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PLUCKLEY PARISH MAGAZINE

You will be glad to hear that our Parish Magazine has been selling very well. We printed 75 copies, and we regret that there were not enough to supply all needs. We are, this month, printing 100.

The Christmas Day Services were well attended. There were 60 Communicants at the Parish Church, and 18 at St. Mary's the following Sunday. Both Churches were beautifully decorated.

Miss Kerridge has resigned her post in the School and has gone to Barham School, which is near her home. Miss Allchin has succeeded her, and has settled down very happily and efficiently.

The British Legion entertained all the School Children at a tea party in the Village Hall, on Dec. 22nd. A very lively Father Christmas and a Conjuror provided excellent entertainment, and each child went home happily with presents.

Our thanks to the Legion, and to all who attended the Whist-drive which provided the fund*.

The Annual Carol Service was held in the Mission Church on Dec. 21st, when there was a large congregation. £1. 2. 4 was collected for St. Dunstons, which does so much for the blinded Ex-Service men. The Parish Church Choir, the Women's Institute, the G. F. S. and both Sunday Schools contributed to the programme, and solos were sung by Mr. H. Brissenden and Mr. F. Deveriea.

The Girls Friendly Society had their Christmas Party on January 8th, when a large party sat down to tea, followed by games and an exchange of presents. The G. F. S. is a very happy and friendly body.

A Confirmation, by Bishop Knight, will be held at Smarden Church on Friday, March 20th in the evening. Your prayers are asked for all those who are to be confirmed, that they may dedicate themselves with whole hearts to the Service of God, and that God will grant them the gift of His Holy Spirit.

I shall be specially glad to arrange suitable preparation for any grown-up people, who have not yet been Confirmed, and who would like to come forward.

The Study Circle has now settled down to work, but we shall be very glad to welcome new members.

Hours of Holy Communion:- Feb. 1st, 7 a.m. and Midday; Feb. 8th, 8 a.m.; Feb. 15th, Midday; Feb. 22nd, 8 a.m.

N.B. The G. F. S. make their Communion on Feb. 22nd

The G. F. S. entertainment will be on Feb. 4th at 7 p.m., at the Village Hall.

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HOLY COMMUNION.—March 1st, at noon. March 8th, at 8 a.m. March 15th, at noon. March 22nd, at 8 a.m. March 20th, at noon.

On January 20th, the Rector gave his annual Choir and Bellringers' Supper at the "Black Horse."* Churchwardens and Sidesmen were included in the guests, and nineteen in all sat down to supper. Toasts and songs filled up the rest of the evening, nearly everybody taking his turn. Finally, we joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne" and then the 44 National Anthem."

The Mothers' Union Committee entertained the members and friends of the M.U. at the G.F.S. Hut on January 28th, when forty-nine people spent a very enjoyable evening. Tea was served, followed by songs by Miss Evenden, Mr. Duncan and the Hector. Afterwards followed a Whist Drive and games.

The Sunday School Party was held on January 24th, when forty children sat down to an excellent tea. Twenty-eight children then received prizes. Harold Manser and Edward Miles receiving the first two prizes for the two Sunday Schools. Games brought the evening to a close.

The G.F.S. Concert took place on February 1th, when the Parish Hall was crowded. A very good programme was provided, including piano Solo, songs and sketches, and country dancing, while the principals of the G.F.S. were very effectively set forth in a beautifully arranged and well-acted G.F.S. play.




The Annual Church Meeting will be held on February 25th, at 7 p.m., at the Rectory Hut, when the accounts for the past year will be presented, a report of the year's work given, and the Council for 1931 elected. We specially invite all electors to be present in order to show their interest in the work and to encourage the Church Council.

The Confirmation will be held at Smarden on March 20th, at 7 p.m. Four or five candidates are preparing for Confirmation in this parish. You must remember to pray for them from now till the day of their dedication to God's service.

We are fortunate in having Mr. Prentis to talk to us on the Tuesday evenings in Lent, at 7 p.m. Let us all be there to hear him.

March 25th.—The Day of the Annunciation is the great Day for the Mothers' Union. There will be Holy Communion and Admission Service at 0.30 a.m., and the Parents' Festival, to which all parents are invited, at 7.30 p.m., in Ashford. Combined Choirs will again take part. A 'bus will be run.

BAPTISMS.—January 18th, William Kenneth Ellis. February 15th, Margaret Phyllis Butler.

