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Teversal Rectory,
January, 1947.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Bishop of Southwell commences his New Year's letter to the diocese with these words, "Nobody can say that 1947 comes in with a burst of cheerful music." He then goes on to show that both at home and in the surrounding world we face extremely dangerous possibilities, and that this new year is likely to make very big demands upon faith and courage, patience and goodwill.

I think that most thoughtful people will agree with the Bishop, for as we very well know both at home and abroad things are far from what we would wish them to be, and problems remain to be solved which seem beyond the powers of man. We shall indeed, yes, everyone of us, need faith and courage, patience and goodwill, and all these fine qualities come ultimately from God. Christianity has never preached any immediate and cheaply-bought Utopia—the price has always been blood and tears, hard labour and much suffering. All the best and most solid gains of mankind have come by this path—a path marked by the crosses of saints and martyrs—yes, saints and martyrs of every so-called 'class'.

What the world requires, says the Bishop, is a renewed vision of the Living God and His power in the hearts and minds of men. How it is to get that vision rests upon us christian people. It is as we illustrate the Christ in our own lives that the world will learn the only philosophy of life which will bring peace and goodwill. We must however be careful that we are really interpreting the Christ and not some sickly caricature of Him. There are some christians about who do not commend the Master whom they profess to serve. The non-christian world will never be convinced by all such, but it will pay heed to the genuine article, as it did to the apostles over nineteen hundred years ago. They succeeded by the grace of God in turning much of the world of their days right side up. The same grace is available to us in these difficult days, so let us use it as they did, and like them we shall be astonished at the results which will be achieved. The world is looking for a strong lead from someone. Is it to be Karl Marx or Christ? The answer to that question lies with us.

Yours sincerely,

W. R. POWELL.

THE DIOCESAN STAMP SCHEME

Last year our diocesan authorities hit upon a new scheme for helping parishes to meet their

increased quota under the Bishop's Forward Movement. They issued a Diocesan Calendar with spaces for postage stamps to be affixed. It was an experiment and has proved a successful one—over £800 was raised after paying expenses. This year a new calendar has been prepared and limited numbers are available. The picture this time is of St. Mary's, Nottingham, and is an excellent one too.

The full results of our own response I hope to give in our next issue as all the stamps are not yet in, but I can tell you that in stamps and in money given in lieu of stamps over £15 has been received. This will pay the whole of the increase in our quota which was raised from £21 to £34, and we are most grateful to all those kind friends who have co-operated to make the effort such a fine success.

SUNDRY ITEMS

The Carol Service given by the Teversal school children on December 15th was of a high standard and was much enjoyed by a large congregation. As a result it has been possible to send a sum of four guineas towards the work of the Church of England Children's Society and an appreciative letter of thanks has been received from them.

The midnight Communion Service on Christmas Eve—an experiment—proved its worth. Some sixty people came and there were forty-seven communicants. The collection for Dr. Barnardo's Homes amounted to £3/11/0.

The Congregational Party on December 28th proved a very happy event though numbers were not quite up to the previous year. It was very nice having Mr., Mrs. and Miss Crowther with us once again. Mr. Morley kindly officiated at the piano.

The Sunday School Prizegiving and Party proved very successful, but space forbids more than a passing reference to the hard work put in by Mrs. S. Jacklin and Miss Porter.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Holling of Wild Hill on the passing of her loved one.

BAPTISMS

Nov. 17—Jack Loach.

Dec. 21—Eric Bigley.

22—Peter William Stevenson.

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Dear Friends,

In the Register of our Parish Church is this rather quaint entry—'20th July 1797—there was the dreadfulest Storm of Raine and Hale at Teversal, Notts. Peices of Eist above one inch over computed to be half ounce in weight, about one o'clock at noon. The like not known in the memory of the oldest living man.' That was nearly 150 years ago and I am wondering what the Rector of those days would have written about the weather we have been having during the past seven weeks had he been called upon to pass through a similar state of things. I can imagine him calling it the 'dreadfulest' and adding 'the like not known in the memory of the oldest living man.'

