

S. Bartholomew's Church, Quorn

Vicar: The Rev. Canon H. H. RUMSEY, M.A.

My dear Friends,

On a Christmas card from one of our soldiers I read these words—"God shapes all our fitness and gives each man his meaning." I offer them to you for a new year thought as we pass into 1940. Each word almost is a text but one idea is expressed which serves our present needs.

To-day we are thankful for unity. For unity is strength. But unity is always in danger of being confused with uniformity which is not strength. To-day we are in less danger of uniformity I think than in the last war. There is greater freedom of expression. For that let us be thankful. But many young men are being put into a mould. From that mould they must emerge identical. Their individuality is discouraged. To a point this is inevitable. But each man must watch it. He has his own peculiar fitness, his own peculiar meaning in the scheme of things. God has taken care about that. All must help him to keep it. He must at all costs preserve his own personality.

It is the same with all of us. I have one fitness, you another. God gave them both. He has one meaning for you, another for me. Thank God for unity, for corporate spirit and fellowship. But each of us is a character, having powers of reason and reflection. Each of us is a Person, one i.e. through whom God makes a sound, a particular sound, made by no-one else. It is not a selfish thing for me to ask first for myself that God will shape me in this coming year to be the true self which He has fashioned and wills me to be, for only so can I contribute to the common weal.

"God shapes all our fitness
and gives each man his meaning."

With this reflection, which I hope you will share with me, I wish everyone who may read this a very happy new year.

Your faithful friend and servant,
H. H. RUMSEY

Christmas.—Canon Joscelyne most kindly offered his assistance for Christmas morning. He celebrated at 8-0 and preached at 11-0. Carols were sung on Christmas Eve. Christmas Day was bright and sunny outside and in church there was the customary glow of Christmas worship in a building carefully decorated on the previous Friday and to the accompaniment of the ever satisfying Christmas music.

The Christmas Party on the following Thursday evening arranged by the Church Room committee was a great success. Outside there was a slippery coating of snow, which no doubt kept some elderly people away, but the room was none the less comfortably full. The programme of games, etc., arranged by the M.C.s, Messrs. J. Martin and H. Westley, was a real achievement and refreshments came from the kitchen as from a catering firm.

Wilfred Manton Bonser passed away after a long and painful illness patiently borne on

December 4th, at the age of 31. "Mant" had many friends in the Church, being both a sidesman and a bell-ringer. On his daily rounds he had been from boyhood kind and courteous, and in his home he was much beloved. Sidesmen and ringers were represented at his funeral, wreaths were sent by both bodies, and a muffled peal was rung.

Mary Ann Atter had a quiet passage into the unseen after 84 long years of life, and was laid to rest by the grave of her husband and son, in the presence of her three daughters on December 5th. She and her husband, who predeceased her by two and a half years, reminded one of Zacharias and Elizabeth, who were "Both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless." From our worship and from the altar we have lost one of the old school of evangelical Bible-reading piety.

"May God grant to His servants ever-increasing light and peace."

Canteen in the Church Room.—The Church Room Committee, at its meeting on November 27th, was asked to lend the Room as a canteen to be run by the Women's Voluntary Service on Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays. The Committee agreed to do so subject to lettings already made. The canteen was opened on the following Saturday. At a subsequent meeting of the Committee on December 14th a request was received from the W.V.S. that from the New Year the Room might be entirely reserved for the use of a canteen on these evenings and that a charge should be suggested to cover the expenses involved. This was agreed to. Three sums were proposed as a charge, 12/6, 15/- and £1, and the last sum gained the majority of votes.

The W.V.S. have made arrangements by which the Room has become a delightful and much used resort.

Dedication.—A silver-mounted flagon for use in Holy Communion was dedicated at Evensong on Christmas Eve. It is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bumpus and friends in commemoration of their silver wedding.

Notes for January

Saturday, the 6th: Feast of the Epiphany: H.C. 8-0.

Sunday, the 7th: The First Sunday after Epiphany: H.C., 8-0 and 12-0.

Thursday, the 11th: The Sixth New Testament Lecture by the Rev. P. Lidster in the Church Room, 7-45.

Sunder the 14th: The Second after Epiphany: H.C., 8-0 and 9-30 (Choral). Sunday School Prizegiving at 3-0 Evensong.

Thursday, the 18th: Church Council, 7-15. Church Room Committee, 8-0.

Sunday, the 21st: Septuagesima: H.C. 8-0.

Monday, the 22nd: Annual Missionary Demonstration in the Edward Wood Hall, Leicester, 3-0 and 8-0.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, QUORN.—Continued.

Thursday, the 25th: The Conversion of S. Paul: H.C. 8-0. The Seventh New Testament Lecture by the Rev. P. Lidster in the Church Room, 7-45.

Sunday, the 28th: Sexagesima: H.C., 8-0.

Wednesday, the 31st: G.F.S. Dance in the Village Hall.

Friday, Feb. 2nd: The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: H.C., 7-0.

Sunday, Feb. 4th: Quinquagesima: H.C., 8-0 and 12-0.

Other Dates for February—Please Note:
Thursday, Feb. 15th: Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings.

Saturday, February 24th: Confirmation in Loughborough Parish Church at 3-0 p.m.

Altar Flowers.—Sunday, 7th, Miss K. Thompson; Sunday, 14th, Mrs. Beardsley; Sunday, 21st, Miss Bolesworth; Sunday, 28th, Mrs. Jones; Sunday, Feb. 4th, Mrs. A. Hanford.