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April brings us to Holy Week and to Easter—Holy Week, when we follow Jesus to the Cross, and Easter when we keep the Feast because Jesus triumphed over death, and opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

There is only one way to have a happy Easter, and that is to follow Jesus to Calvary first and to lose the burden of sins at the foot of the Cross. Keep Holy Week and Good Friday well, and you will be ready for the Easter Communion, to which all Communicants are invited in Christ's Name.

Holy Communion on Easter Day will be at 8 a.m. and at mid-day, and at St. Mary's on April 12th at 9.80.

Services in Holy Week will be at 10.45 a.m. and 7 p.m.

On Good Friday, Services will be at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Parish Church. There will be a Lantern Service at St. Mary's at 7.80 p.m.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on February 25th. The accounts for the year were satisfactory. In spite of some exceptional expenses, we were only a few shillings on the wrong side, so that we practically paid our way, which is not easy to do in hard times.

The new Church Council was elected for 1931. The names of the representatives are as follows: *Dincestn Conference*: Mr. Evenden; *Ruri-decaniil Conference*: Mrs. Pyper, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Homewood and Mr. Jennings; *Parochial Church Council*: Miss Crombie, Miss Ellis, Miss Evenden, Capt. Green, Mr. Wood, Mr. Strand, Mr. F. Weeks.

On Friday, March 13th, we laid to rest in our Churchyard the body of James Clark Maylam, in the presence of a number of relations and friends. A much-respected member of an old Pluckley family, he has passed to his rest after a long period of weakness, and his body now lies in the village of his boyhood and with the hope of Easter near at hand.

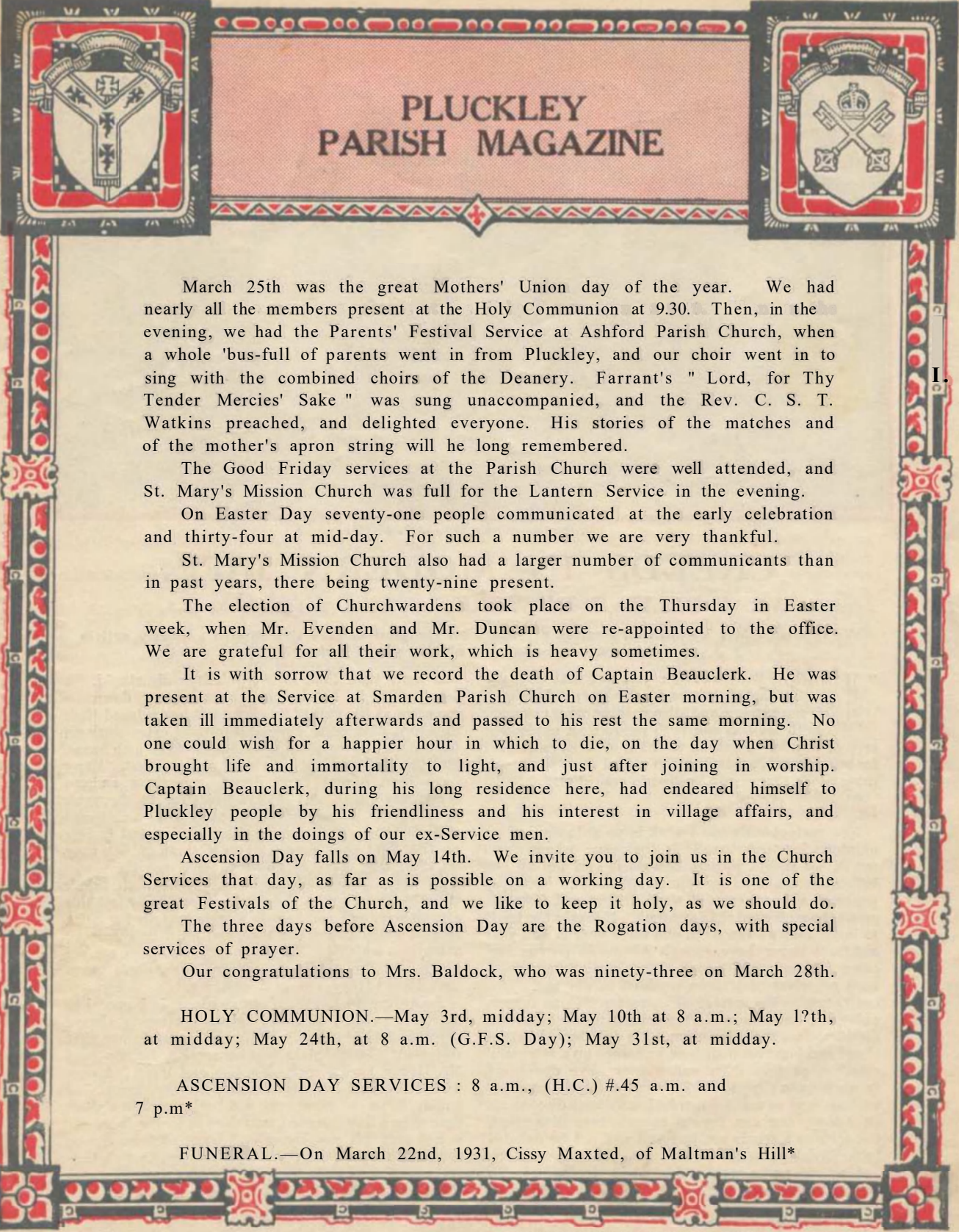
The Confirmation this year was at Smarden, on March 20th, when four candidates from Pluckley received the laying-on of hands by the Right Reverend Bishop Kjn^r. We welcome them as full members of the Church.

