

This issue of the parish Notes marks a welcome improvement in "both its size and circulation. This has "been made possible "by the purchase of a duplicator and also "by adding ' our News Sheet to the Diocesan Notes, For some time past., as-readers know we have had to carry on with a few type-written copies passed round from one to another, and we are grateful to all those whn helped to keep the flag flying in that way The additional publicity which our church Hews will now gain is of great value at a time when many lessworthy matters are clamouring for our notice. The small charge of one penny per copy per month vail he resumed to cover costs

The Rector wishes to remind all Box-holders that he hopes to collect the Boxes for the CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY during the month of March., To spread the Gospel of Christ throughout the world is not only the first claim upon our christian disciple-ship, hut we must all recognise, as never before, that it is the supreme need of the world today., tortured as it is by strife and internecine war We can all play our part in supplying this pressing need "by our contributions to the C.M.S. It will he no unworthy part if our contributions are as generous as possible

ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING• It has been arranged that the Annual Church Meeting will take place at the G F.S Hut on Wednesday, March 13th at 7pm and we do hope that juite a large number of our readers will make, a special effort to be present. This should he an occasion of special interest to all Churchpeople, hecause it is at this meeting that their representatives are elected to such Bodies as the Parochial Church Council, the Ruri-Decanal Conference and the Diocesan Conference., Then at this meeting a report of the finances of the Church is presented, and matters of general church interest are discussed After the business part of the meeting, there will follow an interval for light refreshments. This will be followed by a discussion, which Dr. Clarke has very kindly undertaken to introduce on the Question,--- "Why don't people go to Church" This should provide a most interesting and we hope, a most helpful discussion We should he particularly glad to welcome to take part in this discussion those "Who do not customarily attend any Place of Worship, This contribution to the discussion would, we feel sure,, he most helpful and revealing,

.LENT The following Services will be continued during the season of Lent, namely:- On Thursdays, Holy Communion at 6 a.m, On Fridays a Lenten Service, including Intercessions; at 6.30 p,m

The Corporate Communion for members of the MOTHERS' UNION will be held at the parish Church on the 29th March (Wednesday) at 9.45 a.m This will be in place of the usual Celebration on the Festival of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on March 25th At the Mothers' Union meeting at the G.F.S.Hut on Wednesday, March 22nd, the speaker will be Mrs.Rose, the wife of the Bishop of Dover

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY Mrs.D.Knight has been appointed Honorary Secretary of our Branch of the G.F.S, with Miss Evendun continuing as Branch President.

During the month of February death laid a heavy hand upon Plucteley We have to record with deepest regret the loss of Mary Burchell, who was buried on the 8th; Eliza Jane Climpson, who was buried on the 9th and Sophia Elizabeth Carpenter, who was buried on the 10th, We pray that light perpetual may shine upon them; and to all those who mourn their loss we extend our heartfelt sympathy

SERVICES FOR MARCH

PARISH CHURCH

March 5.	II	Sunday in Lent.,	Holy Communion 3 & 12 - Morning Service 11, Evening Service 3.15
		do	Holy Communion 8, Morning Service 11,
19.	IV		Holy Communion 8 & 12, Morning Service 11. Evening Service 3.15
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ST.MARY'S CHURCH.

March 12		Evening Service 3,15,
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The ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING was held at the G.F S Hut on Wednesday, March 15th, There was quite a good attendance We are most grateful to the Ladies' Committee who had so kindly arranged the refreshments Mr.Small, Secretary of the Parochial Church Council gave a short Report for the past year. This was followed "by statements of accounts presented "by Mrs Quin> our Treasurer, The Parish Church accounts showed a balance in hand of £25. 5. 7., and those of St.Mary's Church a balance in hand of £44,10,11,

The following representatives were then elected namely - To the Ruri-Decanal Conference - Miss Evenden, Mr.A.Black and Mr W.H Jennings. To the parochial Church Council - Mrs.Formby Mrs Gann, Mr.Field Miss Hogben, Mrs. Jago, Mr.G.Parish Capt.Quin, Mrs, Quin Mr R.Small, Mr.Sutton, Mrs.Taylor Miss K.Wood. The following are ex-eficio members of the Parochial Church Council viz, Dr, Clarice, our representative on the Diocesan Conference, and Miss Evenden, Mr.Black and Mr.Jennings, our representatives on the R.D Conference Dr Clarice was elected Vice-Chairman of the Council, The following Sidesmen were elected:- Messrs. Wood, R.Small. A.T.Black. S.E.Field, Sutton, Dickens and Capt Quin.

