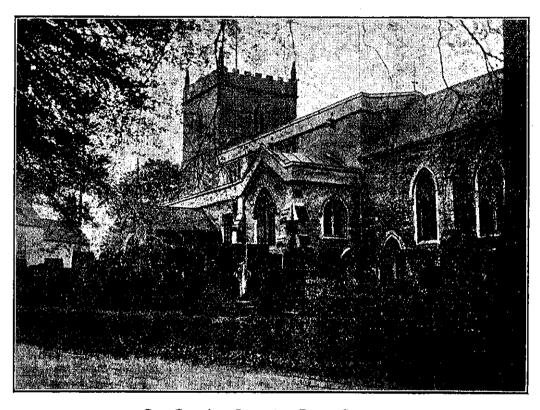
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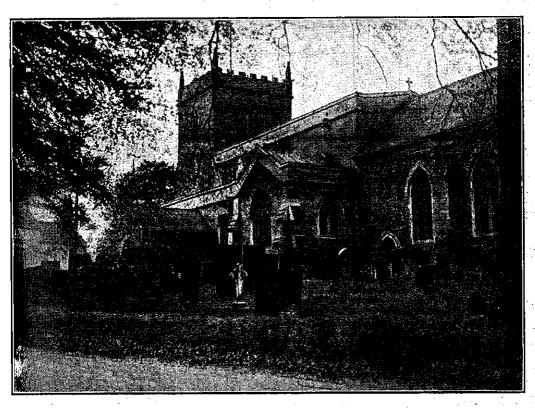
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#### East Bridgeord Rectory.

February 25th, 1936.

My DEAR PARISHIONERS,

In preserving for us the blessings of Christian hope and civilisation our forefathers for many centuries were helped by the definite observance of the Season of Lent. Are we wiser than they were? I suggest that we all need an annual period of spiritual renewal as much as they did, if our hold on Christ is to be definite and strong. I again exhort you all that during Lent you start afresh to cultivate the habits of prayer, worship, and (if confirmed) regular Communions, fixing times and days quite definitely. I appeal, also, to all of you to think during Lent of "the things that really matter," and especially do I make this appeal in connection with a subject on which many professing Christian people may well change their apparent outlook. viz., the problem of World Redemption. No-one who is not wilfully blind to facts can deny that our World to-day is in a dangerous position, and every thinking Christian must realise that the whole trouble is due to the fact that the nations have not yet admitted that Christ is the Hope of the World; hence we have not realised the Brotherhood of all Mankind and the nations are at enmity instead. What then of the future when the black and yellow races become fully awakened to the power of armaments?

In order to help Churchpeople to think these things out, our Bishop is sending a special messenger to each parish in the Diocese this Lent to proclaim "God's purpose for the World." Our messenger is the Rev. H. M. Corlett, lately Rural Dean of Bawtry, and he comes to us to give four addresses in Church on "Christ the Hope of the World," as follows:—Saturday, March 14th, at 7 p.m.; Sunday, March 15th, at Morning and Evening services; Friday, March 20th, at 7 p.m. The four addresses are all connected, so that they who attend them all will best understand the appeal. To come and listen to these talks on such a great subject is one step we can usefully take this Lent; it may require a sacrifice of leisure or perhaps a re-arrangement of some part of our work, but it is just that sort of sacrifice to which Lent calls us.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

EACH FRIDAY during Lent, there will be a Children's Service at 9 a.m., Litany and Devotional Reading at 10.30 a.m., and Evening Service (with a short address) at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25th, is the Festival of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

A SERVICE OF SACRED MUSIC will be given in East Bridgford Church on Sunday, March 8th, at 3 p.m., by the Nottingham Gleemen, whose visit to us a year ago was so much appreciated. There are the expenses of transport, &c., to be defrayed, so that we hope all who can will contribute a silver coin to the collection at the service.

Through the kindness of Dr. and Mrs. Owen Taylor, our Parochial Church Council has already been able to fix the date of Saturday, July 11th, for a GARDEN FETE to be held in the Grounds of the Manor on behalf of our Organ Fund.

East Bridgford Feast Sunday falls this year on June 28th.

Mothering Sunday (the Fourth Sunday in Lent) falls on March 22nd. The interest of Her Majesty Queen Mary in the Mothering Sunday Movement is well-known, and His Late Majesty King George expressed his approval of the "All-British Mothers' Day." Indeed, the example of our late King's home-life is so much in our minds just now that we may well feel led to make as much as we can of the observances of Mothering Sunday, with its glorification of that home and family life on which the stability of the British Commonwealth has been built. Parents and children who have been comfirmed are urged to attend Holy Communion at 8 a.m. on March 22nd, and to come together to the Evening Service at which the lessons of Mothering Sunday will be specially in our minds.

We have again received an interesting letter from the Doctor in charge of the Mission Hospital at Yezd, and its perusal again reminds us how directly our offerings to the work there go to the cause of the Saviour of Mankind. The Doctor in his letter mentions some of the special difficulties of the work in Persia just now, and asks our prayers on behalf of the Bishop in Persia (the Rt. Rev. W. J. Thompson). Lent Boxes for contributions to the work at Yezd may be obtained at Church or from the Rector.

The news of the death of Mrs. Bullers, though not unexpected, has caused deep regret in the large circle of friends of the Bullers' family. Mrs. Bullers, whose maiden name was Sarah Pettit, was born in Huntingdonshire, but came to East Bridgford as a girl into the service of the late Mrs. Bell, of Walnut Tree Lodge. She became a keen member of the G.F.S., in which her mistress took a deep interest. In April, 1896, she was married to Mr. Charles Bullers, so that their happy married life had extended nearly to the end of its fortieth year. We desire to express our deep sympathy with Mr. Charles Bullers and family, and we know how sincerely the members of our Boys' Brigade, for whom Mr. Edward Bullers does so much, regret their Captain's bereavement in the loss of his mother.

Mr. William Charles Bradley, who died at East Bridgford on l'ebruary 10th, was son of the late George Bradley (senior) by the latter's first marriage, and accordingly full brother of Mr. George Bradley, Kneeton Road, at whose home he passed to his rest after suffering very patiently borne. We sympathise deeply with Mr. and Mrs. George Bradley and with Mr. Bradley's stepbrother, who is now in Wales. The deceased was laid to rest in our Churchyard in the same grave as his mother.

BURIALS (Feb. 6)—Sarah Hannah Bullers, aged 66 years. (Feb. 14) - William Charles Bradley, aged 30 years.

### EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY.

December 30th. 1935.

My DEAR PARISHIONERS,

For most of us in East Bridgford, 1935 has been a happy year. One of its outstanding features here was our worthy celebration of His Majesty's Jubilee, which drew us all together in a remarkable way into a very happy company. The drought of the summer months did not interfere with the harvest nearly as much as we feared, unemployment has been reduced and the general health has been good. Christmas was preceded by a few days of very cold and trying weather, but it broke on Christmas Eve and our services and Christmas rejoicings took place in less inclement weather.

I cannot help feeling thankful for the way in which Church work here has been supported during the year. Parishioners and friends have put their best into the effort to meet the Organ difficulty and I confess I am astonished that by the end of the year £400 (of the £565 minimum required) has been raised by voluntary subscription and the Bazaar. The effort is the more satisfactory because our responsibilities to the Diocese, Church Assembly, the Mission Field and Charities, have not suffered much in consequence. The only account at present worrying your Parochial Church Council is that of our week to week local Church expenses and we must discuss that account at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

But far more important, dear friends, is the question of our spiritual progress. Are we nearer God at the beginning of 1936 than in January, 1935? Here we touch the main question of every life, and it is astonishing how cowardly we may be in facing it. Yet the years pass and it cannot be shirked for long without disaster and loss of hope. Let us face it now in the early days of 1936 and determine that by His grace, given to us in prayer, worship, and Sacrament, we WILL live in closer touch with Him Who, while all else changes, is "the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Yours faithfully.

RUPERT W. KING.

Wednesday, January 1st (New Year's Day) is the Festival of the Circumcision; Monday, January 6th is the Festival of the Epiphany, and Saturday, January 25th is the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul; Holy Communion on these days at 10.30 a.m.

