


## PLUCKLEY PARISH MAGAZINE



In connection with the \*\*Archbishop's New Churches Fund," the Archbishop has appointed Sunday, December 31st, as a special day of prayer for God's blessing on this great work.

A special form of prayer has been printed, which we shall use on that day. We hope all our people will be in their places in Church on that occasion, when we shall seek God's guidance as to what we can do to carry through this great and necessary work.

The Concert arranged by Mrs. Quin on behalf of Church Funds was a very great success, the hall being crowded to the doors. We never remember so full a room before. We have to thank Mrs. Quin for all her hard work in organising the Concert, and to congratulate her on the result, the amount, cleared being £12 18s. 6d.

Mrs. Quin also asks us to thank all those who contributed to the programme and helped in other ways. She much appreciates so much real kindness. We join with her in her thanks to all the different bodies who helped with the programme, and to Mr. Sullivan for the efficient and amusing way in which he drew the threads together.

We had our C.M.S. Anniversary on November 26th and 27th, when the Key. W. F. T. Hamilton preached on the Sunday, and gave a most interesting lantern lecture on the Monday.

The Mothers' Union held their Christmas Party at the G.F.S. Hut on December 13th, and all present had a most enjoyable evening. Captain Quin was M.C. for the Whist Drive, while Mrs. Pyper and Mrs. Shearer presided over the games. Christmas Carols were sung in the interval, refreshments being provided most liberally by the members of Committee. The winners of the Whist were: 1st, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. F. Pile; 2nd, Miss G. Morris, Miss Hogbin; Consolation, Mrs. Turrell, Miss Watt.

The G.F.S. Christmas Party will be held on January 4th, at 4.30, followed by an Admission Service in the Church at 6.30, to which all friends are welcome.

Miss Watkins, who has worked for some years abroad for the Church or England Zenana Missionary Society, gave a very delightful talk on the women and children of India in the Rectory Hut on December 11th. The talk was illustrated with very beautiful coloured lantern slides.

HOLY COMMUNION.—Jan. 7 at mid-day; Jan. 11 at 8 a.m.; Jan. 21 at mid-day; Jan. 28 at 8 a.m.

FUNERAL.—Nov. 22, John Buss, aged 71 years.



PLUCKLEY  
PARISH MAGAZINE

The beautiful Mothers' Union Banner was dedicated by the Rural Dean on the evening of December 12th. We congratulate the members on their very generous giving, which has enabled them to raise the necessary amount for the purchase of so fine a piece of work.

Our Christmas Eve Carol Service was well attended. The Choir did their part well. It was a great pleasure, too, to hear Mrs. Quin's solo.

The Christmas Day Communicants numbered 70, and the St. Mary's Communicants on the Sunday following numbered 20.

On December 31st we had our Annual Carol Service for St. Dunstan's at St. Mary's. Both our Church Choirs sang very well, and a Women's institute Choir, also, helped by singing two beautiful carols.

The Collection amounted to £1 16s. 10d., which is a good deal more than former collections.

Mr. Frank Small's death must have been a real grief to many Pluckley people. He was a link with old days. We remember so well how he and Mrs. Small used to drive up to Church every Sunday morning in an old-fashioned pony chaise, when all else on the roads was motor driven. It was typical of themselves. They belonged to the generation of regular, conscientious Churchgoers. But they were more than that, they were devout Communicants as well.

After his retirement, Mr. Small lived in Margate, but his heart was still in Pluckley.

The attendance at Sunday School has been very good in 1933.

Fourteen gained prizes at the Parish Church School, five of whom have never missed an attendance: H. Manser, J. Perigo, A. Masters, H. Perigo and E. Masters.

At St. Mary's Alice Miles and Denis Miles made full attendances. Altogether there were 13 prize-winners at this School. Will all M.I. members keep the week-end, February 24th-26th, as clear as possible, as Mrs. Bullen is coming then for special meetings in connection with the "Call to Renewal"?

