

SAINT PETER'S



EAST BRIDGFORD CHURCH MAGAZINE

JANUARY, 1945

FROM THE RECTOR OF LAMBLEY.

At Christmas all persons connected with the Birth of Christ—The Holy Mother Herself, S. Joseph, the adoring Shepherds—all were Jews; and so it might have been imagined that Christ had come for the Jews alone—that God was their monopoly and that no one else had any right to Him.

Epiphany, the manifestation of God to the non-Jewish world, shows us that CHRIST IS FOR ALL—and no one has a monopoly of God, but that everyone may come to God and know Him, who is willing to put God first in their lives, and who is desirous of possessing Him above all things. Epiphany speaks of the Catholicity of the Gospel of Christ—that "God so loved the whole world."

When we think of those Wise Men, possibly Kings, leaving their homes and positions of responsibility to proceed in the direction of a star which should lead them to the cradle of the Infant Christ, and the many risks they ran and dangers they faced: hot, burning deserts; cold, chilly nights; impassable mountains; unfordable rivers; hostile tribes; the apathy and guile of Herod; and last, but not least, the ridicule of the people of Jerusalem—God's chosen people.

Remember, it was the laughter of a girl which caused the denial of Christ by the leader of the Apostles. S. Peter—so like many of us—suffered from a too good opinion of himself and was also peculiarly sensitive to other people's opinion.

When we think of the risks the Wise Men ran and dangers they faced, we are reminded that God is never cheap and obvious. God must be sought at some cost. To find God means discipline, training, effort, endurance and indomitable courage. To win God we must be prepared, if necessary, to run great risks.

And then their perseverance. Have we anything to correspond? Are we as keen? We so soon get tired. Remember Perseverance is a sign of God's Grace still working in the soul. Now is the time to find Him, that finding Him you may love Him.

There is a Russian legend about a woman who lost her opportunity because she put it off to a convenient Season. It is a story connected with the Epiphany.

In England it is Santa Claus who fills the Christmas stockings; in Russia it is an old woman, called Baboushka and this is her story.

It is said that the Wise Men from the East who were following the star came one evening to the house of Baboushka, who was then young and beautiful. They told her their errand, that they were endeavouring to find the Christ King and asked her to accompany them.

And Baboushka replied "I am busy, but I will come with you presently, by and by, but not now."

So the Wise Men went on their way and when Baboushka had finished her tasks, she set out to follow them. But not a sign of men or star could she see. She wandered over hill and vale seeking the Christ King, but all in vain. And still she wanders and at Christmas time she carries gifts to little children, because she hopes in one of them to find the Christ Child, whom once she might have found so easily: but she is doomed to disappointment.

Don't put off too long your search for Christ, for by the street of "By and By," as the Eastern proverb says, you arrive at the house of "Never."

The danger is that if you put off now you will put off always. And you will miss the greatest thing in your Life, if you miss Christ.

PARISH NOTES.

IN MEMORIAM—East Bridgford is the poorer for the loss of Mr. Walter Lander, that devout Churchman and faithful witness, who has now gone to his

rest. He has been for many years a member of the Church Council, and most reliable in his office of sidesman, never missing his attendance at Church until prevented by serious and painful illness. The following verses have been sent by Miss Alice Clough:

You mended shoes with patient skill, While here on earth you walked with God, And now, I think, perhaps you will See that the angels are well-shod.	"Have thou authority" to-day, who laboured With honest zeal [hard To help us tread a tiresome way And feet in comfort that was real.
For faithfulness (so runs the word) Over a few things to us given, Leads, when we join our Risen Lord, To wider management in Heaven.	So may we, who are left to strive A little longer in this place, Tread in your steps and worthy live, Because God gave to you His grace.

MOTHERS' UNION—Instead of the usual meeting in December, we had a Christmas Party which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. After a splendid tea, Mr. Hodges kindly gave us a Film Show, Miss M. Mason sang, and each member had a "lucky dip" for a present. The meeting on January 16th is to be addressed by Miss I. Mason, on her work in Africa.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE—Will members please note that the Annual Social will be held on January 9th, beginning with tea at 5-30, and that visitors may be invited. Also will they please bring food for themselves and their guests. Games, competitions, and other entertainments will follow.

BOYS' BRIGADE—We wish to thank our many friends for their support in our B.B. week effort. £80 was obtained, this being a record for the Company. £7 of this has been sent to our London Headquarters as their share from the effort.

The details of the effort are as follows:

	£	s.	d.
East Bridgford collection	-	31	9 3
From organised efforts	-	30	15 9
Shelford collection	-	4	11 6
Organised effort	-	9	5 0
Newton	-	2	15 0
Kneeton	-	1	3 6
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		£80	0 0

Football—All players are to be congratulated on the excellent games played when the men provided the opponents. Two games have been played with result of a win for each side. Feb. 10th is the date of the next game.

Matches for January:

Jan. 6—17th Nottingham Beeston Lads' Club	-	away
Jan. 13—5th Nottingham St. Jude's	-	away
Jan. 20—17th Nottingham Beeston Lads' Club	-	home
Jan. 22—2nd Round Swain Shield		E. BULLERS, Captain.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."
Dec. 6—Edgar Herbert Hardman and Kathleen Bellamy Shipman

BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

"Grant them, Lord, eternal rest, and let light perpetual shine upon them." Amen.
Dec. 9—Ada Jane Simpson, aged 76 years
Dec. 26—Walter Lander, aged 68 years

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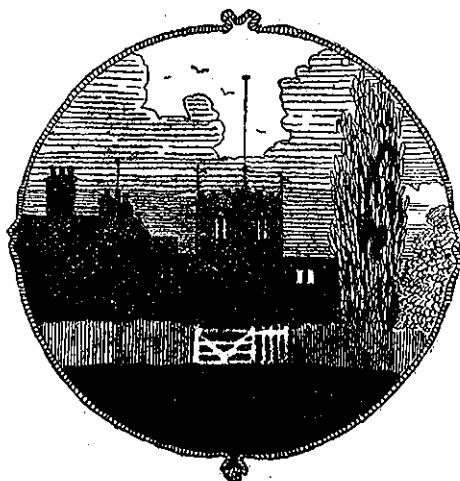
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A Lenten letter from the Rev. H. W. Pearson, Rector of Lambley, will be found on a separate slip. Mr. Pearson will be very glad to receive the names of those wishing to be confirmed, so that the preparation classes for confirmation may be arranged as soon as possible.

There will be a Service on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, at 7-15 p.m.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL. The Annual Meeting was held on January 22nd, with Mr. Wing in the chair. After the Balance Sheet had been passed, and the Secretary's Report read, the Church Council for 1945 was constituted as follows:—

Ex-Officio Members.

THE REV. H. L. O. REES, Chairman.
MR. R. WING, Vice-Chairman and Rector's Warden.
MR. N. RHODES, People's Warden.
MISS FOX, Delegate to the Diocesan Conference.
MRS. SUMNER and MR. KNIGHT, Delegates to the Ruridecanal Conference.

ELECTED MEMBERS.

MR. G. ALLWOOD	MISS HAND	MR. INGRAM	MR. SIMS
MRS. DUNSMORE	MRS. HUNT	MR. JONES	MR. SHARDLOW
MR. L. HAND	MISS HUSKINSON	MISS MCHARDY	MRS. WHYLEY

The following were elected to serve as Sidesmen for 1945:—

MR. WING (ex-officio), MESSRS. C. MILLINGTON, G. SIMS, E. INGRAM, W. JONES, J. ELLSE, C. K. ALLWOOD, H. CURTIS, E. MILLINGTON and T. KNIGHT.

At a meeting of the new Church Council held immediately afterwards, Mr. WING was re-elected Vice-Chairman with MISS MCHARDY as Hon. Treasurer, and MR. KNIGHT as Hon. Secretary.

Offertories for 1945 were allotted as follows:—

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH	...	The Diocesan Apportionment
EASTER DAY, APRIL 1ST	THE FABRIC FUND.
WHIT-SUNDAY, MAY 20TH	...	THE DAY SCHOOLS.
FEAST SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH	...	The Diocesan Apportionment.
HARVEST FESTIVAL	The Sunday School.
ARMISTICE SUNDAY	Earl Haig's Fund.
ADVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd	...	Home and Foreign Missions.
DECEMBER 16TH	The Diocesan Apportionment.
CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25TH	...	The Sick and Poor.