Our Bishop hopes to visit all parishes in this Diocese during the year 1936, and to hold a service in each Church as on the occasion of his Visitation in 1931. The service will include a Confirmation Service where the parish desires it. His Lordship's visit to East Bridgford will take place in October, and as many young people prefer to be confirmed in their home parish Church, it seems desirable that we should ask the Bishop to have a Confirmation Service then. The Rector however recognises that there may be some young people who had hoped to be confirmed during the coming Lent, and would therefore be glad to have the names of any who would like a class to be held commencing in February for Confirmation before Easter. The classes for the October Confirmation will be held during September and part of October.

There were some 70 present at our half-yearly Gathering of Men in East Bridgford Church on the afternoon of Advent Sunday, December 1st. and those present could hardly help feeling that "atmosphere" which always surrounds us when we gather to think together of the deeper matters of life. For the subject chosen was the all-important question of Prayer. Modern psychology has taught us much about the spiritual forces we can call into play in our own hearts and minds, and upon the lives of one another, and the object of our consideration on December 1st was to shew how our powers in this direction corroborate the teaching of Jesus Christ in His assertion that by earnest prayer IN HIS NAME we are able to call into action the Spirit of God.

THE BAZAAR.—On December 5th and 7th the whole-hearted preparations of so many parishioners and friends reaped their fruit in our raising the nett profit of £101 6s. 3d. for our Organ Fund. In view of the fact that on both days fog prevented many friends who live at a distance from attending the Bazaar, this result was magnificent. The effort itself has had other beneficent results too; it has drawn us all closer together. Everyone has helped either by gifts or by purchasing at the Bazaar, and many who do not attend worship as regularly as they ought have at least been led to reflect, "After all, it is my Church." Our Parochial Church Council cannot be too grateful for all that has been done. With the subscriptions the Organ Fund now stands at £400, and we already have it in mind to hold a Garden Fete in the Summer, at which an attack will be made on the balance that will still be required.

ALL ADULTS WHO REGARD EAST BRIDGFORD CHURCH AS THEIR REGULAR PLACE OF WORSHIP are reminded that all members of our congregation are asked to have tea together in the Temperance Hall at 5.30 p.m., on Thursday, January 23rd. The tea will cost 6d. per head, and tickets should be obtained before-hand from the Magazine distributers, or from Miss Dexter (the Post Office) or from the Rector. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will follow at 6.15 p.m., and the remainder of the evening will be spent socially, with games and music as usual. We appeal to all Churchpeople to spend the evening together; it is our Annual Church Gathering for this Parish.

We were distressed to hear of the death in hospital at Newark, of Mrs. Waterfield, of East Bridgford, widow of the late Frank Waterfield, who died in July, 1929. All of us who knew her well will always remember her kindly character and her devotion to her children and grandchildren; we sympathise deeply with those who have been bereaved. Mrs. Waterfield has been laid to rest beside her husband in East Bridgford Churchyard.

> BAPTISMS.—November 27th, James Albert Cooper. November 27th, Peter Cooper.

BURIAL.—December 23rd, Mary Elizabeth Waterfield, aged 71 years.

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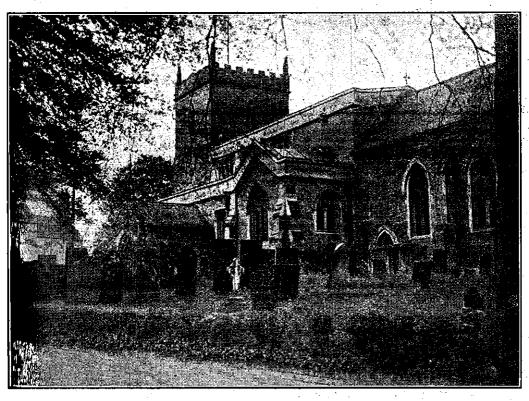
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January 27th, 1936.

My DEAR PARISHIONERS,

When, in common with all the peoples of this Empire, we celebrated our King's Silver Jubilee last May it was well for him and for us his subjects that we could not foresee what would happen a few months later. And as we all heard his loving and affectionate voice once more transmitted to our homes on Christmas Day, we little realised it was for the last time. But our real sorrow at his death, as well as our real joy at his Jubilee, have both alike given evidence in our own hearts of his astonishing hold on every one of us; that hold has indeed been almost world-wide.

What has been the secret of this unique influence? It could not be his power as King, for in his State action he was as we all know, under our Constitution, entirely subject to the advice of his Ministers. On the other hand there have been, and there are to-day, other rulers wielding absolute power over millions of people and yet they do not give that uplifting influence nor, so far as we can see, do they gain the deep-seated affection of their own people, still less of the World outside.

Again, it cannot be accounted for by the King's central position, and his use of the wireless and the press. For those other rulers occupy great central positions with both wireless and press under their absolute control; they can even compel their countrymen both to listen and to read; and yet their most prejudiced admirers must admit their failure to influence the world after the manner of our late King.

What then is the secret? We know after all what it is, and we know Whence it comes. The great gift can be ours too to use for eternal good in our humbler spheres.

That is the great lesson for us as we remember our beloved King now gone to his rest.

And that same gift is the greatest we can ask God to send upon his son and successor, who is so well fitted for his great task, and has already earned both our loyalty and our love. May God in His mercy send this gracious gift to him, and then the heart-rending grief of our beloved Queen Mary may be lightened by the knowledge that the noble influences of her revered husband are inherited by her son, His Majesty, King Edward VIII.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

The Festival of the Purification (February 2nd) falls this year on the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany; Holy Communion (Choral) at 10.45 a.m.

Sunday, February 2nd is also Hospital Sunday.

Monday, February 24th is St. Matthias' Day; Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY falls on February 26th; there will be Holy Communion at 8 a.m., Children's Service at 9 a.m., Morning Service at 11 a.m. and Evening Service at 7 p.m.

On Friday, February 28th, and Each Friday During Lent there will be a Children's Service at 9 a.m., Litany and Devotional Reading at 10.30 a.m. and Evening Service (with a short address) at 7 p.m.

Confirmation. With the advice of the Parochial Church Council it has been decided that our Bishop shall be requested to confirm Candidates in East Bridgford Church when he comes to this parish at the end of October, in the course of his Visitation of the Diocese. Classes of instruction will be begun in the first week of September. It is felt that many of our young people would prefer this opportunity of being confirmed in their own Church, rather than joining a service elsewhere. The Rector however would be glad to know of any intending candidates, who would prefer to be instructed and confirmed before Easter.

Lent Boxes for self-denial contributions to the work of the C.M.S. Hospital at Yezd may be obtained in Church, or from the Rector, from Sunday, February 23rd.

With a view to kindling the interest of Christian people in the World's need of Christ, the Southwell Diocesan Missionary and Evangelistic Council has decided to send a Messenger to each parish on one of the Sundays of the coming Lent. The Messenger to our parish is to be the Rev. H. M. Corlett, lately Rural Dean of Bawtry, and we understand he will be with us for the week-end embracing Sunday, March 15th. Further particulars will be given in our next issue.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The shadow that hung over us all upon the death of our late King could not fail to affect our Annual Meeting. The usual entertainment was of course cancelled, and we confined ourselves to the necessary business after tea together. Under the circumstances the attendance of 90 at the business meeting cannot be regarded as anything but satisfactory. The Chairman commented on the year's work and the care of the Fabric of the Church, and the Hon. Sec. (Mrs. Cartwright) gave a very interesting account of the work of the Council and the successful progress of the Organ Fund. Mr. Rhodes presented the Council's financial statements which were formally adopted. The meeting then proceeded to the elections for the year, which resulted in the appointment of the following as the Parochial Church Council for 1936:—The Rector (ex-officio), Mr. N. Rhodes (ex-officio as Churchwarden), Mr. C. Allwood (ex-officio as Churchwarden and Representative on the Diocesan Conference, Mrs. Beaumont and Mrs. Cartwright (as Representatives on the Ruri-decanal Conference; further elected members of Council-Miss Fox, Miss Huskinson, Mrs. Baguley, Dr. Brooks, Miss Dexter, Mr. J. W. Hall, Mr. W. Lander, Mr. Thos. Knight, Mr. Roy Fletcher, Miss Bates and Mrs. Sumner. The Council has the power, if it so determines, to co-opt further members. not exceeding two in number. Sidesmen for the year were elected as follows: -Messrs. G. W. Beaumont, T. Jesson, W. Jones, W. Lander, C. Millington, W. R. Sharman, J. W. Hall and Dr. G. O. Brooks.