The MOTHERS' UNION held a very good meeting on February 24th, when Mrs. Brewer gave a most interesting address to a large number of members. The next meeting at the Rectory Hut will be on Tuesday, April 21st, when Mrs. Plumtre will give the address.

HOLY COMMUNION.—Easter Day, 8 a.m. and noon. April 12th (St. Mary's), 0*30. April 10th, noon. April 26th, 8 a.m. (G.F.S. Day).

MARRIAGE.—On March 11th: Allan George Luekhurst and Ivy Kathleen Brown.

FUNERAL.—On March 13th: James Clark Maylam.



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March 25th was the great Mothers' Union day of the year. We had nearly all the members present at the Holy Communion at 9.30. Then, in the evening, we had the Parents' Festival Service at Ashford Parish Church, when a whole 'bus-full of parents went in from Pluckley, and our choir went in to sing with the combined choirs of the Deanery. Farrant's "Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake" was sung unaccompanied, and the Rev. C. S. T. Watkins preached, and delighted everyone. His stories of the matches and of the mother's apron string will be long remembered.

The Good Friday services at the Parish Church were well attended, and St. Mary's Mission Church was full for the Lantern Service in the evening.

On Easter Day seventy-one people communicated at the early celebration and thirty-four at mid-day. For such a number we are very thankful.

St. Mary's Mission Church also had a larger number of communicants than in past years, there being twenty-nine present.

The election of Churchwardens took place on the Thursday in Easter week, when Mr. Evenden and Mr. Duncan were re-appointed to the office. We are grateful for all their work, which is heavy sometimes.

It is with sorrow that we record the death of Captain Beauclerk. He was present at the Service at Smarden Parish Church on Easter morning, but was taken ill immediately afterwards and passed to his rest the same morning. No one could wish for a happier hour in which to die, on the day when Christ brought life and immortality to light, and just after joining in worship. Captain Beauclerk, during his long residence here, had endeared himself to Pluckley people by his friendliness and his interest in village affairs, and especially in the doings of our ex-Service men.

Ascension Day falls on May 14th. We invite you to join us in the Church Services that day, as far as is possible on a working day. It is one of the great Festivals of the Church, and we like to keep it holy, as we should do.

The three days before Ascension Day are the Rogation days, with special services of prayer.

Our congratulations to Mrs. Baldock, who was ninety-three on March 28th.

HOLY COMMUNION.—May 3rd, midday; May 10th at 8 a.m.; May 17th, at midday; May 24th, at 8 a.m. (G.F.S. Day); May 31st, at midday.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICES : 8 a.m., (H.C.) #.45 a.m. and
7 p.m.*

FUNERAL.—On March 22nd, 1931, Cissy Maxted, of Maltman's Hill*



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The Mothers* Union held their Monthly Meeting at the Rectory Hut on May 19th, when Mrs. Mason, from Canterbury, gave the address. Mrs. Gann and Mrs. Judge were admitted as new members, and made welcome.

