

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 both to the Rector and the Verger.

RUSHBEARING.

The Rushbearing was held on Saturday, Aug. 6th—the day following S. Oswald's Day. The weather was fine, and there was a large attendance both of parishioners and visitors. The children assembled by the Church wall at 4-30, and brought with them 182 bearings in all the traditional devises. The procession through the village started at 5 o'clock. The brass band led, playing the old "Rushbearers' March." The Church doors were opened to admit the bearers at 5-20 and the congregation entered a few minutes later to find the bearings in place and the floor stewn with rushes. Evensong was sung at 5-30 and an address was given by Canon Rawnsley.

Each Rushbearer afterwards received the usual gift of gingerbread and a new penny.

It is interesting to note that in the Churchwardens' Accounts there is an annual entry of "Payment to Rushbearers" from 1689 to 1840 when the Church floor was paved and the actual need for rushes, as a covering for the floor, ceased.

Special sermons were preached on Sunday on behalf of the Day Schools. The preacher at Matins was the Rev. Creswell Strange, Master at Kirkham Grammar School, and at Evensong the Rev. Dr. Heard, Head Master of Fettes College.

On Monday afternoon the children assembled at the Church at 2-30 and walked with their bearings to the Church Field where tea was served and villagers and visitors joined together in various games and sports. Thanks are due to the many willing and cheerful helpers who made the afternoon so pleasant to all.

It has been decided by the Rushbearing Committee that in future the Rush Sheet shall be carried by the 6 eldest girls at School who are next in age to the 3 eldest girls who carried it the previous year. By this arrangement it is hoped that every girl in the School will have an opportunity of carrying the Sheet at least at one Rush-bearing.

THE DAY SCHOOLS.

The Diocesan Inspector examined the Day Schools in Religious Knowledge on July 18th. His Report is as follows:—

"The Staff had made a specially good effort during the year and in each class had achieved much success.

“ The Infants were alert and happy, and were more responsive than any other class in the School.

“ Class II. had improved, especially as regards the girls. The knowledge was limited to a part of the class and there was uncertainty in answering. Still, progress had been made in knowledge of facts.

“ In Class I. the knowledge was of a higher quality than last year and the scholars were freer in the expression of their answers. The class had gained, too, in tone and spirit as the result of the Head Teacher’s quiet and persevering work.”

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Sunday School, which has been closed during the month of August, will be re-opened on the first Sunday in September with the Children’s Service at 2-45.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held on Sunday, October 16th. The offerings on that day will be given to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Society and the Diocesan Church Extension Society. The joint service of the Grasmere, Langdale and Brathay Choirs will be held in Grasmere Church on the preceding Thursday evening, October 13th.

HEATING AND REPAIRING FUND.

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Anonymous	10	0	0
Mr. Frank Bramley (part) ...	7	7	0
Mr. Thatcher	5	0	

GIFT TO THE CHURCH.

The Rector has accepted with grateful thanks a most kind and generous offer by Mrs. Henderson to defray the expenses of renewing the Langdale and Rydal gates and repairing the roof of the Lychgate.

Baptism.

“ *Suffer the little Children to come unto Me.*”

Aug. 7th. Annie Verena Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Jane Clemenson.

COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Aug. 6.	4	5	10	Aug. 21.	16	6	3
„ 7.	15	18	10	„ 24.	11	3	
„ 14.	10	2	11	„ 28.	7	12	10

VILLAGE NOTES.

Miss E. F. Simpson and Miss G. Simpson have kindly consented to hold again this Winter classes in Dressmaking; and it is hoped that the County Council will also provide a Lecturer on Horticulture.

Particulars will be given later.

Rainfall in July, 5.91 inches. Rain fell on 17 days.