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## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

As Easter Day falls this year on the first Sunday in April, it seems best to give details of the arrangements for Holy Week and Easter this month. They are as follows :—

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 30th, 31st and April 1st : Matins and Ante-Communion, 10-30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 1st : Evensong and Service of Preparation for Easter Communion 6 p.m.

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

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3rd : Matins and Ante-Communion (no address) 10-30 a.m. Three Hours' Devotion, 12 noon to 3 p.m., conducted by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Westmorland. (Worshippers are asked to enter and leave the church only during the hymns). Evensong (said) 6 p.m.

(Collections on Good Friday will be, as usual, for the Jerusalem and the East Mission).

EASTER DAY, April 5th : Holy Communion at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. 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 8th, at **6 p.m.** prompt.

It will be followed at **6-15 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 the proposer and seconder, may be sent to Mr. Abbott, Meadow Brow, before the meeting.

### SALE OF WORK, APRIL 18th

Full particulars will appear next month about this important event in aid of the "Three Years' Action" Fund for new Churches in the diocese. We still need £250 if we are to reach our target of £525 without any more delay.

Meanwhile plans are going forward (of various kinds, including plans for a **Men's** stall), and the latest item of news is that Mrs. Moberly is offering a prize of £1, open to anyone, for the Best Dressed Boiling Fowl. Mr. Cooper, the Chief Poultry Instructor at Newton Rigg Farm School, has kindly said that he will come himself to judge the fowls. After the judging, all the entries will be sold for the cause. Will entrants please let Mrs. Moberly have their names by **April 11th** at latest?

## MOTHERS' UNION

There was an excellent attendance of members and friends at the "Brains Trust" held last month instead of the ordinary meeting, and some excellent questions were asked. None of the members of the "team" seem to be suffering from nervous exhaustion as a result of the cross-examinations, but some would like a chance (some day) for "second thoughts."

The March meeting (March 18th, 2-30 p.m.) will take the form of a devotional address in Church, followed by a short social gathering in the Rectory Room for tea.

The Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will be held on the Feast of the Annunciation (Wednesday, March 25th) at 10-30 a.m.

## BAPTISMS

4 January—Roland John Kennedy Wicksteed.

1 February—Julia Margaret Dixon.

8 February—Patricia Dixon.

## BURIAL

23 February—Jane Ann Pedder, aged 81.

## SCOUT JAMBOREE RUMMAGE SALE

The rummage sale held in January raised over £18 for the purpose of entertaining foreign scouts at the Lakeland Jamboree to be held at Brathay Hall in August. A similar effort in Ambleside brought the total to £38 and the surplus will be used to reduce the camp fees for Ambleside and Grasmere Scouts.

## "BOB A JOB" WEEK

The scout annual "Bob a Job" week has been fixed in this area for the week preceding Easter week. Scouts will be available to do work then and the money they earn will go to Boy Scout Headquarters, Westmorland County H.Q. and our own group in fixed proportions. Will anyone who has a job they would like one or more of the scouts or cubs to do during that week, or just after, please inform either Mr. Colwell at the Post Office or Mr. Hildrew at the School. Employers are asked to pay the scouts just what the job is worth so that they really earn their money. All payments should be entered on the Scout's job card and this card is his authority from the movement to solicit a job.

## GRASMERE SCHOOL

### LORD MAYOR'S TEMPEST RELIEF FUND

A collection among the children of Grasmere School raised £2 10s. which has been sent to the above fund to help children who have suffered loss in the recent storms and floods.

## RAINFALL

4.86 inches of rain fell on 24 days in January, and 4.77 inches on 20 days in February.

# Carlisle Diocesan News

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## THE BISHOP'S LETTER

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

The Archbishop of Canterbury in a recent statement announced that all incumbents—except a few in a special category—would receive this year a stipend of £550 nett.

This was very good news at which we rejoice, and it has brought hope and encouragement to a great number of the clergy.

Although the statement was concise and clear, it was not all reported and the fundamental condition in the new scheme of the Church Commissioners has not been generally realised with the result that many have concluded that parishes were relieved of all effort in the matter.

The opposite is the truth. This new help can only be had on the condition that parishes with the aid of the diocese will raise stipends to a minimum of £500 nett and maintain them at or above that level. Only as this is achieved and maintained will the Church Commissioners raise stipends to £550 nett.

The parishes in this diocese, with the exception of a few, have made magnificent efforts in the last few years to raise the level of clergy stipends—actually they have helped to increase nearly half of them by an average of almost £200 per annum.

It is this splendid achievement in the last five years that makes us hopeful of the future, for the truth must be faced that if we are to gain the benefit of this new offer by the Church Commissioners, far more will have to be done in all parishes throughout the diocese for Clergy stipends in the future than in the past.

There can be no disputing this fact. If we fail, it will be the clergy who will suffer first and the parishes soon afterwards. These are hard facts and I feel obliged to mention them here and now to dispel or prevent illusion.