New Churches Fund.—Since the last report which appeared in the November magazine there has been little to report. Only three amounts are to hand, one from Mr. Murray Rumsey of 2s. collected at a hymn singing party at his house; one, a very welcome gift, of £3 15s. 8d. sent in by Mrs. Roberts, being the proceeds of a Bring and Buy Sale held by the members of the Missionary Working Party; and a sum of 13s. 2d. collected at the thanksgiving service held in the Church Room on St. Thomas' Day. This is the second time the Working Party has helped the fund and it is good to know they are proposing to do so again in the New Year.

These amounts bring the total of promises and receipts to £82 18s. 1d. and £73 14s. 1d. respectively, leaving promises still to be redeemed £9 4s. 10d. Some second year promises have been paid in but there are a few outstanding which are now due and the Secretary will be glad to receive these at the earliest convenience of those responsible for them. Will they please oblige.

Holders of boxes which have not yet been returned for opening will oblige by handing them in at Church at any service, when they will be opened and returned for another year. There are several outstanding, the contents of which would be very acceptable just now when so little money is coming in for the fund.

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Quorn War-time Parcels Fund.—A representative village committee, with Mr. Frank Bunney as chairman and Mrs. C. Thornton as secretary has forwarded Christmas parcels to all the Quorn men and women known to be serving in the Forces at home and overseas. Many most appreciative letters of acknowledgement have been received.

The committee very deeply regrets the death of its genial and efficient treasurer, Mr. Fred Facer.

Sidesmen for January

Jan. 7	8-0	Mr. Morgan.
	11-0	Messrs. Squire and White.
	3-0	Messrs. Woodcock and Adkins.

Jan. 14	8-0	Mr. Bancroft.
	9-30	Mr. Woodcock.
	11-0	Messrs. Ward and Price.
	3-0	Messrs. Ellis and Squire.
" 21	8-0	Mr. Squire.
	11-0	Messrs. White and Bancroft.
	3-0	Messrs. Joiner and Morgan.
" 23	8-0	Mr. Price.
	11-0	Messrs. Ward and Squire.
	3-0	Messrs. Woodcock and Ellis.
Feb. 4	8-0	Mr. Adkins.
	11-0	Messrs. Price and White.
	3-0	Messrs. Adkins and Morgan.

	Collections	£ s. d.
Dec. 3	C.M.S.	5 14 6
" 10	Sick and Poor	9 0
	Church Expenses	4 10 2
" 17	Church Expenses	3 18 4
" 24	Church Expenses	4 5 4
" 25	Sunday Schools	4 5 9
	Waifs and Strays Society ..	4 13 2
" 31	Church Expenses	3 4 0

Baptism

Dec. 17	Anthony John Wynne
" 31	Terence Stephen Farley

Marriages

Nov. 18	Philip John Haywood and Joan Mary Jollands
Dec. 23	John Lewis Gamble and Marjorie Kent
" 23	Reginald George Chamberlain and Frances Helena May Gibbons
" 30	Aubrey Pearce Gamble and Nellie Kathleen Orton

Burials

Nov. 29	Fred Facer, aged 56.
Dec. 5	Mary Ann Atter, aged 84
" 8	Wilfred Manton Bonser, aged 31.
" 9	Cecil Henry Trendell, aged 48.
" 9	Noah Williamson, aged 68.

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My dear Friends,

As we expect to put on our clocks one hour at the end of February we shall soon be able to choose a more suitable hour for evensong on Sundays and weekdays. For the present it will be best to keep to our present times, viz. 3-0 on Sundays and 4-0 on weekdays.

We shall need our Lent, I think, more than ever this year. Spiritual revival on the home front is all important and moral re-armament is a catch word of which we must try to learn the inner meaning. Opportunity for fellowship with God and one another and for intercession which is all embracing must be welcomed by us as essential contributions to the better world for which we yearn.

I ask your attention to the February notes printed below. As a new feature I have given each Sunday a Bible text suggested by the Epistle or Gospel for the day. You may find it helpful to weave it each week into your meditations and prayers.

I have put on the literature shelf in church a book called "The Lower Levels of Prayer." Each chapter is well headed and short. Please take the open Church on your way. Read a chapter and kneel for a moment.

On Wednesdays there will always be a mid-week celebration of Holy Communion and evening service in the Church Room at 7-0. At this service you will see the Vicar of Woodhouse Eaves will be coming to help us. The room may not seem to give us the same devotional atmosphere as the church. But that is a consideration of small importance, for where cannot God be sought and found?

Special Lenten offerings too must not be overlooked for it is no time to allow the Church's activities to weaken through lack of support. Self denial can always release money for God's work. So offerings on Wednesdays will be asked for the New Churches fund and savings boxes for overseas missionary work may be asked for as well. So we shall help the Church at home and abroad to fulfil her ministry.

You will see a notice below of the annual meetings, also a statement of the accounts which will be presented. The churchwardens and I hope that the electors will come in good strength to the meetings.

I have been very grateful for help on recent Sundays from Father Norman Taylor, S.S.M., who is home for a time from Smithfield, South Africa. His home is in the parish and he will be very welcome whenever he can be with us.

