

THE CHIPPING NORTON Deanery Magazine.

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CHIPPING NORTON. CHARLBURY & SHORTHAMPTON. CHASTLETON. CHADLINGTON. CHURCHILL & SARSDEN. CORNWELL.	ENSTONE. FIFIELD & IDBURY. HEYTHROP. HOOK NORTON. FINSTOCK. GREAT ROLLRIGHT. & DAYLESFORD.	LITTLE ROLLRIGHT. SALFORD. MILTON & LYNEHAM. RAMSDEN. SHIPTON & LANGLEY. SPELSBURY.
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JANUARY.

CALENDAR.

1917.

1	M	Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ.
2	Tu	
3	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
4	Th	
5	F	
6	S	<i>The Epiphany.</i>
7	Su	<i>1st Sunday after Epiphany.</i>
8	M	S. Lucian, P.M.
9	Tu	
10	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
11	Th	
12	F	
13	S	S. Hilary, B.C.
14	Su	<i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany.</i>
15	M	
16	Tu	
17	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
18	Th	S. Prisca, V.M.
19	F	
20	S	S. Fabian, B.M.
21	Su	<i>3rd Sunday after Epiphany.</i> S. Agnes, V.M.
22	M	S. Vincent, D.M.
23	Tu	
24	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.
25	Th	<i>Conver. S. Paul.</i>
26	F	
27	S	
28	Su	<i>4th Sunday after Epiphany.</i>
29	M	
30	Tu	King Charles, M.
31	W	Magistrates' Meeting.

8th, Full Moon, 7h. 42m. a.m.
 16th, Last Quarter, 11h. 42m. a.m.

23rd, New Moon, 7h. 40m. a.m.
 30th, First Quarter, 1h. 2m. a.m.

Notes for the next Magazine should be sent not later than **January 25th**, to the **EDITOR, CORNWELL RECTORY, CHIPPING NORTON.**

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Parochial Notes.

CHIPPING NORTON.

Vicar—Rev. H. H. Arkell, M.A.

Assistant Priest—Rev. E. Ll. Weight.

Sexton and Clerk—H. H. Langton, (*pro tem*).

Sub-Organist and Choirmaster—

Mr. R. H. J. Crowther.

Churchwardens—Mr. Austin Webb.

Mr. A. J. Bolwell,

for Chipping Norton.

Major Daly, for Over Norton.

MARRIAGES.—Dec. 25th, Ernest Henry Margetts and Alice Emily Withers both of this parish.—James Pallen Walker and Florence Berry both of this parish.

FIFIELD AND IDBURY.

On S. Nicolas, December 6th—being the Patronal Festival of Idbury Church—there was a Celebration of Holy Communion at 9 a.m. when the Service was sung by the children of the School. It was not possible to have an Evening Service with procession and special preacher as in the years before the war.

On Christmas Day there were Celebrations of the Holy Communion at Idbury at 6.30 a.m. and at Fifield at 8 a.m. In spite of the weather there was a satisfactory number of communicants. The Churches were, as usual, prettily decorated.

The Idbury Charity tickets for coal were distributed with the Club tickets early in November, that they might be available for use before Christmas.

Colonel Kettlewell has gone to France as Military Adviser to an Australian Contingent. Private Arthur Mason has arrived at Salonica. Lieut. Eric Matthews and Privates Fred Evans and R. J. Arthurs have been at home for Christmas.

The Mothers' Union will hold a continual Intercession in connection with the war in Fifield Church on Friday, January 5th, from 2 to 4 p.m. It is hoped that as many members as possible will take part.

DAYLESFORD.

Collections on behalf of S.P.G. on Sunday, December 17th, realized £2 14s. 7d. This will be

supplemented by the contents of ten boxes distributed in the Parish and shortly to be called in, and the total amount sent up to London at the beginning of the New Year.

The School was examined by Mr. Young on Monday, December 18th, with satisfactory results. Prizes were won by Albert Hill, Alfred Stickley and Jack Stickley for School work; by Ivy Stickley for Scripture; and by Albert Thornton for good conduct.

The Christmas holidays have now commenced and last for a fortnight.

We are greatly indebted to Mrs. Cumberland, daughter of Mrs. Clark, our Schoolmistress, for kindly taking the organ at the Wednesday evening Advent Services.

CHARLBURY.

MARRIAGE.—Dec. 3rd, Alfred Frederick Quarterman and May Kerwood, both of Charlbury.

BURIAL.—Dec. 18th, John Henry Stayte, aged 30 years.

CHARLBURY SOLDIERS AT THE FRONT.—We were able to send a really good Christmas parcel to every Charlbury and Chilson man at the Front: and they have written most grateful and cheerful letters in reply. The start was made by a concert by Mr. Howse and the Charlbury Patriotic Society. Mr. Frank Cowley collected subscriptions. A most energetic committee spent two days in the Vicarage Room packing the parcels. 107 parcels were despatched, 102 for Charlbury men, and five for Chilson men. £17 6s. 6d. was given in cash, and 103 cakes were sent to the committee; half the boxes for packing were given. The postage was £7 9s. 11d.; amount spent in groceries and eatables, £7 11s. 7d.; boxes and materials for packing, £1 0s. 8d.; total, £16 2s. 2d.; balance in hand, £1 4s. 4d.

Since our last Magazine we have heard that Wilfrid Howes, of 55th Trench Mortar Battery, was killed in action at Thiépval as far back as October 4th. His commanding officer writes of his bravery and cheerfulness in very high terms. He was a member of our Choir and Church Lads' Brigade.

Gordon Harrison, of the 4th Ox. & Bucks, died of wounds received in action on November 23rd. His officer writes of his unflinching courage.

Also we have heard of the death of Henry Stayte, who came over with the Canadian Contingent.

On the day of the prizegiving at Charlbury Schools, on December 22nd, the Vicar mentioned that eight of the boys who had been at Charlbury Schools had now been killed in action.

On S. Thomas' Day the Vicar and Churchwardens distributed Penon's Bread to 100 families.

The Advent Sunday Offertory for Foreign Missions was £3 14s. 9d.

We have sent £1 from our early Communion Offertories to the Diocesan Church Hut for Soldiers.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

There are few events of importance to chronicle this month from our parish, perhaps the most important is in reference to our friend the weather. Certainly we have had during the past month a succession of bad Sundays as far as the weather is concerned that would require some beating. It has had a very pronounced effect on our congregations; we do not remember ever having our congregation so slim as within the last month. Apart from the weather being bad, so many have had bad colds and otherwise been indisposed. The weather on Xmas morning was bright and beautiful overhead, but the roads like sheets of ice, really dangerous. The Church was very prettily and tastefully decorated, and our thanks are more than due to that gallant band of workers, who, despite all obstacles, determined that the Church should look beautiful on Xmas Day.

We have to acknowledge with grateful thanks and deepest appreciation the gift of a beautifully hand-made fair linen cloth for the Altar. It was used for the first time on Xmas morning, and was presented by Mrs. Burch.

We also desire to acknowledge with many thanks the generous response made by our people to the Cassock and Surplice Fund. Through the energy of Miss Gblett a sufficient amount was contributed to provide all our boys with new vestments, and certainly not before they were needed. We should like to put some of the old ones in a museum just to show future ages how economical and thrifty we were in 1916, but we fear they would not hold together. Through the kindness of a non-parishioner we have been able also to provide new books for the choir so that for a time, at least, we are well set up.

The next thing that needs to be done, and which I have no doubt our Working Party will undertake if asked, is to put some pads round the top of the pulpit. The stone pulpit is generally cold and when your hands happen to touch it in the very cold weather it is almost like touching an iceberg.

The Vicar regrets very much that owing to a very heavy cold he was obliged to forego the Service at Lyneham on Xmas Day.

Our Sunday School Treat is to be held on Jan. 3rd. We hope our parishioners will show their interest in this work by giving generously when asked. There are a few who, from one year's end to another, spend themselves on this work, and it is not too much to ask those who are unable to teach to help forward the work in the only other way open to them, by their gifts. I suppose most will regard this as a privilege, but it is also a Christian duty.

Our Missionary Boxes this year totalled the very good sum of £5 10s. 10d. £5 2s. 4d. of this sum goes to the General Work of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and the balance of 8/6 to the King's Messengers Branch.

The children of the Milton Sunday School have collected in their box during the year the sum of 7s. 2½d., and Lyneham 1s. 4d. We acknowledge these amounts with a great amount of pleasure, and we hope that year by year the interest in Mission Work will increase. Last year we sent up to the Society £4 15s. 10d., so the £5 10s. 10d. this year shows an advance—we want this to continue.

There are several boxes not yet sent in, but we were obliged to close this year's account, otherwise it would not appear in the Society's printed statement. It is very much to be wished that those kindly taking boxes, would send them in when desired, as it would tend to make it so much easier for those doing the work.

We take this opportunity of wishing all a very Happy New Year.

GREAT ROLLRIGHT.

Rector: Rev. S. W. B. Holbrooke, M.A., D.D.
Churchwardens: Mr. J. W. Hughes, Mr. W. Harvey.

Great Rollright Rectory,
December 28th, 1916.

Dear Parishioners,

By the time these words meet your eyes a New Year will have dawned, and so I take the opportunity of wishing you all, from the bottom of my heart, that old familiar wish, "A Happy New Year." Little has occurred in our small parish during the past twelve months to engage our attention, or to attract notice; in fact nothing beyond that spiritual movement known as the National Mission. What the exact result of this has been in individual lives we cannot say. Results of this kind are better understood by God. We can but hope that the lives of faithful Christians have been deepened, and spurred on to increased effort and faithfulness. If this be so, we need not altogether despair, when tempted to think with feelings of discouragement of other lives still careless and indifferent, still unimpressed by the recent call to repentance, and heedless of the lapse of time, and the approach of death and judgment.

A New Year is to many people an opportunity for making and keeping fresh resolutions, and for generally turning over a new leaf. I am quite convinced of two points here:— firstly such a course is necessary for us all. Secondly it would be of the greatest benefit to ourselves and others. Each one then should look carefully into his or her

life, and endeavour to find out how far such a life is in harmony with the commandments of God, or in accordance with the dictates of conscience. If there is only earnestness there will be no difficulty about the resolution; the difficulty will be in keeping it, but with the help of God's grace this duty will be easier. It would, believe me, be of the greatest advantage to ourselves and to our village, if every one would make up his or her mind to lay aside all trivialities, all petty differences everything that hinders unity and mars good fellowship, and come forward in sincerity and truth to the regular worshipping of God in His House, i.e. the Parish Church. Loyal service to the Church and God's representative is sadly needed here, as elsewhere. No parish can really expect the blessings of the most High when this loyalty is lacking, or when secret division is present. One important resolution during the coming year should be the increase of earnest prayer—prayer for our Nation and prayer for our Army and Navy while this terrible war lasts. It seems perfectly unthinkable that any one of us could be absent from an Intercession Service, unless there be open unbelief, or an appalling ignorance of the true state of things. I shall be more than willing to hold a week-day Intercession Service in addition to the present arrangement at a time suitable to the majority, if the necessary response be forthcoming. Do not let us have reasons for self reproach or remorse in this respect. Let us realise that we do little enough as it is for those who are risking their all on our behalf. That the coming year may bring us the long-yearned-for peace—that priceless blessing of the good God—peace abroad, at home, and in our individual hearts and consciences, is the fervent wish of

Yours most faithfully.

S. W. B. HOLBROOKE.

The Holy Communion will (D.V.) be celebrated at 8 o'clock on the following days during January: 1st, Circumcision of our Lord; 6th, The Epiphany, collection for the Oxford Mission to Calcutta; 25th, Conversion of S. Paul.

SOLDIERS' XMAS PARCELS.—The money raised at our recent Rummage Sale has been duly disbursed, with the result that all who are serving abroad and at home from this parish, have received a parcel of useful Xmas gifts. Mrs. Holbrooke has had grateful letters from practically all the recipients. It is pleasing to know that our little effort has afforded some pleasure and assistance.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we chronicle the success of Mr. J. S. Hughes, the eldest son of our respected Churchwarden, and neighbour Mr. J. W. Hughes, who has gained an open mathematical scholarship at New College,

Oxford. We extend our most hearty congratulations to parents and son alike, and trust that this early promise will be abundantly crowned by further laurels.

ORGAN RECITAL.—We are hoping to arrange for a short Organ Recital, on Friday afternoon, January 19th, at 3 p.m., in our Church. There will be a collection in aid of the expenses incurred by the repairs to the Organ. All who delight in good music should make an effort to be present at what should really be an exceptional musical treat. The following have very kindly promised to take part: Mrs. Schofield (violinist), Miss Dickens (organist), Miss Field and Miss Wood (vocalists), Rev. T. P. Field (organist).

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD WITH LANGLEY

Vicar: W. Collingwood Carter, M.A., Ch. Ch., Surrogate,
Rural Dean.

Churchwardens: H. Mawle, E. H. Dee.

Sidesmen:

A. Miles, M. Bunting, J. E. H. Parsons, B.A., M.R.C.S.,
J. Strong, A. Miles (junior), R. Townsend, J. Pittaway (senior)
Clerk: S. Coombes. Sexton: J. Steed.

On the First Sunday in Advent there was, and will be on each First Sunday in the month, a Choral Celebration of the Holy Communion, at 11 o'clock, preceded by the Litany sung. Morning Prayer on these days will be said at half-past ten o'clock.

We regret to record the death of Victor Harry Honeybone, Royal Berkshire Regiment, killed in action on December 2nd, leaving a wife and child.

On Christmas Day, the Choral Communion was, as usual, at 8 o'clock. On that day about ninety persons communicated, but many were confined to their homes with influenza. The Rev. John Williams, late Vicar of Poppleton, York, assisted. In the afternoon carols were sung by a large congregation, and a large number of books were given as prizes to those who had the highest marks in the Sunday School, or who were noticed by the Diocesan Inspector, during his Examination in the summer. It is not probable that so many books will be given another year.

The Vicar spoke of the duty and punctuality and of trying to answer questions at the Catechisings.

The Church heating apparatus is out of order, we hope it may be able to be repaired, because a new one at this time, would mean a larger cost. This one was put in in 1900.

More of our Choir and Ringers have joined the forces; eleven from our Tower have gone.

Names should be sent in by those who desire to be confirmed in March.

BAPTISMS.—November 24th, Lilian Gladys Baylis. —December 24th, Stanley Desmond Case.—Charles Edwin Norgrove.

MARRIAGE.—December 21st, Roy Augustus Cornwell Lee and Olive Alice Bricknell Strong.

SARSDEN-CUM-CHURCHILL.

It has been arranged to again send vegetables, etc., to the V.A.D. Hospital at Chipping Norton, from the parishes of Sarsden and Churchill. If those who are able to contribute vegetables or groceries for our wounded soldiers, will kindly send them to Haughton House, on or before Wednesday, January 10th, they will be delivered to the Hospital.

BURIALS.—On December 16th, Helen Cox, aged 77 years.—December 19th, Anthony Frank Pearman, aged 13 months.—December 22nd, Moses Sole, aged 65 years.

ADVENT SERVICES.—The Rev. W. Fisher, Rector of Kingham, gave four addresses during Advent in Churchill Church on the subject of God's good days coming, which were under the heads: "The day of the Earth," "the day of Man," "the day of Nations," "the day of God." The average attendance was better than we have known in former years.

The Diocesan Organizing Secretary for C.E.T.S., Mr. Ferris Pike, addressed the children and mothers on December 20th, and gave an interesting account of the work, which was further remarked on by Mrs. Johnson.

The Mothers' Meetings have been well attended.

The local soldiers in number of over 40 have each been remembered in a substantial manner by the parishioners and friends. We trust that next Christmas will have seen the end of the war.

The Rev. Charles Barter began to live at Sarsden in 1817. Canon Carter came in 1868. The present Rector completes the 100 years in 1917. He takes this opportunity of wishing everyone a happy and peaceful New Year,—and begs to thank all his many friends for the help they have been to him in various ways, and for their patience in putting up with his many failings.

THE NURSING ASSOCIATION.—Owing to the scarcity of Nurses and the impossibility of obtaining one to undertake the work of the parishes, the Committee have reluctantly decided to suspend the Association for the present. Subscriptions for 1917 will therefore not be payable.

The following have paid for the Deanery Magazine: Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. W. Pratley, Mrs. Hucken, Mrs. D. Webb, Mrs. Honour, Mrs. Timms, Mrs. Findley.

A Draw, under Art Union Rules, was held on Dec. 1st, in aid of the fund for sending parcels to the men whose homes are in Sarsden and Churchill, and who are now serving in the Army or Navy; and a few articles were sold by Dutch auction. The amount realized reached the satisfactory total of £27 17s. 3d. Forty-one parcels, each containing a plum pudding, cheese, cake, butter, chocolate, cigarettes, a muffler and two pairs of socks, have been dispatched, and many letters of acknowledgment already received. Each letter expresses hearty thanks, and best wishes for a Happy Christmas, to the inhabitants of the parishes.

SCHOOL NEWS.—Owing to an outbreak of influenza cold, the School Nurse who visited on Monday, 18th December, reported the matter to the Education Secretary at Oxford, who closed the Schools on Tuesday. The holidays end on Tuesday, January 2nd, and School resumes Wednesday, 3rd inst. On Sundays during the winter, the Infants' Class is taken in the mornings by Mrs. Edmonds at Haughton House, and in the afternoons by Miss Croxton, in the Girls' Schoolhouse.

We regret to hear that Corporal J. M. Blair, who has recently arrived at Salonika, is in hospital there suffering from an attack of dysentery. He is at present going on well.

The Volunteer Training Corps had a Company Drill here on Sunday, December 10th. The Duke of Marlborough, who had been expected to come and inspect them, was laid up, and was unable to be present.

CORNWELL.

CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR.—Our Christmas this year was an exceeding quiet one. The deep snow cut us pretty well off from the outside world, while colds and influenza laid up a considerable number of our people. We had our usual Services on Christmas Day, but owing to our Organist being laid up we were unable to have our usual amount of singing. The hymns were heartily sung however, and in the afternoon the carols were particularly sweetly rendered. We sincerely thank those who so kindly helped to brighten our Christmas Services. Owing to the deep snow, colds, and absence of several of those who generally assist in decorating the Church, but little could be done in this respect. The offertories were however most satisfactory, and amounted to over £4, which sum, as in former years, was handed to our kind organist, Mrs. G. Bowles, as a Christmas offering. We hope to see her back in her place in Church very shortly, as we feel quite lost without her.

The Rector takes this opportunity of wishing all his parishioners a very happy New Year. The last one has been a very sad one for many, but we trust and pray 1917 may open more brightly upon us, and see a successful end to the terrible war and all its attendant sorrows and troubles. May we all be earnest in our prayers to God that He would in His mercy "give peace in our time."

DEATH OF MR. PENYSTONE.—Mr. Penystone, who since 1893 has been Lord of the Manor of Cornwell, died on Thursday, the 14th of December. He had been an invalid all his life, and the estate has been in the hands of trustees. It now passes to his brother, the Rev. W. A. Partridge, Vicar of Fewcott, Beds. Mr. Partridge, as trustee, has been well known in Cornwell for some years past.

At his request a Memorial Service was held in Cornwell Church on Monday, the 18th of December, the day of Mr. Penystone's funeral.

SALFORD.

BURIALS.—On Thursday, December 28th, Mary Ann Rainbow, aged 76, of the Manor House, Oddington.—On Saturday, December 30th, David Hill, aged 72, of Salford.

THE FAWDRY BREAD CHARITY.—The bread should have been distributed on St. Thomas' Day, but owing to the bad state of the roads, it did not arrive until the next day, when it was given out at the School Room at 2 p.m., a loaf each for 152 Parishioners.

The late Mrs. Rainbow will long be remembered for the part she kindly took with other members of her family in giving a piece of land for the enlargement of the Churchyard, in placing a handsome stained glass window on the south side of the Church, and other benefactions.

On account of the war and the bad weather, little was done in the way of decorations this Christmas, which passed off quietly, but we trust that the commemoration of the Saviour's coming brought joy to the hearts and souls of all.

We have been pleased to welcome back into Church an old Parishioner who, although he has been living close to the Church for over 40 years, has not been inside it. We fear that there are others in the Parish who have for years forgotten their duty to God.

The day of Intercessions was observed on December 31st, and a sum of 16s. 8d. has been forwarded to the Red Cross Society.

We regret to have to state that W. C. Callis, of the City of London Yeomanry, and nephew of the Rector, was killed in action on the Somme, on December 2nd. He had often been a visitor at Salford. His C.O. wrote of him that he was most popular with officers and men and had made an excellent soldier.

William Giles, S.A., who was a regular attendant at Salford Church, wished to be remembered this Xmas. We sympathise with him and his family on the death of his mother, who, after a long illness, has been called to her rest.

We thank Major D. St. G. Daly for the kind help he sent for the Church and Parish. Also Mr. C. E. Taylor, Churchwarden, for carting the Church coke. We shall be glad of help from any kind volunteers who will assist in doing this, as the coke itself is an expensive item.

There will be no Sunday School Treat this season, but Mrs. Toulmin will be pleased to see those who have attended regularly for tea at the Rectory, on a date which will be fixed later on.

May every blessing rest upon the Parish in the coming year is the sincere wish of the Rector.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.

We regret that the very bad weather and illnesses have very much interfered with our celebrations of Christmas this year.

The Rector wishes the Parishioners a Happy New Year.

ENSTONE.

BAPTISED.—December 3rd, Albert William, son of Percy and Emily Huckin.

BURIED.—December 14th, George Wyton, aged 73 years.—15th, James Pinfold, aged 83 years.—18th, Tom Wearing, aged 50 years.—23rd, William Hitchcox, aged 80 years.—26th, William Faulkner, aged 70 years.

For us this year the Advent message has been enforced by the above list of burials. Sickness, sorrow and bereavement have their value in making us more compassionate one with another.

We much regret the loss of John Jones who went down in the submarine on which he was serving his country. He is the third of our former choir boys to go down in his ship. He was a great favourite and wonderfully intelligent. His father sent him, at his own expense, to Burford, where he is kindly remembered. His last furlough was spent at Eustone with his grandparents, and on the Sunday he came to Church with his grandfather to receive the Holy Communion.

The Admiralty has sent to Mr. Regan all papers relating to his son Felix, who went down some time ago in his ship. Any father would be proud to have such a record of his son. On every ship he served his character was good, and he was very young when made Petty Officer.

The war has brought bereavement to several homes, and anxiety to many in our parish. But our list of men and lads serving is honourably long. May 1917 bring the complete victory that must precede an honourable and lasting peace!

It was surprising that the awful state of the roads did not have a far greater effect upon the attendance in Church on Xmas Eve and Xmas Day. This may be an old fashioned winter, but as to the foot-slogging, 'one step enough for me' apart from duty.

Very many thanks to the kind farmers, in the midst of so many difficulties, for carting coal again, namely:—Messrs. Adams, Allen, Bolton, C. Collett, D. Collett, Hawes, Parsons and Tombs.

The generosity of Lord Dillon, Mr. Brassey, and Mr. Marshall provided for the Coal and Clothing, for which the best thanks of all concerned are given.

Captain Rynd, in sending receipt for our ten guineas for the Radcliffe infirmary, writes, "Please tell your people how grateful we are for their interest and help."

Viscountess Dillon had great pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of £2 9s. for the League of Mercy, collected from supporters of that good work in Eustone. The continued interest in the League of Mercy is the more gratifying, because of the many extra calls upon the generous.

CHADDLINGTON.

BURIALS.—Dec. 9th, Paul Edward Smith, aged 86 years.—Dec. 13th, Daniel Stowe, aged 72 years.—Dec. 26th, Ellen Carter, aged 83 years.

A most generous gift of six beautiful altar lights, of most handsome design, has been presented to the Church by Mrs. Bliss in loving memory of her sister, Kate Louisa White, who died on October 28th, 1907, and of her nephew, Gilbert White, who was killed in action on Oct. 6th, 1915, in France. The memorial gift was dedicated to the service of God during Evensong on Sunday, Dec. 24th—Christmas Eve. The six stately lights over the sacred altar not only make us deeply indebted to the donor of the gift for such a rich addition to the adorning of the Sanctuary, but will always remind us—and all who after us worship in our place—not only of the mother and the son, but also of the Christian virtues of which each was a type—the one of self-effacing courage and laying down his life for his home and country; the other of patient waiting through a long and tedious illness on God's good time,

"One presses on and welcomes death;
One calmly yields her willing breath,
Not slow, nor hurrying, but in faith
Content to die or live."

We also wish to thank most sincerely Mrs. Sturch and Miss Ryder for linen coverings with lace edgings for the piscina and shelf. We are indeed most grateful for their kind gift which they made and worked.

Our Christmas Festival was observed under exceptionally severe climatic conditions. The dangerous and almost impassable state of the roads made it well nigh impossible, save for the sturdiest and hardiest, to venture out. But in spite of all, there were very fair congregations, and the Communicants numbered 42. The Services were bright and hearty; and the singing, especially of the carols on Sunday and Christmas evenings, was particularly good; the efforts of the Choir—much reduced in size owing to several causes, principally, of course, the war—being well sustained throughout. The Church was very prettily decorated, and the altar, with its six additional lights—of which mention has been made above—looked most beautiful. We are most grateful to all who most kindly lent plants and gave flowers, and to all who helped in the decorations.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Paul Edward Smith, who passed away on December 6th at the advanced age of 86 years, after a long illness which had rendered him bed-ridden for the last three years. He was one of a rapidly decreasing heroic band of men—a Crimean veteran. He joined the Grenadier Guards at the age of twenty, and sailed with the first battalion to the Crimea. He fought in the battles of the Alma and Inkerman, and was at the siege of Sebastopol. He served throughout the campaign and received the Crimean Medal with the

Sebastopol Clasp. His experience of warfare was very different, in almost all respects, from that of those who are facing the Country's foes to-day. But in one respect their experience is alike. They both had and have to face danger, hardship and death; and those gallant veterans did so with the same cheery fortitude and unselfish courage that their sons and grandsons are showing to-day. He was laid to his rest on December 9th, and the Flag—the Union Jack—in defence of which he had suffered, was used for a pall, and indeed a fitting pall, to cover the coffin. We desire to offer our deep sympathy to his children and grandchildren who have lost an honoured and honourable parent.

