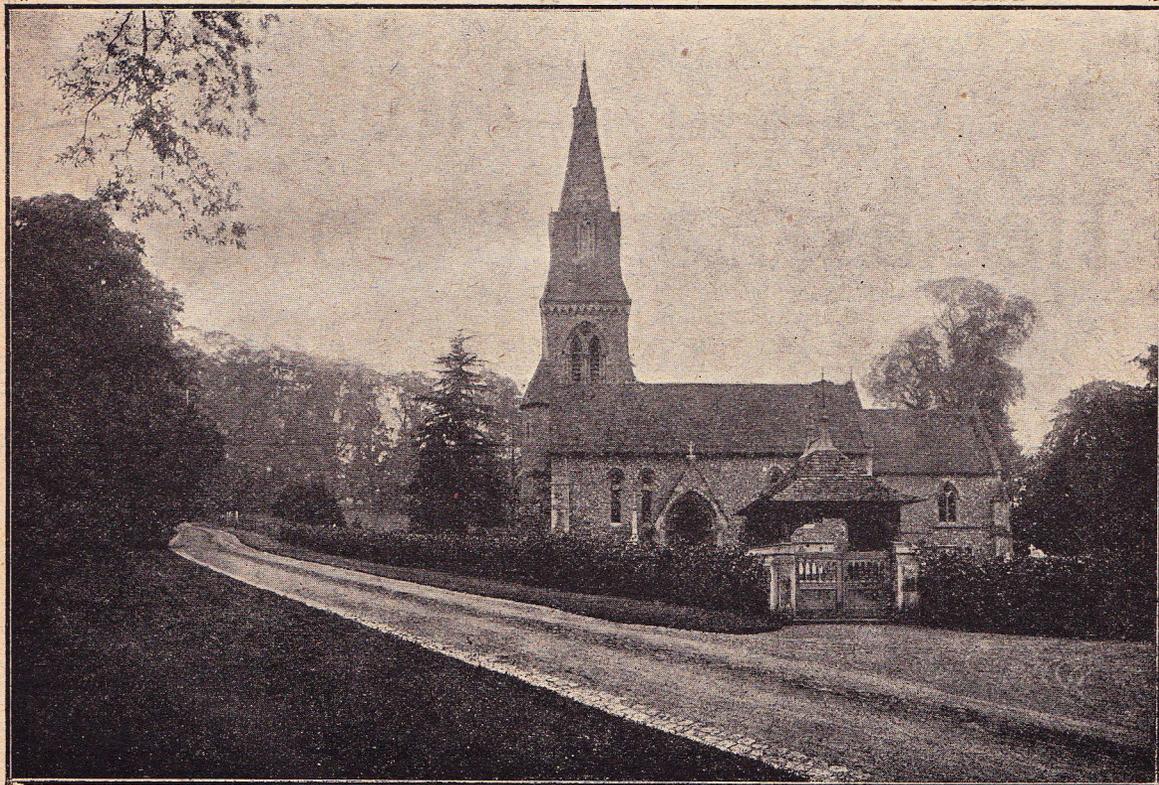


THE  
PARISH MAGAZINE.



St. Mark's, Englefield.



Davis, box of crackers. Stanley Davis, crackers and frock. Thurlow Davis, box of biscuits. Mrs. Elliott, petticoat. John Elliott, picture slate. Percy Elliott, bricks and card. Harriet Fisher, cashmere frock and bonnet. Nellie Fisher, woman's petticoat. Hilda Goodall, child's bonnet. Frances Goodall, baby's leggings. Alan Golding, petticoat and book. Cecil Golding, woollen petticoat, trumpet, and 2 cards. Stanley Golding, petticoat, knitted bonnet, and toy. Mrs. Henry Horne, chemise and 2 cards. Hilda Horne, child's petticoat. Marjorie Horne, golliwog. Mildred Harris, chemise and 2 cards. Muriel Harris, chemise and 2 cards. Kathleen Harris, 3 dolls and 2 cards. Arthur Hawkins, puzzle. Caroline Hawkins, flannelette knickers. Mrs. Holmes, petticoat. Olive Hopgood, Noah's ark and toy. Mrs. Hopley, woman's coat. Albert Huggins, game of cards. Edith Huggins, doll. Alice Joyce, doll. George Joyce, pair of socks. Connie Low, 2 clockwork toys and 2 post card albums. Albert Martin, 2 vests. Mrs. Moon, 2 books. Albert Nash, toy engine. Edith Nash, 2 chemises. Frederick Nash, stone building blocks. George Nash, toy lambs. John Nash, book. William Nash, book. Dan Partlo, pair of socks, 2 vests, bricks, and bird. Mrs. Palmer, Bostock Lodge, 2 flannelette petticoats. Miss Percival, 2 flannel petticoats and 2 pairs of stays. Bert Pocock, boy's shirt and vest. Charles Pocock, shirt, vest, and large jersey. Florence Rabbits, book. Louise Rabbits, book. Mabel Reid, pinafore and knitted cap. George Reid, stone bricks and scarf. Ernest Rose, knitted cap. George Rouse, toy train. Mrs. Skipwith, child's frock and petticoat and trumpet. Miss Dora Skipwith, knitted quilt. Nannette Skipwith, dressed doll. Philip Skipwith, drawing outfit. Osmund Skipwith, A.B.C. bricks. Rectory Nursery, scrap-book. Charles Smyth, 2 books. Christine Smyth, pinafore and card. Francis Smyth, popgun. Miss F. G. Stephens, toy motor. May Stocker, knitted cap. Mabel Stocker, knitted scarf. York Stocker, handkerchief and 2 cards. Dorothy Stocker, knitted mittens and 2 cards. Kitty Vince, book and chemise. Miss Wadds, doll. Ben Webb, junior, ball. Fred Webb, trumpet. Vera Webb, knitted gloves. Winnie Webb, pair of knickers. Mabel Wells, petticoat. Daisy and Cecil Willcox, 2 chemises and petticoat. Sydney and Harold Willcox, 2 mufflers and card. Daisy Young, 2 chemises. Flossie Young, knitted cuffs. John Young, book. Willie Young, sweets. No name, flannelette frock.

#### HYMNS FOR JANUARY.

Circumcision of O.B.L. (January 1st)	...	8.15 a.m.	626	323	112	558
		11 a.m.	175	6	74	482
		6 p.m.	165	70	74	485
1st Sunday after Epiphany (January 8th)	...	11 a.m.	76	568	79	523
		6 p.m.	78	547	81	274
2nd " " (January 15th)	...	11 a.m.	261	163	531	170
		2.30 p.m.	98	99	(Children's Hymn Book).	
		6 p.m.	75	514	257	31
3rd " " (January 22nd)	...	11 a.m.	432	183	438	287
		6 p.m.	447	215	254	477
4th " " (January 29th)	...	11 a.m.	281	370	193	167
		6 p.m.	280	285	530	24

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Petition for January:—"That Thou wouldest heal all dissensions among Christians, which hinder the spread of Thy Gospel."

#### CHRISTMAS DAY.

Favoured with—what has been a rare thing this winter—a fine day, the Festival of the Nativity was indeed a joyous one. The Church looked quite its best: the decorations being on a particularly lavish scale—with large palms and pots of poinsetria the Sanctuary presented a very pleasing appearance—while the large wreaths encircling the old Norman pillars were a new feature. Our thanks are due for their efforts to Mrs. and Miss Benyon, Mrs. Skipwith, Miss Worth and Miss Wadds, and especially to Mr. Wadds who, with his staff, was indefatigable in his efforts to make the House of God as beautiful as possible.

The Rector was assisted in the Services by an old friend, Rev. A. E. Clementi Smith, who preached a short and appropriate sermon in the morning. The number of Communicants was larger than ever before on a Christmas Day, though there were some absent who were looked for in vain.

The music was all very carefully rendered. In the evening an Anthem "O Zion that bringest good tidings," by *Stainer*, was sung by the choir, as well as some of the old carols. Much credit is due to the choir for their efforts in this respect. Merry peals were rung throughout the day by the ringers—and last, but not least, the collections on behalf of the widows and orphans of those who perished in that terrible colliery disaster, near Bolton, amounted to £17 7s. 2d.

# ENGLEFIELD, FEBRUARY, 1911.

## SAINTS' DAYS.

February 2nd—Purification of B.V.M. } Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m.  
,, 24th—S. Matthias. }

On the Festival of the Purification the collection (postponed from the Epiphany) will be given to the Oxford Mission to Calcutta.

## NATIONAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Collections will be made on Sexagesima Sunday (February 19th) on behalf of the above Society. We hope to have a special preacher to plead the cause, but, at this moment, I cannot say who is coming.

## CONFIRMATION.

The classes are now in full swing. The number of candidates is not so large as was expected. Those who have not given in their names will now have to wait till next year.

## THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CHURCH.

**THE BRITISH CHURCH.**—Our Church is the oldest religious body in the country, and was here long before the land gained its name of England, for the Gospel was preached to the Britons, certainly in the second century, possibly in the first. Soon after the year 300 we meet with the soldier St. Alban, who was martyred for his faith; while a few years later we read of Bishops from this country being present at the Council of Arles in France. For a short time in the fifth century the British Church fell into heresy, but, thanks to a mission of help sent from the Church in France, it soon regained its fair name. Except for these few years, it held the true Faith; it had the three Orders of Bishops, Priests and Deacons; it was accepted as a part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. It carried on missionary work, for St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland, and St. Ninian, the converter of the Lowlands of Scotland, belonged to it. 'Ere long it was called on to suffer persecution, for when the Angles and Saxons invaded and settled here, giving the country its new name of England—the land of the Angles—the British Church was driven into Cornwall and Wales. It was removed, but not destroyed. From that day to this it has remained in Wales, for the Church in Wales is no "alien Church," as some of its opponents call it. It is older than the English Church, and has an unbroken history from the days of the Britons to the present time.

