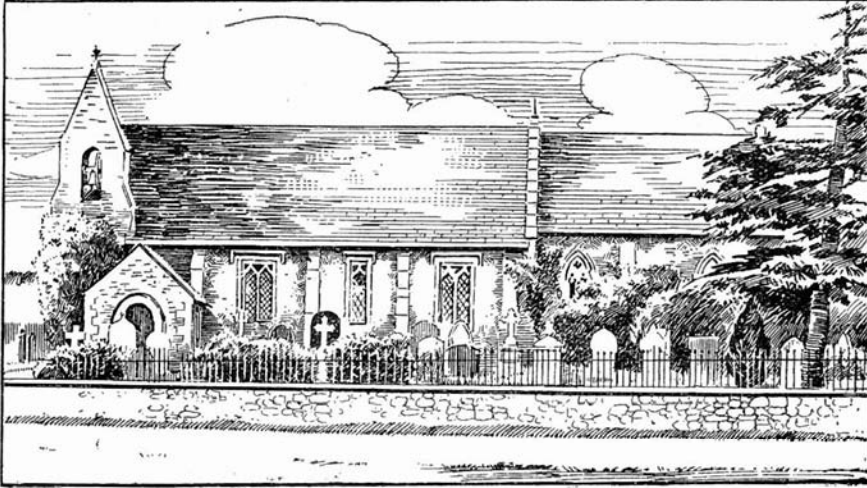


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Church Services.

(All Seats are Free)

Sundays : Holy Communion 8 a.m., also at 12 noon 1st Sunday and 11 a.m. (Choral) on 3rd Sunday.

Mattins and Sermon (except 3rd Sunday) 11 a.m.

Mattins on 3rd Sunday (plain) 7.45 a.m.

Children's Service (Festivals) 3 p.m.

Evensong and Sermon 6.30 p.m.

Wednesdays : Evensong 7 p.m.

Saints' Days & Holy Days : Holy Communion 7.30 a.m., or as announced.

Litany : Last Sunday at Mattins.

Holy Baptism : Sundays 3.30 p.m., or by arrangement with the Vicar. Due notice to be given.

Churchings : Before or after any Service.

Holy Matrimony : Notice of Banns to be sent to, and arrangements for Weddings made with, the Vicar.

Burials : Arrangements for Service and interment of the body of deceased parishioners to be made with the Vicar.

N.B.—Cases of Sickness or Sorrow and Change of Residence should be promptly reported to the Vicar.

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Notices for March.

Sun. March 1—1st Sunday in Lent.
Evensong 3.15 p.m.
Confirmation at Lydney Parish Church,
6.30 p.m.

Wed. Mar. 4 }
Fri. „ 6 } Ember Days.
Sat. „ 7 }

Sun. „ 8—2nd Sunday in Lent.
Sermons on behalf of National Society.

Mon. „ 9—S. James' Burial Club, 7.30 p.m.

Sun. „ 15—3rd Sunday in Lent.

Thurs „ 19—Musical Service, 7 p.m.

Sun. „ 22—4th Sunday in Lent.

Wed „ 25—Annunciation of B.V. Mary.
H.C. 7.30 a.m.

Thurs. „ 26—Lenten Service, 7 p.m.

Sun. „ 29—5th Sunday in Lent.
H.C. 8 and 12.

Psalms & Hymns for March.

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| Mar. 1—M | Ps. | 51 | | | |
| | H. | 90 | 321 | | |
| | E | Pss. | 6 | 32 | |
| | | H. | 91 | 355 | 84 115 |
| 8—M | Ps. | 119 | vv. 1-32 | | |
| | H. | 92 | 89 | 366 | |
| | E | Ps. | 119 | vv. 33-72 | |
| | H. | 198 | 249 | 183 | 106 |
| 15—M | H. | 88 | 107 | 187 | |
| | E | Ps. | 119 | vv. 105-144 | |
| | H. | 86 | 188 | 629 | 765 |
| 22—M | Ps. | 119 | vv. 145-176 | | |
| | H. | 250 | 185 | 93 | |
| | E | Pss. | 39 | 40 | |
| | H. | 112 | 523 | 773 | 117 |
| 29—M | Ps. | 22 | | | |
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Lent.