Once more let me send all the men and women from Quorn who are serving in His Majesty's forces the good wishes of the parish. They are of course growing in numbers. In church you may find their names written down under the book on the Litany desk. There you might at any time look them over and say for them some such prayer as "Grant to them O Lord such strength and protection as may support them in all dangers and carry them through all temptations." (Epiphany iv collect).

Your faithful friend and servant,
H. H. RUMSEY.

February Notes.

Friday the 2nd Feast of the Purification: H.C., 7-0.

Sunday the 4th Quinquagesima Sunday: "And now abideth Faith, Hope and Love, these three; but the greatest of these is Love." H.C., 8 and 12 noon.

Tuesday the 6th: Mothers' Union Devotional service at 3 p.m.

Wednesday the 7th Ash Wednesday: H.C. 7 and 10; Morning Prayer 9-30; Evening Prayer and Missionary Intercession in the Church Room at 7.

Thursday the 8th: The 8th New Testament Lecture in the Church Room at 7-45.

Sunday the 11th The First Sunday in Lent: "Sorrowful yet always rejoicing, poor yet making many rich, having nothing and yet possessing all things." H.C., 8 and 9-30 (choral).

Wednesday the 14th: H.C. 8; Evening service in the Church Room, with address by the Rev. W. F. C. Hargreaves, at 7.

Thursday the 15th: Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings in the Church Room, 7-0.

Sunday the 18th The 2nd in Lent: "Then Jesus answered and said unto her O woman great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt." H.C., 8.

Wednesday the 21st: H.C. 7; Evening service, with address by the Rev. W. F. C. Hargreaves, in the Church Room, at 7.

Thursday the 22nd: The 9th New Testament Lecture in the Church Room, 7-45.

Saturday the 24th St. Matthias: Confirmation in Loughborough Parish Church, 3.

Sunday the 25th The 3rd in Lent: "Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children; and walk in Love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us." H.C. 8.

Wednesday the 28th: H.C., 8-0; Evening service with address by the Rev. W. F. C. Hargreaves at 7.

Sunday, March 3rd The 4th in Lent: "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life." H.C., 8 and 12 noon.

The Annual Vestry, sitting jointly with the *Parochial Church Meeting*, will be held on Thursday, February 15th, at 7-0, for the election of Churchwardens. This will be followed at 7-15 by the annual parochial church meeting for (i) The secretary's Church Council report; (ii) The treasurers' statement of accounts for 1939; (iii) The election of Ruridecanal Representatives and Parochial Church Council; (iv) Election of Sidesmen; (v) Any other business. All who are on the electoral roll are entitled and invited to attend this meeting.

Nominations of Church Councillors and Sidesmen may be made at the meeting, but it is hoped that they may be forwarded on the printed form (attached to the notice) to the Secretary, Mr. J. Martin, before the meeting. In either case the consent of the nominee must have been secured.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, QUORN.—Continued.

QUORN CHURCH ROOM			
Statement of Account for year ended			
December 31st, 1939			
1938	RECEIPTS	1939	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
14 14 0	Balance at Bank	15 18 6½	
10 7 0	Private Lettings	19 1 0	
7 18 0	Church Lettings	5 9 6	
	Ladies' Whist Drives ..	9 4 0	
	Proceeds from events for Tables and Trestles	4 16 5	
15 9 4	Whist Drives, Dances, Socials, etc.	7 13 2½	
1 17 3	Talks	8 6	
	Rummage Sale	3 18 10	
7 8 11	"Bring and Buy" Sale	4 5 6½	
3 17 7½	Christmas Party	3 9 6	
	Adverse Balance	1½	
		£74 5 2	

EXPENDITURE			
1938	1939	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
13 16 3	Caretaker's Wages	15 2 0	
4 5 8	Electricity	4 16 11	
2 4 3	Gas	3 2 6	
4 9 10	Coal, Coke and Wood ..	5 15 11	
11 10 9	Rates	11 16 0	
13 2	Insurance	13 2	
4 14 9	Income Tax	5 15 6	
1 19 3	Printing	1 7 0	
	Tar-Mac—Path outside Room	16 0 8	
	Tables and Trestles ..	4 2 6	
2 5 10	Sundries	3 0 6	
	Blacking-out Room	2 12 6	
		£74 5 2	

Sunday School Prizegiving.—Owing to changed conditions this function had this year to be incorporated in Evensong and was not accompanied by the usual carol-singing. The superintendents had been at great pains to secure suitable prizes. The Vicar, in giving them away, suggested that full marks had in the past been too easily obtained.

Sidesmen for February 4th and 11th

Feb. 4	8-0	Mr. Adkins
	11-0	Messrs. Price and White
	3-0	Messrs. Adkins and Morgan
.. 11	8-0	Mr. Ellis
	9-30	Mr. Woodcock
	11-0	Messrs. Squire and Bancroft
	3-0	Messrs. Price and Joiner

Baptisms

Jan. 5	David Francis Long
.. 7	Janet Evelyn Toone
.. 7	Alan Edward Ball
.. 14	Sydney Lister Ward

Marriage

Jan. 27	Stanley Victor Henson and Dorothy Caunt
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Burials

Jan. 2	Joseph Gamble, aged 57 years
.. 6	David Francis Long, aged 1 day
.. 11	William David Hopkin, aged 57 years
.. 15	Harriet Emma Waite, aged 65 years
.. 16	Catherine Gifford, aged 80 years
.. 18	Emma Wisehall, aged 76 years

Collections

Jan. 7	Church Expenses	£ s. d.
.. 14	Church Expenses	2 17 1
.. 14	Sick and Poor	2 11
.. 21	Church Expenses	1 11 0

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, QUORN

Statement of Accounts for 1939.