MOTHER'S UNION.

We had a most interesting Address on January 16th. Miss Mason gave us a word picture of a journey she took to an outpost in her work. The adventures were exciting, and she made us realise how eager the women of the Gold Coast are to 'learn of Him,' and to be able to read and write.

So far we have been unable to fix a speaker for next month—but members will hear who is coming before the next meeting on February 20th.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY—At the meeting on February 15th, the Rector of Lambley is most kindly coming to give a Talk. Will all the Members and Senior Candidates make a special effort to be present? He hopes to be with us soon after 8 o'clock.

CHURCH CHOIR. On December 29th a highly successful party, arranged by the senior members of the choir, was held in the W.I. Hut. There was a sumptuous tea and a very jolly entertainment to follow, everyone enjoying themselves enormously.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. In spite of a good deal of illness and very inclement weather, the W.I. Social on January 9th was a great success. It went with a swing and has been described as "the best ever."

On February 13th there will be a Ministry of Information Film Show, especially for the house-wife. This is open to the village, and non-members will be most welcome, but the film is not intended for children. The Competition will be "An Apple Dish, sweet or savoury." Will members please note that subscriptions, now 2/6, are due, and can be paid at that meeting.

There is still a quantity of pink wool, to be knitted up for the babies of Liberated Europe. Knitters are asked to apply to Mrs. Rhodes for wool and patterns.

PERSONAL. Mrs. Willis and Miss Lander wish to thank their neighbours and friends for all the kind help and sympathy they have received in their great sorrow and bereavement.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."
January 10th—George Frederick Marrison and Olive Noreen Boyce.

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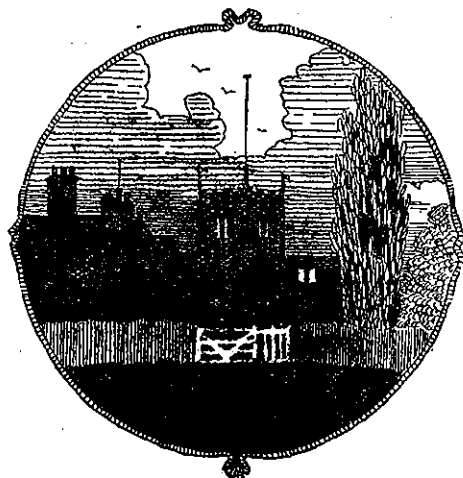
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For Passiontide, 1945.

1. **THE CROSS REVEALS MAN**—*Man's possibilities, Man's degradation, and Man's exaltation. Beneath the Cross Sin triumphing over Man.* Man, hard, jealous, cruel, cynical, bestial and devilish. On the Cross Man triumphing over His rock-like Will, and return broke and shattered. He takes the very wickedness of men, endures it, and turns it into a blessing.

2. THE CROSS TESTS CHARACTER.

It did 1,900 years ago on Calvary. See the men gathered round it—alike in opportunity, so separate in destiny—Simon Peter and Simon Judas. One the leader of the Apostles, the other, his name on the list of the lost! Joseph Caiaphas, Joseph of Arimathea. One the exponent of expediency, the other begs the Body of Jesus. Again the penitent and impenitent thief. *And so it is now, the Cross divides men.*

The great majority spend Good Friday as a holiday, a day of pleasure and amusement, without any thought of God; the few, the very few treat Good Friday as an exceeding Holy Day, when the Good God hung on Calvary for love of man. The only difference is, then men crucified Him, now they pass Him by.

3. THE CROSS REVEALS GOD.

A. **GOD'S JUSTICE AND GOD'S RIGTEOUSNESS.** On the Cross we adore the austere justice of God, which could not ignore sin and evil, but embraced it, and bore its consequences for love of us. The Cross is the eternal picture of what the self-centredness of man of that generation, and of all others, and of our own, means to God.

The Cross makes righteous the forgiving Love of God. On the Cross we see one wholly akin to ourselves offering a sinless life of perfect human obedience to the Father as the Representative Man.

In Christ God saw man for the first time as He desired Him to be. On Calvary God saw the perfect sacrifice—the perfect self-giving of man in its fullest completeness and under the most trying circumstances imaginable. The perfect life of human obedience reached its climax on Calvary.

B. **GOD'S SYMPATHY.** Does God care, you say. In answer you point not to a single Crucifix, but to one Cross alongside of two others, on which God had chosen to be nailed, so that He might be alongside of them in this greatest hour of suffering if they so needed Him. There are tears on the face of God. Jesus wept over our sorrows, not over His own. Just where God seemed to be not, there God was.

C. **GOD'S LOVE.** "He loved me," the Apostle says, "and gave Himself for me."—Love which was the supreme motive of His life, burns highest at His death.

It shows us that the Love of God is infinite, that God's Love stopped at nothing, not even a cruel ignominious death by public execution. Love universal and personal, Love misunderstood, misrepresented, betrayed, deserted, tormented; Love surviving death of the body, Love that is eternal, that never fails, and Love of God victorious overall.

"God loved me and gave Himself for me," that is the supreme message of Calvary."

WHAT IS OUR RESPONSE?

"But even could I see Him die,
I could but see a little part
Of that great love which like a fire
Is always burning in His heart."
"It is most wonderful to know
His love for us so free and sure;
But 'tis more wonderful to see
My love for Him so faint and poor."

Passiontide: Holy Week and Good Friday are opportunities of Showing our Love of Jesus.

Do you think it does not matter to our Lord what we do? He would have greatly changed if it did not. He welcomed the Love of Mary of Bethany and her extravagant generosity. He praised the Apostles for continuing in His temptations; He called them to the Garden to watch with Him; on Palm Sunday He loved to hear the children's hymns and praises in the Temple. He does care what we do. Let us show that we care for what He has done for us. There is little we can do; let us do what we can.

The Services on Good Friday will be as follows: Three Hours' Service, 12-3; Evening Service with address, 7-15 p.m.

It is not expected that everyone will remain for the whole of the three hours, and all who desire to do so are perfectly at liberty to leave the Church during the singing of the hymns, but please do what you can for love of Jesus.

The Three Hours' Service will be taken by the Rector of Flintham.

On the Tuesday in Holy Week, March 27th, there will be a Service of Preparation in Church at 7-15 p.m., for meeting and receiving the Risen Christ on Easter Day. Please make every effort to be present at this Service.

On Easter Day there will be a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 10-15 a.m.

Can I have the names of any who wish to be Confirmed?

"May I wish you all a Happy Easter."

H. W. PEARSON.

PARISH NOTES.

MOTHERS' UNION. We had an inspiring address from the Rev. H. W. Pearson on February 20th, and members very much enjoyed the meeting. Our next meeting is on March 20th at 3 p.m. in the Methodist Schoolroom, when Mrs. Wheeler from Shelford Vicarage will be our speaker.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. At the meeting on March 13th, Flight Lt. Tennant will speak on "Local Government."

THE EAST BRIDGFORD PLAYERS are presenting four one-act Plays on March 16th and 17th. These will be *Katie's Way*, "World without Men," "Anoli the Blind," and "The Grand Chain's Diamond." Proceeds on behalf of Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund.

PAPER SALVAGE. Our men at the Front have been ordered to make a supreme effort, and surely we at home cannot let them down by slackness of any kind. The need for paper salvage is more urgent than ever before, and though it is true that our supply of paper is considerably reduced in every way, yet the smallest quantity—a torn-up letter or a few bus tickets—will make a cartridge case, and a few old magazines a shell case. So please, housewives, save every scrap you can, and collectors, redouble your efforts to bring it all in. Books of any kind are also urgently wanted, either for the troops or for pulping.

BOYS' BRIGADE. Our Demonstration and Inspection will be held in the Village Hall, on Monday, March 5th, at 7-30 p.m. Sir Joseph Nall, J.P., M.P., will be the inspecting officer. Rev. T. W. P. Wheeler will take the chair. The Boys' Brigade Organiser for the Midlands and members of the County Youth Committee will be present. We invite all B.B. Week Subscribers to be with us on this occasion.

