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## THE PARISH CALENDAR

## February

- 18—*Septuagesima Sunday*.  
 19—Monday. Primrose Hill Young Wives 7.30.  
 20—Tuesday. Aylburton Young Wives 7.30.  
 21—Wednesday. Parochial Church Council 7.30.  
 22—Thursday. Men's Discussion Group 7.30.  
 24—Saturday. *Saint Matthias, Apostle*. H.C. 8.  
 25—*Sexagesima Sunday*.  
 28—Wednesday. Lydney Young Wives 7.30.

## March

- 4—*Quinquagesima Sunday*.  
 5—Monday. Aylburton Young Wives 7.30; Primrose Hill Young Wives 7.30.  
 7—*Ash Wednesday*. H.C. 7.30 & 10.30; Children's Service 9.15; Litany and Communion 12; Evensong and Address 7.  
 8—Thursday. Men's Discussion Group 7.30.  
 11—*First Sunday in Lent*. Bishop of Tewkesbury at Primrose Hill 6.30.  
 14—Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 10.30; Evensong and Address 7.  
 18—*Second Sunday in Lent*.

## THE VICAR'S LETTER

Lydney Vicarage,

January 30th, 1962.

My dear Friends,

I have just this moment noticed that I headed my letter in last month's magazine "January 29th, 1961"; that shows you the sort of state I was in when I wrote it! I'm not sure whether I was eleven months behind time in thought, or one month ahead, but it is a good example of the kind of thing which creates problems for future historians! Anyhow, careful checking with the calendar assures me that it really is January 30th, 1962, today.

I have spent the last month trying to pick up some of the threads of parish life, and finding out what goes on where and when. It has been very good to meet groups of people, and to find out how many there are doing different jobs of work, and how much good solid work is going on. My memory for names is still unreliable, especially when I meet people unexpectedly, but I am gradually filling in the blanks and you must continue to make allowances and to forgive me when I get stuck.

I am most grateful for the amount of general help and support that I have found everywhere; the feeling of solid "backing-up" is most encouraging, and I must say that I have found that one of the marks of church life everywhere I have been. I have been ordained now for more than thirty years, in June I shall complete twenty-five years in charge of a parish, and in Berkshire, York-

shire, Kent and here, the sense of solidarity in the Family of God has been equally strong, and so it is wherever the Church has taken root. The really important thing is to realise and remember that a deep and lasting corporate life can be rooted only in the worship of God. Unless we worship together regularly and faithfully we shall not feel like, look like, or act like the Family of God. No amount of social "mateyness" can replace corporate worship; the Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord, and other foundation can no man lay.

It was faithfulness in devotion and worship which marked people like Miss Hockaday, whose death brought sorrow to so many people. I am very thankful that I came here in time to know her a little, to see her once at home before she went into hospital and to visit her there several times. I could not begin to describe, for I do not know, all that she was and did in the life of Lydney, in her own church and in the work of the Bible Society, but no one could know her even a little without feeling at once that deep and steady tide of devotion to her Lord. So many people have said to me: "You know, whatever the weather, she never missed church until she was too ill to get out at all." I have known so many people like that, some of great age, and you don't act like that when you are old unless you start doing it when you are younger. As we thank God for Miss Hockaday's life, her work and her example, and we certainly ought to thank God for such servants of his and fellow servants of ours, we can see to it that at least one person follows her example. One of the things I pray for and hope to see in every parish where I serve, is a steady growth in the number and regularity of those who worship together, most of all of course at the Holy Communion, because that is the basis on which all other worship stands and without which it is always insecure.

In this connection, may I ask anybody who cannot come to Communion in church because of infirmity or illness to let me know, so that I can arrange to bring them the sacrament in their homes. Mr. Perry or I go, as no doubt you know, to the hospital every Monday morning for that purpose, and I do know of one or two already to whom I go at home, but it might take me some time to discover others unless I am told, so please let me know, and we will arrange to come at some regular interval, monthly or fortnightly or weekly. Apart from that, do please let me or Mr. Perry know about yourself or any neighbour who may be ill and would like us to call; as I am sure Mr. Hallett must often have said, because every parson does, we cannot know unless someone tells us!

