

# St. Bartholomew's, Quorn.

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## PARISH NOTES.

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The railway strike is causing great anxiety. It touches life at almost every point, and is the subject of all our conversation. Already the roads are crowded with vehicular traffic of every description, and on Sunday afternoon a procession of no less than 64 motor vans marked A.S.C.M.T. passed along the high road. Fortunately we have as a war legacy a rationing system which can be put into practice at the shortest notice. This has already been done, and we shall have to be content with half the amount of sugar to which we have become accustomed, as well as restriction in other directions. Those of us whose livelihood does not depend upon travelling may be thankful, but few can hope to escape the hardships involved in so great a social upheaval. The subject was referred to in the pulpit on Sunday, and special prayers were offered. What every section of the community needs is the presence of the Holy Spirit. Under His influence, wisdom and right judgment will prevail, passion will be controlled and strife averted. This was the theme of the prayers we offered in Church, and to this end every one must continue to exert his influence in whatever way he can.

Church Committee meeting held on Sept. 18th. Notes of Proceedings:—Thanks accorded to Mr. H. Brown and Mrs. Partridge for the completion of the Chancel Screen, and to Mr. E. H. Warner for the reconstruction of the East Window. Congratulations to Mr. G. Yates on his wedding. Report of the Churchyard Sub-Committee accepted, including resolution to close the south-west gate of the Churchyard, to destroy the ivy clinging to the Church, and to renovate certain tombs. Spring cleaning of the Church considered but postponed. A Committee appointed to organise a series of Social Evenings in the coming winter, consisting of the Misses Furr, M. Gamble, and E. Horspool, and Messrs. C. Beardmore, R. Hickling, and M. Rumsey. War Memorial contributions promised £154 11s. 10d., actually received £94 10s. 10d. The work will shortly be completed. Contributions not paid should be given either to Mr. Laundon, Mr. Adams, or the Vicar.

The Sunday School Treat for the bigger children was held on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Sports and Games were carried out in the Rawlins School field, and tea in the Village Hall. The weather was cold and damp although we were within 48 hours of one of the hottest days of the summer. We must try an earlier date next year.

It is the general opinion that the East Window is greatly improved by the reconstruction. The new blue for the background, and the pale green architectural canopy-work over the various subjects have been very cleverly introduced, with the result that the whole tone of the window is enriched and sobered. We are indebted to Mr. Warner for a very costly and successful alteration.

The King's Messengers will hold a Social Gathering on October the 9th, in the Village Hall at 6.30. The first hour or so will be devoted to a Sale of Work made by the children, and some Missionary Dialogues which they are learning. Cost of admission, 6d.

Full particulars of the Church Congress Meetings will be found in the Church. The Committee intend to carry the Congress through. We hope that some from our own parish will be able to catch and bring back some of its fire and enthusiasm.

The next meeting of the Church Committee will be held on October 23rd, at 7.0, in the School.

A meeting of the C.E.M.S. will be held on Monday, Oct. 13th, in the Schools, at 7.0, to consider future policy.

### CLOTHING CLUB—BALANCE SHEET, for 1917-18.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance 1916-17	...	...	...	9	1	1
Paid on Cards—Bonus	...	122	16	10		
Free	...	56	18	8		
Coal	...	56	18	4		
Subscriptions ...	...			236	13	10
Discount on bills	...			21	18	0
Bank interest ...	...			7	6	5
Due Oct., 1917	...			1	18	10
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				£277	15	3



Tradesmen ...	...	...	263	14	6
Printing ...	...	...	0	9	0
Dorcas fund ...	...	...	0	10	0
Magazine ...	...	...	0	10	0
Clerical help ...	...	...	1	1	0
Cash payments ...	...	...	4	5	0
Stamps ...	...	...	0	1	1
Cheque book ...	...	...	0	2	0

Balance	270	12	7
	7	2	8
	<u>£277</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>3</u>

Audited and found correct,  
S. J. WRIGHT.

**SIDESMEN ON DUTY DURING OCTOBER.**

- Oct. 5. 8.0. Mr. C. Beardmore.
- 11.0. Messrs. G. E. Ellis & C. M. Rumsey.
- 6.30. Messrs. G. E. Dexter & J. Martin.
- 12. 8.0. Mr. W. H. Backhouse.
- 9.30. Mr. G. Horspool.
- 11.0. Messrs. W. Moore & J. Nevitt.
- 6.30. Messrs. J. Martin & S. Wainwright.
- 19. 8.0. Mr. J. Nevitt.
- 11.0. Messrs. W. H. Backhouse & G. Yates.
- 6.30. Messrs. C. Beardmore & G. Horspool.
- 26. 8.0. Mr. W. Moore.
- 11.0. Messrs. G. E. Dexter & C. M. Rumsey.
- 6.30. Messrs. J. Martin & J. Nevitt.
- Nov. 2. 8.0. Mr. G. Yates.
- 11.0. Messrs. G. E. Ellis & W. Moore.
- 6.30. Messrs. C. Beardmore & G. E. Dexter.

