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March brings us to an early Holy Week and an early Easter. We remind all who have been confirmed, in the past, that it is their special duty to communicate at Easter. It is the one day in the year when all Christians must come together for that sacred Feast. And it is not a hard duty. It is a rule which we are glad to keep. There, at His Altar, we find the Risen Christ present, as we can find Him nowhere else. There we can worship Him and adore Him as nowhere else. And there He feeds us with His Body and His Blood, which He gave for us on the Cross.

Keep Holy Week and Good Friday well, and you will, in that way, make the best, and the only true, preparation for your Communion.

There will be a service each night in Holy Week at 7 p.m., till Good Friday, when the services in the Parish Church will be at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. At St. Mary's there will be a Lantern Service at 7 p.m.

There will be a Confirmation at our Parish Church on Tuesday, March 16th, at 7 p.m. We invite all Christian people to be present, that they may help the candidates by kneeling and praying for them. A praying people is a great help to a Confirmation.

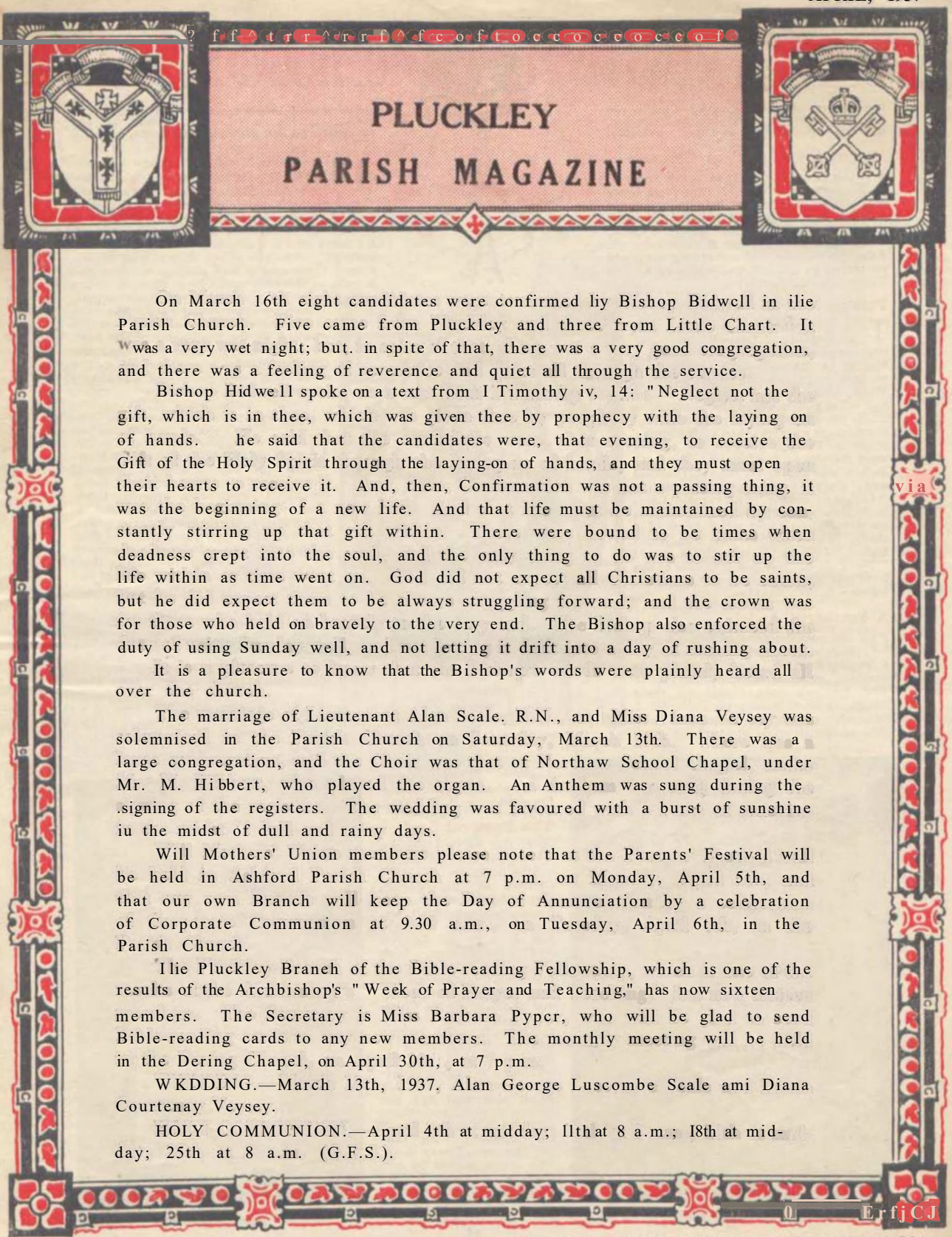
The Sunday School prize list is a long one this year as attendance has been particularly regular. Joyce Luckhurst, Edward Perigo and Herbert Perigo have each only been absent once. Albert and Bessie Masters have only missed twice, and others follow close behind. At St. Mary's, Douglas Pannell has lost only two marks; Lance Brunton, three, and Vera Deveries and Ronald Pannell, four.