After the completion of the business of the meeting, a most interesting discussion on the subject "Why don't people go to Church?"¹ followed and was introduced by Dr.Clarke, Many helpful suggestions were made, and we hope we may be able to give practical effect to some of them in due course., Dr,Clarke, amongst other things. stressed the importance of concentrating rather more upon the children. It was generally regarded as a reproach to the Parish that there was no Sunday School at the Parish Church end of the Parish, and it is high time that this reproach was wiped away. If, therefore, there are any v/ho are willing to help in this vitally important work, the Rector will be glad to welcome them We are hoping to have a Children's Service, at least, once a month. The first will be held at the Parish Church on Sunday, April 23rd at 3.30 p.m. Another suggestion made v/as that we might have some music after the Evening Service, say, once a quarter, and this seems to be well worth trying, Other suggestions will be borne in mind. It is unfortunate that no non-Churchgoers were present to tell us why they didn't go to Church. It would have been most helpful to hear their reasons.

May we remind our readers that the combined meeting of the Easter Vestry and adjourned Annual Church Meeting, for the purpose of electing Churchwardens, will be held in the Vestry on Tuesday, April 11th at 7 p.m.

We have much pleasure in acknowledging our indebtedness to Miss Knatchbull-Hugessen for the lovely gifts of curtains presented by her to St.Mary's Church. One set of curtains adorns the east end of the Sanctuary, and the other set forms side curtains to the Altar. We also extend our gratitude to Miss Gouger, v/ho very kindly assisted Miss Hugessen in making the curtains, and in renovating and improving the old Altar frontals and other hangings in the Church,

We are indeed most grateful to them for so greatly beautifying the Church, The Hector hopes to dedicate the curtains at the Holy Communion Service on Sunday, April 16th at 9.30 a.m.

The, members of the MOTHERS' UNION were delighted to welcome Mrs. Rose the wife of the Bishop of Dover, to their meeting on March 22nd. She spoke on "Pride" and how easy it was to fall into this sin in so many little ways in our daily lives. Several members of the Smarden Branch were also present, and Mrs, Rose had a kindly word for each one of us.

On EASTER DAY there will 'be the following Services at the Parish Church:- Holy Communion, 7, 8 and noon. Morning Service 11, Evening Service 6.30. On the following Sunday there will 'be Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church at 9.30 and Evening Service at 6.30. We hope that every communicant in the parish will make a special effort to make their Communion at Easter, We all need this sacramental grace for our spiritual welfare and cannot really live a full life without it. We have it on the authority of Jesus Christ Himself that "Man cannot live "by "bread alone", and it may well be that Our Risen Lord at Easter time is saying to every communicant in the Parish, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for thee". May we all realise our great need, and respond to this gracious invitation

BAPTISM:- March 19. Terrie Yvonne Sybil Gansden,

• • SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK,
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday;-- 6,30 Evening-Service
Wednesday. 11 a.m. Litany,
Maundy Thursday.. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 6.30 Evening Service
GOOD FRIDAY. 8 a.m. Litany and Ante-Communion,
11 Morning Service- 6,30 Evening Service,

SERVICES FOR APRIL.
April 2. PALM SUNDAY. 8 & 12 Holy Communion, 11 Morning
Service. 6.30 Evening Service,
" 9. EASTER DAY. - 7, 8 & 12 Holy Communion, 11 Morning
Service, 6.30 Evening Service,
" 16, Low Sunday. 12, Holy Communion, 11 Morning
Service (Preacher - Miss R. Watkins).
" 23, II Sunday after 8 Holy Communion, -11 Morning Service,
Easter. 6.30 Evening Service,
" 30, III " 8 Holy .Communion, 11 Morning Service.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

April 16, 9.30 Holy Communion (Dedication of new curtains).
6.30 Evening Service (Preacher - Miss R. Watkins),
30th. 6.30 Evening Service.

PLUCKLEY PARISH NOTES,

The Rev, David. Morgan, M.A., RECTOR

i\$ Dr., H.H.R.Clarke,)
Mr. P. V. Weeks.) CHURCHWARDENS

The congregations at the Parish Church on Easter Day were very good, and on the Sunday after Easter the congregation at St. Mary's Church in the evening was excellent. A most inspiring address was given by Miss R. Watkins about the work of the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society in India and China. The number of Easter communicants at both Churches- was only moderately good. Both Churches had "been most charmingly decorated, and we are indeed most grateful to all those who so very generously sent such lovely flowers, and to all those who so kindly assisted with the decorations, The collections at the Parish Church, which were for the Parish Quota, amounted to £8.14.7.

