

RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

On the Sundays following Easter Day we are reminded of that period between the Resurrection and the Ascension of our Lord. The hopes of the disciples were completely shattered on Good Friday. But on the first Easter Day their whole outlook on life was completely changed—their Master was not dead, but alive! The feeling of utter despair, which had overcome them after the Cross, was gone, and in its place they were experiencing a sense of Victory, Certainty and Hope. They were now rejoicing in the knowledge that Jesus had conquered sin and death.

The Resurrection is the Keystone of the Christian Faith. The great concern of the Early Church was to make known that Christ had not only died on the Cross, but also that He was Alive. A. M. Ramsay writes: "For them the Gospel without the Resurrection was not merely a Gospel without its final chapter; it was not a Gospel at all."

There is something particularly refreshing and invigorating about our services on Easter Day which could be true of our services on every Sunday if only each member of our Church were to feel the need, the first Christians must have felt, for frequent meeting together to worship the Risen Lord. It is when we meet together that we experience the fulfilment of the Saviour's Promise that "Where two or three are gathered together in My Name there am I in the midst." Christian worship and fellowship does strengthen the individual for the tasks which lie ahead. We warmly invite all our readers to make the most of the provisions made at their Parish Church for regular worship.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely,

C. EDWARD ELTON.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Annual Church Fête: Saturday, July 11th, 1959.

Confirmation Service: Sunday, October 18th, at 6.30 p.m.

Confirmation classes will be annouced shortly, and the Rector will be pleased to have the names of those who wish to attend the classes.

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CHURCH ACCOUNTS

We hope to be able to include a brief statement of the accounts in the next magazine.

DIARY FOR THE MONTH

- Apr. 5th. **First Sunday after Easter.**
8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.0 a.m. Children's Church.
11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer.
12.0 noon Holy Communion.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 6th. Mon. Sewing Meeting, 2.30 p.m.
- 7th. Tues. Mothers' Union Deanery Festival at Godalming Parish Church, 3.0 p.m.
- 9th. Thurs. Church Fellowship in Village Hall, 8.0 p.m.
Dr. A. S. Laughton, of the National Institute of Oceanography will show colour films.
- 12th. **Second Sunday after Easter.**
8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 16th. Thurs. Sewing Meeting "At Home" at Hydon Farm (please see separate note).
- 19th. **Third Sunday after Easter.**
8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion.
- 20th. Mon. Sewing Meeting, 2.30 p.m.
- 23rd. Thurs. Young Wives' Group, 3.0 p.m., at Beech Hill.
Speaker: A Policewoman.
- 26th. **Fourth Sunday after Easter.**
8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- May 1st. Fri. Church Pastoral-Aid Society Annual Meeting in Central Hall, Westminster, at 7.0 p.m.
- 3rd. **Rogation Sunday.**
8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.0 a.m. Children's Church.
11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer.
12.0 noon Holy Communion.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 4th. Mon. Sewing Meeting, 2.30 p.m.
- 7th. Thurs. **Ascension Day.**
9.25 a.m. Day School Service.
11.0 a.m. Holy Communion.

MRS. DENYS HEAD "AT HOME"

Once again Mrs. Head has very kindly invited us to Hydon Farm on Thursday, April 16th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided (price 2s.). There will be a "Bring and Buy" stall. Proceeds for Sewing Meeting funds. Everyone warmly invited.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held in the Day School on Tuesday, March 3rd, 1959. At the Vestry Meeting Mr. C. A. Chapman was re-elected Rector's Warden, and Mr. S. Ayling was re-elected People's Warden. They were thanked for their services during the past year, and for their willingness to accept office for a further period.

Representatives to the Diocesan Conference and Ruri-decanal Conference and members of the Parochial Church Council were elected at the Annual Meeting. Details of these will be given in a later issue of the magazine.

The Revised Electoral Roll was presented by the Secretary, Miss E. F. Denny. There are now 141 names on the Roll (last year there were 121).

The Audited Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1958, were presented by the Treasurer (Mrs. Peer) and were approved by the meeting. The Treasurer reported that the position was very satisfactory, and there had been an increase in church collections. Contributions to missionary and other outside causes had amounted to £272, as against £142 in 1947. There was a good balance in the Building Fund, but as there were several items of repair and redecoration to be paid for this year, the money in hand would be needed to meet these expenses.

The Parish Magazine Account showed a small loss, but the increase in the price of the magazine this year would help to offset this loss.

Mrs. Peer was thanked for her work as Treasurer during the past year.

Free-Will Offering Fund.—The Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. D. Head, reported that Free-Will Offerings had amounted to £410, which was an increase of £27 on 1957. Several new subscribers had joined the scheme in 1958. Mrs. Head was thanked for all the work she had done in connection with the Fund. The results had been most encouraging.

Hon. Auditor.—Mr. Marriage was appointed Auditor for the ensuing year, and thanked for his kind services in 1958.

Fabric Report.—Mr. C. A. Chapman reported that the work of fixing a lightning conductor on the church would shortly be put in hand. It was also hoped that certain outstanding minor repairs would be completed this spring, and also that some re-decoration of the church would be undertaken.

Sidesmen.—The present Sidesmen were re-elected, and Mrs. C. A. Chapman agreed to work out a rota of Sidesmen for the Sunday evening services.

Rector's Report.—The Rector thanked all who had helped in work of the church during the past year. He made reference to the long illness of the Verger, Mr. Goad, and said how happy we were to have him with us again. Reporting on the attendances at church he mentioned that the total number of Communicants in 1958 was 1,562. There were 1,327 in the previous year. The attendances at Children's Church had been most encouraging, and many parents were now coming to these services with their children.

A number of gifts had been presented to the church in 1958, including a Clergy Stall, carpet for the Sanctuary and kneelers for the Choir. A Prayer Book had also been given for use in the Clergy Stall.

The Church Fellowship had been well attended, and thanks were expressed to all who had contributed to the varied programme this season.

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CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

There was a good attendance (over 70) at the March meeting when the Archdeacon of Surrey showed the films he had taken during his visit to Russia in 1958. We were most grateful to him for his most interesting lecture, and also for the answers which he gave to the many questions which were asked at the close of the evening.

Tuesday, April 9th, at 8.0 p.m., in the Village Hall. Dr. A. S. Laughton will show films about the National Institute of Oceanography work at sea. All who were present at the Fellowship last year when Dr. Laughton showed some of his colour-slides will remember how interesting that lecture was and will be looking forward to his visit on April 9th.

A Visit to Guildford New Cathedral.—We hope to arrange to continue the Church Fellowship for another month, and on the second Thursday in May to visit Guildford New Cathedral, which is becoming increasingly interesting as it nears its completion.

Announcements will shortly be made concerning this proposed visit.