The Girls' Friendly Society gave a most successful concert on February 4th. There was a large audience, and all the items in the programme were particularly well done. Indeed, the opinion was expressed that it was quite the best concert that Society had ever given.

The programme was repeated a fortnight later at Hothfield House, and was much appreciated by the inmates.

The Mothers Union have been holding working parties in Lent in answer to the appeal by the Bishop of Tanganyika.

HOLY COMMUNION.—March 7th at midday, March 14th at 8 a.m., March 21st at midday, March 28th at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and midday.



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On March 16th eight candidates were confirmed by Bishop Bidwell in the Parish Church. Five came from Pluckley and three from Little Chart. It was a very wet night; but, in spite of that, there was a very good congregation, and there was a feeling of reverence and quiet all through the service.

Bishop Bidwell spoke on a text from I Timothy iv, 14: "Neglect not the gift, which is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy with the laying on of hands. he said that the candidates were, that evening, to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit through the laying-on of hands, and they must open their hearts to receive it. And, then, Confirmation was not a passing thing, it was the beginning of a new life. And that life must be maintained by constantly stirring up that gift within. There were bound to be times when deadness crept into the soul, and the only thing to do was to stir up the life within as time went on. God did not expect all Christians to be saints, but he did expect them to be always struggling forward; and the crown was for those who held on bravely to the very end. The Bishop also enforced the duty of using Sunday well, and not letting it drift into a day of rushing about.

It is a pleasure to know that the Bishop's words were plainly heard all over the church.


The marriage of Lieutenant Alan Scale, R.N., and Miss Diana Veysey was solemnised in the Parish Church on Saturday, March 13th. There was a large congregation, and the Choir was that of Northaw School Chapel, under Mr. M. Hibbert, who played the organ. An Anthem was sung during the signing of the registers. The wedding was favoured with a burst of sunshine in the midst of dull and rainy days.

Will Mothers' Union members please note that the Parents' Festival will be held in Ashford Parish Church at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 5th, and that our own Branch will keep the Day of Annunciation by a celebration of Corporate Communion at 9.30 a.m., on Tuesday, April 6th, in the Parish Church.


The Pluckley Branch of the Bible-reading Fellowship, which is one of the results of the Archbishop's "Week of Prayer and Teaching," has now sixteen members. The Secretary is Miss Barbara Pycer, who will be glad to send Bible-reading cards to any new members. The monthly meeting will be held in the Dering Chapel, on April 30th, at 7 p.m.

WEDDING.—March 13th, 1937. Alan George Luscombe Scale and Diana Courtenay Veysey.

HOLY COMMUNION.—April 4th at midday; 11th at 8 a.m.; 18th at midday; 25th at 8 a.m. (G.F.S.).



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May brings us to the Coronation, when the King dedicates himself to the service of his God and his country in the most impressive and ancient rite. The crowning of the King is only part of a very full ceremony. The King is also anointed with oil, which is the outward and visible sign that the King is anointed with the Holy Spirit; and a number of other symbolic rites are performed. So the people acclaim the King as their rightful Sovereign, the King dedicates himself to the service of the King of Kings, and God makes over to him all the graces and power which he needs for his great work. It is a service of the deepest spiritual meaning.

