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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.

Palm Sunday falls on April 11th. Services will be at the usual hours. During the week which follows, the arrangements for services will be :—

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12th, 13th and 14th : Matins and Ante-Communion 10-30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 14th : Evensong and Service of Preparation for Easter Communion, 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 15th (Maundy Thursday) : Holy Communion 8 a.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 16th : Children's Service 9-30 a.m. Matins and Ante-Communion (no address) 10-30 a.m. Three-Hours' Service, 12 noon to 3 p.m., conducted by the Rector. (Worshippers are asked to enter or leave the Church only during the hymns). Collections for the Jerusalem and the East Mission at all services. Evensong (said) 6 p.m.

EASTER DAY, April 18th : 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.

On Low Sunday, April 25th, the Preacher at 10-30 a.m. will be the Right Reverend Dr. R. Brook.

BURIAL.

15th March.—Margaret Noble, aged 80 years.

The sincere sympathy of all who knew Mrs. Noble will be with those who were nearest and dearest to her, as well as with Mrs. Taylor, of Long Syke, in her bereavement.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS—MARCH.

7th—£5 7s. 2d. Church Expenses.

14th—£6 13s. 5d. Church Expenses.

21st—£6 7s. 2d. Church Expenses.

28th—£7 1s. 4d. Church Expenses.

VESTRY AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING.

The Annual Vestry Meeting for the appointment of Churchwardens will be held in the Rectory Room on Tuesday, April 20th, at **6-15 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 may be seen 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.

The Church Electoral Roll is now being revised, and any Church members (over 18 years of age) whose names are missing from it should sign one of the pink forms provided on the Book Table in Church and leave it with Mr. Kendall, so that the Roll may be kept up to date.

RAINFALL.

6.28 inches of rain fell on 18 days in March. Year's total 21.44 inches.

BOB A JOB WEEK.

During Bob-a-Job week (April 11th to 18th) scouts and cubs will be asking for jobs to do. The money they earn this week is the Annual income for the Boy Scout Movement. A proportion goes to Imperial H.Q., County and Local Associations and the remainder to our own group.

As our group is planning to camp at Gilwell Park, Epping Forest, this Whitsuntide, the boys are anxious to make their Bob-a-Job effort the greatest ever.

Orders for jobs may be placed at the Co-op Stores, The Post Office or the School. Scouts are prepared to tackle any job and ask only for payment according to the work done. Jobs may be continued into Easter Week if needed.

Carlisle Diocesan News

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MY DEAR PEOPLE,

At the recent meeting of the Church Assembly, important decisions were made and reports presented. I sometimes wonder how much of what takes place in the Assembly percolates to the parishes in this diocese, and how many even of the faithful people get to know how important the Church Assembly is in the life of our Church. The diocese is represented in the Assembly by nine clerical members—five of them elected, and seven laymen elected. Every rural deanery should have at least one R.D. Conference annually when the work of the Church Assembly should be presented and discussed. One of the diocesan members of the Assembly should be invited to speak at such a Conference and I feel sure that in this way much useful information could be disseminated and knowledge of what the Church is doing and how it is doing it greatly increased.

The meeting of the Assembly held in February last was, I think, the best I have attended in interest and inspiration. It got off to a good start when Sir Tristram Eve—a Church Commissioner—explained that from next April every clergyman with the requisite years of service would be entitled to a pension of £300 on retirement at 70 years of age, and that after this year the clergy would not have to pay any contributions to qualify for such pension. Everyone was cheered by the knowledge that so great an improvement in pensions for retired clergy could be effected almost immediately.

A Report on the work of the Church Overseas in Africa, India and the Far East was presented as was also one on The Church of England Council of Empire Settlement, drawing attention to the need of the right kind of emigrants to the Commonwealth and showing how our Church, through Chaplains, accompanies those who emigrate and introduces them to christian friends.

A very important Report was presented on the need of more young men offering themselves, at the Call of God, to the Sacred Ministry of Christ's Church. More will be heard of this subject. Where the Church in any parish is truly alive and spiritual life is strong, it is very likely that some young man will hear the Call of God and respond. How long is it since there was one such in your parish? If a young man feels God's Call and offers himself, parents should be pleased and they and others ought to encourage him. To do otherwise would be to deny the Claims of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Then there was a debate on television, but as the original proposals have been changed considerably no one knew exactly what the new Bill will contain. Sponsored television has been discredited so that the term is no longer respectable and as the Archbishop of York remarked, amidst laughter, it is almost regarded as indecent! The only thing clear at the time of writing this is that all who own television sets will have the pleasure of paying 50% more for their license in order to give £750,000 a year towards the cost of this new scheme! Perhaps when we know all, the new scheme may be so moulded by public opinion that it will be all right.