At the joint meeting of the Annual Easter Vestry and the Adjourned Annual Church Meeting, held in the vestry on Tuesday in Easter week, Dr. Clarke was re-elected Rector's Warden, and Mr. P. V. Weeks was unanimously re-elected people's Warden for the ensuing year

The Bishop of Dover will hold a Confirmation Service on Sunday, June 25th at 3.p.m. at Charing. The Rector will be glad to receive the names of candidates as soon as possible, so that preparation classes may be started immediately

The amount collected for the Church Missionary Society for the year ended March 31st was £15.18.11. This is a slight increase as compared with the last year, and is made up as follows:-

Church Collections.,	3.12,10,
Contributions,	7.12, 0,
Boxes.	3,14.10.
Lenten Collections,	19. 3

£15.18.11

Sunday,-May 7th is Red Cross and St. John Sunday.

The Ministry of Agriculture has decided that Farm Sunday should fall this year on Rogation Sunday, May 14th. This is a most appropriate arrangement, for at Rogation-tide

the Church prays for God's "blessing upon the fruits and crops of the earth, and the necessity of man's co-operation with God is emphasised. We realise now more than ever how dependent we are upon our agriculture, and we who live in the country should enter with feelings of realism and sincerity into the observance of Farm Sunday

Sunday, May 21st.. is Empire Youth Sunday- and at the Evening Service at the Parish Church the address will "be given "by Mr.G.Parish..

The members of the Mothers' Union were pleased to welcome at our April meeting a new friend in Mrs.Osboine of Faversham- She spoke on "Gluttony" or greediness, a sin which "besets us even in these days of rationing. We hope the Branch will "be represented at the Deanery Festival at Willesborough parish Church on Tuesday, May 2nd. Such Festival Services inspire us to go forward in the realisation that we are members not only of a small Branch; "but of a world-wide organisation of women who are striving to make their homes "Homes of Peace and Love",

BAPTISMS:- April 9th. George Albert Childs..
 " 9th, Gordon Arthur Stevenson-
 " 9th, Elna Margaret Dunster,
 " 16th Ann Pentecost,

On Tuesday, April 18th, Betty Collison and Joan Collison were, at the parish Church, admitted into membership of the G,F,S.

On Whitsunday the Holy Communion will be at the Parish Church at 7, 8 and 12 o'clock,

SERVICES FOR MAY

PARISH CHURCH.

May 7,	IV Sunday after Easter	8 & 12 Holy Communion. 11 Morning Service, 6.30 Evening Service
14,	V. Rogation Sunday. (Farm Sunday)	8, Holy Communion.
18.	ASCENSION DAY,	11 Morning Service, 8 Holy Communion, 11.30 Children's Service. 7 Even.Service.
21.	Sunday after Ascension	12 Holy Communion, 11 Morning Service, 6.30 Evening Service.
28.	WHITSUNDAY.	7, 8 & 12 Holy Communion. 11 Morning Service, 2.30 Children's Service.

CHURCH OF ST.MARY•

May 14.	6.30 Evening Service.,
21.	9.30 Holy Communion.
28.	6.30 Evening Service (Whitsunday).

PLUCKLEY PARISH NOTES.

The Rev.David Morgan, M.A. , RECTOR.

Dr.H.H.R,Clarke.)
Mr - F. V. Weeks.) CHURCHWARDENS

At a meeting of the PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL held at the School on Thursday, May 4-th, Mrs.Quin and Mr.R.Small were unanimously re-elected Treasurer and Secretary respectively for the ensuing year,

CONFIRMATION CLASSES, in preparation for the forthcoming Confirmation Service to be held "by the Bishop of Dover at Charing on Sunday, June 25th, are now "being held at the Rectory. We would ask you to remember the candidates under instruction in your prayers.

EMPIRE YOUTH SUNDAY was well observed in Pluckley. A very large congregation consisting of the general congregation.- a large number of soldiers, a contingent of the A.T.C- and the Junior Red Cross listened, with pleasure and edification to a striking sermon preached by the Rev-A.P.Tremlett, C.F. At the Evening Service a most able and practical address was given by our Schoolmaster, Mr,G. Parish, and the Lessons were read by Miss Pearl Weeks and by a soldier, Mr.Bevins. We extend to them all our heartfelt thanks and appreciation of their kind and efficient services. The congregation at this Service was not too good.

A CHILDREN'S SERVICE is held monthly on the fourth Sunday in the month at the Parish Church at 2.30 p.m. In order to encourage the attendance of our children, we feel it would help enormously if parents would come with them. We appeal to our parents to help in this way. In June, the Service will be on the third Sunday, Sunday, June 18th.

