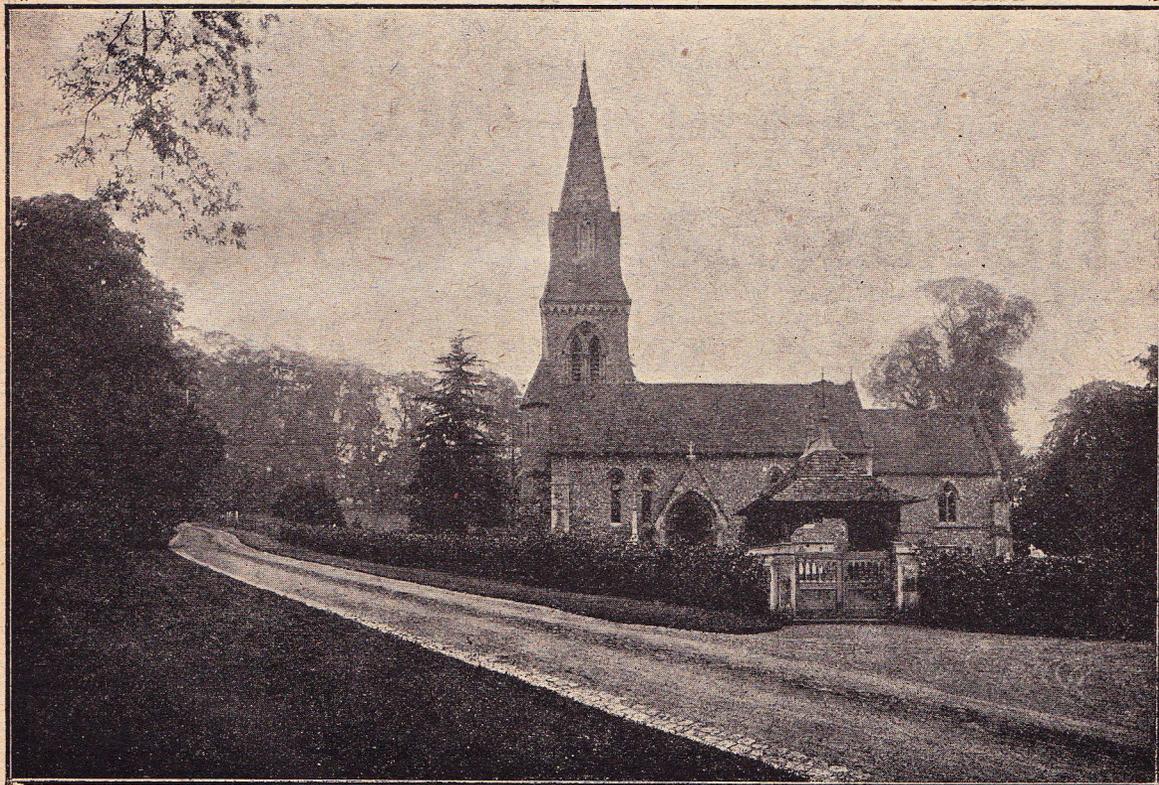


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St. Mark's, Englefield.

ENGLEFIELD, JANUARY, 1916.

CHURCH ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MONTH.

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- 1st (Circumcision).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.
 2nd (2nd Sunday after Christmas).—7.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Carols.
 6th (Festival of the Epiphany).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion (Alms for Oxford Mission to Calcutta).
 9th (1st Sunday after Epiphany).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.
 16th (2nd Sunday after Epiphany).—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.
 23rd (3rd Sunday after Epiphany).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong, and Sermon.
 25th (Conversion of S. Paul).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.
 30th (4th Sunday after Epiphany).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

DAY OF INTERCESSION.

We are again called by the Archbishops and Bishops to make the first Sunday in the year (January 2nd), a day of Prayer for our nation. This year there will be no "form of service" distributed for use, but special prayers will be used. It is hoped that many will avail themselves of the two opportunities for Communion—at 7.30 a.m. and 8.30 a.m.—making "the speedy success of the arms of Britain and her Allies" their special intention. There will be collections at all services for the British Red Cross Society.

CONFIRMATION.

The Bishop of Oxford has fixed Tuesday, 28th March, at 3 p.m., for the Confirmation to be held in the Parish Church. Those who wish to offer themselves as candidates for the sacred rite should give in their names *personally* to the Rector as soon as possible. Classes will be formed early in the month.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The following are the prizewinners up to Advent, 1915:—

Girls. Class I.—Mabel Chandler, Mabel Wells, Ella Chandler (all equal).

Boys. Class I.—1 Percy Elliott, 2 Cecil Golding, 3 Cecil Willcox (Certificate); *Class II.*—1 Stanley Golding, 2 George Joyce, 3 Ernest Rose (Certificate).

Infants.—Chrissie Smyth and Leslie Cox (equal), 3 Ellen Rose (Certificate).

There will be no Sunday School on the first two Sundays in January. On the third Sunday there will be Children's Service.

MISSIONS.

Intercession for the month:—"That we may learn the power and the blessing of putting prayer in the forefront of our lives."

The amount sent up to Headquarters of S.P.G. for the year reached the total of £20 1s. 8d. as per list appended:—

Boxes—			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
Miss Barker	...	...	3	5	½	Sunday School	...	...	2	6	½
Mrs. Claydon	...	...	12	9		Nurse Treadwell	...	...	3	0	
Mrs. James Cox	...	...	4	4		Mrs. Vince	...	...	2	0	
Mrs. H. S. Davis	...	...	2	7	½	Mrs. Wadds	...	...	6	1	½
Miss Deacon	...	...	8	4		Mrs. Yarlett	...	...	3	0	
Mrs. C. Fisher	...	...	3	1	½						
Mrs. James Martin	...	...	7	4	½	<i>Subscriptions—</i>			8	11	0
Mrs. Osmond	...	...	9	3	½	J. H. Benyon, Esq.	1	1	0		
Mrs. Page	...	...	1	11	5	Rev. G. G. Skipwith	1	1	0		
Rectory	...	...	2	18	4	Miss Benyon	1	0	0		
Rectory Household	...	...	3	8					3	2	0
Mrs. Smyth	...	...	9	7	½	<i>Collections</i>	...	...	8	8	9

In addition to this, the following amounts have been collected for Missionary work:—Oxford Mission to Calcutta, £1 9s.; S.P.C.K., 8s.; Universities' Mission to Central Africa, 11s. 3d.; Home Missions, £9 14s. 1d.; making a total of £32 4s. 0d.

A copy of the year's Report will be sent to all who have collected 4/- or more.

MEASLES.

Attention is drawn to the following paragraph from the Public Health Regulations (1915):—

“On and after the 1st January, 1916, cases of Measles and German Measles, occurring within this district must be notified to the Medical Officer of Health, either by the Doctor in attendance on the case, or by the parent, guardian, or other person having charge of the sufferer.”

GIFT SERVICE.

The annual “Gift” Service took place on the Sunday before Christmas. We were pleased to note the useful nature of the parcels—toys this year being conspicuous by their absence. The gifts were sent up to the poor parish of Christ Church, Lisson Grove, where doubtless they will be much appreciated.

The following were the donors:—Lily Absalom, 3 handkerchiefs. Nellie Absalom, 3 handkerchiefs. Alice Absalom, 1 pair child's woollen gloves. Elsie and Ethel Allen, 4 pairs babies' boots (woollen). Agnes Baker, stays, knickers and petticoat. Gordon Baker, stays, 1 pair drawers and petticoat. Dick Baker, baby's vest and drawers. Miss Barker, 2 flannel petticoats. Mrs. Bates, 2 pairs knickers, 3 flannel petticoats, stays, cotton petticoat, 2 chemises, 4 pinafores, and Xmas cards. Mrs. Benyon, 3 petticoats, 4 chemises, boy's jersey, pair stockings, and Xmas cards. Miss Benyon, 2 sailor costumes and cap. Miss W. Benyon, woollen jersey. Mrs. Briant, 3 knitted caps. Florence Bryan, chemise. Annie Buckland, pinafore and 2 pairs knickers. Mrs. G. Buckland, 2 petticoats and 2 pairs socks. Bertie Chandler, petticoat. Ella Chandler, petticoat. Harry Chandler, drawing set. Mabel Chandler, flannel petticoat. Nora Chandler, 2 pairs knickers, 3 pairs socks, cap, 2 jerseys. Mrs. Claydon, Mrs. Milne, C. Claydon, Mrs. Brown, 2 overalls, 2 blouses, 3 petticoats, frock, mat, scarf, 5 books, pair knickers, gollywog. Miss R. Cobham, 3 petticoats. Miss Cook, 2 pinafores. Eddie Cooley, boy's shirt. Mrs. Cottrell, 2 petticoats. Betty Cottrell, child's bonnet. Rosemary Cottrell, 2 picture books. Bertha Cox, flannel petticoat. Edwin Cox, pair woollen gloves. Joan Cox, 2 chemises. Leslie Cox, striped silk scarf. Mrs. James Cox, 2 petticoats. Victor Cox, pair woollen gloves. Fred Culley, woollen shawl. Frank Cullum, stays. Ivy Cullum, pair shoes and pinafore. Charles Cullum, boy's sweater. Miss Deacon, 2 pairs stockings. Mrs. Dobbie, dress, cap and sweets. Percy Elliott, Mrs. Elliott, shawl and flannel petticoat. Miss M. Ewing, woollen bonnet. Doris Fisher, pair stockings. Miss H. Fisher, pinafore and woollen shawl. Miss N. Fisher, flannel chemise. Albert Freemantle, scarf. Cecil Golding, woollen shawl and picture book. Stanley Golding, crocheted petticoat and game. Mrs. Griffin, 2 petticoats. Mabel Griffin, 2 chemises. Ernest Griffin, boy's shirt. Mr. Groves, 2 pairs stockings. Mrs. A. Harris, 2 pairs knickers. Mildred, Muriel and Kathleen Harris, doll and boy's shirt. Miss Hill, child's frock. Mrs. Hilton, 2 chemises. Miss K. Hobbs, 2 flannel petticoats. Mrs. Holmes, 1 nightgown. Miss L. Horne, 2 eiderdown quilts. Mrs. H. Horne, petticoat and cards. Mrs. Hopley, flannel knickers. Albert Huggins, child's pinafore. Alice Joyce, woollen cap. George Joyce, woollen cap. Hilda Lamperd, flannel nightgown. Mrs. Morrell, petticoat and hat. Mrs. James Martin, child's vest. Mrs. Moon, pair boots. Albert Nash, pair stockings, cap and Xmas card. Edith Nash, flannel knickers. Alfred Nash, 2 pairs woollen cuffs. George Nash, 3 pairs mittens and card. Fred Nash, cap, stockings and card. Mrs. Newman, 2 child's nightgowns. Gladys Pusey, petticoat. Mrs. Partlo, ball, sweets, 2 pairs socks, 2 chemises. Albert Pocock, boy's shirt and 2 vests. Phyllis Parsons, 2 petticoats. Alice Parsons, handkerchief and card. Mrs. and Miss Reid, 2 flannel petticoats. Mrs. Rogers, coat, shirt and sweets. Ernest Rose, boy's shirt and card. Evelyn Rose, pair socks and card. Helen Rose, girl's bonnet and card. Mrs. Simmons, stays, knickers and card. Wesley Simmons, pair child's socks. Mrs. Skipwith, 2 petticoats, suit, 2 overalls, 2 books. B. N. Skipwith, child's frock, 2 books, game. O. H. Skipwith, boy's shirt, 2 books, game, scarf, pair socks. P. Skipwith, shirt, 2 pairs socks, 2 books, game. Mrs. Slyfield, 2 flannel petticoats. Chrissie Smyth, child's frock and card. Gertrude Smyth, chemise and card. Francis Smyth, woollen scarf and card. Dorothy Sparkes, petticoat, and 2 woollen balls. Winifrid Sparkes, 2 pairs cuffs, 1 flannel petticoat, and scrapbook. Miss F. G. Stephens, box of sailors and soldiers, 2 pairs socks. Lilian Titcombe, woollen gloves. Nurse Treadwell, child's nightgown and overall. Mrs. Vince, handkerchief, petticoat, teddy bear. Miss Wadds, 3 pairs socks and “Chatterbox.” Mabel Wells, chemise and bonnet. Mrs. and Cecil Wilcox, scarf, 2 chemises, petticoat and 2 cards. Henry Young, 2 handkerchiefs and card. Stewart Young, 2 handkerchiefs and card. William Young, handkerchief and picture book.

