage their children and young people to come forward for Confirmation, and I earnestly plead with all young people who have not yet been confirmed to come forward and present themselves as candidates.

MOTHERS' UNION

The monthly Corporate Communion will be held on Monday, January 5th, at 6.30, and will be followed by a meeting of members in the Belfry.

C.E.M.S.

A meeting of the Church of England Men's Society will be held on Monday, January 12th, in the Manor Room at 7.15. The speaker will be Mr. Unwin. All men are welcome.

THE WAIFS' AND STRAYS' SOCIETY

This year, gifts of second-hand clothing will be much appreciated by the above Society. Also, subscriptions will be welcomed any time this month.

B. M. PORTER

BAPTISM

Dec. 7th.—Ivy Roberts.

MARRIAGE

Dec. 25th.—Ashleigh Greaves Woodings and Sheila Jane Cartright.

BURIAL

Dec. 1st.—Harriet Tagg.

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OUR'S NOTES

good things in our new Bishop to the Diocese, that I am handing on to you.

"There shall be no gloom"—says the Bible, on Christmas Day—"to her that was in anguish, for the people that sat in darkness have seen a great light." It was in the midst of a torn and tragic world that we listened to the good tidings of great joy; but they are no less tidings of great joy! We are not alone in the conflict against evil; Man has not been abandoned to his fate; the devil has not the last say in the world. "God is with us," and that's what makes the difference. A refugee baby was born in a "shelter," in a world that disowned everything He stood for. It was in darkness that the light was shining, yet the darkness has not overcome it—nor will it ever, for it is the True light.

And further in his letter he says:—

Yet faith in God is desperately difficult. If we do not want the suggestions of worldliness, which press so hard upon us all now, to sap the inmost citadel of the soul, we must build up defences against them. We cannot live by our own faith alone; we need to support and encourage one another in the corporate worship of the Christian fellowship—so that "going to Church" really is important.

GOING TO CHURCH

No doubt the claim of war-time work on Sunday makes this honestly difficult for many. If so, then remember that the Shepherds were not engaged in religious exercises when they heard the message of the angels; they were doing their job, and it is often so. Yet we are left incalculably weaker in meeting the strain upon our faith and loyalty without the reinforcement of "common prayer. And, at worst, Sunday is not the only day nor the Church the only place where we can pray together.

These are wise words, and I hope we shall all take them to heart and act upon them.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The annual tea party for the members of our Sunday School was held on Saturday, January 17th, in the Manor Room. The children met at two-thirty, and after quite a good war-time tea

spent the rest of the time playing games. Many thanks are due to Mrs. S. Jacklin, Miss B. Porter and Miss M. Griffin for their faithful work in our Sunday School, and for arranging the tea party. I should also like to thank those who kindly gave gifts for the party. They were very welcome.

MOTHERS' UNION

The monthly Corporate Communion will be held on Monday, February 2nd, and will be followed by a meeting in the Belfry.

C.E.M.S.

A meeting of members of the above was held on Monday, January 11th, in the Manor Room, when Mr. Unwin gave us a most interesting account of his visit to Canada. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 9th, in the Manor Room, at 7.15, when we are hoping to have a discussion on the subject of Astrology. Mr. Guest has promised to "open" the discussion.

LENT

The solemn season of Lent commences on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, and there will be a short service of Intercession at 7 o'clock. On the Sunday evenings in Lent, I hope to preach a course of sermons on well known hymns.

BAPTISMS

Jan. 1.—Grace White.
Jan. 4.—Michael Davey.

MARRIAGE

Jan. 24.—Wilfred Ellis and Kathleen Rickers.

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RECTOR'S NOTES

"Surely God is speaking to us in these days." These words were uttered by the Lord Mayor of London at a great meeting held recently at the Central Hall, Westminster. Can there be any doubt whatever that he spoke truly? God IS speaking to us in these critical days. The war in which we are engaged is essentially a spiritual one. The very principles of Christianity—righteousness, truth, liberty, mercy—are at stake, and the call to-day is for a deeper faith in the sovereignty of God and the power of believing prayer. I make no apology for returning again and again to this subject, because it is so vital and yet so easily forgotten.