We hope to hold the Sunday School Treat and Prize-giving on Thursday, the 11th instant, at 4 p.m. to have a Concert on behalf of Red Cross funds on Thursday, the 25th instant.

RAMSDEN.

Considering the dangerous condition of the roads our Christmas Services were well attended. The 6.30 Celebration was used by 16 worshippers, the 8 o'clock by 6 only, and the 10 o'clock by 76. Offertory collections at these Services were divided between the Sick and Needy Fund and that for the expenses of the Church.

The Church was prettily decorated by Mrs. Howes, Mrs. P. Buckingham and the Misses Hall.

The Choir sang Christmas Hymns through the village on three nights of the week before Christmas, and their singing seems to have been much appreciated.

Mr. Watney, of Cornbury Park, has kindly sent three loads of blocks of wood for distribution to necessitous people, a very kind act of thoughtfulness and consideration, for which we are grateful.

Our village postman was unfortunate enough to break a leg on the slippery hill in Finstock just before Christmas. Miss Elsie Tipple has very kindly been round the village collecting his Christmas boxes for him.

The same lady and her sister also, we are told, have sent gifts to each of our men at the front.

From a soldier's letter from the fighting line we quote the following:—

"I would just love you to hear some of the fellows talk when in the trenches and especially when in immediate danger. I would not have thought it possible; but these things seem to bring the boys into the way of thinking that after all there is Someone above to look to, and one often hears a quiet prayer offered to his Maker."

The comment which we should wish to make on this is:—"We ought all to pray that the same Divine Spirit may animate all of us at home, and make us ready to receive our men when they return."

HOOK NORTON.

BURIAL.—December 2nd, Joseph Edward Pinfold, aged 36 years.

Communicants from November 26th to December 25th, 127.

Collections during same period:—Poor Fund, 12s. 2½d.; Restoration Fund, 11s. 6d.; Church Expenses, £1 6s. 6d.; Offertory Fund, 8s. 3d.; Lighting Fund, 6s. 6½d.; Sunday School Clothing Club, £3 1s. 3½d.

It is with the very greatest regret, and the sincerest sympathy with all his relatives, that we record the death, from wounds received in France, of Joseph Edward Pinfold, who was buried in the cemetery by the Rev. Dr. Holbrooke, Rector of Great Rollright, on December 2nd, in the absence of the Rector, who was away conducting a Mission at Princes Risborough. In Joseph Pinfold we have lost one of the most useful, highly respected and deservedly popular men in the village, and it is a very real loss. Our consolation is the thought of the unselfish and upright life he led whilst he was amongst us consummated by a death in defence of his King, his Country and her cause. We hope in course of time to erect some memorial in the Church, of all those brave and gallant men from Hook Norton, now numbering between 15 to 20, who have fallen in this war, so that their names and memory may never be forgotten.

The Church was very prettily decorated for the Christmas Festival by a willing band of workers under the direction of Miss Rushton, and our best thanks are due to all who took part in the work. The severe weather, which has caused a great deal of illness in the village and kept the old and the weak at home, rather diminished our congregations, but taking all things into account we have no reason to be discouraged. Now we turn to the New Year, and perhaps as we do so we hardly dare to hope that it may be a happy one, in the ordinary sense, surrounded as we still are by all the horrors of an unprecedented war, while we think of our men in the battle line, by sea, on land and in the air, and the price of food gradually ascends from height to height, and makes the conditions of life harder in nearly every home. But we can pray that we may have strength to bear with fortitude and faith and resignation whatever burdens may be laid upon our shoulders. After all, all that suffer, whether soldiers, sailors, airmen or civilians are suffering in a great and noble cause. Our country is fighting for the freedom and future welfare of humanity at large, against a cruel and tyrannical power, and there can be no crown without a cross. England and her Allies have a

clear conscience in this war, for we are not fighting from any merely selfish motives. Such thoughts may well help us to endure all hardships and privations, to trust that the blessing of God may rest upon us all, and to hope that the circumstances of these days may draw us all nearer to Him and to one another, so that we may be able to see in days to come how true it is that all things work together for good to them that love God.

FINSTOCK AND FAWLER.

The National Mission was held in this parish from Friday to Tuesday, December 1st to 5th. The Missioner was the Rev. T. P. Field, of Chadlington. The Services were on the whole well attended, and the congregations listened very attentively to the eloquent and helpful addresses of the Missioner.

We are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Bois, of Windsor, for the very handsome brass alms dish that they have presented to the Church.

The members of the G.F.S. have sent 25 parcels containing cake and chocolate to the Finstock men on active service, and 12 boxes of Black Cat cigarettes to the men serving at home. They are hoping to have their annual entertainment at the Schools, on February 7th and 8th.

A meeting of the C.E.M.S. was held at the Schools, on December 11th, when the Rev. H. R. Hall, President of the Witney Federation, accompanied by several members of the Ramsden Branch, came and gave a most interesting and helpful address.

CHASTLETON.

THE NATIONAL MISSION started on Saturday, December 2nd, The Church was well filled at all Services. Our best thanks are due to the Rev. Dr. Holbrooke for kindly conducting the Mission in our parish, and for his helpful and much valued addresses.

THE WAR.—We record with sorrow the death of Lance Corporal John Skelcher. He was killed in France, on November 24th, 1916. We offer our sincere sympathy to the relatives and friends of this young soldier.

BURIAL.—On December 19th, Isaac Marshall, aged 79 years.

CHASTLETON CHARITIES.—The Trustees at a meeting on October 14th revised the bread list, and selected four women and two men for the Xmas gifts.

THE CHIPPING NORTON Deanery Magazine.



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CHIPPING NORTON.
CHARLBURY & SHORTHAMPTON.
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HEYTHROP.
HOOK NORTON.
FINSTOCK.
GREAT ROLLRIGHT.
& DAYLESFORD.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.
SALFORD.
MILTON & LYNEHAM.
RAMSDEN.
SHIPTON & LANGLEY.
SPELSBURY.

FEBRUARY.

CALENDAR.

1917.

1	Th	
2	F	<i>The Purification of the B. V. M.</i>
3	S	S. Blasius, B. M.
4	S	<i>Septuagesima.</i>
5	M	S. Agatha, V. M.
6	Tu	
7	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
8	Th	
9	F	
10	S	
11	S	<i>Sexagesima.</i>
12	M	
13	Tu	
14	W	Magistrates' Meeting. S. Valentine, B. M.
15	Th	
16	F	
17	S	
18	S	<i>Quinquagesima.</i>
19	M	
20	Tu	
21	W	<i>Ash Wednesday.</i> Meetings of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.
22	Th	
23	F	
24	S	<i>S. Matthias, A. M.</i>
25	S	<i>1st Sunday in Lent.</i>
26	M	
27	Tu	
28	W	Ember Day. Magistrates' Meeting.

7th, Full Moon, 3h. 28m. a.m.
15th, Last Quarter, 1h. 53m. a.m.

21st, New Moon, 6h. 9m. p.m.
28th, First Quarter, 1h. 44m. p.m.

Notes for the next Magazine should be sent not later than February 24th, to the EDITOR, CORNWELL RECTORY CHIPPING NORTON.

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Parochial Notes.

CHIPPING NORTON.

Vicar—Rev. H. H. Arkell, M.A.

Assistant Priest—Rev. E. Ll. Weight.

Sexton and Clerk—H. H. Langton, (pro tem).

Sub-Organist and Choirmaster—

Mr. R. H. J. Crowther.

Churchwardens—Mr. Austin Webb.

Mr. A. J. Bolwell,

for Chipping Norton.

Major Daly, for Over Norton.

BAPTISMS.—January 7th, Robert Walter Scott, son of Robert Scott and Mary Kate Holmes.—7th, Florence Annie, daughter of John Edward and Mary Elizabeth Lord.—8th, John William son of Albert James & Frances Agnes Smart (privately.)

DAYLESFORD.

The total contribution from this Parish to S.P.G. or the year 1916 reached the sum of £7 8s. 3d. showing a very encouraging increase of more than £1 over the amount sent up for the previous year. The amount was made up of the contents of ten boxes, viz. £4 13s. 8d., and collections in Church, £2 14s. 7d. The boxes are a very steady and encouraging source of income each year, and special mention must be made this year of the School box which contained the very satisfactory amount of 9/5½d.

On Christmas Day, collections were made on behalf of the "Prisoner of War in Germany" fund, and a sum of £5 1s. 2d was forwarded to the headquarters in London. On the Sunday after Christmas, the day of National Intercession and Thanksgiving, the collection were for the British Red Cross Society and the Order of S. John of Jerusalem, when £5 2s. 3d. was the amount realized and sent up. A sale of work in aid of the same excellent object is to be held before long in the Parish room, and we hope it will be well patronised and supported.

We have to thank the Rector of Adlestrop, the Rev. F. J. Cholmondeley, for kindly assistance on Sunday, January 14th during the Rector's absence from home on a short holiday.

We heartily congratulate our Churchwarden Mr. C. Sargent, on the welcome and marked improvement in his state of health, and sincerely hope that it may be maintained, and that he may entirely recover his normal condition in time.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD WITH LANGLEY.

Vicar: W. Collingwood Carter, M.A., Ch. Ch., Surrogate, Rural Dean.

Churchwardens: H. Mawle, E. H. Dee.

Sidesmen:

A. Miles, M. Bunting, J. E. H. Parsons, B.A., M.R.C.S., J. Strong, A. Miles (junior), R. Townsend, J. Pittaway (senior), Clerk: S. Coombes. Sexton: J. Steed.

On December 27th, the Choir Boys, and on the 26th the remainder of the Choir and Ringers spent the evening at the Vicarage, when it was proposed by Mr. H. Miles that a Christmas letter should be sent to the fifteen absent at the front—which was done. Ten have left our town, our clerk's 6 sons are in Military Forces, all of whom have been in our Choir.

Private Hartley Lee, Corporal, D Squad, Oxfordshire Yeomanry, died in France on the 27th. In a letter received from Major Villiers he says—"He had made himself a name in the Squadron as a good soldier and a good horseman and was good at all games and perhaps what is more important had made himself a name as a man in whom everyone, officers and men alike had complete confidence." Such testimony corroborated also in other letters, must be of much consolation for that family and also that the Squad desire to place a memorial tablet in Shipton Church in his memory.

On 31st, the War Service prayers were said as on former occasions and £5 13s. 1d. was collected for Red Cross and S. John.

January 4th at the Parish Council the members had recorded in the minutes their sorrow for the loss of Mr. Marshall and Mr. Thomas Mace, and they appointed Mr. Albert E. Mace as his successor as clerk.

Offertories to £2 5s. 8d. was collected for Missionary Candidates at Dorchester, and £12 3s. 1d. was sent to S.P.G. for 1916.

Miss Perkins and Miss Padbury have been appointed as teachers in the School.

There has been three successful concerts in the School, and parcels was sent for Christmas of good cheer for about 100 of the Shipton men serving abroad.

Major Huntington is now quartered at Aldershot.

BURIAL.—January 11th, Jane Smith, aged 82 years.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.

To commemorate the tercentenary of the building of the Church tower a new alms box for Church Restoration has been given to the Church, and we hope it will be made good use of. A Red Ensign has been affixed to the north wall of our nave. The tower was built in 1617 by William Blower whose fine monument, a figure in full plate armour, lies beneath a canopy situated on the north side of the Chancel wall.

We regret that our little sexton, Dennis Williams, who is now 10 of age, and does his work well, has been absent one or two Sundays on account of ill health.

RAMSDEN.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY.—The children attending the Sunday School were entertained in the School-room, on Tuesday, January 2nd, from 5.30 to 8.30. and a very happy time was spent. There were several willing helpers who entered heartily into the children's games. Refreshments were handed round at intervals.

The Sunday School is in need of good willing teachers, who will consecrate their time and spiritual knowledge to this excellent work.

DIOCESAN SCRIPTURE EXAMINATION.—At this examination held in December last, our pupil teacher, Flossie Townsend, gained a second class in the first stage subjects.

SOCIAL.—On Friday evening, January 19th, a Social was held in the Schools, which was well patronised. A small body of willing helpers carried out all the arrangements—the collection of gifts, and of subscriptions, and they did well. The treasurer, Mr. P. Buckingham, announces that a balance of over £4 will be available for the supply of gifts to our Ramsden men on active service, for which object the gathering was arranged. Games, music and dancing were carried on from 7.30 to 11.30.

CONCERT.—The Northleigh Black and White concert party have kindly consented to come and give one of their excellent entertainments with an entirely new programme, on Friday evening, February 16th. The proceeds will be devoted to the same object as those from the social.

WHIST DRIVE.—The School teachers have organised a whist drive for Friday evening, February 9th, to supplement the same fund.

C.E.M.S.—The fortnightly meeting, on Monday, January 8th, was devoted to the consideration of some points in the life theory as stated in the book of Sir Oliver Lodge, "Reason and Belief."

On Tuesday, January 23rd, five members attended the Federation meeting at Witney to hear an address from the Rev. H. Monks, of Bristol, Organising Secretary for the west of England.

The severe weather has been a trial to many in Ramsden, as some of our roads are specially dangerous in slippery weather.

There was an error in our last report under "Christmas Services." The tens figure at the 10 a.m. Service in the number of communicants should have been 2 not 7. We wish it might have been a 7.

CORNWELL.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT.—We have arranged to have our annual Sunday School Treat and Christmas Tree at the Rectory, on Tuesday evening Jan. 30th. We

had hoped to have had it earlier, but on account of the severe weather and bad state of the roads it had to be postponed.

A number of useful and pretty presents have been kindly sent by the Rector's sister, Miss Burnett, of Clevedon, Somerset, as in past years. We have no doubt they will give great pleasure to the recipients, who this year number twenty-two, the largest number for many years. We hope it may be a fine evening and free from snow.

Monday, 22nd of January was the 16th anniversary of the Rector's institution to Cornwell, which took place on that day 1901, in Oxford, the Bishop being the late Dr. Stubbs. They have been 16 happy and peaceful years.

S.P.G.—The organizing secretary, The Rev. H. Kenney, hopes to visit Cornwell on March 17th, 18th, when we shall have sermons and offertories for that Society, and also a Meeting on Monday evening the 18th.

Our Meetings and Sermons for the S.P.C.K. which had to be postponed, owing to the Secretary's having the influenza, will probably take place after Easter.

A son of a former Rector of Cornwell, A. C. Boyce Esq., K.C., M.P. of Ontario, is arranging for the erection of a tablet to his father in Cornwell Church.

The Rev. J. C. Boyce was Rector from 1885 to 1889, and died at the Rectory in the latter year. He is still affectionately remembered by several of our people.

SALFORD.

We understand that the new schoolmistress will come into residence and take up her duties on Feb. 1. We feel sure she will be welcomed by all, and have our good wishes that she may be successful in her work and happy in her new home.

The Sunday School children spent an enjoyable evening at the Rectory on Saturday, Jan. 20, being kindly invited by the Rector and Mrs. Toulmin. Prizes were awarded to the following:—George and James Walington, Arthur Pearce, Elsie Walington and Margarie Newman. The infant class of the Sunday School were entertained at the Rectory on Saturday Jan. 27, when Gwennie Barrow and Chrissie Newman received prizes. Good conduct prizes were awarded to Cyril Hurst and Doris Pearce. We are very glad to have Miss Woodward with us again.

One of our churchwardens Mr. Walter Hill, now on active in France, has been in hospital for some time, and we are glad to hear he is well enough to be out again.

It is regretted that the Charity Coal has not yet been received, the Chipping Norton Co-op. Society promised to do their best to supply it a month ago but have not yet been able to do so.

SARSDEN-CUM-CHURCHILL.

Baptism at Sarsden on January 7th 1917, Edith Jane, (born Oct. 30th, 1916.), daughter of Charles Henry and Cely May Bradley, Sponsors, Parents and Mrs. Norah Mary Smith.

BURIAL. Jan. 2nd 1917, Jane Webb, Aged 95.—

DEATH 9th, Alfred Pearce, late of Churchill aged 52. The Hon. Mrs. A. Brassey acknowledges with thanks, gifts of vegetables and groceries from the inhabitants of these parishes, sent in Jan., to the V.A.D. Hospital, Chipping Norton.

We regret the loss of Walter Stevens for many years foreman at Sarsden Gardens, who after emigrating to Canada, joined the forces and died of wounds in France presumably last September. He was a member of the choir in Churchill Church, and left behind him many friends here.

The following members of the Deanery Magazine have paid their subscriptions for 1916.—Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Pascoe, Mrs. Vine, Miss Duester, Mrs. Hickman Mrs. Betteridge, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Kingzell, Mrs. Paxton, Mrs. Gerald Watts, Mr. O. Bushrod, Mrs. L. Bushrod, Mrs. J. Smith and Mrs. Bradley.

Churchill Sunday School collecting boxes have recently been opened for the following objects, and amounted to Church of England Waifs and Strays, 10/7; Rangoon Diocesan Mission, 8/1; S.P.C.K., 9/3; Church Missionary Society (for year), 11/10.

Collections for the Diocesan Fund were made on December 24th as follows: Sarsden 17/7; Churchill £4 2s, 5d., total £5.

CHOIR NEWS. Carols were sung in Church on Christmas Eve, and Mrs. Tuson sang "Rejoice O daughter of Sion," from the Messiah. Violin accompaniment to this solo and the carols was provided by Mr. J. Couschier and Mr. Andrew Anson.

SCHOOL NEWS. School re-opened January 3rd after the Xmas holiday. We have to record the great pleasure given to the children on 30th December by excellent tea and Xmas tree provided in School by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan of the Grange. Every child received a gift from the tree and thoroughly enjoyed this Xmas party. About 100 were present.

Mrs. Giles Edmunds entertained the children of her Sunday school class to tea and Xmas tree at Haughton House early in the New Year. The little children were all delighted with their presents, and spent a very happy evening.

In future, the Missionary Sunday of the Sunday School will be the last Sunday in the month instead of the first, when the usual address will be given at the afternoon school.

COAL CLUB. The Club cards have been made up and it is hoped a simple Balance Sheet will be issued in the Deanery Magazine next month.

PIG CLUB. The loss of a pig by Mr. C. Findly proves the usefulness of this Association. The sum

of £5 11s. was paid as compensation for the loss, being its full value. Everyone in the parish who owns a pig ought to become a member, if he has not already joined. Unity is Strength.

FIFIELD AND IDBURY.

On January 4 fifteen members of the Mothers Union, namely, those who attend the fortnightly classes were entertained at the Rectory. After tea a short play "The Little Pickle," was acted by Misses K. and G. Matthews, M. & J. Hudson, with B. Matthews, J. Gee and R. Davis.

It was very well acted and gave much amusement.

On Jan. 5th the Mothers' Union held continual intercession in connection with the war from 2 to 4 p.m. In spite of the inclement weather a large number took part.

On the Feast of the Epiphany, Mrs. Kettlewall most kindly gave tea in her house to all the school children. After tea there was a fine Xmas tree in the Reading Room, from which a magnificent Father Christmas distributed carefully selected presents.

Colonel Turville Petre has most generously sent a sum of money to the Rector to be distributed in coals to the poorer parishioners of Idbury. This has been done, through the medium of tickets as with the annual charities.

We must not forget to thank Mrs. Spagnoletti for her kind gift of the requisite number of copies of "The Dawn of Day." This leaves only the cost of printing the parish news and binding up to be paid for, and enables the Magazine to be sold for 8d. a year instead of 1/6.

WEDDING. Idbury. On December 26 Edmund Barrett of Moreton-in-March to Mary Rebecca Belcher of Foscott, Idbury.

BURIAL. Idbury. On December 28 Jonah Wright, aged 86 years.—Fifield. On January 12 Kenneth Griffin Townsend, aged 14 years.

FINSOCK AND FAWLER.

BURIAL.—3rd Jan. Jane Pratley of Finstock, aged 81 years.

On Sunday Dec. 31st collections amounting to £2 os. 1d. were made on behalf of the Red Cross.

On Wednesday, Jan. 10th the Vicar gave a Lantern Entertainment to the children attending the Day School at the conclusion of which each child was presented with either a pair of gloves or a muffler.

The heating apparatus at the Church is out of order. We are doing our best to warm the Church with oil stoves, but they are hardly sufficient during this very cold weather.

The members and candidates of the G.F.S. are getting up a Patriotic Pageant, which will be given early in February.

CHARLBURY.

MARRIAGES:—December 24, Edward Alfred Smith-Claydon, of A.S.C., at the front and Kate Rossetta Pratley, of Finstock. Jan. 23, Owen Frank Faint, of the Devon Regt., and Eleanor Jane Shayler, of Charlbury.

On Christmas Day, although the roads were like glass, we had 103 Communicants, and the early Communion offertories, for the Church Army Huts at the Front, amounted to £4 7s. In the last two months we have sent £8 9s. 10d. altogether for Church Army Huts, and £1 for the Diocesan Church Hut.

On Sunday, Dec. 31st we observed the Day of Remembrance, Intercession and Thanksgiving for those at the War. The offertories for the Red Cross at the front, amounted to £8 2s. 8d. So far we have forwarded £5 7s. 6d. in Advent for Foreign Missions. But there is more to follow.

On Tuesday, Jan. 16th, the Clerical Society of the Deanery met at Charlbury Vicarage, when we read and discussed carefully Hebrews chapter 8, and afterwards there was a paper read on the National Mission in our Parishes. Some of the Clergy, who were prevented by weather or illness from attending, write to say that they read the chapter at home. In February we are (n.v.) to meet at Spelsbury Vicarage.

The Vicar of Chipping Norton has most kindly promised to come to Charlbury on five Wednesdays in Lent and give a course of Sermons, as follows Feb. 28 True Repentance, March 7 Forgiveness, March 14 Sins, Negligences and Ignorances, March 21 The Holy Spirit, March 28 Amendment of Life.

The general subject is the petition in the Litany: "That it may please Thee to give us true Repentance, to forgive us all our sins, negligences and ignorances and to endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to Thy Holy Word."

SPELSBURY.

BAPTISMS:—Dec. 24 1916, John Stanley, son of Oscar John and Marlin Elizabeth Hitchcocks.—Jan. 7th, Emily Elizabeth, daughter of John and Emily Jane Bishop.

A successful year's working of our Coal Club was brought to an end shortly before Xmas by the delivery of half a ton of coal to each of the fifty-one members.

We have again to thank Viscount Dillon for his generous gift of £5 toward the funds and also those farmers who so kindly hauled the coal without charge. By these combined helps the members were able to obtain their half tons of coal, at the cost of 12/- to themselves. The Coal Club is clearly a good investment, especially so with coals at their present retail prices.

Xmas was with us a quiet but a blessed Festival.

Owing chiefly to the very inclement weather our congregations were smaller than usual and the number of Communicants fell to twenty-nine as compared with thirty-five a year ago. The Church was tastefully decorated, the white flowers on the Altar being the kind gift of Mrs. Redwood. The offertory as is usual with us at this Festival, was given to the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society and amounted to £1 1 7; many envelopes also taken home and returned on the following Sunday in which were contributions towards the Relief Fund for Belgian Children amounting to £1 7s.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:—The scholars assembled at the school on the afternoon of January 5th for their Annual Treat. The chief features of the afternoon were, Tea, Games, Prize-giving and a Xmas tree. The latter was presided over by Father Xmas who made his appearance suddenly by coming out of a Grandfather's clock. Our young people much enjoyed the crackers and sweets which Mrs. Dillon Fitz-Gibbon so kindly provided and we are again indebted to Viscount Dillon for the Xmas Tree. Book prizes were awarded for regularity, Good Conduct and Progress as follows:—Group I (Seniors) Godfrey Conduct, Elsie Mitchell and Kenneth Cross. Group II. Lilly Howes, Shadrack Cooper and Richard Draw. Group III. (Juniors) Gladys Louch, Edith Louch and Arthur Louch.

December 29th. A capital concert was held this day in the schoolroom and a most enjoyable evening spent. We are especially indebted to friends from Charlbury for the many items they contributed to the programme. The proceeds amounting to £4 12s. net have been used in forwarding parcels of comforts to our Spelsbury Boys at the Front and already many acknowledgments of appreciation has been received from them. The Mothers' Union again contributed a pair of socks for each parcel. It is only right that we should appreciate the time and trouble Mr. Howes gave in arranging this concert and also the services of Mrs. Howes and Miss Holloway in packing the parcels and dispatching them to their destinations.

The present spell of cold weather enables us to realize the efficiency of the Heating Apparatus installed about a year ago in the Church. Our thanks are due to Mr. Churchwarden Holloway for hauling coke when ever necessary.

It is proposed to hold a "Black and White," Concert on Tuesday, February 20.

The Rite of Confirmation will be administered in the Deanery on March 22nd and 23rd. The Vicar will be glad to receive the names of Candidates at as early date as possible.

Church Collections Nov. 26 1916 to Jan. 22 1917. Sick and Needy, 12/10. Waifs and Strays, £1 1s. 7d. Bellringers' Fund, 16/4. British Red Cross, 15/4. Belgian Relief Fund £1 7s. Church Expenses £3 16s. 2d.

HOOK NORTON.

HOLY BAPTISM.—January 7th, Leslie John, son of John Austin and Alice Hillman.

HOLY MATRIMONY.—December 28th, Herbert Edwin Gibbs and Ethel Goffe.

BURIAL.—November 28th, Annie Elizabeth Atkeman, aged 71 years.

Communicants from December 29th to January 2nd, 57.

Collections during same period: Red Cross Society and Society of S. John of Jerusalem, £1 6s. 11d.; Church Expenses, £1 5s. 11½d.; Rectory Fund, 10s. 0d.; Lighting Fund, 13s. 0d.; Sunday School, 6s. 0½d.; Choir Fund, 5s. 8½d.