The report of the Christmas Services is held over.

Hymn List will be found in the Church Porch.

ENGLEFIELD, FEBRUARY, 1916.

BAPTISM.

“One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.”

January 16th. Edna Annie, daughter of Charles William and Phœbe Emily Claydon, of Warfield, Berks.

CHURCH ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MONTH.

2nd (Purification of B.V.M.).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

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

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

20th (Septuagesima Sunday).—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.

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

Notes.—The Rector expects to be away for Septuagesima Sunday. There will be no weekday Services during his absence. Mr. Kenney will be responsible for the Services on the Sunday. On Sexagesima Sunday there will be our annual Collections for the National Society. Sermons will be preached on behalf of the Society by Rev. Hubert Shears.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Anything less like typical Christmas weather could hardly have been found than the last 25th December: muggy and showery was the order of the day. Yet, in spite of the unseasonable weather, the attendances were good: indeed, at the first Celebration of Holy Communion, the attendance was much above the average. The Reverend H. Kenney assisted the Rector in the conduct of the services, preaching in the morning. The usual Carol Service was deferred to the following Sunday, when, besides several well-known carols, which were carefully sung by the Choir, an anthem was given. This was Sir John Stainer's "God so loved the World" from the "Crucifixion"—a much higher-class production than we have been accustomed to before. It was nicely sung. The Church had been decorated by Mrs. Skipwith and the Rectory children, as far as the windows and pulpit were concerned, but the major part of the decorations were left in the capable hands of Mr. Wadds and his staff. The effect was good, though on a smaller scale than usual in times of peace. The bells were rung before the first Eucharist, as well as before Mattins. The collections throughout the day were for the Voluntary Aid Transport Service, and amounted to £9 16s. 6d.

INTERCESSION DAY.

The first Sunday of the year was, as last year, kept as a day of special prayer for the War. There were two Celebrations of Holy Communion, which, we regret to say, were not attended as well as they ought to have been. There were Collections throughout the day for the Sick and Wounded, in connection with the Red Cross Society and St. John's Ambulance, which amounted to £6 4s. 5d.

WAR ECONOMIES (Communicated).

COAL SAVING.—Dissolve a large tablespoonful of salt in rather less than one pint of hot water, and sprinkle this through a watering can with a fine "rose" to it, over a hundredweight of coal; taking care to spread the coal out so that every piece gets sprinkled. In this way small cheap coal can be used, and slack burns up brightly, making scarcely any smoke, and leaving hardly any ashes. The coal also lasts nearly twice as long treated in this way. Common crude salt should be used, which can be bought at about 3s. per cwt., and a cwt. will last a very long time.

Perhaps not everybody knows what a great saving of expense and labour in cleaning kitchen stoves, grates, &c., it is to rub them well all over with a pad of newspaper, and polish

with another clean pad of the same, *while the stove is still hot*. The paper can be afterwards used to light the fire next day.

A great deal of trouble and time is also saved by rubbing over all greasy dishes, plates, knives, forks, &c., with newspaper before washing them; and there is no better polish for saucepans (inside and outside), kettles, pudding and pie dishes, or plates that have got crusted and stained, than finely sifted ashes from under one's own kitchen grate, applied on a damp rag, and well rubbed, before washing them.

(To be continued).

HYMNS FOR FEBRUARY.

5th Sunday after Epiphany (Feb. 6th)	...	8.15 a.m.	317	314	318	
		11 a.m.	5	193	510	303
		6 p.m.	297	273	266	222
6th Sunday after Epiphany (Feb. 13th)	...	11 a.m.	211	376	533	531
		6 p.m.	261	82	235	81
Septuagesima (Feb. 20th)	... ..	11 a.m.	83	34	162	168
		2.30 p.m.	44	100	(Children's Hymn Book).	
		6 p.m.	210	236	225	167
Sexagesima (Feb. 27th)	... ..	11 a.m.	242	142	262	391
		6 p.m.	166	184	215	216

MISSIONS.

Petition for the Month:—"To revive in the Church and her members the spirit and power of prayer."

CONFIRMATION.

This is fixed for March 28th. It has been disappointing to find how few candidates have offered themselves this year; and especially for the *reasons* given. Thinking that we should have a goodly number, the Rector asked specially for the Confirmation to be held in the Parish Church this Spring, otherwise he would have waited till next year.

CHOIR BOYS.

On Thursday, January 13th, the boys were entertained to tea and games at the Rectory. Judging from appearances, the evening's entertainment was appreciated. Our numbers in the Choir are lower than they have ever been; suitable boys seem to be as rare in the village now as they used to be plentiful.

ENGLEFIELD, MARCH, 1916.

CHURCH ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MONTH.

5th (Quinquagesima Sunday).—8.15 a.m., Choral Eucharist; 11 a.m., Mattins, Litany and Sermon; 3.15 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

8th (Ash Wednesday).—8 a.m., Litany; 8.15 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins, Communion Service and Sermon.

12th (1st Sunday in Lent).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 3.15 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

16th (Thursday).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

19th (2nd Sunday in Lent).—7.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 3.15 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

23rd (Thursday).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

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

26th (3rd Sunday in Lent).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 3.15 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

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

15th, 17th and 18th.—Ember Days.

CONFIRMATION.

The 28th March (Tuesday) is the day fixed, at 3 p.m. We hope that the Service will be well attended, though the number of candidates is very small. There will be a Celebration of Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m.

SERVICES.

Owing to the regulations with regard to the showing of lights after dusk, we have had to alter our arrangements. Service now, instead of being held at 6 p.m., is at 3.15 p.m. This will last till the evenings draw out sufficiently for us to resume our usual hour. We hope the congregation will, even at some inconvenience to themselves, attend this afternoon service. It will probably suit some who have hitherto been prevented from attending at 6 p.m., owing to the difficulty of clearing away the *tea* things. We trust that the hour of 3.15 p.m. will not be found equally difficult with regard to the clearing away of the *dinner* things.

The Lighting Order will also interfere with our usual Week Day Lenten Service. Perhaps more could see their way to joining in the Friday afternoon Service at 4 p.m., when intercessions are offered for those engaged in the War, as well as those engaged in Missionary work.

WAR ECONOMIES (Communicated).