GENERAL ACCOUNT, 1939

1938	RECEIPTS	1939	1938	EXPENDITURE	1939
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
154 3 8	Collections	151 17 8		Deficit	7 19 11
17 14 0	Auxiliary Quota Collections	14 5 8		Wages and Insurance:	
2 7 6	Refund Insurance and Heating and Lighting Chapel	34 11 0		C. Clarke	32 1 8
50 19 3	Free Will Offering	42 8 11		Mrs. Joiner	15 18 11
	Deficit	2 7 6		Mrs. Facer	25 8 6
		39 3 10		Organ and Choir	36 0 6
		10 3 2		Electric Light	10 7 5
		21 8 4		Coke and Coal	19 6 11
		5 7 4		Ecclesiastical Insurance	
				Office	6 2 4
				Missionary Exhibition ..	4 0 0
				Visitation Fee	16 0
				Cheque Books	12 0
				Bellringers' Guild	5 0 0
				Clarke and Satchell ..	1 5 0
				Clock Winding	3 0 0
				Facer Bros	2 0 0
				T. and F. Keightley ..	1 5 3
				Printing, etc.	4 6 7
				Miscellaneous Expenses	3 8 1
				5% F.W.O. to Fabric ..	46 8 0
					2 6 0

Having audited the foregoing accounts, I certify them as being correct.

T. W. SHENTON

January 27th, 1940.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S QUORN.—Continued.

SICK AND POOR FUND

1938 £ s. d.	RECEIPTS £ s. d.	1939 £ s. d.
	Balance in hand	9 11 11
12 16 7	Collections	11 17 4
		£21 9 3
1938 £ s. d.	EXPENDITURE £ s. d.	1939 £ s. d.
11 16 11	Milk, Boots, Coal, etc.	17 6 8
	Diocesan Moral Welfare Association	2 2 0
	Balance in hand	2 0 7
		£21 9 3

PARISH FUND FOR THE CARE OF THE CHURCHYARD, 1939

1938 £ s. d.	RECEIPTS £ s. d.	1939 £ s. d.
	Balance in hand	11 14 0
20 0 6	Subscriptions	19 3 0
		£30 17 0
1938 £ s. d.	EXPENDITURE £ s. d.	1939 £ s. d.
18 18 0	Mowing Churchyard ..	3 18 0
	Work done in Church- yard	19 16 0
	C. W. Tyler	18 0
	Balance in hand	6 5 0
		£30 17 0

CHURCHYARD EXTENSION FUND

1938 £ s. d.	RECEIPTS £ s. d.	1939 £ s. d.
	Donation Bellringers' Guild	4 15 2
1938 £ s. d.	EXPENDITURE £ s. d.	1939 £ s. d.
	Deficit, 1938	4 15 2
		£4 15 2

SPECIAL OBJECTS, 1939

1938 £ s. d.	RECEIPTS £ s. d.	1939 £ s. d.	
	Collections	92 11 0	
		£92 11 0	
1938 £ s. d.	EXPENDITURE £ s. d.	1939 £ s. d.	
11 16 11	S.P.G.	10 1 8	
	St. Mary's Home	3 5 0	
	Police Court Mission ..	3 18 11	
	1 0 10	Mission to Jews	19 9
	24 16 7	Easter Offering	25 1 11
	3 14 3	C.M.S.	8 14 5
	11 15 7	St. Cuthbert's, Tsolo ..	2 15 0
		Quorn Church Sunday Schools	12 7 9
		Leices. Royal Infirmary ..	6 6 8
	6 1 1	Loughborough General Hospital	6 6 8
	4 2 11	Clergy Widows' Fund	3 12 8
	4 7 7	Earl Haig Fund	4 7 5
		Waifs and Strays	4 13 2
		£92 11 0	

FABRIC FUND ACCOUNT

1938 £ s. d.	RECEIPTS £ s. d.	1939 £ s. d.
	Balance in hand	38 11 11
15 14 8	Collections	16 1 5
1 10 0	Hire of Bier	1 4 0
	Donation Bellringers' Guild	4 4 10
	5% F.W.O.	2 6 0
		£62 8 2
5 7 4	EXPENDITURE £ s. d.	1939 £ s. d.
	Ecclesiastical Insurance Office	5 7 3
	Messenger and Co.	31 11 10
	E. B. Fewkes	10 13 9
	Bunney and Sons	5 1 6
	C. W. Tyler	19 0
	Balance in hand	8 14 10
		£62 8 2

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Churchwardens: Colonel W. S. N. Toller (People's), Mr. J. Martin (Vicar's).

Sidesmen: Messrs. T. Adkins, R. Bancroft R. C. B. Beardsley, S. Cotton, J. Ellis, A. B. Hanford, G. Joiner, I. J. H. Morgan, J. H. Price, P. C. Rumsey, R. W. Squire, F. L. J. Ward, H. Westley, G. C. White, R. Woodcock.

Ruri-Decanal Representatives: Messrs. J. Martin and R. W. Squire.

Diocesan Representative: Mr. F. L. J. Ward.

