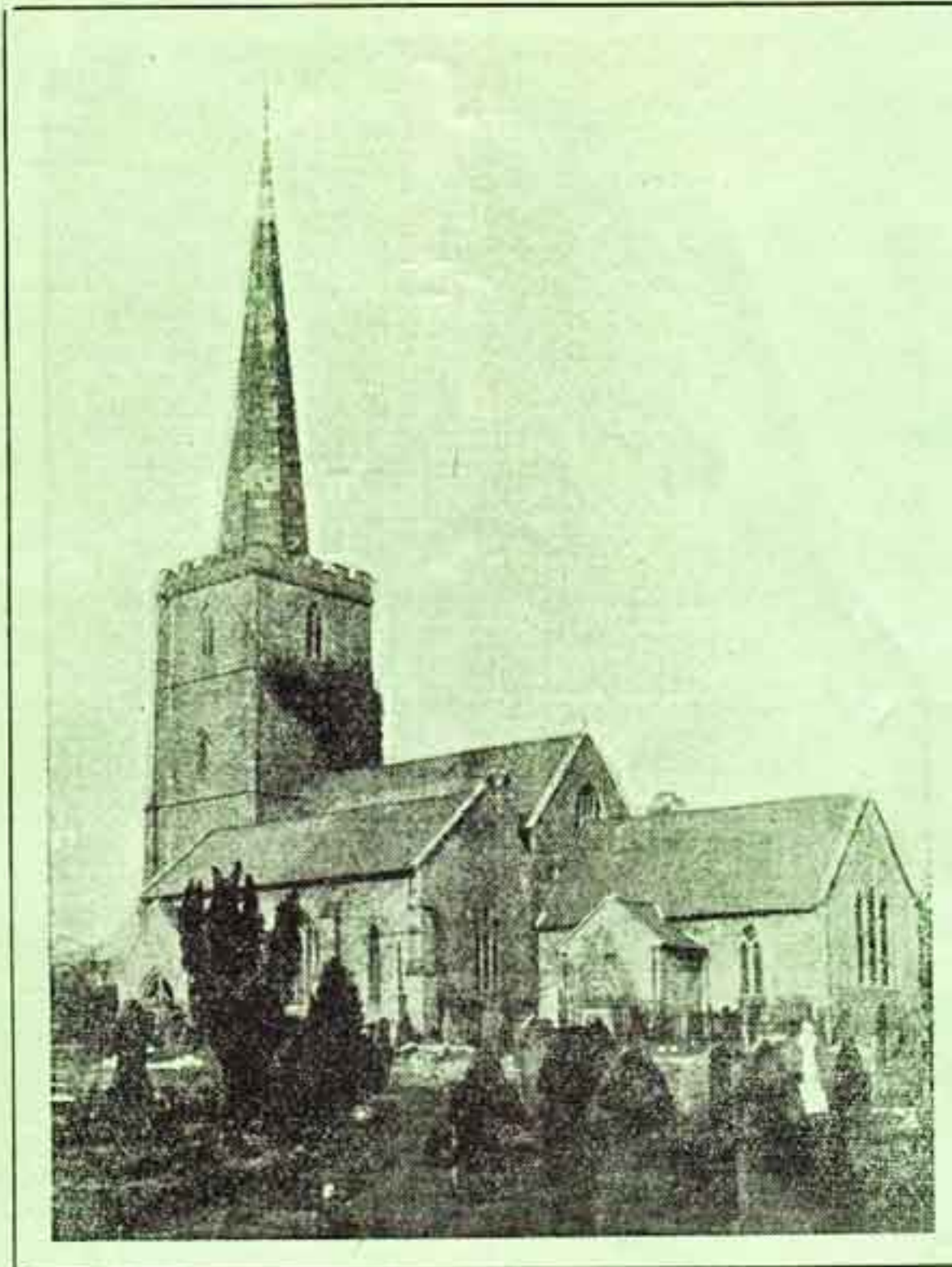


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Baptisms.

"My Baptism, wherein I was made a member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

May 17—Jean Elizabeth Legge, 10, Stockwell Lane, Aylburton.
" 22—Peter Charles Remnant, 55, Queen St.
" 30—June Anne Meek, 7, Coopson Terrace.
" 31—Graham James Thorne, 1, Lydfield Road.
June 4—Hilo James Matthews, 48, Church Road.
" 17—Sylvia Ann Lewis, 7, Bream Road.
" 17—Doreen Lilian Lewis, 7, Bream Road.

Marriage.

"Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself for it."

June 2—Worthington John Tawney, 2, Jubilee Road, to Kathleen Marjorie Jordan, 18, Wvndham Rd., Canton, Cardiff.

