

# 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.

**EVENSONG:** 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 to the Rector.

The Bishop has granted the Rector six months' leave of absence, and has sanctioned the appointment of the Rev. A. B. Haslam to act as Curate-in-Charge during that time.

### TO THE PARISHIONERS OF GRASMERE.

My dear Friends,

My doctors have advised me to take six months' complete rest from Parochial work, and to spend six weeks of that time in absolute silence. They hold out every hope that if I do this now the throat trouble from which I have suffered for some time may be entirely cured.

I was looking forward with great interest to the Winter's work, and had been devising plans and making arrangements for strengthening and extending the various Parochial agencies begun last year. It is a keen disappointment to me to have to forego all this. But it is one of the lessons of life that there is discipline in disappointment, and I pray (as I am sure you will pray for me) that grace and strength may be given me to endure patiently and to look forward with hope.

The disappointment has already been much relieved by my being able to hand over at once the charge of the Parish to one who has for some time resided amongst us, who is therefore known to many, and who will in a short time become well known to you all. I feel sure that I can rely upon Mr. Haslam's loyalty to the Rector, and his devoted services for the welfare of the Parish. I am confident too, that you will extend to him the courtesy you have invariably shown to me, and will each and all do the utmost that lies in your power to support him by regularly attending the ordinances and services of the Church and helping him in the other work of the Parish.

I cannot close this short letter without some reference to the sympathy which you have shown to me during the last few weeks. You yourselves have debarred me from speaking of it, but when I think of the lavish generosity of the practical forms it has taken, I feel overwhelmed; and I can only assure you that such confidence and thoughtfulness are gifts of life which one can never forget and for which one can never cease to be grateful.

And now, my dear Friends, "Unto God's gracious mercy and protection I commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace both now and evermore."

Yours faithfully,

M. F. PETERSON.

### THE LATE MR. JOHN HENDERSON.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of John Henderson, which took place at his residence, "Moreno," Mossley Hill, Liverpool, on Monday, Oct. 3rd. Mr. Henderson had for many years a home in Grasmere, and although his main interests naturally lay in the great city in which he carried on his business, the welfare of our Parish was none the less near and dear to his heart. He did much for it—much that will remain as the visible expression of his whole-hearted generosity, and much more (done in secret) of which only a few know anything. He came to the Hollins for rest and change from the busy life of Liverpool, often at the "week-end," and the "week-end" always found him in Church on Sunday. He was a humble-minded and reverent communicant and a loyal supporter of the Church. Every cause that had for its object the amelioration of suffering and the succour of the needy found in him a sympathetic and

ready helper, and the poor have lost in him a true friend. Not only for his generosity, but for his wise and sound counsel in affairs, and the quiet but deep influence of his character, he will be sadly missed.

To his widow and family in their great loss we desire respectfully to offer our sincere sympathy.

#### WOMEN'S COMMUNICANTS' GUILD.

The first meeting of this Guild was held on Thursday, Sept. 28th, in the Rectory Room, at 8 o'clock. There was a splendid attendance for a first meeting, of which but a short notice had been given. The Rector most earnestly hopes that his absence this Winter will not in the least interfere with the monthly attendances, but that, as last year, they will go on growing to the end. He is glad to say that Mr. Haslam has consented to take the general subject chosen at the meeting and will give addresses on the Prayer Book.

#### S. OSWALD'S MENS' GUILD.

It has been thought best to postpone the meetings of this Guild until next year when the Rector hopes to be able to give it his personal supervision.

#### CHURCH LADS' GUILD.

Mr. Haslam will form this Guild as soon as possible, as it is desirable that those confirmed this year, and all lads between the ages of 15 and 20, should carry on the instruction received in their confirmation classes and form the habit of regularly attending the Holy Communion.

#### HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held on Thursday, Oct. 13th, and again on Sunday, the 16th. Evensong was said on Thursday at 7-30 and the joint choirs of Grasmere, Langdale, and Brathay rendered special Harvest Thanksgiving music which was repeated by our choir on Sunday. The Anthem (and indeed all the music) was most impressively and beautifully rendered, and great credit and thanks are due to the Organist and Miss Helen Sumner, as well as to the choir, for their unremitting and painstaking efforts. The Rector and Churchwardens received the choirs after the Thursday evening service at Moss Grove Hotel, where supper was provided and a happy hour spent. The collection on Thursday was for Dr. Barnardo's Homes and the offerings of bread, fruit, etc., were given to the Ambleside Home for Waifs and strays. The collections on Sunday were

for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Society and the Carlisle Diocesan Extension Society.

The Church was most tastefully decorated for all the Services. To those who so readily and generously gave their services in this work and to all who sent offerings we desire to tender our sincere thanks.

#### HEATING AND REPAIRING FUND.

The new heating apparatus has now been in operation on Sundays and has given great satisfaction.

It is gratifying to hear the general commendation of the work of roughcasting the Church, which, owing to most favourable weather, has gone on steadily during the last month.

During the Rector's absence contributions to this Fund will be gladly received and thankfully acknowledged by the Churchwardens.

Additional contribution: Mr. Gordon Wordsworth, £1 0s. 0d.

#### GIFT TO THE CHURCH.

The Service Books for the Altar, Sanctuary and Clergy Stalls, for which the Rector asked in last month's *Parish Magazine*, were immediately offered by Mrs. Hoyle, Above Beck, to whom we offer grateful thanks for her most generous gift.

#### Baptisms.

*"Suffer the little Children to come unto Me."*

Oct. 2nd. Ethel, daughter of James and Jane Dixon.

Oct. 2nd. Edith, daughter of James and Sarah Annie Palmer.

Oct. 17th (Privately). Donald, son of Walter and Sarah Billington.

#### Marriage.

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

Oct. 19th. Matthew Nicholson and Mary Ann Huck.

#### Burials.

*"To be with Christ, which is far better."*

Oct. 19th. Donald Billington, infant of two days.

Oct. 28th. Thomas Jackson, aged 77 years.

#### COLLECTIONS.

Oct. 2.	3	11	10	Oct. 18.	6	1
" 9.	3	2	3	" 23.	2	4
" 13.	1	19	5	" 28.	4	4
" 16.	4	15	10	" 30.	1	12

#### VILLAGE NOTES.

Rainfall in September, 0.73 inches. Rain fell on 8 days.