Children of school age can only be admitted if with their parents. During the evening a collection will be taken for the Company's Building Fund.

Our Football Team gained further Honours in the Swain Shield Competition by winning the 6th Nottingham St Ann's in the 2nd Round of the Competition, by this success they enter the Semi-Final.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES FOR THE MONTH—

Mar. 3	8th Nottingham West Bridgford	away
" 10	2nd Nottingham Oliver Hind Club	away.
" 17	26th Nottingham Arnold	home
" 24	26th Nottingham Arnold	away
" 31	17th Nottingham Beeston Lad's Club	away

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February 7th. Walter Pacey, aged 80 years.

" " Ada Isabel Willis, aged 45 years.

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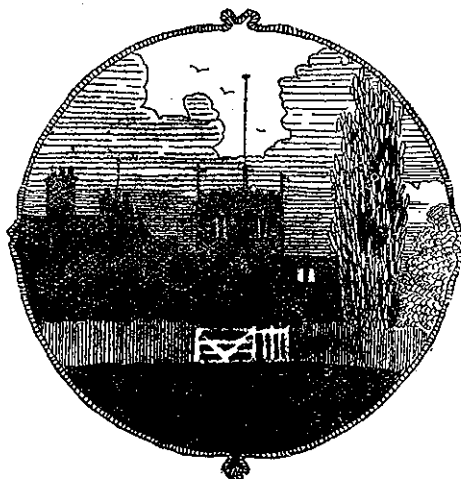
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That was the central message of the Gospel: *Christ and the Resurrection as man's one and only hope of Eternal Life.*

Easter also is the unfailing remedy for depression and despair, for on Easter morning, *God proclaims good stronger than evil, and that nothing, not even death, can finally extinguish what is good*; it is the great assurance of the ultimate victory of right over might and wrong.

When we think of those great-hearted men who have given and are giving their lives for the Old Country and Empire, Easter justifies us in saying that their self-sacrifice was not in vain; they have not really lost their lives; they have rather found their souls; they live all the more intensely. *Easter makes sense of such extravagant self-sacrifice; Easter shifts the centre of gravity from this world to another world.*

Easter adjusts our perspective; in the light of Easter things temporal and material lose their fictitious and exaggerated importance; things spiritual have a survival value; *no real self-sacrifice is in vain.* H. W. PEARSON.

On Easter Day there will be a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m., and a later Celebration and Address at 10-15 a.m.

PARISH NOTES.

RED CROSS—The partner Whist Drive held in the King Edward Club in aid of the Red Cross and Prisoners of War Fund, was a very enjoyable evening, and the sum of £4 was raised by that event.

The Red Cross collection for February amounted to £6 13s. 9d. The total amount collected in 1944 was £122 1s. 10d. NINA M. EWAN, Village Organiser.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE—Flight/Lt. Tennant's lecture on the history and development of Local Government was of the greatest possible interest, and the W.I. is most grateful to him for coming. At the meeting on April 10th, there will be another M.O.I. Film Show, open to non-members. The competition will be for "My finest bloom."

EAST BRIDGFORD PLAYERS—The Dramatic Performances on March 16th and 17th, in aid of the Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund, have proved in every respect an outstanding success. There was a crowded and appreciative audience each night, and the Balance Sheet shows receipts totalling £43 os. 6d., while the expenses (including £6 6s. od. for royalties), came to £12 os. 6d., leaving the handsome balance of £31 for the P.O.W. Fund.

During the winter, the East Bridgford Players have at three shows raised the following amounts:— Earl Haig's Poppy Fund, £41

Methodist Chapel, Whatton, £44 Red Cross P.O.W. Fund, £31

EAST BRIDGFORD AND DISTRICT COMFORTS FUND—		£	s.	d.
Dec. 21st, 1944—Proceeds from raffle of doll	-	6	0	0
Feb. 14th, 1945—Police Whist Drive & Dance (half profit)	-	26	6	7½
March 6th, 1945—Pantomime by Batchelor's Concert Party, and raffle of rug	-	43	10	7½
March 11th ,, —N.F.S., per Mr. Young	-	3	15	0

The Committee have quite a lot of helpers to thank for all their gifts. First, Mrs. W. Widdison and Miss Widdison for the doll they gave and raffled with such success; then P.C. Dunsmore and his helpers for their gift from Whist Drive and Dance; then Mrs. P. Ducker and the Concert Party, who gave such an enjoyable entertainment in aid of the Comforts Fund; and also Mrs. J. Coulson for the rug she made and raffled, bringing in the sum of £7. The rug was won by Mrs. R. Marshall. Lastly, the Committee wish to thank the members of the N.F.S. for their gift from a small sale.

Mrs. Newcombe, *Hon. Treas.* Nurse Pike, *Hon. Sec.*

BOYS' BRIGADE—Our Demonstration and Inspection was held in the Village Hall, on Monday, March 5th. The Inspection was taken by Sir Joseph Nall, J.P., M.P. Among those present were Lady Nall and Mr. J. R. Bickerdike (Boys' Brigade Organiser for the Midland Counties). The Rev. W. T. P. Wheeler was the Chairman. Our teams presented an excellent programme of B.B. Training.

Long Service Awards were presented to Sgt. D. Blagg, Sgt. L. Cornell, Cpl. G. P. Johnson, L/Cpl. D. Priestley, L/Cpl. R. G. Lawson, Private E. Grayson, Private A. Harrison. The collection, £10, was for the Building Fund payment.

The Demonstration was held at the Methodist School Hall, Shelford, on Monday, March 19th.

FOOTBALL—Our team has reached the Final Round of the Swain Shield, when the 2nd Nottingham Oliver Hind Club will be their opponents.

Matches for April:

April 7—5th Nottm. St. Jude's	-	-	-	home
„ 14—2nd Nottm. Oliver Hind Club	-	-	-	away
„ 21—17th Nottm. Beeston	-	-	-	home
„ 28—1st Borrowash (Derby)	-	-	-	home

E. BULLERS, Captain.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

March 7—David Anthony Freestone
„ 7—Christopher Sidney Bateman
„ 7—Kenneth George Pick

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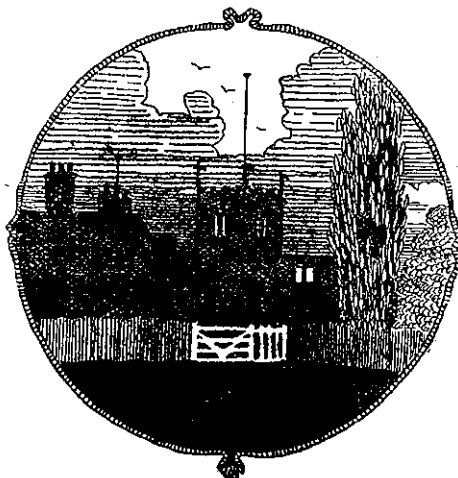
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FROM THE RECTOR OF LAMBLEY.

Ascension Day is one of the four great Festivals of the Church. It commemorates the close of Christ's life here on earth. Christ's visit to earth in human form is only one incident of 33 years in the Eternal Life of the Son of God.

The story of the Gospels is only one tiny piece of the Life of Christ for men.

He came down from Heaven at Christmas; He would go back to Heaven when His mission was accomplished.

He puts it so simply: "I came forth from the Father and am come into the world; now I leave the world and go back to the Father."

The most wonderful event in the world's history is about to take place—but as with His coming at Bethlehem, so with His departure at the Ascension—the World takes no notice.

Herod—Pontius Pilate—the merchants and people of Jerusalem—all are too busy; too engrossed in their ordinary occupations. Only a few disciples and the Angels and the Saints are aware of it.

And yet what a surprising farewell! The world had not been kind. At Bethlehem there was no room, at the last they had preferred a murderer to Him, Who had come to give life to the world. Even of the little group, there was Peter who had denied; Thomas who had doubted—all had fled in fear and dismay.

Yet He never reminds them of their want of faith or of ingratitude. **Jesus was not embittered in the least.** "He lifted up His hands and blessed them—and while He blessed, He was parted from them."

The last sight men saw of Christ—His lips uttering words of love, His hands stretched out in blessing—that is Christ's good-bye.

It's just like Him! All His Life a Life of Love and Kindness.

