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## DAY OF NATIONAL PRAYER.

The King has again called his peoples to prayer on Sunday, September 3rd, being the anniversary of the outbreak of war.

There will be four Celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7, 8, 9-15 and 11-30 a.m. Mattins at 10-30 a.m. and Evensong at 6 pm.

This year we shall be sounding a note of thanksgiving in our Services for the tremendous change that has come: we are no longer fighting with our back to the wall but with the certainty of victory ahead and with the hope of a quick victory too.

But there is also to be sounded the note of dedication and resolve. The war in the Far East must not be forgotten nor our fleets and armies there engaged with the Japanese. But even more must we resolve to avoid the reaction that set in directly after the last war. We shall rejoice at peace in Europe or rather at the end of open hostilities but the building of a real peace will demand much sacrifice and real concentration of purpose. "Discipline" will still have to remain a key-word in our vocabulary. Personally I prefer to emphasise the word "duty," for it is to do our duty that we need discipline: and a discipline that is for no particular purpose is not a very useful article. Moreover the discipline must be self-discipline, not the regimented discipline of the Nazi but the real self-control of the Christian.

That self-control which comes from the idea of duty is what we need and it largely comes through the inspiration of a great hope and, in practical experience, that hope comes through the knowledge of the majesty and authority of God. "The Lord remaineth a King for ever."

Gradually as the world has lost faith in God in the last thirty years so has the sense of duty and of discipline been vanishing too: for religion and duty are too closely allied for the one to be weakened without the other. In a war there is a temporary reaction and the sense of duty is stirred again. But there is all the greater fear of a worse collapse after the war is over.

So, on September 3rd, let us thank God for what has happened in Italy, France, Burma, New Guinea, Russia and elsewhere and let us resolve to win a real peace by means of discipline, enforced upon ourselves by our own sense of duty.

For further parochial news see third page of cover.

## MICHAELMAS.

Michaelmas Day is Friday, 29th September. There will be a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and also a Celebration at 10-30 a.m.

This day reminds us that the war here is only part of the gigantic war ever being waged between the forces of good and evil, a war in which there are no neutrals and no non-combatants. So let us receive strength to continue to fight the good fight.

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

The Harvest Thanksgiving will be on Sunday, October 8th. Details will be given in next month's Magazine.

## THE BORDER REGIMENT BENEVOLENT FUND.

On September 3rd being the Day of National Prayer, with the consent of the executive committee of the Church Council, the collection at Services will be given to this Fund. The Fund is used for the relief of cases of hardship where official help is either lacking or inadequate. That help may be required for the dependants of those members of the Regiment who have given their lives for their country. There is need also in many cases for assistance to men who return maimed from service and who require special help or training to enable them to resume an active civilian existence.

## BAPTISM.

August 11. Peter John Hole.

## MARRIAGE.

August 16. Louis Serafain and Gladys Gertrude Borwick.

## CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

July 30.	£15	7	2	for C.M.S.
Aug. 5.	£13	7	10	Waifs & Strays and St. Dunstan's Home for the Blind.
„ 6.	£16	5	7	National Society and Grasmere School.
„ 13.	£12	8	3	
„ 20.	£35	0	4	for S.P.G.

RAINFALL.—Rainfall in July, 4.97 inches. Rain fell on 18 days.  
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