Burials.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

April 17—Elton Edwin Aldridge, 212, Anthony Road, Allum Rock, Birmingham, aged 47 years.

[We regret this entry was omitted in the June issue.]

May 20—Ada Ellen Cowles, 27, Mt. Pleasant, aged 59 years.
" 21—Joseph Thompson Bennett, 43, Newerne Street, aged 51 years.
" 23—Sergeant-Pilot John Trevor Smale, R.A.F., aged 19 years.
" 24—Florence May Kingman, 38, High Street, aged 53 years.

May 31—Selina Mary Croot, 34, Grove Road aged 93 years.
June 3—Kate Nichols, 2, Summerleaze, aged 73 years.
" 10—William Probert, 5, Jubilee Road, aged 76 years.

Sidesmen's Rota.

	<i>Morning.</i>	<i>Evening.</i>
July		
6—	Mr. C. R. Lewis.	Mr. H. Tucker.
13—	Mr. S. T. Rudge.	Mr. J. Ridler.
20—	Dr. C. O. Carson.	Mr. F. King.
27—	Mr. L. E. Edwards.	Mr. A. H. Raynes.

The Church and its Problems after the War has occupied some of the attention of the Church Assembly at its Summer Meeting.

A scheme of reconstruction must be laid down to meet the changed conditions of our national life. It will have to undertake increased tasks with diminished resources. The supply of Ordination Candidates will inevitably be reduced for a number of years, and not many will be attracted to seek ordination unless they are assured of a living wage. The Church will be confronted with the need of raising new money for many purposes at a time when money will be specially difficult to raise.

The first step in this direction has been taken in the passing of the Diocesan Re-organisation Committees Measure. The Church has recognised its coming problems and is ready to deal with some of them.

The Church Assembly also endorsed unanimously the educational proposals set forth over the signatures of the Archbishops, and the proposals have thus become the policy of the Church. The Archbishop of Canterbury intends in the near future to place them before the Board of Education, and this may have consequences of far-reaching importance.

Clergy Widows' Pension Appeal.—As far back as 1938, the Pensions Board sent out an appeal to the Church to raise a Fund to help Widows and dependents of the Clergy by providing them with a small pension.

At the time the appeal was issued it was hoped that every Parish in the country would help this Fund in some way. So far we have done nothing in our Parish towards this Fund.

It has been a little on our consciences despite the intrusion of war and its many appeals. The Parochial Church Council unanimously agreed that we should do our bit now, and the 1st Sunday in July is the day they consented to set apart for our effort. We ask therefore that Collections be made in all our Churches on Sunday, July 6th, for the Clergy Widows and Dependents Pension Fund. When we state that the handsome sum a clergyman's widow can at present receive is but £28 per annum, we hope that it will touch a sympathetic chord to show kindly generosity to ones who have given freely of their best for years to those among whom their lot is cast with quiet, ungrudging devotion and heroism.

The Church Spire.—It does not seem long ago since Steeplejacks were at work on the Church Spire. It is, really, just eleven years ago. The work was completed in October, 1930. The Dial of the Clock was also repainted by Mr. J. Haffenden, at the same time.

The ladders have had to be put up again, as signs of damage have clearly shown themselves. The following is the report of Messrs. Dawson & Sons in their examination of the Spire: "The cement mortar has cracked and come away from the joints, most of which are open and defective; in addition there are a number of iron wedges in some of the bed joints, the presence of which is damaging the stone through corrosion. The joints should be cut out, the fine ones repointed with a good mastic, and the remainder with a mortar composed of sand, lime, and cement, the iron wedges should also be removed."

The estimate for carrying out this necessary work is £108. The Parochial Church Council has considered the report and accepted the estimate for the work to be done forthwith. We expect the Contract agreement for signature any day.

While the opportunity avails we asked for a price of cleaning, painting, and gilding the Clock Dial. This amounts to £12 and it has been decided that the Clock should have its "face" cleaned and renovated.

The Church Spire has had to weather several hard winters of late, and these have not passed without leaving behind their mark.

The Spire stands prominently as a landmark for miles around and we are proud of its graceful lines pointing significantly upwards. We cannot permit the wear and tear of wind and storm and frost to go unheeded, otherwise the consequences would inevitably be, one day, disastrous. It is our responsibility in our generation to maintain what is ours in good order, and to hand it down to the generations that are to come also to maintain unimpaired.

We feel no need to point out that this burden of costs should be spread out on all Parishioners. We trust we shall be spared the odious task of "begging." We have faith that your kind subscriptions will be forthcoming readily even in these days of so many calls on your pockets. It is unfortunate that this should come upon us at this time but the work cannot be put off. Will you, please, send or give your donations to the Vicar, Churchwardens, or the Secretary (Mr. S. T. Rudge).