Parochial Church Council: Ex-officio: The Vicar, Churchwardens and ruri-decanal and diocesan representatives. Elected: Mr. R. Bancroft, Miss Bradley, Miss J. Bolesworth, Mr. A. B. Hanford, Mrs. Hickling, Mrs. G. Holmes, Mr. C. Joiner, Mrs. G. Joiner, Mr. H. Westley, Mr. G. C. White.

Licensed Diocesan Readers: Mr. A. Burrows and Mr. Murray Rumsey.

My dear Friends,

Conditions have depleted our congregations in the past to an unusual extent. But now as I sit by an open window on a sunny February Morning and note the rapidly reappearing grass and a solitary but expectant aconite a few feet away, I feel hopeful that a spiritual revival suitable to the times in which we live cannot be far distant.

It will be Mid Lent and Mothering Sunday after you read this message. It is also called Refreshment Sunday. Let it be the beginning of better things. Let us begin to be a church-going people once again. Let us try to make up for all the communions we have missed of late and for all the prayers which we haven't offered. The changing of our clocks will help us. Sunday Evensong will be at 5-30 and daily evening prayer with war time intercessions at 6-0.

Our Confirmation candidates went to Loughborough Parish Church for their confirmation on Saturday last. We were disappointed that our Bishop could not be there. Most unfortunately illness caused him to cancel this, his last Confirmation in our neighbourhood. I propose that our newly-confirmed should make their first Communion on Sunday, March 10th, at 8-0, and I hope that their relations and friends will come with them.

Our annual meetings are reported below. I would like to add here a word of welcome to four new members of the Church Council and five new Sidesmen and to express the hope that their term of office will be a happy one. Some Sidesmen and Church Councillors who are serving in the forces were unable, of course, to seek re-election. These, with all their comrades in arms, are much in our thoughts. We are fortunate to be able to start a new year again with two Churchwardens who are so assiduous in their duties and I ask you all to support them to your utmost.

An unusually early Easter will very soon be here. But it must not take us by surprise. We have still three weeks for penitent preparation. The nation will need to be at its highest spiritual level and a well-kept Easter should help to put it there.

Your faithful friend and servant,

H. H. RUMSEY.

If Easter should coincide
will increased military activity

Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings.—These were held on Thursday, February 15th, in the Church Room, at 7-0. The attendance was about 40 per cent. of the average. The names of those elected are shown at the heading of this page. The accounts as they appeared in the February Magazine were accepted. Towards the deficit of £11 12s. 9d. on the Church Expenses Account, the People's Warden said that some donations had been gratefully received and more would be welcomed. The item of £31 in the Fabric Fund for heating apparatus repairs had considerably reduced the balance of this fund. The chairman commented on the decline of the Free Will Offering Fund as the weakest feature in the Church's financial condition and prospects. The secretary's Church Council report made mention of Mrs. Joiner's enforced retirement from the post of church cleaner and spoke of the satisfaction which had followed the appointment of Mrs. I. Facer as her successor. The Revised Electoral Roll was presented and received; it contains 443 names.

Mothering Sunday will be kept on Sunday, March 3rd. This is a day dear to our Mothers' Union and to many others. The purpose of it is to consecrate to God our families and homes. For this purpose people are encouraged to come to communion and other acts of worship in family groups. We hope that the day will be well observed in this way at 8-0, 11-0 and 5-30.

Greetings from the Sea.—Many greetings have been sent to those at sea. Here is an interesting reply from a sailor, dated February 12th: "I received your Christmas greetings yesterday . . . it is very nice to receive a large mail any time. We enjoyed sunshine on the 25th . . . I don't think anybody minds hardship if peace will come quicker by it . . . Wishing you and your parishioners the best of luck till we meet again.—Yours sincerely, Jack Warner."

Collections.

Jan. 28	Church Expenses	.....	£1	4	6
Feb. 4	Church Expenses	.....	£1	14	10
" 11	Church Expenses	.....	£2	11	0
" 18	Church Expenses	.....	£2	15	5
" 25	Sick and Poor	.....	£0	12	4
	Church Expenses	.....	£2	5	9

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S QUORN.—Continued.

Notes for March.

Sunday, the 3rd (Mid-Lent and Mothering Sunday): H.C., 8-0 and 12-0; Evensong at 5-30. "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life."

Tuesday, the 5th: Mothers' Union Devotional Service, 3-0.

Wednesday, the 6th: H.C., 10-0; Lenten Evening Service in the Church Room, 7-0.

Thursday, the 7th: The last of the New Testament Lectures by the Rev. P. Lidster, in the Church Room, 7-45.

Sunday, the 10th (the 5th in Lent): H.C., 8-0 and 9-30 (choral) First communion of the newly-confirmed and their friends at 8-0. "How much more shall the blood of Christ purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God."

Wednesday, the 13th: H.C., 7-0; Lenten Evening Service in the Church Room, at 7-0.

Sunday, the 17th (the 6th in Lent; Palm Sunday): H.C., 8-0. "He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross."

On the Week-days of Holy Week there will be a daily celebration of Holy Communion, at 8-0 on Monday and Wednesday; at 7-0 on Tuesday and at 10-0 on Thursday. There will be daily Evening Prayer and Address at 7-0 p.m. Offerings for Missions to the Jews.

On *Good Friday*: 10-0, Morning Service for Adults and Children; 1-30—3-0, Midday Devotions. Please attend for any part of the time; 7-0 Evensong and Intercessions. Offerings for St. Mary's Home, Leicester.