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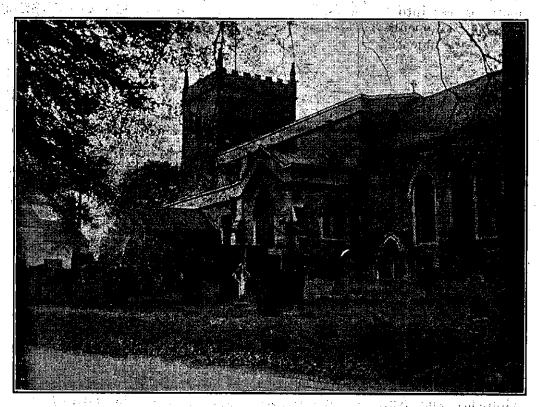
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My DEAR PARISHIONERS.

Easter with its promise of Life will again call upon all of us to strengthen our hold on the Resurrection life. In the dangerous position of our World today we have a striking illustration of the trouble to which sheer materialism leads; for it cannot be doubted that with the denial of Christianity vast numbers of people in Europe have sunk more or less into the worship of the things of sense. In some countries paganism is openly preached, and in our own land the vast majority seem to assume that the claim of the spiritual is now a call they can disregard with impunity. Hence our disordered World of today, for with Christian principle disregarded Peace is impossible

And what is true of the world as a whole is true of the life of each one of us. If you, reader, think that you can repeatedly deny your Christian calling without ultimate loss of peace, you are utterly mistaken

Two dangers of this kind come to my mind as I write:—
(i.) Rev. H. M. Corlett's four messages in East Bridgford Church remind me that to deny one's help to Christ in World Redemption is to deny Him. (ii.) For a Communicant to neglect the Easter Communion means loosening one's hold on the Resurrection Life.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

Note.—On behalf of the Church Council, the Rector heartily thanks the subscribers of a total of £2 14s. Od. to provide the nine new surplices for boys which were so urgently required. The small balance will help to repair two or three cassocks.

Sunday, April 5th (Palm Sunday) opens Holy Week; Holy Communion on that Sunday will be at 10.45, Morning Prayer being previously read at 10 a.m. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the Ante-Communion will be read at 10.30 a.m., and on Thursday it will be followed by the Holy Communion. On each of the four evenings there will be a short service at 7.30 p.m., which on Wednesday will include preparation for the Easter Communion.

On Good Friday the Ante-Communion will be read at 8 a.m.; there will be a short service for Children at 9 a.m., and the usual services at 10.45 and 6.30. In the afternoon, from 2 to 3 p.m., there will be a Service of Meditation on "The Story of the Cross." On Easter Eve (Saturday, April 11th) there will be a short service at 10.30 a.m. On Easter Day (April 12th) there will be Celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7 a m., 8 a.m. and Mid-day, with the usual services at 10.45 and 6.30. On Easter Monday and Tuesday, Ante-Communion at 8 a.m.

The Annual Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens will be held in the Schools at 8 p.m. on Easter Tuesday, April 14th.

We hear on all sides that the Service of Jacred Music, given in Church, on Sunday afternoon, March 8th, by the Nottingham Gleemen was heartily appreciated. We would publicly thank the Gleemen (many

of whom are engaged in leading public worship in the city twice on Sundays) for their great kindness in giving us over an hour's elevating music.

We understand that the Summer Time Act comes into operation this year in the early hours of Sunday, April 19th.

Mr. Tom Morris, who passed away on March 2nd, was one of the sons of the late Abraham Morris, Shoemaker, and was born at Scarrington, 64 years ago. His farm work here, with Mr. J. S. Wilkinson, was brought to a close 2 years ago through his affliction with asthma, and his health was further impaired by an unfortunate accident. As an official of the local branch of the Oddfellows, Mr. Morris was respected by his fellow-members for his kindly disposition, and he bore the constant discomfort of his complaint with singular patience. We sympathise deeply with Mrs. Morris and her son and daughter, and with the other relatives. On behalf of Mrs. Morris we are asked to express their sincere appreciation of the many messages of condolence they have received, and their thanks for the floral tributes sent to them for the day of burial.

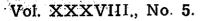
Parishioners heard with deep regret of the death of Mrs. George Higgs of Newton, for though it is now seven years since Mr. and Mrs. Higgs left East Bridgford, the members of the family have retained all their friendships here. Mrs. Higgs had unfortunately been in very poor health for the last few years, and we sympathise with her husband and her three children, not only on account of the sad bereavement, but also on account of the long anxiety and trial which preceded it.

The people of East Bridgford, both of this and future generations, will owe lasting gratitute to Mr. Arthur Richardson for the beautiful Lych Gate, crected in memory of his wife and his mother at the entrance to our Churchyard, and dedicated by our Bishop on March 26th. Its design (by Messrs. Heazell & Sons, Ecclesiastical Architects, Nottingham) carries our thoughts back for over four centuries, and harmonises effectively with the ancient porch, which is viewed directly through the arch. "Lych (or Lich) Gate" means Corpse Gate, and it was customary at funerals a century or two ago for the bier to rest beneath it during the reading of the introductory part of the service. We feel we are expressing the thoughts of all our parishioners in thanking the generous donor for this worthy gift to his native village.

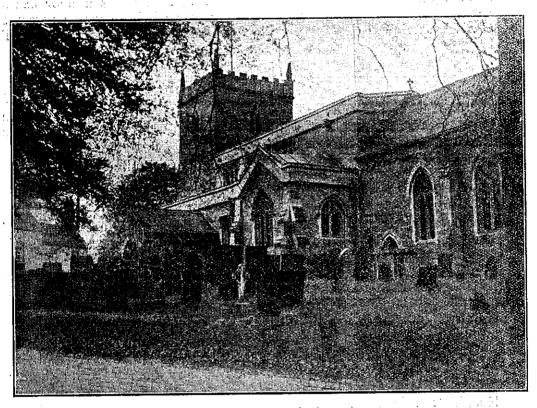
We were all delighted to hear ("one morning very early") of the East Bridgford Players winning the County Shield, in the Notts. Rural Community Council's Dramatic Competition, a success which again shews what wholeheartedness and unity of purpose can achieve. Hearty congratulations to the cast.

Our Parochial Church Council has exercised its powers of co-option in the appointment, as members, of Mrs. Brooks and Mr. Charles W. Hall. We are also glad to announce that the latter has accepted the position of Hon. Treasurer to the Council, thus relieving Mr. Rhodes of part of what have become rather heavy duties.

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## East Bridgeord Rectory, April 27th, 1936.

My DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I have been thankful to see a slight improvement, on some of the Sundays in Lent, in the attendance at God's House, But I wish to warn those who were more regular that with the return of Summer, after a trying Winter, there will come the old temptations to spend Sunday without any spiritual effort whatever. We often blame the young for lack of serious purpose, but after all the young have sometimes a poor example set by their elders and by the shallow talk of those who suggest that Christian living is just as easy without public worship as with it. This last assertion really contradicts the experience of Christian history for the neglect of worship is almost invariably followed by a materialistic outlook. According to one of our greatest thinkers the danger is greatest in middleage, and it is certainly the common experience of Christian pastors of all denominations that where a man or woman who once worshipped regularly begins to be slack about worship in middle-life religious apathy follows. It is a great danger; let us all beware of it.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT. W KING.

Friday, May 1st is the Festival of Saints Philip and James.

Sunday, May 17th is Rogation Sunday, when all Churchpeople in this Diocese are asked to contribute a share, under the Diocesan Apportionment Scheme, to the work of the Church Assembly and the Diocese of Southwell. 1935 was a year of exceptional expenditure in this Parish, and it is a matter for congratulation that we did not fail to maintain our reputation of invariably fulfilling our moral obligations to the Diocesan Apportionment. We earnestly hope this reputation may again be maintained in 1936 by liberal offertories on May 17th.

Thursday, May 21st is THE ASCENSION DAY. There will be celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and at 10.30 a.m.; there will also be a Service for Children at 9 a.m. (to which adults are invited) and Evening Service at 7.30 p.m.

On Whitsunday, May 31st, there will be Holy Communion both at 8 a.m. and at Mid-day.

