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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS.

Advent Sunday falls on December 2nd and with it a new Christian year begins. The season of Advent was originally intended as a kind of eager and reverent preparation for the Christmas festival and as such we ought to observe it still — the season so frequently forgotten under the stress of Christmas shopping and the preparation of Christmas fare! While we need not neglect the pleasant accessories, so far as they are obtainable, we shall not appreciate Christmas at its true value unless we also prepare our hearts to receive afresh the Christmas message. Christmas bids us make grateful response to the revelation that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." It is only the heart prepared that can understand the true glory of Christmas and the best birthday gift we can bring the Christ-child is the heart open to His influence and the will set on forwarding His cause.

On the *Second Sunday in Advent*, December 9th, the Bishop of Carlisle will be the preacher at 10-30 a.m. On December 16th Canon Bradley will preach to us at the same time. On December 23rd, at 2-30 p.m., instead of Sunday School, the children will present the Christmas Story in Church, and we hope for a good gathering of their parents and friends. As the grown-ups watch the children at that service, will they try to use the occasion as a preparation for their own Christmas Communion?

On *Christmas Day* there will be Celebrations of Holy Communion at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 11-30 a.m. Matins at 10-30.

On December 30th, the Sunday after Christmas, the Evening Service at 6 p.m. will be a Carol Service.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES.

Confirmation Classes will begin shortly. Names of any who would like to join should be sent in to the Rector as soon as possible. Special arrangements will gladly be made, where necessary, for adults.

SCOUT AND CUB NEWS.

Progress has been made in both Pack and Troop. In the Pack, P. Harrison, R. Coward, W. Bunting, M. Inman completed their 1st Star Tests; G. Kirkby, W. Allonby, D. Thompson, G. Palmer have been invested as Cubs. We have now lost from the Pack R. Coward, who has left the village, B. Palmer and P. Harrison, who have passed into the Troop. G. Wilson now acts as our Pack Leader.

In the Troop, C. Sanderson and B. Palmer have passed their Tenderfoot Test. B. Bunting and G. Wilson have completed their 2nd Class Scout Badge and gained their Cyclist Badge.

We are very grateful to Mr. Hulgrave, the District Commissioner for Scouts, Ambleside District, who is at present running the Troop

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for us. We need two or three men who are willing to come and help with the running of the Scout work in this village.

Also there is belonging to the Troop and Pack enough uniform to supply all our needs, but most of this has been loaned out in the past to Scouts and Cubs and not returned. Will those ex-Scouts and Cubs who have it please return it as soon as possible to either "Akela" (Miss W. Boston), the Rector, or any member of the Troop or Pack.

GUIDE NEWS.

After years of steady progress our Company has now "grown-up" to require the third branch of the Guide movement — "Rangers." And on 31st Oct. we held our Hallowe'en Party when Mrs. Macan, late District Commissioner and now "Skipper" of two Sea Ranger Crews in the south, came and spoke to us on Rangering and the 1st Grasmere Rangers came into being. At present we number 12 and are working hard on our Pre-enrolment Test and making uniform. We meet at 7-30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Rectory Room and any girl aged 15 to 19 years will be welcomed.

This has involved new arrangements in the Guide Company and new Leaders. The "Daffodils" now have Barbara Tyson as Leader and Muriel Thompson as Patrol Second. The "White Rose" Patrol has Kathleen Harrison as Leader and Eva Sanderson as Second. We have several new recruits and in the near future we hope to have several enrolled and others safely through their 2nd Class Guide Test. The Company now numbers 18.

Will any ex-Guide who has not returned her uniform please do so and if anyone has spare uniform they do not need would they please give or sell it to the Company?

With the growth of our activities we need two Lieutenants, one each for Guides and Rangers; also to complete our Guide family we need Brownies for the 8 to 11 years old. Will any one come and run them for us?

BAPTISMS.— Nov. 5. Valerie Anne Brooks.
Christopher Andrew William Clarke.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

Oct. 28.	£4	5	1	Church Expenses.	Nov. 11.	£17	3	0	
Nov. 4.	4	18	9	"	"	(of which	£14	10	8 for
Nov. 18.	4	12	10	"	"	Earl Haig's Fund.)			

MOTHERS' UNION.

There will be a meeting of the Mothers' Union on Wednesday, December 12th, at 2-30 p.m., in the Rectory Room. The speaker will be Miss Helen Smith.

RAINFALL.

Total rainfall in October, 10.64 inches. Rain fell on 14 days.

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