Through the Broadcast we shall all be able to join in the rite and to mingle our prayers with the prayers in the Abbey.

Then the call comes to all of us to dedicate ourselves to God's service, as the King will be doing. We look for a King and Empire all setting themselves to do God's will in God's strength as part of the Kingdom of Christ.

Special forms of Service have been issued for the Sunday before the Coronation, and we invite all parishioners to be present on that Sunday. In addition to these services, the Parochial Church Council are sending invitations to all whose names are on the Electoral Roll to be present at a Social on May 3rd. The object of the gathering is that we may lay before people the "Archbishop's Recall to Religion"—the call to all of us to turn back to God and to His Service and become more fully a Christian nation.

We are thankful that our King, as his father before him, definitely looks to God for guidance and strength, and that he is regular in the attendance at Sunday services. We want the people to follow their King.

Our own Coronation celebrations will begin with an official Service in Church.

We laid to rest, in one week, the bodies of three of our oldest people. Two of them were aged 83 and one was 81. We leave them in God's care and keeping in the unseen world.

The members of the Girls' Friendly Society are holding "Services of Re-dedication" for all their branches. This movement is in full harmony with the Coronation and with the Recall to Religion, and we are thankful for it.

BAPTISM.—April 18th, 1937. Jill Elizabeth Knight.

BURIALS.—April 7th, 1937, John Skinner, aged 83. April 10th, 1937, Mary Sarah Marsh, aged 83. April 14th, 1937, Jane Elizabeth Norton Pentecost, aged 81.

HOLY COMMUNION.—May 2nd, at midday. May 6th, at 7.30 a.m. May 9th, at 8 a.m. May 16th, at 8 a.m. and midday. May 23rd, at 8 a.m. May 30th, at midday.

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Our chief subject this month must be the Recall to Religion and the Coronation. The Lord High Commissioner, speaking on behalf of the King, at the opening of the Church Assembly in Scotland, said "it was His Majesty's earnest prayer that with a quickened sense of its great responsibility and of its moral obligations to the world, this nation would consecrate itself anew to the pursuit of righteousness through which it could alone be exalted. It is that pursuit of righteousness which we have had in our minds all through the past month, the righteousness which alone can exalt a people. With this end in view the Rector and Church Council invited all who are on the Electoral Roll to a social on May 3rd. They were glad to welcome eighty people to listen to Mr. Preece, who spoke on the need of regular worship, saying that wireless services could never take the place of church-going. For, in church-going, we get down on our knees before God and offer, for ourselves, the worship and the prayers for which God looks.

The Coronation carried on the lesson, when, in the hearing of all his people, the King was present in the Abbey Church, to kneel before God, and make his vows in God's presence, and to seek and receive the Power and the Grace of the Holy Spirit. Then, finally, both King and Queen knelt to receive the Holy Communion.

There we have our example, the dedication of our whole lives to God's service, and the seeking of God's presence in worship and sacrament. To service is ever dull if we put our hearts into it, and fix a close attention on every act of prayer and worship. It is a wandering mind which robs a service of its beauty. Whenever you can feel that the hearts of the congregation are in the worship, then you go home feeling it has been good to be there. It depends on the worshippers.

We were glad to welcome such congregations on the Sunday before the Coronation, and on the Coronation day. The Forms of Service were beautifully drawn up, and expressed all that we desired to feel.

We have to thank all who worked to make our Church Social a success, and all who sent gifts for the catering. Mr. Sullivan delighted us all with his two poems. Mr. Brissenden and Mr. Deveries were so good as to sing for us, and the Council representatives gave us some amusing games.

The Bible Reading Fellowship will meet on Friday, June 25th, when we hope all members will be present.

BAPTISMS.—May 16th, 1937, John Clifford Coleman; Brian James Goldup (at St. Mary's).

HOLY COMMUNION.—June 6th, at midday; 13th, at 8 a.m.; 20th, at midday; 27th, at 8 a.m.