For the Devotional Afternoon on June 11th, a Weald of Kent 'bus has been chartered. The return fare will be Is. 8d. The 'bus will be at Pluckley Station at 2.25; The Street at 2.30; The Thome and Weeks' Garage, 2.35. Will all who care to come, give in their names to Mrs. Nicol not later than June 8th.

The G.F.S. have arranged for a Missionary Meeting to be held in the G.F.S. Hut on Monday, June 1st, at 7 p.m., when Miss Marsh, who is now a Medical Missionary, will give an address. All girls and women will be welcome.

We wish to call special attention to the Youth Festival which is to be held at Ashford on Sunday, June 14th. The Festival will begin with a Service in Ashford Parish Church at 3 p.m., at which the address will be given by the Bishop of Croydon, who is the leader of the Youth Movement. The Service will be followed by a discussion in the High School grounds (indoors if wet), the subject being: ¹⁴ "How can Youth help the Church?" All those between the ages of 14 and 30 are invited.

Will all girls who would like to go, give their names to Miss Evenden, and all young men and boys to Mr. Jennings. Tea will be provided at 4d. The School Chapel at Surrenden was dedicated on Ascension Day by the Rev. H. W. Blackburne. We wish every blessing on the Services there.

At the Evening Service on Ascension Day we dedicated a beautiful Communion Service Book for use in the Dering Chapel. The book was bought with the thank-offering money given at Baptisms and Churchings. Nearly all the donors were present at the dedication.

We have also received two other beautiful gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Powell, on the occasion of their Golden Wedding. Mrs. Powell gave a handsome Altar Frontal and Mr. Powell a beautiful Altar Book, with the name of the Church on the cover.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Powell on the happy event, which they celebrated on May 21st.

There will be a Celebration of Holy Communion on June 7th at St. Mary's, at 9.30.

Holy Communion at the Parish Church : June 7th, at mid-day; June 14th, at 8 a.m.; June 21st, at mid-day; June 28th, at 8 a.m. (G.F.S.).

BAPTISMS.—April 19th, Jean Maureen Dawes. May 2nd, Maureen Avril Strand,

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The body of Sir Henry Dering was laid to rest in the Dering enclosure on Wednesday, June 17th. There was a large gathering of relations and old friends and former tenants. We had a small Choir, who sang very beautifully, and Mr. Brissenden's playing of voluntaries was just what was wanted.

It is nearly three years since Sir Henry left Surrenden-Dering. We are glad that he had those three years for a quiet, happy evening to his life, and many of us have remembrance of kindnesses received at his hands.

The passing of one who had been a great landowner, and whose estate included a whole village, is an event which we all feel.

Twenty members of the Pluckley Branch of the Mothers' Union journeyed to Headeorn on June 11th, where they took part in the Mothers' Union H.D. Festival. Bishop BidweU was the preacher, and the two hundred and fifty mothers present much enjoyed his addresses.

Miss Marsh gave a most interesting address in the G.F.S. Hut on June 1st, also displaying some Indian dresses. The latter part of the meeting was occupied with questions and informal talk about the missionary work.

Eight representatives from Pluckley took part in the Youth Festival at Ashford on June 14th, and came back very much interested.

There will be a G.F.S. Festival on July 10th, beginning with a Service in Church at 4.30, at which mothers will be welcome. Mothers will also be welcome at the Sports which take place later in the evening.

The chief event of July will be the visit of "the Student Campaigners." Students from Cambridge and from London University will visit our Deanery in order to stir up interest in missionary work abroad. They are full of life and keenness, and are eager to talk to groups of people. Young people especially. They will be in Pluckley on July 7th and 8th. On July 7th they will speak at a Board of Missions' Garden Meeting at the Rectory, at 8 p.m., and at a Service at 5 p.m. In the evening we hope to have two meetings—one for girls in the G.F.S. Hut, and one for men and boys at the Rectory Hut. On July 8th we hope to arrange a meeting in the Chamber's Green district. It is hoped that the Campaigners will talk to the school children also.

We ask you to give them a welcome, and to remember to pray for a blessing on their visit.

WEDDING.—May 25th, Stephen Ladd and Caroline Angelina Judge.

FUNERALS.—June 9th (at Headcorn), Mrs. Bottle. June 17th, Henry Edward Dering (Baronet).

HOLY COMMUNION.—July 5th, at mid-day. July 12th, at 8 n-m. July 17th, at mid-day. July 24th, at 8 a.m. (G.F.S.).