Here is a quotation from the Archbishop's statement :

“ In every diocese where the laity reach and maintain the £500 minimum, automatically they will thereby see that minimum carried on to £550 by the Commissioners. But if for any reason they were to fail to maintain the £500 level, they would lose the further increment to £550. Here indeed is a compelling incentive to the laity to maintain by their own efforts the £500 mark

in order to qualify for the Commissioners' grant to carry them to the £550 mark. And it presents a further incentive still, eagerly and hopefully to go by their own efforts beyond the £550 mark and on towards the third objective of £600 which I set before the Church Assembly."

We must be grateful for the prospect of putting stipends on a proper basis and the Laymen's Committee of the diocese will be glad to help parochial church councils in this matter. Through co-operation, zeal and devotion the desired end can be achieved.

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We congratulate the Revd. J. A. Briggs, Vicar of S. Paul's, Barrow, on his appointment to the important living of Garston in the diocese of Liverpool. He has been Editor of the Diocesan News since its inception and in this as in other work in the diocese and parish, he has given distinguished service. We thank him and our good wishes go with him.

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The Season of Lent gives all of us the opportunity of taking stock of our thoughts, habits and works in the light of God's love. Lent means Spring and so new life or life renewed. Its due observance has the positive aim of renewal and growth of the life of God in our souls through fellowship with Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Yours sincerely,



#### BISHOP'S NOTES

I wish to inform the clergy in the Diocese that neither a certificate nor a licence should be given for a marriage between an American serviceman and a British girl unless the serviceman can produce a note saying that his application for marriage has been approved by his Commanding Officer. Any enquiries from American Chaplains concerning any proposed marriage should receive careful and prompt attention.

After many years as President of the Girls Friendly Society in this Diocese, Miss Cropper has resigned and her place has been taken by Mrs. K. Mulliner, wife of a late Archdeacon of Westmorland.

I wish to record the thanks of the Diocese to Miss Cropper for the great service she has rendered to the Society and to bespeak for Mrs. Mulliner every opportunity that the clergy can give of helping her in continuing and enlarging the work of this Society.

At the Annual Meeting of the Carlisle Readers' Board I was asked to draw special attention to Rule 4 printed in the Carlisle Diocesan Handbook at the top of page 29. This rule must be observed where Readers are used outside their own parishes.

## Church and State

With the approach of the Coronation church people will become increasingly conscious of the Church's part in the great event. They will do well to remind themselves of the meaning and significance of belonging to the Established Church.

"The Church of England, established by law" is a phrase which first became current towards the end of the 17th century. It is a phrase which may give the impression that the Church was brought into existence by the State, that the State pays for her clergy and has the right to alter her doctrine. But the phrase "established by law" does not mean that the Church was founded or created by Parliament, for when Parliament began in 1213 the Church of England (as distinct from the Church in England) was well over 300 years old. Before Parliament existed, at least 25 Cathedrals and Abbeys had been built.

Still less does it mean that a new Church was brought into being by legislation in Henry VIII's reign, for his laws fully recognise the existing Church, its authority and its institutions. The Church of England was not started at the Reformation by Henry VIII. That was a re-formation. The

### THE THOMLINSON CHARITY

In the matter of the Thomlinson Charity for Widows of Clergymen in the Diocese of Carlisle and elsewhere. The Trustees of this Charity give notice that they will on Wednesday, 15th March, 1953, proceed to elect a pensioner to fill a vacancy in the number of pensioners of the Charity. The election will take place at 11 a.m. on that day at the County Court Buildings, Wigton. Poor widows of clergymen, ordained priests, and beneficed in the Diocese of Carlisle as it existed in the year 1724, or in that part of Cumberland which was then in the Diocese of Chester, or who shall have served as curate therein for two years, or shall have been rectors, or two years curates of Rothbury or Wickham,

### OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Church of England is the ancient Catholic Church of this land preserving through the ages the same Creeds, the same Scriptures, the same two Sacraments, and the same threefold Ministry of Bishop, Priest and Deacon which has come down to us in unbroken succession from the early days of the Church.

The real meaning of the word "establish" is to "stablish" or "stabilise," to make strong something that already exists. The law did not create the Church, it established or strengthened it by recognising it and by giving legal protection to its rights and property. Establishment was not a definite act which took place in a certain year; it was a principle and a policy developed over many years.

The Church of England is the National Church because it is the official expression of the nation's Christianity and because she tries to do a work commensurate with the whole nation. To belong to it means to have a share in the heritage of the saints of all ages; it means having a responsibility today for its life as a regular worshipping member, and for sharing in the Queen's dedication of herself to God and her fellow men.

are eligible for the appointment. Forms of application may be obtained from the Clerk, and must be returned to him duly completed fourteen days at least, previous to the Election.

A. N. DUDDING.

Solicitor,

Clerk to the Trustees.

County Court Buildings,  
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### THREE YEARS' ACTION

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