The amount subscribed to Missionary Work by East Bridgford Churchpeople, during 1935, totalled £27 10s. 9d. It was made up as follows: B. & F. Bible Society, £5 9s. 10d.; Church Missions to Jews, £1 5s. od.; Southwell Missionary Studentship, 10s; Yezd C.M S. Hospital, £7 11s. 6d.; Mothers' Union Own Missionary 14s. 1d.; S.P.G. (collected by Miss Huskinson £8 4s. 6d., boxes 11s. 10d., offertories £3 4s. od.) £12 os. 4d.

Our G.F.S. has had a very pleasant and helpful Winter Season; the kindness with which the weekly gatherings have been welcomed at The Hall has of course contributed very largely to this success. We wish to thank both Associates and Members for their assistance to our Organ Fund Bazaar and their help in knitting work for the Social Service organisation. The Candidates have also had a happy season under the guidance of Miss Millington, who has kindly held the meetings in her own home.

The Rector thanks parishioners sincerely for their kindness in the matter of Easter Offerings.

The attendance at the meeting on April 14th, for the election of Churchwardens, was somewhat larger than usual, and those present unanimously re-elected Messrs. Allwood and Rhodes, adding a vote of thanks for their excellent services during the past year, which was an exceptionally busy year in the work of our Parish Church.

The record of special Lenten offerings to the work at Yezd will be found in the Church porch.

Our parishioners will all remember the very successful Missionary Festival for the Bingham Deanery held at East Bridgford, on June 15th, 1934. A similar Festival, to which we are all invited, is to be held at Radcliffe this year, on Tuesday, June 16th, in the Garden of "The Lodge," and afterwards in Radcliffe Church. It commences at 4 p.m. Further particulars next month.

Mrs. Charles Bakewell, who passed away at Bottesford, on April 6th, at the age of 70, and was interred at Radcliffe, will be remembered with affection by our older parishioners as Harriet Manchester, the fourth daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Manchester, of East Bridgford. We desire to express our sympathy with her husband, her two surviving sisters (Mrs. Gregg and Mrs. Moss) and other relatives.

The passing of Charles Sydney Hoyles has reminded all of us in East Bridgford of the influence of Christian living; for, although it is  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years ago that he left us to take up an appointment at Hose, he is remembered with sincere affection here in his native village for his unfailing and practical Christianity. The very large attendance at his funeral was evidence of that deep and widespread respect which we British people always have, thank God, for a manly Christian citizen. We do indeed sympathise with Mrs. Hoyles and her two daughters in their great loss.

They who have never known the blessing of sight, or who lose it in infancy, may go through life with considerable happiness, but those who lose their power of vision in later years bear a cross that brings trials of patience which we who see can never appreciate to the full. Such have been the trials of the late Fred Cooper, whose sight gradually left him, while attacks of serious illness added to his burden. It happens that in our last conversation with him before his sudden call, he expressed his gratitude to all who have been kind to him and his unshaken faith in God. Mrs. Cooper may be sure of the sympathy of us all in her sudden bereavement.

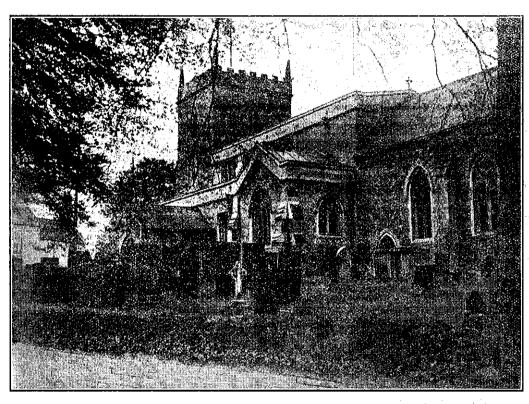
BAPTISMS (April 5)—Carolyn Mary Ellis.
(April 12)—Donald Stanley Tracey.
(April 17)—Ruth Curtis.

WEDDING (April 4)-George Howard Fietcher to Edna Sumner.

BURIALS (March 30)—Charles Sydney Hoyles, aged 47 years. (April 6)—Fred Cooper, aged 75 years.



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## EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY, May 26th, 1936.

My DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Could there be anything more beautiful than our surroundings in East Bridgford in the early mornings of May and June? It may be the memory of the late Winter's severity that helps to emphasise our sense of this beauty in these Early Summer days of 1936; but certainly there could hardly be a more beautiful setting for Nature's seasonal message of life (the birds are full of that message) than is contained in a circle of a mile radius having East Bridgford Church as its Centre.

And all this is at its best early on Sunday morning before the sound of motor-horns or the shouts of thoughtless Sunday excursionists disturb

its peace.

Would that many more Communicants would stroll prayerfully to the Centre for the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. on the 2nd, 4th (and 5th) Sundays of the month. How much easier it should be to think of realities under such conditions. The message of life is all round our Church and the Source of Life is to be found within it by all who are willing to think fervently of His Love. For He waits to feed us with Himself! But, alas, we refuse to think, and He is still crying "Ye will not come unto Me that ye might have life."

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT. W KING.

Thursday, June 11th, is the Festival of St. Barnabas; Wednesday, June 24th is St. John Baptist's Day; Monday, June 29th is St. Peter's Day. Holy Communion on these days at 10-30 a.m.

East Bridgford Feast Sunday falls on June 28th. There will be Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and the usual Services at 10-45 a.m. and 6-30 p.m. The customary Service outside at the War Memorial will be held as usual.

The Offertories on Trinity Sunday, June 7th, are on behalf of East Bridgford Church Day Schools.

The half-yearly Gathering of East Bridgford men will be held, all being well, in East Bridgford Church on Sunday Afternoon, June 14th, at 2-30 p.m. The usual notice will be sent round in due course.

The 70th Annual Show of the East Bridgford Horticultural Society takes place in Mr. Bullers' field on Tuesday, June 30th. We understand there are several parishioners who remember the first show the Society held, and to them (as to many who are younger) it is a source of satisfaction that on attaining the age of 70, the show is "still going strong."

We wish to make it clear that all parishioners over school age will be welcomed at the Missionary Festival of the Bingham Deanery which is to be held at Radcliffe-on-Trent on Tuesday, June 16th, in the Garden of "The Lodge," by kind permission of Mrs. Edwards, who has also made arrangements for the proceedings to take place in the house itself in the event of rain. But we hope to have as fine a day as we had at East Bridgford two years ago. Programmes of the proceedings will be circulated beforehand in this parish, likewise the small envelopes for our private offeringt to the Great Cause. The smallest offerings will be very welcome;

this is a case in which a multitude of small offerings means a real help to the self-sacrificing efforts of our brethren in the Foreign Field. The Festival commences at 4 p.m. and Tea will be obtainable shortly after that hour. We hope to arrange for a Special Omnibus to leave East Bridgford at 3-45 p.m., returning at 8-45 p.m.; those who wish to book seats must leave their names with Miss Dexter (the Post Office) on or before Saturday, June 13th.

In aid of Southwell House Welfare Centre, there will be an Exhibition of early English Household Treasures in Topley Flat and Daffodil Cottage on Saturday, June 6th, 1936 from 3.15 to 6.30. For fuller particulars our readers are asked to consult the notices on the Church Board and at the Post Office.

The Secretary of the General Hospital desires to thank parishioners for their support of the Hospital Flag Day, and the collectors for their work. The contributions at East Bridgford and Newton amounted to  $\pounds 2$  7s. 5d. Last year an anonymous donor gave a pound note as a special Thank-offering, which brought up our 1935 total to  $\pounds 3$  5s. 4d.; but as there was no such windfall this year, the collectors have really improved on their success of last time

ORGAN FUND.—Please remember the Garden Fête at the Manor is fixed for Saturday, July 11th, and make your July fixtures accordingly.

Boys' Brigade.—The Demonstration at East Bridgford Headquarters on April 28th provided further evidence (though it is not needed) of the excellent work the Brigade is doing for our boys. Every item of the programme was carried out with extraordinary precision and wholeheartedness. We much regretted the absence, through illness, of Capt. R. H. Swain, but his place in the Chair was taken very ably by our friend Capt. Brown. A more thoughtful address to boys than that given by His Honour Judge Hildyard we have never heard, and many of us, who are boys no longer, may well take to heart his reasoned argument on the allimportance of "loyalties." Capt. Bullers is again to be congratulated on the arrangements for the evening, and we were glad to see so many parents and friends supporting him. We hear that the East Bridgford Company collected 1,935 eggs for the General Hospital, in this year's Egg Collection, and the Hospital authorities have expressed their gratitude, both for the eggs and for a considerable collection of tinfoil, which commodity we hear with surprise now brings in 30/-, per cwt. to Hospital Funds. We wish our boys a happy time at the Whitsuntide Camp at Skegness.