The wedding of Mr. Herbert Gibbs and Miss Ethel Goffe evoked a great deal of local interest, and there were a large number of people in the church on the occasion. The Goffes have been connected with Hook Norton for many hundred years and the name is to be seen in the Church register almost as far back as they go, and in the same manner the Gibbsses are one of the oldest families in the neighbouring parish of Whichford.

For the first time during the incumbency of the present Rector we had something approaching a formal wedding. We wish it could be always so. It adds greatly to the beauty and dignity of the service. The congregation joined heartily in the singing, and the whole Service was marked with great reverence. The Christmas decorations and the khaki uniform of the bridegroom added to the attractiveness of the ceremony. After the service Mrs. Goffe held a reception at Mill Farm, the home of the bride, which was largely attended. We wish the bride and bridegroom every happiness and blessing from God in their new life.

The Hook Norton Branch of the Banbury and District Workpeople's Association continued its work throughout the year 1916, and the committee met regularly once a month. The result of the monthly collections amounting to £13 15s. 4½d., exceeding those of 1915 by the sum of £1 11s. 1½d. During the year the committee has given twelve tickets to various applicants, and as each ticket entitles the holder to a month's board, lodgings and medical attendance in the Horton Infirmary, very often including a surgical operation, it will be seen that we have received far more than the mere money's worth of our contributions. This should encourage us not only to maintain but also earnestly endeavour to increase our support of this efficient institution. Messrs. R. Green, J. Adboue and R. Bowler were appointed delegates to attend the annual meeting of the Association at Banbury, on April 27th, and Mrs. John W. Harris and Miss Williams again kindly consented to act as lady visitors to the Infirmary on behalf of the village. During the year three of the committee,

Messrs. T. Pargeter, Dennis Embra and Albert Heyden have joined H.M. forces, and Joseph Pinfold one of our most earnest and regular collectors has laid down his life for his country. Their places have been filled by Messrs. T. Green, H. Pargeter, Walter Dyer and G. Dumbleton, whom we heartily welcome into the Committee.

The entire cost of taking steps to darken the Church in order to darken the Church in order to meet the Lighting Regulations and to maintain the evening services, as usual amounted to £17 11s. 6d., for curtain material, rods, rings, cord, brackets, labour and colouring. Towards this we have received subscriptions as follows:—anon, per Rector £5, Miss Rushton, £5, the Rector £1, Miss Golding £1, Miss Dickens 10/-, Mrs. Bury 10/-, Mr. John W. Harris 10/-, Mrs. Spatcher 2/6, making a total of £13 12s. 6d., and leaving a deficit of £3 19s. towards the wiping off of which the Rector will be pleased to receive further subscriptions, large or small.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

BAPTISMS.—December 30th, 1916, George Alfred, infant son of George Edward and Mabel Groves.—January 21st, 1917, Dorcas Winifred, infant daughter of Samuel Richard and Dorcas Emily Rainbow.—John Sydney, infant son of Samuel Richard and Dorcas Emily Rainbow.

BURIALS.—January 1st, George Rickett, aged 77 years.—2nd, John Mobey, aged 74 years.—9th, Charles Wilks, aged 74 years.

The hand of death has fallen heavily on our parish since the year 1917 commenced, as is seen by the foregoing obituary. Mr. Rickett has been for many years a parishioner, and has been very prominent in all matters connected with the parish. He served as a parish councillor for a number of terms, and as a member of the School Board took a prominent part in this important work. He was also for many years one of the sidesmen in the Church, and in all these various works he was ever anxious to forward the welfare of the parish to his utmost ability. He had for some time been in failing health, and the end was not altogether unexpected.

John Mobey was one of the old time parishioners who throughout a long life earned the respect of his fellow parishioners. He also for some time past has been ailing, and we may hope that when the summons came to cease from labour he was prepared to enter into that rest awaiting the faithful soldier of Christ. As often as possible he was an attendant at Church and we shall miss his presence now.

Mr. Charles Wilks has also for some time been a great sufferer but despite the pain and discomfort, incidental to the complaint from which he was suffering, he manifested great cheerfulness and patience, and we may hope that that these, our erstwhile fellow parishioners, now are at rest in the Paradise of God.

We have this year, as in preceding years, held our various Sunday School Treats and Choir festivities. That of Milton was held on January 3rd. We owe very warm thanks to all those who so kindly and energetically worked for its success. We very much regret that many who for many years, have done so much in this particular work were this year prevented from assisting by illness. Indeed our parish might be compared to a hospital for nearly every house has had members thereof laid up with sickness, we do hope that they will soon be restored to health again. We miss them at the various functions of the parish, and most sadly miss them in Church. We feel that we cannot let the opportunity pass of thanking Mrs. Tustain and Mrs. Goodwin for coming forward so gladly and willingly to fill the breach. As we hope to incorporate in our notes this month a full account of this treat from another source, we shall say no more of it here.

The Lynnham Sunday School Treat was held on Monday, January 8th, and we are glad to be able to say that the children all had a really enjoyable evening, thanks to the Miss Salters, Miss Horlock and others. The Vicar was very sorry that an attack of cold made it necessary for him to absent himself.

The Choir Boys to the number of fourteen sat down to a supper provided for them by the Vicar, on Thursday, January 11th, and a very pleasant evening was spent and the prizes distributed.

We very much regret to say that Mr. H. E. H. Way is not able to be out very much. His attack of influenza has been a severe one, and we shall be very glad when he is able to be amongst us again. We sadly miss him at Church and in other ways.

We are all anxious to see a break in the weather, the roads are almost impassable, the slippery nature of which, render it dangerous for foot passengers, and make it almost impossible for even the well ones to attend Church. We do hope when the finer weather comes, that our Church attendance will quickly improve.

The Sunday School Treat took place in the Big School on Wednesday, January 3rd. Tea was taken promptly at 4.30 p.m., and thanks to the many willing helpers. Our little guests, to the number of seventy, had a very busy half hour, but no doubt an enjoyable one. The evening was spent in the usual way, till finally the children were introduced to a Christmas Tree, very prettily decorated, and

ablaze with lights from top to bottom. From this tree each child received a present at the hands of Mrs. Shildrick. Through the kindness of Mrs. Way, who is ever ready to help on these occasions, a big basket full of mince pies was relieved of its load by the happy youngsters as they left the room. The Vicar and Mr. H. E. H. Way, both on the sick list, were very much missed throughout the evening, and we wish them a speedy recovery.

ENSTONE.

BAPTISED.—January 14th, George, son of George and Emily Kezia Sheffield.

BURIED.—January 12th, Charles Lester, aged 83 years.

During 1916 we had 9 baptisms, 2 weddings and 12 burials.

Owing to the dangerous state of the ice covered roads on Sunday, January 21st, and the bitterly cold weather extending over the following Sunday, many were unable to attend Church. The collections were on that account smaller. But better weather and thankful hearts will no doubt, put that matter right.

We are glad to know that the wives and children of soldiers have the help in these hard times of an increased allowance.

A NATIONAL LENT.—The Prime Minister has been calling upon the country to observe during the war a "National Lent," and he expressed the view that the nation would be better for it morally, mentally and physically. The phrase on the lips of Mr. Lloyd George sounds strangely enough, but war changes many things, and it must be highly gratifying to Church people to find the Prime Minister falling back upon one of the cardinal principles of Church life, and suggesting its application to the nation at large. It will be recognised, however, that he is proceeding along right lines. For years past the growth of luxurious living has been a menace to our national well-being, and now that the nation is well on in the third year of the war, and the question of food supply has become one of real urgency, it is imperative that drastic action should be taken to promote a simpler form of living. In such a campaign Mr. Lloyd George and his Government will find no truer supporters than the Archbishops, Bishops and other leaders of the Church of England, who ever since the war began have protested against extravagance and luxury and counselled the observance of the strictest economy in the matter of food and drink and of dress. And not from leaders only will support come; every true and loyal member of the Church will welcome Mr. Lloyd George's call to the nation to abstinence from comforts, luxuries and pleasures, and will do their utmost to make that call effective.

CHADLINGTON.

BAPTISM.—January 14th, Edna Margaret, daughter of D. R. and A. L. Simmons.

BURIALS.—December 26th, 1916, Ellen Carter, aged 83 years.—January 17th, 1917, George Lanchbury, aged 52 years.

On Ash Wednesday, February 21st, there will be a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; Matins and Litany at 11 a.m.; Evensong, Communion Service and Address at 7 p.m. Also during Lent there will be a special Service and Address on the Thursday of each week at 7 p.m.

Let us try in Lent to renew and carry out in lives the teaching of the National Mission of Repentance and Hope. Lent is the special season of searching into our hearts and consciences, with the help of the light of the Holy Spirit, for those sins which, if left to run riot, so disfigure the lives of all who profess and call themselves Christians, Surely the Communion Service—especially that wonderful opening address which we should do well to make our special subject of prayerful meditation during Lent—sets the tone of the season, viz., self-examination and repentance. The Service is not intended to be an opportunity for us to curse, in a pharisaic spirit, the sins of other people. It is meant rather to be a solemn warning to each one of us lest we fall into the same condemnation. We must not imagine that the solemn "Amen," after each pronouncement of the "Curses," merely means "so be it." What right have we to curse our neighbours? It is not enough to consider that the "amen" means only "so it is." We enter more into the true spirit of the Service if we humbly put to ourselves that searching question of the Apostles, "amen," "*Lord, is it I!*" That is the question which leads to true repentance, and through the grave and gate of the death of repentance to the glorious and joyful Easter of a new risen and re-invigorated life of humble, steadfast, faithful service.

We desire to express our deep sympathy with Miss Lanchbury and her brothers in the great and tragic sorrow which has fallen upon them.

The Sunday School Christmas Treat and Prize-giving was held in the Schools, on Thursday, December 11th. In spite of the inclement weather most of the children were present, and a good number of parents and friends came up later. The children thoroughly enjoyed the tea and the games, and those who had earned a prize were still more satisfied. There were twenty one prizes given, and they were presented to the children by Miss Wellsman. Our most grateful thanks are due to the many kind friends who subscribed to the treat so generously that almost all the expenses—including the prizes—were covered, and in addition

our especial thanks are due to Mrs. Schofield, Mrs. Bliss, Mr. and Mrs. Southam and Mrs. Edginton who gave gifts in kind as well. We also desire to thank most sincerely all the teachers who so regularly assist in the work of the Sunday School, and especially Mr. Labrum for his most valuable help on the Sunday afternoons. It was a great disappointment that Miss Labrum was unable to be at the treat on account of her illness, but we are glad to say that she is somewhat better again, but will have to be very careful for some time yet. The treat concluded with the usual and jolly romp, and after the singing of the National Anthem all went homewards at about half past seven.

CHASTLETON.

MARRIAGE.—On Saturday, December 30th, 1916, a very pretty wedding took place when Ellen Brown became the bride of Albert Bartlett, Stoker, R.N. Miss Ellen Brown has been a long resident in Chastleton, and a member of the choir; she is to be congratulated on her marriage. Our heartiest good wishes are extended to the bride and bridegroom. May they have a long and happy life.

THE WAR.—We are very sorry to hear the report that Sgt. Coppin had been drowned in the Mediterranean. Every sympathy is due to his wife and family.

T. Morgan Tibbles, the eldest son of Mrs. Tibbles, is now attached to the A.O.D.

The Day School children collected 3/- for the Over-seas Club Tobacco and Comforts Fund.

The offertories on Sunday, December 31st, were given to the joint committee of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and the British Red Cross Society, to be applied by them to the relief of the sick and wounded men of the King's Forces on the various battle fronts.

The offertories on Sunday, January 21st, were for the Moreton-in-Marsh Cottage Hospital and the Bishop of Oxford's Diocesan Fund.

The Coal and Clothing Club tickets were distributed to the members in December. Thanks to the generosity of the donors, the 16 coal members received 15 cwt of coal each for their contribution of 12/- and the Clothing Club members (12) received a bonus of 5/- each. Those who kindly gave donations are as follows:—our late Rector, The Rev. G. A. Sneyd £1 1s., Mrs. Richardson and C. T. Richardson, Esq. £4 4s., Mrs. Whitmore Jones and T. W. Whitmore Jones, Esq. £3 and W. C. Kettle, Esq. 10s.

The thanks of the members are due to the farmers who carted the coal free.

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MARCH.

CALENDAR.

1917.

1	Th	S. David, Abp.
2	F	Ember Day. S. Chad. B.
3	S	Ember Day.
4	S	2nd Sunday in Lent.
5	M	
6	Tu	
7	W	S. Perpetua, M. Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
8	Th	
9	F	
10	S	
11	S	3rd Sunday in Lent.
12	M	S. Gregory, B.C.
13	Tu	
14	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
15	Th	
16	F	
17	S	
18	S	4th Sunday in Lent. S. Edward, K.M.
19	M	
20	Tu	
21	W	S. Benedict, Ab. Meetings of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.
22	Th	
23	F	
24	S	
25	S	5th Sunday in Lent.
26	M	Annum B.V.M.
27	Tu	
28	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
29	Th	
30	F	
31	S	

8th. Full Moon, 9h. 58m. a.m.
16th, Last Quarter, 0h. 33m. a.m.

23rd, New Moon, 4h. 5m. a.m.
30th, First Quarter, 10h. 36m. a.m.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD with LANGLEY.

On January 27th, Reuben Timms, for many years a member of our Choir, met with an accident. He died on 6th February. A large number of friends attended his burial. He leaves eight children, his four sons are serving their Country in different capacities.

Since the War Depot at the Court was begun in September, more than 1000 articles have been sent to headquarters.

Several of our soldiers from the front have had leave of absence for a few days, and one from Salonica, and some more are ready to join up immediately.

An Entertainment was given by the Girls Work Guild, on February 14th, at the Vicarage. About forty friends were present by invitation. The programme contained songs and acting. The venture proved a success, the acting was good and much pains must have been taken over it. And on the music.

We shall be able to have our lights again in the Church now, and bells might be rung till nine o'clock if we had the men and the heart, to ring peals, but we must wait their return.

The following Clergy will preach here on Fridays in Lent:—

March 2nd.—The Vicar of Milton.

March 9th.—The Rector of Great Rollright.

March 16th.—The Rector of Fifield and Idbury.

March 23rd.—The Vicar of Charlbury.

March 30th.—The Principal of St Edmunds Hall.

At six o'clock, unless further notice is given.

On Good Friday the Rev. A. D. Pierpoint, (three hours).

The Confirmation will be on Friday, 23rd of March, at 2.30 p.m.

MARRIAGE.—February 3rd, Walter Edward Coombes and Alice Anne Rainbow.

BURIAL.—February 10th. Reuben Timms, aged 57 years.

We are asked to print the following letter:—

"Mrs. Timms and family wish to take this opportunity to express their gratitude to all friends for their kindly help and sympathy extended to them in their bereavement in the loss of Husband and Father. The blow which came so unexpectedly has been softened by such timely help and sympathy."

On 20th, eighteen of the Deanery Clergy met in Chapter at the Vicarage to consider how they could best assist in the National Service. One was willing to go as Chaplain, two others making themselves responsible for his duty in his Parish. All were willing to do what they could to assist at this crisis.

CORNWELL

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT. The children attending the Sunday School were entertained at the Rectory on Tuesday evening, 30th. January. After tea, to

which full justice was done, there was a Christmas tree which was loaded with many pretty and useful articles which gave great pleasure to the recipients. These were kindly sent, as for many years past, by the Vicars sister, Miss Burnett, Clevedon, Somerset, to whom our hearty thanks are due. The number of scholars is at present 22, of which 19 were present. A very enjoyable evening was spent and all seemed greatly pleased.

We did not forget that two of those who had partaken in years gone by of our little Christmas treat, had laid down their lives for their Country. - Arthur Bowles and Freddy Hill.

LENT. We know all are very short-handed at the present time, but we trust all who possibly can will make it an act of duty and conscience to attend our Lantern Services. Surely never were our prayers more needed, and never was there cause for more humbling ourselves in the sight of God. Let us obey the Divine command, and "Watch and pray".

S.P.G. We hope to have our annual sermons for the above on Sunday the 18th. of March. That in the evening will be preached by the Rev. H. Kenny, Diocesan Secretary, who will also give a lantern lecture on Monday evening the 19th. We hope all will try and attend. Holders of Missionary boxes are requested to send them in to the Rectory by the above date.

As we go to press we have to record the death of Mrs. Williams, wife of Mr. J. H. Williams, old residents at Cornwell. The deep sympathy is called forth for the husband, son, and young daughter of the deceased. Mrs. Williams had been out of health for some time, but her death came quite un-expectedly and was quite a shock to our village. May God comfort her family in their deep sorrow. R. I. P.

FIFIELD AND IDBURY.

On Ash Wednesday we began our preparation for Easter with a Celebration of the Holy Communion at Fifield at 9 a.m. when Lenten hymns were sung by the School children and there were several communicants.

It is hoped to hold the Lady Day Service for the Mothers' Union on Tuesday March 27th at 2.30 p.m. and that a special preacher will come for the occasion.

Several candidates are preparing to present themselves for Confirmation at Shipton on Friday March 23rd at 2 p.m.

Reginald Arthurs has been spending a few days at home. William Arthurs and Reginald Bishop have recently joined the army.

Miss D. Matthews has done good work as Scoutmaster since the resignation of Miss Philips. Mrs. Kettlewell, with the assistance of Mr. Worth has kindly undertaken that office.

Fifield. Baptism. On Nov. 1 1916. Tryphena Dorothy, daughter of Herbert and Charlotte Sarah Ann Rogers. (omitted through oversight.)

CHASTLETON.

On the Wednesdays in Lent there will be a Service in church at 6.30 p.m.

On and after Sunday March 11th the evening service will be at the old time 6.30 p.m.

VOLUNTARY RATIONING:—The Food Controller has addressed an appeal to the nation. He lays great importance on the imperative necessity of observing voluntarily, the spirit of voluntary rationing. All classes should participate in an effort to avoid compulsory rationing which, if introduced, would cause great inconvenience to the individual, involve the establishment of a costly machinery, and entail the diversion of labour that could be more profitably employed in other directions.

CHARLBURY.

BAPTISM—February 18, Joan Florence, daughter of George and Florence Anderson.

MARRIAGES:—February 3, George Cawthra and Fanny Culverwell.—February 12, Frank Wiggins, of Royal Flying Corps, and Agnes Ellen Fudge.—Feb. 17, Reginald William Smith, of R.N.V.R., and Maud Helen Heatt.

BURIAL:—February 12, Fanny arwood, aged 66 years.

LENT, 1917.—During this critical and decisive stage of the war, the Christian Church seeks to be more diligent than ever in bringing together frequently in God's house as many of our people as possible, that we may commit all our needs to God for His guidance. This national service is rightly expected from us all by those who are risking their lives by sea and land to defend the right.

One of the earliest and most beautiful pieces of Christian literature, after the Apostolic age, is a letter written at the beginning of the second century, to vindicate from actual experience the place of Christain life and teaching in time of public calamities "The Christians in the world are as the immortal soul in the perishable body. From the faith of Christians, blessing flow out to the world. Apart from Christ the world is *invisibile*". (The Epistle to Diognetus, A.D. 117.

St. Mary's, CHARLBURY.—The Vicar of Chipping Norton has most kindly promised to give a course of five sermons:

Feb. 28th.—True Repentance.

March 7th.—Forgiveness.

March 14th.—Sins, negligences and ignorances.

March 21st.—The Holy Spirit.

March 28th.—Amendment of Life.

The Vicar of Chipping Norton will also (p.v.) give the addresses at the "Three Hours' Service on Good Friday,

THE WAR.—We are proud to hear that George Howes, formerly one of our choir, has received the D.C.M. for gallantry in the field, especially as this

follows so soon on the loss of his brother Wilfred who was killed in action.

The Charlbury Red Cross Sale on February 1st was a wonderful success, realizing over £860.

SPELSBURY.

BURIAL.—February 7th Ruth Trinder aged 85 years.

Church Collections January 25th to February 21st, Sick and Needy 3/11. Church Expenses £1 11s. 5d.

February 20th, a capital "Black and White" concert was given this day to a large gathering of parishioners and neighbours. On the eve of the entertainment we are sorry to say that Mr. Conduct who was to have taken an important part in the programme, was taken ill and unable to do so. This of course led to some modification in the performance but we believe nevertheless the crowded audience had a capital evening's entertainment. Once more we have to thank Mrs. Conduct for kindly lending us her piano. The gross takings amounted to £5 18s. 9d. and when some necessary expenses are defrayed a sum of well over £5 will be available for Comforts for our boys on active service.

It was a kind thought which prompted Mrs. Wm. Cross of Spelsbury to offer a beautiful piece of crochet lace for sale on behalf of our Spelsbury "Boys" Comfort Fund. It has realized £1 3s. 6d.

I have the pleasure of including among our notes for this month the following contribution which will be of interest to all of us who have the welfare of our men on active service at heart.

Spelsbury,

February 20th.

A centre for making and carbolising anti-vermin shirts and pants is being organized at Spelsbury, being affiliated with Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, through the Central Depot, 2 Cavendish Square, London and known as the Spelsbury Carbolising Centre No II.

The necessary plant for carbolising has been installed, but to carry on the work on the scale desired we will depend chiefly on the help of the people of this part of the country for the making o the garments. My idea is to provide the cut-out garments to be made up in peoples own homes or at sewing classes. If being preferable that smallish numbers should be taken at a time and when those are returned others asked for—for this purpose we will have branches in the various villages and towns. The garments may be made by hand or by machine and the work is extremely simple.—Workers are what we chiefly need, but also contributions of money will be very much appreciated, as we must depend entirely on the generosity of those interested for getting materials—I shall be very glad indeed to answer any questions about the work.

HOOK NORTON.

BURIALS.—February 13th, Oliver George Harris, aged 17 months.—February 15th, George Andrews, aged 47 years.

Communicants from January 28th to February 21st, 57.

Collections during same period: Poor Fund, 6s. 9d.; Restoration Fund, 11s. 1½d.; Church Expenses, £1 14s. 11½d.; Offertory Fund, 8s. 3d.; Lighting Fund, 8s. 7½d.

LENT.—The Special Lenten Services this year will be on Tuesday afternoons at 2.30 p.m. The Service will consist mainly of Intercessions for our soldiers and sailors, followed by a Sermon. The following Clergy have kindly consented to come and preach to us.

Feb. 27th.—The Rev. W. J. Palmer, Vicar of Enstone.

March 6th.—The Rev. T. C. Tanner, Vicar of Spelsbury.

March 13th.—The Rev. H. H. Arkell, Vicar of Chipping Norton.

March 20th.—The Rev. A. Shildrick, Rector of Milton-under-Wychwood.

March 27th.—The Rev. R. P. Burnett, Rector of Cornwell.

We ought to be more careful to endeavour to enter into the spirit of Lent this year than we have been ever before, because the anxieties of these days have such a terrible power of occupying the entire ground of our thoughts. Our Lord tells us in the Parable of the Sower that the reason why the Word of God brings forth no fruit in some hearts, is because the cares of this world choke the Word and it becomes unfruitful. We know then that in times of anxiety like these we must be on our guard lest the cares of this world separate us from God. The thing to do of course is to take all our cares, national and individual to God. We should make them the subject of prayer to Him. When our Saviour was in agony it does not say that he ceased to pray, but it says 'being in an agony He prayed more earnestly' (S. Luke xxii. 44). He is our example. Oh, let us guard carefully against any neglect of those things which help to keep us in touch with God. Now we need the things of religion more than ever. Lent should be a great help to us, and it will be, if we try to keep it in an earnest way.

FUND FOR DARKENING THE CHURCH.—Since our last issue we have received the following subscriptions, in addition to those already announced: Mr. Pettipher Bennett 10/., Mr. W. Bowl 10/., and Miss Maud Lainebury 2/6. This reduces the deficit from £3 19s. to £2 16s. 6d. The Rector will be pleased to receive further subscriptions, great or small.

There will be a great many people who will miss George Andrews, and who will also sympathise with his wife and children. He was a kindhearted good natured man with a pleasant word for everybody. It was a pleasure to visit him in his

somewhat long & very trying illness. He took such an intelligent and real interest in all that was done for him by way of ministrations, and on the Wednesday before his death he received the Blessed Sacrament with great devotion and happiness.

The members of the Working Party are preparing to hold a Sale of Work on behalf of Foreign Missions, in Easter week, as is usual every second year. In spite of the war, and indeed because of the war, those who wish to respond to the call of Christ in the National Mission held last Autumn, feel more strongly than ever that they must not go back in their efforts to extend the Kingdom of God in other lands, and it is hoped that many will be glad to buy useful things at the sale and will welcome it as affording an opportunity of doing something for the Missionary cause. Any gifts of articles for the Sale will be thankfully received by Miss Rushton or the other ladies of the Working Party.

OXFORD DIOCESAN FUND.—The Hon. Sec. for the Rural Deanery of Chipping Norton has been requested to have the following apportionment for the Oxford Diocesan Fund for the Parishes in the Deanery inserted in the March number of the Deanery Magazine.

Parish.	Apportionment.		
	£	s.	d.
Ascot	3 10 0
Charlbury and Chadlington	15 0 0
Chastleton	3 0 0
Chipping Norton and Over Norton	16 0 0
Cornwell	1 7 6
Enstone	5 0 0
Fifield and Idbury	3 0 0
Finstock and Fawler	3 0 0
Heythrop	5 0 0
Hook Norton	6 0 0
Kingham	6 0 0
Leafield	5 0 0
Milton	7 0 0
Ramsden	3 0 0
Great Rollright	2 12 0
Little Rollright and Salford	1 7 0
Sarsden and Churchill	5 5 0
Shipton	10 0 0
Spelsbury	2 2 0
Swerford	2 2 0
Little Tew	3 0 0

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A. SHILDRICK,

Hon. Sec.

PUBLISHERS NOTE.

The publishers regret that owing to the Government restriction of paper (the supply being cut down by 50%) they are compelled to reduce the number of pages of local news.

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APRIL.

CALENDAR.

1917.

