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VILLAGE MEETING.

There will be a Meeting of all who care to come to the Rectory Room at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 16th May, to discuss the bells of Grasmere.

Mr. John Taylor has offered to give to Grasmere a carillon of bells. He proposes that the present bells should remain in the tower and that six others should be hung which should be operated mechanically by an electric motor and should ring certain fixed hymn tunes or melodies at the hour.

A carillon means that the bells themselves do not swing but that a hammer moves to hit them.

The Rector outlined the scheme at the Vestry Meeting and it was decided that there should be a public meeting to discuss the whole question.

Certain points should be made clear.

The bells would hang from a steel framework: as they do not themselves swing there is no danger to the tower: in any case a competent architect would have to be called in for advice.

The bells would operate entirely mechanically: that is to say they would sound more like the bells of Langdale than the bells of Ambleside.

If they play a certain tune or tunes, we shall have to consider whether we are likely to get tired of the same tune played every hour.

There are, no doubt, many other considerations that will have to be borne in mind. This is not a matter only for actual Church-going people to consider, although the Church Council will have the final decision to make. But the bells affect everybody in hearing distance and therefore all should have a say.

We shall all feel grateful to Mr. Taylor for his generosity but we must not simply accept the gift unless we feel sure it is right so to do.

I have tried in these few notes on the question to write without any bias and without allowing my own views to appear. I want the village to voice its opinion and then the matter must go to the Church Council.

So will all please come to the Rectory Room on Tuesday, May 16th, at 8 p.m.

For further parochial news see third page of cover.

GREAT DAYS IN MAY.

Thursday, 18th May — ASCENSION DAY.

This is one of the four great festivals of the Church ranking with Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide. It is the day on which the AT-ONE-MENT is completed and our Lord Jesus Christ as man ascends to be with His Father God, and so God and man are united.

There will be three Celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7-0, 8-0 and 10-30 a.m.

Sunday, 28th May — WHITSUNDAY.

This is the fourth of the great festivals, when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles and the Church then began her great missionary work.

There will be four Celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7-0, 8-0, 9-15 and 11-30 a.m.

ROGATION SUNDAY — *May 14th.*

Rogation Sunday has the particular purpose of asking God's blessing on the work of the farmer: it used in the olden days to be particularly connected with the sowing of seed, but all the work of the farm is really included. Rogation Day is therefore a kind of opposite member to Harvest Thanksgiving. On this first day we pray for a good season and at Harvest Thanksgiving we thank God for His goodness.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK.

On Wednesday, 31st May, the Diocesan Conference will be addressed by the Archbishop of York: this will be the first time that the new Archbishop has visited the Diocese.

BROTHER CHARLES,

Brother Charles is taking a mission shortly at Kirkby Stephen: the Rector is going to help. Your prayers are asked for God's blessing on the mission and for all those who take part in it.

BAPTISM.

April 9. Roger Youdell Jones.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

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„ 9. Good Friday	5	17	10	Jerusalem and the East.
„ 9. Easter Day	71	11	7	
„ 16.	10	6	7	

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