**THE ENGLISH CHURCH.**—At the end of the sixth century the work of converting the English was taken in hand. Missions came at different times and from different places. Three great names stand out in early days—Augustine, Aidan and Theodore. The first came from Rome, the second from Iona, and the third from Tarsus. Just as there may be mixed blood in our veins, some of our ancestors having belonged to other races, so it is with the Church. It has different streams of life in it, and is greater than it would have been if one only of these men had founded it. The first of them, Augustine, was sent from Rome by Pope Gregory the Great, and founded the Church in Kent and at London. Aidan was a member of the Celtic Church, and did a noble work in the North of England. Theodore came from Tarsus, in Cilicia, and so belonged to the Eastern Church. His work was that of organising, and he saw that the missions in each part of the country needed to be bound together into one body. This he did, thus becoming "the first Archbishop whom the whole English Church consented to obey." Thus each race gave its special gift, and the Roman missionaries, the Celts, and the Eastern Theodore brought something into the Church of England, helping to make it what it is to-day.—[*Church Defence Committee*].

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

On Tuesday, 10th January, the Rector and Mrs. Skipwith invited all the adult members of the Choir, as well as the Churchwardens and Sidesmen, to supper at the Rectory. It was generally regretted that the senior Warden and the Organist were unable to be present. A pleasant evening was spent afterwards in music—nearly everyone present contributing to the concert.

The following night, the Ringers and a few others were entertained at the Rectory. In welcoming the Ringers to supper, the Rector took the opportunity of saying he was sorry he could not invite all the Ringers, but such entertainments as this and the summer outing are intended as an encouragement to those of the Guild who have been ringing regularly. After supper the evening was given up to various games, accompanied by tobacco.

The Choir boys were entertained to tea on the Thursday evening. They also played games afterwards. All seemed to enjoy themselves very much, and departed, laden with an orange and a bun, about 9.10 p.m.

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#### MRS. BENYON'S ENTERTAINMENT.

With her usual kindness, Mrs. Benyon invited all the school children, together with the members of her class and the Rector's Bible class, to tea in the Long Gallery, on Saturday, 14th January. After full justice had been done to the excellent tea provided, the room was cleared, and an influx of parents appeared to witness the special entertainment provided. Usually, the children perform some pieces of acting and sing songs in costume, but owing to the long closing of the school, time could not be spared for the getting up of extra things—so Mrs. Benyon (who is herself a manager of the school and realizes the importance of "work before play") most kindly provided a magic lantern—quite a new thing for the majority of the children, and one that was fully appreciated. At the close of the entertainment prizes were given for good conduct to about 25 children and then each child received a present, as well as an orange and a bag of sweets before dispersing. The Rector in thanking Mrs. Benyon for her generosity, said he was sure they all regretted the reasons which prevented the Head Teacher and Miss Dance being with them that afternoon: he also said he hoped that the children were really grateful for all that had been done for them that day and he urged them to "put their backs into their work," so that when the examinations take place they will have reached the standard they should have done if the school had not been so long closed

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#### MAGAZINE.

There are still some subscriptions due for last year's Magazines. We hope that those who have not paid will send their money either to the Rector or to Mr. Golding at the school as soon as possible. It would facilitate matters so much if those, who can afford it, would pay their shilling at the *beginning* of the year.

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#### HYMNS FOR FEBRUARY.

5th Sunday after Epiphany (February 5th) ...	8.15 a.m.	349	527	188	182
	11 a.m.	273	450	82	297
	6 p.m.	540	449	266	184
Septuagesima Sunday (February 12th) ...	11 a.m.	83	533	210	573
	6 p.m.	489	172	167	295
Sexagesima ,, (February 19th) ...	11 a.m.	588	242	583	391
	2.30 p.m.	158	190	(Children's Hymn Book).	
	6 p.m.	292	532	215	604
Quinquagesima ,, (February 26th) ...	11 a.m.	9	(Pt. III.)	173	262 520
	6 p.m.	268	527	255	233

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#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Petition for February:—"To raise up in the Church men and women endued with special gifts of prayer and intercession."

N.B.—There will be no Friday afternoon service on February 3rd.

# ENGLEFIELD, MARCH, 1911.

## SERVICES FOR THE MONTH.

1st (Ash Wednesday).—8 a.m., Litany; 8.15 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins, Communion Service and Sermon; 7 p.m., Evensong (with Reading).

5th (1st Sunday in Lent).—8.15 a.m., Choral Eucharist; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong, Sermon and Story of the Cross.

8th (Wednesday, Ember Day).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evensong, Preacher: Rev. H. B. Mead, of S. Bartholomew's, Reading.

12th (2nd Sunday in Lent).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong, Sermon and Story of the Cross.

15th (Wednesday).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion; 3 p.m., Confirmation.

19th (3rd Sunday in Lent).—7.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 2.30 p.m., Children's Service and Baptisms; 6 p.m., Evensong, Sermon and Story of the Cross.

22nd (Wednesday).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evensong, Preacher: Rev. F. J. Howard, of S. Luke's, Reading.

25th (Annunciation of B.V.M.).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

26th (4th Sunday in Lent).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong, Sermon and Story of the Cross.

29th (Wednesday).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evensong, Preacher: Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne.

During Lent, the Friday Afternoon Service will be held at 4.30 p.m.

## LENT WORKING PARTY.

Mrs. Benyon wishes to say that the "Lent" Work Parties will commence—all being well—on Friday, March 3rd, at 2.30 p.m., in the Long Gallery, and she hopes that all who can will come.

## CONFIRMATION.

The Right Reverend Bishop Corfe, late of Corea, is coming to administer the rite of Confirmation, at 3 p.m., on Wednesday, March 15th. Where possible, the God-parents of the candidates should be present, in order to see that the vows, which they took on behalf of their children in God, are renewed in the presence of the Bishop and the congregation.

## NURSE TREADWELL.

The following report has been received from Miss Percival:—"1910. Nurse Treadwell's work is in every respect most satisfactory, *Cases nursed*:—Medical, 75; Surgical, 45; Midwifery, 8; Total, 128. Total number of visits, 1,397."

## BERKSHIRE NURSING ASSOCIATION.

An effort is being made to get every Parish to have collections in Church for the above. The money so obtained will go towards the expenses of training nurses for use in the county. We hope to have collections in this Parish, probably on June 18th (1st Sunday after Trinity), when we hope that everyone will contribute to the best of their ability. In this Parish, where a nurse is provided *free*, we should be very much lacking in gratitude if we did not show our appreciation of the privileges allowed us by responding heartily to such an appeal.

## WORKMEN'S CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting was held on February 20th. The President was in the chair, and there was a fair attendance of members. The balance sheet and report were adopted, and, after the officers had been re-elected, the meeting proceeded to elect four members of the

Committee in the place of the four who retired by rotation. There were six candidates for election, and of these Messrs. H. S. Davis, C. Cox, E. Buckland and W. Partlo were elected.

The President presented a picture of Englefield House in the old days, to the Club, for which he was heartily thanked.

#### CRICKET CLUB.

At the conclusion of the Club Meeting, there was held the Annual General Meeting of the Cricket Club. The Treasurer read the balance sheet, showing a balance to 1911 of £7 Os. 4½d. The following were re-elected officers for the ensuing season:—Captain, Mr. L. E. Todd; Vice-Captain, Mr. O. A. Hopley; Hon. Treasurer, Rev. G. G. Skipwith; Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. Webb; Committee, Messrs. H. A. Benyon, H. S. Davis, A. Baker, A. E. Robinson, E. Buckland, A. Buckland, A. B. Wadds, A. T. Claydon, and J. H. Claydon.

A Committee Meeting was subsequently held, when it was agreed to try and arrange fifteen matches for the season.

#### VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

“England expects every man to do his duty.” There are many who, for various reasons, cannot serve their country by joining the Army; but all can help by joining Voluntary Aid Detachments or the Red Cross Society. It was hoped that two sections of a V.A.D. would be formed in Englefield, as twenty-two men signed the paper to join, but I am afraid that some who joined have taken no further trouble, which is a great disappointment. Perhaps a little explanation as to the duties will re-ignite their patriotism.

The duties, broadly speaking, are as follows:—

##### *For Women.*

- 1.—To be prepared to attend rest stations (a rest station is a place where sick and wounded are halted on their way from the front, it may be for a night, or only for refreshments).
- 2.—To be capable of arranging ordinary rooms as temporary hospital wards.
- 3.—To be ready to travel with parties of sick and wounded on their journey to a base hospital.

##### *For Men.*

- 1.—To prepare vehicles of all kinds, carts, carriages, motors, etc., for conveyance of wounded.
- 2.—To be ready, at a few hours' notice, to convey sick and wounded from one place to another. For this, a knowledge of stretcher drill and principles of “first aid” is very necessary.
- 3.—To convert ordinary buildings into hospitals and rest stations.

Then as to *Condition of Service*. In order that Detachments may remain efficient, Commandants will arrange for members to meet for instruction and practice, and it is *most important* that members should attend regularly.

Under no circumstances will Detachments be required to serve abroad.

In the event of a general mobilization, V.A.D.'s would not be called upon to serve until their services were actually required. Members are under no obligation to leave their neighbourhood or homes, yet it is felt that many who have no home ties will be ready to go where they are needed.

Members need not remain members of Detachments longer than they wish. No fine or penalty of any kind will be exacted, but, out of courtesy, they should give due notice to their Commandant.

It is an absolutely voluntary service, and non-political; no subscription is required from members of Detachments, but it is open to them to become Associates or Adherents of the Red Cross Society.

Now as to *Qualifications*. All candidates of Women's Detachments must possess a “first aid” and nursing certificate, or undertake to produce such certificate within twelve months of enrolment; cooks and three years' hospital trained nurses are the only exceptions. Men, with the exception of pharmacists, ex-soldiers R.A.M.C., cooks and carpenters, the two latter not to exceed

four and two respectively, must be in possession of a "first aid" certificate, or undertake to produce such certificate within twelve months from date of enrolment.

Candidates who on enrolment do not possess the above-mentioned certificates will be considered on "probation."

Mrs. Benyon will be glad to receive the names of any men or lads over 17, or women or girls over 17, who might like to join classes with the view to join V.A.D., as, if she can get a sufficient number, she will try and form classes.

It is hoped that once or twice a year a sham fight may be arranged, so that the V.A.D. may have a practical practice of what would be required of them in time of war, and as more Detachments are formed in the county there might be competitions, and prizes given for the most efficient and best equipped V.A.D.

Each Detachment has a Commandant and Quarter-master. The Commandant is responsible for the training and the V.A.D.'s under his or her command; they allot to each member the duties best fitted for his or her capacity. The Quarter-master will be expected in peace to take charge of the property of Detachments, and to keep a list of everything that is necessary to enable the Detachment to mobilize in the shortest possible time.