1	Su	<i>Sunday next before Easter.</i>	
2	M	<i>Monday before Easter.</i>	
3	Tu	<i>Tuesday before Easter.</i>	
4	W	<i>Wednesday before Easter.</i>	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
5	Th	<i>Thursday before Easter.</i>	
6	F	<i>Good Friday.</i>	
7	S	<i>Easter Even.</i>	
8	Su	<i>Easter Day.</i>	
9	M	<i>Monday in Easter Week.</i>	
10	Tu	<i>Tuesday in Easter Week.</i>	
11	W	Magistrates' Meeting.	
12	Th		
13	F		
14	S		
15	Su	<i>1st Sunday after Easter.</i>	
16	M		
17	Tu		
18	W	Annual Meetings of Guardians and Rural District Council.	Meeting of Assessment Committee.
19	Th	S. Alphege, Abp.	
20	F		
21	S		
22	Su	<i>2nd Sunday after Easter.</i>	
23	M	S. George, M.	
24	Tu		
25	W	S. Mark, E.M.	Magistrates' Meeting.
26	Th		
27	F		
28	S		
29	Su	<i>3rd Sunday after Easter.</i>	
30	M		
31			

7th, Full Moon, 10. 49m. p.m.
11th, Last Quarter. 8h. 12m. p.m.

21st, New Moon, 2h. 1m. p.m.
29th, First Quarter, 5h. 22m. a.m.

SPELSBURY.

Owing to the cutting down of the paper supply, the whole of our Spelsbury notes were not published last month. Unfortunately the contributed letter regarding "Spelsbury Carbolising Centre No. 11," appeared without the writers name being appended, I therefore now take the opportunity of correcting this omission. The writer was Mrs. Dillon Fitz-Gibbon. Appended to this letter should have also been the following extracts from letters re carbolised garments.

"I beg to acknowledge parcel of carbolised vermin-proof pants and vests. Thank you, I need hardly say what a boon they are out here."

"Received your welcome gift of carbolised garments. They all declare that they are one of the finest things that have come for the comfort of our Soldiers. We have for a long time known how to deal with the Hun, but it has always been a bit of a poser, how to get rid of the smaller kind of pest. These shirts and pants we are finding to be 'just the thing,' they are about the most welcome articles we have had since coming out."

"For the Boys in the trenches they are a Godsend, for since we have been in France we had not much peace, untill your carbolised underwear came to us, and now we feel as clean as when we were at home."

Church collections February 21st to March 22nd: Church Expenses, £2 3s.; Sick and Needy, 4s. 7d.

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.—*Palm Sunday*:—Mattins and Holy Communion, 11 a.m. Childrens' Service, 3 p.m. Evensong, 6 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday:—Ante-Communion, 8 a.m. Mattins, 10 a.m. Evensong, 6 p.m.

Good Friday:—Litany 8 a.m. Mattins and Ante-Communion, 11 a.m. 12 to 3 o'clock, Meditation on the Seven Words. Evensong, 6 p.m.

Easter Eve:—Ante-Communion, 8 a.m. Mattins, 10 a.m. Evensong, 6 a.m.

Easter Day:—Holy Communion 8 a.m. (Choral). Mattins and Holy Communion (plain), 11 a.m. Childrens' Service, 3 p.m. Evensong, 6 p.m.

ENSTONE.

BAPTISED.—February 21st, Lucy, daughter of William Henry and Annie Elizabeth Burgess.—March 18th, Mary Annie, daughter of Sidney and Florence Elizabeth Hawes.

BURIEN.—February 3rd, Maria Hitchcox, aged 81 years.—March 29th, Alec Stevens, aged 34 years.

During Holy Week there will be Evening Prayer and an address at 6 o'clock, each evening.

On Good Friday, the morning Service will be at half past ten, and from 2 to 3 instead of the three hours Service, as last year, there will be a Service of Intercession with an address on the Last Words from the Cross. On Easter Day the Celebrations of Holy Communion will be at 7 a.m. and after the Morning Prayer at 11, and the Evensong will be at 6.30 o'clock.

The Vicar appeals for most liberal offerings on Easter Day so that the Churchwardens may therewith defray the heavy expenses of lighting and heating the Church throughout the long winter.

The new time will be observed for Church purposes, on and after Easter Day.

At the Meeting held on March 3rd, it was desired to form a War Savings' Association for Enstone. Further details were arranged at a meeting on the following Saturday. Miss Vance has kindly consented to act as Treasurer, and Mr. Glover as Secretary. It was hard to tell when one called the meeting, whether such an Association was wanted or not by the Parish. However there is now no doubt as to its useful and prosperous existence.

The following candidates from this Parish were presented for Confirmation at Chipping Norton, on March 22nd:—Mrs. Regan, Christina Regan, Clarice Butler, Arthur Hawtin, Bertie Allen, Albert Ward, Maurice Knight, William Griffin and Charles Ivings. God grant them grace to persevere.

We were glad to see Albert Stevens looking so well, with the badge of Sergeant Major's rank on his sleeve, the South African war ribbon on his breast, and gold stripes that tell us he has been thrice wounded in distinguished service on the battle field.

DAYLESFORD

By a regrettable mistake on the part of the Publishers, the magazines for last month contained no news notes from Daylesford, though the notes were sent as usual. The mistake was not discovered until after the type had been taken down, when it was too late to do anything in the matter. Only one copy was received which contained the Daylesford news.

A very successful Sale of Work was held in the Village Hall, on Saturday, March 17, on behalf of the Red Cross Society, which attracted many buyers. A brisk business was done during the afternoon which resulted in a sum of nearly £40 being taken. The accounts are not yet made up, but after the payment of certain inevitable expenses, it is hoped to hand over a substantial sum to the Society which is doing such invaluable work amongst the sick and wounded.

One of the most attractive features of the sale was a loan exhibition of curios and interesting articles from all parts of the World, which attracted many interested visitors throughout the afternoon, and proved a profitable addition to the proceeds of the Sale.

There were many kind and willing helpers, amongst whom should be especially mentioned Miss Sargent and Miss King. Mr. Young very kindly sent a supply of rabbits to be sold for the benefit of the Society, and Miss Young generously supplied the tea.

George Wood who held the post of Clerk and Sexton for over fifteen years, and during all that time was most regular and punctual in the performance of all his duties, has left the village for another sphere of work in which we wish him and his family all success and prosperity. A successor has not yet been appointed. We shall miss him in many ways, and not least of all as bell-ringer in which he did excellent work.

CORNWELL.

BURIAL.—28th February, Emma, wife of John H. Williams, aged 49 years. R.I.P.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.—We hope all who can will make a point of attending our Holy Week and Easter Services. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, there will be Divine Service daily at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., with a short address at the latter Service.

On *Good Friday*, Service and Sermon, 11 and 6.

Easter Eve, 6 p.m.

On *Easter Day*, Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Matins, Sermon and Holy Communion 11 a.m. Evensong and Sermon, 6 p.m.

“And Note, that every Parishioner shall communicate at least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one”.

The offertories on Easter Day will, as in former years, be devoted to the payment Church Expenses. We shall be glad of gifts of flowers and help in the decoration of the church on the Saturday before Easter.

While the present shortage of labour compels many to work on a Sunday, we hope those who do so will not neglect Church in consequence. The service of God is the more important of the two, and we must remember the words of our Divine Master, “These ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone,” and the divine command given amidst the thunders of Sinai, “Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy,”—which is just as binding as the other nine.

S.P.C.K.—We hope to have our annual offertories and sermons for the above on Sunday the 29th of April, and the Meeting and Lantern Lecture the following Monday evening, when we hope for a good attendance. They were unavoidably postponed on account of the Secretary's illness last November.

The Rector wishes all his people a peaceful and happy Easter, and hopes we may all watch with Christ, die to sin, and rise in heart to where He ever sitteth at God's right hand.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD WITH LANGLEY.

Vicar: W. Collingwood Carter, M.A., Ch. Ch., Surrogate,
Rural Dean.

Churchwardens: H. Mawle, E. H. Dee.

Sidesmen:

A. Miles, M. Bunting, J. E. H. Parsons, B.A., M.R.C.S.,
J. Strong, A. Miles (junior), R. Townsend, J. Pittaway (senior)
Clerk: S. Coombes. Sexton: J. Stead.

The Wednesday and Friday Special Lent Services have been fairly well attended, and we are much obliged to the several Preachers who have helped us with their good Counsels.

The Three-Hours Service on Good Friday will be conducted by the Rev. A. D. Pierpoint, Chaplain of H.M. Prison, Holloway, who will also Preach on Maundy Thursday night, at which Service, it is hoped that all the newly Confirmed will attend.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there will be Readings.

At the Confirmation on March 23rd, by the Bishop of the Diocese, a large number of persons were present in the Congregation. There were 53 candidates. From Shipton 30, Leafield 3, Milton 1, Fifield 9, Finstock 7, Asthal 3. There were seven Clergy present. The Rector of Fifield acted as the Bishop's Chaplain, and carried the Pastoral Staff. The Bishop went up to the Belfry before the Service and spoke to the Ringers, and after, he walked round the Church and admired it.

At the Service the Bishop gave two Addresses which we trust will be remembered, and all present seemed to understand the solemnity of the occasion. Afterwards, tea was provided at the Beaconsfield Hall, and several met the Bishop for a few moments at the Vicarage.

We are pleased to relate that the Parish Rooks are building nests on the Vicarage Trees, as half century ago was the case.

BAPTISMS.—March 11th, Sarah Edith Louvain Hunt.—March 11th, Dulcie Constance Shepherd.—March 18th, Percival Frank Roge Curtis.

Vernon Townsend, late of Shipton, a Ringer in the Tower, was wounded on February 22nd, and died on March 11th. His parents are now living in Devonshire.

CHADDLINGTON

We desire to express our most grateful thanks once again, to Mrs. Bliss and her son for the beautiful embossed Alma-bason they have given, in memory of the late Mr. Bliss, to the Church for the Service of the Sanctuary. The following inscription is engraved on the rim:—“To the Glory of God. In Memory of Edward Bliss, February 26. 1914. R.I.P. The gift of his wife and son.”

Also the Churchwardens have been able to place a handsome strip of carpet along the Chancel aisle which greatly adds to the beauty and dignity of the Sanctuary. We are most grateful to them for this, and the many other tokens they show of their loving care for, and interest in the House of God in the village.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

BAPTISMS.—March 1st, Blanche Livinia, daughter of Evelyn Parsloe of Oxford.—March 1st, Freda Alice May, infant daughter of Alfred Haydon and May Richards, of Hayling Island, Hampshire.

BURIALS.—March 22nd, Georgina Rose Hedges, aged 8 months.

SALFORD.

It is greatly to be hoped that Winter will really have left us before Easter Day, and that nothing may stand in the way to prevent a single communicant from being present to carry out the Lord's Command, on the great day of His Glorious Resurrection.

Morning Service at 9.30 a.m. followed by a celebration of Holy Communion and Evensong at 6 p.m.

On Good Friday, we trust that all who can, will meet at the bottom of Black Horse Lane, and join in a procession to the Church, at 11.45 a.m., after which Service will be held. Evensong at 7 p.m. During Holy Week, 10 a.m. will be the hour of Daily Divine Service.

We are very glad that the National War Savings Association is likely to be a success in the village, especially amongst the school children, Mrs. Doornead reports that one member has already subscribed enough for a 15/6 certificate.

The Rector hopes that efforts may be made to find small pieces of waste land, and that the good women in the parish will find time to dig it, and plant potatoes upon it. With the help of Mrs. McDowell he is cultivating a promising piece in his own orchard.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.

On Easter Day there will be Matins at 11.30 a.m. followed by a celebration of Holy Communion.

OHARLBURY.

BURIAL.—Feb. 23rd, William Stephen Claydon aged 64.

THE WAR.—We regret very much the loss of William Eeles, who was killed in action on Feb. 27th: this being the twelfth killed in action of those belonging to Charlbury. Carlton Strickland is believed to have been taken prisoner on March 1st, and we trust that he is safe. He took great interest in our Church Lads' Brigade, of which William Eeles was also a member.

The Wednesday evening services during Lent, at which the Vicar of Chipping Norton has kindly preached, have been very well attended. He is to give the addresses at the Three Hours Service on Good Friday.

The Vicar attended the Diocesan Conference on Finance on March 7th.

On March 22nd, we took 2 candidates to the Confirmation at Chipping Norton.

The Vicar is acting as representative for the Soldiers and Sailors Families' Association; and for the Discharged Soldiers Employment and Pensions Committee. The work is now becoming very useful in this district.

CHASTLETON.

A Rummage Sale at Chastleton House realized £29 8s. The proceeds were divided,

	£	s.	d.
• Heythrop Nursing Association	12	8	0
Morton Cottage Hospital	5	10	0
Red Cross County Fund	5	10	0
Balance in Bank	6	0	0

SUMMER TIME.—The Government has decided that Summer Time shall be reintroduced this year throughout the United Kingdom, beginning at two o'clock on the morning of Easter Sunday, April 8th, when the clocks will be put forward one hour, and ending at two o'clock in the morning of Monday September 17th.

HOLY WEEK.—Good Friday services at 11 a.m., and 6.30 p.m. Easter Communion. It is hoped that no Communicant will absent himself or herself, from the Holy Communion, at this, the Highest Festival of the Church's year. Holy Communion will be celebrated on Easter Day at 8.30 a.m. and at the 11 o'clock service.

The Church is open each day for Private Devotion.

At the Parish Meeting held on Saturday March 24th, it was decided to start a War Savings Assoc. The main purpose of a War Savings Association is to enable its members to purchase the 15/6 War Saving certificates by small instalments. The Chastleton Farmers will kindly supply information and receive subscriptions.

FINSTOCK AND FAWLER.

BAPTISM.—March 4th, Roy, son of Albert and Annie Claridge of Finstock.

The Services on Good Friday and Easter Day will be as follows:—*Good Friday* 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., *Easter Day*. Celebration of Holy Communion 7.8.15 and Mid-day.

On Wednesday evening, March 14th, Miss Lee came and kindly addressed the members of the G.F.S. There was a very good attendance and we hope her sound advice re war savings and food economy will be followed.

A War Savings Association is being formed in the village, there are already several members, it is hoped that all the young people who are earning money will join. Enquires and payments are to made to Mrs. Elwes at the Vicarage, on Monday evenings after 6.30, or at the Mothers' Meeting on Monday afternoons.

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May.

CALENDAR.

1917.

1	Tu	<i>S. Phillip, A.M., and S. James, A.M.</i>
2	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
3	Th	Invention of the Cross.
4	F	
5	S	
6	Su	<i>4th Sunday after Easter. S. John E. before the Latin Gate</i>
7	M	
8	Tu	
9	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
10	Th	
11	F	
12	S	
13	Su	<i>5th Sunday after Easter.</i>
14	M	Rogation Day.
15	Tu	Rogation Day.
16	W	Rogation Day. Meeting of Board of Guardians.
17	Th	<i>Ascension Day.</i>
18	F	
19	S	<i>S. Iunstan, Abp</i>
20	Su	<i>Sunday after Ascension Day.</i>
21	M	
22	Tu	
23	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
24	Th	
25	F	
26	S	<i>S. Augustine, Abp.</i>
27	Su	<i>Whitsun Day. Ven. Bede, P.</i>
28	M	<i>Monday in Whitsun Week.</i>
29	Tu	<i>Tuesday in Whitsun Week.</i>
30	W	Ember Day. Meeting of Board of Guardians.
31		

7th, Full Moon, 3h. 43m. a.m.
14th, Last Quarter, 2h. 48m. a.m.

21st, New Moon, 1h. 47m. a.m.
28th, First Quarter, 12h. 34m. p.m.

Notes for the next Magazine should be sent not later than May 25th, to the EDITOR, CORNWELL RECTORY CHIPPING NORTON.

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Parochial Notes.

CHIPPING NORTON.

Vicar—Rev. H. H. Arkell, M.A.
 Assistant Priest—Rev. E. Ll. Weight.
 Sexton and Clerk—H. H. Langton, (*pro tem*).
 Churchwardens—Mr. Austin Webb.
 Mr. A. J. Bolwell,
 for Chipping Norton.
 Major Daly, for Over Norton.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER.—Holy Week 1917 will long be remembered for its wintry weather. Those of us who attended the ten minutes service on the way to work at 5.30 on the Monday morning, had to reach the church through a veritable snow storm; and though the weather somewhat improved towards the close of the week, it was for the most part cold and wintry, and the average attendance of 40 at these services must be considered good and shows in these services a real need has been met. Given better weather, we feel sure our numbers would have been doubled.

The other Services too, were well attended as a whole, there being an average of about 60 each evening at 7.30. The Children's 5.30. services deserve special mention, and the average numbers, 150-200 were distinctly encouraging.

We are sure that the real effort to keep these first four days of Holy Week by so many, enabled us to enter more into deep meaning of Good Friday and its incalculable significance for us and the World, and the great gladness, joy and eternal triumph of Easter Day. Mr. Payne's Addresses at the Three Hours' Service, were found most helpful, and a large congregation was present during the last half of this Service. We are very grateful to Mr. Payne for all he has done for us this Lent, his Addresses on the 1st. Epistle of St. John, were well attended and much appreciated.

The Town Hall Service on Good Friday evening was again attended to crowding point.

On Easter Day itself, the weather improved somewhat—it was less wintry and more fine, if not more spring-like, but alas, the new fine coming in that very day, distinctly affected the number attending the 6 a.m. service which really meant 5 a.m. and the

loss of an hours sleep. It is true we had larger numbers at the other Celebrations, and made up the deficiency on the 6 a.m; but a considerable number missing the first service, were unable to come at all and so the total number was much the same as last year, which is disappointing when (allowing for many away through the war) we yet hoped for a decided increase—But the real fact is—and we are bound to face it—many who are confirmed, neglecting the rule of the Church and failing surely to realize the glory and wonder of Communion on Easter Day—do not attempt to come to this, the highest act of worship on the greatest day of all the year—Why? The other Easter services were well attended, and the singing was bright and hearty.

In spite of the lack this year of Spring flowers, the church was very tastefully decorated and the following kindly assisted Mrs. Arkell.—Miss Barlow Pulpit, Miss Baxter windows, Miss Cooper choir screens, Miss Felthouse windows, Mrs. & Miss Lockwood S. Transept window, Miss Lockyer Choir Screens, Mrs. G. Mace Altar, Mrs. Pettipher, Mrs. H. Pettipher Font, Mrs. Toy Windows, Miss Walker, Miss G. Walker, Miss N. Walker Pulpit, Mrs. Weight Windows. Flowers were kindly sent by the following: Mrs. Chamberlayne, Sister Lily Corke, Mrs. Donnelly, Mrs. A. E. Mace, Miss Pryer, Mrs. Wilkins.

Our ringers gave us glad peals.

ROGATIONTIDE.—Rogation Sunday falls on May 13, and the three following days are Rogation Days when we specially pray for our Country as a whole and particularly for God's blessing on the fruit of the earth. In view of the very anxious days through which we are passing, and the very great importance of the coming harvest, these days should be surely specially observed this year. Weather permitting, an open-air Rogation Service will be held on Over Norton Road, in Mr. Webb's field opposite the Park Gates on Rogation Sunday, May 13, at 3 p.m.

ASCENSION DAY.—The following will be the services Holy Communion, 5. 6. 30, & 8 a.m. Matins 11.15 a.m. Evensong 7 p.m.

Whit Sunday, May 27. Holy Communion 6, 7, & 8 a.m. and at the 11 o'clock service Evensong 6.

EASTER VESTRY.—The annual Vestry Meeting was held in the Church Room on April 12, the Vicar presiding. The final presentation of the Churchwardens Accounts was postponed until April 27, to allow the result of the Free-Will Offering Scheme to be known. Mr. A. Webb, and Mr. A. J. Bolwell were unanimously re-appointed Churchwardens for Chipping Norton, and Major Daly was unanimously re-appointed for Over Norton. The Sidesmen were all unanimously re-elected with the addition of Messrs C. A. Johnson, A. C. Neale, and C. Wilkins.

After other business was transacted, the Vestry adjourned until April 27, at 8 p.m.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND WAIFS & STRAYS SOCIETY.

Mrs. Wilkins is to be congratulated on the result of the Lent Collection in the Self-denial boxes which amounted to £11. The Secretary from the Head Offices in writing to the Vicar says "I need hardly say how much I appreciate such substantial help and I would ask you and your parishioners to accept the Society's very grateful thanks".

All will join us in deep sympathy with Mr. & Mrs. King in the death of their son Leslie who died in hospital at Boscombe after having been invalided from France some three weeks. He has had nearly three years service, and eleven months at the Front in France—He was a chorister in our Church choir and also a member of the Boy Scouts.

To Mr. & Mrs. Boulter, Mr. & Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. Gardener we also offer our deep sympathy—they too have lost their sons, who have bravely given their lives to defend us. Frank Boulter was also a chorister in our choir and a member of the C. L. B. May God comfort these parents in the great sorrow that has come upon them.

EASTER OFFERING.—The Easter Offering amounted to £15. 9. 0. and the Vicar most sincerely thanks all those who contributed to it.

BRASS TABLET.—Many already knew that through the wish and at the expense of the comrades of Reginald Pink who was killed in action in France, a brass tablet has been placed in the Parish Church to his memory. A short dedication service was held in the Church on Sunday, April 29, at which Mr. & Mrs. Pink and friends were present. The brass bears the following inscription: "In memory of Lance Corporal R. L. Pink, Signaller 24 Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry, killed in action in France, June 27, 1916. From the Battalion Signal Station.

BAPTISMS.—April 1. Evelyn Irene daughter of John Henry & Nellie Irene Wallington.—1st, Leslie John, son of Frank & Elsie Mary Davis.—1st, Phyllis Rose, daughter of Nelson & Lily Rachel Shepherd. 8th, Sydney Robert, son of Frank & Ada Lewis. 12th, Rose Margery, daughter of David William & Florence Annie Elizabeth Saunders. 19th, Evelyn Rose Patricia, daughter of Henry James & Frances Evelyn Walsh; 23rd, Kathleen Freda, daughter of Percy & Agnes Shepard; 29th, Evelyn Doris, daughter of Henry James & Eva Helen Malpass.

MARRIAGES.—April 9, William Hughes and Elizabeth Brookes, both of this Parish; 29th, Troylus Barnett, of Parish of Chanfield, and Phoebe Fox of this Parish.

BURIALS.—April 21, Ernest Alfred Levi Cook, aged 11 years; 27th, Leslie Frederick King, aged 20 years.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—*Full marks for March: Girls*, 1st Class: Florence Goodman, Olive Coles, Vera Gibbs, Margaret Hodgkins, Violet Withers, Rose Withers 2nd. Class: Dorothy Robinson, Minnie Bartonshaw, Lizzie Stickley. 3rd. Class: Vera Goodman, Olive Withers.

April: 1st. Class, Florence Goodman, Vera Gibbs, Margaret Hodgkins, Violet Withers, Rose Withers. 2nd. Class: Margery Giles. 3rd. Class: Dorothy Jones Vera Goodman, Olive Withers, Betty Robinson.

Infants for April: 1st. Class: Elsie Goodman, Margery Willets, Winifred Green, Kathleen Newman, Frank Hughes, George Townley. 2nd. Class: Reginald Ackerman, Frederick Green. 3rd. Class: Thomas Nobbs, Harold Lord, Joseph Townley, Job Townley.

Boys for March: Jack Candy, Reg Fletcher, Lance Hodgkins, Sydney Jones, Francis Lord, Robert Nason, Albert Walker, Dennis Willets, Geo. Peates, Willie Shutt, Norman Bolter, Kenneth Giles, Geo. Rice, Sydney Smith. April: Jack Candy, Reg Fletcher, Lance Hodgkins, Sydney Jones, Francis Lord, Robert Nason, Albert Walker, Dennis Willets, Geo. Peates, Wm. Shutt, Norman Bolter, Kenneth Giles, Geo. Rice, Sydney Smith.

FIFIELD AND IDBURY.

On Easter Day the Services were well attended and the number of Communicants was up to the average, in spite of the fact that several of our regular communicants were away.

Fifield Church account being in debt, a sale was held in the Schoolroom, Idbury, on Thursday, April 12th. Over £100 was made, so the sale can be described as successful. Many thanks are due to Miss Phillips for her skilful organisation management and to all contributors and helpers, especially those from Idbury Parish.

BAPTISMS.—Fifield, on Easter day, Albert Frederick, son of Albert Henry and Florence Mary Winter.—Edith Mary, daughter of Davis and Martha Field.

CHARLBURY.

BURIALS.—April 2nd, John Edwards, aged 51 years.—2nd, Edith Martha Edens, of Ditchley, aged 30 years. April 21, Clara Ann Hathaway, aged 59 years.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER were well observed, as is right and needful for us all in time of War.

THE EASTER VESTRY was held on April 13th. The total collected in the year for all objects was £231. Messrs. J. A. Bowl and A. E. Allen were appointed Churchwardens, and the following as Sidesmen, Messrs. Wilson, Luker, Price, Tame, G. W. Lane, Bowles, Milton. The Vicar thanked the people for the kind Easter Offering of £26 8s. 10d. The Vestry discussed the intended War Memorial in the Church to those who have fallen from Charlbury.

THE WAR.—We were grieved to hear that Sgt. Harold Price of Q.O.O.H., was killed in action near Arras, on April 10th. His officers & comrades write of his cheerfulness and courage. He was a member of our choir, Church Lads' Brigade and Church of England Men's Society and a regular communicant. He was a general favourite and set an excellent example. Our best sympathy is with his father and mother and his three brothers serving in H. M. Forces.

Six members of our Church Lads' Brigade have now been killed in action.

CHASTLETON.

The Vestry Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 11th. The Churchwardens accounts were submitted and accepted, there was an adverse balance on the years working of £7 6s. which compares very favourably with last years accounts, when the Churchwardens were £14 10s. 3d. in debt. The outgoing Wardens and Sidesmen were thanked for their past services. The Rector again nominated Mr. Whitmore Jones as his Warden, Mr. Willett was re-appointed as Parish Warden. Mr. Gingell and Mr. Jarvis were re-elected Sidesmen.