MOTHERS' UNION. It is hoped to hold a PRAM PARTY in the Rectory Garden on Wednesday, June 21st, and we cordially invite all mothers with babies under two. Our speaker will be Mrs.B.C.Roberts, O.B.E. M.B., who is not only the Diocesan Secretary of the Mothers' Union" but also a doctor who has made a special study of child welfare. Tea will be followed by various amusements, and we are looking **forward** to welcoming many of our local mothers at this gathering.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY. We have great pride and pleasure in announcing^ the brilliant achievements of the members of our G.F.S. in the G.F.S.Diocesan Competitions, and we most heartily congratulate them in their many successes. First prizes were won by Pearl Weeks, with 100 marks for a knitted jumper; by Rosemary Heasman, with 98 marks for doll's furniture; by Joan Brisley, with 98 marks for gloves and turban.

Marks.....

G.F.S. (continued). Marks obtained-"by others are as follows:-
 Team. Knitted socks. Marjorie Leonard, Pearl Weeks, Rosemary Heasman. 89
 Knitted jumper, Rosemary Heasman, 90; Marjorie Leonard, 87; Margaret Brooks, 85.
 Stuffed Animal. Betty Collison, 94; Joan Luckhurst 90; Margaret Brooks, 85, Norah Pile, 80.
 Forage Gap. Betty Oollison, 60,
 G.F.S.Knowledge, Nancy Clement, 89.
 Embroidered Collar. Marjorie Leonard, 75; Betty Pq|Llinger, 50,
 Child's Dress. Mrs.Knight, 95.
 String Bag. Mrs.Dunster, 92,
 Candidates - G.F.S.Knowledge. Joyce Cook, 45,
 * Child's feeder, Elfrida Hammond, 92, June Heasman, 70 :
 Kitty Campbell, 50.
 Doll's Dress (knitted). Elfrida Hammond, 84.
 Pin Cushion. June Heasman, 70.

In addition, Nancy Clement has obtained an "A" Certificate for Scripture in the Readers' Union, with a book token prize from Central Office. This is indeed a magnificent record, and one of which we might feel justly proud. We especially congratulate; Miss Evenden, to whose excellent leadership tliio success is very largely due.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. It has been decided, owing to present uncertainties and difficulties in transport, not to hold an Annual Meeting this year. The usual Report and Balance Sheet will be circulated. to all subscribers and should be in their hands within the next week or two,

RED CROSS. The collection on Sunday, May 7th at the Parish Church for the Red Cross and St.John Fund amounted to £4.15. 7.

BAPTISM.

.May 14th. Maiane Sylvia Tralee Allen

BURIAL.,,

May 16th. Beatrice Annie Luckhurst, 65 years.

SERVICES FOR JUNE,

PARISH CHURCH

June 4th. TRINITY" SUNDAY. Holy Oommunion- 8 and 12. Morning Service 11. Evening Service 6.30,
 11th. I Sun.after Trinity, Holy Communion 8. Morning Service 11.
 18th. II " " " , Morning Service 11. Holy Coninunion 12. Children's Service 2.30.
 Evening Service 6.30,
 35th. III " " " , Holy Communion 8. Morning Service 11.
 (Confirmation Service, Gharing 5 p.m.)

S.MARY'S CHURCH.

June 11th. Evening Service 6.30.
 -£8th. U& Holy Communion 9.30
 25th. Evening Service 6.30.

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Dr. H.H.R. Clarke.)
Mr. F.V. Weeks.) •CHURCHWARDEN.

At the CONFIRMATION SERVICE held by the Bishop of Dover at the Church of Sts Peter and Paul, Charing., the following were confirmed from Pluckley, namely: - Edith-Alice Dawes- Audrey Phyllis Lukehurst and Lilly Emily Gower. We pray that they may "be true and faithful servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that they may have grace to persevere unto the end.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE May we, once again, remind our readers that a Children's Service is held on the fourth Sunday in the month at the Parish Church at 2.30 p.m. The attendance at these services hitherto has "been most disappointing, and we ask for the help of parents in this matter, Will you please try to persuade your children to come to this service, or "better still, "bring them with you. This, we feel sure, would help "best of all

GIRLS(FRIENDLY SOCIETY. The Rector and Mrs. Jago, ably supported "by the generous help of Mrs. Formby, entertained the members of the G.F.S. to a party in the Rectory garden on Thursday, June 22nd. We were fortunate in having very lovely weather, and this added considerably to the enjoyment of a pleasant evening

Our Branch was greatly honoured by a visit of Mrs. Temple. our Diocesan President, on Monday, June 5th, who gave a delightful address which gave great pleasure to all,