We are all longing for victory and peace, and we believe God will give us both when we are ready to claim His help. "Do we believe the words," said a recent preacher, "If God be for us, who can be against us? Then why do we not so order ourselves as individuals and as a nation that we may confidently enlist His help, and bring all this agony to a speedy close." "In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength." These are God's words and they are eternally true.

The combined Easter Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on April 8th in the Manor Room at 7.30. The Rector nominated Mr. N. D. Todd as his Warden for the ensuing year, and Mr. J. W. Henshaw Allcock was unanimously re-elected People's Warden. Both were very heartily thanked for their past services.

The following elections then took place:—

Parochial Church Council: Mesdames Scott, Todd, Guest, Preston, Crowther, Jacklin, Cook, Bailey, Ward and Henshaw Allcock, Messrs. Warner, Crowther, Bailey, Seeley, Braithwaite, Cook, Harpham and Jacklin.

Sidesmen: Messrs. Warner, Harpham, Guest, Crowther, Jacklin, Ray, Ward, Seeley, Cook and Braithwaite.

Vice-Chairman of Parochial Church Council, Mr. N. D. Todd. Representative to Diocesan Conference, Mr. W. R. Harpham. Representatives to Ruridecanal Conference, Messrs. Guest and Seeley. Auditors, Messrs. Fowler and Braithwaite.

The Balance Sheet was then presented by the Warden, and showed the excellent balance of £44. He was heartily thanked for his love." A vote of thanks was also given to the Auditors, Messrs. Fowler and

Before closing the meeting with prayer, the Rector heartily thanked all the workers for their splendid help during the past year, and expressed the hope that God's blessing would rest upon the Church in the coming critical year.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

A meeting was held on Wednesday, April 15th, when Mr. Guest was unanimously re-elected Secretary with many thanks for all his past services. It was decided to hold a Garden Fete at the end of July. The date and place will be announced shortly.

ASCENSION DAY AND WHIT SUNDAY

There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion on Ascension Day at 11 a.m., and on Whit Sunday at the close of the morning and evening services.

MOTHERS' UNION.—The Monthly Corporate Communion will be held on Monday, May 4th, at 6.30, and will be followed by a meeting in the Belfry.

BAPTISMS

March 29.—Frank William Sharman Milner, Cedric Elvet Davies, Sandford Robert Painter.
April 5.—Clive Ockelford, David John Evans.
April 12.—John David Gent.

MARRIAGES

April 4.—Arthur Marriott and Ruth Ocroft.
April 18.—Arthur Slinn and Maggie Wilson.

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MOTHERS' UNION

There will be a service in Church on Monday, June 1st, at 6.30, when Miss White, of Mansfield, will give an address. It will be followed by a meeting in the Belfry.

PRAYER

Lord, what a change within us one short hour
Spent in Thy Presence will avail to make;
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take,
What parched fields refresh as with a shower.
We kneel, and all around us seems to lower,
We rise, and all the distant and the near
Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear.
We kneel, how weak! We rise, how full of power!

BAPTISMS

May 17th.—Brian Everett Haycox.
May 24th.—Terence Charles Riley.

...g about the course of
...ok silly by to-morrow," says
...monthly letter to the Diocese.
...in these fast moving and
...we know we stand on the verge
...ments, which are going to test and
...uttermost. For our very existence
...ke, and the earthly future of everything
...is worth living for. "Right may be worsted,
...but wrong will not ultimately triumph." That is
...the Christian's belief and consolation in these ter-
...rible days. The power of evil can be overthrown,
...and will finally be overthrown by the Living Christ.
...Indeed, it has already been broken and defeated.
..."I have overcome the world," said Christ, and
...His victory is certain. It may be delayed and has
...been delayed, but the day is surely coming when
...the kingdoms of this world shall become the King-
...dom of God and His Christ, and when He shall
...reign for ever and ever." And you and I are
...called upon to do one part, however small, in hast-
...ening the coming of that day.

"Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus, going on before."

The music of Easter still rings in our ears with
its pledge of victory over sin and death. It is a vic-
tory that was won through suffering and pain.
But it was the victory of God. Come what may
we must stand fast in our faith. It is those who
endure unto the end who will be saved.

