

April 1917

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Again this year Holy Week finds us still engaged in the war, and we must try and keep it in the spirit of penitence and devotion, so that we may fully enter into the joy of Easter Festival, which speaks to us of a victory, greater than any victory we can gain here. The services during Holy Week are as follows:-

PALM SUNDAY- Holy Communion, 8 and 11.15. Evensong, 6.0.

MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY – Matins and Ante-Communion, 8. Evensong and Reading, 6.30.

TUESDAY AND MAUNDY THURSDAY:-

Matins, 7.30. Holy Communion, 8. Evensong and Reading, 6.30.

GOOD FRIDAY,- The Litany, 8. Children's Service, 9. Matins and Ante-Communion, 10.30. Two Hours' Service, 1-3. Evensong and Story of the Cross, 6.30.

EASTER EVE.- Matins and Ante-Communion, 8. Evensong, 6.30.

EASTER DAY,- Holy Communion, 7, 8, and 11.15.

EASTER MONDAY,- Holy Communion, 11 a.m..

EASTER TUESDAY, - Holy Communion, 8 a.m..

Evensong on Sundays at 6 until further notice.

DAILY SERVICES.- From Easter onwards, -Matins daily at 8 a.m. (Thursdays, 9.45). Evensong daily at 6 p.m. (Fridays, 7.30, with intercessions).

THE LENT SERVICES FOR CHILDREN.- It has been a pleasure to see so many of our Sunday School children, and others, coming in such good numbers each Friday during Lent to the special services. The stamps have taught us much about the different parts of our church, which we did not know before, gave us something to think of each week. Let us hope we may be encouraged, not only to take more interest in our grand old church, but to use it more regularly and with greater reverence.

MEETING OF THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.- On Thursday, March 15th, we were privileged to listen to a most interesting lecture on the work of the above Society, especially in connection with the war. The lecture was illustrated by graphic and interesting views, which brought before us the work which the Society is really doing. We are most grateful to Mr. Hudgell for coming all the way from Oxford and giving us such a splendid lecture. We hope it may stimulate fresh interest, and may bring fresh support for the work of the Society.

We understand that there was a large attendance at the Wing Hall on March 13th to hear the thrilling lecture given in aid of the good work now being done in the Salvation Army in connection with the war. Many must have come away feeling what a deal of suffering and sorrowing we in England have been spared, which Serbia has so deeply experienced.

THE MOTHERS UNION.- The Corporate Celebration took place on March 26th when some fifteen members communicated. There was a good attendance at the meeting on the following afternoon, when Mrs. Moody, of Linslade, gave a beautiful and helpful address on the three objects of the Mothers' Union, i.e., (1) The Sanctity of Marriage; (2) The responsibility of educating the children; (3) The Union for Prayer, dwelling especially on the latter point.

THE SCHOOLS.- Wing School, like every other institution throughout the country, has been affected by the war. During Miss Baldrey's absence on hospital work at Liverpool, from September, 1915, to May, 1916, Mr. Long was directed to take charge of the girls as well as of the boys' school. All head teachers are required by the Board of Education to be certificated. When, to our dismay, Mr. Long was called up for service last spring, Miss Baldrey had to return and was put in command of the two schools. This arrangement has not been quite satisfactory in many respects. She has resigned her post and has been appointed to another at Birmingham. The Managers have recommended for appointment in her place Miss Monk, who comes to us from Harborne, near Birmingham, with excellent testimonials, and will take up her duties at Wing on April 1st. The County Education Committee are sending as a supply teacher Mr. Dawson to take charge of the boys'. In the infants school Miss Mabel Strong (now Mrs. Lionel Cutler) has been absent on account of her mother's serious illness since November. Her place was supplied at first by Mrs. Brown, of Leighton, and lately by Mrs. Groves of Cheddington. The elder boys and girls are now employed for part of the day in preparing school gardens and part of a field for potatoes.

REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.- The Diocesan Inspector visited the schools on Friday, March 23rd. He reports as follows:-"Notwithstanding war conditions, I think all three schools to be in a thoroughly satisfactory condition. The work throughout was well known, and the answering prompt. I was pleased to observe that the teachers were keenly interested in the work of religious instruction, and this interest was clearly reflected in the pupils themselves. The written work was uniformly well done, and the reverence all that could be desired."

Boys' School.- Division I,: Bishop's prize, Dudley Phillips; certificates, Willie Haynes, Edward Pease; commended, Reginald Gates, Fred Cutler. Division II: Certificates, George Baker, Harry Dimmock; commended, Harry Tearle, Lewis Walker, Herbert Rimington, George Woodward. Division III: Commended, Joseph Brand, Jack Tuckwell, George Randall, Bernard Robinson, Gerald Dimmock, Frank Brody, Leslie Pitchford.

Girls' School.- Division I: Bishop's prize, Kathleen Gates: certificates, Annie Corkett, Annie Woodward; commended, Daisy Rawlins, Constance Rolfs, Willie Cutler. Division II: Certificates, Kate Pease, Amy Redrup; commended, Norah Hammerton, May Woolhead, Ella Lovell, Myra Haines. Division III: Commended, Elsie Groves, Ivy Richardson, Nellie Bandy, Dorris Summocks, Annie Brown, Marian Baker, Millie Fountaine.

Infants' School.- Class II: Commended, Joan Dewar, Louise Bolton, George Corkett, Gladys Lovell, Percy Dimmock, Lewis Mortimer. Class I: Commended, Cecil Corkett, Robert Fountaine, Cyril Groves, Albert Badrick, Kitty Corkett, Doris Lovell.

We have to record three deaths that have occurred recently. Henry and Jane Langley passed away within a few moments of one another. "In death they were not divided." They will be much missed. And Jane Green, who after a brief though painful illness passed away on March 23rd. May they rest in peace.

HOLY BAPTISM.

March 4th.- Lucille Betty, daughter of Walter and Winifred Long.

“ 4th.- Edward Thomas, son of John and Lily Hounslow.

“ 4th.- Phyllis Ruth, daughter of Walter and Naomi Sanders.

MARRIAGES.

March 24th.- James Curveon to Florence Mary Sturgeon.

“ 26th.- William Rickard to Ann Gibbs.

BURIALS.

March 26th.- Henry Langley, aged 66.

“ 26th.- Jane Langley, aged 65.

“ 29th.- Jane Green, aged 61.

OFFERTORY RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	
March 4	1	6	7	Sick and Needy
“ 11	1	13	10	Diocesan Fund.
“ 18	1	2	5	Church Expenses
“ 25	1	3	2	“ “