THE KING'S CALL TO SUSTAINED PRAYER. Services of Intercession are held at the Parish, church on Tuesdays and Fridays at 6.30 p.m. On Tuesdays we pray, .by ,name, for all those whose names are on the Parish Roll of Honour", On Fridays the Litany is said. The Rector is anxious that the Roll of Honour should include the names of every man and woman serving in the Forces from Pluckley, and would be glad to receive the names of any who are not already on it. It is a great help, we know, to our own folk engaged on active service to know that they are being remembered by us at home in our prayers at this time of great peril, Indeed we can all help them more than we know by our prayers; for as an American **woman** truly said; "Not all the service can be done by the men **on** the beach-heads; we must do some of it on our knees"*

With regard **to** the LITANY, which is extraordinarily **relevant to** our present needs, the following quotation may be **of interest:-** "The King's Call to Prayer has given a special **interest to the** celebrations, held on June 11th, of the fourth centenary **of the issuing** of the English Litany in 1944 England was at

war with France and Scotland, and there were many other troubles in the shape of pestilences and unfavourable weather, The response to an order issued by Henry VIII was disappointing, owing chiefly to the fact that it was in Latin; and as an answer to this problem. Archbishop Cranmer produced the Litany in English, which with minor alterations, has "been used ever since in Anglican 'worship, (The co-operation between Henry VIII and Archbishop Cranmer was paralleled in a very interesting way when on the night of "D" day, the King's Call to Prayer was followed by a short broadcast religious Service conducted by the present Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Temple),, The Litany is regarded in all quarters as a masterpiece in liturgical prose".

MOTHERS' UNION We were so sorry to have to cancel the Pram Party fixed for June 21st, but felt that mothers would not wish to attend an outdoor gathering while there is the likelihood of our guns being in action. Our speaker., Mrs.Roberts, has promised to come when we can arrange a party in more peaceful times, and we hope and pray that these may come soon. There will be a service for members at St".Mary's Church on Wednesday, July 26th, when the Rev.Luckraft, Vicar of Egerton, will be the preacher, Mrs.Gann has very kindly invited us to tea at stone Lodge afterwards.

BAPTISM.

1st June 4th. Nicola Mary Parish.

MARRIAGE.

May 27th. James Gow Walker and Ester Jane Bridgeland.

SERVICES

PARISH CHURCH»

June 2nd	IV	Sun..after Trinity.,	Holy Communion 8 & 12. Morning Service 11. Evening Service 6.30.
" 9th.	V	it	Holy Communion 8. Morning Service 11.
" 16th.	VI	ir	Morning Service 11 Holy Communion 12, Evening Service 6.30
23rd.	VII	"	Holy Communion 8. Morning Service 11, Childrens' Service 2.30.
30th.,	VIII	"	Holy Communion 8. Morning Service 11, Evening Service 6.30,

ST.MARY'S CHURCH.

July 9th.	Evening Service 6.30, p.m.
" 16th..	Holy Communion 9.30. a.m.,
" 23rd.	Evening Service 6.30, p.m.

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PLUOKLEY PARISH NOTES

The Rev.David Morgan, M.A., Rector-

Dr,H,H.R,Clarke,)
Mr.F,V.Weeks,) Churchwardens.

Pluckley has "been very much in the "Front Line¹" during the last month. We have indeed suffered from the "terror "by night" and the "arrow that flyeth "by day". There has been a tragic and •wanton destruction of well-loved homes, and of both our churches and school. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to all those who have suffered in any way, and particularly to those who have lost their homes. Again we express our profound gratitude to Almighty God, that in spite of the widespread and heartbreaking damage inflicted on our Parish, the lives of all our people have "been so miraculously preserved, The spirit displayed by our people during these troublous times has been truly magnificent. It will help us to be strong and very courageous if each day we wait upon God in prayer and dedicate all we have and are to the cause of God, whatever befalls.

The short Service of Thanksgiving for the preservation of our lives, which was held at the School on Sunday, July 9th, as it was too wet to hold it in the open air, was very well attended. We all felt it was marked by such a deep sense of reality and of fervour that made it most impressive.

The Rector hopes to be away from the parish on holiday for the first three Sundays in August. The Morning Services at St Mary's Church on the first two Sundays will be taken by the Rev. H.E.Arkwright. Dr;Clarke has very kindly consented to take the other services, and the Rector is most grateful for his kind help, We think it is right to say that the Bishop of Dover Quito approves of this arrangement. The intercession services on Tuesdays and Fridays will be held at Pykel at the usual time of 6,30, and It is hoped that others will join those of us who find these services so very helpful,

We are greatly indebted to the G.F.S. for the use of their hut while we were unable to use either of our Churches for services on Sundays. Miss Evenden has indeed made the Hut, with its blue hangings and beautiful flowers, into a temporary chapel where one could worship in a truly spiritual sense. It has been particularly appreciated at the 8 a.m. celebrations of Holy Communion

MOTHERS' UNION. Wewere so sorry to have to postpone the service arranged to be held at St.Mary's Church on July 26th and would like members to note that as usual there will be no meeting in August, We hope, however, to be able to meet again in September and that our autumn programme will compensate us for the meetings we have missed. Wedo urge that, although we are not meeting at present, Mothers' Union members will be constant in prayer in support of our cause and for those fighting for us Mrs.Rivers-Moore, our Diocesan President, suggests that we should keep the Lord's Prayer in the forefront of our minds and that we lift up our hearts to God, making our own petitions as we go about our daily work.