THE HAYBOX COOKER.—We English greatly dislike “new-fangled ideas,” but as we hear from thousands of people how satisfactory a haybox cooker is, in saving both time and money, why not, at least, give it a trial? Particularly, as we hope later on, in Englefield, to offer prizes for haybox cooking competitions, and, as we all know, practice makes perfect! First requirement is a good strong wooden box; a packing case or sugar box, with no very large cracks in it, will do nicely, and can be bought for a few pence. Fasten the lid on with hinges, and make a good firm front fastening for it when shut. (If you have no hinges or hasp handy, strips of leather or webbing nailed on will do equally well). Now paste two or three layers of thick brown paper over the whole of the inside of the box, lid and all, and over these, a layer of felt, such as is used under carpets, should be fastened on with tin-tacks. Next pack in, as tightly as possible, the sweet, dry hay, well covering bottom and sides of the box, but leaving little nests in the middle in which to put the pots or jars to be used for the cooking. The hay must be as tightly packed as possible, as the secret of success is to keep it air-tight. For the top make a hay mattress several inches thick, and covered with any old clean cotton you have by you, or a thick pad of old blanket or felt made into a mattress will do for this cover, and, with the lid shut and fastened, the cooker is now ready for use. If you like to make it “smart,” it can be covered with American

cloth, which will add to its length of life, and be easily cleaned. Of course you cannot do entirely without a fire. The food, well covered down, with a good fitting lid, must first be brought to boiling point over the fire, then quickly place the pot in the haybox nest, *without lifting the saucepan lid*; pack it round with hay, cover with the mattress, shut the box-lid down, and do not open for several hours. It will take about twice as long as if cooked over a fire in the ordinary way, but will not spoil if left all day. Ordinary saucepans may be used, workmen's tea cans, salt jars, etc., or, best of all, are the fireproof earthenware casseroles, but, in all cases, they must have close-fitting lids. The haybox cannot fry, roast, or bake, but can do to perfection: porridge, stewed meat, vegetables, fruit, milk puddings, eggs, etc. All the juices and flavours are preserved; it never burns; it keeps the kitchen cool in summer; after being out all day, you find a delicious hot meal waiting for you; and consider what a saving in coal it means!

SOUP should appear at every dinner table, and a good housekeeper ought never to have to buy anything for her stock pot for soup or gravy, unless it is occasionally some bones. Next time you want bones, buy twopennyworth of marrow bones, place them in a large saucepan, cover with cold water, bring to the boil, and let simmer several hours. When cold, you will find a beautiful cake of fat on top, which is delightful to use for pastry, suet pastry, cakes, or frying, and underneath will be delicious stock, to which you can add all sorts of vegetable parings, scrapings of carrots, parings of turnips, potato skins, apple peel, onion peelings, etc. *There is flavour in the skin of every vegetable.* Of course, these must be strained off before using. Soup made as above, and thickened with flour, baked brown in the oven, and with small suet dumplings in, will make a good nourishing dinner. The bones should be used again for stock, and until they look as if pierced with little holes all over. *All water in which rice or vegetables have been boiled should be saved for stock.*

SHEEP'S HEAD is a very economical dish. —When cleaned, it can be stewed in water, with the brains tied up in muslin; after it has simmered gently for two hours there will be a quantity of excellent broth, which can be used with vegetables, rice (or barley, or oatmeal) and dumplings. The head can be made into a mould by cutting off all the meat, and pressing it into a basin with the brains and tongue minced up.

COLD MEAT ROLL, or Galantine, is a good way of using up meat and bread, including crust, which has been soaked in stock. Take $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. meat trimmings, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. fat bacon, 3ozs. soaked bread, some chopped onion, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. chopped parsley, pinch of herbs, pepper and salt, 1 egg, $\frac{1}{2}$ gill of stock. Mix all well together, roll in a greased cloth, and boil for two hours. Then put into fresh tightened cloth and press between two dishes.

(To be continued).

HYMNS FOR MARCH.

Quinquagesima (March 5th)	8.15 a.m.	317	312	318	
	11 a.m.	9	265	210	492
	3.15 p.m.	208	173	527	28
Ash Wednesday (March 8th)	11 a.m.	92	94	86	
1st Sunday in Lent (March 12th)	11 a.m.	89	224	91	
	3.15 p.m.	490	520	528	
2nd Sunday in Lent (March 19th)	11 a.m.	376	90	183	
	3.15 p.m.	263	254	198	
3rd Sunday in Lent (March 26th)	11 a.m.	5	244	258	
	3.15 p.m.	514	261	288	

MISSIONS.

Petition for the month:—"That the value of united prayer may be better realised."

REV. A. E. CLEMENTI SMITH.

There will be many who will hear with regret of the death of an old friend. In Mr. Savile Young's time, Mr. Clementi Smith was constantly at Englefield, assisting with the services, and he has been here several times during the present Rector's tenure. His venerable appearance and his sympathetic manner, as well as his sound teaching, were all much appreciated by those who were privileged to know him.

ENGLEFIELD, APRIL, 1916.

BAPTISM.

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

- March 5th. Alice Martha, daughter of Edward James and Alice Elizabeth Day, of Eynsham.
,, 5th. George Victor, son of Tom and Alice Sparkes.
,, 19th. Marjorie Joan, daughter of Edward and Kate Eliza Cottrell.

CHURCH ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MONTH.

2nd (4th Sunday in Lent).—8.15 a.m., Choral Eucharist; 11 a.m., Mattins, Litany and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

9th (5th Sunday in Lent).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon (with Story of the Cross).

16th (Palm Sunday).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 2.30 p.m., Children's Service; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon (with Story of the Cross).

17th (Monday before Easter).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion; 6 p.m., Evensong (with Reading).

18th (Tuesday before Easter).—8 a.m., Holy Communion; 6 p.m., Evensong (with Reading).

19th (Wednesday before Easter).—8 a.m., Holy Communion; 6 p.m., Evensong (with Reading).

20th (Maundy Thursday).—7.45 a.m., Holy Communion; 6.45 p.m., Communicants' Guild.

21st (Good Friday).—11 a.m., Mattins, Litany, Ante-Communion and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Reading.

22nd (Easter Even).—8.30 a.m., Mattins; 8.45 a.m., Ante-Communion.

23rd (Easter Day).—7.30 a.m., 8.30 a.m. and 12 p.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

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

30th (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.

N.B.—The week-day Services will be notified on the board in the Church Porch each week.

EASTER DAY.

The Services will be as above. The Rector hopes to have the help of Rev. A. G. Hebert, of Kelham, who will preach morning and evening. The Collections, as usual, will be given to Home Missions.

NATIONAL SOCIETY.

It was extremely unfortunate that a heavy fall of snow should have come when we had special collections and a special preacher. On Sexagesima Sunday, Rev. Hubert Shears came to plead the cause of Church Schools. He pleaded to very small congregations, yet the result of the collection—partly due to subsequent additions—was good, the total amounting to £9 3s. 3½d. If anyone is prevented from attendance at Church when we have a *special* collection, we hope that something, however small, will be sent to the Rector, to be added to the collection. By doing so, the absentee will be showing his sympathy with the object in question.

HOURS OF SERVICE.

From the first Sunday in April, the Evening Service on Sundays will be held at the old hour—6 p.m.—until further notice. We may probably have to return to the afternoon hour later on.

THE SCHOOL.

The Easter Holidays have been fixed by the Managers, from Friday, 14th April, at noon, till Wednesday, 26th April, at 9 a.m.

The General Diocesan Inspector (Rev. R. de M. Nixon) paid a visit to the School on 15th March to examine the children in Religious Knowledge. The following is his report:—

“The work of this school, both oral and written, continues to reach the same high standard of excellence that it did when I last saw it three years ago; and I am very glad to give it the special mark, which is well deserved.

“It is a real pleasure to find children as bright and as keen as they are here, and this more than anything else shows how excellent is the teaching that is being given.

“*Bishop's Prize*: Bertha Cox; Mabel Wells was the closest possible second, and is specially commended to the Managers for suitable recognition.

“*Certificates*: i. Mabel Wells, William King, Stanley Golding. ii. Christine Smyth, George Joyce, Harry Chandler.

“The answering in each class was so level and general, that I prefer to commend all the children equally for their work, instead of selecting a few for special commendation.”

This is as good a report as we have ever had, and all the teachers are to be congratulated on the pains they have taken in preparing the children.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

We have received the following notice from the Superintendent of the Special Constabulary: “In the event of news being received of the presence of enemy aircraft in the district, the fire bell will be rung, and the yard hooter will sound two long blasts. These measures are taken to assemble the fire brigade and the special constables to their various duties. At the same time, people are advised to remain in their houses, and it is essential that all lights should be at once extinguished. After all danger is past, the yard hooter will blow one blast.”

WAR ECONOMIES (Continued).

WAISTCOATS FOR BOYS.—Cheap and most serviceable waistcoats for small boys can be made out of jerseys which are too shabby for ordinary wear. The sleeves always wear out first. These should be cut off, turn the jersey back to front, cut down the centre of what has been the back but will now be the front, cut slightly low at the neck, and carefully bind the cut edges with braid. Now machine a double piece of any firm material, about two inches wide, to each side of the fronts to make a firm foundation for buttons and button-holes. They make most comfortable waistcoats, and last a long time.

TO SAVE STOCKING KNEES.—It is a good plan to take square pieces from the leg of a done-for stocking, and sew them under the knees of all new stockings before they are worn at all. If very carefully done it will not show, but stitches must not go through to the front, or it will look like a patch. When, at last, holes do come, the patch should be unpicked and the holes darned, and then the patch replaced or a new one put on again. *(To be continued).*

HYMNS FOR APRIL.

4th Sunday in Lent (April 2nd)	...	...	8.15 a.m.	317	314	318
			11 a.m.	112	190	520
			6 p.m.	197	86	91
Passion Sunday (April 9th)	...	...	11 a.m.	96	200	107
			6 p.m.	97	492	493
Palm Sunday (April 16th)	...	...	11 a.m.	99	263	267 301
			2.30 p.m.	117	104	(Children's Hymn Book).
			6 p.m.	98	173	172 17
Good Friday (April 21st)	...	...	11 a.m.	114	332	108
			6 p.m.	109	120	122
Easter Day (April 23rd)	...	...	11 a.m.	134	131	499
			6 p.m.	136	135	500 127
1st Sunday after Easter (April 30th)	...	...	11 a.m.	34	514	125 230
			6 p.m.	197	140	503 302

MISSIONS.

Petition for the Month:—“To endue the Church with a new outpouring of Thy Grace, making us to be strong and united for the work that lies before us.”

ENGLEFIELD, MAY, 1916.

BAPTISM.

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

April 16th. Margaret Elizabeth, daughter of Herbert Arthur and Edith Annie Tidbury, of Pangbourne.

MARRIAGE.

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

April 24th. John Spackman to Edith Flora Harris.

CHURCH ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MONTH.