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This year again I would urge all members of our Church to regard Good Friday as a very special day—not to be spent in pleasure as a secular holiday, but as a day for reflection and for recalling the Passion of our Lord for us men and for our salvation. Those who love and seek to serve Him will observe this day for quiet thought upon the meaning of 'the cross on which the Prince of Glory died.'

I would like to wish all of you a blessed and joyous Easter.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Carlisle

Windermere Parish Church

Close on 20,000 visitors a year from nearly a score of countries enter this ancient church of St. Martin's, where for a 1,000 years a place of worship has stood on the shores of Lake Windermere. The present building dates from 1483. Its chief interest apart from its lovely setting is its superb East Window part of which dates to 1260. A large portion comes from Cartmel Priory about 1480, but the figure of the Virgin at the top of the third light from the left is probably as old as any coloured glass in England. At the top of the 3rd light from the right may be seen the coat of arms of John Washington, of Furness 1403, the 12th ancestor of George Washington, 1st President of the U.S.A. This was the origin of "the stars and stripes."

Among other features of interest are the Early English Font 1200; a Refectory Table dated 1629; a valuable Chalice dated 1682; a Museum Case containing many items of interest and Church Registers dating from 1619.

N.W. of the tower which contains a peal of 8 bells, is a Children's Corner to which the children of the Parish come daily and maintain a chain of prayer throughout the year. 3,000 children enter their names in the Visitors' Book annually.

Brigham

With the death of Canon R. J. Dickson, who since his retirement had lived at Satterthwaite, Brigham lost a former Vicar who had faithfully and lovingly ministered there and in other parishes in the diocese. Even in his latter days, when blindness curtailed his activities, it was an inspiration to meet with him and in conversation to share in his lively faith and continued good humour.

Mrs. Dickson (widow of Canon R. J. Dickson) desires to rent part of a divided vicarage, or a small house. Please write to her at Tarn Bank, Greysouthen, Cockermouth.

St. Bees

The Revd. Alfred Ainley will be remembered not only in St. Bees and other parishes where he ministered in the diocese, but by many former boys of St. Bees School where for a while he assisted as a master. In retirement at Cockermouth he gave kindly help in many parishes as long as his health allowed.

Great Salkeld

The Annual Vestry Meeting, which together with the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, elects the Wardens and Sidesmen, should be held during the fortnight following Easter Day. The Vestry Meeting has a long and most interesting history, but it has now been shorn of nearly all its powers and it only continues to exist in order to allow rate-payers who are not also members of the Anglican Church to take a part in the election of the wardens. As no one ever makes use of this privilege now-a-days, many parishes have let the Vestry Meeting lapse and merely hold a Parochial Church Meeting, which can meet at any time. This is not in fact legal, but it seems common sense. Here we have been keeping to the letter of the law, but for this year at any rate we must, I think, follow what is becoming a common practice and hold our annual meeting before Easter.

Ennerdale

I often think that we should all find that our inner life was greatly enriched if we paid more attention to the different seasons of the Christian Year as they occur. Although we are quite accustomed to the regularly recurring round of spring, summer, autumn and winter, each of which has its own particular character and charm, we never find them dull, chiefly because although they come round in the same order year after year, no one season is ever exactly the same as the corresponding one of the year before.

This is equally true of the Church's seasons, which recur year after year in the same way, and although in its basic elements the Church service remains the same, with the same Psalms, the same Lessons, the same Collects, every time we hear them they seem different, and have something new to tell us.

St. Luke's, Barrow

It is with very mixed feelings that we must announce the impending departure of Rev. J. B. Whelan from St. Luke's. The mixture of my feelings is made up on the one hand of natural sorrow at the prospect of losing a good friend and devoted colleague, and on the other hand pride in that 'one of us' has felt called by God to do the particular work which Mr. Whelan is to undertake. He is to go to work in Korea, as a missionary priest under S.P.G.

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