It is just like Him now. He is still caring for us—still loving us—still praying for us.

He is gone—His visible Presence is removed. He has taught His last lessons of things pertaining to the Kingdom of God. He has told them they are to be witnesses unto Him both in Jerusalem and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

He was entrusting the world to them, as He entrusts the world to you. How proud they would feel; how touched at His trust in them; how ashamed they so little deserved it; how frightened at the tremendous task. They need not be frightened. He would be with them always—very near, though unseen; watching over them and helping them.

The task of representing Christ to the world, of carrying on His work was great—but they would receive power after that the Holy Spirit of Christ had come to them.

"All power hath been given unto Me in Heaven and earth. Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations—and; lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

At the Ascension Christ's Bodily Presence is removed—**He now carries on His work through the Church—His Body.** The Church is Christ's Body—the vehicle or medium whereby Christ affects His purpose and whereby He reveals Himself to men. As with the early disciples, so with us, it would be an impossible task but for the coming of Christ's Spirit on Whit-Sunday.

It was Whit-Sunday which made the power of the Risen Christ available for us. It is in your Baptism and Confirmation you secure the Spirit of the Risen Christ, the power of representing Him and carrying on His work in the world.

Notices—On Ascension Day, May 10th, there will be a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 10 o'clock, after the Children's Service.

The Preparation for Whitsun Communion will be on Tuesday, May 15th, at 7-15 p.m. I hope Confirmation Candidates and Communicants will make an effort to be present.

The Celebrations on Whit-Sunday will be at 7-15 a.m. and 10-15 a.m.

On V Day there will be a Service of Thanksgiving to Almighty God for Victory in Europe, in the Parish Church, at 8 p.m. H. W. PEARSON.

PARISH NOTES.

WOMEN'S MORAL WELFARE FUND—A Diocesan Service will be held at St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, June 26th. Preacher: The Bishop. Contributions from parishes will be presented at this Service. *A. Chaplin*

MOTHERS' UNION—On March 20th, Mrs. Wheeler gave a splendid and thoughtful address on "The place of Religion in Education." On April 17th, the Rev. A. Chaplin, of Cotgrave, spoke to us on the "Shut Doors" of our lives. He reminded us again of the Easter Message—the V Day of the Christian life. On May 15th, Mrs. Allen is to speak to us of the work of the "Invalids' Prayer Union." Please try to be present and welcome her.

Will members please make a special effort to attend the Shelford Enrolment Service, at 7-45, on Wednesday, May 9th? It will be possible to go and return by bus, and it is a pleasant ride for cyclists.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY—The session closed on April 12th, with a most successful Social in the Hut, thereby raising the sum of £2 3s. 0d. towards the hire of the room during the winter. A box of soft toys for the War-time Nurseries, and a large bundle of knitted articles for the Forces, have been handed over to the W.V.S., and gratefully received.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE—The M.O.I. Film Show at the April meeting was greatly appreciated by a large attendance, both of members and non-members. We look forward to hearing Mrs. Otter at the meeting on May 8th. The Competition will be "An interesting box, with its history."

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY—The Lantern Lecture given by Mrs. Tribe, on "Mission Work in Africa," was much appreciated by the good audience assembled in the W.I. Hut, on Thursday, April 19th. The chair was taken by Captain Wing, and the secretary was able to announce a considerable increase in the receipts for 1944. The items are:

	£	s.	d.
Box	-	7	5
Collection	-	4	15
Subscriptions	-	8	18

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An advance of over £3 on the income for 1943.

Hon. Sec., A. Mason.

RED CROSS—The amount collected for the Red Cross Penny-a-week Fund during March amounted to £6 8s. 6d.

Nina M. Ewan.

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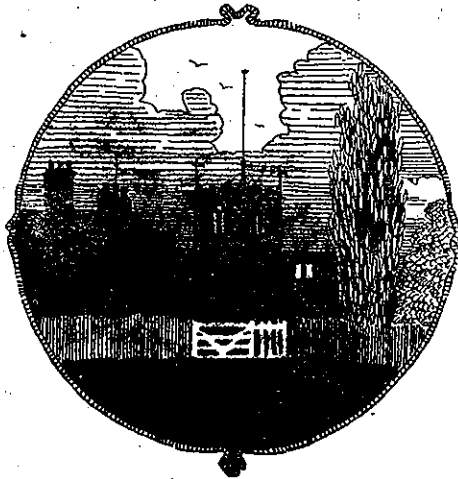
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A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR.

It has been a great pleasure to me to be back in the parish for my disembarkation leave. At the time of writing this letter, I have not been able to visit all my friends, but I hope to do so before being posted away again. It seems that I must expect to serve another year in the R.A.F., though it is unlikely that I shall go overseas again. Like so many others, I am eagerly awaiting my release and trying to be patient.

A great comfort to me, is the knowledge that you are so faithfully served by Mr. Pearson, the Rector of Lambley. I can think of no one I would like better to minister the Parish during my absence. I feel sure that you are as grateful to him as I am for all the good work he has done, and is doing among you.

Mr. Pearson gives me this good piece of news to hand on to you. He has arranged for the Bishop to come to our Church to give Confirmation on June 27th. We are very fortunate indeed to have another Confirmation here so soon, and very grateful to Mr. Pearson for his sacrifice, for the service was to have been in his parish.

The Confirmation Service will be at 7 p.m., and I have no doubt that you will be present in large numbers to greet the Bishop and to pray for the Candidates at this important milestone in their spiritual lives.

Enclosed in the Magazine this month is a printed sheet which I hope none of you will overlook. It speaks of the Bishop's Appeal, and this appeal must not be in vain. The collection at the Confirmation will be for the Appeal, and I earnestly beg of you to bring to Church that little extra which will ensure that you are giving with sacrifice, and that you realise that the maintenance and extension of Christ's Kingdom is your privilege and your responsibility.

God bless you all.

Lorimer Rees, Rector.

PARISH NOTES.

The month of May has seen world-shaking events, and we in this quiet spot have been sharing in the great nation-wide chorus of thanksgiving to Almighty God for deliverance and victory. At the service on VE Day there was hardly a seat vacant in the Church, and again on Thanksgiving Sunday, when every organisation in the village paraded, the Church was filled to capacity. That day happened to be also Hospital Sunday, and the collections amounted to £15 5s. 3d. There was no collection at the V-E Day service, but money put in the box, amounting to £2 10s. 6d., was sent to the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Benevolent Fund.

We have a further cause for thankfulness in the knowledge that our Rector, Mr. Rees, after his long service abroad is safely in England again, and we were delighted to welcome him at Whitsuntide.

A hearty welcome home has also been given to two prisoners-of-war, James Falconbridge and Edward Bateman, and we congratulate their families on their safe and happy return.

MOTHERS' UNION—Mrs. Allen was the speaker at our meeting on May 15th. She told us about the "Invalid's Prayer Union," and all the work that the band of prayer helpers are doing. It is a union for older members who do not always feel up to going to a meeting. If anyone is interested, please will they get in touch with Mrs. Hunt

There will be no meeting in June, as we have had to change the date of our Annual Service in Church. Canon Otter is to be our speaker at that service on July 17th, at 3-15 p.m. Please keep this date free.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE—The meeting fixed for May 8th, was cancelled, as it coincided with VE Day. On June 12th, Dr. Isabel Heath will give a talk on "Health." **Competition**—A written list of the 12 most necessary articles for a First-Aid Box.

RED CROSS—The collections for the Penny-a-week Fund during April amounted to £8 os. 9d. Collectors: Mrs. Bonner, 18s. 2d.; Mrs. Collishaw, 15s. 5d.; Mrs. Dakin, £2 8s. 7d.; Mrs. Morris, 18s. 4d.; Mrs. Widdison, 9s. 4d.; Miss Sims, £1 14s. 1d.; Mrs. Shipman (Kneeton) 16s. 10d. Nina M. Ewan.