It has been a grim time both for individuals and for our country and we are going to feel the effects for a long time. I take my hat off to all those who have worked heroically to keep us fed and warmed as well as to those who have striven to keep our lines of communication open—mine-workers, farmers, tradesmen, bus and lorry drivers, railwaymen, postmen, etc., not forgetting members of the professions whose work has often called them out under appalling conditions. To all those who have given of their best we owe a great debt of gratitude.

We have not had many visitors to Teversal village during these strenuous days, but I do want to thank the few faithful souls who have gathered in their parish church on Sundays for their attendance. It has been a great encouragement to their Rector.

Yours sincerely,
W. R. POWELL.

CALENDAR STAMP SCHEME

I am now in a position to give you a complete account of the above for the year 1946. The total amount received from stamps, placed on the Calendars was £13/15/7½, while £7/18/0 was given in cash in lieu of stamps, making a grand total of £21/13/7½. The number of stamps used was over a thousand—1066 to be exact. The most popular stamp was the 3d. with the 6d. and 2d. close behind and the result of the effort far exceeded one's expectations. Some 40 people took part in the scheme and the money thus raised will go towards our Parish Quota. We would like to express our sincere thanks for this valuable help and would like even more friends to avail themselves of helping the Parochial Church Council to meet its obligations in the current year. If you cannot always come to Church you can at least put your

collection money on your Calendar and I still have a few spare ones.

STAMPS—E.C. £1/6/0, Mrs. Bradfield £1/4/0, Anon £1/5/0, Anon 6/6d. Mrs. Davenport (Silverhill) £1/6/0, Mrs. Summerfield 11/9d. Mrs. Woodall 3/3d., Mrs. Penford 5/3d., Mrs. Hollis 2/0d., Mrs. Beard 1/0d., Mrs. Ward (Norwood) 12/0d., Mrs. Unwin 9/9d., Mrs. Davis 3/0d., Anon 1/0d., Mrs. Ball (Wild Hill) 8/8d., Mrs. Caunt 4/7d., Anon 10d., Anon 1/4d., Mrs. Poysér 8/8d., Mrs. Keetley (Stanley) 8/8d., Mrs. Tomlinson (City Farm) 6/0d., Mrs. Davey 4/4d., Mrs. Smith (Fackley) 6/0d., Mrs. Rockley 6/1½d., Mrs. Glasby 6/0d., Mrs. Wells 4/3d., Mr. Jacklin £1/2/6, Mrs. Thompson 9/8d., Mr. and Mrs. Cook 13/0d., Mrs. Rickers 8/6d., Total £13/15/7½.

CASH—Anon £1/6/0, Mr. and Mrs. White £1/6/0, Mr. and Mrs. Tideswell 13/0d., The Rector £1/6/0, Anon £1/0/0, Mr. Jacklin 9/6d., Mrs. Davis 5/0d., Mrs. Graham £1/0/0, E.R. 10/0d., Mrs. Caunt 2/6d. Total £7/18/0. Grand Total—£21/13/7½.

MOTHERS' UNION

It is very necessary from time to time to review how we stand in relation to societies we have joined and to ask ourselves whether we are fulfilling the solemn promises we have made, for it is so woefully easy to become slack and indifferent. With this possibility in view the Headquarters of the Mothers' Union have drawn up a special form of Service of Re-dedication and Affirmation which we are asked to use on Lady Day, Tuesday March 25th. Every member of the Mothers' Union is asked to be present without fail and to take part in the Service which will be held at 6-30 p.m. Branches are also asked to arrange a Corporate Communion and the most suitable time seems to be on the preceding Sunday at the evening service. Those who cannot come then or who have any conscientious objection to an evening Celebration might prefer to come at 8 a.m. May I remind members that Lady Day is the Festival of the Annunciation and that it has always been kept by the Mothers' Union as their great annual day of remembrance of the Blessed Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SUNDRY ITEMS

Our Church Collections have suffered severely through the inclement weather. Will absentees please remember this when they return as the expenses have gone on just the same. Our new churchyard has been and still is isolated, but fortunately there have been no funerals.

We have had plenty of snowflakes, but where are the Rectory snowdrops? As far as I can tell you, still under the snow.