Easter Day: Holy Communion 6-30, 7-30, 9-30 (choral) and 12-0; Mattins and Evensong, 11-0 and 6-30.

Sidesmen for March.

Mar. 3	8-0	Mr. Squire.
	11-0	Messrs. Ward and Rumsey.
	5-30	Messrs. Cotton and Woodcock.
" 10	8-0	Mr. White.
	9-30	Mr. A. B. Hanford.
	11-0	Messrs. Beardsley and Squire.
	5-30	Messrs. Westley and Ellis.
" 17	8-0	Mr. Adkins.
	11-0	Messrs. Price and Rumsey.
	5-30	Messrs. Joiner and Morgan.
" 24	(Easter Day:	
	6-30	Messrs. Bancroft and Rumsey.
	7-30	Messrs. Price and Joiner.
	9-30	Messrs. Hanford and White.
	11-0	Messrs. Ward and Adkins.
	6-30	Messrs. Cotton and Ellis.
" 31	8-0	Mr. Morgan.
	11-0	Messrs. Beardsley and Bancroft.
	6-30	Messrs. Westley and Squire.

April 7	8-0	Mr. A. B. Hanford.
	11-0	Messrs. Atkins and Ward.
	6-30	Messrs. White and Woodcock.

Baptisms.

Feb. 18	David Ernest Steans.
" 18	Leslie Brian George.
" 24	Conan Barkley Cannell.

Burials.

Jan. 29	Sarah Boyer, aged 73 years.
Feb. 7	James Flint, aged 64 years.
" 10	Martha Elizabeth Beet, aged 67 years.
" 17	Martha Ward, aged 79 years.

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My dear Friends,

Not for the first time an early Easter has proved a fine one and then after the holiday there has been a return to cold weather. Many arguments suggest the fixing of Easter somewhere about the second week in April, but we shall never fix a fine one, and if we want a daffodil Easter then the earlier the better.

You very kindly once more gave me a generous Easter offering, for which I am very grateful. Also it was a great help to me to have Father Norman Taylor with us. During his leave from South Africa he has been, and will be when at home, most willing to assist and his ministrations have been very welcome.

The number of Communicants on Easter Day was considerably below the average of recent years. Having written this, I scratched it out. But on third thoughts I have re-written it. I do not wish to comment on it; it may not be right to be either elated or discouraged by statistics. But it cannot be wrong to state facts. Moreover, people who are present at one well attended Communion service and know that there are three others are apt to form an exaggerated idea of the total number.

I cannot here speak at length on the subject of war-time prayer, but I want to suggest to you the appropriateness of some of our familiar prayer book prayers. Take, for instance, what are called "The Second Collect, for Peace" in Morning Prayer beginning "O God who art the author of Peace" and "The Second Collect at Evening Prayer" beginning "O God from whom all holy desires." Both of these, and many others which you will recall, express our thoughts in terms that cannot be bettered. It is true, I think, that we must sometimes add prayers that are more explicit. An authorised form of such prayers may always be found and used in Church.

Your faithful friend and servant,
H. H. RUMSEY.

Missionary Working Party.—The last two meetings of the session will be held on April 9th and 23rd, and on the 9th there will be a "Bring and Buy" Sale for the New Churches Fund. Hitherto the Party has realised £8 7s. 8d. for this object. On the 23rd there will

be a show of work done and all interested will be welcome.

Father Norman Taylor gave a very interesting talk to the Party recently on the missionary work being done round about Modderport, in the Diocese of Blomfontein, by the Society of the Sacred Mission, of which he is a member.

Church Council.—At its first meeting on February 20th the following officers were appointed: *Vice-Chairman*, Mr. F. L. J. Ward; *Secretary*, Mr. J. Martin; *Treasurers*, The Churchwardens; *Church Room Committee*, Mrs. G. Holmes, Mrs. G. Joiner, Mr. G. Squire; *Churchyard Committee*, Miss Bradley, Miss Bolesworth, Mr. White, Mr. C. Joiner; *Missionary Committee*, Mrs. Hickling, Miss Bradley, Miss Bolesworth.

Church Room Committee.—The full committee, with its representative and co-opted members, met on March 27th. Miss Bradley was appointed Secretary and Mr. C. Hardy Treasurer. It was resolved to send messages of good wishes to our previous secretary, Mr. J. Field (R.A.F.) and of thanks to the Rev. P. Lidster for his course of 10 N.T. Lectures given during the winter. The receipt of £5 10s. was acknowledged from the W.V.S. for canteen rent and of £3 10s. from the Ladies' Whist Drives. These sums were a great help to the Treasurer. Some future fixtures were made, which are set out below.

Daily Evening Prayer.—This will in future be at 6-0 except on Fridays and Saturdays, when it will be at 6-30. It is a great daily opportunity for two or three to gather together and pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Ascension Day, Thursday, May 5th, will be observed as a day of prayer and gifts for Missions overseas. The customary opportunities will be given for taking part and the hours of service will be posted in the usual place.

The Bishop's Farewell Gift.—The presentation will be made in the De Montfort Hall on Tuesday, April 9th, at 3-0. All will be welcome. Contributions to the gift may be sent to the Vicar or Churchwardens or put in the box in Church on Sunday, April 7th.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, QUORN.—Continued.

April Notes.