Two representatives from Pluckley were present at the big Service in the Cathedral, when gifts were made to the New Churches Fund from the Parishes in the Diocese. It was a very wonderful Service. The Rector hopes to hold Lent Study Services on five Fridays in Lent.

FUNERALS.—Dec. 30th, Frank John Small, aged 81. Dec. 30th, Elizabeth Emily Willcock, aged 72.

Holy Communion: Feb. 4th, mid-day; Feb. 11th, 8 a.m.; Feb. 18th, mid-day; Feb. 25th, 8 a.m. (G.F.S.).



## PLUCKLEY PARISH MAGAZINE

There will be Holy Communion on Easter Day at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and mid-day, and at St. Mary's Mission Church on April 8th, at 9.30. We invite all Communicants to be present at one or other of these Celebrations, faster Day is the day when all Communicants come together.

Mrs. Bullen's week-end in Pluckley, which she devoted to the members of the M.U. and the G.F.S., was much appreciated, and, we hope, has been a help in the Christian life.

Bishop Knight confirmed 26 candidates in our Church on March 7th. Eight candidates from Pluckley were included in the number. They will all remember his earnest addresses on the Christian race.

On March 18th we arranged a special Service of Holy Communion for the newly confirmed. Fathers and mothers came, in several cases, with the boys and girls. The Young People's Fellowship members arranged a Corporate Communion on this occasion, and were present to give a welcome to the new Communicants.


The Church Council wish to point out that the fabric of our ancient and beautiful Church is in constant need of repair to keep it in a worthy and dignified condition, and for this purpose a Reserve Fund is absolutely necessary. In addition, we are often sorely pressed to meet our current expenses. We therefore confidently appeal to you all to join us in a Free-Will Offering Scheme. Details of the Scheme and a promise-slip are enclosed. Will you please promise a monthly contribution, however small, and we will gratefully do all we can to help you carry out your good work.

Mr. Vernon Dean has been providing those school children who are unable to get home for their mid-day meal with a bottle of milk each to drink with the lunch they bring with them. His kindness has been greatly appreciated, especially during the recent wet and chilly weather, and has certainly helped in keeping our children free of the winter ills from which so many schools are at present suffering.


FUNERALS.—February 24th, Harriett Pile, aged 84 years; March 17th, Gordon Brian Renals, aged 12 years.

### HOLY COMMUNION.

April 1st, 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and mid-day; April 8th, at St. Mary's. 9.30 a.m.; April 16th, at mid-day; April 22nd, at 8 a.m.; April 29th, at mid-day.



# PLUCKLEY PARISH MAGAZINE



On Easter Day 117 people communicated, which is much the largest number for a good many years. On the following Sunday there were 23 at the Celebration at St. Mary's Mission Church. We were specially glad to see so many younger communicants. We were also pleased to see so many people present at the Good Friday Services.

The Free Will Offering scheme has made a good start. At the Council meeting on April 18th Mrs. Quin reported that she had already received twelve promises which, added together, amounted to £8 12s. This is a good start, and we feel sure that numbers of other promises will be received in the near future. The members of the Council are taking papers to all the houses in the Parish, so that those who do not take the magazine may know about the scheme.

Mr. Brisley has made a beautiful Free Will Offering box of oak. It is a wonderfully finished piece of work, and Mr. Brisley has only made a nominal charge. The Council are most grateful for his kindness.

The Council also thank Miss F. M. Ellis for a "List of Services," to be hung in the Church porch. It is a very skilled and beautiful piece of writing.

The Council also settled that all contributions to the Free Will Offering scheme from the Mission Church district should be set aside for the upkeep of St. Mary's Church.

We remind readers of the G.F.S. Sale, which is to take place on May 23rd, and ask them to do what they can to make it a success.

On Empire Day the Pluckley Branch of the British Legion hope to hold a Service for the Dedication of their Standard. The Consecration Ceremony will be carried out by the Rev. R. S. B. Sinclair, M.C., and the Rector. Details will be given when settled.

The Young People's Fellowship will meet on Monday, May 7th. The speaker will be the Rev. Ian White-Thomson.


