

Extracts from the Heacham Deanery Magazine

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HOLME-NEXT-SEA.

There will be celebrations of the Holy Communion on Christmas Day at 8 and 11 a.m., at one of which it is hoped all communicants will be present.

It would be nice on the Sunday Evenings, before and after Christmas, to have services of the good old-fashioned Carols in which all can join.

There were seventeen candidates confirmed at Docking, two were unavoidably prevented from being present. Thus, with new residents, nine names have been added to the Electoral Roll.

The Vicar takes a keen interest in the young, and a Scout Troop is being formed under his leadership and that of Mr. Pichard and Mr. Ward.

Armistice Service.—This was held in Church on Sunday Evening, November 8th, when the Church was packed and many could hardly find standing room; about 80 ex-service men were present, they received a warm welcome from the Vicar, who preached, and the people of St. Mary's. The Vicar wishes to thank Mr. R. Smith, and all who helped to make the parade such a success. Also to Capt. Brooke and Capt. Gray. We welcome another parade at an early date!

A short Service, including the two minutes silence, was held on Armistice Day.

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We regret that owing to the circumstances for the time being only, we have reluctantly had to alter our time of Evensong to 3 p.m. This is, of course, owing to the hour set for time of "black-out" of lights (A.R.P.) But we all hope and pray for an early peace so that matters may be normal once again.

We have **all** done our best to accommodate our visitors to Holme from London and the children, many of whom, with their teachers, come to our S. School and Services; we give them our hearty welcome!

The spirit of unity will keep us going; and and the Vicar and Mrs. Harper have done all possible to create this spirit of unity and by treating one and all the same and will always do so. Further, to keep the services in Church on the same lines as the people have always enjoyed, for after all it is the **peoples Church** and they have the just right to have services **they** enjoy and not the services the priest **only** likes. The great thing is to win souls and not to lose them by upsetting the people with mere ritual. Whatever the customs have been in the past should be continued and carried on in future.

We are pleased to see the good congregations at 3 p.m. as at 6.30. We regret that the 6.30 Harvest Festival Service had to be abandoned.

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Our **Harvest Festival Services** were held on October 1st combined with the Special Sunday for Prayer. The number of communicants was very good. The children of the Sunday School brought gifts of flowers, etc., at the 10 a.m. children's service. Mr. Shirley kindly rendered the Sacred Solo "The Lord is mindful." Thanks to Mrs. Barnes for arranging Mr. Shirley's conveyance from Lynn. One of our little visitors even brought her bar of chocolate! The produce was this year given to our own people. Thanks to all who sent fruit, flowers, eggs, vegetables, etc., and to those who helped to arrange same. The Church looked beautiful. Lack of space does not permit us to give individual names of the kind workers.

Kindest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. Callaby on the occasion of their silver wedding. We wish them and their son long life, health and happiness. To celebrate this happy event, Mr. and Mrs. Callaby presented to the Vicar for use in Church, a handsome Cathedral Service Book with settings, chants, etc. The Vicar deeply appreciates the kind gift and the thoughts, which prompted this kindness.

Our thanks to Mr. R. W. Taylor for ordering and distributing some posters for our Harvest Festival Services.

Mrs. Harper has made and presented to S. Mary's a M.U. Banner. This has taken many hours of patient work. Up to the present Mrs. Harper has been responsible for keeping our church linen clean, a saving to our funds. The Banner will be dedicated on October 18th at 2.30, at the first service of M.U. The committee has arranged for a short service of Intercession in Church on the second Wednesday in each month. In these days of "petrol rationing" it is undecided whether we can get a speaker but will do our best. A Working Party is meeting at the Vicarage each Wednesday afternoon, excepting when the service is in Church.

There are still some copies of the Magazine owing for. The greater part of our readers pay in **advance**, which is a great help also to Miss D. Mowton as she can just place Magazine through the letter-box if you are out. Next year no Magazine will be ordered unless prepaid. It is impossible to pay printers each month if readers will not pay. If you wish for Magazine for 1940 (D.V.) your subscription must be in by December 15th at the latest, as only the number of copies will be ordered that are **prepaid** for. This applies also to M.U. Magazine per Mrs. J. Callaby.

We extend to Mr. and Mrs. C. Potter of the Square, our deepest sympathy in their recent bereavement, and we are pleased to welcome Molly to our Sunday School. Mrs. Potter has long been a member of M.U., also a regular communicant and worshipper at S. Mary's.

We extend also to Mrs. Robertson and Miss I. Crowe our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement caused by the death of Mr. J. R. Robertson, after a long and trying illness most patiently endured. The late Mr. Robertson was at one time a member of S. Mary's choir, and no doubt his suffering of late has not permitted him to attend the Church which he loved at heart. Several parishioners and friends were present at the funeral on October 18th to shew their token of love and respect. The late Mr. Robertson was interred beside the graves of his family. Mr. Coates was at the organ and special hymns were sang. "May he rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon him."

MARRIAGE.

October 14th—Russell Charles Palmer and Emily Ida Caroline Ringwood Burton.

BURIAL.

October 18th—Robert John Robertson, aged 74 years.