East Bridgford Comforts Fund—Balance Sheet for 1944

Receipts			£	s.	d.	Expenditure			£	s.	d.
Jan. 1	Balance in hand	...	45	5	4	May 3	10/- Postal Orders to 96				
Feb. 22	Whist Drive	...	2	12	6	to	members of H.M. Forces	48	0	0	
Apl. 10	Whist Drive & Dance	...	4	15	9	Aug. 2					
Mar. 26	Concert (Mr. Coulson)	...	31	0	6		Reserved for two P. of Ws.	1	0	0	
June 2	Dance	...	14	9	3		Postage and stamps	...	1	9	6
" 3	Cricket match, raffles etc.	...	21	10	8	Oct.	10/- Postal Orders to 53				
" 26	Half profit, cricket match	...	8	16	6	to	members of H. M. Forces	26	10	0	
July 15	Collection at " " "	...	1	2	9	Decem.					
Aug. 7	Whist Drive & Dance	...	9	13	0		Reserved for two P. of Ws.	1	0	0	
" 10	Tennis Club (Miss Sims)	...	2	2	6		" " 43 members				
" 16	Children's Dance	...	2	17	2		overseas	...	21	10	0
Sep. 27	Dance	...	13	0	8		Postage and stamps	...	17	9	
Oct. 25	Children's Dance	...	3	5	0		Balance in hand	...	141	4	8
" 30	Concert (Mr. Coulson)	...	46	18	6						
Dec. 12	Social and supper (Mrs Ducker)	...	3	2	6						
	Raffles (Mrs. Ducker)	...	22	7	10						
	" (Mrs. W. and Miss Widdison)	...	6	0	0						
	Donations	...	2	11	6						
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Donations received from Mrs. Caldicott, Mrs. J. Coulson, Mrs. J. Spring, Miss M. Robinson, Mrs. A. Shipman, Miss McHardy, Miss Keyes, Mrs. C. Widdison. The Committee wish to thank all helpers for their services.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

May 8th—John Russell Garland
24th—Wendy Jacqueline Grahame Price
25th—Peter Green

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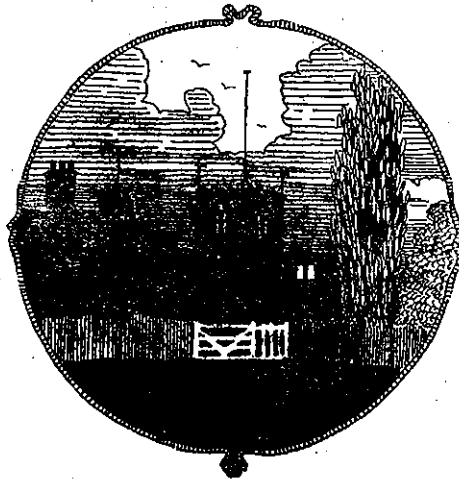
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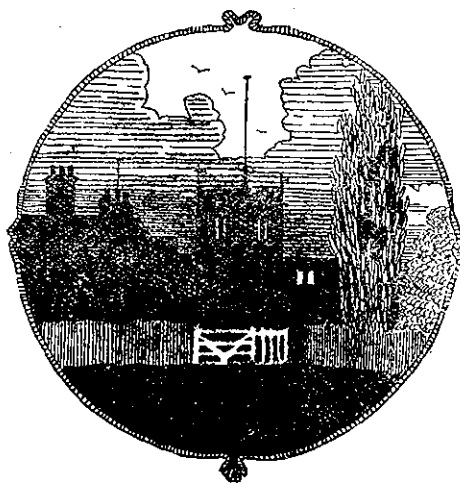
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The Collect for Sunday, Trinity VI, is one of the most beautiful in our Prayer Book. It is a prayer for the Love of God, the ideal prayer of the Christian. It is called a "Collect" because it "collects" or gathers together what the Church desires should be in the minds of the congregation on the Sunday and during the week.

The Collect speaks of the "good things which are prepared which pass man's understanding"; the original Collect spoke of the "invisible things" God had prepared, referring to the phrase of Saint Paul: "Eye hath not seen—nor ear heard."

"The good things are prepared"—they should be ours now—the blessings of joy and peace, the fruits of the Spirit, which come from growing Communion with God. Then follows the petition: "Pour into our hearts such love toward Thee that in loving Thee above all things"—and the original Collect added "and in all things."

It is the special office of the Holy Spirit to give us the Love of God. It is not something which we possess naturally; it is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which He has given us "Love of God is the supreme test of what we are—and of our Christianity—Love is the measure of our life—"that we loving Thee above all things," because God is transcendent—above the world.

The first and great commandment is to put God first and to give Him the supreme place in our hearts and our affections, which belongs to Him alone. Not to do so—to put anyone or anything—our husband, our wife, our business, our pleasure, before God is idolatry. For the Christian God must come first. "And loving Thee in all things," because God is immanent. Life of Love is one of gradual development. God places us in a world of loveliness that we may love it and pass from Love of the beauty of the world to the Love of the Creator Himself.

As Plato said long years ago: "The order of approaching to the things of love is to use the beauties of earth as steps along which to mount up to that other Beauty . . . until at last we reach the thought of Uncreated Loveliness, which is God Himself, and at last know what true beauty is"

And St. John wrote: "If a man love not his brother whom he hath seen; how can he love God Whom he hath not seen?"

The Collect reminds us that there is no true happiness apart from God—"Thou madest us for Thyself, and the heart of man is restless until it finds its rest in Thee"

The Love of God is the particular gift of the Holy Spirit, but it rests with our wills, desires and heart to make this gift effective. Like all gifts it must be used.

CONFIRMATION, ST. PETER'S, JUNE 27TH, 1945—The following were strengthened with God's Holy Spirit, and made full Members of Christ's One Holy Catholic Church: Donald Green, Noreen Roadley, Margaret Chapman, Mary Goodwin, Margaret Curtis, Freda Middleton, Kathleen Dakin. May they have strength in every good work, and grace to overcome all temptations, and perseverance until they reach the Land of Everlasting Life.
H. W. PEARSON.

PARISH NOTES.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE—The Members' Evening, on July 10th, was an unqualified success; it went with a swing, and was thoroughly enjoyed. We are looking forward with great pleasure to a talk by Mrs. Otter at the meeting on August 14th. The competition will be "An interesting box, with its history."

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WOMEN'S OFFERING—The sum of 17/6 was collected by the Magazine Distributors, and presented at a service at St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, on June 26th, by Mrs. Selby.

PERSONAL—Mrs. Tom Wilkinson has received official notice that her son, who was missing, is now presumed killed in action. The time of uncertainty and suspense has been very trying, and all will wish to express their sympathy with the bereaved parents.

OBITUARY—The month of July has seen the passing of two of East Bridgford's "Good and Faithful Servants." Miss Maude Robinson, who with her sister had lived here for 32 years, was always a most regular Church-goer, and, when her health allowed, had been a Sunday School teacher and Church Councillor, and was foremost in every good work. Mr. Arthur Mason, besides his many interests in the village, was the Hon. Sec. of the local branch of the Bible Society, and a leader of the Nonconformists in this neighbourhood. The following appreciation of his life and example has been sent for insertion in the magazine:—

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MR. A. W. MASON.

Of one who more than threescore years and ten
In love and charity among us dwelt,
Ready to serve with money, heart, and brain,
Each worthy purpose,—who appealed in vain?
None that I know of; speak, my feeble pen;
Our joys he shared, infirmities he felt.

In our remembrance he will have a place;
No words of mine can worthily express
How much he helped us. Surely he will reap
Rich harvest from his sowing. Though he sleep,
There is laid up a crown of righteousness.
He kept the faith. God give us such-like grace!

M. A. C.

BOY'S BRIGADE—The Boy's Brigade London Headquarters announces that Staff-Sgt. G. Allwood has been appointed a Lieutenant in the 24th Nottingham Corps. Congratulations to our Staff-Sgt.

On Sunday, July 1st, we attended a Parade Service at Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Church. Archdeacon Wilson conducted the Service assisted by the Rev. R. W. King. The Colours of the Radcliffe-on-Trent Red Cross Cadets was dedicated during the Service. The Parade was inspected by the Sheriff of Nottingham, Dr. Blandy, and Miss J. M. Crane, Youth Organiser. In the evening we attended the Feast Sunday Services at Shelford Church.

The 1st Borrowwash Company will be camping in our Village, August 4th to 14th.

