

BAMPTON WITH LEW
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My dear Friends,

In the Service for the Institution of a new Vicar when he is taken to the Pulpit these words are said, "Preach the word, Reprove, Rebuke, Exhort." And I expect there are many Priests, who like myself, pray that in their preaching they may, in the words of S. Paul, receive Grace to speak boldly as they ought to speak in putting before people the true Gospel teaching. And I am sure that such boldness can never hurt those who are true and loyal members of the Church of Christ, indeed it is what they have a right to expect.

But I do wish sometimes there could be added to those other things the words "praise and encourage where due", because a little praise and encouragement well earned can be such comfort and help in a world which already has plenty of knocks and kicks about it. And I certainly feel moved to say that no praise can be too high for the little army of volunteers numbering about 23 who set about putting our Church into such clean and beautiful order once again. I was there from the start and pretty well the whole week onwards and so I missed nothing of the helpers and the work they put in, and this time two members of our Sunday School were there from start to finish too, and even bettered me by one day when I was away.

Every little bit of help is welcome at such a time, the only sad note is the absence of some who in the course of the year are proud to show "our beautiful Church" to friends. The Spring-clean would give them a wonderful opportunity to say with a far happier pride later on "come and see our Church", better still too if they could say "and this is where I usually sit".

I would praise too the very kind people who, not of their plenty but from their meagre rations, answer so splendidly our appeals for food for Sunday School and other causes.

And so here I hope I have added to my duties. I always intend to speak boldly and act boldly

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where the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the real good of His Church are concerned, but I will add to my petition, "Grace to remember to praise and encourage where it is due."

I have not put a list of helpers, so many have made it plain that what they do they do gladly without their names appearing in print, the nicest kind of giving.

Yours very sincerely,
CYRIL C. KELWAY.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES

The First Sunday in October (Oct. 7th)

at Holy Trinity, Lew

The Second Sunday in October (Oct. 14th) with Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. and Evensong at 6 p.m. Evensong at the Parish Church for that Sunday begins at 3.15 p.m.

COPY OF NOTICE TO BE FOUND
IN THE CHURCH PORCH

In order to provide for future conditions and to put the duties in connection with the Church on a more satisfactory and economical basis, the Parochial Church Council has decided to reorganise them.

The Council, therefore, invites applications for the combined post of Clerk and Sexton.

The duties will consist of:-

Clerk. Caretaking and Cleaning of the Church.

Ringling bells for Church Services and Curfew.

Heating of the Church.

Further details, including salary, can be obtained from the Secretary of the Parochial Church Council, Mr. R. Rouse, New Road, Bampton.

The Choir

The Choir is a wonderful place to keep in our minds the fact that we come together to worship God in the beauty of Holiness, and too that we come to give as well as to get. Towards this we pray in our Vestry before and after we come into the Church that our efforts towards that end may be acceptable, and in that Prayer many of you gladly take your part.

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If Choir members began to think about themselves more than their united efforts all would be lost, it would then seem to them that the Vicar was always digging at them to do better and that Practices oftener continuing from 7.30 to 9.30 were both tiring and boring. When they work as a team how different, voices and efforts are blended, and surely never was this team spirit better shown than on Sunday evening Sept. 2nd. The lights failed the power failed. One of their members stepped in and took charge of the handblower for a Service which must have taken all his efforts to keep the bellows full. The others sang the Service through in dimness without any alterations, Anthem and Descant were included as arranged. Well done Choir, keep it up.

Guild of S. Mary

The Guild has had one cycle tour, which included visiting Burford and Swimbroke Churches and a picnic tea on the way, and may yet manage another before the Summer really leaves us. The faster cyclists very kindly set their pace to the Vicar's rather creaking efforts, and mostly managed to keep one member near in case he fell by the wayside.

We are still waiting for badges but membership cards have been given and members are asked to keep their eyes on rules of membership.

Visitors Book

The Visitors Book in the Church is, as its title implies, for the use of Visitors to the Church. It is being spoiled at present by children of the Parish writing their names in it and very often making a horrid mess of the job too. They are not by any means all members of the Sunday School or even of our Church. I have taken down the names at present there and intend in future News Sheets to publish the names of any who continue this very unhelpful practice.

Children's Corner

Caretakers

September - Doris Green and Pamela Preston
October - Mary Robinson and Ann Spurrett.

M.U. NOTES

The Deanery Festival will be held at Witney on 27th September. Tea Tickets are 2/- each, and transport can be arranged. Will members who wish to attend please give their names to Mrs. Matthews not later than 20th September, as I have to send in our number to Mrs. Ede by September 21st.

HOLY BAPTISM

12th August. Sheila Mary, daughter of Douglas Audley and Marjorie Dafter

12th August. Frederick James, son of Frederick Arthur and Rose Fanny Gerring

2nd September Helen Elizabeth, daughter of Arthur George and Ruth Eileen Tooke

2nd September Carolyn Ann & Ian Keith, twins, daughter and son of Albert Edward and Marlin Marjorie Irene Ferguson.

Holy Trinity, Lew

26th August. Richard Thompson, son of Kenneth Thompson and Eileen Frances Rudge.

HOLY MATRIMONY

11th August. Raymond Gerald Henry Trowbridge and Daphne May Drane.

BURIALS

20th August. Sydney Horace Busby, Aged 73 years.
Holy Trinity, Lew.

1st September. George Hoare, Aged 81 years.