1st (S.S. Philip and James).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion, alms for S.P.C.K.

4th (S. Mark—transferred from 25th April).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

7th (2nd Sunday after Easter).—8.15 a.m., Choral Eucharist; 11 a.m., Mattins, Litany and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

14th (3rd 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 (4th Sunday after Easter).—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.

28th (5th 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.

29th, 30th, 31st (Rogation Days).—7 p.m., Evensong (with reading).

1st June (Ascension Day).—7.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 7 p.m., Evensong (with reading).

CONFIRMATION.

A more unpropitious day for a Confirmation could scarcely be imagined than Tuesday, 28th March. Incessant snow fell, to the accompaniment of the worst gale there has been for 40 years. So violent was the wind that over 50 large trees were laid low in the Park alone! In spite of the truly appalling weather, most of the candidates turned up. We were favoured by a visit from our own Diocesan—the Bishop of Oxford—who, vested in cope and mitre, gave two most helpful addresses to the candidates. The Choir attended in full muster, and the bells were pealed both before and after the service. From this Parish the following were confirmed: Barbara Nannette Skipwith, Nora Annie Chandler, John Oliver Young, Noah William John Culley.

EASTER DAY.

The weather was most favourable, on the whole, though there were a few showers during the day. The Church had been carefully and prettily decorated, the lion's share, as usual, falling to Mr. Wadds and his staff. There were three celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, at 7.30 a.m., 8.30 a.m., when it was choral, and after Morning Service. The preacher, morning and evening, was Rev. A. G. Hebert, of the Sacred Mission at Kelham. The Collections, which were given to Home Missions, amounted to £10 13s. 11d. A peal was rung before the first Eucharist, as well as before Mattins and Evensong. The congregations, in spite of the absence of many from home, including the Squire and his family and household, were distinctly good.

EASTER VESTRY.

This was held in the Choir Vestry, on Easter Monday, the Rector in the chair. Unfortunately, for the first time, the Squire was away. He had, however, signified his willingness to act as Rector's Warden, and was duly appointed, Mr. W. Palmer being elected Parish Warden. Mr. Benyon, to whom a vote of thanks was passed for his generosity in paying so large a share of Church Expenses, was elected Representative of the Parish on the Ruri-Decanal Committee of Finance.

NATIONAL MISSION.

It is doubtful whether the Church of England has ever been called to a task so great as that to which we are now summoned by the Archbishops. There have been great movements within the Church; but this is a movement of the whole Church, a call to discharge that mission to the nation, as a nation, with which it is entrusted. The times require such an effort; the horizon of men's thoughts has been suddenly and immensely expanded; we are conscious, as most of us were not two years ago, of our membership in the nation, and of the responsibility of our nation in the world. Our sons and brothers at the Front are serving their nation and helping it to meet its responsibility, at the risk of their lives; many of them in doing so are finding a new realisation of God. We at home must seek from God the power to rise to new heights so that we may be worthy of their sacrifice and provide for them on their return a home that will sustain their spirit of devotion to duty and service to God.

But to this end we must first take stock of ourselves. Very much has come to light which shows the need for amendment and renewal of life. It is sad to find how little the manhood of the nation, as represented by the men in training camps and the like, is really touched by the Church. We have not brought home the message with which we are entrusted as it needs to be brought home. We must seek in prayer and meditation and conference to find the cause of our ineffectiveness where it exists, so that we may repent of it and remove it where it lies in ourselves as individuals or as members of the Church in our neighbourhood.

If we will do that, there is before us a great hope—the hope of an England leavened and guided in regard to its whole life, domestic, social, industrial, political, international, by a Church whose members have sought the will of God in humility and prayer, and are ready to witness together to the Majesty of God and to His redeeming Love in Christ. It is a time for prayer, for teaching, for witness; may God give us all faith that we may pray, knowledge that we may teach, and courage that we may witness—all these according to His will and to the praise of His glory.

Literature connected with the National Mission is issued by the S.P.C.K. Anyone who sends to S.P.C.K., Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C., the sum of 2s. 6d., will receive all papers and pamphlets that are issued until that sum is exhausted. Information can be obtained from the Secretary of the Diocesan Council of the National Mission in each Diocese.

A paper called the "Bulletin" will be published monthly, from middle of April to December, at the modest price of 1d. This will give information of what is being done with regard to the Mission of Repentance and Hope. I trust *many* will take it in; if they will let me know, I will order it and have it delivered at their homes each month.

WOMEN'S WORK ON THE LAND.

Considering the unfavourable conditions of the weather, the attendance at a meeting in the School on Thursday, 13th April, was very fair. Miss M. Chillingworth, who was one of the delegates sent to France by the Board of Agriculture, to inspect the work done by women in that country, told us of her experiences, and urged her hearers to think if they could not do something to take the place of the men who are being called off the farms to serve their country. Her lecture was illustrated by magic lantern slides, the pictures being from photographs taken during the tour. Mr. Reeves was responsible for the manipulation of the lantern.

HYMNS FOR MAY.

2nd Sunday after Easter (May 7th)	8.15 a.m.	320	553	318	
	11 a.m.	197	184	140	258
	6 p.m.	439	503	568	334
3rd Sunday after Easter (May 14th)	11 a.m.	4	514	281	225
	6 p.m.	547	12	266	541
4th Sunday after Easter (May 21st)	11 a.m.	515	599	229	524
	2.30 p.m.	124	123	(Children's Hymn Book).	
	6 p.m.	516	207	511	19
5th Sunday after Easter (May 28th)	11 a.m.	166	536	245	383
	6 p.m.	601	527	143	386

MISSIONS.

Petition for the Month:—"To quicken in the Church and her members such a spirit of penitence as shall bring a new conviction to the nation."

Until further notice, the Friday afternoon Service will be held at 7 p.m., commencing 5th May.

ENGLEFIELD, JUNE, 1916.

BAPTISM.

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

21st May.—Barbara, daughter of Arthur and Alice Mitchell.

CHURCH ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MONTH.

1st (Ascension Day).—7.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 7 p.m., Evensong (with reading).

4th (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.

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

13th (Whitsun Tuesday).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

18th (Trinity Sunday).—8.15 a.m., Litany; 8.30 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. John Baptist).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

25th (1st 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.—It will be noticed that there are some changes this month in the Services. On the *first* Sunday there will be no Choral Eucharist. On the *third* Sunday there will be no 7.30 a.m. Service, owing to Whitsun Day coming on the *second* Sunday.

On Whitsun Day the Collections will be given, as last year, to the Diocesan Fund. We are expected to contribute £10 a year to that fund, irrespective of subscriptions.

ASCENSION DAY.

It was somewhat disappointing last year to find how few people availed themselves of the opportunity of coming to the early Eucharist on the Feast of the Ascension. Ascension Day is one of the *great* festivals of the Church, or, at least, it ought to be, and until we get these great festivals properly observed, the spiritual life of the people is not making the progress it ought. All members of the Guild ought, if it is possible, to attend.

S.P.G.

The Rector will be glad to have the boxes sent to the Rectory by the 17th June.

BOY SCOUTS.

A project, that has been for a long time in contemplation, has now been realised. A troop has been started in the village, and at the time of writing numbers 17.

Mr. Dan Partlo has been appointed Scoutmaster, and as he has had a good deal of experience in the matter, we confidently hope that the movement will be a success. The promise that each scout makes when he is enrolled is:—

1. To do his duty to his God and his King.
2. To help others at all times.
3. To obey the Scout law.

This latter, amongst other things, contains the following:—A Scout's honour is to be trusted; a Scout is a friend to animals; a Scout smiles and whistles under all circumstances; a Scout is thrifty, *i.e.*, he saves every penny he can; a Scout is clean in thought, word and deed.

We understand that it is against the rules for the scouts to beg for money, but if anyone likes to send a donation to the Rector (who is banker), it will be welcomed, as there are a lot of expenses in starting a troop, which cannot be expected to come out of the boys' pockets. The amounts received will be acknowledged in the Magazine, unless a wish is expressed otherwise.

The following have been appointed members of the Committee:—Miss Benyon, Messrs. C. G. Carter and A. B. Wadds.

WAR ECONOMIES (Continued).

BOTTLED FRUITS.—In bottling fruits the chief thing to remember is that air spoils the fruit. They must be done and fastened up in such a way that very little air is left in the bottle, and no more can enter till it is opened for use. When opened it must all be soon used. Bottles with wide necks are best, and pickle bottles do quite well. If the tops are fastened with corks, the tops of corks should be either waxed over, covered with three layers of paper, or a bladder tied firmly over. A home-made mixture for wax can be done as follows: 1lb. of resin finely pounded, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. beeswax cut in shreds, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. tallow. Put it all into an old tin, mix well, and melt gradually. Allow it to boil five minutes, stirring with a stick. This can easily be run over the corks while it is hot. The fruit must not be over ripe, not damaged in any way, and should be quite dry.

1. Fill the bottles with fruit, and stand them in a fish kettle or boiler with warm water (not hot) reaching nearly to the top. Put a wisp of soft material, or hay, between the bottles to prevent cracking, and also some at the bottom of the boiler for them to stand on. Pour warm water into the bottles to cover the fruit. Boil up the outside water gradually and then let it boil gently for ten minutes (or 15 minutes for hard fruit like gooseberries, or large fruit, as plums). Now take out one bottle at a time and cover at once while at its hottest.

2. Another way. Prepare exactly as above, and bring the water in the boiler gradually to the boil, then simmer gently until the fruit sinks down and looks shrunken: this will take from half an hour to one hour. Use the contents of one bottle to fill up the others. Take out one at a time and cover immediately, as above.

3. Fill glass bottles with sound fruit and cover with cold water. Tie down with paper, wrap in hay, and put them in a pot on hay or soft material. Fill the pot with cold water up to the necks of the bottles, and let them come gradually to a boil. When the fruit shows signs of cracking or discolouring take the pot off the fire; when nearly cold, take the bottles out and leave them till next day. See that the water stands quite half an inch above the fruit, and then add salad oil or dripping to cover the top and keep out the air. Tie them down with thick paper, as jam would be covered.