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The annual Sunday School Parly was held on Wednesday, June 9th, at the Rectory, Tea had been arranged in lite garden, but, just before four o'clock, heavy rain came down, and everything was hurriedly moved into the Rectory hut. Thirty-three children sat down to tea, and afterwards games and **Competitions** were carried through under cover. It was certainly disappointing that we could not be out of doors, but it seemed to make no difference to the children's enjoyment.

Our Sunday School is doing well and the attendance of the children is **most regular.**

Our Parish was represented at the " Diocesan Sunday School Teachers Association Pilgrimage to the Cathedral" on June 5th. This was the Jubilee year of the Association and a great procession of 700 clergy and teachers passed from the Green Court to the West Door of the Cathedral by Palace Street. The procession was headed by the Cathedral Cross, and there were also about fifty banners.

The Archbishop gave the address from his throne, and his chief thought **"Was** of those who taught in small village Sunday Schools. That day, he said, they realised that they were members of a great company with a high calling.

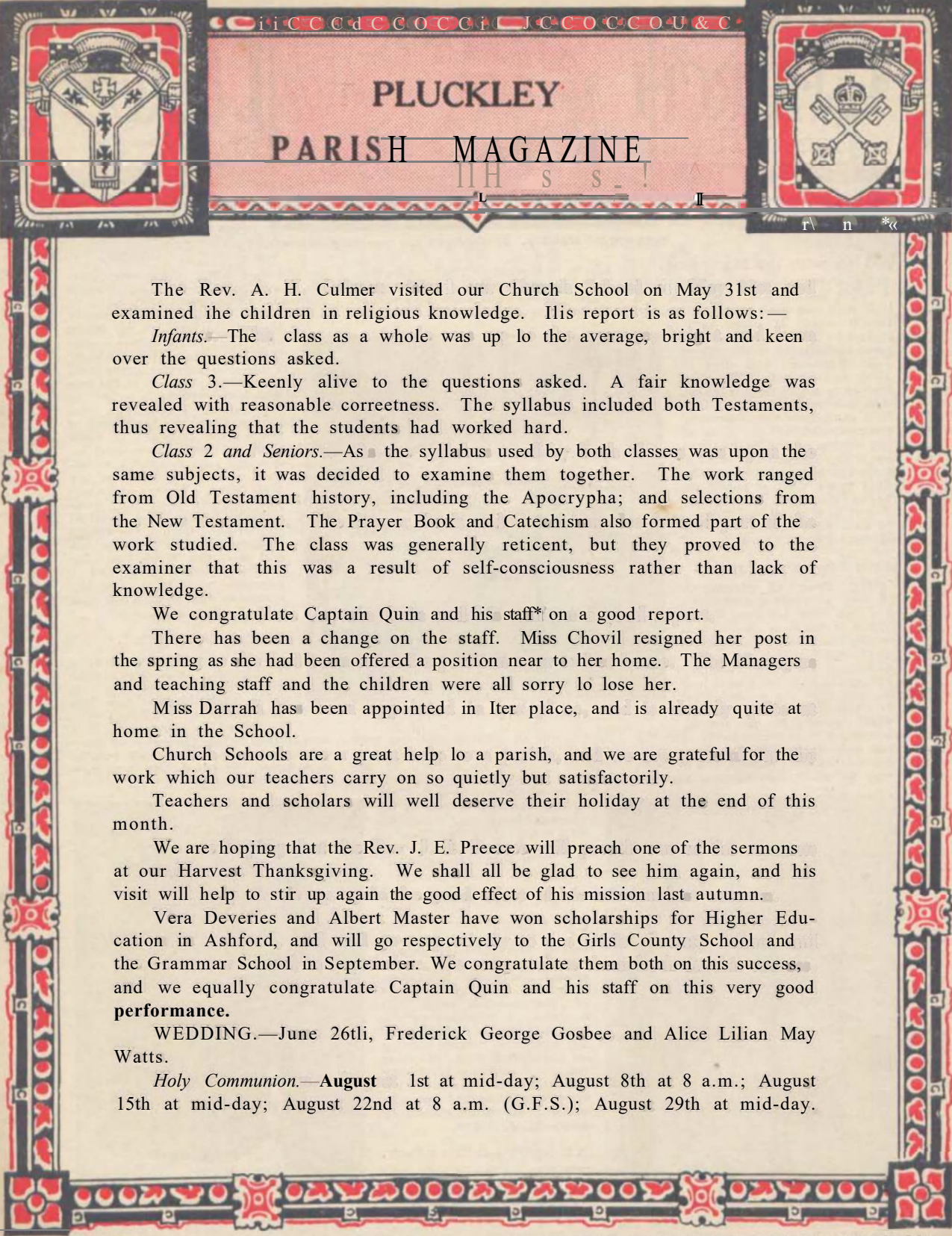
Our Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society has again been successful in the Annual Diocesan Competitions. In the Drill Competition our candidates team, under Miss Pyper, was first in the Diocese with a percentage of 80. Miss Kllis was also first in the Diocesan Photographic Competition with a percentage of 80. We congratulate our Branch on this success.