The Death-Watch Beetle has also "given notice" of its presence in the timbers of the Tower, when inspection has taken place a full report of the damage and the recommended process of dealing with it will be made.

The New Zealand Window in the Bathurst Chapel.—

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This beautiful Window executed by the A. K. Nicholson Stained Glass Studios, St. John's Wood, London, and depicting the "Franz Josef" Glacier (New Zealand's chief beauty spot) surmounted by "The Risen Christ" with attendant Angels, is intended as a small

token of gratitude to God from my wife and myself for much help and many blessings vouchsafed to us when we represented Their Majesties for five years in that Dominion.

It was completed some months ago and we had intended to defer its erection until after the war, but prolongation of hostilities into an indefinite future, and the fear of its designer lest it suffer damage from enemy action, if retained in the London Studio, coupled with the lesser risk of injury if transferred to Lydney, have induced us after taking expert advice, to erect it in the place intended for it without delay.

This has been skilfully carried out, under the direction of Col. N. Waller, F.R.I.B.A., the Architect in charge of Gloucester Cathedral, by the special Cathedral masons employed by the Dean and Chapter. They have also under the same direction and on the advice of the London designer lowered the apex of the two side lights of the Chapel window, in order to improve at the same time the appearance of the latter and the balance of the Artist's design.

We hope that this latest addition to the Chapel may find favour with our fellow-worshippers.

Yours sincerely,
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We venture to comment that this Window is of a most beautiful design, and excellent craftsmanship. To those who have already seen it, it is an object of the greatest admiration.

How can we adequately express gratitude for this magnificent artistic addition to the beauty of our Church!

"To God be the glory!"

The Church Organ Fund.—We have received the following additional donations: Anon., £1. To our appeal in last month's Magazine we have received from Mrs. Watts, Senr., £2 "in memory of my beloved grandson, John Trevor Smale, who was baptized at Lydney Church"; and from Miss Mary Cox, whose Christian birthday was on June 12th, 1928, a birthday gift of 5/-.

We are sincerely grateful, and we feel confident all St. Mary's children will send their birthday gift as the time comes round.

Mothers' Union.—The June Meeting was held in Church on St. Barnabas' Day, 3 p.m. There was quite a good attendance on a lovely summer's day. It was too good an opportunity to miss, the Vicarage Lawn was so inviting and we hustled around to provide a surprise "Bun and Tea" treat, and it was good after so long a self-denial. Thank you for so happy "a brain wave."

We shall have a respite now until October.

Churchyard Fund.—We thank the following for their subscriptions: Mrs. Watts, Senr., 5/-; Mr. E. H. Curtis, 5/-.

War Casualties.—Our very deep sympathies go out to Mr. and Mrs. Smale who have lost their only son, John, a Sergeant-Pilot Officer R.A.F. through a flying

accident. Three colleagues lost their lives in this mishap, and two were saved. John had many friends, besides his near relations—the Watts family—in Lydney. It is sad that brilliant promising young lives are thus sacrificed through war. His mortal remains were buried amid great sorrow, but loving respect in the family vault on Friday, May 23rd.

We sorrow to record, too, the loss of Seaman Telegraphist Ronald George Frederick Wilks, of 1, Lydfield Road. He was reported lost when H.M.S. *Rajputana* went down at the end of April.

We deeply sympathise with his wife and little daughter and with his father and mother and brothers in their grief.

Further sad news has come to us of the loss of Lieut. F. J. March, R.N., who was on H.M.S. *Calcutta*. We deeply sympathise with Mrs. March and Peter in their great loss.

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I should like to express my gratitude for the very generous Whitsun Offering, both at Aylburton and at Lydney. The services were, on the whole, well attended, though the number of communicants might have been larger.

The June Tea was another happy gathering, and it was decided to continue throughout the summer. The next Tea will, therefore, be held on Thursday, July 4th, at 4.45 p.m.

We extend our congratulations to three scholars of the Day School: Anita Davis, Sybil Bayliss, and Ruth Hoskins, who succeeded in obtaining either scholarships or grants-in-aid at the Grammar School, and also to Brian Thorne, who secured an entrance.

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Evensong, 6.30 p.m.

The Trinity Sunday Services were well attended. We are grateful to the Rev. B. Prime for his impressive address at Evensong. There was a large congregation.

We would like those who come to Church *sometimes* to come regularly. Those who only come for a special occasion, or for a very able preacher, should remember that it is the regular attendants who keep the Church going financially. If it were not so, the *sometimes* people would have no Church to attend. We welcome everyone, therefore we want to see them every possible Sunday.

What are you—a "regular" or a "sometimes"?

We congratulate the teachers and scholars of the Primrose Hill School on taking a Prize in the recent Carnival. Well done!

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