E. Bullers. Captain.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."
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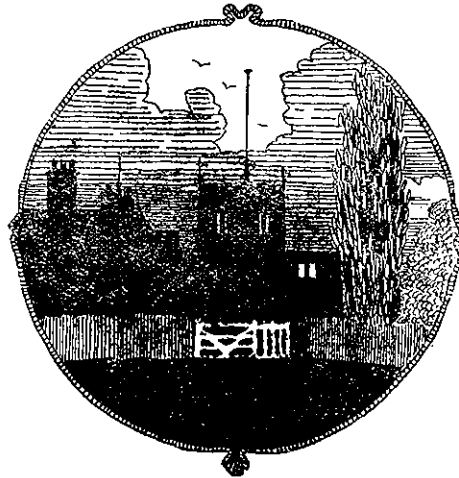
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During the month of August, news has been given us of two of the most momentous events in history:—

1 **The end of the war, the most devastating the world has ever known.** As we look back we realise how near we have been to destruction. By the end of the 1st year, Germany had over-run Europe, defeated the French armies, we had suffered a colossal military defeat and were driven into the sea—though at Dunkirk our men were rescued, without equipment, from the jaws of death. Italy takes the opportunity to join our enemies and stab fallen France in the back. Later, in 1941, the Japanese treacherously attack Pearl Harbour, Hong Kong is attacked, and early in 1942 Singapore is captured. Meanwhile, German armies sweep across Russia, and Rommel drives us back to Suez, the life-line of the Empire. England seemed down and out and practically finished; we were indeed saved by a miracle, by the direct intervention of God.

We remember with pride and gratitude those by whose courage and self-sacrifice the victory has been won; those who come home no more, may God bless them and supply all their needs. The wounded, the blinded and maimed; the prisoners, not least those who have spent long years of privation and cruelty in Japanese hands. The war is over, and we thank God for His infinite mercies.

2 The 2nd is: **The revelation of the greatest scientific discovery in all time—the release of the energy of the Atom**—a revelation, as Mr. Churchill wrote, "long mercifully withheld from man." We now experience the unparalleled horror of a force which can wipe out an entire population in batches of 200,000 at a time. The race between the scientists threatened to be the decisive factor of the war, but "by God's mercy British and American science outpaced all German effort," and we were saved by a hair's breadth.

The question now is: can the Atomic Bomb be a blessing "diabolically disguised"? Can it bring home to men the absolute necessity of abolishing war? Unless the power released in the Atom is brought under moral and spiritual control, it will destroy us. "Unless we repent," change our whole attitude towards life, unless there is a real change of heart and mind, "we shall all perish."

The great need is for man to return to God, and give Him the first place in all the relationships of life—to bring God again into the picture; war is the dreadful consequence of squeezing God out. There can be no real love, fellowship, and goodwill in the world without the love of God. The only hope of a new world, of a new heart and mind among men, is in Him Who nineteen centuries ago came to this world that we should *not* perish, but have and enjoy Everlasting Life.

We are offered the choice now, death or life—everlasting life—Christ or chaos and destruction; we have this choice; it may be our last. By the mercy of God we have been saved from our enemies and from the terrifying power of the atomic bomb. Let us thank God by re-dedicating ourselves to Him, and by endeavouring to better co-operate with Him in the fulfilment of His purposes in the world.

May I, on behalf of your Rector and you all, say how greatly East Bridgford will miss Mrs. Cartwright and Miss Fox, who for many long years have given unique and devoted service to the Church and Parish. May they be very happy in their new home in Sussex. H.W.P.

PARISH NOTES.

V.J. DAY—Our feelings of thankfulness to Almighty God for victory and deliverance were fittingly expressed by a Celebration of the Holy Communion on the following morning, and a united Thanksgiving Service on Sunday evening, when the Church was filled to capacity.

On V.J. Day itself, a marvellous tea was provided in the Village Hall for the children of East Bridgford, Kneeton and Newton, to celebrate the victory. The response to an appeal for help was quickly and generously given, and thanks are due to the many helpers who made the day such a success. A social evening followed the tea, after which a bonfire was lit in Mr. Hall's field.

On Thursday, in favourable weather, sports were held in Mr. Allwood's Butts field, and was termed by all a huge success.

So generous was the response for funds (£10 10s. 7d. being realised apart from the gifts of food), that after all expenses were paid and prizes given, a balance of £5 14s. 7d. still stands. With these funds it has been arranged for a further tea to be given to all East Bridgford, Kneeton and Newton

children on Saturday, November 3rd, at 5 o'clock, in the Village Hall. Mothers of children under school age are invited to the tea, and the Village Hall will be thrown open to parishioners from six o'clock onwards.

MOTHERS' UNION—The Annual Service in Church was held on July 17th, at 3-15 p.m. The Rev. Angus Ingles deputised for Canon Otter, who was unable to be present.

A goodly number of members and friends filled the body of the church. It was a beautiful service, a real act of worship and loving thankfulness to the One Who has done so much for us. Even the hymns seemed to be sung as prayers. Mr. Ingles led our thoughts, in his address, to the place the Bible and the Christian home ought to have in the life of our country. He told how men overseas have "home" in their minds as an anchor to keep them. The influence of "home" is endless. Fathers and Mothers need to pray that they may not fail in the making of that home.

Afterwards tea was enjoyed on the lawns of "The Hill," by kind invitation of Mrs. Tilbury. We were glad to have members from Shelford with us, and extremely pleased that Mrs. Beaumont was able to join us; she has done so much for M.U. in the past, and will ever be remembered for all her loving work. We are sad to be losing both her and Mrs. Cartwright from our midst, we are grateful to God for all Mrs. Cartwright did while her health permitted, and she and Miss Fox will have our loving prayers, as they go to make a new home in the south. We shall treasure the memory of all they have done in this village.

The next meeting will be on October 16th. We hope more young mothers will come and bring their babies.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE—The August monthly meeting was cancelled. At the meeting on Sept. 11th, Mrs. Baldwin will give a Cookery Demonstration.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY—To help the funds of the Medical Aid Depot, a Rummage Sale was held on July 27th, and so great was the success that £35 6s. 0d. has been banked. The equipment in this Depot includes many of those things which are necessary for the use of sick people. A complete list will very soon be ready, and all the goods may be hired at a very small charge. Applications for hire should be made to Miss Champion, "Topley," Main Street, or to the District Nurse.

A. RICHARDSON, Commandant, Notts. 142

BOYS' BRIGADE—Officers and boys of the 1st Borrowash Company who were in camp here August 4th to 14th wish to thank all those friends who made their camp so enjoyable.

OLD BOYS' VICTORY GIFT—Will those Old Boys who wish to be assisted with the gift, please let me have their names as soon as possible.

The Nottingham Battalion Swimming Gala, will be held on Wednesday, September 19th, at the Victoria Baths. E. Bullers, Captain.

Please note that after this issue, the Magazine will be edited by Miss Sims, Kirk Hill. Contributions should be sent to her early in the 3rd week of the month.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

July 28—Charles William Ellis and Gladys Joan Widdison.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

"Grant them, Lord, eternal rest. and let light perpetual shine upon them—Amen."

July 31st—Pelleren Hodges, aged 50 years.

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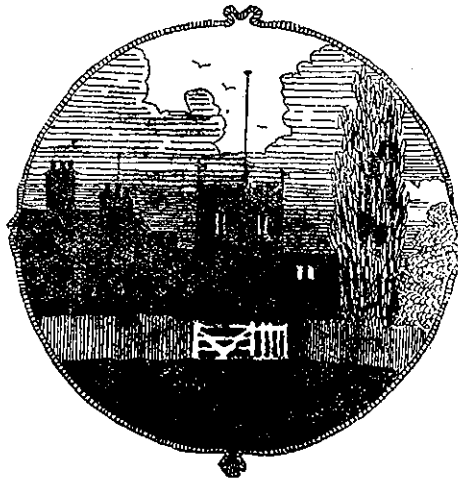
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From the Rector of Lambley

Michaelmas is a Festival of great antiquity—the special Collect dates from the fifth century, in which we pray that “as the Holy Angels always do God’s Service in Heaven, so by God’s appointment they may succour and defend us on earth.”