4. Fill glass bottles with sound fruit, and pour thoroughly boiling water over till the fruit is well covered. While out pour on a good layer of sweet oil or fat, and cork or tie down.

Bottled fruits should be kept in a cool, dry place and, if possible, in the dark.

SCHOOL NEEDLEWORK.

The following is the result of the Judging:—

DIVISION I. Sewing.—1, Clara Seymour; 2 (equal), Gladys Pusey and Florence Bryan. *Knitting.*—1, Ivy Cullum; 2, Mabel Wells; 3, Bertha Cox.

DIVISION II. Sewing.—1 (equal), Ethel Allen and Edith Nash; 2, Agnes Baker. *Knitting.*—1, Alice Joyce; 2, Hilda Horne; 3, Kathleen Harris.

DIVISION III. Sewing.—1, Lilian Absalom; 2, Mabel Horne; 3, Christine Smyth. *Knitting.*—1, Joan Cox, 2, Nellie Absalom; 3, Helen Rose.

INFANTS. Sewing.—1, Josephine Horne; 2, Nora Smith. *Knitting.*—1, Nora Smith; 2, Gertrude Smyth.

REPORT.—“It was with much reluctance and a little trepidation that I undertook to judge the needlework done by the Englefield school children, when asked to do so by Mrs. Skipwith. However, I soon found it was going to be very interesting, for the work quite surpassed my wildest anticipations. In fact, it was so well done, that it was a task of grave difficulty to decide the respective merits of each garment. The hemming calls for special commendation; it was in many cases perfect, the gathers were also exceptionally good, and the extreme cleanliness was another point to be much praised. I found no dirty marks of pricked fingers. The knitting was very good, evenly, and firmly done; it will be quite a pleasure to wear socks knitted like that—no lumps or knots of joined wool. The buttonholes, I think, might with practice be improved, but they are very difficult for such young children.—(Signed) C. WALLER.”

MISSIONS.

Petition for the month:—“To endue the Church with new power to purify and uplift the nation.”

Hymn List will be found in the Church Porch.

ENGLEFIELD, JULY, 1916.

CHURCH ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MONTH.

2nd (2nd Sunday after Trinity).—8.15 a.m., Choral Eucharist; 11 a.m., Mattins, Litany and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

9th (3rd 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.

16th (4th 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.

23rd (5th 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.

25th (S. James).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Communicants' Guild.

30th (6th 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.—Intermediate Services are announced from week to week.

MEASLES.

The Rural District Council asks us to draw the attention of parents to the following:—

DANGER.—In England and Wales about 10,000 children die of measles every year—nearly all of them under five. More children die from measles than from scarlet fever, diphtheria and typhoid put together. Even if not fatal, measles may lead to other bad illness, such as convulsions, consumption, inflammation of the lungs, bronchitis, chronic diarrhoea, blindness or deafness; unless great care is taken.

FIRST SIGNS.—Running of eyes and nose, often with a cough and sneezing. Very like a bad cold in the head. Very catching from the first, even before the rash appears. Especially catching from breath and from the discharge from the nose. Rash comes out in about three days; red spots, beginning on forehead and spreading all over the child.

WHAT TO DO.—If a child shows the first signs and seems unwell, better send for the doctor. If the rash appears, certainly send at once; particularly if the child breathes with difficulty. Meanwhile, put the child in bed and keep it quiet in a well-aired, clean room. Wipe the eyes, nose and mouth with clean rags, which should be burnt at once. Avoid chills from first to last. Keep other children away from it, especially those under five. Do not let neighbours into the house, especially children. Send word to the Head Teacher at once, and to the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Windle, North Street, Theale.

END OF ILLNESS.—Danger of infection lasts at least four weeks after the rash first appears, and until this time is up a person who has had measles must not go to school or church, or go into any shop or public road, or travel by train or other public conveyance.

NOTE WELL.—Article V. of the Public Health (Measles and German Measles) Regulations, 1915, requires that:—"Every Parent or Guardian, or other person, as soon as he becomes aware of, or has reasonable grounds for supposing that any person in his charge is suffering from Measles or German Measles shall, unless the case has already been notified by a medical practitioner, forthwith notify the case to the Medical Officer of Health for the District, stating the name and age of the patient, and his address." In this District notifications should be sent to:—

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, c/o Mr. WINDLE, North Street, Theale.

WHITSUN DAY.

This was not altogether a satisfactory day. The weather was cold and showery, and the services were not attended as well as they might have been. The decorations were, for various reasons, on a limited scale. The collections, however, were good—£10 2s. 9d. This was in excess of our quota for the Oxford Diocesan Fund.

THE SCHOOL.

The Managers have fixed the Summer Holidays from Friday, 28th July, at noon, till Monday, 4th September, at 9 a.m.

THE NATIONAL MISSION.

The preparation for the Mission, as far as the Clergy are concerned, is proceeding. Later on we propose to have a special service at least once a week. In the meantime, the following prayer might be used daily with profit:—"Our Father, we want to do more for Thee. We have done too little in the past. Show us what more we can do. May our lives draw others nearer to Thee. Bless the Mission to the nation. We are in sore trouble. Help us to turn to Thee: for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen."

We would remind all that the goal which the Mission sets before us is nothing less than the waking up of England. England means more to each one of us than it did before the War began. We are more conscious than we were how far England, as she is, falls short of the ideal England for which our bravest are shedding their blood like water. We are filled with longing to hasten the coming of the new England, which shall be less unworthy of the sacrifices made on her behalf. So we appeal to all Englishmen to make a united effort for the uplift of our country. We believe that God Himself is drawing nearer to us as a nation through the War, and that, if the heart of the nation can hear and respond to His call, His Kingdom will come in England with a reality and power hitherto undreamt of.

OLD PAPER.

We are asked to save old newspapers and waste paper. They will be called for once a fortnight by Cecil Golding. The proceeds of the sale of newspapers will be given to the *National Relief Fund*, and the waste paper to the *Prisoner of War Fund*. Already 6 cwt. has been sent in.

WAR ECONOMIES (Continued).

GOOSEBERRY CHUTNEY.— $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. salt, 1lb. stoned raisins, 2lbs. coarse brown sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. mustard seed, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. shallots, 1oz., cayenne pepper, 2 quarts green gooseberries, 2 quarts best vinegar. The mustard seed to be washed in vinegar, dried and bruised. The sugar to be made into a syrup with a pint of the vinegar; the gooseberries boiled in a quart of the vinegar; the shallots to be well bruised or finely chopped. When cold, gradually mix the whole together, and with the rest of the vinegar thoroughly amalgamate them, and boil all together for half an hour. Cover like jam, when cold.

PICKLED ONIONS.—Take off first the dry outside skin, then the next skin, and put the onions in a large jar. Make a strong solution of salt and water, bring it to the boil, pour it over the onions, and leave till cold. Repeat this with fresh salt and water, then drain. Put the onions into bottles or jars and cover with cold vinegar, into which has been stirred, to each pint of vinegar, one teaspoonful black ground pepper, one slice whole ginger and one blade mace. If liked, a bay leaf may be put into each bottle. Cover down with bladder or thick paper.

TO MAKE VINEGAR.—The vinegar "plant" (or "mother") can be bought in large vegetable markets, or through a greengrocer.—Take 1 quart of water and dissolve it in $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. coarse brown sugar and $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. treacle. Let this be in an earthenware vessel, preferably white inside. When dissolved, lay the fungus on top, cover with thick brown paper and tie down. In six weeks (or longer in cold weather) the liquid is turned to vinegar, and can then be strained off. Boil up the vinegar, strain again if necessary, and bottle. Put the fungus on to more sugar, treacle and water to keep it going. By this means it will not only keep alive, but will grow thick so that it can be divided into two layers making two plants. It appears to improve in its work as it grows thicker.

S.P.G.

The following boxes have been returned, for the half-year:—Mrs. Claydon, 6/3 $\frac{1}{2}$; Mrs. James Cox, 2/4; Miss Deacon, 4/4; Mrs. C. Fisher, 3/3 $\frac{1}{2}$; Mrs. Osmond, 3/7; Mrs. Page, 14/7; Rectory, £2 2s. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Mrs. Smyth, 4/3 $\frac{1}{2}$; Mrs. Wadds, 2/1; total, £4 3s. 5d. This will be sent up to headquarters at the end of the year.

MISSIONS.

Petition for the month:—"To bless the National Mission in its effort to deepen the religious life of the Church and the Nation."

Hymn List will be found in the Church Porch.

ENGLEFIELD, AUGUST, 1916.

BAPTISM.

“One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.”

16th July.—Mary, daughter of Arthur and Elizabeth Baker.

WEDDING.

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

21st June.—At Rotherfield Greys, William Edward Cordery to Ella Eva Hayes.

BURIAL.

“Grant her, O Lord, eternal rest.”

21st July, at Theale, Florence Jane Young, aged 17 years.

CHURCH ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MONTH.

6th (7th 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 (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.

20th (9th 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.

27th (10th 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.

THE RECTOR.

The Rector expects to be away for the month of August. During his absence the Sunday Services will be conducted by Rev. H. Kenney. There will be no week-day Services, nor Bible Classes. In case of any sudden illness, word should be sent to Mr. Angel Smith at Theale Rectory.

THE NATIONAL MISSION.

The Clergy go into retreat on the 1st August; after that, they will know more about the arrangements than they do at present. Meanwhile, last month's prayer should be continued.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

There will be no Sunday School during the four Sundays in August, but there will be Children's Service, as usual, on the *third* Sunday of the month.

THE BOY SCOUTS.