Each member of a Detachment when called up for service will be provided with an arm badge which will protect them from the belligerents.

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### BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY (ENGLEFIELD).

I should like to thank all who are helping in the Red Cross either as Adherents or Assistants and especially those who are helping as both. The following have joined as Adherents:—Miss Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Claydon, Mr. A. Claydon, Mrs. Stanley Davis, Mrs. Dobbie, Mrs. Golding, Mrs. T. Harris, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Hopley, Mrs. Milne, Mr. and Mrs. Page, Mrs. Partlo, Mrs. Pocock, Rev. G. G. and Mrs. Skipwith, Nurse Treadwell, Miss Wadds, Mrs. B. Webb.

The following are Assistants:—Elsie Allen, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Cottrell, Mrs. T. Cox, Miss Dixon, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. C. Fisher, Mrs. A. Harris, Mrs. H. Horne, Mrs. W. Horne, Mrs. Huggins, Mrs. James, Mrs. H. Martin, Mrs. J. Martin, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Vince, Mrs. Willcox, Miss Worth.

Mrs. Moon is a very valuable Assistant as she cuts out all the garments, which is a very arduous duty.

I shall be very glad to hear of any others who may wish to join the Red Cross Society (Berkshire Branch), either as Adherents or Assistants. All who join are furthering a National Cause. I may add that Adherents are annual subscribers from 1/- to 4/-. Assistants do not subscribe but give their time by doing needlework.

(Signed) EDITH BENYON.

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### HYMNS FOR MARCH.

Ash Wednesday (March 1st)	...	...	...	11 a.m.	90	86	92	
				7 p.m.	94	198	263	
1st Sunday in Lent (March 5th)	...	...	...	8.15 a.m.	554	527	188	182
				11 a.m.	84	492	91	
				6 p.m.	89	277	197	
2nd ,, ,, (March 12th)	...	...	...	11 a.m.	490	279	186	
				6 p.m.	248	254	528	
3rd ,, ,, (March 19th)	...	...	...	11 a.m.	261	284	271	
				2.30 p.m.	107	105	(Children's Hymn Book).	
				6 p.m.	256	207	493	
4th ,, ,, (March 26th)	...	...	...	11 a.m.	249	514	258	
				6 p.m.	520	257	24	

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### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Petition for month of March:—"That it may please Thee to arouse more interest in the Cause of the Missions of the Church."

# ENGLEFIELD, APRIL, 1911.

## BAPTISMS.

“Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not.”

March 19th.—Margaret Ella, daughter of Benjamin and Ada Annie Louise Webb.  
,, ,, George Arthur, son of Robert Charles and Eleanor Ann Allen.

## MARRIAGE.

“Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.”

February 25th.—Edward Theodore Van Veen to May Elizabeth Winchcomb.

## BURIAL.

“Grant him, O Lord, eternal rest.”

March 14th.—James Bucknell, aged 48 years.

## SERVICES FOR THE MONTH.

2nd (Passion Sunday).—8.15 a.m., Choral Eucharist; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong, Sermon and Story of the Cross.

5th (Wednesday).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion; 3 p.m., Confirmation at S. Laurence, Reading; 7 p.m., Special Service, Preacher: Rev. H. C. Wilder (Rector of Sulham).

9th (Palm Sunday).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong, Sermon and Story of the Cross.

10th (Monday before Easter).—8 a.m., Mattins; 8.15 a.m., Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evensong (with reading).

11th (Tuesday before Easter).—8 a.m., Mattins; 8.15 a.m., Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evensong (with reading).

12th (Wednesday before Easter).—8 a.m., Litany; 8.15 a.m., Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evensong (with reading).

13th (Maundy Thursday).—8 a.m., Mattins; 8.15 a.m., Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Preparation Service for Holy Communion.

14th (Good Friday).—11 a.m., Mattins, Litany, Ante-Communion and Sermon; 7 p.m., Evensong (with reading).

15th (Easter Eve).—8 a.m., Mattins; 8.15 a.m., Ante-Communion.

16th (Easter Day).—7.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 12 p.m., Holy Communion (plain); 2.30 p.m., Children's Service, with baptisms; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

18th (Easter Tuesday).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

23rd (1st Sunday after Easter).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

25th (S. Mark).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

30th (2nd Sunday after Easter).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

On Easter Day the Rector will be assisted by Rev. Gerald Morrell, Organizing Secretary for the Diocese, who will preach morning and evening on behalf of *Home Missions*, and the alms will be given to the Additional Curates Society.

N.B.—The congregation are reminded that the late Celebration, which will be a plain one, on Easter Day, will be a separate service. They are requested to remain in their places till after the Blessing.

The Rector expects to be away from home for the last Sunday of the month, when the services will be conducted by Rev. S. H. Scott, who has been here more than once before.

## CONFIRMATION.

On March 15th, in somewhat inclement weather, the holy rite of Confirmation was administered by Bishop Corfe, late of Corea, acting for the Bishop of Oxford. There were 48 candidates in all: 19 from Englefield and 29 from Theale. The service was choral: a full choir being in attendance: and both before and after service peals were rung from the belfry. The Bishop based his address to the candidates on Psalm 78, verses 5, 6, emphasizing the fact of the guidance of God, with His Fatherly Hand, through their lives. He ended by urging the candidates, and their parents, to be regular communicants. His address was listened to with great attention.

The following were confirmed from this Parish: *Females*—Isabella Guthrie, Edith Bessie Bowsher, Louisa Aubrey, Edith Nellie Bartlett, Mary Jane Bartlett, Cecilia Eliza Clifton,

Elizabeth Daisy Young, Elsie Annie Bates, Edith May Allen, Agnes Hilda Bryant, Nellie Elsie Allen. *Males*—Arthur Mitchell, Percy Kallsey Kaye, Charles Oswald Smyth, Frederick Charles Pocock, Reginald Evelyn Briant, Jesse George Briant, Edwin James Parsons.

### THE LATE MR. JAMES BUCKNELL.

The Village has been moved to deep and sincere sympathy with Mrs. Bucknell and her family in their bereavement. It was all so sudden, indeed, scarcely anyone outside the family circle knew that Mr. Bucknell was even ill, that the blow seemed to fall with extra force. Mr. Bucknell will be much missed in the Village, and especially in the Club, of which he was an old and much valued member, being a member of the Committee and of more than one Sub-committee.

He was laid to rest in the Churchyard on March 14th, amid every sign of respect, in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relations.

### WORKMEN'S CLUB (Communicated).

A Smoking Concert was held in the Club Room, on February 23rd, when prizes were presented to the winners of the Annual Tournament Games. Mr. J. Bucknell was in the chair and presented the prizes. Mr. H. Stanley Davis occupied the vice-chair.

The respective games and winners were: Whist, Messrs. G. Crawley and P. Kaye; Double Cribbage, Messrs. H. Gale and H. Lowe; Single Cribbage (5 cards), Mr. O. A. Hopley; Single Cribbage (6 cards), Mr. A. B. Wadds; Double Don, Messrs. A. Buckland and E. Buckland; Single Don, Mr. A. Horne; Draughts, Mr. P. Kaye; Dominoes, Mr. J. H. Claydon; Bagatelle (cannon), Mr. A. T. Claydon; Bagatelle (cannon and holes), Mr. M. Farmer; Billiards, 1st prize, Mr. A. T. Claydon, 2nd prize, Mr. H. Lowe.

After the presentation Mr. H. Stanley Davis took the chair, vice Mr. J. Bucknell, and an excellent programme was heartily enjoyed and appreciated by the large number of members present. The National Anthem finished the proceedings.

During the winter six Tournaments have been played with other Clubs, and some very enjoyable games ensued. Three games were won and three lost, the results being: *v. Aldermaston*, 1 won, 1 lost; *v. Pangbourne*, 2 lost; *v. Mortimer*, 2 won.

A sense of great loss is felt by the members through the death of Mr. James Bucknell, who has for many years been such a genial and enthusiastic member of the Club.

### THE SCHOOL.

The Easter Holidays have been fixed by the Managers from Thursday, 13th April at mid-day to Monday, 24th April.

On Friday, 24th March, Mrs. Benyon presented the prizes given by the Berkshire Education Committee to those who had earned them during 1910. The following were the successful ones: Standard I.—1st Prize, Albert Pocock; 2nd Prize, Mabel Chandler. Standard II.—1st Prize, Mildred Allen; 2nd Prize, Mabel Clifton. Standard III.—1st Prize, John Young; 2nd Prize, Cecil Golding. Standard IV.—1st Prize, Winifred Webb; 2nd Prize, Victor Cox. Standard V.—1st Prize, Alan Golding; 2nd Prize, James Prater. Standards VI. and VII.—1st Prize, Alice Bates; 2nd Prize, Charles Pocock.

### HYMNS FOR APRIL.

Passion Sunday (April 2nd)	...	...	...	8.15 a.m.	474	552	322	559
				11 a.m.	247	96	259	
				6 p.m.	200	97	526	
Palm Sunday (April 9th)	...	...	...	11 a.m.	99	187	523	638
				6 p.m.	98	263	172	493
Good Friday (April 14th)	...	...	...	11 a.m.	112	332	108	
				7 p.m.	115	114	120	
Easter Day (April 16th)	...	...	...	11 a.m.	134	135	499	127
				2.30 p.m.	123	124	(Children's Hymn Book).	
				6 p.m.	Hail! Festal Day. Anthem. 134 500			
1st Sunday after Easter (April 23rd)	...	...	...	11 a.m.	136	519	503	170
				6 p.m.	504	199	133	28
2nd ,, ,, (April 30th)	...	...	...	11 a.m.	34	129	274	568
				6 p.m.	125	267	174	24

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Intercession for the month:—"That the Church may go forward in her mission to the nations in the prevailing power of prayer."

# ENGLEFIELD, MAY, 1911.

## SERVICES FOR THE MONTH.

7th (3rd Sunday after Easter).—8.15 a.m., Choral Eucharist; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

14th (4th Sunday after Easter).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

21st (Rogation Sunday).—7.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 2.30 p.m., Children's Service, with Baptisms; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

22nd, 23rd and 24th (Rogation Days).—7 p.m., Evensong, with Reading.

25th (Ascension Day).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion (alms for the Universities' Mission to Central Africa); 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 7 p.m., Evensong, with Reading.