At the May Meeting of the Mothers' Union there was a good attendance, when the members welcomed Mrs. Brewer once again as speaker. Mrs. Brewer is always a speaker who delights her audience and she gave a most interesting address.

The Rector and Mrs. Pyper will be away from the Parish in July. The Services will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. A. B. Lavelle, Rector of Darlston, South Staffordshire. We hope that the Parish will give him a real welcome, and that he and Mrs. Lavelle will enjoy the much needed change from the work of a large parish.

FUNERAL.—May 28th, Elizabeth May Ralph.

HOLY COMMUNION.—July 4th at mid-day, July 11th at 8 a.m., July 18th at mid-day, July 25th at 8 a.m. (G.F.S.).



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The Rev. A. H. Culmer visited our Church School on May 31st and examined the children in religious knowledge. His report is as follows:—

*Infants.*—The class as a whole was up to the average, bright and keen over the questions asked.

*Class 3.*—Keenly alive to the questions asked. A fair knowledge was revealed with reasonable correctness. The syllabus included both Testaments, thus revealing that the students had worked hard.

*Class 2 and Seniors.*—As the syllabus used by both classes was upon the same subjects, it was decided to examine them together. The work ranged from Old Testament history, including the Apocrypha; and selections from the New Testament. The Prayer Book and Catechism also formed part of the work studied. The class was generally reticent, but they proved to the examiner that this was a result of self-consciousness rather than lack of knowledge.

We congratulate Captain Quin and his staff\* on a good report.

There has been a change on the staff. Miss Chovil resigned her post in the spring as she had been offered a position near to her home. The Managers and teaching staff and the children were all sorry to lose her.

Miss Darrah has been appointed in her place, and is already quite at home in the School.

Church Schools are a great help to a parish, and we are grateful for the work which our teachers carry on so quietly but satisfactorily.

Teachers and scholars will well deserve their holiday at the end of this month.

We are hoping that the Rev. J. E. Preece will preach one of the sermons at our Harvest Thanksgiving. We shall all be glad to see him again, and his visit will help to stir up again the good effect of his mission last autumn.

Vera Deveries and Albert Master have won scholarships for Higher Education in Ashford, and will go respectively to the Girls County School and the Grammar School in September. We congratulate them both on this success, and we equally congratulate Captain Quin and his staff on this very good **performance.**

**WEDDING.**—June 26th, Frederick George Gosbee and Alice Lilian May Watts.

*Holy Communion.*—**August** 1st at mid-day; August 8th at 8 a.m.; August 15th at mid-day; August 22nd at 8 a.m. (G.F.S.); August 29th at mid-day.

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HOLIDAYS WHICH PAY. What a wonderful holiday month August has been.' Thousands of peoplo must have enjoyed the glorious sunshine with the fresh air and sea breezes. I have "been one of the fortunato ones, and my stay in Pluckley with my wife and baby daughter will always bo a happy memory.

I would like to tako this oppportunity of thanking all thoso members of the congregation who havo offered us hospitality and contributed to our delightful holiday.

