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## CALENDAR FOR JANUARY.

Jan. 1.	Monday.	Circumcision of our Lord: The Holy Communion at 8 a.m.
„ 6.	Saturday.	Epiphany of our Lord: The Holy Communion at 8 a.m.
„ 7.	Sunday.	1st Sunday after Epiphany: The Holy Communion at 8, 9-15 and 11-30 a.m.
„ 14.	Sunday.	2nd Sunday after Epiphany: The Holy Communion at 8 and 9-15 a.m.
„ 21.	Sunday.	3rd Sunday after Epiphany: The Holy Communion at 8, 9-15 and 11-30 a.m.
„ 25.	Thursday.	Conversion of St. Paul: The Holy Communion at 8 a.m.
„ 28.	Sunday.	Septuagesima Sunday: The Holy Communion at 8 and 9-15 a.m.
Feb. 2.	Friday.	Purification of the B.V. Mary: The Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

## THE NEW YEAR'S OUTLOOK.

Greece, Belgium, Poland: tragedy everywhere. There is now not only the tragedy and horror of war but of civil war too. At the moment of writing there are conferences being held in Greece which may lead to a settlement: in Belgium the position appears to be very strained and in Poland there seems every prospect of a very unpleasant situation. So that the outlook is not at all promising if we look ahead. In the military sphere we have been disappointed of our first hopes: probably we were unduly optimistic: now the talk is of big battles in the summer of 1945 and we had thought of peace for Christmas, 1944!

So that we are a little chastened and more sober in our attitude. Much of this is certainly due to ill-advised newspaper articles suggesting that the German morale had collapsed. It is now fairly clear that that is by no means the case, although it may always happen as in 1918.

But the point of writing all this is to emphasise that the Christian is to take such things in his stride. He knows that "The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth" and that "all things work together for good to them that love God" and therefore he will not be dismayed but carry on through foul or fair doing his job both to God and his fellow-man.

Further he will not expect that a victory in war will change human nature: men remain selfish and desirous to have their own way and therefore there will be many quarrels and disputes as

For further parochial news see third page of cover.

victory approaches and, since men have learned to use the new weapons of war, they will continue to use them for their own purposes. So we must expect much trouble. Only God can change human nature. And only Christ can lead men to God and we are the body of Christ. It is we who by our prayers and actions, by real work for God, can do most for the world.

Let that be the outlook for 1945: but let me end with the words of the late Archbishop of Canterbury spoken on New Year's Eve, 1942:—"As the New Year draws near with its brighter hopes of evil forces vanquished and peace restored, will you try to be worthy of the opportunity which citizenship in this great nation and empire gives you? By yourself you cannot succeed. The greatest and most disastrous of errors is to suppose that we in our own wisdom can put the world to rights. If it were put right for us, our selfishness would put it wrong again in a fortnight. No; our hope must be in God: and our reliance must be on God. He is ready to use us: He is ready to make us fit to use."

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#### IN MEMORIAM.

On the 22nd of November Emma Harriet Salt was buried in Grasmere Cemetery after a quiet service in Church. She had lived of late a very quiet life owing to her increased blindness but still maintained all her interest in people and in Grasmere. She died very suddenly and swiftly. May her soul rest in peace.

Sarah Ann McDonald, aged 31, was buried on the 23rd November. She had been living in Pavement End Farm and worked with her husband at Dale Lodge Hotel. She was buried with her still-born child. Grant her, O Lord, eternal rest; may light perpetual shine upon her.

RAINFALL.—Rainfall in November, 13.75 inches. Rain fell on 27 days. G. M. Simpson.

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