This new venture has now, we trust, taken root. Our troop was inspected by Mr. Francis, Scoutmaster of the Tilehurst Troop, on June 27th. We are now affiliated to the Headquarters B.P. Staff, and Mr. Dan Partlo has received his warrant as Scoutmaster. A room for the exclusive use of the Scouts is now in contemplation. We acknowledge the following donations with gratitude:—J. H. Benyon, Esq., £3 3s.; Mrs. Benyon, £2; Miss Benyon, £1; Miss W. Benyon, £1; Arthur Horne, 10s.; Mrs. Moon, 3s. 6d.; by sale of photographs, 11s.; Mrs. Skipwith, £1; Rev. G. G. Skipwith, £1; O. H. Skipwith, 2s. 6d.; P. Skipwith, 2s. 6d.

THE WAR.

The day fixed by the Archbishops for intercessions is Friday, 4th August, but as most of the Clergy of this Diocese will be in retreat, the day has been changed to Sunday, 6th August. There will be no “Special Service” issued for the occasion, but special prayers and hymns will be used, and we hope that an effort will be made by as many as possible to attend Service, especially those who have relations engaged in the War. The chief Service for intercession, of course, is the Holy Eucharist.

The Hospital was re-opened on July 6th. All the beds are in occupation.

The following should be added to the lists already printed of men who have joined the Army:—Robert Allen, Robert Bates, Sidney Chamberlain, Edward Cottrell, William Horne, Henry Loader, Albert Seymour, Alfred Vince, Frank Webb, Reuben Wiggins.

Some others have attested, but have been put back for the time being. Our sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Seymour, who have heard from the War Office that their son William, who was reported "missing," is now reported "killed." We are sorry to hear that Alfred Vince has been wounded.

It was an excellent idea of Mrs. Benyon's, that those in the village who have gardens should have the opportunity of contributing vegetables weekly to the War Hospital in Reading. I am sure many are much indebted to her for giving them the means of sending contributions from their gardens.

WAR ECONOMIES (Continued).

A GOOD, CHEAP AND EASILY-MADE PICKLE.—4ozs. curry powder, 2ozs. mustard seed, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. flour of mustard, 3ozs. bruised ginger, 2ozs. turmeric, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. loaf sugar, to be all mixed together, and then add to it sufficient cold vinegar to make it the consistency of cream. Heat to boiling point, rather less than three quarts of vinegar, and pour it over the other ingredients, stirring well, then put it into a stone jar and leave till cold. Any spare vegetables (except walnuts and red cabbage) can be dropped into the jar at any time. They must be well washed, dried in the sun, and not cooked. Small onions, carrots, turnip "thinings," small sprigs of cauliflower, runner or dwarf beans, nasturtium seeds, celery, horse radish, &c., can be added all through the summer; and the pickle is greatly improved by being put in the sun on hot days. It will keep for years, and is improved by keeping, but may be eaten the following winter.

TO MAKE A REALLY GOOD CURRY, the curry powder required should be heated in the oven for about ten minutes before use to freshen it up, taking care not to let it burn. For about four people two tablespoonfuls of curry powder would be needed. Whilst this is warming, cut up and fry two onions in a tablespoonful of dripping, till thoroughly browned and quite dry, then add the warmed curry powder, stir all well together, and add to it about three-quarters of a breakfast-cupful of stock, *a spoonful at a time*; put in one or two sticks of cut-up rhubarb, or a sliced green apple or two, and let it simmer gently by the side of the stove till the fruit is soft, then take it off the fire and leave it till it is absolutely cold. Now add to this sauce the small cut-up pieces of meat (cooked or raw), vegetables, toasted bread, or fish—or a mixture of whatever pieces you have, and heat it all slowly in an earthenware pan or pot. *Never let it boil, or it will be spoilt.* Serve with plain boiled rice.

A curry made of runner beans is quite delicious, or another of equal parts of rhubarb and potatoes, or one of all sorts of cut-up vegetables, mixed. If you have no meat or vegetable stock at hand for the curry sauce, use the water your rice was boiled in, and re-warm the rice when wanted.

DALL.—An Indian dish, and very good. For four or five people, take a large breakfast-cupful of lentils. Wash them, then cook with plenty of water, like you would boil rice, till soft. Drain off the water (keep it for stock). Put in one teaspoonful of curry powder, 1oz. butter or margarine, and a little salt, and let it simmer, stirring every now and then. Serve with plain boiled rice round and the curry in the middle of the dish, with thinly-sliced well-fried onions on the top. It takes about an hour-and-a-half to cook.

A CEYLON RICE CURRY.—Required: $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. rice, 1lb. tomatoes if in season (or mixed vegetables will do), one small apple, two onions, 2ozs. dripping, two teaspoonfuls of curry powder and flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ -pint of vegetable stock, seasoning of pepper and salt. Wash and boil the rice until soft, in salted boiling water. Then drain it well off, and save the rice water. Melt the dripping, put in the finely-chopped onions and apple, and fry a light brown. Add the flour and curry powder, and fry again for about three minutes. Add the stock, slice the tomatoes, or other vegetables, and add them, and stir till boiling. Then let it simmer gently for five or ten minutes. Heap the rice in a hot dish—each grain should be dry and separate—pour the curry sauce round and garnish with fried sippets of bread, or slices of hard-boiled egg laid on the rice. N.B.—If mixed vegetables are used instead of tomatoes, they must be cut very small, and cooked before adding to the sauce.

(To be continued).

INTERCESSIONS.

1. "To enable the Church to go forward at this time faithfully and courageously in its missionary campaign."
2. "To sustain our Missionary Societies in the anxieties and difficulties caused by the War."

Hymn List will be found in the Church Porch.

ENGLEFIELD, SEPTEMBER, 1916.

CHURCH ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MONTH.

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

10th (12th 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.

17th (13th Sunday after Trinity. Harvest Festival).—7.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 2.30 p.m., Children's Service; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

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

24th (14th 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.

20th, 22nd and 23rd, Ember Days.

N.B. Extra Services will be announced on the previous Sunday.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.

We hope to keep Harvest Festival on the third Sunday of the month: there will be two Celebrations of Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. and 8.30 a.m., when we hope a large number will attend the Eucharist—the Thanksgiving Service. There will also be a Children's Service at 2.30 p.m. As usual the collections will be given to the Royal Berkshire Hospital. The Rector is not sure if he will be able to secure a special Preacher for the occasion.

THE NATIONAL MISSION.

The Clergy of the Diocese have begun their preparation: they were in retreat for three days and those who went to Bradfield College were most fortunate in having as their "Conductor" Canon H. G. Daniel-Bainbridge, of Handsworth, near Birmingham.

The Mission is intended to wake up England to her religious responsibilities. The people are called upon to repent not only of their individual sins but of the sins committed by the nation. It is hoped that those who have the welfare of the nation at heart will take it seriously and join in the services of intercession, which will be held every Wednesday evening at 7.30, commencing 6th inst. The service will consist of prayers, hymns, and a reading or address. We would remind all that the Mission does not hold out hopes of converting all the members of the Parish in a moment: it is only a beginning of better things—but much will depend on the spirit in which it is taken up and persevered in. The following has been issued by the Diocesan Council; we print it in hopes that all will read it and inwardly digest it:—

REPENTANCE.

Everybody who loves God will want to do something in this great Mission. And you can't help loving God if you think a little of how much He loves you. He loves you because He is your Father, and you are His child. He loves you so much that He sent His own Son to die for you. And because He loves you He wants you to be happy.

How we love our brave sailors and soldiers! We love them because they have made such great sacrifices for us, because they are brave, and because they are ready to die for us. And our dear Lord Jesus Christ died for us. Wasn't it good and brave of Him? Ought we not to love Him very much?

If we really love people we are always ready to do what we can for them. You would want to do all you could for a wounded soldier who had risked his life to save you and your home. So we ought to want to do all we can for the good God Who loves us, and for His Son Jesus Christ Who died to save us. Well, first of all we must try and find out what God wants us to do. And then we must ask Him to help us to do it. God wants us to be *good*. Jesus Christ wants us to try and live the sort of life He lived on earth. What keeps us from being good? It is *sin*. We *all* sin. There are big sins and little sins. Sins that we commit sometimes. Sins we are committing every day. Sin spoils our lives.

And if, instead of trying to see faults in our neighbours we try to see them in ourselves, we shall find plenty of things that spoil our lives!

And then sin not only spoils the lives of each person, but it spoils a whole parish; or a whole town; or a whole nation. How the sin of wanting to conquer the world by force has *spoilt* Germany, and made her the awful, cruel nation she is to-day! And it is often just like this in a

parish. There is *something* wrong—that spoils it. In one parish many of the people are quarrelsome. Always a row going on. In another parish there is a great deal of drunkenness. In another there is a bad record of girls who have been “got into trouble” before marriage. In another there are very few people who ever attend a place of worship, or go to Holy Communion. What a pity.

We want to get our spoilt lives right. We want to get rid of the things which spoil the life of our parishes. How are we to do this?

The National Mission calls us, first of all, to *Repentance*. Each one of us is asked to repent of our own sins. Every parish is asked to repent of its own particular sins.

What does repentance mean? Something *very simple*. Suppose you are a parent and your child has done something wrong, has disobeyed you. What do you want your child to do? Why, of course, you want him to do just *three things*. (1) To tell you he is sorry. (2) To ask you to forgive him. (3) To try not to do the wrong thing again. And that is just what God wants us to do.

1. To tell Him we are sorry for our sins. First of all, of course, we must find out what *are* our sins. We must think about our lives, what we are saying and doing, whether we are living as God wants us to live. We must think about our parish, what is wrong with our parish. And we must tell it all to God. Just as we would tell a father who loves us. We must just tell Him how sorry we are.

2. We must ask Him to forgive us. And we know He *will* forgive us. We are quite sure of it. “If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins.” The child is happy when his father forgives him. And when God forgives us it makes us very happy. Let us ask God, then, to forgive us our *own* sins. Let us ask Him to forgive all that is wrong in our parish. But, remember, that just as you can't forgive your child unless he *wants to be forgiven*, so we can't expect God to forgive us unless we *want to be forgiven*.

