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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 7th, 8th and 9th: Matins and Ante-Communion, 10-30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 9th: Evensong and Short Service of Preparation for Easter Communion, 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 10th (Maundy Thursday): Holy Communion, 8 a.m. School Service, 2 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 11th: Matins and Ante-Communion, with short address, 10-30 a.m.

Three Hours' Devotion, 12 noon-3 p.m., conducted by the Rector. (Worshippers are asked to enter and leave the church only during the hymns, which will occur every half-hour—12-30, 1, 1-30, etc.).

Evensong (said) 6 p.m.

EASTER DAY, April 13th: Holy Communion 7, 8 and 11-30 a.m. Matins and Sermon 10-30 a.m. Children's Service 2-30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon 6 p.m.

VESTRY AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING.

The annual Vestry Meeting for the appointment of Churchwardens will be held in the Rectory Room on Wednesday, April 16th. at 6 p.m.

It will be followed at 6-30 p.m. by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting when Church Council accounts and reports are presented, and Church Councillors are elected for the ensuing year. All whose names appear on the Church Electoral Roll, a copy of which hangs in the church porch, have the right to be present and to vote. Nominations to the Church Council, bearing the names of proposer and seconder, may be sent to Mr. Abbott, Meadow Brow, at any time before the meeting.

PREACHERS IN APRIL.

On April 20th, at 10-30 a.m. : The Rev. M. J. Roberts, Ph.D., F.S.A. (Scot.), Rector of Harrington.

On April 27th, at 10-30 a.m. and 6 p.m. : The Right Reverend Bishop Blagden, D.D.

CONFIRMATION.

The Confirmation Service, already announced to take place at Grasmere on May 11th, will be combined with Evensong at 6 p.m. It is expected that parents and godparents of candidates will make every effort to be present at the service, and it is hoped also that there may be a really representative gathering of parishioners and church members on that occasion.

THE "CENTURION."

Few evangelistic campaigns of the Church in recent years have attracted wider interest than the voyage of the "Centurion." It has been televised, filmed, and made the subject of comment and illustration in the Press in almost every English-speaking country of the World.

Very shortly the "Centurion" will be visiting ports in the Carlisle Diocese, and we are asked to make it known that the public will be welcomed aboard as follows :—

At Maryport on April 30th, May 1st and 2nd.

At Workington on May 3rd, 4th and 5th.

At Whitehaven on May 6th and 7th.

At Barrow on May 8th-11th.

We are proposing to have a special coach from Grasmere, on SATURDAY, MAY 11th, leaving Red Lion Square at 12 noon, and so allowing about four hours time in Barrow. The fare will be 4s. 6d. for adults and 3s. for children. Will those who wish to go please give their names AND FARE to Miss Barton by APRIL 14th.

TESTIMONIAL.

As our late Verger died before the intended Testimonial could be given him, the sum of twenty guineas, subscribed by parishioners and friends, has now been handed to Mrs. J. M. Thompson in his name, as a token of regard and sympathy. Mrs. Thompson wishes to express through the Magazine her sincere thanks to all who contributed, both for their gifts and for many kind expressions of sympathy.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

March.

2—£3 10s. 1d. Church Expenses.

9—£5 10s. 3d. ditto.

16—£3 18s. 2d. ditto.

23—£5 8s. 4d. ditto.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND KING'S MESSENGERS.

At the Mothering Sunday Service, the Rector enrolled seven new King's Messengers, Brenda Birkett, Evelyn and Moyra Heslop, Michael Kirkby, Paul and Brian Anthony and Geoffrey Palmer.

A Rummage Sale of goods of all kinds will be held in the Rectory Room on Saturday, 19th April, at 2-30 p.m. Gifts of any kind will be gratefully received.

RAINFALL.

1.75 inches of rain fell on 13 days in February.

Carlisle Diocesan News

FROM THE BISHOP

MY DEAR PEOPLE.

In this letter I want to write to you about Good Friday. For Christians this is, or ought to be the most sacred and solemn day in the whole year; the day when we remember especially that it was for us as individuals as well as for the whole world that our Lord Jesus Christ suffered and died on the Cross.