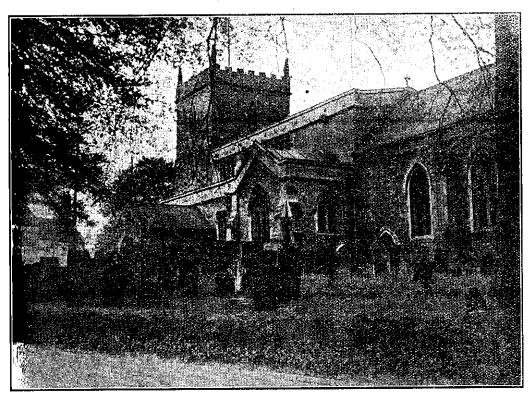
THE CHURCH CHOIR.—After consultation with the Choirmaster and Organist, our Choristers have decided that after Whitsunday their weekly practice shall be held on Thursday Evening.

Sunday School —At the Ruri-decanal Conference of Bingham on May 19th, it was decided to form an Association for the Church Sunday School Teachers of the Deanery. This is welcome news to all the Leachers.

BAPTISM (May 15)—Sydney John Hill.



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East Bridgford Rectory,

June 29th, 1936.

My DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Lack of space prevents me from writing you my usual monthly message in this issue of our Magazine, and the record of our very satisfactory Festival Services and other Feast week celebrations must be held over till next month.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT. W KING. By the death of Mr. Arthur Richardson our parish has lost one of its most distinguished sons. Of his career and achievements in business, politics and philanthropy all of us know much and full comment has been made in the newspapers. What most concerns us here is the sterling Christian character of our departed brother. As a son of good parents, he was taught from infancy the value of uprightness and the transcending importance of the spiritual life; and making the best use of these early lessons he eventually found the greatest happiness of his life in " preaching the Gospel." He was indeed one of those earnest Methodists to whose practical religious fervour our Country owes a great debt, and he has lived his life in the constant endeavour to uplift the fallen and help "the underdog." In his beautiful gift of a Lych Gate, this parish of his birth has a lasting monument to his generosity and magnanimity, and we shall remember him whenever we pass it. May God comfort those who must mourn his passing, but who are nevertheless happy in the inspiration he

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has left them of a good Christian life.

With thankfulness we note that there is some recognition in many homes of our Parish that the cause of Missions is the cause of the Master Himself. At any rate 120 homes in East Bridgford contributed something in the envelopes sent round in connection with the Bingham Deanery Missionary Day at Radcliffe. Contributions ranged from  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. up to a 10s. note, and though many of these were from force of circumstances small, they together totalled  $f_3$  7s. 6d. But the important matter is that so many responded, and the writer would say to all who gave in the right spirit, "You gave something to your Saviour." And our little offerings mount up when we all do our bit; the Missionary Day actually produced  $f_7$ 0 from the Deanery as a whole. We only wish that every contributor had been present at Radcliffe to receive a touch of that inspiration which we all felt and of which we were specially conscious at the beautiful service in Radcliffe Church which brought a very happy afternoon to its close.

To those of us who like to trace the development of home life in England through the centuries of the past, the Exhibition of Old English Household Treasures, arranged in Topley Flat and Daffodil Cottage, on June 6th, was very interesting indeed. We congratulate its organisers on its success, and the attendance of so many friends from outside as well as our own parishioners, and publicly thank them for raising through the Exhibition the amount of £19 5s. od for the merciful purposes of the Southwell House Moral Welfare Work.

The passing of Mrs. John Poole filled her many friends with deep regret. Mrs. Poole was the only surviving child of the marriage of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Manchester, and as all our elder parishioners are aware, the two families of Poole and Manchester have belonged to least Bridgford for many generations. Mrs. Poole took seriously ill on January 1st, in the home at Stoke of her half-sister Mrs. Kirkham, where through careful attention she sufficiently recovered to gratify her desire to return to her home here; but the inevitable end came on May 28th, after the long illness had been patiently and prayerfully borne. We sympathise deeply with Mr. Poole, and with his daughter, Mrs. Stubbs of Rainworth, who is the only surviving child of the happy marriage which took place 42 years ago.

With this issue of our Magazine, all readers who live in the parish receive a handbill advertising our Garden Fête, on behalf of the Organ Fund. Churchworkers have been putting their hearts into the preparations and, given fine weather, the afternoon should prove a very happy one. We appeal to all who are able to be present at the Opening, at 3 p.m., to make a point of arriving as soon after 2.30 as possible, and we hope that all others who have an odd hour or two to spare that afternoon and evening will visit the Fête, even if they have little to spend; there are many attractions that are free and others that can be patronised at a very small charge.

The following paragraph headed "Religion and Morals" is copied from the *Church Times* and is worthy of the attention of those who decry the value of regular Sunday worship:—

"Mr. Angus Watson recounted an experience to the Congregational Union that deserves to be remembered. He had spent eight hours over an agenda in the Newcastle Children's Court last week where one hour would have sufficed five years ago. The probation officer supplied the reason. He had hardly ever, he said, been called upon to deal with a child whose parents had been in actual contact with a church or chapel. Nearly all the children dealt with were pagans. When he asked a father and mother what church they attended the reply frequently was that they went 'to the pictures."

The Annual Children's Flower Service will be held on Sunday, July 26th in East Bridgford Church at 2.30 p.m.

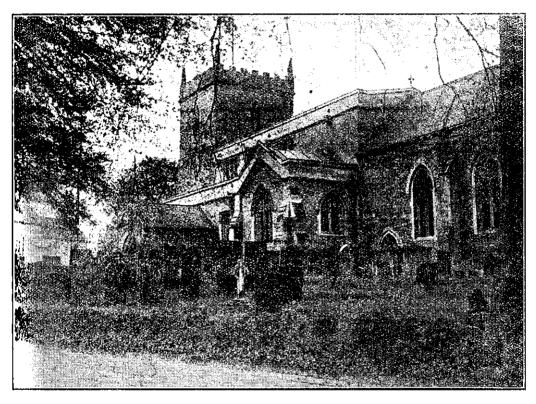
The G.F.S. Candidates of Radcliffe, Flintham and East Bridgford had a very happy Summer gathering here on Wednesday, June 17th. After tea in the Women's Institute, a short service was held in The Children's Corner in Church, and organised games were afterwards enjoyed, by kind permission of Mr. Claye, in the field adjoining The Tennis Club grounds. On behalf of the Candidates we thank all the ladies who made the arrangements.

BAPTISMS.—June 28th. Neville Charles Bradley.
June 28th. Janet Mary Curtis.

WEDDING.—June 6th. Arthur Charles Morley to Dorothy Irene Waterfield.

BURIAL.—June 1st. Elizabeth Poole, aged 73 years.

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My DEAR PARISHIONERS,

The Rev. G. A. Harper, Vicar of All Souls, Bolton, will be in charge of this parish from August 5th for four weeks; he and Mrs. Harper will be resident in the Rectory for that period. Their work at Bolton is very hard and I feel sure that the parishioners of East Bridgford will do all they can to make their stay in our beautiful village a happy one, backing up Mr. Harper by regular attendance at Church.

On behalf of our Parochial Church Council I have to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our Garden Fête on July 11th; in the midst of a period of very wet weather we were fortunate to have a day which made it possible to carry through all arrangements successfully. The net profits amounted to £55 11s. 6d. so that on July 11th our Organ Fund reached the figure of £494, out of the £565 required. I have been struck, dear friends, by your willingness to help in these efforts on behalf of your Church, and I hope it may bring an added sense of responsibility to those of us who are called to take the lead in our Church work. If only all of you willing folks would fill the Church you really love every Sunday, what progress we might make in our work for the Kingdom of God!

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT. W KING.

Monday, August 24th, is the Festival of St. Bartholomew; Holy Communion at 10-30 a.m.

Our Bishop hopes to visit this Parish on Tuesday, October 27th and will hold a Confirmation Service in the Evening. We feel that there are several possible Candidates for Confirmation, who may like to take this opportunity of being confirmed in their own Parish Church. The Rector is arranging for the usual classes of instruction, and asks that all who desire to hear the Instructions will meet him in Church, just after service on Sunday Evening, September 6th, so that arrangements to suit all may be made. It is hardly necessary to say that attendance at the Instructions involves no pledge to be confirmed.

