



GRASMERE PARISH MAGAZINE

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CHRISTMAS

The Rector sends best wishes for a very happy Christmas to all readers of the Magazine. The following are the chief plans for services at Church during the Christmas season :—

The Church will be decorated on Thursday morning, 24th December, and we shall be very pleased to have gifts of suitable evergreens as soon as possible after 9 a.m. Evensong for Christmas Eve will be said at 6 p.m. and the Crib and Christmas Tree dedicated. Children, in particular, are welcome at this short service.

On CHRISTMAS DAY, Friday, 25th December, there will be Holy Communion at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 11-30 a.m. Sung Matins will be as usual at 10-30, but there will be no Evening Service. The collections at all services will be primarily for our Sunday schools, but if the total exceeds £10, the balance will go towards some other good cause to be determined by the Church Council.

On St. Stephen's Day (26th December) and the Holy Innocents' Day (28th December) there will be Holy Communion at 10-30 a.m.

On Sunday, 27th December, services will be at the usual Sunday hours, but the Evening Service at 6 p.m. will be the annual CAROL SERVICE of NINE LESSONS and CAROLS, and there will be no Sermon.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY

The British and Foreign Bible Society will shortly be commemorating its Third Jubilee, and is trying to build up a Jubilee Fund for the extension of its work. Founded in 1804 with the single purpose of circulating the Holy Scriptures, it has never been identified with any one Christian body, but has sought to help Christians of all denominations by providing the Bible in every possible language, and often at much below cost price.

To help the Society in its work it is proposed to hold a COFFEE MORNING at the Rectory on Wednesday, 9th December, from 11 a.m. to 12-30 p.m. No personal invitations are being sent out because ALL who can come will be most welcome. A bowl will be provided for contributions, large or small, to the Society's work.

MOTHERS' UNION

At their December meeting on THURSDAY, DEC. 17th, members of the Mothers' Union will give a tea party for the mothers of children under five together with their children, in the Rectory Room at 3-15 p.m. It is hoped to send as many personal invitations as possible, but any Young Mother interested will be most welcome if she will kindly forward her name to Mrs. Brown, The Lea, before 12th December, so that the exact number may be catered for.

GRASMERE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

At a Social Evening to be held on 7th January, in Grasmere Hall, 7-30. (Doors closed till 8-15). LADY MORRIS will speak on "Impressions of India."

It is proposed to hold the Children's party on Saturday, 2nd January, from 3-30 to 6 p.m. All children in Grasmere under 14 will be welcome. **Admission by ticket only.** Names of children other than those attending Grasmere School, should be sent to Mr. Hildrew by 14th December.

Donations towards expenses will be gratefully received by Miss Campbell, Balldale. It is hoped that those who have given assistance in the past will again help. Offers of service should be made to Mrs. Moberly, Stubdale, who has kindly undertaken organisation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School is holding its Christmas Gift and Carol Service on Sunday, 20th December, at 2-45 p.m. All parents, children and friends are invited to join us in the Rectory Room. The service this year is being arranged round a simple play of Miss Freda Collins, "Getting ready for Christmas."

Toys and other gifts brought to the service will be sent to poor parishes in London, through the Deaconess Community of St. Andrew.

On Sunday, 27th December, both the Sunday Schools and the Pre-Confirmation Class will be closed.

On Sunday, 3rd January, 1954, we re-open with a Crib Service and Carols in Church taken by the Rector, for all children and parents at 2-30 p.m.

On Sunday, 10th January, both Sunday Schools will meet as usual.

BAPTISMS

November 29th—Jane Wilson.

MARRIAGES

October 31st.—Ronald Allen Tilbury and Margaret Armstrong.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS—NOVEMBER

1st.—£8 8s., Church Expenses.

2nd.—£14 0s. 4d. of which £6 17s. 4d. for Earl Haig Fund, and £2 for ex-Services Welfare Society.

5th.—£4 17s. 1d., Church Expenses.

2nd.—£6 0s. 1d., Church Expenses.

5th.—£5 9s. 8d. Church Expenses.

RAINFALL

42 inches of rain fell on 15 days in October. 16.43 inches on 25 days in November. 4.1 inches fell in 24 hours on November 26th—a record for 20 years. Year's total to date 81.61 inches.

Carlisle Diocesan News

DECEMBER, 1953.

My Dear People,

During the past month, God has called to rest three clergymen, each of whom has served in this diocese fifty years or more. They grew old in the service of God and His Church and left behind as a memorial many who owe their experience of the redeeming love of Christ and the power of God to their ministry.

Ivor Charles Graham was born in the rectory of Arthuret (Longtown) where his father was rector and, 85 years and a day later, died there, having lived and served in the parish for all but the three years following his ordination. He was a shy gracious and gentle soul who was devoted to his work as rector from 1895-1951.

After playing the organ for an hour in the Church on a Sunday afternoon, he returned home, had a cup of tea and then quietly "fell asleep."

William Ridley Burnett also died in the parish where he was born 83 years before, and where his father was Rector. Ordained in 1895, he served in this diocese from 1900 till the time of his death, including the previous Sunday, although retired from 1937. He had the heart of a St. Francis and loved all God's creatures great and small—particularly small, and everyone who knew him loved him. No interregnum in any parish was too long if "Willie" Burnett was available for duty. His life reflected the character of His Master.

In recent years it was his custom frequently to visit his brother—also a retired priest—in the afternoon for a game of billiards on "a small table to keep the boys at home." It was after such a game that he went back to his house and his soul returned to God.