Michaelmas gives us a right sense of proportion in these dark and dangerous days. It reminds us of the mystery and vastness of the universe—of the presence and nearness of unseen worlds greater than our own—peopled with bright beings of greater intelligence than ourselves—of our own littleness. For the earth is no longer regarded as the centre of this universe—and we are but life tenants living in one of God’s almshouses in some tiny corner of God’s great estate. Now the Collect implies that God uses Angels to give service and to take care of men.

We are dependent upon God; God watches over us, and yet He uses human agency, the farmer, the teacher, the doctor, the artist, the priest to convey such good things as food, health and truth to men. We eat our food, use the doctor and listen in to the B.B.C.

Yet men are funny; all nice people enjoy helping; possibly it makes us feel a little bit important; but a great many of us dislike being helped. We like to feel independent, and no one is independent, man is made for fellowship and we all depend one upon another. No one stands alone; isolation is a form of pride, one of the most deadly sins. To be independent would be to be very lonely, to live without fellowship, and to die without love. **We cannot live without the help of others—“the greater a man is, the more he lives by begging.”**—e.g., the Commander-in-Chief depends upon his Staff Officers, Secretaries, etc.; they depend upon the Generals commanding Brigades and Divisions, who ultimately depend upon the Company Commanders, the N.C.O. and the ordinary soldier.

Great men know this, and beg nicely. Sometimes little people forget their indispensable helpers and imagine they can do everything themselves. Michaelmas says: Remember God’s servants, the Angels, who, by God’s appointment, can render man, indispensable service.

We have strong allies whose help and support we often neglect and forget. Take courage—as Elisha said to his fearful followers: “They that be with us are more than they which be with them.”

The Angels take an interest in the affairs of men. At Bethlehem it was the Angel Choir who announced the tidings of great joy—the coming of the Saviour—in which they and men share. Our Lord tells us the Angels take care of us when we are weak, feeble and lonely.

Every child, He says, has a Guardian Angel, watching, protecting, guarding. They take charge of the little people, piloting them along in a brotherly sort of way. At death when the soul is destitute and lonely on entering a strange world, the Angels come, accompany the soul and shepherd it along.

At the Second Advent when the Incarnate God comes in glory, He will be surrounded by His Holy Angels. “Everyone that shall confess Me before men, him will the Son of Man confess before the Angels of God; but he that denieth Me in the presence of men shall be denied in the presence of the Angels of God.”

To be denied before such an assembly intensifies the sorrow and remorse of the lost, as to be confessed before them intensifies the joy of the redeemed.

With Christ this other spiritual world was always in the picture; if we cannot see it, it is because the light is wrong, the glare of this world obscures it. Possibly only the darkness of death will correct our vision and put us in the right light for seeing those Angels, whom Newman “had loved long since childhood and had lost awhile.”

We hope to have our Harvest Thanksgiving on Friday Evening, October 12th, at 7 o’ clock, when the address will be given by the Rev. Canon Wilkinson, of West Bridgford. Harvest Services will be continued on the following Sunday, October 14th, Morning Service at 10-15, Evening Service at 6-30. The collections will be for the “Bishop’s Appeal Fund.”

PLEASE NOTE—Holy Communion on Sunday, October 7th, at 10 a.m. and for this Sunday only.
H. W. PEARSON.

PARISH NOTES.

GIRLS’ FRIENDLY SOCIETY—The G.F.S. Diocesan Service will be held at St. Andrew’s Church, Mansfield Road, Nottingham, on Saturday, October 6th, at 3 p.m.

WOMEN’S INSTITUTE—On Thursday evening, August 30th, a Farewell Party was held in the Women’s Institute Hut in honour of Miss Fox and Mrs. Cartwright, prior to their departure from the village. Mrs. Cartwright was, unfortunately, unable to be present. Representatives from the various organizations to which Miss Fox and Mrs. Cartwright belonged were present, and joined with the Institute members in showing their appreciation and grateful thanks to Miss Fox and Mrs. Cartwright for all they have done for the love and well being of the village. They will be sadly missed, but their example will be one for those who are to follow.

At the monthly meeting, on October 9th, Mrs. Wheeler will give a talk on “The Education Bill, and the Christian attitude towards it.” The competition will be an arrangement of Autumn Leaves and Berries in a bowl.

One of the many war-time activities of the Institute, has been the sending of parcels of clothes and useful household articles to the destitute people of France and Holland. These goods have been acknowledged by very grateful letters.

PERSONAL—After October 9th, the address of Mrs. Cartwright and Miss Fox will be:—
Little Nethertons, Sedlescombe, Battle, Sussex.
It will be a great pleasure to them to receive letters from East Bridgford.

HOLY BAPTISM.

“Suffer the little children to come unto Me.”
September 19th—Margaret Evelyn Pinkerton.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

“Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.”
September 15th—Wilfred Henry Pearce and Hilda Hunt.

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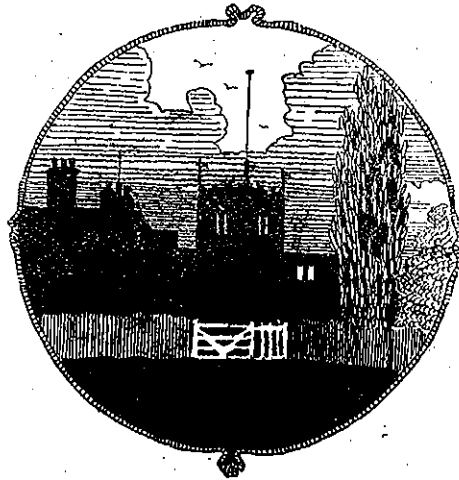
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From the Rector of Lambley.

The Festival of All Saints! What an inspiration it should be to us. What a pity for anyone to miss such a Festival!

All Saints' reminds us that we are heirs of a great tradition and of our great debt to the past.

There is no tradition nobler than that of the Church of Christ. On her roll of honour are included Kings and beggars, young and old, scholars and simple folk. Their achievements comprise heroic endurance of pain and death, lives of uncomplaining toil and suffering, defiance of every kind of temptation. We are heirs of the tradition built upon the lives not only of Apostles, Prophets and Martyrs—but upon the lives of obscure men and women who have lived with God, and have loved Him. Most of them are unknown to history; their names are written in letters of gold in God's book of Life.

To them we owe our Faith, our knowledge of God, our freedom from superstition and heathenism, our opportunity, if we use it, of receiving God's gift of Salvation and of Eternal Life.

The Saints were instruments in bringing us from darkness to light.

Had it not been for a constant succession of devoted lives we should not be recipients of the blessings God has bestowed through His Church; our knowledge of Him; the means of Grace, the Holy Spirit—and Communion with Himself.

All Saints' Festival reminds us that we are heirs of this tradition, of our great debt to the past—and of our obligation to hand down to posterity what we have received.

You, the Baptised members of the Church, are Trustees of the Divine Revelation; let us pray God that we are not fraudulent trustees!

A Christian must be a missionary; if he is not a missionary he is not really and truly a Christian, for he has not received the love of Christ in his heart, for the Love of Christ is of such a kind that it must go out and give itself to others.

It is not possible to receive Christ into the heart without a longing to draw others to the Father through Him. Because that is Christ's longing, and where Christ is, that longing must be.

How many of our Communicants are in fact missionaries in their own Parish?

How often we take our friends to the Pictures, how seldom we urge them to accompany us to Church!

Members of the Church so soon lose their Love of God because their religion is dissociated from Witness and Service; for you cannot enjoy and possess God alone.

What are you doing to hand on the Gospel? Can you contemplate a new generation growing up without God in the world? What are you doing for the children? Like members of a team in a relay race, it is so easy for one runner, who is given the lead by those before, to handicap those who receive the flag from him! This is why we are asked to support the Bishop's Appeal.

All Saints' Festival is also an incentive to perseverance.

As members of the Church at our Baptism we have great ideals set before us—"to follow the example of our Saviour Christ and to be made like unto Him."