It has been said to me that there may be one or two people who could, and would like, to come to Holy Communion in church, but are shy of doing so because they are not able to kneel. As I have just come from a parish where there were a great many arthritic people, I am quite used to several communicants every Sunday who had to stand at the altar rail. I do hope that no one will stay away on that account. It is of course obvious that my remark last month about those who do not kneel to pray had no possible reference to those who cannot kneel; I was thinking of the hale and hearty!

Before another magazine is published, Lent will just have begun. That is one reason why I would specially like to know about any sick communicants soon. I need not say anything now about details of Lenten arrangements, except that I hope to preach a connected course of sermons on Sunday evenings in the parish church, and that Mr. Perry will do the same at Aylburton, and that I expect also to continue the customary course of Wednesday evening services during Lent, and this year to preach at them myself.

Lord Bledisloe and his family have given a new Visitors' Book to the parish church, to replace the present one which is nearly full; we are very grateful for this thoughtful and generous gift. We look forward with pleasure to the visit of the Bishop of Tewkesbury to Primrose Hill for Evensong on the first Sunday in Lent, March 11th.

Yours very sincerely,

W. H. Leach.

P.S.—Would anyone like to give a copy of the New English Bible New Testament, Library edition, price 21/-, for use in the church? If so, please tell me, in case six copies arrive at once!

W.H.L.

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### WEEKDAY SERVICES

Until March 6th, Evensong will continue to be said on weekdays at 4.30; from the beginning of Lent onwards it will be said at 6 o'clock daily, except on the Wednesdays of Lent when it will be at 7 o'clock with hymns and a sermon. On Friday mornings Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7.30, not at 8.0 as stated in last month's magazine, as it seems that 7.30 is a more convenient time for those who intend to come.

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### THE SHARE SCHEME

The Finance Committee of the P.C.C. have recently been reviewing the first year's working of the scheme. Its results in detail will be made known at the Annual Church Meeting, but we can say now that they are encouraging, although not quite so good as was hoped. We are all most grateful to those of ourselves who have kept their promises for the first year, a very high proportion indeed, and we look forward to even better results this year. This can happen in three ways; first by every present subscriber maintaining his payments in full; secondly, by everyone considering seriously whether he can increase the number of shares he contributes, and if he can, doing so; and thirdly, by new members joining the scheme. If you do not already belong to it, will you ask the Churchwardens, or the Secretary or Treasurer of the P.C.C. (Mr. Northam or Mr. Pryce Jones) or the Clergy for information about it? It seems likely that the congregation of Primrose Hill may carry out a canvass for that part of the parish during this year.

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**SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD**

February 18th—Mrs. E. J. Rice; 25th—Mrs. Owen.

March 4th—Mrs. Rogers; 11th—Lent.

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**SERVERS' ROTA**

Feb. 18—11 A. Baker; 6.30 R. James.

„ 25—11 M. Deacon; 6.30 D. Reece.

Mar. 4—11: B. Reece; 6.30 A. Baker.

„ 11—11 Mr. R. Pilbeam; 6.30 L. Reece.

„ 18—11 R. James; 6.30 M. Deacon.

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**LENT**

On Ash Wednesday, March 7th, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and each Wednesday during Lent.

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**SANCTUARY CARPET FUND**

Contributions received to date amount to £1 10s. 0d. Further donations will be gladly welcomed by the Hon Treasurer, Mr. B. J. Emery. The total required is in the region of ten or twelve pounds.

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**AYLBURTON COMMON**

*Flower Rota*—February—Mrs. F. Thomas; March—Lent.