BAPTISM« July 9th.. Lionel Barry Dungey,

BURIAL. Juno 30th James Watts. 73 years,

SERVICES FOR AUGUST.

At ST.MARY'S CHURCH

Aug, 6th,,	IX	Sunday	after	Trinity,	11 a.m.Morning Service, 12 noon. Holy Communion. 6.30 p.m. Evening Service.
" 13th,	X	"	1/	11	11 a.m. Morning Service, 6.30 p.m. Evening Service.
" 20th.	XI	"	"	"	11 a.m. Morning Service. 6.30 p.m. Evening Service.
" 27th.	XII	"	1)	"	11 a.m. Morning Service, 6.30 p.m. Evening Service.

At the G.F.S hut

Aug. 27th. 8 a.m. Holy
Communion

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Mr. F, V, Weeks.) CHURCHWARDENS

"VERGER:- Mr.W.H.Jennings, Forge Hill, Pluckley,

The Rector wishes to thank Dr.Clarke for his great kindness in taking many of the Services at St.Mary's Church during his absence from the Parish on holiday,

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd is the fifth anniversary of the outbreak of the war, and is ordered by His Majesty the King to "be observed as a day of National Prayer. Falling as it does on a Sunday this year, we hope that it may be well observed by large numbers of our people in Pluckley.. The war is going on so well on all fronts for the Allies that we may well venture to hope that this anniversary may be the last we shall keep of actual fighting, at any rate so far as the war against Germany is concerned.

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL will be held on Sunday, October 1st, when all the services, with the exception of Holy Communion at 8 a.m., will be held at St.Mary's Church. As usual, the collections will be for the Ashford hospital and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

PARISH CHURCH, The Architect, Mr.Anderson, reports as follows on the Parish Church:-

"August 10th, 1944.

I have obtained permission of the Ministry of Works for "the covering in and temporary glazing of the windows, and I "instructed Mr.Shippam of Ashford to proceed with this work on "July 27th. Mr.Shippam informed me a few days ago that he had "obtained the necessary materials and that he will commence the "work immediately he has the labour available.

In addition to dealing with the windows, I propose to "repair the tiled roofs, refix the Nave roof timbers in proper "position, renew the eaves gutters, reinstate the ceilings to "the Chancel, Dering Chapel and Vestry, repair the doors, rebuild "the chimney stack from the Vestry, and reset the displaced and "fallen stonework to the exterior of the Vestry, I have asked "Mr.Shippam to let me have an approximate estimate for these "works, and so soon as I receive the estimate, I will apply to "the Ministry of Works for the necessary licence, which must be "obtained before the works are commenced,"

The Organ from the parish Church has "been taken to the Works of Messrs. F.H,Browne & Sons, Organ Builders, Canterbury, for thorough examination and repair. It will "be a long time before it is repaired and replaced. The estimate for "A", the repair of War Damage, is £98; and for "B", the repair of thirty years' wear ia .£22.10s "A" will be met by the War Damage Commission. "B" will be the responsibility of the Parish.

MOTHERS' UNION. It is hoped to resume our meetings in September, and to have a visit from Mrs.Gilham, the presiding Member for the Deanery Details as to time and date will be given later, There are several ways in which the M.U. can help with the upkeep of some of the Church furnishings while repair work is being carried on and we must plan how best we oan take our part in the beautifying and restoration of our beloved Church.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. A Flag Day in aid of our District Nursing Association will be held in Pluckley on Saturday, September 9th. Everyone knows the value of the work done by our Nurses, and this is the one appeal we make during the year for help towards our finances. May we ask for generous support for our own local fund.

BAPTISM:- August-6th. Susan Holland

BURIALS:- August 1st, James Kemp. 54 years-
August 7th. George Sayers, 66 years.

We extend our deepest sympathy to their sorrowing families in their sad bereavement, and especially do wo sympathise with Mrs.Sayers, whose sorrow came upon her with such tragic cuddenness.

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

ST.MARY'S CHURCH.