Thero is one expcurrence which we have shared, without which the holiday would havo been far from complete. I refer to tho privilege of being allowed to take part in the worship of tho Church. what a pity it is that many people today go on their holiday and come back, perhaps refresher in body and mind, but without having entered into the joy and spiritual refreshment of public worship, when this is the case no holiday can be complete. One of the greatest joys of being a Christian is that in any placo it is possible to meet other members of the Christian fellowship and join with them in tho refreshing experience of the worship of God.

What is most wanted in England and the world today is n deeper sense of the reality of worship and a firer determination on the part of all Christians to make public worship a rogular habit. If I wcro asked to make one request to you all as I leave Plucklcy, it would bo that you should all determine to join in tho worship of the Christian family at least onco every Sunday. May God's blessing be on you all.

Yours sincercly,  
P.N.WANSEY.

We are delighted that Mr.&.Mrs.Wanseý will carry away with the happy memories of our village, and would like to assure them that they havu certainly left behind memories of most helpful Church services and pleasant friendship which will not soon be forgotten.

BAPTISMS:-

August 17. Heather Brown.  
Wendy Rolfe.  
August 24. Colin Leslie Doorno.,

SERVICES FOR SPETEMBER.

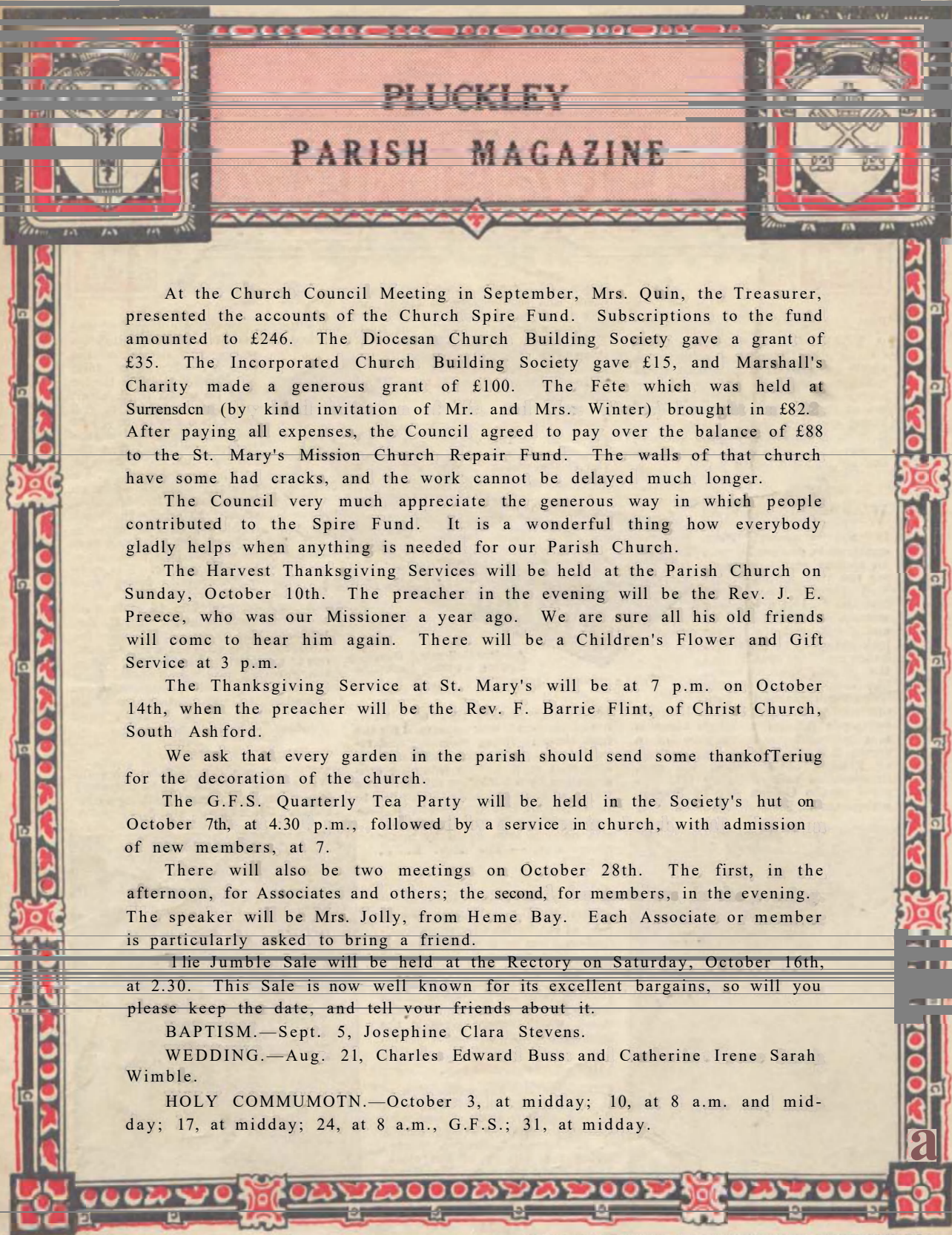
PARISH CHURCH.