The Church Army Lenten Boxes produced £1 1s. Susie Gingell collected most in her box. The following kindly took boxes, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Willett, Miss Tibbles, Miss S. Gingell, Miss V. Corbett and Miss Burnley. The money will be used by the Church Army to extend their war work on the Western Front.

The Rector and Mr. Willett attended the visitation of the Archdeacon of Oxford at Chipping Norton, on Thursday, April 26th.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOODWITHLANGLEY.

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Churchwardens: H. Mawle, E. H. Dee.

Sidesmen:

A. Miles, M. Bunting, J. E. H. Parsons, B.A., M.R.C.S., J. Strong, A. Miles (junior), R. Townsend, J. Pittaway (senior) Clerk: S. Coombes. Sexton: J. Steed.

The last special Lent Sermon was preached by the Rev. H. H. Williams, M.A., Principal of S. Edmunds Hall, Oxford and Rector of Gatcombe.

The Holy Week was observed with the usual Services, and on Good Friday the Three Hours' Service was conducted by the Rev. A. D. Pierpoint, Chaplain of Holloway Prison—who also preached in the morning. The box for the Jews Mission on that day amounted to £1 16s

On Easter Day there were 150 communicants.

The Vicar was assisted at the early celebration by three Priests, the Service was choral, and the Rev. A. D. Pierpoint preached in the morning, afternoon and evening.

At the Easter Vestry the Churchwardens and Sidesmen were re-elected and the Vicar thanked them for their good work in the past year. The matter of the heating of the church was considered, and, as a preliminary, the Vicar was requested to obtain the advice of a competent architect to advise on the matter and draw up a plan, which has been done.

On 11th Major Huntington went to France, he has been engaged in Military Service all through the war.

The Court is now entertaining several officers as a Convalescent Home.

On March 29th and on April 19th the Parish Council met and read the statement of nine various charities and re-elected all its officers and members of Committees.

Since Christmas S. Michael's Home have manufactured 800 sandbags and 1000 grenade bags and the girls have also done good work in potato planting in their garden.

The boys have asked the former Scoutmaster Mr. Alfred Bayliss, to re-form a Scout Company, which, with the assistance of Mr. Thomas Powell, late of the O.B.L.I., we understand has been done. It will be very beneficial for the boys to be under military discipline, and we are pleased that they desire it.

Lieutenant C. Carter's ship has returned to England.

St. George's Day was observed in the Church and remembrance made of our Roll of Honour, and offerings for the V.A.D. Hospital at Chipping Norton.

SPELSBURY.

The Festival of Easter saw our Church beautifully decorated with kind gifts of flowers and the Services themselves were well attended. The chief feature of the Festival was a Choral Eucharist at 8 a.m. on Easter Day and after Mattins on the Sunday after Easter

The number of communions made during the Easter Octave was 56, a slight falling off as compared with 1916, but then it must be remembered that the demand of military service have removed over fifty adults from our Parish which at the census of 1911 contained 430 persons.

The Easter Vestry of the Church was held on April 13th. The accounts of the Churchwardens showed a deficit of £6 0s. 8d. which was reduced at the meeting by subscriptions to £3 3s. 10d., and by further subscriptions since to £1. and we have good reasons to hope that this deficit may be wiped out by the time these notes are in hands of our readers

The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year. Churchwardens Messrs. H. Howse and A. Holloway, Sidesmen, Messrs. C. Hunt and E. W. Conduct, Assistant Sidesmen, Messrs. F. Bosby and A. Dean, Sexton, Mr. T. Harris, Sextoness, Mrs. O. Hitchcox. It is with gratitude that we record our thanks to Mr. C. Hunt for his generous offer made at the Vestry Meeting, to give a new Altar Book to the Church.

The annual meeting of Parochial Church Electors was held on April 13th. A discussion took place regarding the setting up of a "Church Parochial Council for Spelsbury," and it was decided that for the present this should not be done.

S.P.G.—On Ascension Day, a sale of work and Missionary Tableaux will take place in the parsonage barn at 5 p.m. Both of these will be the effect of the "Spelsbury Kings' Messengers." Evensong will follow in the Church at 7 p.m. The Rev. H. Kenney, Organising Secretary of S.P.G. for the Diocese of Oxford will introduce the Tableaux and also preach at evensong. There will be a collection at Evensong on behalf of the General Fund of S.P.G.

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JUNE.

CALENDAR.

1917.

1	F	Ember Day. S. Nicomede, P.M.
2	S	Ember Day.
3	Sh	Trinity Sunday.
4	M	
5	Tu	S. Boniface, B.M.
6	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
7	Th	[Corpus Christi.]
8	F	
9	S	
10	Sh	1st Sunday after Trinity.
11	M	S. Barnabas, A.M.
12	Tu	
13	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.
14	Th	
15	F	
16	S	
17	Sh	2nd Sunday after Trinity. S. Alban, M.
18	M	
19	Tu	
20	W	Translation of S. Edward, K.M. Magistrates' Meeting.
21	Th	
22	F	
23	S	
24	Sh	3rd Sunday after Trinity. Nativity of S. John Baptist.
25	M	
26	Tu	
27	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
28	Th	
29	F	S. Peter, A.M.
30	S	

5th, Full Moon, 2h. 7m. p.m.
12th, Last Quarter, 7h. 39m. a.m.

19th, New Moon, 2h. 2m. p.m.
27th, First Quarter, 5h. 5m. p.m.

CHASTLETON.

THE WAR.—We are glad to hear that Sgt. F. Skelcher has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery. He was in our choir and was one of the bellringers before the war. We are sorry to hear that Pte. Sydney Luckett has been wounded, but we are glad to hear it is not serious.

The Collections on Sunday, May 20th, were given to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

CHASTLETON SCHOOL OXFORD PRIZE SCHEME FOR NEEDLEWORK.—The girls visited Oxford on Sat. May 19th to receive their needlework prizes. The railway fares were kindly paid by Mrs. Whitmore-Jones. Conveyed to the station, as usual by Messrs. Jarvis and Gingell. Donations given by Mrs. Willett and Mrs. Tibbles for Luncheon and tea given by Mrs. Richardson. The following were given the successful girls.—Norah Tidmarsh, 1st prize for Marking, 2nd prize for Patching, 3rd prize Chamber Towel. Ethel Whittington, 1st prize for Sampler, 1st prize for Flannel Petticoat. Ivy Newbury, 1st prize for Patching, 3rd prize for Nightdress. Rita Newbury, 2nd prize for Marking, 3rd prize for Chamber Towel. Beatrice Philips commended for Sampler, Marjorie Clarke commended for Working Apron, Phyllis Clarke commended for Dish Cloth, Cynthia Corbett commended for Child's Skirt.

DAYLESFORD.

The Daylesford correspondent regrets the omission of any "notes" in the last issue of the Deanery Magazine. The fault on this occasion was entirely his and not the publishers, and he tenders his apologies to his subscribers for his lapse of memory.

A Sale of Work and bazaar in aid of the funds of the Nursing Association and the Red Cross Society is to be held at Kingham in the grounds of Sir Henry Cunyngnam, on Thursday, June 14th. Any contributions of work or other saleable articles will be gratefully received, and may be sent to Mrs. Grisewood at the Rectory for transmission to Kingham. It is hoped that the Sale will be well patronised, as the funds of the Nursing Association are in need of support and the work of the Red Cross Society appeals most strongly to one and all in these days.

Baptism.—On Thursday, April 26th. Patience Mary, daughter of Capt. Dudley Gram Johnson, D.S.O., B.E.F., France, & Marjorie Ailsie Johnson, born on Good Friday, April 8th, at The Rectory, Daylesford.

The following notice appeared in "The Gazette" under the date of April 29th last, "Lieut. F. H. Grisewood, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, relinquishes his commission on account of ill health contracted on active service, and is allowed to retain his rank."

RAMSDEN.

We have lost another of our well known Ramsden figures, James Panting, at the age of 66. For the past few years he had been able to do but little. He had brought up a large family on the low wages of the

past generation in country districts, a fact which ought to teach a lesson in economy to the rising generation.

We congratulate Mr. H. Howsey one of our Sidesmen, on his recovery and return home after his serious operation for appendicitis, at the Radcliffe Infirmary.

Sad news has come through in letters from men at the front, that Jack Wright has fallen a victim in this terrible war. It is not authenticated officially, and the tension of anxiety for his wife and family is very great.

We congratulate Major Barnett, son-in-law of Mrs. Lowbridge-Baker, and also Capt. and Adj. A. H. Hall, son of the Vicar, on being mentioned in despatches, in Sir Douglas Haig's recent list.

The village water supply is still very far from being satisfactory and we cannot help thinking that the officials of the Rural District Council are to blame for allowing the matter to get to such a state, as a good water supply is the first importance to any community.

An open air service in connection with Rogation-tide was held at the north end of the village, and was fairly well attended. The answer to our prayers has been wonderful, as it always is. We pray that such experience may arouse us all to greater efforts "to do the will of God, share the life of God, and get to know the mind of God." (St. John xx, 21—23.)

CHARLBURY.

BAPTISMS.—April 29th. Marjorie Eileen, daughter of Frank and Emily Margaret Nicholls.—April 29th, Dora Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas James and Alice Maud Powell.—May 6th, Kate, daughter of James and Beatrice Smith.—May 6th, Richard Frank, son of John But and Alice Kate Mina Walker.—May 20th, Frederick George, son of Frank Henry, & Harriet Amy Collier.

BURIAL.—Cyril Henry Kimber, aged 17 months.

On Ascension Day we were glad to have a good number of Communicants in the early morning at 6.30, as well as at 8.

THE WAR.—Capt. C. R. Payne, R.N. has been appointed in command of H.M.S. Suffolk for service abroad.

Frank Drinkwater, of O. & B.L.I., was killed in action on April 9th. He was for many years a member of our Church Lads' Brigade, and set an excellent example. He was also a member of the Church of England Men's Society. Seven members of our C.L.B. have now been killed in action.

Lieut. C. R. Brooke, of Gordon Highlanders, was killed in action on April 24th. His Colonel writes of his bravery, devotion to duty, and care for his men. Our best sympathy is due to the relatives of both the above. Both families have been most steadfast in the prayers of the church during the War, and know where comfort is to be found.

CORNWELL.

S.P.C.K.—The chief event of the past month has been the visit of two of the Secretaries of the above society. The Rev. G. L. Gosling, from the headquarters in London, and an old friend the Rev. E. C. Summers of Oxford. They both stayed at Cornwell Rectory and their visit proved most satisfactory and encouraging. Mr. Gosling preached at Chipping Norton on Sunday morning the 29th of April and at Cornwell in the evening. He seemed much pleased with his visits. Mr. Summers held lantern lectures at Cornwell, the following Monday evening and at Salford on Tuesday. Both were well attended, and the Rector of Salford very kindly lent & manipulated the lantern on each occasion.

An afternoon meeting was held at the Parish Room Chipping Norton, on Monday, the Vicar of Chipping Norton presiding. Among other happy results Miss Lockwood kindly volunteered to act as Parochial Secretary for Chipping Norton, and quite a good number of collecting boxes have been taken. While there is so much to sadden, it is most encouraging and cheering to find so far from any falling off, additional interest taken in the work of our oldest Missionary, Bible and Tract Society. The offertory at Churchill on Ascension Day was devoted to the same, as in past years, and sermons are to be preached and collections made at Chastleton and Milton later on.

We are truly thankful to report that our very kind friend Mrs. Hall of Cornwell Manor, has quite recovered her recent indisposition. She has left Cornwell for a change to Tidmouth, which we trust will quite restore her to her usual strength & activity.

The 2nd of June is the anniversary of the death Frederick Hill, who gave his life for his country, his parents desire the insertion of the following memento. In loving memory of our dear and only son Freddy Hill, who passed away June 2nd, 1915. "Two years as passed away, since our great sorrow fell. But in all our hearts, Oh! how we miss the one we loved so well. Mother, father and sister.

SARSDEN-CUM-CHURCHILL.

BURIAL:—On May 17th, William Pearce, aged 83 He was baptized at SarSDen Church on Christmas Day, 1833, by Rev. Charles Barber.

The King's Proclamation has been duly read in SarSDen and Churchill Churches on the four Sundays in May.

Parishioners are taking the food Rations pledge and wearing the purple ribbon.

C.M.S.—The Rev. D. Deekes of the German East African Missions, hopes to address a meeting at the Rectory on Thursday afternoon, June 14th, at 3.30 p.m. He has been out in Africa since 1887. In conjunction with the late Alex Mackay, he had the privilege of supplying all Europe with the news of the safety of the famous African Explorer, the late Sir Henry Stanley, on his return journey from

the relief of Emir Pasha in the year 1889. He has been a prisoner during the war and nothing was heard of him and his friends until the Belgian Army entered Tabora near Lake Tanganyika in September 1916. He should prove to be an interesting speaker.

The Diocesan board of Missions have been offering prizes to the successful writer of an essay on "The Effect of the Great War in the Mission Field." The result has just come out. Mrs. Powell of Churchill Grounds, who wrote an interesting paper, has been placed fifth in order of Merit in the three Counties of Oxford., Bucks. and Berks., in a competition consisting of 640 parishes.

Miss Margorie Treweeke aged 12½ years, was within 8 marks of gaining a County Scholarship in the examination which has recently taken place. By perseverance we hope to hear more of her later on in the educational world.

The Sunday School Association hopes to have a gathering at Churchill on Saturday July 7th. The Rev. J. P. Malleson, Under-secretary of the Diocesan Board of Missions, Rector of Great and Little Tew, will give an address on S. Francis of Assisi, and the Vicar of Chipping Norton, Rev. H. H. Arkell will preach the sermon in Church at 4.30. Owing to the control on food, each party coming from their respective parishes will bring their own refreshments.

SCHOOL NEWS.—The Cocoa Club which provided a mug of cocoa daily during the winter for the dinner children was quite a success. Miss Croxton has a balance in hand for another year. She specially wishes to thank Mrs. Edmonds for her gift of cocoa regularly, and also Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Treweeke who constantly provided a supply of milk.

NEEDLEWORK RESULT.—The results of the Oxford Needlework Competition have been received and are as follows:—Mixed School; 2nd Prizes, Nora Timms, May Wearing, Doris Widdows. 3rd prizes Alice Hicks, Daisy Williams, May Biles. Commended, Margaret Ackerman. For Boys, Knitting, Darning, Buttonsewing and Patching. 2nd prizes, Frank Clifton, Charlie Kent. 3rd prize, Fred Anson. The results reflect much credit on Miss Stringer, Miss Mathews and Miss Morris, and in Infants' school on Miss Croxton.

INFANTS' SCHOOL.—1st prizes, Stella Dewar and Madge Mathews, (doll dressing and toilet tidies), 2nd prizes, Mary Watkins, Winnie Griffin, Knitting and Kindergarten. 3rd prize, Alice Biles, Sewing. Commended, Stella Dewar (sewing), Madge Mathews (Knitting)

PIG CLUB.—The Annual Meeting was held on the usual date and a very satisfactory balance sheet was passed, the same to be duly audited by Mr. Giles Edmonds. It was decided to purchase 30 War Savings' Certificates, from the reserve Funds of the club. The Balance Sheet will be published when the bank interest has been added.

GREAT ROLLRIGHT.

BAPTISMS.—May 6th, Mary Tanner, of Great Rollright.—May 27th. Ronald James Williams, Old Bilton Ruby.

FINSTOCK AND FAWLER.

BURIAL.—15th May, Frederick Hilary du Cros, of London, aged 48 years.

On April 30th, a meeting was held at Finstock House for Women, when Miss Locock of Oxford came and spoke on Food Economy. There were a good many present, and all who came must have benefited by the sound advice and useful hints given by the speaker.

On Monday, June 11th at 7 o'clock at Finstock House, there will be a cookery demonstration, given by Miss Hodgson of Oxford. It is hoped that all women and girls over 14, will come if they possibly can.

The Finstock War Savings' Association is in a very flourishing condition. Mrs. Carey Elwes was able to buy 11 certificates during May and to allot 5.

Pledge cards for Voluntary Rationing are being sent round the village. It is hoped that as many as possible will sign them, and return the slips, which are to be cut off to Mrs. Carey Elwes at the Vicarage. By signing these cards we pledge ourselves to waste nothing and to use as little flour as we can, at least a $\frac{1}{4}$ less than in the ordinary way.

Saturday, June 9th is to be kept as Red Cross Day in Oxfordshire. There will be an entertainment given by the School children on the Vicarage lawn in aid of the funds.

FIFIELD AND IDBURY.

On Ascension Day there were two celebrations of Holy Communion in Fifield Church. At 5.30 there were 19 communicants, and at 9 a.m. when the service was sung by the School children, there were 7, so that in view of the common neglect of this great Christian Festival, we may say that it was well observed in Fifield. On the evening before, being one of the Rogation Days there was a service in the allotments at 7 p.m. which was well attended and this was followed at 7.30, by a short Evensong for the Vigil of the Ascension, for which most of the congregation came on to the Church.

Vestry Meetings were held at Idbury on May 7th and at Fifield on May 10th. Mr. E. P. Sturch remains churchwarden of Idbury and Mr. F. W. Matthews of Fifield. The Church accounts showed the usual satisfactory balance at Idbury. At Fifield there was a balance of £3 11s. 9d., in spite of a deficit of £9 5s. 6d., with which the year commenced. For this happy result we are very greatly indebted to the Sale of Work at Idbury School, on April 12, which brought in £11, and to Miss Phillips our Schoolmistress, who so ably organized it.

BAPTISM.—Fifield. On Apr. 29th, Francis Richard, son of Richard Charles and Elsie Mary Bull.

ENSTONE.

BURIAL.—April 19th, Laura Church, aged 72 years.

Saturday, June 9th, will be Red Cross Day for Oxfordshire.

On Sunday, June 10th, the collections at the 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. services will be given to the Heythrop District Nursing Association.

On Rogation Sunday, immediately after evening service in Church, the Vicar led the way out into the open at the top of the village, followed by the choir and congregation. Prayers were offered and the National Anthem was sung. On the Monday evening following, the Vicar went on to the Neat Enstone allotments and offered Rogationtide prayers in the presence of the workers who willingly and gladly paused from their work for that purpose. It was during the course of the Sunday evening sermon that the above named observance of Rogationtide was suggested, so that the prompt and unanimous response was the more remarkable. The daily morning and evening prayers in Church on Rogation days were appreciated. This third year of warfare and trouble brings home to us with greater power those fundamental truths of Christ's Religion that His church never fails to remind us of.

CHADDLINGTON.

The Rev. T. P. Field has been offered and has accepted the living of Finstock and Fowler, which will very shortly be vacant through the resignation of the present Vicar, the Rev. A. Carey Elwes. The offer was very kindly made to him by the Vicar, the Rev. J. D. Payne, who is patron of the living of Finstock. The Archdeacon had hoped to be able to induct Mr. Field, but now finds it impossible to do so as he will be away from Oxford, but the Rural Dean has kindly promised to do so on Thursday, August 9th, at 7 p.m.

On Monday, May 14th, a meeting was held in the Reading Room to discuss and promote the formation of a War Savings' Association in Chadlington, a which Mr. A. E. Mace kindly came from Chipping Norton and explained very clearly the working and benefits of the Association; and the committee was formed, consisting of Mr. J. Collett, chairman, Mr. W. Lakum, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. Sturch, Hon. Sec., other members, Mrs. Abraham, Mrs. Collett, Miss Field, Miss Ryder, Mr. Southam, Mrs. Southam, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Sturch. It was also decided to hold another meeting on May 25th at 8 p.m., and to make a start.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

In consequence of the shortage of labour and other causes, it is requested that for the present the contributions from the various parishes may be sent in by the 20th of each month.

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SALFORD.
MILTON & LYNEHAM.
RAMSDEN.
SHIPTON & LANGLEY.
SPELSBURY.

JULY.

CALENDAR.

1917.

1	S	4th Sunday after Trinity.
2	M	Visitation of the B. V. Mary
3	Tu	
4	W	Translation of S. Martin, B.C. Magistrates' Meeting
5	Th	
6	F	
7	S	
8	S	5th Sunday after Trinity.
9	M	
10	Tu	
11	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.
12	Th	
13	F	
14	S	
15	S	6th Sunday after Trinity. Translation of S. Swithun, B.
16	M	
17	Tu	
18	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
19	Th	
20	F	S. Margaret, V.M.
21	S	
22	S	7th Sunday after Trinity. S. Mary Magdalene.
23	M	
24	Tu	
25	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
26	Th	S. Anne.
27	F	
28	S	
29	S	8th Sunday after Trinity.
30	M	
31	T	

4th, Full Moon, 10h. 41m. p.m.
11th, Last Quarter, 1h. 12m. p.m.

19th, New Moon, 4h. 0m. a.m.
27th, First Quarter, 7h. 40m. a.m.

HOOK NORTON.

HOLY BAPTISM.—June 3rd, Frederick Ralph, son of Robert and Susan Hyde.

BURIAL.—May 31st, Alban Alfred Clarke, aged 59 years.

HOLY MATRIMONY.—June 16th, Robert Norman Daires to Meryl Taylor Prescott.

Number of Communicants from May 27th to June 20th, 132.

Collections during same period: Oxford Diocesan Fund, £2 2s. 6d.; Church Expenses, £1 7s. 7d.; Offertory Fund, £1 3s. 1d.; Lighting Fund, 11s. 0d.; Sunday School Fund, 8s. 11½d.; Choir Fund, 9s. 8½d.

The death of Mr. Alban Clarke on May 26th, has been a great shock and sorrow to us all. It was, as most of our readers will know, quite sudden—the result of a bicycle accident not far from Temple Mill. Mr. Clarke came to Hook Norton as a boy about five-and-forty years ago to live with his uncle Mr. Harris, the founder of the Hook Norton Brewery Company. In course of time he entered the business and was for many years the Managing Director. He had therefore a great deal to do with the industrial life of Hook Norton, and it has been pleasant to hear on all sides the spontaneous testimonies of regard and respect paid to his memory by the men in his employ. A very large number of his friends from all parts of the neighbourhood and far beyond its limits attended the funeral on May 31st. It was a very beautiful afternoon when he was borne to his last resting place, such a day as he with his love of the open air and of the things of nature would have rejoiced in. He would have thought a great deal too of the loyalty and affection which brought so many together in such genuine sorrow to say, as it were, good-bye to him for a season. It is almost unnecessary to add how real and deep is the sympathy felt for Mrs. Clarke and her children in their sad bereavement. He has left behind him a great example of uprightness of life and of steadfastness in friendship.

It is with very great regret that we record that Donald Hall has been killed in Action at the front. He was only nineteen years of age, and it does not seem long ago since he was confirmed. He was a good steady lad. We shall miss him from his place in Church, and from the belfry where he was a ringer. We offer our sincerest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, whose home has been so saddened by his death.

We have received the following contributions to the Churchyard Fund: Mrs. John Harris 5s., Mr. Clarkson 5s., The Misses Colegrave 2s. 6d., Mr. Gear 10s., Mr. Bail 5s., Mrs. Bury 2s. 6d., Mrs. Bennett 3s. 6d., Mr. Bowl 2s. 6d., The Rector 10s., Total £2 6s. There was a deficit of 17s. 3d. on

last year's accounts, we have had to buy some new rose trees to replace those killed by the frost in the winter, at a cost of 7/6. Two-dozen and a half geraniums have cost 10s., and labour has cost 4/9, so that our expenses this year so far have amounted to £1 19s. 8d., leaving us the sum of 7/4 to carry on with. A volunteer has been doing the mowing, but he has not the time at his disposal to clip the graves, nor the long grass close to the tombstones, which the mowing machine cannot touch. It is hoped therefore that people will themselves attend to the graves of their relatives, as many have done already, and keep them in a condition befitting their place in God's Acre, and betokening the affectionate remembrance due to the faithful departed. In normal times it has been possible to employ a man to do these things, but it is now very difficult to obtain labour, as everybody knows, but that is no reason why our Churchyard or any other should be neglected, and become dishonouring to God and to the dead and standing reproach to the living. A little thought of what is due to God and the dead, coupled with a sense of personal responsibility and the will to do one's share (and more, if necessary) will enable us to make the Churchyard one of the beauty spots of the village.

FINSTOCK AND FAWLER.

BAPTISM.—3rd June, Harold Alfred Frederick, son of Henry and Jane Oliver of Ramsden Heath.

On Saturday, June 9th, Red Cross Day, the children sold paper badges and flowers, and after tea an entertainment was given on the Vicarage Lawn by the scholars at the local school. Great credit is due to the teachers for the excellence of the performance. The satisfactory sum of £5 was forwarded to the Red Cross Society as the result of our efforts.

A Cookery Demonstration was given at Finstock House on Monday evening, June 11th, by Miss Hodgson. There was quite a good attendance, and all those who came were very grateful for the useful hints and practical help given.

As this is the last occasion that I shall write in the magazine as your Vicar I feel I cannot let the occasion pass without some reference to the fifteen very happy years I have spent in the parish. I know that there are many things that ought to have been done have been left undone and no doubt have done many things that ought not to have been done. I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who have helped me in the work of the parish during the past fifteen years in various and many ways, and also to thank the Non-Conformists of the parish for the kind way in which they have always received me and for the friendly relations that have always existed between us.

The Rural Dean will induct the Rev. T. P. Field, on August 7th, and it is hoped as many parishioners will be present as possible.

CHADLINGTON.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

This is the last time I shall have the privilege of writing the Chadlington Notes in the Deanery Magazine. So I wish to take this opportunity, and my sister also associates herself with me in this; of thanking you, one and all from the bottom of my heart, for the very magnificent presentation made us on May 31st. We shall always value very highly the book of the names of those who gave so generously and liberally; and the form in which the presentation was made. A book of treasury notes, could not have been more acceptable as there are always a quantity of various things required on moving into a new house.