Sept. 3.	XIII	Sunday	after	Trinity.	Morning Service 11 a.m. Holy communion 12 noon- Evening Service 6.30 p.m.
10.	XIV	"	"	"	Morning Service 11 a.m. Evening Service 6.30 p>m, Holy Communion 9.30 a.m.
17.	XV	"	"	"	Morning Service 11 a.m. Holy Communion 13 noon- Evening Service 6,30 p.m.
24.	XVI	"	"	"	Morning service 11 a.m. Evening service 6.30 p.m.

G.F. S. HUT.

Sept. 3rd, 10th and 24th. Holy Commnion 8 a.m.

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Mr.F.V.Weeks.) Ohurch Wardens.

Verger:- Mr. W.H.Jennings, Forge Hill, Pluckley.

CHURCH RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENT PUND, As was announced in last month's Parish Notes, the Parochial Church Council have decided to make an appeal for £1,000. in order to restore and "beautify the Church which we all love so well, and which suffered such heavy destruction az a result of a flying bomb in July last. It is, of course, true that the War Damage Commission will undertake responsibility for all structural repair, but, at the same time, we are now, as the Archdeacon of Maidstone, after a recent visit to the Church, said, presented with a marvellous opportunity for improving and beautifying our Church.

What we shall be able to accomplish depends entirely upon the response that will "be made to the appeal, hut there are certain im-
provements which the Parochial Church Council think are essential, namely, the installation of a new heating system in place of the present archaic and rather costly one. Then it is hoped that a new organ may be possible, or failing this, it will be necessary to greatly improve the present one, as this will involve a cost in addition to the amount of insurance payable. There still remain many other possibilities of improvement and beautification, which, if the money is forthcoming, may be undertaken.

We appeal, therefore, with absolute confidence to all our parishioners, knowing that you will respond to this appeal with the greatest possible generosity. It is most gratifying to be able to state that already the members of the Pluckley Branch of the Mothers' Union have undertaken to raise £100. towards this Fund. We may all regard, any contribution we may make to this Fund as a personal thanks-giving for God's blessings during the War, and for Peace, which we which we believe will not be very long delayed.The Rector is the Treasurer of this fund, and will be glad to receive your contributions.

The HARVEST FESTIVAL services held at St.Mary's Church on Sunday, October 1st were fairly well attended. Excellent taste was displayed in the decoration of the Church, and the result was most pleasing. Weare most grateful to the few, the very few, who under-took this work. We also extend our warmest thanks to all those who so kindly sent gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables. These were afterwards sent to The Ashford Hospital and were greatly appreciated. The collections amounted to £7. 7. 0. for the Ashford Hospital and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

In the afternoon a Fruit and Flower Service, arranged by the members of the G.F.S. was held in their Hut. The Lesson was read very nicely and reverently by Rosemary Heasman, There was quite a good congregation.. We extend our thanks to Miss Evenden and the G F.S members for arranging the Service, They have also promised their kind help in conducting a Service for parents and Children to be held at the Hut on the second Sunday in future months at 3 p.m. . and we would earnestly ask our parents and children to make a special effort to support us by their attendance at these Services. The first will be held on November 12th.

REMEMBRANCE DAY will be observed this year on Sunday, November 5th, when there will be a Service at St. Mary's Church at 11 a.m. which, we hope, will be attended by members of our local Civil Defence organisations. A wreath will be dedicated at this Service in memory of those who gave their lives in the last war from Pluckley, and this will afterward be placed on the War Memorial in the Churchyard. Let us not fail to take advantage of this opportunity of paying our tribute of remembrance

MOTHERS' UNION We were pleased to welcome our old friend Mrs. Jolly from Heme Bay, to our October meeting. She gave us many helpful ideas on the part we can play "When They Come Home", and her talk was followed by a little discussion in which we gave our own opinions, too, Next month we shall meet on Wednesday, November 29th at 2.30 p.m. in the G.F.S. Hut, when the speaker will be Mrs. Gilham, the Presiding Member for the Deanery

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of William Daniel Miles during the last month, and we sympathise with Mrs. Miles and family in their sad bereavement,

BAPTISMS:- October 5th, Keith Goldup.
 " - 2Snd. Yvonne Stevenson,

BURIAL:- October 3rd William Daniel Miles. 55 years,

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER,

ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

Nov. 5th.	XXII Sunday after Trinity. (Remembrance Sunday)	11 Morning Service. 12 Holy Communion, 6.30 Evening Serv.
" 12th.	XXIII Sunday after Trinity.	11 Morning Service, 6.30 Evening Service.
" 19th. XXIV	" " "	9.30 Holy Communion, 11 Morning Service, 12 Holy Communion, 6.30 Evening Service.
" 26th, XXV	" " "	11 Morning Service. 6.30 Evening Service.