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The Student Missionary Campaigners were with us at Pluckley on July 7th and 8th.

On the Tuesday afternoon a meeting of the Rurideeanal Board of Missions was held here, when over 70 people from the surrounding parishes were present. The Students gave addresses in the Church before tea, and in the Rectory Garden afterwards.

The same evening they spoke to a G.F.S. meeting and a meeting for men and boys.

On the Wednesday we had a very successful meeting in the St. Mary's District, when Mr. and Mrs. Green entertained us at the Grove School. The hall of the house was quite filled, the addresses were much enjoyed, and coffee and cakes were most hospitably provided at the end of the meeting.

The G.F.S. held a Festival on July 16th. They began with a service in Church, and then went down to the G.F.S. Hut for tea. After tea a very pleasant evening was spent in sports; after which, the prizes for the winners of the races were presented by Mrs. Pyjer.

The High Maiden G.F.S. members came over in a 'bus and took part in all the Festival proceedings. Mrs. Johnson, the Territorial Secretary, came over with them and expressed the thanks of her Branch for the entertainment.

Miss Millgate was presented with a three years' certificate.

On Saturday, July 18th, the treble members of our two choirs had their annual outing, when a party of eighteen went to Folkestone for the day. The sea was too rough for anyone to bathe, but it was a glorious sight with its huge waves. Most of the boys were seen driving cars for the first time, and without driving licences, on the "Bumper" course, and collisions were frequent. After tea, Mr. and Mrs. Brissenden kept us very cheerful with a beach cricket match, and we all arrived home at nine with loads of parcels of presents for parents and brothers and sisters.

The Rector will be away on August 16th, 23rd and 30th, when the services will be taken by the Venerable Archdeacon Martin, who comes from the Diocese of Sydney and is a man of high standing in the Church of Australia. We hope that everyone will come to Church to give him a welcome. We are very fortunate to be able to have him here.


The Choir sang Woodward's "The radiant morn hath passed away" on July 12th. The next anthem will be Sullivan's "Yea, though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death."

HOLY COMMUNION.—August 2nd, at mid-day. August 9th, at 8 a.m. August 16th, at mid-day. August 23rd, at 8 a.m. (G.F.S. Day). August 30th, at mid-day.

BAPTISM.—On July 12th, 1931. Phyllis Joan Morris.



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The following children from our school gained Diocesan Certificates for Religious knowledge, which are signed by the Archbishop:- Fred Miles, Philip Stevens, Sidney Miles, Olive Attaway, Ronald Jennings, Charles Ashdown, Ashley Miles, Joan Ashdown, John Haffenden and Winnie Home. The school, also, received fifteen shillings as prize money, which has been spent on some new Prayer Books for the school. We congratulate the children, and also Mr. Sirand and the teachers on this success. The Certificates were presented by Mrs. Pyper on July 27th.

The Mothers' Union Members held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, «8th July at the Rectory Hut, Miss Evenden addressed the meeting, and gave a most interesting report of the National Conference on "Refuge and Rescue Work" held at Swanwich this spring.

Mrs. Pyper entertained the party at tea in the garden after the meeting, and all enjoyed the fine afternoon among the roses on the Rectory lawn. After tea, competitions and sports were held. Prizes were won by Mrs. Duncan, for "Aunt Sally", Mrs. Veysey, for throwing quoits, Mrs. Weeks in the Potato race, Mrs. Slaughter for the croquet competition. Mrs. Jordan won the "musical paral*" from Mrs. Francis, and this ended a most enjoyable afternoon. Mother^ Union Members are reminded that there will be no meeting in September.

Colonel Colbourne of the Salvation Army writes as follows to the Rector:- "Remembering your concern for the Hop-pickers, I feel I ought to let you know that we shall not be able to send Ensign Webb and her assistant this year. This is not lack of interest, as I am sure you will understand, but our work among the poorer class of pickers in the Medway Valley has increased, and we can fully utilize the officers available with very mucfa less **expense** if they are included in that section".

We shall all miss Ensign Webb and her helper, who have done such a good work in past years here, but we can understand the greater needs of the bigger hop centres. The Nursing Association are arranging with Nurse Rowland to give any help which is required by the hop-pickers here.

BAPTISMS. August and, June Winifred Broadbridge, also George William Simmonds.

HOLY COMMUNION. Sept. 6th at mid-day; Sept. 13th at 8 a.m.; Sept. 20th at mid-day; Sept. 27th at 8 a.m. (G.F.S.)