Sunday, the 7th (the 2nd after Easter): H.C., 8-0 and 12-0.
Tuesday, the 9th: (i) Missionary Working Party "Bring and Buy" for the New Churches Fund; (ii) Bishop's Presentation in the De Montfort Hall at 3-0 p.m.
Wednesday, the 10th: H.C., 7-0 a.m.; Church Room Committee, 7-0 p.m.
Saturday, the 13th: Red Cross and S. John Ambulance Flag Day.
Sunday, the 14th (the 3rd after Easter): H.C., 8-0 and 9-30 (choral).
Wednesday, the 17th: H.C., 7-0 a.m.
Sunday, the 21st (the 4th after Easter): H.C., 8-0.
Tuesday, the 23rd: Last meeting of the Missionary Working Party.
Thursday, the 25th (St. Mark, Ev.): H.C., 8-0; Church Room Whist Drive and Dance.
Friday, the 26th: Annual Meeting of the Nursing Association.
Sunday, the 28th (the 5th after Easter): H.C., 8-0.
Thursday, the 2nd of May (Ascension Day): Day of Prayer and Gifts for Missions Overseas. See above.
Sunday, May 5th (the Sunday after Ascension): H.C., 8-0 and 12-0.

Forthcoming Fixtures.

Mothers' Union Sale, Friday, May 24th.
 By the Church Room Committee: Wednesday, May 15th, Flannel Dance and Medley.
 Saturday, June 22nd: "Bring and Buy" and Whist Drive in Vicarage garden.

Altar Flowers: Sunday, the 7th, Miss B. Moore; Sunday, the 14th, Mrs. Oliver; Sunday, the 21st, Mrs. Draper; Sunday, the 28th, Miss Burrows; Ascension Day and May 5th, The Children.

Sidesmen for April.

April 7 8-0 Mr. A. B. Hanford.
 11-0 Messrs. Adkins and Ward.
 6-30 Messrs. White and Woodcock.

Apl. 14	8-0	Mr. Morgan.
	9-30	Mr. Hanford.
	11-0	Messrs. Price and Beardsley.
	6-30	Messrs. Cotton and Ellis.
..	21	8-0 Mr. Squire.
	11-0	Messrs. Ward and Rumsey.
	6-30	Messrs. Joiner and Morgan.
..	28	8-0 Mr. Adkins.
	11-0	Messrs. White and Bancroft.
	6-30	Messrs. Westley & Woodcock.
May 5	8-0	Mr. P. Rumsey.
	11-0	Messrs. Beardsley and Price.
	6-30	Messrs. Squire and Adkins.

		Collections.	£	s.	d.
Wednesday Evening Lenten Offering					
	for New Churches Fund	2	0	5	
March 3	Church Expenses	5	13	7	
"	10 Church Expenses	3	7	11	
"	10 Sick and Poor	0	14	9	
"	17 Church Expenses	2	13	8	
Easter Day Easter Offering					
	31 Church Expenses	3	2	11	
Holy Week Missions to Jews					
	St. Mary's Home, Leicester	2	7	10	
Lent Savings Boxes, S.P.G.					
		1	14	1	

Baptisms.

March 10 Janet Wastnage.
 .. 10 Sylvia Nellie Marshall.

Marriages.

March 2 Samuel Eric Wallis and Dorothy Freeman.

Burials.

Feb. 24	Margaret Joyce Adcock, aged 9 months.
.. 26	Hannah Dexter, aged 86 years.
Mar. 12	Eileen Mary Collier Cradock, aged 56 years.
.. 14	Hannah Ogden, aged 70 years.
.. 23	Edna Read, aged 45 years.
.. 30	Isaac Wheeldon, aged 84 years.

The family of Mrs. Hannah Dexter wish to thank her many friends for great kindness shown during her illness and at the time of her death.

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My dear Friends.

I meet many hopeful people as I go about. Whether their hopes are based on reasoning or intuition I am never quite sure. But in any case it is good to meet them for hope is very precious.

Lord Halifax, speaking recently at Oxford, had this to say about it. "Hope," he said, "is the oldest and wisest counsellor of mankind, for without hope it is impossible for men to apprehend the power of the other great Christian virtues of Faith and Charity, and these alone can be the bond of peace for all members of the human family". Our hope for mankind is gravely endangered to-day by what we know of the evil of which man is capable. But if we lose our hope we are hastening man's downward path. A modern writer has foretold that man having first dwelt in caves will end in fetid slums. Quite likely he will when hope is dead.

Let me suggest one way that may help us to preserve our hope for mankind. Let the surgeon who attacks a malignant growth with dispassionate determination and with no personal animosity to the sufferer be our example. The world of our desire is brought no nearer by passion and animosity because they undermine hope at its very foundation. And yet to yield to evil without resistance would have the same result. We must then present the most determined hostility to evil, even meeting it by force, but never in such a way as to extinguish the hope that man everywhere can and will rise—though it may be on stepping stones of his dead self—to higher things.

Whitsuntide is once again at hand. With its promise of the Holy Spirit it is a great festival of hope. Norway will be the centre of our thoughts. Perhaps there the tide of evil will be stemmed. Come to Church and pour out your soul in hopeful prayer that it may be so.

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that ye may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost."