28th (Sunday after Ascension).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

## CONFIRMATION.

By some mistake, the name of Alice Winifred Bates was omitted from the list of those confirmed in the Parish Church, on March 15th. Edith and Tom Bowden Bucknell were confirmed by the Bishop of Oxford, in St. Lawrence's Church, Reading, on April 5th.

## LENT AND EASTER SERVICES.

Throughout the six weeks of Lent, the Holy Eucharist was offered each Wednesday, and there was a special Service at 7 p.m., with a Sermon. Those who kindly came here to address us were:—Rev. H. B. Mead, S. Bartholomew's, Reading; Rev. F. J. Howard, S. Luke's, Reading; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne; Rev. H. C. Wilder, Rector of Sulham. These services were, on the whole, very well attended and, from what we hear, were much appreciated.

Holy Week was carefully observed in the Parish and the services were attended fairly satisfactorily. There was a large attendance at the Preparation Service for the Easter Communion on Maundy Thursday and on Good Friday.

Easter Day was one of the loveliest we remember; fine and warm all day. In every sense we may say it was a most successful day. The number of Communions made was a record—at the 7.30 a.m. service alone there were 90. The Church was very full at both Mattins and Evensong: the sermons preached by Rev. Gerald Morrell were much appreciated—and the collection for Home Missions reached the total of £11 14s. 8d.—a decided increase on any former collection for this purpose. The Church looked beautiful—due chiefly to the efforts of Mr. Wadds and the well-stocked houses over which he presides. Amongst those who helped in the decorating were: Mrs. and the Misses Benyon, Mrs. Skipwith, Miss Worth, Miss Wadds and Nurse Treadwell. The music throughout the day was very carefully and tunefully rendered. At the Evening Service, the Processional was Baden Powell's "Hail! Festal Day," and Edwyn Clare's Anthem "Hallelujah! Christ is risen!" was sung, the solos being admirably taken by Messrs. Ben Webb and Oliver Hopley. Peals were rung before all the principal services, in spite of the fact that some of the ringers were away from home.

## EASTER VESTRY.

As usual, the Vestry Meeting was held in the Choir Vestry, on Easter Monday, at 10 a.m. There were present, the Rector (Chairman), the Squire, Messrs. W. Palmer, H. S. Davis, W. Partlo, J. H. Claydon, W. Vince, and S. Joyce. The minutes were read and confirmed and the accounts passed. The Rector remarked that the innovation of having an evening collection on the first Sunday of the month for Church Expenses had produced the additional sum of £6 in the year. At the request of the Rector, the Squire undertook to act as his Warden and Mr. Palmer was re-elected as Parish Warden. Mr. Wadds was elected a sidesman in the place of the late Mr. J. Bucknell, and the other sidesmen were re-elected. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Benyon for defraying the expenses of the upkeep of the Church and Churchyard, as well as the salaries of the Organist, Caretaker and Verger.

## SEATS IN CHURCH.

As is generally known, *all* the seats in the Church, with the exception of those allocated to the churchwardens, are free and unappropriated; therefore no one has a *right* to any particular

seat. At the same time it is only fair that parishioners, who are regular worshippers, should by courtesy be allowed to occupy the same seats Sunday after Sunday. Arrangements are being made by which strangers and occasional attendants shall be shown by the sidesmen to seats which are not likely to be occupied by regular worshippers. When the five minutes' bell begins it will be reckoned that those who are not in their usual places are likely to be absent and their seats will be liable to be taken.

#### COMMUNICANTS' GUILD.

It is proposed to start a Guild in the Parish—to encourage a more *regular* attendance at the Eucharist. The Rector has a list of those who were members of the old Guild, but he is not anxious that all on that list should join the Guild: he would much prefer quality to quantity. He will be glad if those who have lately been confirmed, as well as any other communicants, will meet him in the Church on Thursday, 18th May, at 7 p.m., when he will explain the simple rules in connection with the Guild.

#### CORONATION FESTIVITIES.

It is proposed to celebrate the Coronation of King George V., on June 22nd, in the Parish, in as suitable a way as possible. A committee has been formed and is now making arrangements. Details will be published in the June number.

#### ENTERTAINMENTS.

As soon as Easter was over, the Parish was en fête: a series of entertainments being arranged. The first was a Dance at the Club, on Easter Tuesday—which was in every way a success. On the Wednesday, Mrs. Benyon kindly invited all the school children to the Long Gallery to witness a couple of plays that had been prepared by the Misses Benyon, consisting of "Scenes from Cranford," and "The Duchess' Call"—both were exceedingly amusing and very well acted. These were repeated in the evening, when a large number of adults responded to Mrs. Benyon's invitation and showed their appreciation of the acting by continuous laughter. In the evening, in addition to the acting, there were songs and violin solos which were also much appreciated, especially the Coster songs of Capt. Hill. For Thursday was arranged the Annual Primrose League Meeting, with an entertainment to follow. And not content with so much unwonted excitement, there was a Concert held at the Club on Friday evening, when a collection was made for the Berkshire Hospital, which amounted to over £3.

#### VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENT.

A Practice Demonstration took place on the afternoon of Saturday, 22nd April, in the Upper Park. There was a very good muster of men, 18 out of a possible 21 being present. All the arrangements were admirably made. In the "hospital" there was a decided air of reality and one felt that when the dread day comes, when pretence gives way to fact, Englefield will not be behind-hand in the necessary and humane work of tending the sick and wounded.

#### HYMNS FOR MAY.

3rd Sunday after Easter (May 7th)	...	...	8.15 a.m.	190	197	312	181
			11 a.m.	301	209	258	125
			6 p.m.	199	266	541	493
4th Sunday after Easter (May 14th)	...	...	11 a.m.	262	272	229	303
			6 p.m.	178	516	511	19
Rogation Sunday (May 21st)	...	...	11 a.m.	527	143	573	386
			2.30 p.m.	345	269	(Children's Hymn Book).	
			6 p.m.	166	246	383	240
Ascension of Our Lord (May 25th)	...	...	11 a.m.	150	220	147	148
			7 p.m.	146	300	42	
Sunday after Ascension (May 28th)	...	...	11 a.m.	144	207	546	547
			6 p.m.	301	536	304	202

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Intercession for the month:—"That it may please Thee to bless those who are engaged in Mission Work for Thy Church."

On and after Friday, 12th May, the Service will be held at 7 p.m., until further notice.

# ENGLEFIELD, JUNE, 1911.

## SERVICES FOR THE MONTH.

4th (Whitsun Day).—7.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 8.30 a.m., Choral Eucharist; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

6th (Tuesday in Whitsun Week).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

7th (Wednesday), 9th (Friday), and 10th (Saturday).—Ember Days.

11th (Trinity Sunday).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

12th (S. Barnabas).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

18th (1st Sunday after Trinity).—7.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 2.30 p.m., Children's Service and Baptisms; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

22nd (Coronation Day).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion; 10.30 a.m., Special Service.

24th (Nativity S. John Baptist).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

25th (2nd Sunday after Trinity).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

29th (S. Peter).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

N.B.—On Whitsun Day the Rector will be assisted by Rev. A. E. Clementi-Smith, who will preach in the morning.

On June 18th (1st Sunday after Trinity), the collections will be given to the County Nursing Association.

## COMMUNICANTS' GUILD.

A preliminary meeting was held in the Church on Thursday evening, May 18th. The Rector explained the objects of the Guild and mentioned the rules, which are:—

- 1.—To pray daily for the parish.
- 2.—To attend the quarterly service (when new members will be enrolled).
- 3.—To attend Holy Communion *at least* once a month.

Those who wish to join, and who are willing to keep these few rules, are requested to give their names in to the Rector as soon as possible.

## THE SCHOOL.

The Diocesan Examination was held by Rev. H. C. Wilder on Tuesday, May 9th. The following is his report:—"This School has passed an excellent examination. There was a little weakness in the middle group in their knowledge of scripture and the Church seasons, but they were particularly good in their repetition. The answering was, as a rule, accurate, and the subjects had evidently been thoroughly taught. The singing was sweet and full of expression, and the writing excellent; Charles Pocock did a very good paper. The infants answered capitally, and their singing was very bright, hearty, and in good tune. The Bishop's Prize is awarded to Alan Golding; certificates to Alice Bates, Charles Pocock, Cecil Golding, and Mabel Chandler; commended—Winnie Webb, George Rouse, Florence Young, Annie Cully, John Elliot, Daisy Young, Elsie Allen, James Prater, Victor Cox, Arthur Hawkins, Reggie Pusey, Hilda Goodall, Carrie Hawkins, Bertha Cox, Mabel Pusey, Louisa Rabbits, Frances Goodall, William Young, Mabel Wells, Stanley Davis, Ella Chandler."

By desire of His Majesty the King, a week's holiday has been granted to the children attending the school. This has been fixed by the Managers from after school on Friday, June 16th; school to re-open on Monday morning, June 26th.

The needlework has been judged by Mrs. Shepherd and Miss Hughes, who took a great deal of trouble over their decisions. The result will be published in the July number.

## CORONATION.

The King's Coronation will be celebrated in the parish on Thursday, June 22nd, as follows:—

- 8.15 a.m.—Holy Communion. (Special Collect, Epistle and Gospel).
- 10.30 a.m.—Special Service. (The copies may be kept as a memento of the occasion).
- 1.30 p.m.—Sports for Children.
- 2.30 p.m.—Entertainment.
- 3.30 p.m.—Sports for Men, Women and Children.
- 4.0 p.m.—Tea for Women and Children.
- 5.30 p.m.—Tea for Men and Youths.
- 6.15 p.m.—Entertainment.

There will also be a Punch and Judy in the course of the afternoon.

N.B.—As there is such a large number of women and children, their tea will have to be taken in two instalments, as the tent will not hold them all at one time.

## CRICKET NOTES.

The season opened on Saturday, May 20th, with a match against Mortimer Cricket Club. The weather was cold and cheerless, and, unfortunately, we could only put a very weak side in the field. Result:—Englefield, 24; Mortimer, 112.

Matches for June:—5th, at Englefield, *v.* Boyne Hill; 17th, at Sulhamstead, *v.* Sulhamstead; 24th, at Theale, *v.* Theale.

JUNIOR CLUB.—The Junior Club, which is run at the expense of Mrs. Benyon, who kindly provides not only teas, but the implements of war, has started practising. The officers for the season are George Claydon (captain) and Harold Willcox (vice-captain). Matches are being arranged for them.