3. We must try not to do wrong again, but to do right. We love to see a child trying to do right and we love to help him try to do right. And God loves to see us try to do right, and He loves to *help* us try. For we want His help. We can't do right just by ourselves. The Holy Spirit will help us, though, if we ask Him. Let us ask Him to help us to live good lives. Let us ask Him to help all the people in our parish to live good lives.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASSES.

These will be resumed at the usual hours on the *first* Sunday in September.

WAR NEWS.

It was with genuine sorrow that we heard of the death of Leonard Nash, who was attached to the machine gun section of the Berkshire Regiment. The sympathy of all will go out to his parents.

After a considerable absence in Egypt, Lieut. Harry Benyon has returned home; invalided, we regret to say. We hope that after a rest he will be fully restored to health.

The son of our old friend, Mr. Kenney, has been wounded in France. By a stroke of good luck he was sent to Reading No. 1 War Hospital, so that he was able to be seen daily by his parents.

WAR WORK PARTY (Communicated).

The needlework for War Office and Red Cross requisitions has been going on steadily ever since it was started in the Parish last December; there are 24 names of voluntary workers on the register, and of these nine have received the War Office Badge. The following is a list of work sent in up to the end of July, the cost of all materials used having been defrayed by Mrs. Benyon and Mrs. Skipwith:—136 pairs Mittens, 49 Mufflers, 11 Helmets, 6 pairs Socks, 26 pairs Operation Stockings, 121 pairs Bedsocks, 53 Bedjackets, 10 Helpless Bedjackets, 24 Nightingales, 25 Flannel Dayshirts, 242 Cretonne Bags, 34 Knitted Face Swabs, 29 Mosquito Nets, 19 Chest Bandages, 34 Abdominal Bandages, 13 Shoulder Bandages, 16 Limb Bandages, 87 Stump Bandages, 12 Splint Fasteners, 6 Many Tailed Splint Fasteners, 6 Capeline Bandages, 4 Hip Bandages, 9 Small Cushions (filled with snippings), 21 Patchwork Dusters (from pieces left over from cutting out), 1 Knitted Floorcloth (from selvages torn off). Total 994.

In addition to above War Work there are seven women workers on the land who have received armlets.

INTERCESSION.

Petition for the Month:—“To deepen the Spiritual life of the people, especially in this parish.”

Hymn List will be found in the Church Porch.

ENGLEFIELD, OCTOBER, 1916.

BAPTISMS.

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

September 17th.—Ernest James, son of William George and Ada Annie Horne.

„ Frederick Charles, son of Charles and Edith Ellen Rose.

BURIAL.

“Grant him, O Lord, eternal rest.”

September 14th.—Thomas Maddison Wattam, aged 90 years.

CHURCH ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MONTH.

1st (15th Sunday after Trinity).—8.15 a.m., Choral Eucharist; 11 a.m., Mattins, Litany and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

8th (16th 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.

15th (17th 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.

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

22nd (18th 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.

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

29th (19th 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.—Extra Services will be announced on the previous Sunday. On the Festival of S. Simon and S. Jude, the collection will be given to the Cambridge Mission to Delhi. On S. Luke's Day, to Medical Missions.

S. P. G.

On Sunday, 15th October, the collections throughout the day will be for S.P.G. In the evening the Sermon will be preached by Rev. F. G. Copeland, from Tasmania, who will also address the children in the afternoon.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.

We held our Thanksgiving Services on Sunday, 17th September. The weather was very kind until the evening, when rain fell. The Services, which owing to war time were of a simple character, were as follows—Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. and 8.30 a.m.; Mattins and Sermon, 11 a.m.; Children's Service, 2.30 p.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 6 p.m. All were well attended, but especially the evening service when the preacher was Rev. A. G. P. Baines, Vicar of S. John's, Newbury. The collections for the Royal Berkshire Hospital amounted to £62 1s. 2d., the highest sum we have ever reached. Peals were rung before the early service, Mattins and Evensong. The Church has seldom looked nicer, as a scheme of colour was arranged which had a charming effect. Those responsible for this work included Mrs. H. A. Benyon, Mrs. Skipwith and Family, and Miss Wadds. The greater share of the work, however, fell on the willing shoulders of Mr. Wadds, who gave of his best from the houses under his charge. The following were among those who contributed fruit, vegetables, bread, &c.:—E. G. Allen, R. Allen, W. Allen, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. G. Buckland, E. Buckland, A. Baker, J. Bailey, J. Bevan, S. Briant, W. Chandler, J. Claydon, J. Cox, T. Cox, C. Cox, E. Cooley, E. Cottrell, G. Culley, T. Dixon, Mrs. Dobbie, G. Elliott, Englefield House, Englefield Rectory, C. Fisher, H. Groves, A. Harris, T. Harris, J. Hayes, O. Hopley, H. Horne, Mrs. W. Horne, F. Holmes, T. Huggins, S. Joyce, W. Lamperd, H. Martin, J. Martin, A. Mitchell, W. Morrell, G. Mundy, G. Nash, W. Nash, W. Palmer, H. Page, G. Parsons, W. Partlo, Mrs. Pocock, F. Reid, C. Rose, T. Simmons, W. Smyth, T. Sparkes, W. Titcombe, W. Treadwell, F. Webb, J. Wells, S. Willcox, W. Vince, G. Yarlett, C. Young.

NATIONAL MISSION.

A Service is being held on Wednesday evenings in Church. During October it will be at 7 p.m. We are still hoping for a "Messenger" to be assigned to this parish, but so far our efforts have not succeeded. Anyway we do not expect one till Advent. In the meantime let us use this prayer—"O Heavenly Father, I pray Thee to bless the National Mission, and to teach me by Thy Holy Spirit, how to take my part in it: for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen."

The Archbishop of Canterbury has issued this "call":—England is fighting a great war for the cause of truth and honour. The greatest victory will not be won if it is our earthly enemies only who are defeated. Among us at home the forces of sin and ignorance are mighty. You were pledged at your Baptism to fight manfully under Christ's banner against them. Through the National Mission of Repentance and Hope, we, in Christ's Name, call upon every English man and woman to strike a blow at Christ's enemies. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our Faith."

Mr. WATTAM.

It is given to few to reach the venerable age of 90 years. Such was the ripe old age to which Thomas Maddison Wattam had reached. For the last 18 years he had lived in the village, and during that time had gained the respect of all—a devoted Churchman, he set a good example to all, while he had the strength, by his regular attendance at Divine Service, and especially at the Sacrament of the Altar. Since his illness, about four years ago, he had been more or less of an invalid, still his commanding presence will be much missed in the village. May he rest in peace.

ALFRED VINCE.

It was with much pleasure that we heard that Alfred Vince had been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery on the battlefield. He is, we believe, the first of the Englefield boys to receive a medal and we congratulate him heartily on his good fortune. Though many may do brave acts, it is not for everyone to have them acknowledged in this way. His father and his mother are naturally very proud of him.

BOY SCOUTS.

We acknowledge with grateful thanks a contribution "from a few friends," collected by Mr. Carter, amounting to £2 10s. We hear also that there is a likelihood of a Jumble Sale being held this autumn in the village, and we are led to hope for a share in the result. We hear rumours of a room for the Scouts' use. We hope it may be a fact before the wintry weather sets in.

RED CROSS DAY.

We hear this is arranged for October 19th: we hope a good collection will result for such an excellent cause.

INTERCESSION.

"Grant us penitence for our sins and shortcomings as Church Members, and fit us to take our share in the Spiritual revival of the Church." The Friday Service will be held until further notice at 4.15 p.m., commencing 6th October.

WAR ECONOMIES.

Economy is our Duty to our Country, let us remember that every penny saved strengthens our nation and also helps ourselves. Here are a few hints:—Don't burn unnecessary lights: don't forget that refuse makes a good backing for fires: don't throw away any scraps or bits, all can be used: don't forget that home-made scones are cheaper than bread: don't forget that soap wastes when left lying in water.

A GOOD PICKLE.—Take a large marrow and cut it into small pieces, sprinkle with salt, and leave for 12 hours; then drain off and put into a basin whilst the following pickle is being prepared: 2 quarts vinegar, 2 ozs. flour of mustard, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. each ground ginger and turmeric, 4 ozs. lump sugar, 12 shallots, and a few chillies. Boil these ingredients 15 minutes, then add the pieces of marrow and boil all together for about an hour, or until the marrow is quite tender. Small onions added are an improvement. Bottle and tie down in the usual way.

Hymn List will be found in the Church Porch.

ENGLEFIELD, NOVEMBER, 1916.

CHURCH ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MONTH.

1st (All Saints' Day).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

5th (20th Sunday after Trinity).—8.15 a.m., Choral Eucharist; 11 a.m., Mattins, Litany and Sermon; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

12th (21st 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 (22nd 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.

26th (23rd 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 (Eve of S. Andrew).—7 p.m., Intercessory Service.

30th (S. Andrew).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

N.B.—Extra Services will be announced on the previous Sunday.

MISSIONS OVER THE SEAS.

On the Vigil of S. Andrew (November 29th) the Wednesday Evening Service will have a Missionary character.

NATIONAL MISSION.

We had hoped to be able to announce that a "Messenger" had been allotted to us at Advent, but the demand for Messengers is greater than the supply. This is a matter of keen disappointment. We have, however, the promise of an excellent Messenger (Rev. E. P. Baverstock, of Whitchurch) who will come to us between Christmas and Lent.

The Weekly Wednesday Service will continue for this month at any rate at 7 p.m. After that we shall have to put ourselves in the hands of the "Messenger," and do what he wishes. A Prayer Union is being started; a half-hour each week-day will be given up to intercession for the Mission. This will be undertaken by members of the Communicants' Guild. Manuals will be provided in the Church—also pamphlets; if any of the latter are taken away, it is requested that a coin be placed in the box by the font.