Your faithful friend and servant,

H. H. RUMSEY

The Bishop.—Dr. Cyril Bardsley was given a very affectionate farewell in the De Montfort Hall on April 9th. Although far from well and having to remain seated, he acknowledged the cheque presented to him and spoke with the humorous friendliness to which we have been accustomed. He is now living in retirement in Tonbridge Wells. But as he re-

covers his health, which we trust he will, this "retirement" will be, we may be sure, of a very active kind. In succession to him the King has nominated the Right Rev. Guy Vernon Smith, M.C., Bishop Suffragan of Willesden for election by the Chapter of Leicester.

G.F.S.—The members have during the past winter made over 30 articles for the Forces, gloves, socks, scarves, etc., and have sent them through the Parcels Fund. They have also hemmed tea towels for the Linen League of Loughborough Hospital. They have sent £2 to the Leicester Royal Infirmary as the proceeds of a Dance.

Salvage of Paper, etc.—The Quorn Parcels Fund has been credited with £2 15s. for the first load collected in Quorn. So there is more than one purpose served in saving paper. Please look out for particulars as to how the scheme will be worked in Quorn.

Mothers' Union.—There will be a small Sale and Social in the Church Room at 3-0 on Friday, May 24th. Mrs. Percy Gee will say a few words. There will be tea at a charge of 6d. Please bring your own sugar. On Tuesday, June 11th there will be a meeting in the Church Room at 3-0; speaker, Mrs. Thomas, Barrow-on-Soar.

Missionary Working Party.—Two meetings have been held since Easter. On April 9th the members converted their ordinary meeting into a "Bring and Buy" for the New Churches' Fund. The sum realised was £3, which brings the total collected in this way have been held since Easter. On April 9th the there was a display of the winter's work.

Church Council Meeting on April 2nd.—Notes: Miss J. Bolesworth was appointed secretary of the Free Will Offering Fund. Visitors for the electoral roll district were completed. Resolved to contribute one guinea annually to the National Society. The Missionary sub-committee asked to arrange day of Prayer and Gifts on Ascension Day.

Motor Mower.—A small group of people, on the initiative of a member of the Council, have presented the Church with a motor mowing machine. This should be a great boon to us and we are most grateful.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, QUORN.—Continued.

New Churches Fund.—The last statement here recorded the total of promises and receipts as £82 18s. 1d. and £73 14s. 1d. respectively. The following additions have since been made: Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Squire, 5/-; Wednesday evening Lenten Offerings, £2 0s. 6d.; proceeds of a Bring and Buy Sale held by the members of the Missionary Working Party, per Mrs. Roberts, £3; Boxes, 12/2 namely, Miss Hanford 7/6, Miss P. M. Hanford 3/6, Mr. C. Joiner 1/2. Several second year promises are still outstanding and these will be acceptable at the earliest convenience of those responsible. Owing to Mr. Morley's resignation as secretary of the Fund, will subscribers kindly make their contributions to the Wardens pro tem?

Notes for May

Sunday, the 5th (the Sunday after Ascension): H.C., 8-0 and 12-0.
Tuesday, the 7th: Mothers' Union Devotional Service, 3-0.
Wednesday, the 8th: H.C. at 7-0.
Sunday, the 12th (Whit-Sunday): H.C., 7-30, 9-30 (choral) and 12-0.
Tuesday, the 14th: H.C., 10-0.
Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 15th, 17th and 18th (Ember Days): Prayers for the Ministry.
Wednesday, the 15th: Church Room Whist Drive and Flannel Dance.
Sunday, the 19th (Trinity Sunday): H.C., 8-0.
Wednesday, the 22nd: H.C., 7-0.
Thursday, the 23rd: Diocesan Missionary Festival at Melton Mowbray (see bill in porch).
Friday, the 24th: Mothers' Union Sale.
Sunday, the 26th (the First after Trinity): H.C., 8-0.

Altar Flowers.—May 12th (Whit Sunday), Miss Hall; May 19th, Miss Payne; May 26th, Miss Rumsey; June 2nd, Miss Hickling.

Sidesmen on Duty for May

May 5	8-0	Mr. P. Rumsey.
	11-0	Messrs. Beardsley and Price.
	6-30	Messrs. Squire and Adkin.
.. 12	(Whit-Sunday):	
	7-30	Messrs. Bancroft and Adkin.
	9-30	Messrs. Hanford and White.
	11-0	Messrs. Ward and Rumsey.
	6-30	Messrs. Cotton and Westley.
.. 19	8-0	Mr. Cotton.
	11-0	Messrs. Beardsley and Bancroft
	6-30	Messrs. Woodcock and Joiner.

May 26	8-0	Mr. White.
	11-0	Messrs. Squire and Ward.
	6-30	Messrs. Morgan and Ellis.
June 2	8-0	Mr. Hanford.
	11-0	Messrs. Price and Morgan.
	6-30	Messrs. Cotton and Westley.

Baptisms

Apr. 7	Terence Harold Stirling.
	Betty Ann Bishop.
.. 14	John Charles Burrows.
.. 28	Christopher Chambers.
.. 28	Roger James Casterton.

Marriages

Apr. 6	William Bernard Hodgkinson and Phyllis Mary North.
.. 17	Arthur Wormley and Elsie Irene Allen.
.. 27	Leonard Millward and Faith Greasley.

Burial

Apr. 3	Edwin Heighton, aged 79 years.
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	<i>Collections</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>
Apr. 7	Fabric Fund	3 9 1.
.. 7	Sick and Poor	11 0 0
.. 14	Church Expenses	4 19 0
.. 21	Church Expenses	3 2 1
.. 28	Church Expenses	3 16 5

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