## HYMNS FOR JUNE.

Whitsun Day (June 4th)	...	...	...	8.30 a.m.	552	210	553	558
				11 a.m.	209	211	156	240
				6 p.m.	154	207	152	31
Trinity Sunday (June 11th)	...	...	...	11 a.m.	474	163	160	167
				6 p.m.	161	164	296	493
1st Sunday after Trinity (June 18th)	...	...	...	11 a.m.	224	208	368	366
				2.30 p.m.	61	287	(Children's Hymn Book).	
				6 p.m.	391	189	369	20
Coronation Day (June 22nd)	...	...	...	10.30 a.m.	{ Processional—Psalm 122. 166 379 National Anthem.			
2nd Sunday after Trinity (June 25th)	...	...	...	11 a.m.	6	462	520	437
				6 p.m.	165	50	342	173

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Rector will be glad if the S.P.G. boxes are returned to the Rectory by June 17th.

Intercession for month:—"That the Home Church may grow to be more and more the upholder and sustainer of the Missionary Church abroad."

# ENGLEFIELD, JULY, 1911.

## BAPTISM.

“One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.”

June 18th.—George, son of George and Elizabeth Boyd.

## MARRIAGE.

“They two are one.”

June 3rd, at Holy Trinity, Theale, Arthur Lewis Vince to Beatrice Mary Monger.

## SAINT'S DAY.

July 25th (S. James).—Holy Communion, 8.15 a.m.

## WHITSUN DAY.

We were fortunate in having a spell of lovely weather at Whitsun. The consequence was the services were all very well attended. The Rev. A. E. Clementi-Smith assisted the Rector, and preached at the morning service. The decorations were somewhat sparse, as there was a scarcity of flowers, but the palms placed at the sides of the altars proved very effective.

## COMMUNICANTS' GUILD.

Some names have been given in by those who wish to join the Guild, but there must be many more who are anxious to have themselves enrolled amongst the *regular* communicants. In the meantime it is to be hoped that those who have given in their names, but who have not been formally enrolled, will carry out the two chief rules:—

- 1.—To pray daily for the Parish.
- 2.—To attend Holy Communion at least once in the month.

## THE SCHOOL.

Appended is the report and list of prizewinners in the needlework which was judged by Mrs. Shepherd and Miss Hughes:—

“We were very much struck with the high standard of the needlework shown by the children in the school, which is no doubt due to the care and interest of those over them; it reflects great credit upon their teachers, and also shows that the children have responded to the pains bestowed upon them. Some of the blue overalls made by the first division shewed really beautiful needlework, especially in the stroking and putting in of the gathers, and the socks were well shaped and knitted. There is really good strong sewing in the third division; a large number of entries and marked advance on the simpler hemming of the six and seven year olds, though these little ones are strikingly good for their age both in knitting and hemming, and their work so clean when one remembers the time and pains it must have cost. Altogether it was quite a pleasure to see such good needlework, and the children will find the acquisition of this handicraft an invaluable possession in the future. The samplers were all beautifully worked; it was found very difficult to award the prizes, as all were so good.—(Signed) HELEN A. SHEPHERD; CATHERINE F. HUGHES.”

DIVISION I. *Needlework*—1, Daisy Young; 2, May Stocker; 3, Olive Hopgood. *Knitting*—1, Alice Bates; 2, Elsie Allen; 3, Winnie Webb. *Marking*—1, Elsie Allen; 2, Alice Bates; 3, Winifred Webb.

DIVISION II. *Needlework*—1, Florence Young; 2, Annie Cully; 3, Daisy Palmer. *Knitting*—1, Mildred Harris; 2, Mabel Stocker; 3, Violet Bartlett. *Marking*—1, Florence Young; 2, Annie Cully; 3, Louisa Rabbits.

DIVISION III. *Needlework*—1, Bertha Cox; 2, Mabel Chandler; 3, Frances Goodall. *Knitting*—1, Gladys Pusey; 2, Clara Seymour; 3, Mildred Allen.

INFANTS. *Needlework*—1, William Goodall; 2, Florence Rabbits. *Knitting*—1, Ella Chandler; 2, George Goodall.

Summer holidays have been fixed by the managers from Friday, July 28th, after school, to Monday morning, September 4th.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Owing to the number of babies that are sent to Sunday School, parents are requested to note that children cannot be admitted *under the age of four years*. The infants' class is not intended as a crèche for infants, but as a preparation for them when they are about to be admitted

to the Day School. When children reach the age of four they are eligible for the benefits of the Boot Club.

### CORONATION FESTIVITIES.

The Coronation of King George V. was celebrated in the parish on June 22nd with much enthusiasm. The weather was none too fine, but in spite of it a very happy time was spent. The day was heralded by a joyous peal rung at 7 a.m.; this formed the introduction to the Service of Thanksgiving—the Holy Eucharist—which was celebrated at 8.15 a.m. A special Service, which included the recital of the ceremonies of the Coronation, was held at 10.30 a.m., but at neither of these services was the attendance such as might have been expected on such an occasion. The village presented a very gay appearance with innumerable flag-staffs and cordons of flags across the street. Soon after 1.30 p.m. the strains of the drum and fife band were heard as they marched towards the park, and then the sports commenced. These were well patronised, there being a large number of entries for most of the events, some of which caused a deal of amusement. At various periods during the afternoon an entertainment was given by a band of performers from London; this consisted of songs, dances, etc., all of which seemed to be much appreciated by the audience, the smile-wreathed faces of some of the oldest people showing that they enjoyed the jokes as much as the younger members. At 4 p.m. a move was made to the big tent, where Mr. Flower, of Theale, had provided a most excellent and inviting tea for the women and children, some 174 sitting down. After grace, the Rector read a letter from Mrs. Benyon in which she said: "Please tell the people that we hope they will all enjoy themselves." During this tea men's and youth's races were carried on, and after tea a further entertainment. At 5.30 p.m. the men and youths, to the number of about 120, sat down to a substantial tea, which we hear on all sides was fully appreciated. After some more races and another entertainment had taken place, the prizes were given away by Mrs. Skipwith; after a few words from Mr. Davis, thanking Mrs. Skipwith, and from the Rector, replying on her behalf, and expressing the thanks of the people to Mr. and Mrs. Benyon for their generosity in providing such a successful and much appreciated entertainment, an adjournment was made to the cricket ground, where dancing took place, the proceedings being brought to an end by hearty cheers and the National Anthem. It only remains to say that great thanks are due to the Committee for their endeavours to make things run smoothly. Some of them worked like trojans, especially those who had the arrangement of the sports, but a special word of thanks must be reserved for Mr. Davis, who surpassed himself in energy; only those behind the scenes know the amount of time and trouble he took, and the result must have justified his efforts.

### CRICKET NOTES.

On May 27th a visit was paid to Aldermaston with a sad result, as we returned home badly defeated. Scores: Aldermaston 158 (F. J. Jacob 67); Englefield 42 (A. Buckland 21).

What has become an annual match, *v.* Boyne Hill, took place on Whit-Monday. A very pleasant game was played in very pleasant surroundings. The match was a tie on the first innings, but at the close of the day Englefield proved victorious by 29 runs. Scores: Englefield, 1st innings 62 (A. Buckland 10, E. West 11 not out), 2nd innings 64 (L. E. Todd 32 not out); Boyne Hill, 1st innings 62 (H. Cox 15), 2nd innings 35 (W. H. Beasley 12). For Englefield the best bowling was done by C. Grant (6 wickets for 8 runs) in the 1st innings, and Ratcliffe (6 wickets for 8 runs) in the second.

On June 16th an old match was revived, *v.* Sulhamstead, played at Sulhamstead. This game we also won satisfactorily. Scores: Sulhamstead 56 (Greenstreet 18 not out); Englefield 111 (L. E. Todd 56, A. Buckland 16). Fortune took 6 wickets for 27 runs.

Matches for July:—1st, *v.* Whitechurch, at home; 8th, *v.* Mortimer, away; 22nd, *v.* Sulhamstead, at home; 29th, *v.* Oakfield, away.

JUNIOR CRICKET.—The following matches have been arranged for July:—15th, *v.* Sulhamstead, away; 29th, *v.* Aldermaston, away.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Petition for month of July:—"To have mercy on those lands which are suffering from plague, famine and pestilence."

The following amounts have been taken from S.P.G. boxes and will be sent up to headquarters:—Miss Barker, 2s. 8d.; Mrs. Claydon, 7s. 8½d.; Mrs. J. Cox, 2s. 7½d.; Mrs. C. Fisher, 3s. 0½d.; Mrs. J. Martin, 2s. 3½d.; Mrs. Page, 11s. 9d.; Rectory, £1 11s. 9½d.; Rectory Servants, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Smyth, 3s. 5¼d.; Total, £3 7s. 10¼d.

Owing to pressure of space, the hymns for the month are placed in the Church Porch.

# ENGLEFIELD, AUGUST, 1911.

## BAPTISM.

“Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not.”

July 16th.—Wilfrid George Henson, son of William George and Ada Annie Horne, of North Street.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR AUGUST.

6th (8th Sunday after Trinity).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

13th (9th Sunday after Trinity).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

20th (10th Sunday after Trinity).—7.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 2.30 p.m., Children's Service; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

24th (S. Bartholomew).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

27th (11th Sunday after Trinity).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

N.B.—There will be no Choral Eucharist this month.

## THE RECTOR.

The Rector expects to be away for the first three Sundays in August. During his absence there will be no Week-day Services, and the Bible Class will be suspended. Rev. S. H. Scott will be responsible for the Sunday Services.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL.

There will be no Sunday School during the month of August, but the usual Children's Service will be held on the third Sunday. Sunday School will re-open on the first Sunday in September.

## THE CHURCH IN WALES.

The Church in Wales is not an “alien Church.” It is not the English Church forced on the people of Wales, but it is the successor of the ancient British Church, which survived in Wales in the sixth century, when the Angles and the Saxons settled in England. It has a continuous history from that time up to the present. If it be an alien Church, by what name shall the many denominations in Wales be called, for these were imported from England during the last 350 years?