GARDEN FETE

The Church Parochial Council have decided to
hold a Garden Fete this year in spite of the war,
and by the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Todd
it will be held at the Grange on Saturday, July
25th. It will have to be, of course, on a smaller
scale than usual, but there will be at least one stall
in addition to games and competitions. Refresh-
ments will be a difficulty, but we hope it will be
possible to provide tea and sandwiches. The Tev-
ersal Colliery Band have also promised to come
and give us their assistance. Further particulars,
including the name of the opener, will be given in
next month's Magazine. Please keep the date
open, and come and give us your support.

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SHORT NOTES

...broadcast to the then known world
...years ago the writer wrote the
...ords:—"Go to now, ye that say, to-
...morrow we will go into this city and
...ar there, whereas ye know not what
...e on the morrow. What is your life? For ye
...e a vapour, that appeareth for a little while and
...then vanisheth away. But ye ought to say, if the
...Lord will, we shall both live, and do this or that."

What St. James was trying to say to his generation, and what he would say to us to-day is, that to plan our lives apart from God is amazing folly. We know nothing about the morrow. We know not what a day may bring forth. But there is a God, who has a will for every life.

We may ask of Him, and receive from Him wisdom, guidance and strength of purpose. His name is Love, His will is always good will.

If it is His will, that we should pass through dark experiences of trial and strain, of loss and disappointment, how comforting it is to know that "all things are working together for good to those, who love God."

In these dark and terrible days in which our lot is cast, how unutterably foolish it is to live our lives without reference to Him in whom we live and move and have our being. It is only in His light that we can see light in spite of the darkness, which surrounds us, in the world to-day.

Oh, small shall seem all sacrifice
And pain and loss,
When God shall wipe the weeping eyes,
For suffering give the victor's prize,
The Crown for Cross.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Monthly Corporate Communion will be held on Monday, July 5th, at 6.30. This will be followed by a Meeting in the Manor Room.

ANNUAL GARDEN FETE

As I announced in last month's Magazine the Garden Fete will be held on Saturday, July 25th, at the Grange.

We are hoping to have games and competitions, as in former years. There will also be one or two stalls.

Refreshments will be a difficulty, but cups of tea will be provided, and a certain amount of light refreshments. It would be advisable, if as many as can, would bring their "provisions" with them.

I hope the fete will be well patronised, as we need extra funds for the War Insurance of the Church and other things.

"Has not the vocation been entrusted, through blood and sweat to the English-speaking peoples to be leading the world back from mere materialism to a clearer recognition of the real values and a more truly religious way of life? To be worthy to be servants of this purpose should then be the first ambition of our people. If this is so then the Christian church is at the heart and centre of the battle. This is the great hour of Christianity, the hour when it is called upon for leadership on which depend illimitable destinies. Never has brave humble Christian witness mattered more than it matters at this moment, when pre-occupation about the war itself tends to blot out all far horizons."—Bishop of Southwell."

BAPTISM

June 14th.—Christine Mary Penford.

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RECTOR'S NOTES

GARDEN FETE

Once again we were favoured with a beautifully fine day for our Garden Fete, which was held this year at the Grange by the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Todd, on Saturday, July 25th. The proceedings commenced at three o'clock, when the Rector opened with prayer. He then handed over to the Chairman, Mr. Todd, who, in a short speech, introduced Mr. and Mrs. F. Scopes, who had kindly come to "open" the Fete. He said how delighted we were to welcome Mr. Fox's successor and his wife, and how much we appreciated their presence in our midst. He also explained how much money was needed, especially for building up a fund to tackle the serious troubles in the Church Roof caused by the dreaded death watch beetle. Following Mr. Todd we were delighted to have a short speech from Mr. Scopes in which he expressed the pleasure it had given him and his wife to come and "open" our Fete.