The Annual Vestry Meeting was held on April 6th, when Mr. Evenden and Mr. Green were re-appointed Churchwardens.

Rogation Sunday, when we pray for the growing crops, falls on May 6th. We invite all who farm or work on the land, and all who have gardens, to join us in our prayers at Church.


ASCENSION DAY falls on May 10th, a day which links us specially with Heaven.

On Whit-Sunday we look forward to welcoming a large number of Communicants once more.

HOLY COMMUNION.—May 6th, mid-day. May 10th, 7.30. May 13th, 8 a.m. May 20th, 8 a.m. and mid-day. May 27th, 8 a.m.



## PLUCKLEY PARISH MAGAZINE



The Young People's Fellowship were fortunate in having the Rev. Ian White-Thomson to give\* them a talk on Monday, May 7th. Mr. White-Thomson is a member of the Diocesan Committee for Youth, and knows their principles well. His subject was, "The Aims and Objects of a Young People's Fellowship," which he described as being three in number: (1) To study the way of Christ, and live it; (2) to win youth for Christ: <sup>4</sup>\*Every Christian an Evangelist<sup>M</sup> might be a good motto; (3) to promote and express Fellowship in the Church by means of varied religious and social activities.

The Fellowship is planning a discussion on these aims, with a view to finding ways of carrying them out when the autumn meetings begin. Meanwhile, they have made a start by inviting the newly-confirmed to a Social Evening, and by joining with them in Corporate Communion.

The Hector and Mi's. Pyper will be away from home in July. The Services in Church will be taken by the Rev. E. W. Storer, Vicar of St. Phillip's Church, Litherland, near Liverpool. His Archdeacon writes that Mr. Storer is one of the most respected incumbents in the Diocese of Liverpool. We shall be very fortunate in having him here, and we hope everyone will give him a welcome at Church. He will be glad to visit anyone in case of severe sickness, or other need.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miles have retired from their Church offices, after many years of service. The members of the Church Council joined together in making them a little present in appreciation of the beautiful way in which the Church has been kept and the way in which it has been healed.

The Church Treasurer has been getting on well with the Free-Will Offering Scheme. She reports that she has received promises from twenty-three people, to the value of £15 a year.

We hope all who can will fill in papers, and so place the Church finance on a sound footing. The Church belongs equally to all parishioners.

BAPTISM.—April 29th, Bertram Gammon.

WEDDING.—Percy George Kemp and Violet May Gosbee.

FUNERALS.—May 7th, Lewis Pile, aged 86; May 12th, George Smith, aged 72.

HOLY COMMISSION.—June 3rd, at mid-day; 10th, at 8 a.m.; 17th, at mid-day; 24th, at 8 a.m.

HISTORICAL NOTE.—In a list of Churches, and the dues which they paid to the Archbishop, 1070-1087, Plucelea, i.e., Pluckley, paid 10d., and Pifugtuue (Pelpngton) paid 7d. as dues. This shows that both these Churches were in existence at that time. The inference is that both were there in Saxon times.

*ofyzmcc*

## PLUCKLEY PARISH MAGAZINE

The G.F.S. Sale was a great success, and their Committee ask us to thank all friends who showed so much generous interest. The members had done a great deal of work in preparation, and we are glad they had their reward. It was a pleasure to have Mrs. Monins as opener, and to hear her practical advice.

We congratulate the members of the Pluckley Branch of the British Legion on the acquisition of the Standard which is now laid up in the Parish Church. The Open Air Service will long be remembered. It was such a quiet and beautiful evening, and Mr. Sinclair's words came so evidently from his heart, while the presence of the other Branches, and of the band from Ashford, and of a large congregation, added to the completeness of the ceremony. May a blessing rest on our Pluckley Branch.

The Crowning of our May Queen was a great event in the parish. The day was fine and warm, and the absence of wind enabled us to hear all the words quite clearly. The ceremony was very pretty and effective. The Queen was dignified and self-assured—as a queen should be—and played her part well. The choosing of a suitor gave us plenty of amusement, while the grouping of the gaily-dressed actors against the green trees was a fine colour effect.