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First of all must come the notice of our Harvest Festival Services. The St. Mary's Mission Church Festival will be on Thursday, October 8th, at 7 p.m., when the preacher will be the Rev. G. S. Ix>ng, Rector of Aldington and Rural Dean of North Lypne.

The Parish Church Festival will be on October 11th (Old Michaelmas Day), when the preacher will be the Rev. R. F. Bevan, formerly Viear of St. Laurence, Thanet. The Services at the Parish Church will be at 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 0.30 p.m., with a Children's Flower Service at 3 p.m. The anthem will be ⁴⁴ 'O Lord How Manifold are Thy Works,*' Barnby, and the hymns, Nos. 382, 383, 384, 386, and 477. Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Bunnet in F.

We hope that all Pluckley will turn out to thank God for His many mercies, and, also, to pray for a blessing on agriculture in these anxious and difficult times. May God grant that it may be the beginning of more regular worship through the winter for many of us. God is very good to us, and Tie deserves our worship, and loves to answer our prayers when we meet in His own House.

As everyone knows by now, the Rev. II. W. Blackburne has been appointed a Canon of Windsor. We shall all miss him very much. He has been so very good in arranging special services for the whole neighbourhood in Ashford Parish Church, and the conferences he has arranged for the Deanery, and especially for young people, have been much enjoyed, and have stirred up new life. We wish him all blessing in his new and important work, and are thankful for all he has done in his years here. We also remember Mrs. Blackburne, who has done such good work.

The G.F.S. Quarterly Tea will take place on Thursday, October 15th, at 5 p.m. There will also be a service in Church for members, at 7 p.m.

Members of the Mothers' Union are reminded that their next meeting will be on October 20th.

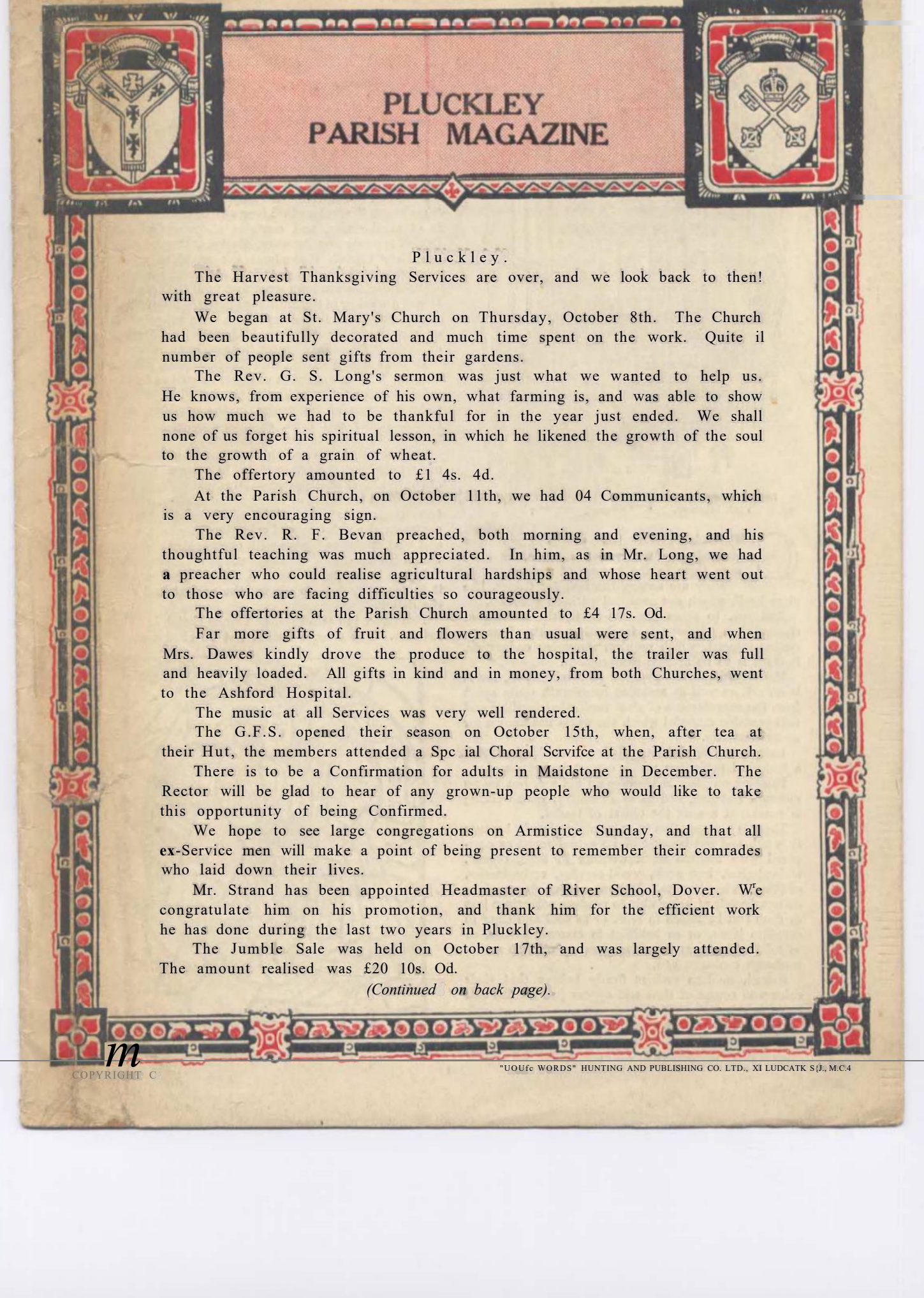
The Annual Jumble Sale will be held this month. Please look out for notices.