It is foolish to call the Church a “dwindling minority,” for it is growing rapidly. Sunday School scholars increased from 92,000 in 1885 to 182,180 in 1907; Communicants, from 74,778 in 1885 to 195,004 in 1905; and the Confirmations for the ten years ending 1908 were 115,844, as against 101,789 for the ten years ending 1898. These figures show that Mr. Gladstone was right when he called the Church in Wales an advancing Church, an active Church, and a living Church. It is impossible to give the numbers of persons belonging to the Church or to the denominations, for Nonconformists strongly resist a religious census; but lists of actual Communicants in each parish were drawn up in 1905 for presentation to the Welsh Church Commission. The number on that list was 193,081, more by nearly 20,000 than the number of members of the largest Nonconformist denomination. It is of no use quoting seating accommodation as a test of numbers, for it is well known that in many places, through rivalry and overlapping, the chapel accommodation exceeds the total population of the place.

The repeated attacks of its enemies have failed to disestablish and disendow the Church, and if Churchmen in England will stand side by side with their brethren in Wales, in protest against this crippling of the Church, future attacks may be met with confidence. Our duty is expressed in the words of Archbishop Benson: “I come to you from the steps of the throne of Augustine, your younger ally, to tell you that by the benediction of God we will not quietly see you disinherited.”—[*Church Defence Committee.*]

## CRICKET NOTES.

Since our last report the honours have been divided, two matches having been lost and two won.

On June 24th we visited Theale, and won our first match of the season against them. Result:—Englefield 78 (L. E. Todd 33); Theale 42 (J. Palmer 13, C. Downey 13 not out).

On July 1st, our next match was played at home, *v.* Whitechurch, our old opponents, who proved too good for us. Result:—Whitechurch 69 (Birch 18, Hughes Davies 12); Englefield 43 (T. Cullum 13). For us Grant took 4 wickets for 16 runs, E. Buckland 2 for 9.

The next match was the return with Mortimer, played on their Common. It will be remembered that when they visited us they found us very weak, and consequently gave us a drubbing. On this occasion we were able to turn the tables on them, though not to such a severe extent. Result:—Englefield, 1st innings 34, 2nd innings 31 (A. Buckland 18); Mortimer, 1st innings 17, 2nd innings 29 for no wicket. C. Grant took 6 wickets for 7 runs and T. Cullum 4 for 9—both excellent performances.

The last match to record was against Sulhamstead, on our ground, on July 22nd. By rights we might have claimed a draw, but the sporting instinct that characterises Englefield cricket came to the fore, and the match was played out to the bitter end, when we lost one minute before the extended time. Result:—Sulhamstead 135 (Mack 86); Englefield 99 (L. E. Todd 35, T. Cullum 24).

Matches for August:—5th, *v.* Oakfield, at home; 19th, *v.* Whitechurch, away; 26th, *v.* Theale, at home.

**JUNIOR CRICKET.**—Our boys have played their first match, *v.* Sulhamstead, which they ought to have won, but by loose fielding they lost it. Result:—Englefield, 1st innings 37 (J. Briant 13), 2nd innings 27; Sulhamstead, 1st innings 22, 2nd innings 57 (T. Adams 16).

Matches for August:—2nd, *v.* Sutton's Juniors, at home; 12th, *v.* Aldermaston, at home; 19th, *v.* Sulhamstead, at home.

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### HYMNS FOR AUGUST.

8th Sunday after Trinity (August 6th)	...	11 a.m.	527	260	167	366
		6 p.m.	209	265	239	365
9th Sunday after Trinity (August 13th)	...	11 a.m.	5	244	269	545
		6 p.m.	211	207	234	186
10th Sunday after Trinity (August 20th)	...	11 a.m.	247	282	526	219
		2.30 p.m.			(Children's Hymn Book).	
		6 p.m.	242	265	290	28
11th Sunday after Trinity (August 27th)	...	11 a.m.	4	277	167	262
		6 p.m.	221	514	174	27

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### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Petition for August:—"To call the faithful laity to a larger share in the Missionary enterprise of the Church."

# ENGLEFIELD, SEPTEMBER, 1911.

## SERVICES FOR THE MONTH.

3rd (12th Sunday after Trinity).—8.15 a.m., Choral Eucharist; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

10th (13th Sunday after Trinity).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

12th (Harvest Home).—Special Service 11 a.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon Hurt, Rector of Bradfield.

17th (14th Sunday after Trinity).—7.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 2.30 p.m., Children's Service and Baptisms; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

21st (S. Matthew).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

24th (15th Sunday after Trinity).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

29th (S. Michael and All Angels).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

N.B.—Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 20th, 22nd and 23rd, are Ember Days.

## COMMUNICANTS' GUILD.

The first Guild Meeting will be held in the Church, on October 18th (Festival of S. Luke). A further notice will be inserted in next issue of Magazine. The Rector will be glad to receive names of those who wish to join, but who have not so far given in their names.

## CHOIR AND RINGERS' OUTING.

On Monday, the last day of July, the Choir and Ringers, together with the Rector and Organist, spent a very enjoyable day at the Crystal Palace. We left Theale—a party of 36—by the 9.33 a.m., and arrived at the Crystal Palace about 12 noon. An excellent dinner was served at 12.30, to which full justice was done, then a long afternoon was spent in seeing the sights. There is so much to be seen at the Crystal Palace that necessarily only a tithe of the side shows could be visited. Amongst the many amusements, the most popular seem to have been the "All Red Route," the "Joy Wheel," and "Wild West Australia." Tea was served in the grill room at 5 p.m., after which about two hours remained for seeing what had been omitted previously. Then the return journey was commenced, Reading being reached about 10.30 p.m. Three brakes were in waiting to convey the tired but happy party home. It was unanimously agreed that the outing had been a great success, and that our very best thanks are due to the Squire for his generosity in giving it.

## HARVEST HOME.

This annual event is fixed for Tuesday, 12th September. The Service will be held at 11 a.m., when the preacher will be Canon Hurt, Rector of Bradfield. Gifts of Fruit, Flowers, and Vegetables, &c., will be welcomed. On the Sunday following (17th) the Services will be of a festal character, though it is probable that the decorations will have been removed. The alms will be given, as usual, to the Reading Hospital.

## THE BISHOP OF OXFORD.

It was with feelings of real sorrow that news reached us that our much respected Diocesan had died on the 1st of August, after an operation performed in a Nursing Home in London. It was only a year ago that he underwent a similar operation, and though then his life was despaired of he was granted a reprieve, and after a long rest returned to his very arduous duties in the Diocese. The news of his death came with a great shock to those of us who had lately seen him, when he appeared to be in excellent health and spirits. He will not easily be replaced—but we pray that God may send us a wise and strong man, full of the Holy Spirit, to guide the affairs of the Diocese.

## BERKSHIRE NURSING ASSOCIATION.

On the 9th of August, a large "Coster Fair" was held in the grounds of Englefield House, on behalf of the Society which provides Nurses for the Villages. It was very well patronized, and we are glad to hear that a substantial amount was realized. Great interest was taken in it by the people of the Village, partly no doubt that they might help on so good a work, and partly

because the children from the School were appearing in the light of "Morris Dancers." Great credit is due to the children who showed evident signs that they had taken great pains to learn their parts—but a special word of praise must be reserved for the Misses Benyon and Miss Janes who had given up much valuable time to the coaching of the performers.

#### CRICKET NOTES.

The first of the two matches against Oakfield, which was played there on July 29th, resulted disastrously for us. With a very weak team at our disposal we only managed to total 22, while our opponents knocked up 104. Scores: Englefield, 1st innings 22, 2nd innings 33 for 5 wickets (A. Buckland 20 not out); Oakfield, 1st innings 104 (Feltham 38). For us E. Buckland took 5 wickets for 49.

The return match was played here on the following Saturday, when, if it had been played to a finish, we should certainly have turned the tables on our opponents. Our captain evidently wished to give the young squire the opportunity of "topping the century," consequently time prevented a finish. Scores: Englefield 153 (H. A. Benyon 72, L. E. Todd 52 not out); Oakfield 54 for 6 wickets (Feltham 27).

The last match to record was against Whitechurch, at Whitechurch, on August 19th, which was drawn slightly in our favour. Scores: Whitechurch 82 (E. Simmons 35); Englefield 68 for 8 wickets (A. Baker 20 not out). Cullum for us took 7 wickets for 23 runs.

**JUNIOR CRICKET.**—The boys went over to Aldermaston on July 29th, where they met, as usual, a strong set of boys in opposition. The result was a defeat by 10 wickets. Claydon played very well, but was not well supported; the match was really lost by bad fielding. Scores: Englefield, 1st innings 62 (G. Claydon 22 not out), 2nd innings 54 (H. Willcox 34); Aldermaston, 1st innings 105 (Broadhurst 28, F. Tull 26), 2nd innings 21 for no wicket (Broadhurst 19 not out). E. Bartlett took 5 wickets for 25 runs. On the journey home we were overtaken by a thunder storm, which was short lived but severe while it lasted; however, the joy of seeing what rain was like after so long an interval was too great for us to mind the ducking—besides, we brought home several "ducks" with us!

Sutton's Juniors was our next match, a Wednesday one. In this the young seedsmen were worsted, owing in a great measure to the batting of A. Claydon—himself a young seedsman—who scored 40 runs. Scores: Englefield, 1st innings 91 (A. Claydon 40), 2nd innings 28 for 7 wickets; Sutton's Juniors 57 (Buckenham 21). For us H. Willcox took 3 wickets for 8 runs, A. Claydon 3 for 18, and G. Claydon 4 for 18.

Our next match fell through, Aldermaston scratching at the eleventh hour. Perhaps they thought we intended avenging ourselves for our previous defeat!

The last match was the return with Sulhamstead, who brought a big team against us on August 19th. Our boys were "outed" for 13, our opponents made 48. Our second attempt produced 35, and their's 78. A sad ending to our cricket season!

Mrs. Benyon very kindly provided teas for the home matches.

#### HYMNS FOR SEPTEMBER.

12th Sunday after Trinity (September 3rd) ...	8.15 a.m.	320	323	112	515
	11 a.m.	207	249	193	164
	6 p.m.	161	184	239	25
13th Sunday after Trinity (September 10th) ...	11 a.m.	547	335	258	198
	6 p.m.	165	195	202	19
Harvest Home (September 12th) ... ..	11 a.m.	382	384	368	
14th Sunday after Trinity (September 17th) ...	11 a.m.	166	355	383	379
	2.30 p.m.	235	345	(Children's Hymn Book).	
	6 p.m.	388	352	386	24
15th Sunday after Trinity (September 24th) ...	11 a.m.	6	539	168	170
	6 p.m.	11	200	216	17

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Petition for September:—"To send Thy special Blessing on the English Mission in Palestine."