**PARISH REGISTERS.**

**Weddings.**

Sept. 22.—Leonard Smith to Ruth Hack.

**Funerals.**

Sept. 23.—George Morley, aged 74 years.

**COLLECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER.**

Date	Object	Amount
		£ s. d.
Sep. 7	—Church Expenses	2 18 3
" 14	—Church Expenses	2 19 1
" 21	—Church Expenses	2 8 5
" 28	—Church Expenses	2 8 8
Total		<u>£10 14 5</u>

**COLLECTIONS DURING OCTOBER.**

- Oct. 5—Equally divided between Leicester and Loughboro' Hospitals, after deducting £2 for Church Expenses
- 12—Church Expenses.
- 19—Church Expenses.
- 28—Church Expenses.

**FREE-WILL OFFERINGS.**

	Previously acknowledged	£	s.	d.
Sep. 7	.. ..	28	18	5
" 14	.. ..	0	9	9½
" 21	.. ..	0	12	6
" 28	.. ..	0	9	6
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My dear Friends,

We are drawing near to the first anniversary of the signing of the armistice. November the 11th, 1918, will long be remembered. With a remarkable spontaneity we thanked God, one and all, on that day, for a mighty deliverance. What shall we do this year? Surely the same again, but something else as well. There is a movement on foot to observe Sunday, November 9th, as a day on which we should identify ourselves with the aims and objects of the League of Nations. I do not hesitate to ask you to participate in this movement. Its basis is peculiarly Christian. Its future operation will depend upon the Christian spirit. Its advocacy by the Church is therefore not merely appropriate but essential to her principles, necessary to her honour. What is wanted is a strong body of public opinion buoyed up by a hopeful determination to believe that the League of Nations may be the human instrument used by God to bring about permanent peace. No one need be blind to the obstacles which human nature, especially as it expresses itself in international relationships, will offer to the success of the League, obstacles which no doubt will seem at times to be insuperable. But neither need any be deterred by those obstacles or the fear of failure from the whole-hearted support of a movement which is in such complete accord with the highest principles of Christianity, and the deepest needs of man. It is surely a great thing that our politicians of various schools should be bending themselves to such a truly Christian Endeavour. It would be a tragedy indeed if the Church were not to back them unreservedly. But we believe that, with here and there a dissentient voice, she will. On Sunday, November 9th, I shall ask you to give thanks for the creation of the League, to pray for its successful operation and henceforth to promote it on every possible occasion.

If we unite this effort with our thanksgivings for peace we shall be celebrating the anniversary in the most suitable manner.

Believe me,

Your faithful friend and servant,

H. H. RUMSEY

On Sunday, Nov. 16th, we are to have a visit from the Rev. J. H. Warner, the Organising Secretary of the Church Missionary Society for Derbyshire and Leicestershire. He will preach at 11.0 and 6.30, and will speak to the children in the afternoon. Let us give all our mind on that Sunday to the spread of the knowledge of God through Jesus Christ in the heathen world. It is the enterprise above all others which Christ has committed to His Church. The collections throughout the day will be given to the Church Missionary Society after the sum of £2 has been deducted for current Church Expenses. The cost of Missionary work has gone up as has that of everything else. In addition to that the adverse rate of exchange in the countries of the East has still further reduced the value of our English money. Let us therefore send Mr. Warner away with an encouraging sum.

Speaking of Missionary work reminds us that the King's Messengers at their gathering on Oct. the 9th gave their audience some very useful missionary instruction through the medium of two short missionary plays. One, entitled "Out West," gave a very vivid picture of Canadian Settlers who because the Church had not followed them from the homeland had become quite forgetful of and indifferent to the fair of their childhood. The other, "Doctoring here and there," presented in a very attractive way the healing of the sick, which forms in these days so large a part of Christian work in backward countries, where, because there is no Church, there is no hospital. The children acted these little plays very well indeed, and we hope they will find further opportunities for this very useful means of Missionary education.

A word about the C.E.M.S. A meeting was held recently at which it was felt that the Society would be the stronger if it knew more definitely who were its bona-fide members. It was therefore decided to ask every member now on the books who wishes to renew his membership to offer himself for re-admission at a service in Church on Sunday, November 9th, at 3.30. Members will receive a notice to this effect and we very much hope that those who wish to continue members will come to the service or give their reasons for inability to do so. We shall assume that those who do neither do not wish to be members any longer.