Sept. 7. XIV Sunday after Trinity. Holy Communion 8 & 12. Morning Sorvico 11, Evening service 6.30.  
14. XV " " 11 Holy Communion 8, Morning Sorvico 11.  
21. XVI " " " Morning Service 11. Holy Communion 12  
Evening service 6.30,  
28. XVII " " " Holy Communion 8. Morning Service 11.  
(Harvest Festival). (Preacher: The Bishop of Dover).

ST.MARY'S CHURCH.

Sept.14. Evening servico. 6.30 p.m.  
21. Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.  
28. Harvest Festival. Evening Servico 6.30 p.m.  
(preacher - Tho Rector).





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At the Church Council Meeting in September, Mrs. Quin, the Treasurer, presented the accounts of the Church Spire Fund. Subscriptions to the fund amounted to £246. The Diocesan Church Building Society gave a grant of £35. The Incorporated Church Building Society gave £15, and Marshall's Charity made a generous grant of £100. The Fête which was held at Surrenden (by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Winter) brought in £82. After paying all expenses, the Council agreed to pay over the balance of £88 to the St. Mary's Mission Church Repair Fund. The walls of that church have some had cracks, and the work cannot be delayed much longer.

The Council very much appreciate the generous way in which people contributed to the Spire Fund. It is a wonderful thing how everybody gladly helps when anything is needed for our Parish Church.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held at the Parish Church on Sunday, October 10th. The preacher in the evening will be the Rev. J. E. Preece, who was our Missioner a year ago. We are sure all his old friends will come to hear him again. There will be a Children's Flower and Gift Service at 3 p.m.

The Thanksgiving Service at St. Mary's will be at 7 p.m. on October 14th, when the preacher will be the Rev. F. Barrie Flint, of Christ Church, South Ashford.

We ask that every garden in the parish should send some thankoffering for the decoration of the church.

The G.F.S. Quarterly Tea Party will be held in the Society's hut on October 7th, at 4.30 p.m., followed by a service in church, with admission of new members, at 7.

There will also be two meetings on October 28th. The first, in the afternoon, for Associates and others; the second, for members, in the evening. The speaker will be Mrs. Jolly, from Heme Bay. Each Associate or member is particularly asked to bring a friend.

The Jumble Sale will be held at the Rectory on Saturday, October 16th, at 2.30. This Sale is now well known for its excellent bargains, so will you please keep the date, and tell your friends about it.

BAPTISM.—Sept. 5, Josephine Clara Stevens.

WEDDING.—Aug. 21, Charles Edward Buss and Catherine Irene Sarah Wimble.

HOLY COMMUNION.—October 3, at midday; 10, at 8 a.m. and midday; 17, at midday; 24, at 8 a.m., G.F.S.; 31, at midday.

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Harvest Thanksgiving services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday, October 10th. We were fortunate in having special preachers, both morning and evening. The Rev. C. E. Couchman was staying for a few days in Pluckley and, very kindly, preached in the morning, at short notice.

The Rev. J. E. Preece was with us in the evening. It is just a year since he was with us as a Missioner, and we were very glad to see him again.