Then, again, I wish to take this opportunity of thanking all my many friends, in and around Chadlington, for your great kindness and help to my sister and myself during our stay amongst you, and especially for the many tokens of loving sympathy shown us in last January year. Five years is not very long, but it is long enough to become attached to a place, and to leave behind many friends and many tender memories. Also it is long enough to realize how much that could and should have been done, has been left undone, or only done very partially. And that consideration enhances a thousandfold the unfailing kindness always shown me by the Vicar, an obligation which is rendered all the more difficult in any way to attempt to repay by the offer made me by him of the living of Finstock. I feel that I can never adequately recompense his confidence in me, and that my record here is but a poor return to him.

Once again, then, I desire to thank the Vicar and all my many friends in Chadlington for their many acts of kindness and love towards us, and for their constant loyalty.

Space forbids me to add more, though I should like to write a lot about the loyal support and help of the Church Officers, the Sunday School Superintendent and teachers and the Organist and Choir; but I know they will take my silence as a more eloquent tribute of appreciation and thanks than many words could convey.

I can assure you that you will always receive a most hearty welcome at Finstock Vicarage, whenever you are able to come over; and I also hope not to lose sight of my many friends here.

May I, as a last request, ask you sometimes to remember me and my new work in your prayers: Just as I hope never to cease to mention in mine you and the good work of my predecessors, a work which I know will be strengthened and advanced by my successor.

Believe me to be,
ever yours very sincerely,
THOMAS P. FIELD.

BAPTISMS.—May 27th, Kenneth Earnest, son of E. and A. L. Cooper.—May 27th, Reginald Thomas, son of T. A. and E. K. Cooper.—May 27th, Margaret Ann, daughter of J. H. and R. J. G. Cooper.

BURIAL.—June 9th, Elizabeth Bell, aged 36 years. We desire to express our deepest sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Bell and their family, in their great sorrow

CHARLBURY.

BAPTISMS.—May 27th, (Whitsunday), Kenneth, son of Thomas and Constance Helen Benfield.—Florence Helen, daughter of Charles William and Sarah Harris.—Frederick George, son of George and Annie Maria West.—June 3rd, James Alfred, son of Alfred Frederick and May Quarterman.—June 10th, Eric Charles, son of Charles Albert and Margaret Pratley.

The Rev. H. F. Donaldson Selby is to begin duty at Chadlington on July 1st. He took his degree at Oxford in 1893; and, since his ordination, has seen good work at Leeds and Sedbergh. His wife is a niece of the late Rev. S. York, who was Rector of Fifeild and Idbury. They are sure of a welcome in this neighbourhood.

We shall be very glad to have Rev. A. Carey Elwes and his wife living in Charlbury, when their house is ready for them.

THE WAR.—Albert Souch of Chilson, and of 2/4 Oxon & Bucks L. I. was killed in action in France, on April 28th. We offer our true sympathy to his father and mother. We also express our sympathy to Mrs. Boyde of Charlbury, whose husband was killed in action at Salonika on May 9th, in the Oxon. & Bucks. We are glad to hear that Capt. J. W. Shilson has been mentioned in despatches.

The Chadlington notes will refer to the parting gifts to the Rev. T. P. and Miss Field, and all the good things that were said on May 31st. We wish to remind their friends in Charlbury that the Induction Service at Finstock Church is to be on Thursday, August 9th at 7 p.m.

The Vicar, Churchwardens and Sidesmen gave Mr. G. W. Lane, our stationmaster, who has been promoted to Hartlebury, a parting present of a Church Service Book and Hymn Book for his faithful help in the Church during the seven years he has been at Charlbury:

SPELSBURY.

BURIAL.—June 12th, Thomas Fowler, aged 79 years.

The White Ensign which hangs over the Roll of Honour in our Church has been kindly lent by Mrs. Dillon Fitz-Gibbon to whom it now belongs. This interesting relic was flown by H.M.S. Shannon in the naval engagement of Jutland, 1916.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

BAPTISMS.—June 10th, 1917, Charles William, infant son of Henry Richard and Louisa Clemson, High Lodge, Milton.—June 17th, Barbara Langford, infant daughter of James Harry and Ethel Harriet Rebecca Ricketts, Fir Tree Cottage, Milton.

MARRIAGES.—June 2nd, 1917, Allen Victor Cecil Shaw, of Cholsey, Berks, and Florence May Lyddiate, of Milton.

BURIAL.—June 13th, 1917, Robert Jack Ralphs, aged 6 weeks.

On July 8th, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese has kindly consented to visit our Parish and will preach at the Morning Service.

A Rummage Sale will be held in the Vicarage Grounds on Thursday, July 12th, to commence at 5.30 o'clock.

A Meeting was held in the Infant Schoolroom, on June 13th, when Mr. Gaiger explained the necessity of spraying our potatoes. The Meeting was very poorly attended, and whether any results will follow yet remains to be seen. It is certainly very important that we should do all within our power to conserve the fruits of the earth this year, as we know not what may be in store for us in the future. The Lecturer stated that by spraying twice at a very nominal cost, the country could be benefited to the extent of 100,000 tons.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Lieutenant Barton, who, for conspicuous bravery in the battle at Gaza, has been awarded the Military Cross.

Our deepest sympathy is given to Mr. Burch, our Schoolmaster, who a few days ago heard of the death of his brother, Sapper A. E. Burch, of the Royal Engineers, who was killed in action on May 6th. No particulars other than the above have yet been communicated to the relatives.

We desire to record our sincere sympathy also with Mr. and Mrs. Souch, who heard only a few days ago that their son had been killed in action. The Commanding Officer in writing to the parents, spoke most highly of him and of his work, he said "We have lost a good soldier and a man, one who always did his best for King and Country."

Mr. and Mrs. Souch desire to thank those who have been so kind to them in their sorrow. They thoroughly appreciate the boundless sympathy that has been given to them from their many friends and the friends and acquaintances of the deceased.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD WITH LANGLEY.

On May 24th there was a successful concert at the Beaconsfield Hall, given by the inmates of the Court on behalf of the "Disabled Sailors and Soldiers Society."

The Whitsuntide Services were well attended. The offerings were sent as usual to the Burford Cottage Hospital.

It is with sorrow we record that Alexander

Franklin is reported missing, and that nothing further has been heard of William Hedges.

The Red Cross Flag Day was on 9th June. It was arranged as on former occasions. There were ten box carriers and they met with hearty response realising £5 9 7½.

On 11th Miss Hodgson on behalf of the County Council gave a Cookery Demonstration at the Beaconsfield Hall, the Lecture was very interesting and useful, especially in this time of war and scarceness of food material.

BAPTISMS.—12th June, Edward Frank Faulkener, Eva May Faulkener.—17th June, Beatrice Audrey Roper.

CORNWELL.

RED CROSS DAY.—Saturday, the 9th of June, was observed as "Red Cross Day" in Cornwell and the collection made, as last year from house to house. Though several of our Parishioners were away, the amount collected was highly satisfactory, being £4 15s. 1d. We trust by this time next year the war will be over, and our "Thank-Offerings" asked for.

S.P.G.—Our Meeting and Sermons for this Society were unavoidably postponed, owing to the illness of the Secretary, the Rev. H. Kenney. We hope to have them both shortly, probably next month, when in place of the lantern meeting, which would be out of season just now, we are thinking of having a Garden Meeting, which will make a variety, and will be double appreciated. Due notice of the dates will be given.

NATIONAL SOCIETY.—We have been asked to have a Sermon for the above on Sunday evening, July 29th. We are reminded by the Secretary that the last occasion when such a Sermon was preached was in the year 1851.

During July, the Rector will be engaged in the Inspection of Schools in the neighbourhood. Getting about just now is rather difficult work, but he always enjoys his visits. This makes the 11th year since he has been so employed.

The grass is being cut all round and the hay harvest promises to be an abundant one.

With the present beautiful weather there is every prospect of a good corn harvest also, which is greatly needed.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Hall back to Cornwell, quite restored to health; the place seemed quite lost without her.

N.B.—For "Tidmouth" read "Sidmouth" in last month's notes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

A Meeting will be held at Churchill, on July 7th, at 2.15, Address on St. Francis Assisi, by the Rev. J. P. Malleon. Evensong 4, Preacher the Rev. H. H. Arkell. Tea at 5. Will parties kindly bring their food with them. Tea and cups will be provided, but not sugar.

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& DAYLESFORD

AUGUST.

CALENDAR.

1917.

1	W	Magistrates' Meeting. Lammas Day.
2	Th	
3	F	
4	S	
5	S	<i>9th Sunday after Trinity.</i>
6	M	Transfiguration of our Lord.
7	Tu	Name of Jesus.
8	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council.
9	Th	
10	F	S. Lawrence, D.M.
11	S	
12	S	<i>10th Sunday after Trinity.</i>
13	M	
14	Tu	
15	W	Falling asleep of B.V. Mary. Magistrates' Meeting.
16	Th	
17	F	
18	S	
19	S	<i>11th Sunday after Trinity.</i>
20	M	
21	Tu	
22	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
23	Th	
24	F	S. Bartholomew, A.M.
25	S	
26	S	<i>12th Sunday after Trinity.</i>
27	M	
28	T	S. Augustine, B.C.D.
29	W	Beheading of S. John Baptist. Magistrates' Meeting.
30	Th	
31	F	

3rd. Full Moon. 6h. 11m. a.m.
9th. Last Quarter. 8h. 56m. p.m.

17th. New Moon. 7h. 24m. p.m.
25th. First Quarter. 8h. 8m. p.m.

SARSDEN-CUM-CHURCHILL.

July 7th, the Deanery Sunday School Association met at Churchill, when between 40 and 50 teachers met to hear a lecture on S. Francis of Assisi, by Rev. J. P. Malleon, Rector of Great Tew. It is hoped that one result from this Great War and the National Mission will be to raise up a body of men who will follow Christ, our Example, more perfectly, than is the usual outcome of the Christian life to-day.

The Rev. H. H. Arkell, Vicar of Chipping Norton gave a practical and suitable address in Church, and afterwards the members of the Association and the Church Choir had tea together in the School-room. The collection in Church amounted to £1 8s.

The following letter has been received by the Rector from 8652, Pte. I. Canning, British Prisoner of War, 1st O.B.I.L., 502 Angora, Turkey, c/o Ottoman Red Crescent, June 15th, 1917.
Dear Reverend Sir,

Thank you very much for your very fresh cheery and comforting letter which I received quite safely on the 6th May. I am not an Oxon man myself but come from Guildford in Surrey, and the only other man of my regiment here is Sergt. Orlatt who resides at Henley. Our treatment here is good, and we receive many privileges here that (I should think) few prisoners elsewhere receive. We are allowed to play football which the Commander takes a great interest in. We have played the High School several times. Our bread ration is very good. The weather is simply grand for us who have been used to India but rather warm for others. Our health is good except for bouts of Malaria & Stomach trouble. The snow has all disappeared from the hills that you wrote of, and now as we look at them they appear blue in the distance, faintly tinted with green. Before I close this letter, there is one great favour I would ask of you, Dear Sir, and that is your prayers for a lad who has of late sadly neglected all affairs spiritual. I do not think that a man can do a greater thing than this for another, and I have had direct answer to prayer many times. And so for the present, dear Sir, Goodbye and may we all meet soon. (D.T.)

Yours Sincerely,

James Cannings.

B.P.O.W., Angora.

July 6th was observed for the collection for Lord Roberts' Memorial for Workshops' Fund, which amounted to £1 2s. 6d. from this parish.

Sermons will be preached on September 23rd, for the British and Foreign Bible Society, when the Rector will take the opportunity, all being well of being away from the Parish for a few days.

Miss May Rose, late of Churchill Heath Farm, passed her Nursing Examination, fifth in Order of Merit and so qualified as a Staff Nurse in a year and five months instead of taking two years. All her friends will be glad to hear of her success, and wish her well for her future career.

A committee meeting of the War Savings' Assn. was held on Monday evening, July 2nd, Present, Rev. E. J. F. Johnson, (Chairman), Mr. Edmunds, (Treasurer), Miss Treweeke, (Secretary), Mrs. Edmunds, Miss Dorothy Treweeke. The Secretary presented a satisfactory report on the workings of the Association from its formation on March 30th until June 30th. It may be interesting to our readers to know that during that period, the total sum of money taken by the Association is £48 15s., of which £12 has been contributed by the school children.

SCHOOL NEWS.—The schools were closed for three weeks during July, for haymaking, resuming work 23rd July.

SOLDIER BOYS.—Several old boys have called lately, Guy Mace of the Engineers is home. He has been at the front since the beginning of the war, and returns shortly. Bruce Roper who went from his old school to Canada seven years ago, came to renew his school day memories. He is in camp with four battalions of Canadians at Seaford, Sussex. Harry Padbury was one of the lost on H.M.S. Vanguard. Eric Andrews was in the destroyer squadron which captured four ships from the Germans. Harold Dick and Willie Liner are both in the Air Service Wireless Telegraphy. The former is expecting orders for the front very shortly. His photograph is in the Church Porch. Willie Haynes has been wounded at Salonica, losing a finger and a toe on the right side. He is now able to get up, and no doubt would much appreciate a stay in a convalescent home. Churchill sailors and soldiers are bravely fulfilling their duty. John Parker has recently joined and gone to Salisbury Plain.

FINSTOCK AND FAWLER.

The Rev. T. P. Field will be inducted by the Rural Dean on Thursday 9th August at 7 p.m. The Service will probably consist of Evensong and the ceremony of Induction. Copies of which will be provided. It is hoped that as many parishioners as are able will be present.

The new Vicar will commence his duties on the following Sunday, the 12th inst. and hopes to come into residence as soon as the Vicarage is sufficiently ready to admit of moving in.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD WITH LANGLEY.

On St. John Baptist Day, collections were made for The Oxford Diocesan Fund. The amount at which Shipton is assessed was not nearly reached.

On July 3, a meeting of parishioners was held at the school to consult concerning the Heating of the church. Certain plans were examined and the Churchwardens are in consultation with an architect.

On the 6th, was Lord Roberts' Workshop Flag Day £2. 14. 9. was collected, and we return thanks to those who carried the boxes for that good object.

In the evening there was a Missionary Intercession Service. Since that night the Vicar has been indisposed, and for two Sundays the Rev. John Williams and the Rev. H. H. Williams, Principal of S. Edmunds Hall, have most kindly performed the services.

On the 7th, five from Shipton attended the Sunday School Meeting at Churchill.

We are thankful to record that letters have been received from William Hedges who has been wounded and a prisoner, and we deplore the official communication that has now been received of Alexander Franklin's death on 7th May. He was wounded and taken prisoner on the 4th.

BAPTISMS.—24th. June, Albert Roy Hedges,—15th. July, Minnie Pittaway.

On the 19th, the School was examined by the Rev. R. P. Burnett, Diocesan Inspector. There was a very good attendance, and we believe the Inspector was pleased with the children. In the afternoon, St. Michaels' Home was inspected. The children have now made 1,326 sand bags, and 2,012 grenade bags.

CHARLBURY.

BAPTISMS.—July 1, Lily Ivy Mailla, also Laura Louvain, also Teddy, children of James and Kate Ellen Pickett July 1, Maude Elizabeth Mann.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS HELP SOCIETY,

Collections for disabled soldiers on July 7th. The sum of £8. 9. 2. was collected in Charlbury by Mrs. Constable, Miss F. E. Wells, Mrs. Davis, Miss Harvey, Miss G. Allen, Miss Jones, Miss Bowles and Mrs. Lane. This is in addition to Cornbury and neighbourhood. Lady Margaret Waney has forwarded the total from the whole neighbourhood.

THE WAR. Lieut. J. A. P. Whinney of the Yeomanry was killed in action on June 22. He was much esteemed by his comrades, officers and men. Our truest sympathy is with his relatives, who have always shown every interest in the life of the Church and Parish. Albert Shayler, also of the Yeomanry, was also killed in action on the same day and place, and has been highly spoken of by his officers. His mother has met with sympathy in her loss. William Humphries has been wounded in action, but we hope is progressing favourably. The two latter were members of our Church Lads' Brigade.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE. We are glad to see our Charlbury Company being regularly drilled by Mr. Higgins in the Vicarage garden. Mr. Higgins has done excellent for C. L. B. elsewhere for many years.

We drove a party of Sunday School Teachers to the deanery meeting at Churchill on July 7.

On Sunday August 5, we shall have special remembrance, intercession and thanksgiving at our Service at 8 a.m., 11 a.m., & 6 p.m. that Sunday being the completion of the third year of war.

CORNWELL.

BAPTIST.—1st July, 4th Sunday after Trinity, Winifred Florence, daughter of Mason James and Florence Alice Calcutt.

On Sunday evening the 29th of July, we hope to have the pleasure of hearing a sermon on behalf of "The National Society," the preacher being the Rev. Herbert Shears, M.A. The last occasion when a sermon was preached for this society was in the year 1851.

S.P.G.—The Diocesan Secretary, the Rev. H. Kenney, hopes to pay us a visit about the end of August. He will preach at Cornwell on Sunday morning the 26th and we hope to arrange a Garden Meeting on either the previous Saturday or following Monday. The date depends on the trains, which are rather awkward at present. Due notice will be given of the day and hour, and we hope for a good attendance and liberal response.

Holders of Missionary boxes are requested to send them in to the Rectory, if they have not already done so, by the date of the Meeting.

Mr. Kenney's visit was to have taken place early in the year, but had to be postponed on account of illness.

The Rector is engaged at present in inspecting the Church Schools in the neighbourhood, and the results so far have been very satisfactory.

He trusts the Cornwell children will distinguish themselves at the Inspection at Churchill on the 31st inst.

CHADDLINGTON.

Dear People,

I wish to thank you for the kind reception which you have given my wife and myself on our arrival in Chadlington. We both hope and trust we may spend a useful and happy time among you. We are looking forward to making the acquaintance of all in the parish. I should like to thank the Vicar of Charlbury, and the Vicar designate of Pinstock, for the kind words they have said about us in the magazine.

Yours Sincerely,

Henry F. Donaldson-Selby.

The many friends of Fred Southam heard with regret he had been wounded. We would express our sympathy with his wife and the rest of his family. We are glad to hear that he is making satisfactory progress.

Chadlington did very well in the collection for The Silent Tribute to the late Lord Roberts. Fred and Stanley Martin, Lucy Bond and Norah Simmons proved efficient collectors and gathered the sum of £4 7s. 6d.

DAYLESFORD.

A new scheme of Diocesan Inspection has quite recently been inaugurated by the Bishop which will take effect as from the Autumn of the current year. For some years past there has been no visit to our school from any Diocesan Inspector but under the new scheme now to be started the school will be visited some time during the coming Autumn by the Rev. H. J. Kelsall, Rector of Erenlode, who has been appointed to the Post by the Bishop of the Diocese. We shall cordially welcome his coming, and hope to take again the high position we formerly enjoyed under the old scheme.

We were delighted to welcome Fred Painting home on leave from the Front in France, wearing Sergeant's stripes on his arm and looking in the best of health. He is greatly to be commended and congratulated on his rapid promotion, and we hope it may be an earnest of other honourable distinction to follow in the future. He is justly proud of belonging to a Regiment, the "Worcesters" which has covered itself with glory in this present war.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

BAPTISMS.—July 1, Doris Allen Slatter of Lyneham July 15, Charles Reuben, infant son of Reuben and Eva Mary Stringer of Milton.

MARRIAGE.—June 30. Joseph Henry Slatter, to Jane Ellen Tibbits, both of Milton.

On July 8, The Lord Bishop of the Diocese paid his visit to our parish. It was unfortunately a very wet day, and the congregation was not as large as it otherwise would have been. There was however, a very fair congregation, and those who braved the elements, were well rewarded. His Lordship was listened to with the deepest interest—indeed it would have been very difficult to have listened to the eloquent sermon without feeling deeply interested. We feel quite sure that a visit like this from our Father in God is most helpful in every way to our parishioners, and we hope that the day will soon come round again when we shall have the privilege of welcoming again to our Parish our Bishop.

On Sunday, July 15, the Collections at all services were given to the S. P. C. K., and we are glad to be able to announce that they amounted to £1. 10. 0. at Milton, and 4/- at Lyneham. We are always hopeful that each year may show a deeper and more real interest in the Missionary work of the Church, and it seems too, that this great conflict of nations is bringing about this interest. May it be so.

We are sincerely sorry to have to announce this month, the sad loss that the parish has sustained in the death of Major Samuda who was killed in action.

From his childhood he has been so well known by every person in the parish, and we all feel that we have lost a personal friend. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his young wife, and also to his father.

May he rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine on him.

Our schools have been closed since Tuesday July 17 on account of an outbreak of Measles. There are quite a number of young children who are suffering from them, but we hope it will not be long before it will be stamped out.

The beautiful showers of rain have done much to ensure a bountiful crop, and we hope that the harvest this year will be an abundant one, and safely garnered in good time. The corn in places begins to change, and in about a fortnight or three weeks harvest operations will be in full swing.

CHASTLETON.

RED CROSS DAY.—The following sums were collected. Miss V. Richardson and Miss J. Walford, £6. 12. 4. Miss M. & Master J. Henderson, 16/4, total £7. 8. 9½.

Chastleton School Children collected 3/6 for the Overseas Club.

The School will be closed for the Harvest Holidays from July 27, until Sept. 3.

The report of the Rev. R. P. Burnett, the Diocesan Inspector of schools, is given in full below.

Examined July 5th. 1917.

REPORT.—It was a great pleasure to inspect this nice little school again, though I much missed the presence of Mrs. Tibbles who for 40 years has been its devoted mistress. Her place however, is well filled by her daughter, who has for some time been associated with her in the work.

The results of the inspection was very satisfactory though the number of scholars was considerably less than in former years. Prayers had been said before I arrived, but I heard several hymns sung which were exceedingly nice. In the upper section, standard 1-5, the knowledge of scripture was good: catechism and prayer book very good. The children had evidently been carefully taught, and the subject explained: the writing out was neat, and generally fairly accurate. In the 1st. class the Bishop's prize is awarded to Beatrice Phillips, and a certificate to Marjorie Clarke, Minnie Mimms and Norah Tidmarsh also deserve special mention. In the 2nd. class Cynthia Corbett and Phyllis Clarke answered well. Infants—Knowledge of scripture and Catechism both very fair, and repetition good.

Thomas Whittington, Elsie Tyler and Dick Tyler did particularly well and deserve special mention.

Richard P. Burnett, Dioc. Inspector.

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SEPTEMBER.

CALENDAR.

1917.

1	S	S. Giles, Ab. C.
2	☾	13th Sunday after Trinity.
3	M	
4	Tu	
5	W	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council
6	Th	
7	F	S. Evertius, B.
8	S	Nativity of the B. V. M.
9	☾	14th Sunday after Trinity.
10	M	
11	Tu	
12	W	Magistrates' Meeting.
13	Th	
14	F	Holy Cross Day.
15	S	
16	☾	15th Sunday after Trinity.
17	M	S. Lambert, B. M.
18	Tu	
19	W	Ember Day. Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
20	Th	
21	F	St. Matthew, A. E. M.
22	S	Ember Day.
23	☾	16th Sunday after Trinity.
24	M	
25	T	
26	W	S. Cyprian, Abp. M. Magistrates' Meeting
27	Th	
28	F	
29	S	S. Michael and All Angels.
30	☾	17th Sunday after Trinity. S. Jerome, P. C. D.

1st, Full Moon, 1h. 29m. p.m.
8th, Last Quarter, 5h. 5m. a.m.

16th, New Moon, 11h. 28m. a.m.
24th, First Quarter, 6h. 41m. a.m.

30th, Full Moon, 9h. 31m. p.m.

MILTON WITH LYNEHAM AND BRUERN.

BAPTISM.—Aug. 12, Dorothy, infant daughter of Joseph and Ada Letitia Griffin of Bruern Grange.

After the two or three weeks of very wet weather, there seems to be a good prospect of such weather as those just beginning harvest are desirous of seeing. In a few more days the harvest operations will be in full swing, and we earnestly hope that the abundant crops will be safely garnered. We do not remember seeing better crops than we have seen this year. The grain looks well, and there is a promise of an abundant root crop. The allotment holders are well satisfied with the appearance of the potato crop, and if we now get a month of real sunshine, we may look for a very plentiful supply of the precious tubers. Some of the potatoes that have already been taken up are of a tremendous size, and so far free from disease.

It was a very great pleasure to have the assistance, kindly given by the Rev. J. Hawes on several Sundays this month, and we are sure our congregation both at Milton and Lyneham fully appreciated the change. The Vicar has been enabled to have a little relaxation which has been greatly appreciated.

Mr. Hawes is now in a curacy at Sunderland, and is now spending his holidays with his wife's relatives at Lyneham.

Our Organist also is having a brief holiday which we hope she will much enjoy, as she has decidedly merited it.

We are sorry to hear that Lieut. J. Way has been wounded, and is now in St. Thomas', London. We are however glad to hear that his wounds are not serious, but we shall be glad to hear the report of his parents who went to see him on Monday, Aug. 20th.

The Large School will re-open on Monday, Aug. 27 for a short time, and will then take the balance of the holidays in October when the potato picking commences.

The Rural Dean paid us an official visit on Wednesday Aug. 15th., and examined the Church and grounds and Registers etc. He was glad to give us a good report. We hear he is going away for a well earned holiday and we do most sincerely hope that the change will be most beneficial to him.

We have a good many visitors now in Milton, and are very glad to welcome them to our Church.

We regret to say that our respected sidesman, Mr. Barker is still very unwell; we hope however that the bright weather which we hope has now come, will prove helpful to him.

Our old friend Mr. Gomm has been in Oxford for an operation on his eyes; as yet it is too early to say what the result may be; we hope for the best.

FINSTOCK AND FAWLER.

