

The Parish of Pluckley, Kent.

MONTHLY NEWS-SHEET.

JANUARY, 1942

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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

With the first Magazine of the New Year I feel I should like to send a little word of greeting to all its readers. It must necessarily be a very little one, as the space at my disposal is very limited. I send you my best wishes for every happiness that is possible under the circumstances. The year that lies ahead may indeed be fraught with many dangers and perils, when many heavy burdens and severe trials may be laid upon us, and costly sacrifices demanded of us. If, therefore, we are to meet bravely and courageously whatever the New Year may bring, we shall need all the grace and strength that God alone can give and will give in full measure to those who wait patiently upon Him. "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God."

May God bless all we undertake together in His name throughout the New Year.

Yours very sincerely,

D. MORGAN:

NOTES.

We are glad to announce that the following ladies have very kindly undertaken to be responsible for the Altar Flowers, namely:—

January, and February 1, 8, 15—Mrs. Highwood. February 16th to April 4, Lent. April—Mrs. Formby. May—vacant. June and July—Mrs. Thorpe. August—vacant. Sept.—Mrs. Veysey. October—Miss Evenden. November—Mrs. Quin. December—Mrs. Leicester.

It will be seen that there still remains two months unprovided for, and if there are any ladies who would be willing to volunteer for this duty, the Rector would

be very glad of their kind help.

The G.F.S. gave a most pleasing Entertainment at their Hut on Wednesday, 17th December, which was greatly enjoyed by as large an audience as could conveniently be crowded in. All those who took part are to be highly congratulated upon the excellence of their performance.

The Mothers' Union Christmas Party took place at the G.F.S. Hut on Thursday, 18th December. The party was entertained by some delightful Songs by the little tots from the Infants' School, under the direction of Miss Dennis. Then followed Games and a most excellent Tea. It was indeed a most enjoyable afternoon.

MARRIAGE.

November 24th—Abraham Lang and Jesse Prior.

BURIAL.

November 25th—Kate Ann Carter, aged 68

SERVICES FOR JANUARY.

January 4th (1st Sunday after Christmas)
—8.30 and 12 Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Mattins; 3.15 Evensong.

January 11th (1st Sunday after Epiphany)
—8.30 Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Mattins.

January 18th (2nd Sunday after Epiphany)
11 Mattins; 12 Holy Communion; 3.15 Evensong.

January 25th (3rd Sunday after Epiphany)
—8.30 Youth Corporate Communion; 11 a.m. Mattins.

Church of St. Mary.

9.30 Holy Communion on 3rd Sunday in the Month.

Evensong 3.15 on January 11th and 25th.

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The Church was most tastefully decorated for Christmas Day, and there was a good congregation at the Morning Service. The number of communicants for the day was fairly good. We are most grateful to all the ladies who assisted in the decoration of the Church, and to all those who so kindly gave the flowers and evergreens.

Our readers will be greatly interested to know that the contributions to the Free Will Offering Scheme for the year just ended amounted to £28/18/8 at the Parish Church, and £24/8/10 at St Mary's Church. These results are indeed extremely gratifying, and our warmest thanks are due to Mrs. Quin and Mrs. Gann for their invaluable services in connection with these funds, and to the many kind friends who support them so generously.

On New Year's Day the Rector and Dr. Clarke distributed the Bacon's Charity, when it was their great pleasure to present a guinea to each of the six oldest couples, and the same amount to each of the six oldest widows in the Parish.

The G.F.S. held their annual Party at their Hut on Wednesday, 31st December. A splendid entertainment was given by the members, and this was followed by an excellent Tea. It is quite impossible to speak too highly of the zealous and devoted services given by Miss Evenden to this important parochial organisation for so many years.

Mrs and Miss Taylor entertained the Scout Cubs to a very enjoyable Tea at the Rectory Hut on Saturday, 27th December.

At a meeting of the Parochial Church Council, held at the School on Friday, 17th January, it was most reluctantly decided to discontinue the Magazine after the March issue, owing to the loss entailed by the heavy cost of printing. In its stead the Diocesan Notes will be distributed free to those who have been accustomed to take

the Magazine, and a very limited number of typed sheets of Parish Notes, which Mrs. Quin has very kindly undertaken to type, will also be circulated amongst our readers.

A Confirmation Service will be held at Egerton Church on April 1st, and if there are any candidates who would like to be presented, the Rector would be glad to have their names, so that Classes of Preparation may be started as soon as possible.

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held at the G.F.S. Hut on Wednesday, February 25th, at 2.15.

During the Season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, 18th February, there will be a Weekly Service on Fridays (except the 1st) at 3.30 p.m., Holy Communion on Thursdays at 8 a.m., and Matins and Litany on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. The Ash Wednesday Services and Holy Week Services will be announced later.