BAPTISMS.—August 23rd, David Luckhurst; 30th, David Cheney Williams; September 6th, Douglas Laurence Allan Luckhurst.

FUNERALS. August 13th, Douglas George Williams, aged 4 years; 29th, Ellen Copping, 68 years.

HOLY COMMUNION.—October 4th, mid-day; 11th, 8 a.m. and mid-day; 18th, mid-day; 25th, 8 a.m. (G.F.S. Corporate Communion).

October 18th being St. Luke's Day, the offertories will be for the Medical Missions of the C.M.S. We hope for a generous response, as this is the only occasion in the year when we appeal lor this great work.



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The Harvest Thanksgiving Services are over, and we look back to them! with great pleasure.

We began at St. Mary's Church on Thursday, October 8th. The Church had been beautifully decorated and much time spent on the work. Quite a number of people sent gifts from their gardens.

The Rev. G. S. Long's sermon was just what we wanted to help us. He knows, from experience of his own, what farming is, and was able to show us how much we had to be thankful for in the year just ended. We shall none of us forget his spiritual lesson, in which he likened the growth of the soul to the growth of a grain of wheat.

The offertory amounted to £1 4s. 4d.

At the Parish Church, on October 11th, we had 04 Communicants, which is a very encouraging sign.

The Rev. R. F. Bevan preached, both morning and evening, and his thoughtful teaching was much appreciated. In him, as in Mr. Long, we had a preacher who could realise agricultural hardships and whose heart went out to those who are facing difficulties so courageously.

The offertories at the Parish Church amounted to £4 17s. Od.

Far more gifts of fruit and flowers than usual were sent, and when Mrs. Dawes kindly drove the produce to the hospital, the trailer was full and heavily loaded. All gifts in kind and in money, from both Churches, went to the Ashford Hospital.

The music at all Services was very well rendered.

The G.F.S. opened their season on October 15th, when, after tea at their Hut, the members attended a Special Choral Service at the Parish Church.

There is to be a Confirmation for adults in Maidstone in December. The Rector will be glad to hear of any grown-up people who would like to take this opportunity of being Confirmed.

We hope to see large congregations on Armistice Sunday, and that all ex-Service men will make a point of being present to remember their comrades who laid down their lives.

Mr. Strand has been appointed Headmaster of River School, Dover. We congratulate him on his promotion, and thank him for the efficient work he has done during the last two years in Pluckley.

The Jumble Sale was held on October 17th, and was largely attended. The amount realised was £20 10s. Od.

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BAPTISM.—October 14th, Margaret Rosalie Brook.

BURIAL.—October 10th, John George Baldock, aged 71 years.

HOLY COMMUNION.—November 1st, All SS. Day, mid-clay. November 8th, 8 a.m. November 15th, mid-day. November 22nd, 8 a.m. (G.F.S.). November 29th, mid-day.

Anthem on All SS. Day : " What are these that are arrayed in white robes?" Stainer. Anthem on Armistice Sunday : " Yea, tho* I walk through the valley of the shadow of death," Sullivan.