The special Lenten week-day service with sermon will be held on Thursday evenings instead of on Wednesday evenings for this year. We hope that Thursdays may be more convenient for a larger number to attend. These services will be on Thursdays, March 19th and 26th and April 2nd at 7 p.m.

The Vicar will preach a course of sermons on the Seven Words from the Cross, on Sunday Evenings and Thursday Evenings as follows:—

Lent I. March 1st. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Lent III. March 15th. "To-day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise."

Lent IV. March 22nd. "Woman, behold thy Son! Behold thy mother!"

Thursday, March 26th. "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"

Lent V. March 29th. "I thirst."

Thursday, April 2nd. "It is finished."

Lent VI. April 5th. "Father, into Thy hands I commend My Spirit."

The Midday Celebration usual on the 1st Sunday in the month will be held on the last Sunday in March (Passion Sunday) instead of on the 1st Sunday in April.

1st Sunday in Lent (March 1st).

Evensong on this Sunday will be at 3.15 in the afternoon instead of at 6.30 p.m. This alteration is made **for this Sunday only**, in order to enable the Vicar to be at Lydney Church to present the candidates, whom he has been preparing, for Confirmation. The Vicar feels sure that the congregation will appreciate his desire to be with the candidates at this special and solemn moment in their lives, and will show their appreciation by coming at 3.15 in the same numbers as if the service was held in the evening. The service will be fully choral and the Vicar will begin his course of Lenten sermons on the "Seven Words from the Cross."

National Society.

Special Sermons on behalf of this Society will be preached at Mattins and Evensong on the 2nd Sunday in Lent (March 8th). The National Society is sending us a Special Preacher. It is sincerely hoped that there will be a very liberal response as this Society is doing a magnificent work throughout the country on behalf of the Church's Day Schools.

Organ Recital and Musical Service.

Miss Jarrett is arranging for a special service of music together with selections on the Organ to be held on Thursday, March 19th at 7 p.m. Particulars will be announced in Church on the preceding Sunday. We hope to see a very large congregation. There will be a collection for the Choir Fund.

Memorial Service.

The Vicar has decided to hold a short service to commemorate those parishioners who have died during the past year, on Palm Sunday (April 5th) at 4 p.m. As most people place flowers on the graves of their dear ones on that day, the Vicar hopes that this may be done, as far as possible, in the afternoon and that the relatives and friends will stay for this service. There will be four Hymns and the Vicar will gladly do his best to meet the wishes of relatives if they will be good enough to send him the Hymns they would like sung. Those which find most favour will be those chosen. Those who suggest Hymns should send the numbers to the Vicar on or before the last Sunday in March, so that the Choir may have an opportunity of practising them. The Vicar will give a short address. The time (four o'clock) has been chosen so as not to interfere with any other Church Services likely to be held in Bream and to allow those who attend to be home in good time for tea.

Day School.

The Managers have received the resignation of Mr. Buck, our Head Master, with very real regret. The School has shown marked progress during the short time he has been in charge and he has taken a great interest in the children by arranging sports and entertainments. He has received an appointment as Head Master of a large and important school in Kent, and he leaves us with our best wishes for his future success. The vacancy thus caused has been filled by the appointment of Mr. William Watson who was for some years an assistant master at the Springwell Church School, Co. Durham, and has been an assistant master at the March Grammar School, Cambridgeshire for the past four years. We hope our people will give him a cordial welcome when he takes up his residence in our midst on May 1st. Mr. Henry Cox has been appointed by the Gloucestershire Education Committee to be a Manager of our School in place of Mr. J. James who has resigned on his removal from the district.

Church Finance.

The Church Council at its meeting on January 5th, allocated the Church collections for 1925 as follows:—Incorporated Church Building Society, January 11th, 6.30 p.m.; Additional Curates Society, Ash Wednesday; National Society, March 8th; S.P.C.K., Good Friday; Easter Offerings, Easter Day; S.P.G., Ascension Day and Sunday after; Day Schools, Whit Sunday and Advent Sunday; Hospitals, July 5th; S. Luke's Hostel, October 18, 11 a.m.; S. American Missions, November 22nd; Choir Boys, December 27, 6.30 p.m.; Sick and Needy, every 3rd Sunday (except Oct. 18), 11 a.m.; Parochial Quota, Midnight Service, February 15th, May 17th and Harvest Services. All other collections to go to Church Expenses unless any very urgent appeal arises.

