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THE CORONATION.

The prayers of the whole nation will be with Her Majesty the Queen on her Coronation Day, June 2nd. But since that day will also, for most of us, be full of engagements and local "celebrations," she has asked that the preceding Sunday (TRINITY SUNDAY, MAY 31st) shall be kept as a special day of prayer for her, as she prepares to dedicate herself to the service of God and her people. Special forms of service for Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Evening Prayer are therefore being prepared for use that day, and it is hoped that all "people of good will" may join in the services provided, at their usual places of worship.

There will be, at Grasmere, Holy Communion at 7 o'clock and 8 o'clock, and Morning and Evening Prayer at the usual hours. There will also be a children's service in church at 2-30 p.m. (as well as on the preceding Sunday, Whit Sunday).

On CORONATION DAY, June 2nd, there will be Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

During the morning, the Coronation Procession and the ceremony in the Abbey may be seen on television in the RECTORY ROOM by any ADULTS who care to come, and in the SCHOOL by children of school age. The time of the broadcast will be announced.

The programme in the afternoon starts with a short Service of Thanksgiving in Church at 2 o'clock, and then, after the planting of a tree in the churchyard, the procession will form outside the Church, headed by the band. It is hoped that as many children as possible will appear in the procession in historical costumes—Elizabethan for preference—and there will be prizes for the best costume, boy and girl. The brief opening ceremony on the Recreation Ground will take place near the War Memorial at 2-45 p.m.

A detailed programme for the rest of the afternoon and evening is in active preparation by the Coronation Committee.

SALE OF WORK.

The final figure achieved at the sale of work held on April 18th is not available as we go to press, but it is certain that our efforts for "Three Years' Action" have been completed in TWO years. We express grateful thanks to all who helped, by gifts or work, to make so outstanding a success possible.

CHURCH ELECTIONS.

At the annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings held on April 8th, the Churchwardens and Sidesmen, whose names are on the front cover of the magazine, were appointed for the ensuing year.

The following parochial lay representatives were elected :—

To the Ruri-decanal Conference : Miss Read and Mr. Abbott.

To the Parochial Church Council : Sir Robert Ewbank, Sir William Jameson; Mr. and Mrs. Macalpine; Mr. Macnaughton; Mrs. Marston; Sir James O'Dowda; Mr. Penny Peel; Sir William Platt; Mrs. Rawnsley; Mr. Sharp; Miss Squance.

Two further members will be co-opted at the first meeting of the Council on May 2nd.

ASCENSION DAY falls on Thursday, May 14th. There will be Holy Communion at 8 o'clock and 10-30 a.m., and a school service at 9-15 a.m.

WHIT SUNDAY falls on May 24th. Holy Communion at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 11-30 a.m. Matins and Evensong at the usual hours. Children's service at 2-30 p.m. All collections for the Diocesan Quota (£75).

BAPTISMS.

29 March. Judith Anne Graves.

12 April. Lesley Jean Chew.

MARRIAGES.

15 April. Michael Satterthwaite and Margaret Gillbanks Elleray.

18 April. Joseph William Erwin and Eva Sanderson.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS. APRIL.

3rd (Good Friday) £4 4s. 5d. Jerusalem and the East Mission.

5th £68 6 10. Easter Offering.

12th £11 4 2. Church Expenses.

19th £ 9 10 6. „

26th £ 7 19 0. „

The Rector expresses his warmest thanks to all who contributed to the gift made him in the Easter offering.

RAINFALL.

5.69 inches of rain fell on 16 days in April.

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FROM THE BISHOP.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

The great event, to which our minds will be increasingly drawn during the coming weeks, will be the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

In the life of our nation and commonwealth, June 2nd, 1953 will be an historic day and could be the beginning of an illustrious period in history, giving renewed purpose and strength to our people and influencing the whole world. As she comes to Westminster Abbey to dedicate herself afresh to God for her high office and life of service, the eyes of the world will be upon her.

Whatever the years ahead may bring, one thing, I believe, is sure and it is, that the future of our nation and commonwealth in respect of well being and power will depend on the moral and spiritual strength of our peoples. If we fail in this respect, our future will be complete. I believe that we were delivered in the day of battles, a few years ago, not just for our own sakes, but that God might use us for His great Purpose. He can only use those who acknowledge His Sovereignty and obey His Will. It is another sign of His favour towards us that at such a time as this, He has given us a Queen who boldly proclaims her faith in Jesus Christ and seeks to draw her people to the service of His Kingdom. I quote words she spoke a few years ago after her 21st birthday to people of her own age—

"When you and I were confirmed, we were commissioned to be witnesses to the truth of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. A witness is one who speaks of that which he knows at first hand. We need to have such knowledge of our faith that we can be bold in our witness and adventurous in our living. We know that we shall probably be in a minority wherever we are. We know that we shall have to face insecurity, opposition and perhaps, danger, for the confession of our faith. But the Christian Church has always prospered in adversity and we must certainly not be afraid."

I commend these words to you together with her recent request for our prayers.

The Coronation is a spiritual challenge to you and me and to all Her Majesty's people. As she dedicates herself to God, she does so as herself, and as representative of her people, and her loyal subjects will seek to support her by following her example.

God bless the Queen.

Yours sincerely,



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