At Confirmation we take vows of loyalty to live up to these ideals—that we will continue Christ's faithful soldiers and servants until the end—and we have received the power of Christ's Holy Spirit to enable us to live up to these high ideals; we have caught perhaps in the far distance a faint vision of the beauty and loveliness of Christ. We then come in touch with respectable Christianity, so respectable that it has no power, no life—and our vision of God is dimmed. We then come in contact with the worldly world with its hypnotic power to obscure even the Great Reality, God Himself: the fact is we have begun to **accommodate ourselves to the world** around us; we have begun to mistake respectability for religion; we have lowered our high Christian ideals or discarded them as quite beyond us. We then turn to the Saints, who were tempted in this very thing, to lower their Christian ideals, and they refused to do so; they maintained them and kept up their high level of spirituality. We imagine the Saints were of different clay to ourselves—so splendid were their lives, so great their achievements—but they were such ordinary men and women, of like passions and exposed to the same temptations; they often fell into sin—the **only difference between us and them was—when they fell, they picked themselves up, and went on fighting, and died fighting, and because they died fighting, they died Saints.** In our case, so often the little love, keenness, and enthusiasm we once had for Christ has grown cold, and is slowly and

imperceptibly dissipated into nothingness. We become decent, respectable people who have lost their first Love of Jesus.

All Saints' is an incentive to pull ourselves together, make a fresh start, and go on fighting—perseverance in the worldly world around us.

It reminds us that we on earth are not alone. "A great cloud of witnesses"—they are with us and around us, encouraging us to persevere; we are at all times in the spiritual company of the Saints; we are heirs of a great tradition; their honour is in our hands; we cannot let them down.

Remembrance Sunday is November 11th. There will be a Special Service of Remembrance at 10-15 a.m. Surely the old words still count, "Render to all their dues; honour to whom honour." The men of the last war and this gave for us all they had to give. The remembrance of them once a year is a pitiful enough return. It cannot be that we should grudge to accord them even this memorial of their Courage and Self Sacrifice.
H. W. PEARSON.

PARISH NOTES.

MOTHERS' UNION—On Tuesday, October 16th, the Mothers' Union opened their Winter Session with a Film show by the Rev. Fred Hunt, from Dr. Barnado's Homes. He told and showed some of the work these Homes are doing for their large family. It is to be hoped he will be able to come to East Bridgford later and show the films to an audience which includes our young people.

If any friends in the village have things or could make them for this large family, Mrs. Tribe would be glad to know and will see they are sent in good time for Christmas. The urgent needs are plasticine, paints, gloves, scarves, jig-saw puzzles, crayons, wooden toys, footballs, balls of all kinds, socks, and trinkets likely to appeal to older girls.

Our next meeting is on November 20th, when we hope to have one of the Mothers' Union official speakers.

G.F.S. CANDIDATES—The Candidates will in future meet in the W.I. Hut, at 5-45 p.m., on Thursdays. All little girls between the ages of 7 and 11 years are invited to join.

If any older friends have odd pieces of plain or coloured materials for the children to sew, I should be pleased to collect them if they will let me know. Our need is urgent.
C. Tribe.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE—The monthly meeting on November 13th, will be a Ministry of Information Film Show. All women and girls over 14 years of age are invited.

THE EAST BRIDGFORD PLAYERS are opening their new season by presenting four one-act plays on Friday, November 9th, and Saturday, November 10th, in aid of Earl Haig's Fund. These plays will be "The Wonder Hat," "The Cup that cheers," "Suppressed Desires," and "Pages from our Magazine."

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY—As a result of the Dance held on September 26th, £7 4s. 0d. was raised to help the funds of the Medical Aid Depot.
A. Richardson, Commandant, Notts. 142

BOYS' BRIGADE—Our new session has now commenced. Meetings are being held at the Club on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 7 p.m. All boys between the ages of 12 and 17 years are invited to become members. There is also a section for boys 9 to 11 years.

B.B. week collection will be held December 2--9 when we appeal for your support once again.
E. Bullers, Captain.

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"Grant them, Lord, eternal rest, and let light perpetual shine upon them."—Amen.

October 13—Richard Upton, aged 79 years.

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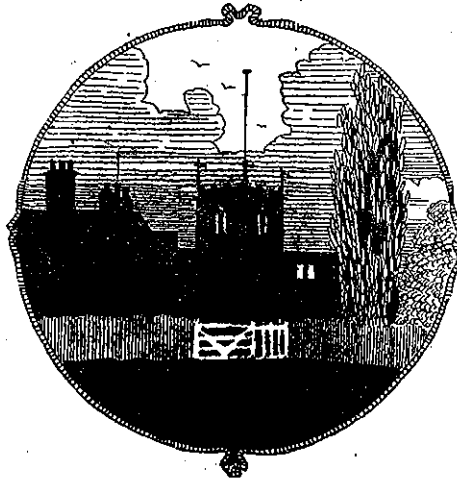
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Christians believe Christmas contains the only hope for the world.

The real message of Christmas is in the **Birth of the Son of God, that God entered our human life on Christmas Day.** All else, even the message of "Peace and Good-will towards men," is incidental to this. Christianity insists that if man is to be saved—if the human race, which has turned aside from the line of its purposed, true, and therefore normal development, was to be brought back again—it could only be by the **Personal Intervention of the Author Himself of the whole process of creation.**

No divinely inspired man could meet the case; "it was a problem fit for God," and only by the intervention of God Himself could man ever hope to become his natural self again.

We Christians believe that God has done this—that God Himself entered the stream of creation and became Man, that at Christmas the Son of God was born at Bethlehem, and was placed a Helpless Infant in the Manger of the Stable Cave.

A Christian is one who believes this, and Christianity is a mere nothing without the realisation of this fact. At Christmas we commemorate this, and our Christmas Communion ("Mass" was the old English word) is our thanksgiving for this.

Now one difficulty at Christmas is that none of us have quite escaped the paganism of our ancient forefathers, and so there is a confusion of thought, and we celebrate two Festivals: one the Christian Festival of Christmas, the Nativity of our Lord; the other the pagan Festival of the "Unconquered Sun," associated as it was with old heathen rites of Yule, Wassail, and the unrestricted licence and merriment of the Saturnalia.

The feasting, the drinking, the dancing, the merry-making were the old accompaniments of the heathen Festival, and they are good so long as they are not indulged in too excess, and to the exclusion of the real Christmas Message, "*Christ is born*"; "*God has entered human life.*"

The Christmas Eucharist—the thanksgiving Service for the birth of Christ—that is the important thing, the essential of Christmas—put that first, and you will not less enjoy the harmless pagan associations of good fare, joviality and family sociability.

If you are a Christian, don't only celebrate the Pagan Festival, and forget the Nativity of Christ.

There will be two Celebrations of Holy Communion on Christmas Day, at 7-0 and at 10-15 a.m., with an address.

There will be Carols on Christmas afternoon at **4-15**, as we all enjoyed them last year.

The Preparation Service for our Christmas Communion will be on Wednesday, December 19th, in Church at 7 o'clock. Of all your many preparations for Christmas please do not neglect this, the most important, the preparation of your soul. With best wishes for a Happy Christmas.

H. W. PEARSON.

PARISH NOTES.

BISHOP'S FORWARD MOVEMENT—This fund has now reached £106. Contributions will be gratefully received by the Churchwardens or Miss McHardy.

VILLAGE HALL—To help their funds, a Jumble Sale was held on Thursday, October 25th. This proved to be a great success, bringing in the sum of £32 19s. 2d. The Committee wish to thank all who gave so generously and in any way helped with the success of the sale. F. M. BOYCE, Hon. Secretary.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE—The December meeting will be as usual, the Annual Meeting, when the Balance Sheet will be read and the Committee for 1946 elected. Afterwards we hope to have a V.C.O.'s talk:

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

October 26th—William Frost.



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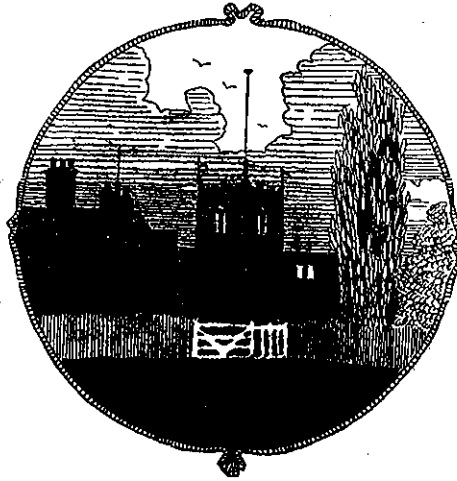
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