The new Vicar, the Rev. T. P. Field was inducted into the living of Finstock & Fawler on Thursday, August 9th, by the Rural Dean, the Rev. W. Collingwood Carter, assisted by the Patron, the Rev. J. D. Payne, Vicar of Charlbury, and by the two Churchwardens, Mr. F. Alderton and Mr. J. Douthwaite. There were also present in the Choir, the Rev. A. Cary Elwes (the late Vicar), Rev. H. Hall, Vicar of Ramsden, Rev. H. Hornagold Wright, Vicar of Northleigh, Rev. T. Tanner, Vicar of Spelsbury, and the Rev. H. Donaldson-Selby, the Curate in charge of Chadlington. The Service commenced with Choral Evensong; the office was sung by the Vicar of Charlbury, the Rev. H. Hall read the first lesson, and the Rev. A. Cary Elwes the second. After the third Collect came the ceremony of Induction, at the conclusion of which the Rural Dean Preached The impressive service ended with a hymn, after which the Rural Dean pronounced the final blessing. A good congregation were present to take their part in the service, and the Vicar was very pleased to see among them some old friends from Chadlington. He was also greatly gratified at the presence of so many of the neighbouring clergy, who attended not only to extend a warm welcome to the new Vicar, but equally as a token of affectionate esteem for the late Vicar and out of respect for the good work done by him in Finstock during the last fifteen years. The Vicar also especially desires to thank most heartily the Rural Dean for so kindly undertaking the Induction Ceremony, and ventures to express the hope that he will return from the rest and change he intends shortly to take, restored once more to health and strength.

SALFORD

Towards the end of July, the sad news reached us that Mrs. Candy's husband had been killed in action in France. Most sincere sympathy was felt for her. The Sunday evening service, July 30th took the form of a memorial one. The deceased we understand was a bell ringer, and it is always a consolation to feel that our dear departed ones have taken some active part in connection with God's House.

On August 9th, a successful garden gathering was held at the Rectory; to help pay off the Church Expenses debt. Among other things kindly sent for competition were a beautiful table cloth, two charming dolls, a cake and a box of chocolates. We are greatly obliged to the donors and to all those who gave so much help on the occasion. The sum realized together with promised subscriptions will pay off the debt and leave something in hand to-wards repairing the Churchyard wall.

On Saturday, August 9th, a marriage was solemnized between Henry Rainbow of the parish of St. John the Baptist, Coventry, and Alice Winnett of Salford, they have our best wishes.

SPELSBURY.

BAPTISM.—July 22nd Francis Olive, daughter of Henry and Annie Matilda Snow.

BURIALS.—July 14th, Louisa Hunt, aged 59 years, (at Stonesfield).—July 16th, George Pratley, aged 87 years.—July 31st, Mary Ann Beck, aged 81 years.

Church Collections, July 8th to August 18th, Sick & Needy 9/2, Church Expenses £3 10s. 7d.

We regret to announce that Basil George Sturley and Alfred James Cross, D.C.M. have been killed in action in France and that Arthur Harling, reported missing in August 1916, has now been reported killed (R.I.P.). Our sympathy goes out to their relatives in their bereavements.

AUGUST 5th.—Very touching, instructive & helpful was the form of Service set forth by authority for use on the Third Anniversary of the declaration of War.

The Holy Eucharist (choral) following Mattins was as is fit, the Chief Service of the day, this was well attended and there were 25 Communicants; the Evening Service was also well attended.

There are at present sixty names upon our Roll of Honour, of this number six have given their lives for their Country and many have received wounds and suffered from sickness. Is our conscience clear that us, who remain secure at home are doing all that in us lies to show our gratitude to those who are defending our national honour and protecting our very lives.

By means of the proceeds of a Concert given on February 20th and by the aid of subscriptions, parcels of comforts have been forwarded to 27 of 'Our Boys' serving at the Front. Letters of appreciation have since been arriving as the opportunity of acknowledgement has come to them on leaving the 'Line' for rest behind.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.—Thursday, September 20th has been fixed for our Harvest Thanksgiving. There will be Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and Evensong at 7 p.m. The preacher at Evensong will be the Rev. H. F. Donaldson-Selby. The offertory and gifts of fruits and vegetables will be sent to the Radcliffe Infirmary. During the afternoon commencing 3 p.m., the Vicarage Grounds will be open and there will be a Jumble Sale, Hoop-la and many other attractions. War time tea will be provided. Any contributions to the Tea or Jumble will be gratefully received. The proceeds will be devoted to parochial objects.

SPELSBURY WAR SAVING ASSOCIATION.—This association which had its beginning no longer ago than May 9th, has justified its existence as the following report made to the Committee by the Secretary on August 17th will show. It has been possible to purchase one certificate weekly and sometimes two. In all nineteen certificates have been purchased by the instalments of the members and of these eleven have been issued to the members. In addition twenty-two

certificates have been purchased by single payments. The association started with 600 coupons (value £15) and of these only 11 are left (value 5/6). The membership is 26. A vote of thanks and congratulation was given to Mr. Frank Bolton our energetic secretary for the very successful way in which he carried out this very real work of National Importance. Let us not forget that every contributor is doing a bit of war work.

CHARLBURY.

BAPTISM.—Aug. 5 Iris Muriel, daughter of Herbert Henry, and Mary Tompkins.

BURIAL.—August 2, Emma Ackerman Eden, aged 79 years. Emma Eden was one of our most devoted and regular Churchpeople; and usually attended the daily service.

THE WAR.—The services of intercession for the War on Sunday, August 5th were well attended throughout the day. There were 77 Communicants in the morning.

We lament the loss of three men from Charlbury killed in action. Bertram Brookfield was killed by a shell on the night of August 5th. He was a member of our Church Lads' Brigade, always full of spirit and well behaved, and a general favourite. Herbert Robert Castle died of wounds. William Richard Lane was killed on the night of August 5th. For many years he had drilled our Church Lads' Brigade, and was foreman of the Bell Ringers, and sang in the Choir. At the outbreak of the war, as Sgt. of the Territorials, he was in charge of the first batch of some 20 who joined from Charlbury. Later, as Sergeant-Major at the front, he took great care of many from this neighbourhood; and they were greatly attached to him. His death is a great loss to us. Our truest sympathy is given to his wife, as to the relatives of all the above. Charlbury has now lost in action 10 members of the Church Lads' Brigade and 21 altogether who went from this place.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—We hope to have our Festival on Thursday, September 27th, when the Preacher will be the Rev. G. S. Payne, M.A., Rector of Delamere.

CHASTLETON,

DAY SCHOOL re-opens after the Summer Holidays on Monday September 3rd.

Good reports continue to be received of our local soldiers at the front. Gerald Alfred Edgar Clarke has joined the 92nd. I. R. Batt.

CLERGY NATIONAL SERVICE.—In connection with the above the Rev. R. P. Burnett, (Rector of Cornwell) will kindly take any necessary duties on week-days during the absence of Rector.

DAYLESFORD.

It is with much sorrow that we have to record the death at the front of Herbert Bridges of this parish, who joined the R.G.A. last year and went out to France at the end of last March. He was killed almost instantaneously by a shell. He had done excellent work with his Regt., and his name had been sent in for promotion, and a letter from his commanding officer states that he was much liked and would be much missed by all who knew him. Great sympathy is felt for his young widow and child, as well as for his parents. Willie Webley, also, received a somewhat severe bullet wound in the leg, and has been sent to hospital at Leeds, where we are very pleased to hear he is going on very well, and hopes to be about again before long. Fortunately the bullet missed the bone. Dick Stickleby has been home from the Front on leave, and was looking as though soldiering thoroughly agreed with him. We heartily wish him continued good health and good fortune on his return to France. Capt. Dudley Johnson has also been home on a short leave and hopes to get a longer one in a few weeks' time.

The School holidays commenced on August 4th and will last six weeks.

The collections on Sunday, August 5th—the day of Special Prayer & Thanksgiving in connection with the third anniversary of the outbreak of War, were given to the British Prisoners of War in Germany Fund, and realized an amount of £2 13 1. This was afterwards supplemented by some further donations and a total of £9 13 was ultimately forwarded to the Society's head-quarters in London.

The annual Sermon on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society will be preached by the Rev. E. W. G. Hudgell on Sunday morning, Sept. 23rd.

CORNWELL.

NATIONAL SOCIETY.—On Sunday, July 29th, a Sermon was preached on behalf of the above Society, by the Rev. H. Shears. It was 66 years since the last Sermon was preached for it at Cornwell. Mr. Shears seemed pleased with his visit and we hope some day to welcome him again.

S.P.G.—Mr. Kenny's long deferred visit will take place August 25th—27th. On Sunday, the 26th, he will preach at Cornwell in the morning and Salford in the evening.

CHURCH INSPECTION.—The Rural Dean, the Rev. W. O. Carter, formerly Rector of Cornwell, inspected the Church, Churchyard, &c., on Thursday, the 16th of August, and expressed himself much pleased with all he saw.

The South wall, which had been injured by the frost and bursting of the water pipe, has been repaired and a new pipe inserted.

A new top has also been made to the Altar Cloth, which had got rather shabby, so everything is in perfect order.

We congratulate Iris Cooper on obtaining the Bishop's Prize at Churchill School, at the late inspection. "Well done Cornwell."

CHADDLINGTON.

HOLY BAPTISM.—August 16th, Francis Ernest, son of Arthur Alfred and Olive Louise Edginton.

THE WAR.—On the third anniversary, Sunday, August 5th, good congregations assembled and the special forms of Service were used. It behoves us more than ever to draw nigh to God in humble prayer that He will grant us His continued help in this struggle for the cause of righteousness, liberty and justice.

WAR SAVINGS' ASSOCIATION.—During the past three months a branch of the National War Savings' Association has been established here and already seventy certificates have been purchased. Mr. J. Collett is Chairman, Mr. Sturch Hon. Secretary, and Mr. W. Labrum Hon. Treasurer. Friday, at 7 p.m. is the time to pay in to the Association.

ENSTONE.

BAPTIZED.—June 10th, (in the private Chapel at Ditchley.) May Joan, daughter of John Harold and Annie May Brice.—August 12th, Doris, daughter of William Henry and Elsie Minnie Faulkner.

On July 30th, the Rural Dean visited our Church and was glad that one at least of the Churchwardens (Mr. Allen) could make it convenient to meet him. The rainy day revealed the defects of the Nave roof. There was nothing for him to find behind the curtain worse than the ten commandments.

The special forms of Prayer as issued by authority were used on Sunday, August 5th, and were found most helpful.

We were thankful for the plain encouragement given to remember before God those who have fallen in the service of their country. As we look back on three momentous years, we can see plainly how the convulsion has shaken England, and can find out our weak places. Yet we have great cause for thanksgiving and to count our blessings. Religion has not broken down; but the abandonment of religion brought about the war.

We have the details of the Red Cross Day collection on June 9th, that amounted to £5 18s. 4d. Ditchley, (Miss Lee-Dillon) £1 12s 3½d.; Gazingwell and Radford, (Miss Lester) 14s. 3d.; Litchfield Arms and Chalford, (Miss Peachey) 8s. 6½d.; Lidstone, (Miss Collett) 5s. 4½d.; Broadstone, (Mrs. Butler) 2s. 7½d.; Woodford and Cleveley, (Mrs. Blackwell) 5s. 7d.; Neat Enstone, (Mrs Hudson and Mrs. Bowl) £1 11s. 9½d.; Church Enstone (Misses Hawtin and Drinkwater) 18s. 4½d.

We cannot yet make any announcement for the Harvest Thanksgiving. The faith and patience of all who work on farm or garden are being sorely tried. But trials, however they arise, will make the true-hearted more mindful of God and more ready to pray.

The Radcliffe Infirmary will need our best help. Their latest appeal states that the average cost in 1916 for an inpatient was £8 6s. 3d.

"Help me to need no aid from men, that I may help such men as need."

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HOOK NORTON.
FINSTOCK.
GREAT ROLLRIGHT.
& DAYLESFORD.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.
SALFORD.
MILTON & LYNEHAM.
RAMSDEN.
SHIPTON & LANGLEY.
SPELSBURY.

OCTOBER.

CALENDAR.

1917.

1	M	S. Remigius, B.
2	Tu	
3	W	
4	Th	Meetings of Board of Guardians and Rural District Council
5	F	S. Faith, V.M.
6	S	18th Sunday after Trinity.
7	S	
8	M	
9	Tu	S. Denys, B.M.
10	W	
11	Th	Magistrates' Meeting.
12	F	
13	S	Translation of S. Edward, K.C.
14	S	19th Sunday after Trinity.
15	M	
16	Tu	
17	W	S. Etheldreda, V.
18	Th	S. Luke, E. Meetings of Board of Guardians and Assessment Committee.
19	F	
20	S	
21	S	20th Sunday after Trinity.
22	M	
23	T	
24	W	
25	Th	S. Crispin, M. Magistrates' Meeting.
26	F	
27	S	
28	S	S. Simon, A.M., and S. Jude, A.M. 21st Sunday after Trinity.
29	M	
30	Tu	
31	W	

7th, Last Quarter. 10h. 14m. p.m.
16th, New Moon. 2h. 41m. a.m.

23rd, First Quarter. 2h. 38m. p.m.
30th, Full Moon. 6h. 19m. a.m.

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Parochial Notes.

CHIPPING NORTON.

Vicar—Rev. H. H. Arkell, M.A., Surrogate.

Assistant Priest—Rev. E. L. Weight.

Sexton and Clerk—H. H. Langton, (*pro tem*).

Churchwardens—Mr. Austin Webb.

Mr. A. J. Bolwell,
for Chipping Norton.

Major Daly, for Over Norton.

AUTUMN MISSIONARY EFFORT—It is now well-known that the Central Board of Missions have recommended that a Missionary Campaign in support of Missions Overseas should be held this coming autumn throughout the Country, as a proper sequel to, or following up of the National Mission of Repentance and Hope. It is hoped through this missionary effort to so influence all Christians that the services they are now rendering to King and Country in prayer, in gifts and in personal work shall after the War, be as far as possible turned into service for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. For example War Intercession Services might be continued after the War as Intercession Services on behalf of Foreign Missions.

Subscriptions to War Funds in part at least might be continued as subscriptions to Foreign Missions for the unceasing Frontier Warfare of the Church, Red Cross and other working parties might meet after the War in support of Medical Missions.

Many of our nurses might put their trained experience at the disposal of Medical Missions. It will be at once seen how great is the opportunity—and it has been well pointed out how if only but a small fraction of the voluntary war work now being done, were by and by transferred to the Cause of Missions, the help given to the Church overseas would be multiplied many times; only this must be done—or at least arranged *before the War is over* and the war work dropped. The day for falling in line with this effort and for introducing it into this parish is Thursday Nov. 1st., All Saints Day—a beautiful day surely for we shall be specially thinking of that alas! now multitude of our fellow countrymen who have passed in the shock of this World War to greater life beyond, and nothing would so gladden them as this determination on our part to follow up this World War by a mighty and renewed effort to win the World for God and to send the Gospel (good news) ringing through

the World. The following are the fixtures for the day.—Holy Communion 6-30' and 8 a. m., Matins with special intercession 10.30; Meeting in Town Hall at 3 p.m., Special Speaker, the Rev. Father Bull.

Evensong in Parish Church at 7 p.m. Preacher The Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Oxford.

We would earnestly plead that all may keep this day free from engagements, and give it a place in our prayers. May it lead to a fresh start of Missionary Life and enterprise in this Parish, and that something definite may be decided with regard to a forward movement in the cause of Foreign Missions in this Parish.

There will be a meeting in the Parish Room on the following Monday Nov. 5 at 7-30 to arrange definite lines on which Foreign Missions shall have a greater place in our prayers and work.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES—As announced last month, these Services are fixed for Thursday Oct. 4, and the following Sunday. The Service on the Thursday begins at 7 p.m. and the Preacher is the Rev. W. C. Emeris, Vicar of Burford.

The Offertory will be given to Foreign Missions.

The Services on Sunday will be as follows:—Holy Communion 7, & 8; Matins & Holy Communion 11, Childrens Service 2-45; Evensong 6.

The Offertory on the Sunday will be given to the Radcliffe Infirmary and a small portion will go to the Oxford Eye Hospital. The fruit and vegetables will be given to our Red Cross Hospital, and should be sent to the Church on the Thursday morning. Help in decorating the Church will be very acceptable.

WAR SHRINES.—Two War Shrines are being put up—one for the Leys and the other for Alexander Square and Paradise Terrace. They will be dedicated (weather permitting) at a short service on Sunday Oct. 14, at 3 p.m.

WOMENS MEETING ON THE COMMON.—This meeting will start on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 3. m. Will not more make an effort to attend these meetings which are so appreciated by those who do come.

We feel sure all will join us in best wishes, to Major Daly on his departure for America and in our prayers for God's protection during his journey out, and God's blessing upon his work for his Country, and for a speedy return.

GIRLS CLUB.—The Girls Club will be re-opened on Monday Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Church Room. There will be a new supply of Games, and it is hoped in addition to the old members many more will join.

Gifts of games will be very acceptable.

GIRLS BIBLE CLASS.—This class will start on Monday Oct. 15, at 7.30 p. m., when the attendance prizes will be given for last year.

GIRL GUIDES.—On Saturday Sept. 22. the Church Company of Girl Guides marched to Churchill and had tea with the Churchill Company through the kindness of Mrs Jordan, the Captain. Games were played before tea and afterwards each patrol laid and lit their own fires and boiled their kettles.

Then followed drilling and games, and after singing the Guide song, and giving three hearty cheers for Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Edmunds and the Churchill Guides, we started home at 5-45 after a most enjoyable afternoon, two of the Patrol Leaders lead with their flags and several of the guides in Churchill Company came as far as Bolters Barn when after a friendly leave taking they returned.

CHURCH SOCIAL GATHERING.—Our Annual Church Social Gathering will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday Oct. 18, beginning at 7 p. m. Owing to the Food Restrictions, we must be content with a cup of tea and a bun for refreshments. Each one is asked to bring their own sugar. There will be music. Tickets 6d. each may be secured from the Churchwardens, Sidesmen, or District Visitors, if obtained before Monday, October 15. after that date 9d.

C.L.B.—The C.L.B. had a short Camp from Saturday afternoon to Sunday afternoon and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We trust that parents will encourage the lads all in their power to come to drills regularly and make our Company a strong one. Altogether we have 25 lads enrolled, and this has the making of a really good Company. We must all work hard and then we may hope for good success during the coming winter's work.

Our best thanks to Mr. Hill for so kindly taking the lads to Chadlington, to the Vicar of Charlbury and Rev. Selby for the use of the room and kindness shown, also the Hon. Mrs. Brassey, Mrs. Daly, Mrs. Chamberlayne, Mrs. Rowell, Mrs. A. E. Mace & Mrs. Toy for subscriptions enabling the outing to take place.

IN MEMORIAM.—Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. & Mrs. Saunders of Over Norton in the great sorrow which has come to them by the death of their son George, who is another of the brave lads to have made the great sacrifice. By his good and true life he endeared many to him. He was an old C.L.B. lad and took the keenest interest in the work of the Company in the Parish. For such lives as George Saunders we can thank God.

BAPTISMS.—Aug. 29, Philip Desmond, son of Aubrey and Lilian Jones.—Sept. 2, John Henry, son of Henry and Emily Woods; Alastair Francis Gregory, son of William Henry and Florence Rose Harwood; Hammond Job, son of George and Rosa Anne Cooper; Norman Ronald, son of George and Rosa Anne Cooper.

MARRIAGES.—Sept. 5, Thomas Claridge Giles and Emma Phillips.—Sept. 19, Percival Joseph Padley and Elsie Rosina Clarke.

BURIAL.—Aug. 27, George Webb, aged 82 years.

Names of Sunday School Scholars who have made perfect attendances during September.—*Boys:* Kenneth Giles, George Rice, Norman Bolter, Alfred Britten, Sydney Jones, Donald Colman, George Peates, Harry Harris, Willie Grubb, Lendsey Grubb.

Girls:—Lily Berry, Ivy Berry, Margaret Hodgkins, Violet Withers, Rose Withers, Minnie Peats, Emma Peats, Mabel Hinson, Margery Giles, Ivy Gardner, Edith Baker, Mabel Allen, Dorothy Jones.

Infants:—James Burnham, Elsie Goodman, Mary Sewell, Margery Willets, Kathleen Newman, Phyllis White, Nellie Sewell, Laurence Busby, Thomas Nobbs, Joey Townley, Job Townley, Reggie Davis.

SALFORD.

Sunday, October 7th will be observed as a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the Blessings of the Harvest. The services will be:—

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11 a.m.—Matins, Sermon and Holy Communion.

6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

The sermons will be preached by the Rev. V. Lawson of London. The collectons in aid of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution and the Hospital. Offerings of fruit vegetables and flowers will be well welcomed at the Church on Saturday, October 6th.

LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.

Should the weather be sufficiently favourable to allow the harvest to be safely gathered in by October 8th, the Harvest Thanksgiving will be held at 3 p.m. on that day, and the sermon will be preached by the Rev. V. Lawson of London, and the offertory will be in aid of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution. In case of its being necessary to make any deviation from the above arrangement notice will be duly given.

SPELSBURY.

BAPTISMS.—September 2nd, Robert, son of Charles and Caroline Hunt.—September 16th, Leonard John, son of John and Emily Cox.

Church collections, August 19th to September 16th: Sick & Needy 16/8, Oxford Diocesan Fund 17/-, Church Expenses £1 18s.

We are grieved to announce that news has been received that Spencer Salter Sturdy has been killed in action in France. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his mother and family. (R.I.P.)

Owing to all local matters for our magazine having to be in the Editors hands by the twentieth of the month notes of our Harvest Thanksgiving must stand over until our November issue.

CHARLBURY.

BAPTISM.—September 16, Frank, son of Joseph and Charlotte Pratley.

THE WAR.—John Bradley, whose home is at Waterman's Lodge, of the Royal Warwicks. Regt. died of wounds at Rouen on Aug. 25. John Henry Souch, of Chilson, of the O.B.L.L., died in action in France on August 16th. Our best sympathy is with the parents of both the above in their great loss.

The Vicar of Burford has most kindly promised to take the Services at Charlbury on Sunday, October 28. The offertories will be in behalf of our Church Funds, which have suffered owing to the war.

A Meeting of the Clergy of the Deanery was held at Charlbury Vicarage on September 11th. An affectionate message was sent to the Rev. W. Collingwood Carter, hoping for his restoration to health. The Vicar of Great Tew read a paper on the present world situation with reference to Christian Missions; which was of great interest and encouragement.

The following subscriptions were sent for 1917 to the Oxon Clergy Widows and Orphans Fund (of which the Vicar of Charlbury is a steward.)—

Chipping Norton Deanery. Mr. Albert Brassey, Heythrop £5, Rev. W. Collingwood Carter, Vicar of Shipton 10/-, Rev. A. Cary-Elwes 10/-, Mrs. Dawkins, Wilcote £2, Viscount Dillon, Ditchley £1 1s., Rev. T. W. Lee, Vicar of Leafield £1 1s., Rev. J. D. Payne Vicar of Charlbury 10/-, Mr. V. Watney, Cornbury Park £3 3s. Total £13 15s.

HOOK NORTON.

HOLY MATRIMONY.—September 1st (at St. Jude's, Whitechapel) Ernest Charles Freeman to Agnes Mary Gibson Parker.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

I am writing away from home, and consequently I have not the usual statistics with which I supply you month by month, but there is an announcement of marriage in which you will be interested and which leads me to go on to say how greatly I have appreciated all the kindness which you have shown to my wife and myself in connection with our wedding. I shall never forget that wonderful gathering in the Schoolroom when you made me a presentation. The presentation was in itself a very handsome gift, but it was made much more valuable in my eyes by the circumstances in which it was made. It was a pouring wet night, but that did not hinder you from coming to the meeting, and then it was such a representative gathering—Church-people and Nonconformists, Radicals and Conservatives, rich and poor, young and old, you all came to show me kindness and to wish me well. I can never forget it, as long as I live. It showed that there is a spirit of unity and affection stronger and greater than all the differences which may divide

men and women in a parish. I should be dull and unfeeling indeed if I did not feel stirred to a determination to devote myself more entirely and effectually and patiently to your service after such a proof of your regard for me, and I pray that God will give me grace and strength to do my duty as your Rector, but I shall never feel, whatever I do, that I can do enough for you.

I am so pleased to hear that you have appreciated the ministrations of Mr. Chalmas who has been taking duty for me in my absence, and you will be glad to hear that he is, on his side, delighted with Hook Norton. I told him before he came that in coming among you he might feel from the first that he was entirely surrounded by friends, and you have verified my words.

The Harvest Thanksgiving this year is to take place on Friday, October 12th and will be continued over the following Sunday. The special preacher will be our old friend the Archdeacon of Oxford. The collections will be for the Horton Infirmary, and I know I need hardly remind you to be as generous as you can in your offerings. We are coming back on the previous Saturday, so as to be able to take part in the Festival.

With my best love to you all.

Your affectionate friend and Rector,
ERNEST C. FREEMAN.

CORNWELL.

S.P.G.—The Rev. H. Kenney, the District Secretary, paid a visit to Cornwell August 25—27. He preached at Cornwell Church on Sunday morning the 26th, and at Salford in the evening.

On Monday, the 27th, a meeting was held at Cornwell Rectory. In spite of the rain there was an excellent attendance. Mr. Kenney gave an interesting address chiefly respecting his work in Burma and there was a very good collection. The total receipts are the best on record and nearly doubled last year's, which considering the war expenses and many casualties is most satisfactory. They are as under:—
Church Offertory £1 5s., Meeting £2 3 1½, Collecting Boxes 19/0½, Total £4 7 2. We heartily thank our people and kind friends for their help and support.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.—All being well, we hope to have our Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday, Oct. 21st. The Services will be as follows:—

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11 a.m.—Matins, Sermon and Holy Communion.

6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

The sermon in the evening will be preached by the Rev. H. H. Arkell, Vicar of Chipping Norton, and the offertories, as in past years, will be given to the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

We shall be glad of gifts of fruits, corn and flowers for the decoration of the Church, and shall be grateful for kind help on the previous Saturday.

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NOVEMBER.

CALENDAR.

1917.