O. F. S. HUT.

Nov. 5, 12, 26. **Holy Communion 8 a.m.**
Nov. 12. Parents and Children's Service **3 p.m.**

PLUCKLEY PARISH NOTES,

The Rev.David Morgan, MA., RECTOR,

Mr. F.V.Weeks.-] CHURCHWARDENS

VERGER:- Mr.W,H.Jennings, Forge Hill, Pluckley.

CHURCH RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENT FUND We are happy to be able to say that the response made to the appeal for £1,000. has been so far most gratifying, Thanks to a most generous contribution of £100. from Lady (Herbert) Dering., the total now stands at £216.19.3., made-up as follows:-

Lady Dering.	100. 0. 0.
The Rector.	50. 0. 0.
Mrs.Small (Cake). •	24.10.. 0.
Mothers' Union (Pluckley)	10. 2. 3.
Miss Knatchbull-Hugessen.	5. 5. .0.
Mrs. Knapik	5. 0. 0.
Miss H.G.Watkins.	5. 0.. 0.
Mr.C.Burchell	3. 0. 0.
Miss Palmer.	3. 3- 0,
Capt.Palmer.	So 2* 0.,
Mr. & Mrs.Noble.	2. 2. 0.
Mr.Hugh T.Filmer,	1. 1. 0.
Rev.R.B.Pyper,	1. 1.*0.
Mrs.Thorneycroft,	1. 1.*0.
Mrs,Harlow.	1. •o. ;0•
Sir C.Igglesden.	1, 0. 0,
Mrs.Newman.	1, 0 0,
Miss B.Dennis.	10. 0
Mrs.Goldup. (Flowers),	2. 0,
	£215,19. 3

This'is indeed a most excellent beginning, for which we should all be most ferateful, and it should greatly encourage us to lookforward with confidence to the achievement of our target in due time. -We appeal, once again, for your most generous support., Please send your contributions to tlie Rector. Wewould add a special word of thanks to Mrs.Small for the splendid result of her strenuous efforts in connection with her delicious cake, and to Mrs.McCallum, who assisted her.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (Nov.5th) was well observed. There was a good congregation at'St.Mary's Church at the Morning Service, As usual, members of the British Legion and of the local Defence Services and the Red Cross paraded, under the command of Mr,Highwood. A wreath was dedicated at this Service and was afterwards placed on the War memorial in the Churchyard, which had been beautifully decorated as usual. The collections, which were for Earl Haig's Fund, amounted to £5.14.10.

At a meeting of the PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL It was decided to change the time of the Evening Service at St.Mary's Church from 6.30 p.m. to 3.15 p.m., commencing on Sunday, December 3rd and to continue until the end of February 1945,

At the PARENTS' and CHILDREN'S SERVICE to be held at the G.F.S.Hut at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday, December 10th there will be a Christmas Tree, on which children are invited to place gifts which will afterwards be sent to needy children.

We are hoping that it may shortly be possible to use the Rectory Hut for early Celebrations of the HOLY COMMUNION, instead of the G.F.S.Hut. Many people would like these Services to be resumed as near the Parish Church as possible. Due notice will be given when the Hut is ready. Meanwhile, the G.F.S.Hut will be used until further notice. It is hoped that we may be able to use the Rectory Hut for the Holy Communion Services at 7 and 8 a.m. on Christmas Day, and we especially invite all communicants to make a real effort to make their communion on this the Birthday of Our Lord,

The MOTHERS' UNION at their November meeting had the pleasure of a visit from Mrs. Gilliam, the Presiding Member for the Deanery. They will hold their Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 20th at 2.30 p.m. in the G.F.S. Hut,

The GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY hope to hold their annual entertainment on the evenings of the 20th and 21st December, in the Hut, Tickets can be obtained through members and candidates,

BAPTISM- November 5th. Michael Leonard,

SERVICES FOR DECEMBER-

ST.MARY'S CHURCH ••

Dec. 3.	ADVENT SUNDAY.	11 Morning Service, 12 Holy Communion.
		3.15 Evening Service»
10.	II Sunday in Advent.	11 Morning Service- 3.15 Evening Serv.
17o	III do.	9.30 Holy Communion, 11 Morning Serv,
		12 Holy Oommunion, 3.15 Evening Serv.
24.	IV do.,	11 Morning Service, 3.15 Evening Serv.
		and Carols,
25.	CHRISTMAS DAY,	11 Morning Service. 12 Holy Communion,
31.	I Sunday after Christmas.	11 Morning Serv. 3.15 Even, Serv.

G.F.S.HUT.

Dec. 3, 10, 24, 31.	Holy Communion 8' a.m.
CHRISTMAS DAY.	Holy Communion 7 and 8 a.m,
Dec. 10.	Parents' and Children's Service (Christmas Tree) 2.30 p.m.