

St. Oswald's Parish Magazine.

SERVICES.

HOLY COMMUNION: Every Sunday at 8; first and third Sundays, after Matins; Saints' Days at 8 and 11.

MATINS: Sunday, 10-30; other days, except Wednesday, Friday, and Saints' Days, at 9-30; Wednesday and Friday at 11; Saints' Days at 10-30.

EVENSING: Sunday, 6-30; other days at 5-30.

LITANY: Second and fifth Sundays after Matins; Wednesday and Friday at 11.

HOLY BAPTISM: First Sunday at 2-45.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE AND CATECHISING: First Sunday at 2-45.

Notice of Baptisms, Churchings, Marriages and Burials should be given both to the Rector and the Verger.

GRASMERE, December, 1909.

NOTICES FOR THE MONTH.

- Nov. 28. Advent Sunday. Holy Communion at 8.
- .. 30. S. Andrew's Day. Holy Communion at 8 and 11.
- Dec. 1. Morning Prayer and Intercession for Foreign Missions at 11.
- .. 15-18. Ember Days.
- .. 21. S. Thomas's Day. Holy Communion at 8.
- .. 25. Christmas Day. Holy Communion at 7, 8, and 12. Matins at 10-30. Evensong (with Carols) at 5-30.
- .. 26. S. Stephen's Day. Holy Communion at 8. Carols after Evensong.
- .. 27. S. John's Day. Holy Communion at 11.
- .. 28. Holy Innocents' Day. Holy Communion at 8.

ADVENT.

The Season of Advent has again come round to us. It marks the beginning of another year of the Church. As year after year slips past, we cannot but ask ourselves—What advance have we made in the Christian life? Which besetting sins have we mastered? With what fresh visions of Divine Truth have we been visited? What

ventures have we made in spiritual effort? In a word, how much holier are we now than we were twelve months ago? When we remember that God's will with us here is our sanctification, and that "now is our Salvation nearer than when we believed," we realise that these questions are as urgent as they are solemn. They are questions that each one of us must ask and answer in the quiet of our own hearts and in the presence of God. May I direct your attention to the opportunities offered during this Season of Advent in the old Parish Church, so dear to you, of Holy Communion, of Prayer and Meditation upon God's Word; and ask you, as I ask myself, to try to use them to the utmost. I would call special notice to the celebrations of the Holy Communion, which is the centre of all our Christian life and service. "Verily, verily, I say unto you," says Christ, "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, ye have not life in yourselves." And again, "This do in remembrance of Me." Let us try as often and as regularly as we can to fulfil His command, and give Him the first tribute of our thought and the freshest ardour of our affections.

For Advent is also a time of preparation for the Coming of Christ. If this Season is to bring us its blessings of new Light and Power, it can be only as we have made ready our hearts to receive them. It is to him that hath that spiritual benison is given. May God give us grace so to use this Advent, that Christmastide may be in truth a Happy Festival to all in this Parish.

THE DAILY SERVICES.

The numbers that have attended these services during the last month are very gratifying; but perhaps there are others who may be able to begin or end the day by joining, at any rate sometimes if not regularly, in the Church, in the services sanctified by centuries of use. Their presence would be helpful. Private and family prayers are sacred and hallowed customs; but special blessing can be obtained by common prayer within the walls that, as one of our own Bishops once said, are "saturated" with the prayers of Christian generations. On each Saturday evening in Advent there will be a short devotional reading at Evensong as a preparation for Sunday.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The attendance of scholars at Sunday School has shown an increase during the last quarter, but there is still room for improvement; and it is hoped that parents will assist the work which a devoted band of teachers is rendering the Church, by sending their children regularly and punctually morning and afternoon. It has been decided that during the year upon which we now enter marks for punctuality as well as regularity of attendance at both School and Church will be strictly given.

The Scholars' Winter Treat and Prize-giving will be held on December 30th.

To the Children's Service and Catechising on the first Sunday afternoon in each month, all parents, guardians and friends of the children are heartily invited.

A Teachers' Preparation Class will be held on the Thursday evening following each first Sunday of the month at 8 p.m. in the Rectory Room. The first meeting will be on December 9th.

A Class for Girls (un-confirmed) over 14 years of age will be held in the Rectory Room each Sunday afternoon at 2-30, beginning on Advent Sunday.