1	Th	All Saints' Day.
2	F	All Souls.
3	S	
4	Su	<i>22nd Sunday after Trinity.</i>
5	M	
6	Tu	S. Leonard, C.
7	W	
8	Th	
9	F	
10	S	
11	Su	<i>23rd Sunday after Trinity.</i> S. Martin, B.C.
12	M	
13	Tu	S. Britius, B.
14	W	
15	Th	S. Machutus, B.
16	F	
17	S	S. Hugh, B
18	Su	<i>24th Sunday after Trinity.</i>
19	M	
20	T	S. Edmund, K.M.
21	W	
22	Th	S. Cecilia, V.M.
23	F	S. Clement, R.M.
24	S	
25	Su	<i>Sunday next before Advent.</i> S. Catherine, V.M.
26	M	
27	Tu	
28	W	
29	Th	
30	F	S. Andrew, A.M.

6th, Last Quarter, 5h. 4m. p.m.
14th, New Moon, 6h. 29m. p.m.

21st, First Quarter, 10h. 20m. p.m.
28th, Full Moon, 6h. 41m. p.m.

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Parochial Notes.

RESIGNATION OF THE RURAL DEAN.

We cannot allow the present number of the Deanery Magazine to be published without recording the regret at the departure of our respected Rural Dean, the Rev. W. Collingwood Carter.

Mr. Carter, owing to ill-health, has been obliged to resign both the Vicarage of Shipton-under-Wychwood and office of Rural Dean, which he has held for eighteen and twelve years respectively.

His father, Canon Carter, held the office before him for many years, being Rector of Sarsden, as was also his grandfather, the Rev. Charles Baxter.

Mr. Carter has won the esteem and affection of all, Clergy and Laity, with whom he has been brought in contact, and all will regret his departure.

We trust he will recover his strength in the genial climate of the Isle of Wight, and have many peaceful and happy years yet before him.

We all most heartily welcome the Vicar of Charlbury, the Rev. J. D. Payne, as Rural Dean, and feel no better appointment could have been made. We wish him every success in his new office.

We would also tender our welcome and offer our best wishes to the Rev. Canon Oldfield, who succeeds Mr. Carter as Vicar of Shipton, and who from his experience, at home and abroad, is sure to prove a very efficient and worthy successor to an old friend.

" *Benedictus Benedicat.*"



CHARLBURY.

Marriage.—September 26, Harry Steed, of the Royal Flying Corps, and Lilian Rose Empson (by licence).

Burial.—October 10, James Alfred Quarterman, aged 5 months.

The Bishop has appointed the Vicar of Charlbury to be Rural Dean, and has written a most kind letter. In our Deanery the Clergy have always been accustomed to meet frequently for counsel: and our lay representatives, Church workers, and Sunday School Teachers have had regular gatherings. With the blessing of God, we shall face the work of the future with good heart and encouragement.

We have not yet had opportunity of meeting together, so as to convey to the Rev. W. Collingwood Carter the sense of loss of his advice and friendship, now that he has left this neighbourhood; and our best wishes for his restoration to health.

Our Harvest Festival Services at Charlbury were well attended. From the offertories we sent £7 18s to the Radcliffe Infirmary, and £6 1s. to the Oxford Diocesan Fund. The Rev. G. S. Payne, rector of Delamere preached. At Short-hampton Church the offertory for the Radcliffe Infirmary was £2 4s. 8d., and the preacher was the Rev. H. F. Donaldson-Selby. We were glad to see almost every family from Chilson represented.

The Vicar attended the Diocesan Conference on October 3. The speakers on the "Church and State Report" of the Archbishop's Committee were of exceptional interest.

From October 10 to 12 the Vicar was present at a gathering of the Diocesan Society of Mission Clergy at Whitechurch, conducted by Rev. G. Perry-Gore, sub-warden.

The Bishop has arranged a Confirmation in Charlbury Church on Wednesday March 20th, at 3 p.m., for Charlbury and neighbouring parishes.



CHADDLINGTON.

Holy Baptism.—Sept. 23rd, Anthony John, son of John Edward and Ellen Eliza Capel.—Oct. 17th, Joan Elizabeth Gylbert, daughter of Edward Spencer and Daisy Amelia Bliss.

Harvest Festival.—The thanksgiving service for the safe ingathering of the harvest was held on Thursday, October 4th. The Church had been beautifully and tastefully decorated by kind helpers and there were quantities of fruit, flowers, plants, and vegetables sent by generous donors. There were also four dozen fresh eggs and several large loaves. A good congregation assembled in spite of a stormy day. The service was hearty; the choir ably rendered the anthem "Great is the Lord." The offertory amounted to £8 14s. The services were continued on the following Sunday. The total offertory came to £14 2s., a record for the Parish. This sum was all sent, with the exception of £1 1s. to the Eye Hospital, to the Radcliffe Infirmary. Mr. Southam kindly conveyed the six sacks containing the vegetables, &c. to Charlbury Station. We would heartily thank all who helped to make the festival a success.

Girls' Friendly Society.—Miss D. Lee kindly came over and gave us an excellent address on September 25th. About 15 candidates gave in their names. We hope in due time they will become members. Meetings every fortnight at 5.30 p.m.

War Savings Association.—Our branch still continues to do good work, and we hear of new members. The meeting is at 6 p.m. on Fridays. We hope next month to give a summary of balance sheet.

Soldiers' Comforts Fund.—A concert will be given in the Schools on Thursday, November 8th, at 7.30 p.m. The Northleigh Concert Party under the Rev. W. J. H. Wright, are very kindly giving the whole programme. We hope there will be a goodly number of tickets sold and that there will be a satisfactory balance to be handed over to this excellent fund.

Band of Hope.—The first meeting was held on Monday, October 1st. A fair number of members assembled. The Rev. H. F. D. Selby gave a brief address, and Mr. Sturch explained the winter programme.



DAYLESFORD.

On Sunday, September 23, the Rev. E. W. G. Hudgell, District Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, preached at the Morning Service on behalf of the Society, and a sum of £15 15s. 4d. was collected and has been forwarded to London. This amount shows a slight increase over last year's collection—indeed over those of some years past—which is satisfactory and encouraging in these difficult and expensive days.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on Thursday, October 11, when the Rev. E. J. F. Johnson, Rector of Sarsden, was kind enough to come and help us by preaching a most earnest sermon. The congregation was not as large as on some previous occasions, but the night, though fine, was dark and threatening, and our numbers are sadly diminished. The collection was for the Radcliffe Infirmary at Oxford, which benefited to the amount of £4 5s. 6d. In addition to offerings of money, there was a splendid collection of fruit and vegetables contributed by nearly all in the parish, and these were despatched the following morning to the Hospital for the sick and wounded at Kitebrook, and have been most gratefully acknowledged by Mrs. Richard, the Commandant. The Church was very tastefully and appropriately decorated throughout, and the ser-

vice, in spite of a seriously depleted choir, was bright and hearty. Our thanks are heartily tendered to all who helped, both by contributions of garden produce, and in the work of decoration, and amongst these should be specially mentioned Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss L. Ring and Mr. White.

It is with the most genuine and profound regret that we have to note the departure from Daylesford, after a residence of twenty-one years, of Mr. and Miss Sargent. For some time past Mr. Sargent's state of health has left much to be desired, and he has found it necessary to resign the position of Bailiff and Steward of the Estate, which he has so long and so well filled, into younger and more active hands. He will be very greatly missed by the workers on the Estate by all of whom he was held in great esteem and regard, and who testified their feelings towards him by the presentation of a parting gift, which took the form of a handsome wrist watch suitably inscribed, which was subscribed for by every one on the Estate without exception. Mr. Sargent had also acted as Churchwarden during the whole of the time he had resided at Daylesford, and the Rector would take this opportunity of saying how greatly he has valued and appreciated his services in this capacity, and especially the consistently high example he has always set in every respect, and not least in the regular and steady attendance of himself and his family at the services at the Church. Miss Sargent will also be much missed by us all, and her many kindnesses to those in sickness or sorrow will be long and gratefully remembered. They leave Daylesford with the most sincere good wishes of one and all for their future health and happiness for many years to come.

Mr. Sargent would like to take this opportunity of thanking most gratefully all those who were good enough to subscribe to the handsome wrist watch so kindly presented to him by his friends at Daylesford, and of assuring one and all that he appreciates most highly the good-will towards himself which prompted the gift, which he values very much both for itself and still more as a token of their esteem and regard for him.

We should like to offer a hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Edginton, who have taken Mr. and Miss Sargent's place at the New Farm, and to wish them many years of health and happiness in their new home at Daylesford. A welcome also to Mr. and Mrs. Sandles and family who come to us from Churchhill, and bring welcome additions to Choir and School; and also to Mr. and Mrs. White and family who come from near Oxford, and who also bring welcome additions to our little school.

FIFIELD AND IDBURY.

On Sunday, October 21, Memorial Services were held in Fifield Church for Gunner Henry Arthurs, who was killed in France on September 30. He was the first Patrol Leader of the Scouts, who attended the services in mourning. At 8 a.m., when suitable hymns were sung, there were many communicants including scouts, boys and girls who were confirmed with him, and members of the Mothers' Union. After Evensong, the Dead March was played on the organ, and a special service was held according to the authorized form. Members of the V.T.C. were present in uniform; the Scouts and Girl Guides being in the Chancel. Hymns No. 358 and 744 from the English Hymnal were sung—the latter, being the "Russian Kontakion," was sung without music. After the service the Scouts went outside the Church and the "Last Post" was sounded by their bugler. Henry Arthurs was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Arthurs, of Fifield, with whom much sympathy is felt. He was only 19½, though he had been in the army for over 2 years. He was at the front for 18 months, and was expected home on leave this month. With regards to his membership of the Scouts he said that the signalling he had learnt with them was of real use to him later on, and it is noticeable that in a letter written to his parents his Major refers to his efficiency in this respect. As 1st Patrol Leader his popularity and influence over the younger boys was of very great assistance, and the cheerfulness and readiness which he then displayed appear from his Major's letter to have been a marked characteristic till the time of his death. R.I.P.

Idbury—Baptism.—On September 30, Frances Emily, daughter of Austin Albert and Sarah Jane Lane.

Fifield—Burial.—On October 22, Lizzie Worrall, aged 33 years.

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MILTON with LYNEHAM and BRUERN.

Burials.—October 10, Philip Pratley, of Lyneham, aged 83 years.

The chief event to which we must make allusion was the Harvest Festival which was held on the first Sunday in October, the 7th. It was a day to be remembered, for the rain came down in torrents, and we scarcely expected to see a handful of people at the Morning Service, but we are thankful to record that even though the weather was so unfavourable we had a fair congregation in the morning at 11 a.m., but a much fewer number than we hoped for at the Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m., which is to be deplored.

In the evening, although the weather was still

very threatening, we had a large congregation, and from expressions heard they all thoroughly entered into and enjoyed the services. The collections this year were a trifle larger than last year, for which we are truly thankful. They were as usual distributed between the Radcliffe Infirmary, Barford Hospital, and the Royal Surgical Aid Society.

On the Sunday following the Thanksgiving Services was held at Lynham, and here, as usual on such occasions, our little church was filled. The Choir rendered very beautifully the Harvest Anthem, and our people seemed to welcome the opportunity of publicly offering up their sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to God for the countless blessings of which He had made them recipients. The collection at this service was also larger than last year.

Both the Mother Church and S. Michaels were very tastefully and prettily decorated. The vegetables that were sent were particularly fine and very nicely arranged. Our thanks are due, and are hereby whole-heartedly given, to those faithful band of workers, who always do this work.

We have been glad to see Cadet Wiggins on a brief holiday, also Privates A. Smith and Pargetter, and we regret to have to record the death in action of Private A. Turner. Our sympathy is extended to his wife and child.

We are about to complete the heating apparatus in the Church as soon as ever men can be secured to do it. We have all the material now on the ground, and shall be very glad when it is done. On the Sunday mornings now the Church is very cold, and we cannot expect especially aged people to attend the services until we can assure them that the danger of getting serious colds is not greater than attending them at home. Your help will be needed to complete this work.

We have made arrangements for a Deputation of the S.P.G. to preach here on Sunday morning, November 18. He is a missionary from Borneo, and we trust our congregation will show their zeal and interest in Mission Work by making a point to be present. The Vicar will preach on the Sunday evening on Mission Work, when he hopes to bring before the congregation the needs that face the S.P.G. for the year 1918. There will be no special collection on Sunday, 18th of November, but the Vicar contemplates presenting a scheme which will materially help forward this work, and which he trusts will commend itself to the congregation. This scheme will be explained on the Sunday evening. We want every one of all classes and of all ages to willingly come forward and assist in this, the greatest work in which the Church is engaged.

THE CHIPPING NORTON Deanery Magazine.

**			For the Parishes of			**		
CHIPPING NORTON.	KNSTONE.	LITTLE ROLLRIGHT.						
CHARLBURY & SHORTHAMPTON.	FIFIELD & IDBURY.	SALFORD.						
CHASTLETON.	HEYTHROP.	MILTON & LYNEHAM.						
CHADLINGTON.	HOOK NORTON.	RAMSDEN.						
CHURCHILL & SARSDEN.	FINSTOCK.	SHIPTON & LANGLEY.						
CORNWELL.	GREAT ROLLRIGHT.	SPELSBURY.						
	& DAYLESFORD.							

DECEMBER.

CALENDAR.

1917.

1	S	
2	☾	<i>Advent Sunday.</i>
3	M	
4	Tu	
5	W	
6	Th	S. Nicholas, B.
7	F	
8	S	Conception B.V.M.
9	☾	<i>2nd Sunday in Advent.</i>
10	M	
11	Tu	
12	W	
13	Th	S. Lucy, V.M.
14	F	
15	S	
16	☾	<i>3rd Sunday in Advent. O. Sapientia.</i>
17	M	
18	T	
19	W	Ember Day.
20	Th	
21	F	S. Thomas, A.M. Ember Day.
22	S	Ember Day.
23	☾	<i>4th Sunday in Advent.</i>
24	M	
25	Tu	<i>Christmas Day.</i>
26	W	S. Stephen.
27	Th	S. John, A.E.
28	F	<i>Innocents' Day.</i>
29	S	
30	☾	<i>Sunday after Christmas.</i>
31	M	S. Silvester, B.

6th, Last Quarter, 2h. 14m. p.m.
14th, New Moon, 9h. 17m. a.m.

21st, First Quarter, 6h. 7m. a.m.
28th, Full Moon, 9h. 52m. a.m.

Notes for the next Magazine should be sent not later than December 20th, to the EDITOR, CORNWELL RECTORY, CHIPPING NORTON.

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Deanery Notes.

Shipton.—The Reverend Canon Oldfield will be instituted and inducted by the Bishop and the Archdeacon at a service in Shipton Church on Friday, December 14th, at 5 p.m. Clergy of the Deanery are asked to bring their robes.

Great Rollright.—On November 19th the Reverend Philip Morgan Watkins, M.A., was appointed by Brasenose College to the Rectory of Great Rollright.

S.P.G.—The Deanery Secretary, the Reverend A. Shildrick, the Vicarage, Milton-under-Wychwood, would be glad to supply MISSIONARY BOXES for the above to any of the Clergy making application for them.

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CHIPPING NORTON.

Vicar—Rev. H. H. Arkell, M.A., Surrogate.
 Assistant Priest—Rev. E. Ll. Weight.
 Sexton and Clerk—H. H. Langton (pro tem).
 Churchwardens—Mr. Austin Webb,
 Mr. A. J. Bolwell,
 for Chipping Norton.
 Major Daly, for Over Norton.

BAPTISMS.

- November 4.—Albert Rowland, son of Charles William and Sarah Jeffries.
 „ 4.—Victor Henry, son of George and Beatrice Edith Britten.
 „ 4.—Ellen Eileen, daughter of William Grant and Ellen Eliza Grubb.
 „ 22.—Frances Margaret, daughter of Christopher Albert and Lizzie Wrask Johnson.

MARRIAGES.

- November 7.—George Wulstan Page and Bessie Emily Lardner.
 „ 17.—George William Bateman and Bertha Mary Westbury.

BURIALS.

- November 2.—Mary Ann Vincent, aged 68 years.
 „ 3.—Leonard Pratt, aged 74 years.
 „ 7.—Ellen Bond, aged 73 years.

AUTUMN MISSIONARY EFFORT.

[Extract from "Oxfordshire Weekly News."]

There can be no doubt that All Saints-tide, 1917, will long be remembered as a great and inspiring time by the Church people of Chipping Norton. Beginning on All Saints' Eve with evensong and the "Communicants' Guild Service of Preparation," the services on the following morning were carried out as announced: Holy Communion at 6.30 and 8, and Matins with intercessions at 10.30.

As the hour approached for the afternoon meeting at the Town Hall, it was soon seen by the numbers making their way in that direction that a well-attended meeting was assured, and this indeed proved to be the case, for when the Vicar and Father Bull and the rest of the clergy entered the Hall a very large gathering had assembled, the Town Hall being as well filled as we can remember for an afternoon meeting for some years.

After the meeting had been opened by a hymn and prayers for foreign missions, the Vicar as Chairman gave a short address, and in welcoming Father Bull referred to the indebtedness they all felt to him for all that he had done for them and taught them in the National Mission.

On the conclusion of Father Bull's address, the Rural Dean (Rev. J. D. Payne) proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by the Rev. J. D. Malleon: " (1) That this Rural Deanery will with renewed effort help forward the missionary cause in the coming year; and (2) That a public missionary meeting for the Deanery be held annually at All Saints-tide at Chipping Norton, or some other centre, at which the year's work shall be reported." This was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to Father Bull was then proposed by the Rev. E. J. F. Johnson, seconded by the Rev. R. P. Burnett, and heartily received.

The following clergy were present on the platform: the Revs. R. P. Burnett, E. C. Freeman, H. J. Gully, E. J. F. Johnson, J. P. Malleon, J. D. Payne (Rural Dean), H. F. Donaldson-Selby, C. J. Shebbeare, A. Shildrick, E. Ll. Weight, and C. Hankin-Turvin.

A large congregation assembled in the Parish Church at 7 p.m. The Mayor and Corporation, the O.V.R., the Church Lads' Brigade, and the Church Company of the Girl Guides also attended. The service, which opened with a processional hymn, was choral.

The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Oxford, who made a very deep impression upon all.

The offertory was for foreign missions, and with the recessional hymn, "For all Thy saints,"

came to an end a service which will long be remembered in Chipping Norton.

The Bishop, on leaving the church, spoke a few words of encouragement to the Church Company of the Girl Guides, congratulating them on the good start they had made.

The following morning, All Souls Day, there was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7.30 as a commemoration of the departed, and the Bishop, who was the celebrant, read out the 53 names of those connected with this parish who had fallen in the service of their country. Over 80 communicants were present. On the evening of this day a muffled peal of bells was rung as a token of respect and honour for our brave countrymen who had given up their lives to defend us.

At the missionary business meeting, held in the Church Room on Monday, November 5, it was unanimously decided to restart the Missionary Association and to circulate a missionary magazine. A meeting to elect a secretary for the association was held on November 29, after the Communicants' Guild service and Rev. E. L. Weight was elected.

Advent and Christmas.—A special Advent service will be held in the Parish Church on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m., beginning on December 5th. The preacher on December 5 will be the Rev. E. J. F. Johnson, Rector of Sarsden. There will also be a short service on Tuesdays in Advent in the Mission Room on the Common, beginning on December 4 at 7 p.m.

Christmas Day.—The following are the services in the Parish Church: Holy Communion 6, 7, and 8; Matins and Holy Communion 11; Evensong and carols 6.

Watch-night Service on Monday, December 31, at 11.15 p.m.

Foreign Missions.—On Sunday, December 9, the offertories will be given to foreign missions as in former years. All holders of missionary boxes are asked to bring or send them to the Church Room on Monday, December 10, either at 12, or 6.15 p.m. The boxes can then be opened and given back.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Betteridge in Lodge Terrace on the death of her husband, who has given his life to defend us. May God comfort her.

Our readers will be pleased to hear of the promotion of Captain J. R. Withers. He is the second son of Mr. Withers, 6, Portland Place, Chipping Norton. He was a scholar at the Church Boys' School and a member of the Church Lads' Brigade.

He enlisted in the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry on January 8, 1906, in which regiment he served till November 6, 1914, when he received his commission as second-lieutenant and was appointed to the North Staffordshire Regiment. He was further promoted to first-lieutenant on March 1, 1915, and captain on March 30, 1917.

We heartily congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Withers on the success which has attended their son's military career.

A concert will be given by the 1st Chipping Norton Co. of Girl Guides in the Town Hall, on Thursday, January 8. There will be an afternoon and evening performance. Later particulars will be issued in due course.

Parochial Social.—The balance from this amounted to £1 11s. 10d., which will go to the Heating Apparatus Fund.

Sunday School.—Scholars who have obtained full marks for November.

Girls:—Florence Goodman, Olive Coles, Vera Gibbs, Margaret Hodgkins, Fanny Smith, Violet Withers, Rose Withers, Ethel Smith, Mabel Hinson, Audrey Tilling, Gladys Johnson, Dorothy Jones, Olive Withers, Betty Robinson, Irene Day.

Boys:—Alfred Britten, Sydney Jones, Francis Lord (choir), Frank Willets (choir), George Rice, Dennis Willets (choir), Victor Alley (choir), Donald Coleman (choir), William Grubb, George Peaks, Lindsey Grubb, William Shutt, Albert Nicholls, Donald Keen.

INFANTS:—Harold Britten, George Townley, Margery Willets, Phyllis White, Eunos Tanner, Amy Foster, Chrissie Brown, Tommy Nobbs, Cyril Tanner, Harold Lord, Reggie Davis, Joe Townley, Job Townley.

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CHARLBURY.

Baptism.—October 20, Katherine Joan, daughter of John Ebblewhite and Emily Linnegar Barton (private baptism).

Burials.—October 20, Richard Croly, aged 70 years.—October 24, Katherine Joan Barton, aged three days.

Dr. Richard Croly had lived in Charlbury for a good many years, and was always kind and courteous to all his patients. Our best sympathy is with his family.

Mr. James Glen, of Wychwood House, was buried at Stratton Audley on November 7, the Vicar of Charlbury and the Vicar of Stratton Audley taking the service. Mr. Glen bore his illness with much patience; and we wish to express our sympathy with his widow.

On Sunday, October 28, the Vicar of Burford took the services at Charlbury Church, and spoke of the present missionary outlook. The offertories were for the funds of our Parish Church, and amounted to £16 16s. 3d. The Churchwardens are grateful for this generous help.

An illuminated and framed Roll of Honour has been given to us, on All Saints' Day, 1917, and placed in the Parish Church, containing 27 names of those who have been killed in action, with a Text and a Prayer.

On November 5th, in the Cathedral, the Vicar, together with 15 other clergy of the diocese, was admitted by the Bishop to the Diocesan Society of Mission Clergy.

We are glad to welcome the Rev. A. Cary-Elwes and his wife and relatives as our neighbours in Charlbury.

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SPELSBURY.

Baptism.—November 11, Audrey Beatrice, daughter of Frank and Beatrice Alice Bosley.

Church Collections.—September 30 to November 18: Sick and Needy, 12s. 8d.; Church Expenses, £4 10s. 9d.

On Wednesday, November 14, the Rev. H. Kenney gave a most interesting lecture on Missionary Work among the Hill Tribes of Burma. The lecturer, who had laboured many years for the Gospel among these people, was able to speak on the subject from personal experience, and moreover had prepared a series of pictures illustrating his subject, which were shown by means of a lantern. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Kenney for stirring up our interest in the Missionary Work of the Church; nor must we omit to thank Mr. Conduit for kindly manipulating the lantern. It was pleasing to see so many persons present. The collection taken at the door amounted to 16/-, which has been forwarded to the General Fund of S.P.G.

On the day these notes will be reaching the Press our Friend and Churchwarden, Mr. Albert J. Holloway, will be entering upon the bonds of Holy Matrimony. Our good wishes go out to Mr. and Mrs. Holloway that they may enjoy many years of married life.

The Vicar and Choir have had the pleasure of presenting Mr. Holloway with a teapot and hot water jug as a token of their appreciation of him and of their good wishes towards him in his married life.

SARSDEN-cum-CHURCHILL.

Baptism.—October 28, 1917, at All Saints' Church, Phyllis (born 9th September, 1917), daughter of Henry and Rhoda Whyman, of Birtley, co Durham; sponsors, the father, Mary Ann and Lottie Priscilla Hands.

On Sunday, November 4th, as Morning Service was finishing, an aeroplane flew low down by the Church, and, owing to engine trouble, landed in a field adjoining the Chipping Norton Road, about half-a-mile from the village. As the day was fine many people took the opportunity of inspecting it. The machine was fitted with machine-gun and bombs, as it was engaged on special war duty. The airman described himself as the son of the Rector of Slymbridge, Glos., and soon made friends with many of the inhabitants. The next morning he flew away, but unfortunately he was killed near an aerodrome in Anglesey on the following Wednesday. He was given a military funeral on the next Saturday afternoon at Slymbridge. His last visit home was in the week before his death, when he assisted the Vicar of Coaley in the manipulation of a lantern lecture on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts on Friday, November 2. He returned to duty on Saturday on receipt of an unexpected summons from his headquarters. The news of his death cast quite a gloom over Churchill and SarSDen. The Rector wrote a letter of sympathy on behalf of the parishioners and himself to the Rector of Slymbridge and Mrs. Carter, and a touching letter of thanks was sent back, with the promise of a photograph of the late Second-Lieut. Bernard Robert Hadow Carter, which will be placed with the 60 photographs of men on our Roll of Honour in the Church porch.

There was a large gathering in the Town Hall, Chipping Norton on November 1, called together by the Diocesan Board of Missions; and afterwards in the evening the Bishop of Oxford preached a striking sermon to a large congregation. Some of the Churchill folk attended both in the afternoon and evening.

Will our neighbours note that our postal address is now (Churchill or SarSDen) Kingham, Oxford, instead of Chipping Norton, Oxon.

The Mothers Meetings are being well attended. Mrs. Giles Edmonds kindly allows them to be held on Thursday afternoons at Haughton House.

Many workers have been, and are still, busy in knitting operation socks for Queen Mary's Needlework Guild. Twenty-seven pairs have already been sent and many more are in hand.