TOY SERVICE.

We hope again this year to hold our Gift Service. We would appeal for useful warm articles, rather than toys. The Service will be held on December 17th (3rd Sunday in Advent). The gifts are not limited to the school children!

RUMMAGE SALE.

A small Rummage Sale will take place on Saturday, 4th November, at 3 p.m., in the School. Tickets (2d. each) can be obtained at the Post Office, Englefield, before the day. Entrance on the day, 3d. The proceeds will be divided between Red Cross Funds and the Boy Scouts' Troop.

"OUR DAY."

Thursday, October 19th, was the day observed throughout the Country for collecting funds for the Red Cross Society. Boxes were carried round from house to house with the following results:—Mrs. Claydon, £2 11s. 4½d.; Mrs. Benyon (House) £2 10s. 2d.; Miss Nannette Skipwith, £2 1s. 6d.; Mrs. Holmes, £1 12s.; Mrs. Hilton, £1 3s. 4d.; Mrs. T. Harris, 18s. 5½d.; Miss Wadds, 15s. 6d.

In the evening, an Entertainment was given in the Long Gallery. The first part was done entirely by the patients, some of whom showed that they had more than ordinary talent. The second part consisted of songs by Mrs. H. A. Benyon and Mrs. Wysard, assisted by Mr. Dawson, who proved a host in himself: he kept the audience in roars of laughter with his comic songs and stories. The room was packed and as a result a very satisfactory collection was made during the interval—the sum of £15 18s. 8½d. being taken. This brought the total for the day, in the Parish, up to £27 11s. 0½d.—which showed a considerable increase from last year.

VEGETABLES FOR READING WAR HOSPITAL.

Mrs. Benyon has received a letter of grateful thanks for the vegetables sent in weekly by the villagers of Englefield. Owing to scarcity of vegetables, the weekly collection has now ceased. Later on it is hoped to start it again.

WAR ECONOMIES.—(Continued).

A FEW MEATLESS DISHES. *Lentil and Potato Pie.*—Required: 2ozs. butter or margarine, 2ozs. lentils, 2ozs. chopped nuts, 1 hard-boiled egg, 6ozs. onions, 1½lbs. potatoes (weighed after peeling), ¼ teaspoonful of thyme, salt, pepper, some boiling water, and a little pastry. Place the butter in a pie dish, and put it in the oven to brown, add the onions finely minced, then fill up the pie dish with alternate layers of potatoes thinly sliced, and lentils, nuts and egg. Sprinkle in the seasoning. Fill up the dish with boiling water, cover it over with another dish to keep in the steam, and bake it for an hour. Then cover it with pastry, and place immediately in the oven, and cook till the pastry is nicely browned.

Butter Beans and Yorkshire Pudding.—Ingredients: ½ lb. of large white haricots or butter beans, 1 quart of water, 4ozs. butter or margarine, 2ozs. flour, 2 tablespoonfuls chopped parsley, and seasoning to taste. Well wash the beans. Put them in a boilerette with 1 quart of boiling water and cook for 2 hours, adding half the butter for the last hour. Put the rest of the butter into a double saucepan with the flour and seasoning. When the beans are perfectly soft, drain off all the liquid and add enough milk to it to make one pint. Stir this with the butter and flour until thick, cook for 5 minutes, add the chopped parsley and pour it all over the beans. Serve this with squares of Yorkshire pudding.

Leeks au Gratin.—Ingredients: a bunch of leeks, 1 gill white sauce, 1oz. grated cheese, a few baked bread crumbs, a little margarine, pepper and salt. Wash the leeks thoroughly, and then boil till tender in salted water. Drain them well. Butter a small baking tin or pie dish, put in the leeks, sprinkling each layer with pepper and salt. Pour the sauce over, and on this the cheese, and lastly the brown crumbs with a few small dabs of margarine here and there. Bake in a moderate oven till the leeks are hot through, about 15 minutes.

INTERCESSION.

“To call all Church Members to take their share and use their power to foster the Mission and its after-fruits.”

HYMNS FOR NOVEMBER.

20th Sunday after Trinity (November 5th) ...	8.15 a.m.	180	310	318	
	11 a.m.	536	197	546	437
	6 p.m.	547	261	427	428
21st Sunday after Trinity (November 12th) ...	11 a.m.	270	535	214	174
	6 p.m.	291	185	632	28
22nd Sunday after Trinity (November 19th)...	11 a.m.	529	181	281	202
	2.30 p.m.	7	44	(Children's Hymn Book).	
	6 p.m.	274	220	266	477
23rd Sunday after Trinity (November 26th)...	11 a.m.	224	247	193	376
	6 p.m.	373	245	233	24

ENGLEFIELD, DECEMBER, 1916.

BURIAL.

“Grant her, O Lord, eternal rest.”

November 18th.—Eliza Horne, aged 85 years.

KILLED IN ACTION.

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

October 19th.—Harold Willcox, aged 23 years.

CHURCH ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MONTH.

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

10th (2nd 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., “Gift” Service; 6 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

21st (S. Thomas).—8.15 a.m., Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Communicants’ Guild Service.

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 Carols).

25th (Christmas Day).—7.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 12 p.m., Holy Communion; 6 p.m., Evensong (Plain).

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

28th (Innocents’ Day).—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 and Sermon.

N.B.—Extra Services will be announced on the previous Sunday.

NATIONAL MISSION.

The preparation for the Mission in this parish is in progress. A Service on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. is held, and, considering the weather, has been very fairly well attended; it is a somewhat informal service, and we hear from some that it is much appreciated. The date is now fixed for our Mission: it will commence on Sunday, February 4th, with a Service for Men at 3 p.m., and will be continued during the first days of the week. Mrs. Illingworth, widow of Dr. J. R. Illingworth, Rector of Longworth, has promised to come the week preceding the Mission, and to bring another lady with her. We shall have more details to hand next month.

INTERCESSION.

“That the Mission may be the means of arousing in our parish new spiritual life and power.”

PARISH NOTES.

The Communicants’ Guild Service is fixed for S. Thomas’ Day.

Evensong on the 24th (Christmas Eve) will be fully choral, with carols. Our choir is so depleted at present, and likely to be more so, that we have to forego our usual Christmas anthem.

The Christmas Day Services will consist of Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m., 8.30 a.m. and after Mattins, Mattins and Sermon at 11 a.m., Evensong (Plain) at 6 p.m. The Rector hopes to have the assistance of Mr. Kenney.

Owing to police regulations, we have had to curb the energy of our bellringers—so now, until lighter times come, we have to be content with one bell in the evenings, rung for a short time before service.

We draw the attention of the charitably disposed again to our “Gift” Service on Sunday afternoon, the 17th inst. The number of gifts, in the shape of warm garments, sent by adults has increased of late years. We are open to receive any number; they should be sent to the Church that afternoon, wrapped up in paper with the name of the donor put inside the parcel. The gifts will be sent as usual to a very poor parish in North London, where they are much appreciated.

The Rummage Sale held on 4th November was a great success. The total result was £34 11s. 4½d.; of that sum, £17 5s. 0d. goes to the Voluntary Work Association (Englefield branch) and £17 6s. 4½d. to the Boy Scouts' Troop Funds. We would like to thank all who contributed articles to the Sale, and all who helped to sell the articles.

A Meeting was held in the School on Friday, 17th November, with a view to forming a War Savings Association. The Squire was in the chair, and Mr. Anderson, Secretary of the Berkshire Education Committee, attended to explain the scheme. The meeting was not well attended and no definite result ensued, but we still have hopes that the patriotism of the village may rise to the occasion. The money put into the scheme not only will benefit the members—for they will get £1 for every 15s. 6d. deposited, in five years time—but it benefits the country at the present time.

The Christmas Holidays are fixed from Friday, 22nd December at noon to Tuesday, 9th January, 1917, at 9 a.m.

THE WAR.

Since we published our last list of "recruits," we have to add the following names:—Charles Hilton, Charles Pocock, Fred Chandler, Vernon Stimpson.

We were sorry to hear that Arthur Dance has been wounded and has lost a finger.

It was with very great regret that we heard of the death of Harold Willcox. He was a general favourite, and much sympathy has been expressed for his parents in their loss—a loss which seems all the harder to bear, as he did not get leave to come home from the day he first went out.

MRS. EDWARD HORNE.

It is only a short time since we announced with regret the passing away of our oldest inhabitant, Mr. T. M. Wattam. The next in age was Mrs. Horne, who had reached the good old age of 85 years. It is with regret that we have to announce her death, which was very sudden. She had worked hard as long as she was able, going daily to the gardens. Our sympathy goes out to her son and daughter-in-law, who gave her all the attention that was possible while she lived with them.

CONFIRMATION.

A Confirmation will be held at Theale on March 15th, 1917. Candidates should give in their names to the Rector in good time.

HYMNS FOR DECEMBER.

1st Sunday in Advent (December 3rd)	...	8.15 a.m.	317	310	318	
		11 a.m.	474	48	53	
		6 p.m.	47	205	31	
2nd Sunday in Advent (December 10th)	...	11 a.m.	51	268	52	
		6 p.m.	46	256	49	
3rd Sunday in Advent (December 17th)	...	11 a.m.	50	520	528	
		2.30 p.m.	340	341		(Children's Hymn Book).
		6 p.m.	355	226	276	
4th Sunday in Advent (December 24th)	...	11 a.m.	257	514	49	
		6 p.m.	58	59	62	Carols
Christmas Day (December 25th)	...	11 a.m.	60	482	329	
Sunday after Christmas (December 31st)	...	11 a.m.	166	370	375	165
		6 p.m.	175	373	376	288

DECEMBER 31st.

Though no notice has reached us at the time of going to press, we understand that the Archbishops are asking the Clergy to use the last Sunday of the year as a special day of prayer for the War.

S. P. G.

Will those, who have boxes, kindly send them to the Rectory by the middle of the month?