The Infants sang their song very prettily under Mrs. Smail's capable direction, and the maypole dancers moved with wonderful grace and precision when their turn came.

We congratulate Miss Ellis on the technical excellence which was shown.

Altogether, it was a wonderful afternoon. The Managers have to thank Captain Quin and his staff for such a fine piece of work.

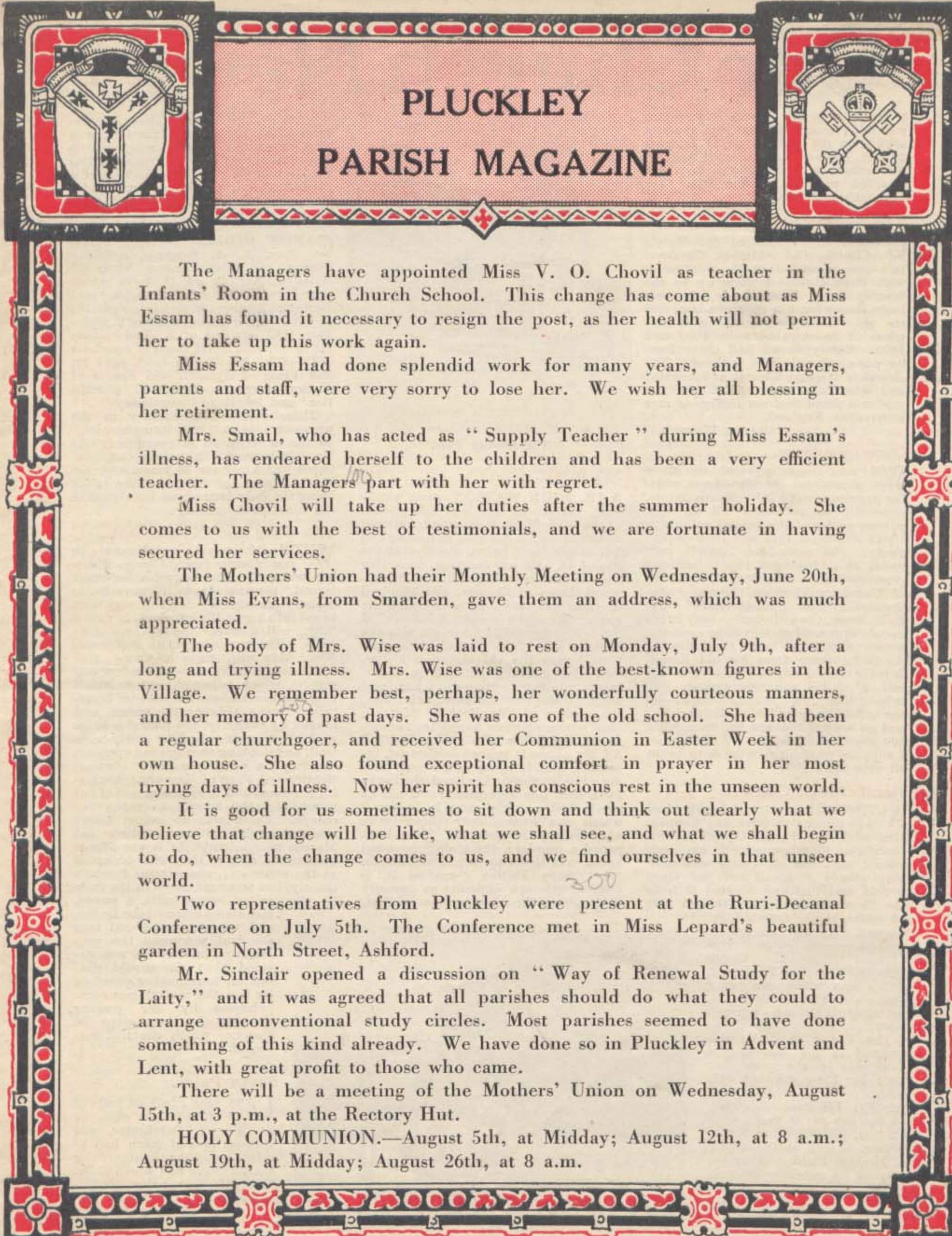
Captain Quin was author, producer and actor. Mrs. Quin must have spent many hours over the effective dresses, and Miss Porter acted as robe-mistress.

