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WHITSUNTIDE.

Sunday, 13th June, is Whitsunday. Celebrations of the Holy Communion will be at 7, 8, 9-15 and 11-30. Mattins will be at 10-30 and Evensong at 6 p.m. and there will be a Children's Service at 2-30 p.m.

Whitsuntide is especially the Feast of the Holy Spirit when we celebrate that great gift of the descent of Love into our midst that has shown fruit in all the works of mercy, hospitals and all forms of social work that have marked Christendom since that day. All those "good causes" to which Christians and non-Christians give so generously as a whole in this country take their beginning from the outpouring of the Divine Charity.

The date is often thought of as the birthday of the Church; that is not really quite true but it is the beginning of that spirit that made the Church the fellowship of the Holy Ghost. And it is through that fellowship that the works have been begun and carried on. Once we forget or neglect that fellowship we begin to lose the the spirit and our fellowship dwindles down into a mere racial or class bond as has manifestly happened in Germany. There we see a fellowship of race and a spirit of contempt for all outsiders, very different from that in which there is neither bond nor free, neither Greek nor barbarian, but all are one in Christ Jesus.

So then Whitsuntide is one of the four great festivals of the Church. It is the festival that should appeal, if understood, particularly to those who are outside; for it is the festival of the outward signs of the Christian faith, of practical Christianity as well as the festival of that spirit which has produced the individual saints.

It is especially a festival which we should mark in Grasmere this year; for we are praying to the Holy Spirit that the wills of all God's family in the village may be stirred to follow Him who is the Way of Life. So on Whitsunday we shall pray especially for God's blessing on our Parochial Mission that His Spirit may be mightily outpoured on us this next October.

RECTORY EVENINGS.

On Wednesday, 16th June and succeeding Wednesdays, the Rectory will be open once more as in the last three years to all who care to come, whether they be visitors or inhabitants of Grasmere. I feel convinced that these evenings have been truly beneficial in the past; there will be some few slight changes in the proceedings, but in the main we shall follow last year's custom. There will be open house from 8 p.m. onward; at about 8-30 p.m. there will be either a talk or some other definite entertainment; this will end before 9 p.m. when the news can be heard on the wireless by those who wish. I hope that all members of the congregation, both morning and evening, will use this as a meeting ground and that there may spread that real feeling of friendship that should mark all Christians to one another.

For further parochial news see 3rd page of cover.

THE GREAT DAYS OF JUNE.

Thursday, June 3rd. Ascension Day. One of the four great festivals of the Church; the culmination of the life of our Lord on earth in His body.

Celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7, 8, and 10-30.

Friday, June 11th. S. Barnabas — called the Son of Consolation; one of the Twelve Apostles, the friend and companion of S. Paul; probably martyred in Cyprus.

Sunday, June 13th. Whitsunday; there is a separate article about this date.

Sunday, June 20th. Trinity Sunday when we worship particularly the mystery of God.

Celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8 and 11-30.

Sunday, June 24th. Nativity of S. John Baptist; this marks the beginning of the story of the coming of Christ, since S. John is His forerunner.

Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8.

Tuesday, June 29th. S. Peter, the leader of the Twelve Apostles, on whose confession of faith in Jesus Christ the Church is built. Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8.

THE HOLY COMMUNION.

During this month of June there will be a Celebration every Sunday at 8 a.m.

On Whitsunday, 13th June, there will be a Celebration at 7 a.m.

Celebrations at 9-15 a.m. will be on June 6, 13, 27.

Celebrations at 11-30 a.m. will be on June 13, 20 and on July 4.

IN MEMORIAM.

James Wilson was buried in Grasmere Cemetery after a service in Church. The number of people present at both places was a sign of the respect and affection in which he was held. Indeed he was a man universally liked. Even in wartime, when so often he had to tell his customers that he had not got what they wanted, it was rare that they did not emerge from the shop with a smile. He will be very greatly missed and a full measure of sympathy will go out to his wife and family at such a tragic loss.

Ernest de Selincourt died on Saturday, May 22; a memorial service was held in the Church on Tuesday evening. His fame was built in other places than Grasmere but in his work he was closely connected with our village since he was the greatest authority of our time on Wordsworth and his family. In more learned papers and magazines there will be much said of his erudition and work as a professor: here we think of him simply as a man we all delighted to meet, distinguished by his natural humility. May his soul rest in peace.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

May 2 £8:3:0. May 9 £5:13:11. May 16 £9:1:10.
May 23 £13:13:2 of which £5:0:2 was for the U.M.C.A.

RAINFALL.—Rainfall in April, 6.06 inches. Rain fell on 20 days.
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