# ENGLEFIELD, OCTOBER, 1911.

## BAPTISMS.

“Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not.”

September 17th.—James Walter, son of Thomas Josiah and Caroline Goodall (North Street).  
“ “ Violet Mary, daughter of Francis and Edith Tabitha Messenger (Mayridge).  
“ “ Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Edward and Kate Eliza Cottrell.

## THE CHURCH.

Saints' Days in October :—

18th (S. Luke).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

28th (S. Simon and S. Jude).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

On the 18th Sunday after Trinity (October 15th) there will be collections at all services for the Bishop of Oxford's Fund.

The Church will be closed for the annual cleaning from October 9th to the following Friday (13th).

As there are so few of the congregation who ever take a part in the Litany, which is said as an introduction to the early Eucharist, until further notice it will be said after the third Collect at Morning Prayer on the *first* Sunday in the month.

## COMMUNICANTS' GUILD.

The first Guild Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18th, at 7 p.m., when the members will be enrolled, and the office of the Guild will be said. All who have given in their names are requested to note the day and hour. Any more who wish to join, but who have not given in their names, should do so as soon as possible.

## BISHOP OF OXFORD.

Last month we had the sad duty of referring to the death of Francis Paget, who had been our Diocesan since 1901. This month we have the pleasant duty of announcing that the choice of his successor has fallen on Dr. Charles Gore, Bishop of Birmingham. No better appointment could have been made.

## HARVEST HOME.

Not within the memory of man have we had such a summer of cloudless sunshine as in this year of grace. The harvest was garnered very early, almost as early as it was begun last year; consequently we could sing with more truth, when we kept our Harvest Thanksgiving, than of recent years, “All is safely gathered in.” Tuesday, September 12th, was in all respects such a day as we would have chosen for the Harvest Home—not too hot, yet beautifully fine. Mrs. Benyon, with her characteristic care for the comfort of her guests, had arranged that the festivities should take place under the shade of the trees near the Church, instead of as customary in the open park, where no shade is to be found; and her forethought was much appreciated. As usual, the day began with a fully choral Service in the Church at 11 a.m., Canon Hurt, Rector of Bradfield, being the preacher; the music, which was of a simple character, being well and heartily rendered. The Church had been decorated for the occasion by Mrs. and Miss Benyon, Mrs. Skipwith, Nurse Treadwell, Misses Wadds and Worth, and last, but by no means least, Mr. Wadds. Both before and after service the ringers were in evidence.

Shortly before 12.30 p.m. an adjournment was made to the Long Gallery, the procession being headed by the Reading Temperance Band. At the close of the feast, the Squire gave the toast of “the King,” which was, as always, received with enthusiasm. The Rector proposed the toast of the day—“the Squire, Mrs. Benyon, and their family.” He spoke of the many debts of gratitude which Englefield people owe to their Squire, especially his care for the Church and the houses in which they live; he also specially mentioned Mrs. Benyon's care for the sick and needy, the former of which shows its fruit in her supplying the services of a well-trained nurse gratis. The Squire in his reply referred to the Insurance Bill and the recent strikes. The other toasts were “the Rector,” “the Preacher,” and “the Judges.” Mrs. Benyon then proceeded to give away the prizes for the garden produce, etc. The following were the successful ones :—

DIVISION I, LABOURERS.—Best Cultivated Garden : 1, Geo. Neighbour ; 2, Geo. Mundy ; 3, J. Wells. Best Collection of Vegetables : 1, J. Wells ; 2, G. Mundy ; 3, E. Lamperd. Kidney Potatoes : 1, S. Willcox ; 2, J. Norris ; 3, Geo. Mundy. Round Potatoes : 1, Geo. Neighbour ; 2, T. Huggins ; 3, E. Lamperd. Cabbages : 1, H. Groves ; 2, Gidn. Elliott ; 3, Geo. Mundy.

*Onions*: 1, Thos. Goodall; 2, J. Wells; 3, Gidn. Elliott. *Runner Beans*: 1, J. Wells; 2, Geo. Mundy. *Carrots*: 1, J. Wells; 2, T. Huggins; 3, Geo. Mundy. *Turnips*: 1, J. Wells; 2, T. Goodall. *Parsnips*: 1, J. Wells; 2, S. Willcox; 3, Geo. Mundy. *Marrows*: 1, Geo. Mundy; 2, E. Lamperd; 3, J. Norris.

**DIVISION II, MECHANICS.**—Best Cultivated Garden: 1, W. Chandler; 2, R. Allen. Best Collection of Vegetables: 1, W. Chandler. *Kidney Potatoes*: 1, H. Horne; 2, W. Chandler. *Round Potatoes*: 1, W. Chandler; 2, F. James. *Cabbages*: 1, W. Chandler. *Onions*: 1, W. Chandler; 2, R. Allen. *Runner Beans*: 1, W. Chandler; 2, A. Baker. *Carrots*: 1, W. Chandler; 2, F. James. *Turnips*: 1, W. Chandler. *Parsnips*: 1, W. Vince; 2, W. Chandler. *Marrows*: 1, R. Allen; 2, F. Webb.

**DIVISION III, GARDEN LABOURERS.**—Best Cultivated Garden: 1, Egbert G. Allen; 2, W. Lewington. Best Collection of Vegetables: 1, E. G. Allen; 2, W. Lewington. *Kidney Potatoes*: 1, E. G. Allen; 2, H. Martin. *Round Potatoes*: 1, E. G. Allen; 2, W. Lewington. *Cabbages*: 1, H. Martin; 2, J. Cox. *Onions*: 1, W. Lewington; 2, H. Martin. *Runner Beans*: 1, E. G. Allen. *Carrots*: 1, W. Lewington; 2, E. G. Allen. *Turnips*: 1, W. Lewington; 2, E. G. Allen. *Parsnips*: 1, W. Lewington; 2, E. G. Allen. *Marrows*: 1, E. G. Allen; 2, W. Lewington.

*Wild Flowers (Boys)*: 1, York Stocker; 2, W. Goodall; 3, Frank Smyth. *Wild Flowers (Girls)*: 1, Ella Chandler; 2, Mabel Chandler; 3, Elsie Allen. *Queen Wasps*: 1, Fred Webb; 2, A. Hawkins. *Cooked Potatoes*: 1, Miss E. Cox; 2, Mrs. Egbert Allen; 3, Miss Dixon.

During the afternoon the attractions consisted of an exhibition of Swedish drill by cadets from Eastney Barracks, "houpla" and coker-nut shies, but the most appreciated of all were the "Morris dances" by the school children, who had been trained by Misses Benyon and Janes. Tea for mothers and children followed at 5 p.m., after which Mrs. Benyon presented her needlework prizes, and the Rector proposed a cordial vote of thanks to her for all her kindnesses. Later on in the evening there were entertainments in the Long Gallery and in the Club, both of which were highly appreciated.

On the following Sunday the Harvest Thanksgiving Services were continued, and a large number of people made their Communion at the early Eucharist, or Thanksgiving Service. Mr. Wadds had undertaken the re-decoration of the Church for the occasion, and his efforts, which displayed great taste, were much admired. The ringers were again to the fore at the early hour of 7 a.m.

The following is a list of those who contributed vegetables, fruit, bread, etc.:—E. Lamperd, Mrs. Bates, W. Lewington, H. S. Davis, T. Dixon, O. Hopley, S. Briant, W. Treadwell, G. Fisher, S. Willcox, H. Groves, G. Boyd, C. Fisher, C. Cox, C. Young, W. Joyce, W. Chandler, W. Cox, G. Neighbour, W. Palmer, J. Norris, T. Huggins, F. Reid, J. Cox, A. Baker, F. James, H. Martin, F. Bartlett, C. Golding, B. Webb, H. Horne, G. Rabbitts, G. Elliott, Mrs. W. Horne, J. Martin, T. Goodall, A. Harris, F. Holmes, W. Vince, H. Lowe, J. Claydon, T. Cox, W. Partlo, W. G. Horne, T. Harris, G. Parsons, J. Hayes, W. Smyth, G. Nash, J. Wells, G. Munday, H. Page, J. Thame, W. Nash, C. Rose, T. Simmons, F. Messenger, F. Pocock, Mrs. Yarlett.

The collection amounted to £55 11s. 0d., which, together with the vegetables, etc., was sent to the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

#### BATHING.

Mr. Claydon, who superintends the bathing, informs us that the bath was in use from May 16th to September 18th, during which time 1,294 baths were enjoyed. Several boys have learnt the rudiments of swimming, amongst them being:—Arthur Hawkins, George Reid, Victor Cox, Cecil Golding, Victor Briant, Charles Cullum. Several others will swim the length of the baths next season.

#### ENGLEFIELD CRICKET CLUB (Communicated).

The Cricket Season has been an average one. Of the matches played by the Club, four have been won, six lost, two drawn. The wins were against Boyne Hill, Sulhamstead, Theale, and Mortimer. The losses were Mortimer, Aldermaston, Whitechurch, Oakfield. The draws Oakfield and Whitechurch. Theale scratched to us in the return match owing to the inability to raise a team.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Petition for month of October:—"That God will pardon our past failures and shortcomings, and grant that we may not be found wanting in this day of opportunity."

N.B.—The Friday Evening Service will be continued, for the present at any rate, at 7 p.m.

Hymn list will be found in Church Porch.

# ENGLEFIELD, NOVEMBER, 1911.

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## BAPTISMS.

“Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not.”

October 15th.—Evelyn Mary, daughter of Charles and Edith Ellen Rose.  
“ ” Francis Edwin, son of Francis Edwin and Emily Louisa Webb.

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## CHURCH ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MONTH.

1st (Festival of All Saints).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

5th (21st Sunday after Trinity).—8.15 a.m., Choral Eucharist; 11 a.m., Mattins, Litany and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

12th (22nd Sunday after Trinity).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

19th (23rd Sunday after Trinity).—7.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 2.30 p.m., Children’s Service and Baptisms; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

26th (Sunday next before Advent).—8.15 a.m., Choral Eucharist; 11 a.m., Mattins, Litany and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

30th (Festival of St. Andrew).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Special Choral Service, Intercession for Foreign Missions.