COMMUNICANTS' GUILD.

A Communicants' Guild for young women will be formed at a meeting to be held in the Rectory Room on Thursday evening, December 2nd, at 8 o'clock. All young women are heartily invited to attend.

It is hoped that in course of time a similar class and guild will be formed for lads and young men.

INDUCTION.

The Induction of Magnus Fraser Peterson, Clerk, M.A., to the Rectory and Parish Church of Grasmere, took place on Thursday, November 25th, at half past two in the afternoon. The ceremony was performed by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Westmorland, who was attended by the Rural Dean, the Rev. Canon Crewdson, S. Mary's, Windermere. Among other Clergy present were the Revs. T. H. Baines (Brathay), J. Hawkesworth (Ambleside), H. H. Kemble (Wray), H. P. M. Lafone (Kendal), J. A. Legh (Rydal), F. Lewis (Ambleside), B. I. Rylands (Windermere). Apologies for inability to attend, owing to illness or absence from home, were received from the other Clergy of the Rural Deanery. There was a very large attendance of Parishoners, and many friends from neighbouring Parishes were present, especially from Ambleside where Mr. Peterson had formerly worked. Grange-over-Sands was also represented. The Clergy, who robed in the Rectory Room, were met at the West Door of the Church by the Choir. The processional hymn was "O God, our Help in ages past." Evensong was said by the Vicar of Ambleside and the New Testament Lesson was read by the Rural Dean. The quaint ceremony of Induction was followed with much interest by the congregation, some of whom witnessed it for the first time. The Archdeacon's thoughtful and earnest address was listened to with most marked attention. He spoke of the solemn influence of the service, memorable in the lives of Pastor and People alike; of the sacredness of the relationship between them; of the glories and perils of the life and work of a Parish Priest. He dwelt upon the deeply interesting character of the work of the Parish of Grasmere in particular—placed like a jewel in a most beautiful setting, and because of its natural beauties and literary associations drawing visitors from all parts of the world. He

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then introduced the newly-inducted Rector and in closing made a feeling reference to the late Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness (for many years resident in Grasmere) which will not soon be forgotten by those who listened to it. "This brings me," said the Archdeacon, "to the thought of one whose body lies not in your grave-yard (would God it did), one who lived among you, but, alas! died not among you. a man more beloved the more you knew him. whose retiring disposition made it necessary that you should come to know him well before you could truly value his full worth, a ripe scholar who placed the fruits of his learning at the service of his Church and his Diocese. Endowed with the courtesy of a Christian gentleman, shown alike to poor and rich; firm in his friendship to those who gained it, temperate in speech and manner towards those whom he felt it his duty to oppose; strong in his own beliefs, tolerant towards those who saw not with him, eye to eye; raised by his talents and his character to a high position in this Diocese and discharging its duties with diligence, loyal towards those who were set over him, kind to the brethren among whom he performed his various functions. Henry Ware, Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness, one of the humblest of men, was not unworthy to take his place among the great dead who lie buried in your grave-yard I knew him. You knew him. I am confident that I have you with me in the deep respect in which I have ever held him. You, my brother, knew him," added the Archdeacon, addressing the Rector who was ordained by the late Bishop. "I cannot set before you as Parish Priest of Grasmere, a better example. No hesitation have I in saying to you (in S. Paul's language) 'Be a follower of him, even as he was of Christ Jesus.'"

The Rector desires to offer his hearty thanks to the Organist and the members of the Choir for their attendance at his Induction and for their impressive rendering of the service: to the Churchwardens, Verger and Bellringers for the efficient manner in which they performed their several duties; and to all friends who helped in any way.

Baptisms.

"Suffer the little Children to come unto Me."

Nov. 7th. Donald Frederick, son of Frederick George and Eliza Harper Borwick.

Nov. 7th. Eileen, daughter of Gilbert Joseph and Florence Smith.

Marriages.

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

Nov. 4. James Thompson and Margaret Ann Benson.

Nov. 8. John James Borwick and Frances Mary Townley.

Nov 14. Stephen Birkett Moffatt and Elizabeth Brooking.

COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Nov. 1.	7	0		Nov. 21.	1	15	10
„ 7.	2	9	6	„ 28.	2	5	4
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Rainfall in October, 16.58 inches. Rian fell on 25 days.

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