The following is the expenditure which we ought to endeavour to meet; some of the items we must meet:—Church Lighting, Heating and Cleaning £42; Choir Fund £35; Churchyard £10; Sunday Schools £20; Day Schools £20; Parochial Quota £30; Sundry repairs £25; Insurances and Sundry Items £18. Total £200. It is estimated that the income from collections for Church Expenses will amount to £95, and from Free-Will Offerings £47. From these two sources we need therefore to raise another £60. If every member of the congregation and all those whose names are on the Electoral Roll would join the Free-Will Offering Scheme and subscribe regularly as God has prospered them, there ought to be no difficulty in maintaining our Finance in a healthy condition.

Can you promise to give, at least, either 4d., 3d., 2d. or even 1d. per week? If speak to Miss Jarrett (the Treasurer of the Free Will Offering Fund). Remember God does not ask us to do more than we are able, but he does expect us to do our best. There are some who can probably give more than the amounts suggested.

The whole secret of financing the work of our Church lies in our readiness to give. The best giving is free and regular. That which we give to God's work ought to be a fixed proportion of our incomes, whether large or small, and it ought to involve some real sacrifice. God pours His Blessings upon us in rich abundance, and we give so little in return to show our gratitude. The Church Council appeals to every Church Member to give serious consideration to this matter.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

This Meeting was held at the Church School on February 6th, the Vicar presiding.

The Secretary reported that the number of Electors for this year shewed a slight increase from 244 to 250.

The Report of the Council on its work during the past year was read by the Secretary, and was accepted without discussion.

The Treasurer was unable to present the accounts for the past year as they were not quite complete. He was able to give some of the figures, however, and it was noted that the cost of Church heating showed a large increase. It was resolved that the price of coke should be investigated, and that the Church Council should consider the advisability of the use of coke for Church heating. It was further resolved that the consideration of the accounts be deferred to the next Council Meeting, and that they should be presented again at the Parochial Church Meeting which will be held in conjunction with the Vestry Meeting in Easter week.

The Accounts were presented in respect of the Choir Fund, the Sunday School Fund, the Free Will Offering Fund and the Girl Guides.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Buck for his services as Secretary during the past year, and great regret was expressed at his approaching departure from the Parish.

Mr. C. F. Thomas proposed, and Miss Jarrett seconded that the sidesmen of last year be re-elected, and this was carried.

The election of members to serve on the Parochial Church Council was then proceeded with, 18 nominations being received for the 15 seats to be filled. Mr. J. R. Thomas acted as Returning Officer, and the following were declared the duly elected Members of the Council for the ensuing year, viz., Messrs. J. Beal, H. Davies, T. Dufty, H. O. Grant, E. C. Maurice, L. S. Osmaston, W. A. Thomas, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Joyce, Mrs. Royal, Miss Jarrett, Miss Kear, Miss Trewin, Miss G. M. Trewin and Miss Williams.

While the votes were being counted in an adjoining room the Vicar took the opportunity of expressing his thanks to all who had given most generously of their time towards forwarding the work of the Church in the Parish in any way. He paid special tribute to the work of the Churchwardens, Sidesmen, Miss Jarrett and the Choir, the Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers, the Magazine Distributors, the ladies who kept the Altar Vases supplied with flowers, and Miss Kear for keeping the Altar Brass in a polished state. The Church depended very largely upon voluntary help and he was most grateful that such help was forthcoming in many ways. The Vicar also asked all to do their best to secure more subscribers to the Free Will Offering Scheme, as he was more and more convinced that this was the only sound way of financing the Church work.

After the declaration of the poll the Chairman asked if there were any questions which the parishioners wished to raise.

There being none, the Vicar pronounced the Benediction and the meeting closed.

Holy Baptism.

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

Jan. 24—Wilfred Beaumont James.

Feb. 1—Benjamin Thomas Howard.

„ 10—Dennis Brian Frowen.

„ 10—Marjorie Doreen Moore.

Holy Matrimony.

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

Jan. 31—Victor Edward Hoare and

Elsie Irene Hoare.

Burials.

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

Feb. 4—Sarah Jenkins. Aged 77 years.

„ 8—Doris Ward. Aged 22 years.

„ 15—Joyce Jones. Aged 3 years.

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