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**CHRISTIAN UNITY**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was marked this year by a service of intercession held in Lydney Parish Church on Wednesday evening, January 24th. It was conducted by the Vicar and the Rev. H. Holt, the Congregational Minister; the Rev. A. J. Simpkins of the Methodist Church preached, and the Rev. E. R. Chilvers of the Baptist Church read the lesson. Considering that this was the first of its kind, and that the weather was not very helpful, there was a pretty good congregation. After paying the expenses of service papers, £3 14s. 0d. was sent to the British Council of Churches. It is hoped that next year something more may be done to mark this Week of Prayer, but all through the year we should pray for the unity of the Church, in the way Christ wills, and by the means which he chooses.



## MOTHERS' UNION

Corporate Communion, Wednesday, March 14th, 10.30 a.m.  
Branch meeting, Wednesday, March 7th, 3 p.m.: Speaker, Mrs. Edmund Potts on "The Ecumenical Movement and Delhi".

Tea hostesses: Mesdames Woodward, Wolridge, Wilcox, Wood and Brambell.

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## LYDNEY YOUNG WIVES FELLOWSHIP

The arrangements for the next few meetings are as follows:

Wednesday, February 28th: a talk by Mr. W. J. Kernutt, Head Master of Aylburton School, on "Schools and Education".

Wednesday, March 14th, a service in church at 7 p.m.

We hope that all members will try to keep the Wednesday evenings in Lent free at this time, so that if possible they can come to the series of six services. The Vicar will be giving a course of connected addresses, they will be more interesting if you can come to them all. The services will be over at about 7.45 each night, not later than 7.50 at any rate.

W.M.

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## PRIMROSE HILL

There will be Holy Communion on Sunday, March 11th, the First Sunday in Lent, at 9.30 a.m. On the same Sunday the preacher at Evensong will be the Right Reverend Forbes Horan, Bishop of Tewkesbury; we hope that all members of the congregation will make a special effort to come and welcome him on his first visit to Primrose Hill.

We offer our deep sympathy to the families of the late Mr. Osborne Baldwin of Coventry, who used to live here; Mrs. Mary Ann Imm, and Mr. F. T. Butcher, all of whom have had links with the church at Primrose Hill.

We are most grateful to Mr. Albert Hinton for trimming and tidying up the hedge round the church; it looks so trim now, and we do appreciate the hard work he has put into it. L.G.S.

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## PRIMROSE HILL YOUNG WIVES GROUP

Thanks to all who helped to make such a success of the children's party and the supper. We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Shankland, Mrs. Chivers, and Mrs. Philips who have recently joined our group. Our future programme will be: Monday, February 19th, a talk by Mrs. Machen on "The care of the skin", and on Monday, March 5th, a talk by the Vicar.

Dorothy Jeffs.

(P.S.—After reading Mrs. Jeffs note and the title of the talk on February 19th, I feel inclined to call my talk on March 5th "The care of the soul". That would not be quite accurate, but at any rate there is a connection between them. W.H.L.).

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## THE GUILD OF SERVERS

February

18—8: B. Peacey.

11: P. Bayliss, N. Beale.

6.30: M. Wilding, I. Thomson.

25—8: C. Bayliss.

11: M. Cameron, J. Hault.

6.30: L. Hulin, M. Hault.

4—8: M. Sims.

11: D. Meredith, N. Thomas.

6.30: W. Reeves, D. Woodward.

11—8: R. Thomas.

11: P. Bayliss, N. Brambell.

6.30: N. Beale, C. Nelmes.

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## THE PARISH REGISTER

### MARRIAGE

Jan. 1—Bertie Norman John Davies, 59 Tutnalls Street and Kathleen Ann Howell, of Minsterworth.

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### BURIALS

Jan. 6—Alan Cowles, 27 Mount Pleasant (inadvertently omitted last month).

„ 18—Edith Wansbrough Hockaday, 40a High Street.  
Mary Ann Imm, 61 Primrose Hill.

„ 20—Frederick Thomas Butcher, Driffield Road.

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