There was no thought of money-making, and all that was asked was that expenses should be met. The attendance, however, was so large that after paying expenses, £4 18s. goes to the School Sports Fund.

We were all distressed by the sudden death of Mr. Bourne. He was a shepherd who loved his sheep, and who died amongst them.

WEDDING.—June 9th, Roger James Ham and Winifred Laura Marchant.

HOLY COMMUNION.—July 1st, at midday; July 8th, at 8 a.m.; July 15th, at midday; July 22nd, at 8 a.m.; July 29th, at midday.



## PLUCKLEY PARISH MAGAZINE

The Managers have appointed Miss V. O. Chovil as teacher in the Infants' Room in the Church School. This change has come about as Miss Essam has found it necessary to resign the post, as her health will not permit her to take up this work again.

Miss Essam had done splendid work for many years, and Managers, parents and staff, were very sorry to lose her. We wish her all blessing in her retirement.

Mrs. Smail, who has acted as "Supply Teacher" during Miss Essam's illness, has endeared herself to the children and has been a very efficient teacher. The Managers part with her with regret.

Miss Chovil will take up her duties after the summer holiday. She comes to us with the best of testimonials, and we are fortunate in having secured her services.

The Mothers' Union had their Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, June 20th, when Miss Evans, from Smarden, gave them an address, which was much appreciated.

The body of Mrs. Wise was laid to rest on Monday, July 9th, after a long and trying illness. Mrs. Wise was one of the best-known figures in the Village. We remember best, perhaps, her wonderfully courteous manners, and her memory of past days. She was one of the old school. She had been a regular churchgoer, and received her Communion in Easter Week in her own house. She also found exceptional comfort in prayer in her most trying days of illness. Now her spirit has conscious rest in the unseen world.

It is good for us sometimes to sit down and think out clearly what we believe that change will be like, what we shall see, and what we shall begin to do, when the change comes to us, and we find ourselves in that unseen world.

Two representatives from Pluckley were present at the Ruri-Decanal Conference on July 5th. The Conference met in Miss Lepard's beautiful garden in North Street, Ashford.

Mr. Sinclair opened a discussion on "Way of Renewal Study for the Laity," and it was agreed that all parishes should do what they could to arrange unconventional study circles. Most parishes seemed to have done something of this kind already. We have done so in Pluckley in Advent and Lent, with great profit to those who came.

There will be a meeting of the Mothers' Union on Wednesday, August 15th, at 3 p.m., at the Rectory Hut.

HOLY COMMUNION.—August 5th, at Midday; August 12th, at 8 a.m.; August 19th, at Midday; August 26th, at 8 a.m.

# PLUCKLEY

## PARISH MAGAZINE

At the Mothers' Union Meeting on Thursday, August 16th, Miss Evenden gave a most interesting talk on her visit to Oberammergau. She illustrated her talk with many beautiful coloured pictures. So much interest was aroused that Miss Evenden was asked to continue her talk, which will take place on Wednesday, September 19th.

The Women's Institute devoted £2 from the proceeds of the Whist Drive in April to the Cathedral Pilgrimage for the Unemployed, and Major and Mrs. Mitchell attended at Canterbury Cathedral to present this gift on the Instituted behalf.

There are now thirty-four subscribers to the Free-Will Offering Fund, and the monthly contributions are of very real help in balancing our budget. This fund is a determined effort to put our Church finance upon a sound basis, and we earnestly appeal for additional subscribers. Detailed information can be obtained from the Rector, Mr. Evenden, or Mrs. Quin.

The Diocesan Inspector for Religious Knowledge visited the School on July 10th. In his report he writes, "The Religious Instruction throughout the School is thorough, and the answers of the children show it to be very efficient. The repetition was word-perfect and clearly and correctly pronounced. Catechism in Group 4 was well known."