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

- Feb. 1 (Septuagesima)—8.30 and 12 Holy Communion; 11, Morning Service; 3.15, Evening Service.
- Feb. 8 (Sexagesima)—8.30, Holy Communion; 11, Morning Service.
- Feb. 15 (Quinquagesima)—11, Morning Service; 12, Holy Communion; 3.15, Evening Service.
- Feb. 22 (1st Sunday in Lent)—8.30, Youth Corporate Communion; 11, Morning Service.

Church of St. Mary.

- 9.30, Holy Communion on 3rd Sunday in the month.
- 3.15, Evening Service on February 8th and 22nd.

BURIAL.

- Jan. 16—George Dunlop, aged 72 years.

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Rector: THE RBV. DAVID MORGAN, M.A.

Churchwardens : DR. H. H. R. CLARKE, MR. H. G. GREEN.

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As stated last month, the Magazine will be discontinued in its present form, and this will, therefore, be its last issue. In future our readers will receive a copy of the Diocesan Notes free; and also a certain number of typed sheets of Parish Notes will be distributed, and readers are very kindly asked to pass these on to their neighbours after they have perused them. In this way Church people, who wish to do so, will be kept in touch not only with Church affairs in the Parish, but also in the Diocese.

We would ask our readers to take special note of the fact that the Annual Parish Church Meeting will be held at the G.F.S. Hut on Tuesday, the 3rd March, at 7 p.m., and we hope they will make a very special effort to be present. In addition to the usual business of the meeting, which should be of great importance to all Church people, consisting as it does of the election of their own representatives to such bodies as the Parochial Church Council, the R.D. Conference, and the Diocesan Conference. Then a report of the finances of the Parish will be presented, and matters of general Church interest may be discussed. After the business part of the proceedings, there will follow a little Entertainment and light Refreshments. And, finally, Dr. Clarke has very kindly consented to give a Talk on "The History of Pluckley Church."

Confirmation Classes are now being held on Mondays at the Rectory, at 3.15, in preparation for the Confirmation to be held at Egerton Church on Wednesday, 1st April next. We ask for your prayers for the candidates now under instruction, that they may, indeed, be ready to receive a rich outpouring of the Holy Spirit of God into their hearts at this important juncture in their lives.

The Rector hopes to collect the Missionary Boxes for the C.M.S. during this month. And may they be wellfilled.

Our Scouts are trying to build up a Library of Books, suitable for boys, for their use at their headquarters, the Rectory Hut. If there are any who have any books of this kind to spare, they would be most gladly received either by the Scoutmaster, Mr. H. T. Black, the Blacksmith's Arms, or by the Rector, at the Rectory. They would be greatly appreciated by the Scouts.

It is most gratifying to be able to report that the splendid sum of £6/0/4 was collected by Mrs. Gann for the St. Mary's Free-will Offering Scheme for the month of January. A most cheering start for the New Year.

The Corporate Communion to members of the Mothers' Union will be held at the Parish Church on the Feast of the Annunciation of the B.V.M., Wednesday, 25th March, at 9.30 a.m.

It is with sorrow that we record the death of Ellen Pile, at the advanced age of 85 years. She was one of Pluckley's oldest inhabitants, and one of its best. A profoundly religious woman, she was one who did believe in God, and who loved our Lord Jesus Christ. It was a grief to her that she was prevented from worshipping at our lovely Parish Church by her infirmity, which was of such long duration, and which she bore to the end with sublime courage and fortitude. She was indeed a lovely character, the like of which one, alas, so rarely meets with in these days. A link with a past age of faith. A beautiful type which is so rapidly passing away, and whose passing we cannot help but regret. We extend to those who grieve her loss our sincerest sympathy.

During the Season of Lent there will be a Weekly Lenten Service on Fridays at 3 p.m. (and not at 3.30 as announced in last month's Magazine); Holy Communion at 8 a.m. on Thursdays; and Matins and Litany on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. The Holy Week Services will be announced later.

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MARCH.

March 1 (2nd Sunday in Lent)—8 and 12 Holy Communion ; 11, Morning Service ; 3.15, Evening Service.

March 8 (3rd Sunday in Lent)—8, Holy Communion; 11, Morning Service.

March 15 (4th Sunday in Lent)—11, Morning Service; 12, Holy Communion ; 6.30, Evening Service.

March 22 (5th Sunday in Lent)—8, Holy Communion; 11, Morning Service; 6.30, Evening Service.

March 29th (Palm Sunday) — 8, Youth Corporate Communion; 11, Morning Service ; 6.30, Evening Service.

Church of St. Mary.

9.30, Holy Communion on 3rd Sunday in the month.

3.15, Evening Service on March 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

MARRIAGE.

Feb. 7—Thomas Albeit Williams and Daisy Dorothea Marchant.

BURIALS.

Jan. 22 (Cremated at Charing) — Mary Louise Grigg, aged 76 years.

Feb. 18—Ellen Pile, aged 85 years.