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## COMMUNICANTS’ GUILD.

The first service for the admission of members was held on Wednesday, October 18th (Festival of St. Luke), at 7 p.m., when 33 were enrolled as members—21 females, 12 males (some of these, who were unable to be present on the first day, were admitted on the following Sunday). To each new member was presented a small silver “St. Cross” cross with the letters E.C.G. (Englefield Communicants’ Guild) stamped across it, which it is hoped members will wear upon their watch chains. In this small village we have 132 names on the communicants’ roll, most of whom present themselves at the Altar on such occasions as Easter, etc., but though I do not look for large numbers to join the Guild, I think we ought to muster at least 50 *regular monthly* communicants, half of whom should be men. The rules are so very simple that no one need be frightened by them. In every branch of life method is an essential, and I am sure that if more people were to put themselves under the rules of the Guild they would not regret their decision.

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## TOY SERVICE.

We shall hope to hold our annual Toy Service on the third Sunday in December (17th) so that the boxes may be sent up to London before Christmas Day.

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## BOOT CLUB.

The vouchers will be distributed after the last Sunday of the Christian year. Parents should, if possible, choose one of the firms who advertise in the Magazine from which to procure their boots.

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## BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

If any stranger, who did not know what was going on, had wandered up into the Park on Saturday afternoon, October 21st, he or she would have been under the impression that the country had been invaded, and that a real war was in progress. To begin with, distant sounds of firing were heard—in spite of an adverse wind—then presently carts and vans were to be seen slowly approaching the various receiving stations, laden with wounded warriors, who, having received first aid, were taken into the hospital, where their various wounds were attended to in the most business-like manner. What made the whole demonstration the more realistic was the fact that the doctors were seen dashing about in their motor cars from one spot to another, while the army of nurses, all clad in their blue dresses with badges on their arms and white caps on their heads, were attending to their various duties, which consisted of cooking foods and dressing wounds, while the men, with special caps, badges and haversacks, were employed in stretcher

duties on the field of battle. Sections came from Beenham and Bradfield, and with our own two sections, formed a detachment. The Long Gallery, which had been converted into a hospital ward, contained some eight beds, with all the regular paraphernalia usually to be found in a real hospital. One of the bath rooms had been turned into an operating theatre; this was visited by a large number of the spectators, who were much struck by its professional appearance. In addition to the doctors, there were present Colonel Meek, who came to inspect and report on the proceedings, and Sir Donald Robertson, the County Director. The Inspector paid a high tribute of praise to the organisation of the demonstration, and specially congratulated Mrs. Benyon on the care with which she had attended to the minutest details. Fortunately, though the morning was very wet, the afternoon turned out brilliantly fine.

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#### CRICKET CLUB.

The batting and bowling averages for the past season are held over till next month.

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#### HYMNS FOR NOVEMBER.

21st Sunday after Trinity (November 5th) ...	8.15 a.m.	560	185	464	558
	11 a.m.	221	547	428	437
	6 p.m.	429	515	427	435
22nd Sunday after Trinity (November 12th) ...	11 a.m.	4	510	191	171
	6 p.m.	220	169	184	23
23rd Sunday after Trinity (November 19th) ...	11 a.m.	165	334	303	511
	2.30 p.m.	158	157	(Children's Hymn Book).	
	6 p.m.	247	193	541	476
Sunday next before Advent (November 26th)	11 a.m.	261	262	288	160
	6 p.m.	575	231	289	28

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#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Petition for November:—"To grant a more earnest and widespread observance of the Day of Intercession (November 30th)"—see Church arrangements for the month.

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#### THE NATIONAL CHURCH.

When we call the Church of England the "National Church," we do not mean that it was made by or that it is supported by the nation, but that it is charged by God with the work of ministering to everybody in the nation. It is to be found in every part of the country, having some 14,000 parishes and 25,000 clergymen. No other religious society is national in this sense, for none of them covers the whole ground as the Church does. Thus in the Diocese of Norwich there are 914 parishes, but in no less than 393 of them there is no place for public worship except the parish church. The Archbishop of Canterbury once pointed out that in one of the poorest districts of South London there were 57 parishes with 137 resident clergymen, but only 32 chapels with 13 resident ministers.

It is national, too, in a higher sense than this. Not only is it everywhere, but it is ready to minister to everyone. The clergy are prepared to minister to all their parishioners, not only to those who come to church or subscribe to parish funds. The people who say "we do not belong to the Church of England," can also say "the Church of England belongs to us," just because it is the National Church. It is the servant of all, and proud to be able to offer its services to all.

If the Church were to be disestablished and disendowed, it would no longer be the National Church. Parishes would have to be combined, so that there would not be an open Church and resident clergyman everywhere; and the rights and privileges of the people in their Church would go. These rights would belong for the future to those who supported the Church, not to every parishioner, as at present.—[*Church Defence Committee.*]

# ENGLEFIELD, DECEMBER, 1911.

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## CHURCH ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MONTH.

3rd (1st Sunday in Advent).—8.15 a.m., Choral Eucharist; 11 a.m., Mattins, Litany and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

10th (Second Sunday in Advent).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

17th (3rd Sunday in Advent).—7.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 2.30 p.m., Children's Toy Service; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

21st (S. Thomas).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

24th (4th Sunday in Advent).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon (with Anthem).

25th (Christmas Day).—7.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong (with Carols).

27th (S. John, Evangelist).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

28th (Holy Innocents).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

31st (Sunday after Christmas).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong (with Anthem and Carols).

Wednesday 20th, Friday 22nd, and Saturday 23rd, are Ember Days.

On Christmas Day, the Rector hopes to have the assistance of the Rev. H. Kenney, who will preach at the morning service.

There will be Celebrations of Holy Communion on 7th and 14th December (Thursdays in Advent).

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## TOY SERVICE.

As already intimated, we hope to hold our annual Toy Service on the 3rd Sunday in Advent (December 17th). Some kind adult friends usually send a garment or something useful to add to our parcel: we shall be glad to receive as many of such welcome gifts as possible. All gifts should be wrapped up in paper and the name of the donor written on the outside.

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## S. P. G.

Our annual collections will be given to the Society on the 2nd Sunday in Advent (10th December). It is a matter of regret that again the Society is unable to provide us with a special Preacher. A Magic Lantern Lecture will be given by Rev. H. F. Hunt, Vicar of Cookham Dean, on Monday, 11th December, at 7 p.m., in the Long Gallery, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Benyon. All will be welcome. There will be a collection for the funds of the Society.

The Rector will be glad if those who have boxes will send them in by the 9th December.

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## THE SCHOOL.

The holidays at Christmas have been fixed by the Managers from close of school on Friday, 22nd December, to Monday, 8th January, 1912.

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## CRICKET CLUB.

*Batting Averages* (for best seven innings).—A. Buckland, 86 runs, average 12.2. T. Cullum, 67 runs, average 9.4. The Captain, Mr. L. E. Todd, has the splendid average of 42.1 for 5 completed innings, but, as our rule is that there must be seven completed innings, he is not eligible for the bat.

*Bowling Averages*.—T. Cullum, 297 runs, 44 wickets, average 6.33. C. Grant, 214 runs, 29 wickets, average 7.11.

## ENDOWMENTS OF THE CHURCH IN WALES.

### WHAT MR. ASQUITH PROPOSES TO DO WITH THEM.

The Report of the Welsh Church Commission shows that the total of the net endowments of the Church in Wales at the end of 1909 was as follows:—£238,790 a year Parochial Endowments; £29,760 a year Diocesan Endowments; Total—£268,550 a year.

These endowments come from the following three sources:—£110,760 a year from Parochial Tithes; £35,854 a year from Parochial Glebe Lands; £121,936 a year from other sources, chiefly the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and Queen Anne's Bounty; Total—£268,550.

More than one-half of the parochial endowments was added after 1703, viz., £122,956 a year. The amount of parochial endowments believed to have been in existence before 1703 is £115,834 a year.

In regard to endowments previous to 1703, seven out of nine Commissioners, including the Chairman, report that "It is not our duty to attempt to perform the almost impossible and very controversial task of ascertaining the historic legal origin of Church property, which includes property of such ancient origin as glebe lands and tithes." In regard to endowments subsequent to 1703, more than three-fifths, viz., £76,276 a year, came through the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and Queen Anne's Bounty from English and not Welsh sources.

Under Mr. Asquith's Bill of 1909, all its existing endowments, including £122,956 per year added since 1703, would be taken away from the Church in Wales except 1s. 5½d. in the pound; in other words, each rector or vicar would be left on the average with less than 8/- a week; and the Bill specifically prohibits the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and Queen Anne's Bounty from making any future grants of any kind to the Church in Wales.

What Mr. Asquith proposes to do with the endowments of the Church in Wales was as follows:—£201,995 (about) a year allocated to secular objects in Wales; £47,000 (about) a year returned to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners; £19,555 a year left to the Church in Wales; Total—£268,550.

Though £76,276 a year of the endowments permanently taken away from the Church in Wales is derived from English Church sources, only about £47,000 a year out of this amount would be returned to the Church in England under Mr. Asquith's Bill, which allocates to secular objects in Wales about £29,000 a year of English Church money.

This shows that Welsh Disendowment is, in practice as well as in principle, the first step in the Disendowment of the Church of England as a whole.

### HYMNS FOR DECEMBER.

1st Sunday in Advent (December 3rd) ... ..	8.15 a.m.	626	187	464	33
	11 a.m.	478	205	270	
	6 p.m.	48	479	391	
2nd Sunday in Advent (December 10th) ... ..	11 a.m.	362	587	178	
	6 p.m.	243	360	54	
3rd Sunday in Advent (December 17th) ... ..	11 a.m.	6	226	53	
	2.30 p.m.	341	323	(Children's Hymn Book).	
	6 p.m.	47	528	355	
4th Sunday in Advent (December 24th) ... ..	11 a.m.	217	52	49	
	6 p.m.	50	Anthem	51	58
Christmas Day (December 25th) ... ..	11 a.m.	60	62	61	482
	6 p.m.	59	Carols	62	
Sunday after Christmas (December 31st) ... ..	11 a.m.	175	329	165	72
	6 p.m.	179	Anthem	Carols	62

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Petition for December:—"To bless all Missionary Missions."