We congratulate Captain Quin and the staff on their success.

"Parents' Day" was kept at the School on August 14th, when there was a good attendance of mothers, with Managers and friends. A good display of drawing and needlework and handicrafts was on view, and there was a gymnastic display by the boys and folk-dancing by the girls in the playground. Captain Quin gave a very satisfactory report of the year's work. The prizes won in the Diocesan Examination were distributed by Miss Evenden.

The School Sports were held on August 15th, when a good programme of events was watched with interest by a good number of spectators. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Pyper, who was presented with a beautiful bouquet by Daisy Marchant.

The Annual Sunday School Party was held on August 20th at the Old Manor, where the children were generously entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Thorp. Captain Quin very kindly came and ran the sports programme. Altogether, it was a very happy afternoon. A vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Thorp and Miss Stevenson was proposed by the Rector and carried with cheers.

Holy Communion, September 2nd, at mid-day; 9th, at 11 a.m.; 16th, at mid-day; 24th, at 8 a.m., G.F.S.



IS I

M mm

# PLUCKLEY

## PARISH MAGAZINE

m

We have just laid to rest the body of Mr. Brisky after a very trying illness. He was elected a member of the Parochial Church Council this year and took up his work very seriously. He canvassed for the Free-Will Offering Scheme, and made most careful notes of his visits, and was much disappointed that illness prevented him from completing his task. One of the last pieces of work he did was the making of the beautiful box for the offerings which now stands in the Parish Church. Another of his last works was the planning of the socket for the Legion banner. He was one who loved good workmanship and all he did was well done.

He met his call to the other world unflinchingly, and waited patiently for the end which he knew was coming, supported by faith and prayer and the reception of the Sacrament, by his own request, in his own house.

THE HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES will be as follows: At the Parish Church on October 7th, at St. Mary's Mission Church on October 11th, at 7 p.m. The offertories will be divided between the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institute and the Ashford Hospital. We have had a good year: let us show our thankfulness by praising God in His house. In field work we are partners with Him, and we like to acknowledge our partnership.

We hope that every garden will send something for the decoration of the Church.

We had a lovely day for our Choir Trip to Folkestone, on August 25th. The party numbered 23. Most of the party paddled, some bought bathing costumes at Marks & Spencer's and bathed, some brought their own costumes. Side-shows and bumper cars were well patronized. Altogether we had a very happy day.

The Jumble Sale will be on Saturday, October 13th, at 2.30 p.m. We are asked to say that this is a great opportunity for finding real bargains.

The G.F.S. Quarterly Party will take place on October 4th, at 4.15.

The G.F.S. Extension Meetings will be as follows: For Associates and friends, at 3 p.m., on October 25th; and for Members and friends, at 7 p.m. on the same day. The speaker will be Miss Dinn, the Central Extension Worker.

WEDDING.—Aug. 11th. David Thomas Knight and Ethel Filmer.

FUNERALS.—Frederick William Croucher, aged 75.

Edward John Marchant, aged 69.

Jesse Bristly, aged 49.

HOLY COMMUNION.—Oct. 7th, 8 a.m. and Mid-day; 14th, 9.30 at St. Mary's; 21st, Mid-day; 28th, 8 a.m., G.F.S.

## PLUCKLEY

## PARISH MAGAZINE

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday, October 7th. We were thankful to see a large number of Communicants—seventy in all. An increase of Communicants on such an occasion is a sign of life in a Church. The gifts of garden produce were exceptionally fine, and the Church was beautifully decorated. The Choir sang Hopkins' "Te Deum" in the morning, and Martin's settings to the Canticles in the evening: the anthem being "Ye shall dwell in the land." All the music was well rendered.