The members of our G.F.S. (some 30 in number) who attended the Diocesan Festival at Newark, on July 18th, certainly enjoyed a memorable afternoon. The Newark Pageant proved most attractive and instructive. The Tea in Mount Street Schools was so well organised that the 600 members present were served promptly and comfortably without any trouble. The Service in Newark's fine old Church was most impressive, and we shall not easily forget the Bishop of Peterborough's sermon with its hopeful message for the G.F.S. work and its able handling of the question of the new rule which has provoked so much controversy of the sincere and useful kind.

In view of the continued wet weather of this Summer, we were on the whole fortunate in our Feast Week. There was a mattendance at the morning services on Feast Sunday, and the experiment of transferring fair our impressive open-air Village Memorial Service from the afternoon till after Evensong led to a very large attendance of the local branches of the British Legion; the members of the Legion paraded beforehand to our 6-30 service, and so joined with our parishioners in a very hearty and crowded service on the Festival Sunday of our Parish Church. The weather was uncertain for the Flower Show on June 30th, though a great improvement on last year; the loss of gate-money was accordingly not so marked as in 1935, and we hope the Balance Sheet may shew that we paid our way this time. As regards exhibits, this year's Show reached a high standard.

A Rummage Sale in aid of the Boys' Brigade Funds is to be held in September, and Capt. Bullers will be most grateful for gifts of any kind for this effort.

Time passes quickly and it surprises us to find that our Half-yearly Gathering for Men on June 14th was the 8th of the series. The average attendance certainly justifies the venture. In these undertakings there are always some who fall-off with time, but there are many of our male parishioners who have never missed and their deep attention shews quite clearly that many sincerely want to think deeply of the things that really matter.

Parishioners learned with deep regret of the death, at the early age of 20, of Miss Muriel Brown, second daughter of Mr. Tom Brown of Derby and his late partner, Mrs. Francis Ellen Brown. The last-named was well-known in East Bridgford as the second daughter of Mr. Frederick Sharp. Miss Muriel Brown was of lovable disposition, and her early death comes as a sad blow to her father, her stepmother and her sister, to all of whom she was much devoted. We desire to express our deep sympathy with them all, and also with Mr. Sharp in the loss of this affectionate granddaughter, who has been laid to rest in our Churchyard in the same grave as her late mother.

Mr. H. Seely Whitby, Area Representative of St. Dunstan's, desires to thank all who subscribed to the Envelope Collection, recently made in East Bridgford, on behalf of blinded members of the Forces, by Mr. Thomas Knight, whose voluntary efforts as collector here for some years are deeply appreciated. The amount collected at East Bridgford this time amounted to £4 9s. 1d.

As we go to press we are able to say that our Parochial Church Council has decided that the work of reconstructing the Organ shall be put in hand in September, if arrangements can be made. Parishioners have been generous in this matter, and the Council accordingly feels justified in faith that the remaining £70 required will be raised in a few months.

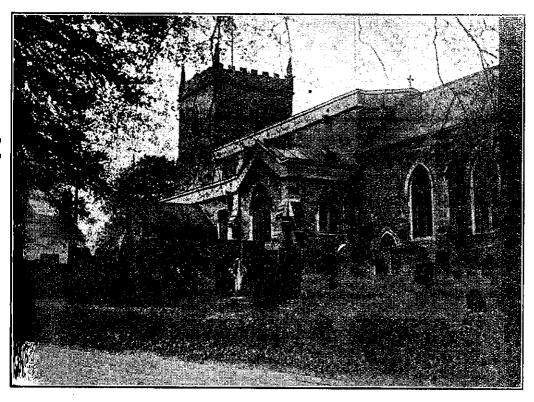
BAPTISM .-- July 5th. Shirley Ingall.

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## WRITTEN AT BERWICK-ON TWEED, August 28th, 1936.

My DEAR PARISHIONERS,

When I was a boy at School, the two extreme points on the map of Great Britain fascinated me so much that I vowed to myself that some day I would visit both Land's End and John o' Groats. The youthful ambition has taken 50 years in being fulfilled; last year I visited Land's End and now I have been to John o' Groats. What would have been an adventure half-a-century ago is quite easy to-day because everybody can do it in Omnibuses, but nevertheless it has been very interesting, and the scenery is too beautiful for words. We spent a week-end at the fishing town of Wick which is close to John o' Groats and the Capital of Caithness and it is of our Sunday experiences at Wick that I specially want to tell you. We were surprised to find it very warm there and still more surprised to learn that it is as a rule warmer at Wick than on the East Coast of England, which we were told is accounted for by the influence of the Gulf Stream near the Northern Scottish Coast. We were greatly interested in the observance of Sunday at Wick, for the old "Sabbath" peace is still retained there. Though the population is 6000 the streets were almost entirely deserted on Sunday morning until Church Bells began to ring for Service at 11-30 or 12. We went about 10 a.m. to the cliffs overlooking the harbour where the fishing fleet was laid up for Sunday because the Scottish fisherman will not work on the Sabbath beyond tidying his boat and cooking his food. The Salvation Army was on the Quay and through glasses one could see the fishermen assembling in the bows of their boats to listen intently to the service in the still morning air.

Then we made our way to the little Scottish Episcopal Church where the few English residents and visitors joined the congregation in our accustomed services, and the Rector there kindly let me join the Choir. In the afternoon the streets were again very quiet though many people were out for walks. Very few motors were about that day, for the garages are all shut on Sundays, and there are no public houses at which visitors can secure refreshment, because Wick is a 'dry' town. But there are a great many Churches and they seemed to be well attended. And so one of our experiences this holiday has been the genuine re-experience of the old-time Sunday which many of our elder people remember; it still lingers in North Scotland. The present generation might doubtless feel it dull and rather "Old Testament"; but nevertheless, looking back over 50 years, it is obvious that there was something in that old Sabbath peace, with all its physical, mental and spiritual restfulness, which was of surpassing value and the loss of it has had a very deep effect on the peace of civilization and the balance of life. No doubt it had its weak points, but we seem today to have gone to the other extreme and, in neglecting Sunday observance, multitudes of men and women have forgotten their dire need of communion with God.

Yours faithfully,
RUPERT W KING.

LETTER FROM REV. G. A. HARPER,

August 28th, 1936.

My DEAR FRIENDS,

Your Rector has very kindly given me permission to say Good Bye to you through the medium of your Parish Magazine. Our stay here has been a very happy one, we have enjoyed every minute of it, and realise with gratitude the kindness that has been shown to us by the people of this Parish. We shall go back to our industrial parish refreshed and encouraged by our stay in this quiet little parish. I esteem it a great privilege to have preached in your ancient Church; you have a precious heritage here in East Bridgford, the very stones being hallowed by the worship and prayer of so many generations. Why not use your Church for prayer during the week? It is open every day. Let me congratulate you and your Rector on the splendid effort you are making for your Organ Fund. Once again, for a very happy month spent amongst you, Thank you! Good Bye!

Yours very sincerely,

GEORGE A. HARPER.

Monday, September 21st is St. Matthew's Day, and Tuesday, September 29th is the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels; Holy Communion on these days at 10-30 a.m.

Those who desire to attend Instructions with a view to Confirmation are asked to meet the Rector after Service on Sunday Evening, September 6th, as suggested in our August Magazine.

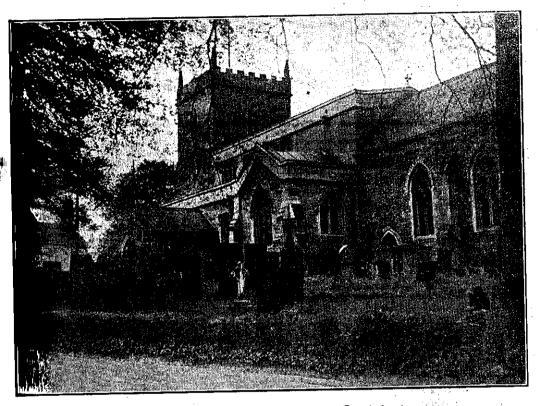
Another striking instance of the value of our Church Fabric Fund has occurred this Summer. During the heavy rains of a few weeks ago it was discovered that the lead work in the roof of our Church Tower had been leaking for a considerable period with damaging effects on the woodwork below. The fact that the Fabric Fund was in hand made it possible for the Churchwardens to have the damage immediately repaired—another "stitch in time."