The children, at the afternoon service, brought a quantity of (lowers, vegetables, jam and groceries for the hospital patients.

The decorations were particularly good, and there were boxes of apples which it would be hard to match for beauty and quality. Mr. Cook's loaf of bread, in the form of five loaves and two fishes, was a wonderful piece of workmanship.

The preacher at St. Mary's Festival was the Rev. F. Barrie Flint, from St. Mary's, South Ashford, who gave us a specially good sermon. The church was decorated with a wealth of flowers and vegetables and fruit, and there was a large quantity of eggs—more than ever before—besides gifts of jam.

The anthem at both churches was "The Lord is loving unto every man," which was well sung, and we are grateful to our choir, a good proportion of which body comes from quite a distance from the church.

We shall much miss Mr. J. Nicol in Pluckley, who passed to his rest on October 1st, after a short illness in bed, but who had been in failing health for some months. We shall miss his quick walk as he passed frequently; Up and down the street—a most familiar figure. We shall miss his unfailing cheerfulness. We shall miss his kindly thoughts about us all. His was a long and useful life, most of it spent in the Army. He was also a skilled craftsman.

It is also a grief to us that Mrs. Nicol will be leaving Pluckley, where she has had so many friends.

We remind readers of the two meetings, arranged by the G.F.S., for October 28th; a meeting in the afternoon for Associates and friends, and a meeting in the evening for Members and friends.

The Armistice Sunday Service will begin at 10.50, when we assemble at the War Memorial.

WEDDING.—September 25th, 1937, Frederick Reeves and Irene Bessie Bingham.

FUNERAL.—October 4th, 1937, John Nicol, aged 81.

HOLY COMMUNION.—November 1st, All Saints, 7.30 a.m.; 7th, at midday; 14th, at 8 a.m.; 21st, at midday; 28th, at 8 a.m.



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Armistice Sunday turned out a bright, sunny day, which favoured our Annual Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial. There was a good parade of British Legion members, and also a parade of the Order of Buffaloes. The list of names of the Pluckley men who fell in the war was read, prayers were said, and the Last Post and Reveille sounded before we went into church. I think we all feel that, after nineteen years, that service means as much to us now as ever it did.

The School-children came to the Memorial on Armistice Day to keep the Two Minutes' Silence and to listen to an address by Mr. Sullivan.

On Sunday, November 14th, we had our annual C.M.S. sermons. The preacher was the Rev. J. R. Wilson, who has spent 24 years in China, and is hoping to go back to that country next summer, if it is possible to get there in these war times. Mr. Wilson gave his three splendid talks, which, we hope, have stirred us in prayer more and give more for Christ's Kingdom abroad, which is the only hope for this mad world.

On December 3rd we shall have our St. Andrews-tide Intercession Service for Missions, at 7 p.m. We hope that all who were stirred by Mr. Wilson's words will join us in prayer then. They will remember that Mr. Wilson is sure in his own mind that such prayer has quite direct results. Every Christian must have that assurance, too.

While on the subject of Missions, we want everyone to know that the Rural Deanery is arranging for a Missionary Exhibition in Ashford, from April 29th till May 6th, 1938. The countries represented will include India, China, Japan, South Africa and Canada. Our Pluckley Church people will be asked to provide some stewards and helpers, as every church is responsible for the success of the Exhibition. The Organising Secretary is the Rev. A. E. Blake, Rector of Willesborough.

Sunday, December 5th, will be St. Nicholas' Eve, and we shall keep the dedication festival of our church on that day.

The children will have their annual service and distribution of cakes and oranges on December 4th. We shall be glad to receive promises of gifts of oranges for that day.

It seems early to be talking of Christmas, but it is already time to invite all God's people to the Communion on Christmas Day, and to wish them joy and peace in that service, and in the day which it begins.

BAPTISM.—October 24th, Brian Charles Barton.

WEDDING.—November 6th, Albert George Leman Page and Caroline May Jordan.

HOLY COMMUNION.—December 5th, at midday; 12th, at 8 a.m.; 19th, at midday; 24th, 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and midday; 26th, 9.30, St. Mary's.