When Mr. Todd called upon Mrs. Scopes to formally "open" the Fete, she reiterated her husband's remarks about their pleasure in coming to Teversal, and then declared the Fete "open." The Rector then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Scopes, and also to Mr. and Mrs. Todd, and said how sorry he was that Mr. J. W. Henshaw Allcock was not able to be present. The proposal of thanks was carried with loud applause by all those present. A bouquet of sweet peas was presented to Mrs. Scopes by Gladys Dobb. In spite of war conditions there were four stalls and the usual competitions and games, and a brisk trade was carried on. Tea and refreshments were also provided. The Teversal Colliery Band kindly attended and gave much pleasure with their excellent music.

It is difficult to say how much money was taken; but we hope to clear nearly fifty pounds. I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all our kind helpers, who worked so hard and so successfully.

"You cannot be a Christian all by yourself any more than you can play a game of cricket or football all by yourself. Christianity is religion in fellowship. The disciples had caught that idea from our Lord. That is why St. Luke regards it as worth while recording in the Church's first history book that the earliest adherents of the Christian religion continued steadfastly in the Apostle's doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread

and prayer." I am profoundly convinced that, until we all brace ourselves to continue steadfastly in these things, that happier way of life for which we all long will remain for ever outside our reach."

—Rev. S. C. Bulley.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will be closed for three weeks from July 26th to August 9th. It will re-open on Sunday, August 16th.

MOTHERS' UNION

As the first Monday in August is Bank Holiday the Corporate Communion and meeting this month will be held on Monday, August 10th.

MARRIAGES

July 4th.—William Henry Else and Constance Winterbottom.

July 11th.—John James Robinson and Emma Stirland.

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RECTOR'S NOTES

During last month two of our most prominent leaders have given their witness to their faith in God and the power of believing prayer; and I pass on their messages to you. On the anniversary of the Battle of Britain Air Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding uttered these striking words:—"I have left the most important thing to the last. We are not too proud to organise national days of prayer and we are not too proud to acknowledge the results. Some people are inclined to say: 'Good Lord deliver us from this grievous affliction,' and then to attribute their deliverance to their own efforts. I have a deep personal conviction of divine intervention in this war, which I believe we should otherwise have lost some time ago. I therefore, pay honour and tribute to God."

The second witness is General Sir William Dobbie, former Governor of Malta. These are his words:—"During those two years of the seige I was very conscious of the good hand of God upon us, and I am sure that the continued safety of Malta was ultimately due to His divine protection. I am not alone in this conviction. Many others share it with me. I am convinced that God, for Christ's sake, does still answer prayer, and that the recognition of this fact was the secret of the spirit, endurance and fortitude shown by so many persons in Malta."

I wonder how many of us could bear the same witness. We ought to be able to, if we "profess and call ourselves Christians." "Nothing," says a writer in the "Sunday Chronicle," "could contribute more powerfully to victory than a revival of religion, an open and active expression of the faith that is in us." These are strong words, but they are true words. This is a day of testing for us all. May God help us to realise our responsibility and to do our part by "an open and active expression" of our own faith in God.

MOTHERS' UNION

The monthly Corporate Communion will be held on Monday, October 5th, at 6.30, and this will be followed by a meeting in the Manor Room.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held on Thursday, September 24th, and the following Sunday. On Thursday a Harvest Tea was held in the Manor Room at five o'clock, followed by a

Service in Church, at which Rev. D. F. Newns was the preacher. He rightly stressed the point that a real thanksgiving must lead to a dedication of ourselves to God's service. On Sunday evening the preacher was the Vicar of Sutton, and he gave us a striking sermon on the text, "God is a Sun."

There were good congregations at all the services, and the hearty singing of the well-known harvest hymns was an inspiration. I should like to thank the organist and choir for the splendid way they led the singing, and for the lovely anthem, which they rendered so excellently. I should also like to thank all those who decorated the Church so beautifully, and those who kindly sent fruit, vegetables, etc. The collections throughout the day came to over six pounds.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

On September 17th the Church was quite full, when we gathered together at the call of our King to plead with God and to humble ourselves before Him. But "we cannot find salvation," as a writer in the "Daily Sketch" recently said, "by occasional days of prayer." We must pray "without ceasing." We were glad to welcome the Home Guard at this service.

BAPTISM

Sept. 13.—Keith Roger Henshaw Allcock.