Mr. Roger Yates, the Organ Builder, to whose skilful hands our Parochial Church Council has unanimously voted the work of reconstructing our Organ, has given us some information as to the difficulties to be overcome. Most of the work will be done in his workshops before the present organ is removed, but the organ-chamber itself must be treated before the new work is inserted. The amount of treatment necessary will not be obvious till the chamber is empty, so that while Mr. Yates hopes the Organ may be ready early next year he cannot as yet give us an absolutely definite date. He points out that this Organ is a matter that affects worshippers of some generations to come and that nothing must be hurried for the sake of a few weeks.

WEDDING.—August 22nd. John Frederick Scoffings to Elizabeth Ann Wilson.

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#### East Bridgford Rectory, September 30th, 1936.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS.

There are two matters which I feel bound to place in the forefront of our Magazine for this month. The first concerns the visit of our Bishop on Tuesday, October 27th; for in the strenuous task of holding a Visitation of every single parish in his Diocese, he reaches East Bridgford on that date. On this occasion we shall not of course be having a Summer Gathering as we did in July, 1931, but the Bishop hopes to address us all in Church at the Confirmation Service (which is provisionally fixed for 7 p.m. and) at which the Candidates now undergoing preparation will be presented. After the Service the Bishop desires to meet the Parochial Church Council in the Rectory.

The other matter concerns the King George National Memorial Fund. It has been pointed out to me that, while a few parishioners have had the opportunity of subscribing to this fund in response to a direct appeal from the County Authorities, there has been no organised effort in East Bridgford to collect the small amounts which many others may wish to give in thankfulness for the life and example of His Late Majesty. The suggestion for an offertory or retiring collection on or about September 13th reached us at too short notice to reap anything but a small response; it therefore seems desirable that the opportunity should be extended, and accordingly the box will be found on the table inside the Church door after Morning and Evening Services on the first three Sundays in October. Miss Dexter also has kindly allowed me to place a box in the Post Office until October 20th, and any other donations may be handed to the Rector and Churchwardens up to that date. As we recall the inspiration of His Late Majesty's life in the hearts of us all (rich and poor alike), and the power of his example during the terrible years of War, as we remember our sincere joy at his Silver Jubilee and our sincere sorrow at his death (for each of us felt we had lost a personal friend), there does seem a call to all of us to do our little bit in helping towards the erection of his monument in London, the heart of his Empire, and in furthering his earnest desire to find playing-fields for the young in those districts where they are most needed. As the contributions are to be put direct into a box, there will be no subscription list in this case, which makes it perhaps easier for loyal subjects who cannot afford very much to do their little share without hesitation.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W KING.

By the time this issue of our Magazine reaches our readers, our Harvest Festival Services will have commenced on October 1st. The services on Sunday, October 4th will be at the usual Sunday hours and will include a Harvest Service for Children at 2-30, the children being invited to bring Harvest gifts which will afterwards be sent to our Hospitals with the gifts provided for the decoration of our Church. The preacher at 6-30 p.m. will be the Rev. C. H. Weller, M.A., M.C., Vicar of All Saints', Nottingham. The Harvest Festival Offertories are on behalf of our Sunday School and we hope that our people will shew their appreciation of the voluntary labours of the Teachers by offerings which will really help to defray the necessary expenses of the work.

The return to Greenwich time takes place in the early hours of Sunday morning, October 4th.

St. Luke's Day (October 18th) falls this year on the 19th Sunday after Trinity; Holy Communion at Mid-day.

Wednesday, October 28th is the Festival of Saints Simon and Jude; Holy Communion at 10-30 a.m.

We owe to the voluntary handiwork of Mr. David Hadley, the reconditioning of the brass tablets in our Chancel, erected some years ago to the memory of Rev. and Mrs. A. Allcock Barker.

John Graham Wilkinson (the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkinson) who was baptised in East Bridgford Church on September 20th is in the unique position of having three great-grandfathers, one great-grandmother, and his four grandparents, all living in good health. A case of somewhat similar interest has also recently come to our notice elsewhere with regard to the Bulwell family of Leatherland. Mr. Ernest Leatherland, a native of Bulwell now resident in Lincoln, while being himself a grandfather, is also fortunate in having his own grandmother alive and in good health; at the age of 97 she still does her own housework. Members of the five generations are thus living as contemporaries. Mr. Leatherland's father, Mr. James Leatherland, plays golf regularly at Bulwell Common and, though in his 72nd year, takes a great deal of beating on handicap.

We wish to thank all those who helped in the two efforts, on behalf of our G.F.S. and Boys' Brigade respectively, which were held in September. The "Bring-and-Buy" party resulted in proceeds of 15s. od. being placed to the credit of the G.F.S. funds, and the Boys' Brigade Jumble Sale realised £12 5s. od.

News that the making of pipes for our Organ is now in hand at Mr. Yates' Works is a reminder that we still have before us the raising of about £70 to complete the requirements of our Organ Fund. To our splendid list of subscribers there have been two or three welcome additions lately; there are also a few promises outstanding and their sulfilment at this stage would lessen the anxiety of our Parochial Church Council.

While there are of course other opinions, we cannot but think that the decision to retain the Temperance Hall as a Village Hall has been a wise one. The Hall has its traditions of most useful social work, and large and happy gatherings. The young people would have missed it, and a permanent Hall of such dimensions could not have been erected at six times the price for which it was offered.

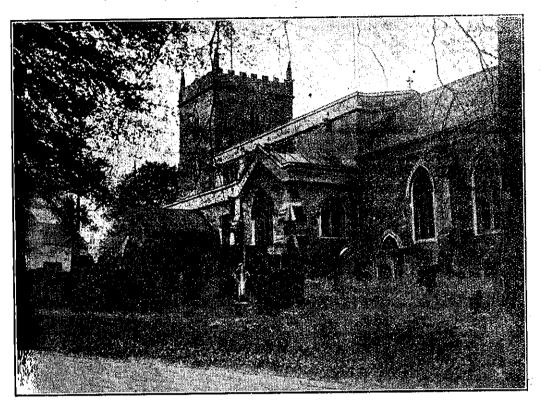
BAPTISMS.—August 30th Sylvia Margaret Hall.

- September 4th. Edward Thomas Godfrey.
- September 5th. Patricia Ann Crisp.
- September 20th. John Graham Wilkinson.

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#### EAST BRIDGFORD RECTORY.

October 27th, 1936.

My DEAR PARISHIONERS,

On November 7th, I complete seven years in your service, and I hope for some years to come I may still be with you; for the past seven years have been happy years. I do not mean of course that they have been without trial, because the life of every clergyman has difficulties which not even the most faithful of the laity can appreciate to the full, and indeed there could be no satisfaction in a life which had not got its obstacles to be overcome. I am very grateful indeed for all the help of our Church workers, and to look back over the pages of this magazine for the past seven years, is to realise that much that is good has been accomplished.

I often feel that we in East Bridgford do not appreciate our advantages as we should. Surrounded as we are by the beauties of Nature, we have also acquired modern advantages without the loss of these rural amenities, and we are also sufficiently in touch with the City to be aware of our responsibilities to the world as a whole and to avoid that narrowness of outlook which used to be the danger of country life. Above all we have a beautiful Parish Church with its thousand-year tradition of prayer and worship and its perpetual call to the joy of holy living. These are great advantages, dear friends, and it seems to me God asks us to respond by devotion to Christ and the patient bearing of our trials.

As we look forward we think of the young people, sixty of whom have been confirmed in the last seven years. Are we giving them all the encouragement we ought? The young are very often criticised; but to me it is amazing how some of our young people stick to their prayers and their Church in spite of what seems parental indifference; for after all it is parental example that has as a rule the most powerful influence on the life of the young.

If all parents in East Bridgford would pull together with the Church and come in to help and encourage us, we could do much for the Kingdom of Christ in our pleasant village.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

Sunday, November 1st is All Saints' Day, Holy Communion at 10-45' Monday, November 30th is St. Andrew's Day, Holy Communion at 10-30'

Remembrance Sunday, falls this year on November 8th. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. At the Service at 10-45 a.m. we hope for the usual Church Parade of the local branch of the British Legion and other bodies, and that the offertory at the Service will be devoted to the Earl Haig Fund.