Reginald Samuel Edward Oliver died in his 90th year. He was ordained in 1890 and served in this diocese from 1902. In 1948 he retired from Kirkandrews-on-Eden, having become a noted personality in the Solway Area. He was a great pastor, who got to know everyone and was well known as the "cycling parson." Rustic, if not rugged, sincere, forceful, he was recognised and respected as a true man of God, faithful and strong. When at the age of 85, he told me that though feeling fit for his duties, he felt he ought to resign as he "kept falling off his bicycle," I had to admit that such a practice at such an age did seriously impede a man's work! But I was sorry to see him go.

All three clergymen were good parish priests who served mostly in rural parishes and were particularly noted for their pastoral work. They had two great qualities in common. They loved God and they loved the souls of the people committed to their charge.

Men with these qualities can do great things even if their other gifts are very ordinary. Without these qualities, men with great gifts may be very ineffective.

These men were taught the importance of pastoral work. They got to know their people and be known by them as the Ministers of Christ. Such men leave behind them a depth of religious devotion, the influence of which cannot be estimated. They leave their mark on the whole community.

I cannot help thinking that England owes more than she can ever realise to such humble and holy men of God, who give themselves fully to the spread of Christ's Kingdom in the hearts and homes of her people.

May God rest their souls and comfort their loved ones ; and may there never be wanting a supply of fit persons to serve in the Ministry of Christ's Church in the rural parishes of our land, as well as in the cities and towns.

Yours Very Sincerely,

Thomas Carlisle

Brampton

On 11th November, St. Martin's Church, Brampton, celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of its consecration by Bishop Goodwin at 11 a.m. on the 11th November, 1878 (St. Martin's Day). The present Bishop of Carlisle was the preacher at Evensong on the Sunday after the Patronal Festival.

St. Matthew's, Barrow.

The contract for the building of the new Church at Ormsgill has been let to Messrs. JOHN LECK & SONS (Barrow Ltd.) of Ironworks Road, Barrow.

The Contract was signed on Tuesday, 20th October by representatives of Messrs. John Leck and Sons, and by the Vicar as Chairman of the P.C.C., in the presence of the Architect, the Quantity Surveyor, Mr. F. Shuttleworth and the Wardens of St. Francis.

The work began on Monday, 2nd November, and to be finished on or about 2nd August, 1954.

Bowness-on-Solway

On his last Sunday, after a ministry of over 45 years at Bowness, there were 164 communicants, most of whom had been baptised and prepared for Confirmation by Canon L. D. Mitton. Parting gifts to Canon Mitton included a cheque for over £94, a book containing the names of the donors, a pair of binoculars, a pair of sunglasses, a biro pen, a silver cigarette case and a book token. Many of these gifts will be useful during the first part of Canon Mitton's retirement which is spent in a trip to South Africa.

Windermere St. Mary

We are approaching the time of the year when our thoughts, prayers and gifts turn towards the Missionary Work of the Church. Mission Guild Sunday, and the previous Sunday, have for many years past been of great importance in the life of S. Mary's parish. Started in 1884, our Mission Guild has kept before the parish the urgency of the cause of Missions. If you take the average contribution over these years as £250 (a somewhat low estimate), the money raised by the Guild in these years is in the region of £17,500. For some years now a total of £300 has been raised, and we must fight very hard not to fall below that figure this year. There is something of special value about the Mission Guild's *method* of raising the money by direct giving (no bazaars or "efforts")—simply a Sunday's collection in church, "hoping for nothing again." It is important that the sense of obligation and urgency in this matter of giving to the great missionary cause should be kept alive in every parish.

Church Army Diocesan Mission Van

Torchlight processions are not usually the normal feature of a scattered country Parish ; however, during the Parish Mission at Havorthwaite, the attendance was such that an 'outsider' accurately described the assembling of the people for the services, by referring to it as the "nightly torchlight procession."

R. Gallagher, C.A.

Three Years' Action (1952-3-4)

List of Parishes which have sent in the full amount (or more) up
to 31st October, 1953.

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| 1. Aikton.† | 25. Kirkandrews-on-Eden. |
| 2. Barbon.† | 26. Kirkbampton. |
| 3. Bolton (Penrith). | 27. Kirkbride.† |
| 4. Borrowdale.† | 28. Kirkby Thore. |
| 5. Bowness-on-Solway.† | 29. Kirkoswald. |
| 6. Brathay.† | 30. Levens.† |
| 7. Brigham. | 31. Loweswater. |
| 8. Buttermere. | 32. Mosser. |
| 9. Calthwaite. | 33. Nethererton. |
| 10. Cleator. | 34. Orton.† |
| 11. Cross Canonby. | 35. Patterdale.† |
| 12. Dean. | 36. Rosley. |
| 13. Drigg. | 37. Sawrey.† |
| 14. Eskdale. | 38. Seathwaite.† |
| 15. Flimby.† | 39. Silloth.† |
| 16. Gosforth. | 40. St. John's-in-the-Vale.† |
| 17. Grange-over-Sands. | 41. Ulverston, St. Mary. |
| 18. Grasmere.† | 42. Wastdale.† |
| 19. Great Orton. | 43. Westward. |
| 20. Haile. | 44. Windermere, St. Mary.† |
| 21. Hutton-in-the-Forest. | 45. Winster.† |
| 22. Ings. | 46. Workington, St. Michael. |
| 23. Ireby-with-Uldale. | |
| 24. Ireleth. | |

†—Indicates paid more than the sum asked for. (18)

The Bishop does not propose to hold any Ingathering Services this year and parishes holding money for the Fund should therefore please hand it to the Diocesan Secretary as soon as possible so that it may be included in the account for 1953.

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