The Harvest Services at St. Mary's were on October 11th—old Michaelmas Day, which is the end of the agricultural year. The Preacher was the Rev. C. H. Coe, and the seats were all filled. As at the Parish Church, the gifts of fruit and vegetables were more than usual. On Sunday, the 14th, there were twenty-four Communicants at this Church, and a new Altar Cloth of fine linen was dedicated. The cost of the cloth was born by a member of the congregation, and the work is the beautiful lace work of Miss E. Bishop. The appearance of the Church is also greatly improved by a gift of new covers for the Communion kneelers.

The offertories at both Churches were divided between the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institute and the Ashford Hospital. Those at the Parish Church amount to £6 10s. 4d.; those at the Mission Church to £2 7s. 1d.

On October 21st sermons were preached, and collections made, on behalf of Medical Missions. The offertories at the Parish Church amounted to £2 10s. 3d., and those at St. Mary's, to 10s. 4d.

Armistice Day falls this year on a Sunday, which adds interest to our celebration of that day.

The Silence will be kept at the War Memorial Cross before going into Church for the Service. The outdoor observance will begin punctually at 10.50. Offertories will, as usual, be given to Earl Haig's Fund.

Will all interested in Missions please note that the Rev. T. C. L. Vincent, from Uganda, will preach for the C.M.S. on November 25th, and give a Lantern Lecture on November 26th.

The Mothers' Union speaker for next month will be Mrs. Scutt, who was unable to come in October. Will members please note the meeting will be on Wednesday, November 21st, at 3 p.m.

BAPTISM.—At St. Mary's, on September 23rd. Brenda Joan Samson.

FUNERAL.—October 3rd, Hubert Charles Jarrett, aged 66.

HOLY COMMUNION.—All Saints' Day, 8 a.m.; November 4th, at mid-day; November 11th, at 8 a.m.; November 18th, at mid-day; November 25th, at 8 a.m. (G.F.S.),

# PLUCKLEY

## PARISH MAGAZINE

Armistice Day was blessed with lovely weather, and the air was still for the outdoor ceremony at the Memorial Cross. There was a good muster of the men of the British Legion, who paraded with their standard. The Exhortation was said by Mr. Highwood, and the Last Post sounded by buglers from the Ashford Grammar School. For the first time the Altar was decorated with Haig Poppies. The offertories for Earl Haig's Fund amounted to £4 10s. 3d. at the Parish Church and 6s. lid. at St. Mary's.

The Mothers' Union had their monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 21st, when Mrs. Scutt gave a most interesting talk on Palestine customs.

Will members please note that the Deanery Service in Ashford Parish Church is on Thursday, December 6th, at 3 p.m., and the Christmas Party, for members only, on Thursday, December 20th, at 6.30, in the G.F.S. Hut.

The Young People's Fellowship has begun the new season with a change of programme. Instead of the Service in Church, the Rector is conducting a Study Circle on St. Mark's Gospel, giving opportunity for discussing any religious problems which members like to bring forward. At the first meeting a number of useful questions were asked. There will be a box in Church into which members may put any questions they would like to have discussed.

The Freewill Offering scheme is already a great success, and is putting the Church finance on a sound footing. We hope that any who have not filled in promise papers will do so, even if only for a small amount. It is pleasant to think of so many taking an interest in the upkeep of our fine old Church, which belongs to all parishioners equally.

Interest in the beauty of the building is shown by the number of visitors who come to see it. The Visitors' Book shows 21 in August, 36 in September, 22 in October. November, with its uncongenial weather, has brought 110 visitors at all so far.

St. Nicholas' Day falls on December 6th. We shall keep our Dedication Festival with a Children's Service on December 8th and a Festival Service on December 9th.

On Christmas Day we invite all Communicants to be present at one or other of the Celebrations, which will be at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and mid-day.

Carols will be sung in Church on December 23rd, and we hope to have our annual Carol Service for St. Dunstan's at St. Mary's on December 30th.

BAPTISMS.—Sept. 23rd (at St. Mary's), Brenda Joan Samson; Nov. 11th, Sheila Gore.

HOLY COMMUNION.—December 2nd, at mid-day; December, 9th at 8 a.m.; December 16th, at mid-day; December 23rd, at 8 a.m.; December 30th, 9.30 at St. Mary's.