Do we really believe this or is it just one of those religious statements that we would not like to deny but which passes us by as slightly unreal or irrelevant?

I maintain that there will be no passion in our souls for the Cause of Christ and His Kingdom until we know the meaning of His death for the salvation of our souls and for the world.

To me it seems strange that anyone who believes in the Christian religion can regard Good Friday as a bank holiday to be devoted to sport, pleasure-seeking or to be spent with careless indifference to its meaning, yet there is increasing pressure on many sides to make it nothing more than a secular holiday.

I ask all of you to resist this pressure in an active way by turning it into a day when you publicly bear witness to your Christian faith. Walk out to your church on Good Friday as the followers of Jesus Christ.

Our nation is talking a lot about preserving our Christian civilization and we need to talk a lot and work a lot more if we are to succeed in doing so. It is, however, just downright plain hypocrisy for the people of England or any country to talk about striving to preserve the Christian way of life and at the same time turn the most sacred day in the year into one of complete indifference to the remembrance of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ our Lord.

After making due allowance for those prevented from going to church because of work or ill health, it is very noticeable that only a small proportion of communicants of Easter Day have been seen taking their part in the solemn services of Good Friday. Do they really think that they can share in the full joy and triumph of Easter, having spent Good Friday as if what it commemorates had no claims upon their time?

Love and loyalty to our Master demand that we shall openly acknowledge ourselves as His followers on the day when we specially recall His suffering and death for us.

Only when we have realised the cost of our redemption, can we enter into the victory, joy and hope which are offered on Easter Day.

May God give us the grace of penitence, the joy of forgiveness, and the hope of eternal life this Eastertide.

Yours sincerely,



The Diocesan Youth Centre

THE official opening of the new Diocesan Youth Centre at St. John's-in-the-Vale, has been fixed for Saturday, 10th May at 6 p.m.

The Centre is delightfully situated near the heart of the Lake District, close by the church of St. John. It is the property of the Diocesan authorities, and will be administered by a Management Committee responsible to the Diocesan Youth Council.

The purpose of the scheme is to provide the spiritual growth and the moral and physical well being of young people, especially those resident in the Diocese of Carlisle and to link together the various Church Youth Fellowships.

The centre may be used by Church Youth Fellowships and other Youth organisations who will use it in accordance with the general purpose for which it is intended. It may also be used by any organisations belonging to the Church, and any individual who is an associate member of the Centre. It is intended for holidays, summer schools, camps, conferences, retreats and the like, and there is good simple accommodation for parties numbering up to 24, and for two leaders. There is no resident staff at the Centre. Particulars and details may be obtained from the Chaplain, the Vicar of St. John's-in-the-Vale.

Three Years' Action

"I ask all of you," declared the Bishop in his pastoral letter, "to join together in prayer, self-denial and work, to provide for the spiritual needs of the people in six new housing districts in this diocese. Two of these new areas are in Carlisle, two in Barrow, one in Workington and one in Whitehaven.

In each of these districts there are, or soon will be, an average of 8,000 people, that is about 50,000 people in all, a large proportion of whom are children and young folk. A special committee of the diocese has carefully considered their needs and has estimated that at least six new buildings to serve the double purpose of church and hall are urgently required, one in each district. These buildings will cost at least £60,000.

I have called the Church in the diocese and now ask your parish and you individually, to engage in "Three Years' Action" to raise this sum during this year and the two years following."

The Bishop has requested that all Parochial Church Councils meet immediately to formulate their plans for raising the sum required. He commends the method of direct giving. The raising of £200, for example, may seem formidable until re-stated in a more attractive way, viz. 52 parishioners giving 6d. a week for the three years.

One parish, by way of illustration, is combining this appeal with one of their own needs, and hope in three years to raise not only their target amount, but also enough to redecorate the church. The parish is being divided up and collectors appointed.

Nearing Completion

Two of the new buildings at Belah, Carlisle, and Newbarns, Barrow, are nearing completion. The people of Belah have raised over £2,500 in four months, and on the Newbarns estate the weekly contribution scheme is bringing in £8 a week.

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