On the Armistice Day (Wednesday, November 11th), a short Service will be held in Church at 10-45 a.m., and we hope to proceed from the Church, at five minutes to 11, to the War Memorial, there to observe the two minutes silence.

B.B. Collection Week-November 29th to December 6th.

The wonderful hold which Harvest Festival Services have upon the people of Britain has again manifested itself very fully this year; this is the case not only in our country parishes but in all the town areas as well.

We hear in fact of Harvest Festivals in the slums of London where Churches are crowded and loads of Harvest gifts are sent in from the country to the delight of thousands of little folks who never have the opportunity, alas, of seeing growing corn. Our own Services here were as well-attended as ever, and the many welcome gifts were afterwards sent to the General Hospital. The House Governor has written us a message of thanks, which ends "we do appreciate your always kind thought of our patients, and staff."

We hope to arrange for the Half-Yearly Gathering for men in East Bridgford Church, at 2-30 p.m. on Advent Sunday, November 29th.

St. Luke's Day (October 18th) must always be associated in the hearts and minds of the more thoughtful of Christian people with the work of Medical Missions, and there was much heartening news this year to tell our people about the Medical Missions of the Church Missionary Society. Two years ago the deficit had so increased that the Executive were obliged to contemplate the immediate closing of six out of their 68 hospitals in the Mission Field. What that course would have meant to the natives, only those who know at first hand of the bodily sufferings and spiritual ignorance of heathendom can fully appreciate. But prayer was offered and the deficit was reduced by £4000, and the six Hospitals saved. We wonder how many of our readers know that the cure for leprosy (the disease hitherto regarded from Bible times to our own day as incurable) has now been discovered, and that from the 21 leper colonies of the C.M.S., sufferers are now being discharged quite cured, How many moreover know that 3000 blind people "receive their sight" every year in C.M.S. Hospitals? A great deal of this last mentioned work is included in the regular work at Yezd, Persia, to which our East Bridgford offerings go, and in helping Yezd we of course indirectly help the whole field. Readers who have not already seen it are advised to get from the Church a copy of the recent pamphlet entitled "The Triumphs of Medical Missions."

The offerings placed in the two boxes (in Church and the Post Office) for the King George Memorial Fund amounted to £1 3s. od., which has been duly forwarded to the Mansion House, London. A full statement will be found in the Church porch.

Our half-yearly Offertories towards the East Bridgford share of Diocesan and Central Church expenditure for the year have been fixed by our Parochial Church Council for Sunday, November 22nd.

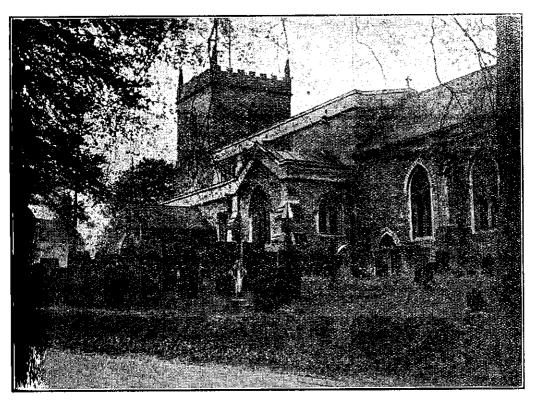
The Bishop's Visitation and Confirmation Service—We were privileged in having a very impressive Confirmation Service in our own Parish Church, when our Bishop visited East Bridgford, on Tuesday, Oct. 27th. There was a good congregation for a week-night, and the following candidates were confirmed:—David Hadley, John Edward Smith, James Bernard Whyley, Cyril Raymond Stringer, Joseph Allwood, Kenneth Pickford, Geoffrey Allwood, Kathleen Blagg, Eva Martha Sumner, Sybil May Widdison, Janet Mary Wilkinson, Audrey Goddard, Joyce Daphne Pallett. The Bishop afterwards met the Parochial Church Council and conferred with the members upon the work in the Parish.

BAPTISM—October 11. Eileen Crossland.

WEDDINGS—October 3rd. Claud William Scotney to Margaret Wilkinson.
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My DEAR PARISHIONERS,

"There was no room for them in the Inn." Four years ago I referred to this text in writing a message on the approach of Christmas. The situation in Europe forcibly suggests the application of the same text to international affairs at the moment. For undoubtedly we are all asking, in our hearts, the cause of this international unrest with its threatening clouds here, there, and everywhere. What is it that is being excluded from the affairs of human society, and why is it excluded? Surely, it is the Child Jesus for Whom a place has not yet been found in the affairs of the nations. For the nations have been worshipping other gods-the gods of Materialism, Force, and selfish Nationalism (some even confess that they worship the god of War)—and have found no room for the coming of Him Who brings "Peace on Earth, Goodwill among Men." It is not that Christianity has failed, but that Christianity has never been tried except in a number of individual lives made happy by the experiment. The duty of our own nation at this time is obvious, and, thank God, our statesmen are not unmindful of it. For, as Advent tells us, judgment comes where "no room for Him is found." It is the same in the life of every man and woman. Where He is excluded from life's plan, judgment must eventually come. That is the Advent message to those who would celebrate Christmas in pagan fashion, but in their hearts care little about the coming of His Kingdom, which will triumph at last over all evil. After all, only God's men and women can really observe Christmas.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT W. KING.

Monday, December 21st, is St. Thomas's Day; Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

On Christmas Day (Friday, December 25th) there will be Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and also at Midday. The usual Morning Service will be at 10.45 a.m.

Saturday, December 26th, is St. Stephen's Day; Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

St. John's Day (December 27th) falls this year on the Sunday after Christmas; Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

Monday, December 28th, is the Holy Innocents' Day; Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

All worshippers at East Bridgford Church are asked to note that the Annual Tea, followed by the Parochial Church Meeting and a Social, is already fixed for Thursday, January 28th. It is so important to our Church work for all worshippers to meet together at this annual gathering that we have fixed the date some time in advance, so that all our worshippers may be able to keep that evening free of other engagements.

The Offertories on Sunday, December 13th, will be on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, our oldest Missionary Society. The preacher at 6.30 p.m. will be the Rector of Bingham.

Shortly after our Bishop visited East: Bridgford on October 27th, he concluded his Visitation of the parishes in the Deanery of Bingham by addressing a gathering of all the Church Councils of the Deanery at Bingham on November 9th. Our own Parochial Church Council turned out well and found that the other Councils had done likewise, so that the British Legion Hall at Bingham was overcrowded. The Bishop's survey of the work in the Deanery was very interesting, and he certainly made us feel our responsibility not only to our own parishes, but to the work of the Church as a whole.

Remembrance Sunday and the Armistice Day continue to exercise their great hold on the British people, and the obvious sincerity of the observances is proof that our nation as a whole is faithful to the memory of those who endured the agony and the death. The future of these observances, after the generation that was bereaved shall have passed away, is often a topic of discussion, and remains, after all, a matter of surmise. But it is clear that the time is by no means past for impressing on the rising generation all over the world two great lessons of Armisticetide; viz., that War is the most terrible of all human scourges and that Defence of the Right means sacrifice. We were all glad to see the large attendance at our Church on the morning of Remembrance Sunday, with a good turn-out of the British Legion, the Boys' Brigade and representatives of other bodies. The offertory for the Earl Haig Fund amounted to £4 16s. 2d.

The inauguration at East Bridgford of an Evening Institute under the Higher Education Scheme of the Notts. Education Committee has undoubtedly proved itself a great success so far as its first term is concerned. The Institute, under the guidance of Mr. Rhodes and a staff of teachers, has already 83 members on its books, and there are classes in six different subjects. First Aid is the most popular of these subjects at present, and the class, under Dr. G. O. Brooks, is attended by 46 members of the Institute; this class, indeed, happens at the moment to be the largest class in that subject among the Evening Institutes of the County. There is little doubt that the Institute can offer great opportunities to those of our young people who desire to improve their knowledge, and there can hardly be a better way of spending many of the Winter evenings.

Holders of missionary boxes for S.P.G., Yezd, or Bible Society, are earnestly asked to hand them in on or before Wednesday, December 16th, for the half-yearly opening.

After several years of work as Collector of subscriptions from this parish for the S.P.G. in December of each year, Miss Huskinson now feels obliged to retire, and the work is being undertaken by Mrs. King and Miss Bates. We take this opportunity of publicly thanking Miss Huskinson, on behalf of the Society, for her good work.

BAPTISM (November 8th)-Peter Thornton.