

Barlow St. Lawrence Newsletter



SUNDAY SERVICES

8.0 Mass
10.30 Solemn Mass
6.35 Evensong

HOLY BAPTISM

By personal arrangement
with one of the parents



S. LAURENCE, D.M.
NOVEMBER 1962

USUAL WEEKDAY SERVICES

MASS: Mon. 9.15
Tues. 7.15
Wed. 7.0
Thurs. 7.30
Fri. 7.35
Sat. 8.0

EVENSONG: Sat. 6.0 p.m.

CHURCHINGS

By appointment

THE REV. C. W. HANDFORD, M.A.

THE VICARAGE.

PHONE: HOLMESFIELD 269.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 1962.

THURS. Nov. 1. ALL SAINTS.
Fri. 2. All Souls. Requiem for the Departed.
Sun. 4. Trinity 20. Solemn Mass of All Saints.
Sun. 11. Trinity 21. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE 10.30.
Sun. 18. Trinity 22.
Sun. 25. Sunday next before Advent. Trinity Last.
FRI. 30. S.ANDREW, Apostle.
Sun. Dec. 2. Advent Sunday. New stamps for Mass begin.

CHURCH ASSEMBLY.

I shall have to go to London on Tues. Nov.6 until Thursday evening Nov.8. Mass each day that week will be as usual, except on the Wednesday and Thursday.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.

It is now about 46 years since I joined up in the Army, but I have never forgotten those who served with me, nor the innocent ecstasy of the original Armistice Day on Nov.11.1918. This year Remembrance Sunday falls on that date, and I invite my fellow Ex-Service men of both wars to join me in the annual commemoration of our comrades who fell, and especially of those from our own village, whose names we commemorate one by one.

The annual Ex-Servicemen's dinner will be on the Wednesday following, that is Nov.14, at the New Inn.

CONFIRMATION.

We are now about a third of the way through the preparation of 13 candidates, and I remind relatives and friends that the Confirmation will be at Staveley on Wed. Dec.19 at 7.30 pm. I hope they will keep that evening free. In due course a list will be put in the church for names of those who wish to avail themselves of the special bus or buses which will take us to Staveley and back.

GUILD OF S.MARTHA.

The next meeting will be on Wed. Dec.5 at 7.15 pm. I am sorry that no meeting could be arranged for November, but the first Wednesday was impossible for me owing to the Church Assembly, and no other date seemed possible both for the members and myself.

NEW VASES.

Several times this year we have happily been given a large quantity of flowers from funerals and cremations, and it has been a struggle to find enough vessels to hold them, in spite of raiding the Vicarage for jugs and pails. I have therefore bought two nice pieces of pottery made at Pearsons, and have ordered one more to be made. They were used for the first time at the Harvest, and are of three different sizes. The large ones cost 19/9 and the smaller one 15/-, and if anyone would like to give one of these or another one or two they would be gratefully accepted, and would be in constant use. In this connection I should also like to thank Mr. Edwin Harris for kindly making and giving another wooden shelf for the north window opposite the door, similar to the one he made and gave last year for the other nave window. As the stone sills were on a slope it was never possible to put vases there. Now we have two more places where flowers can be put where they can be well seen, and we have another excellent example of Mr. Harris' craftsmanship.

FLOWER ROTA. Nov.4, Miss Powell. 11, Mrs.P.Haslam & Mrs.K.Palmer. 18, Mr.& Mrs.H.Haslam. 25, Dr .W.Gibson. No flowers during Advent.

MAIN WELL-DRESSING 1962.

The long delayed account from the Electricity Board came to hand just after I had published the October Newsletter. We have now made an arrangement for a fixed charge of 25/- irrespective of the work done by the Board each year, so that this can be paid early. It is entirely due to the delay by the Board that we have been unable to present our accounts in September for the last two or three years.

The details of the takings in the boxes and from donations were given in full in September, and the following is a summary of the final statement of accounts, passed by the Trustees and accepted by the County Police.

RECEIPTS: Balance from 1961 £2.0.4, Takings in boxes £107.13.7, Donations £10.18.0, Sale of 800 postcards £31.7.6 (This includes 'keep the change' from many visitors above the 9d charged.)

EXPENSES: Dressers 464 hours less 92½ £47.6.6. petrol 10/-, 800 postcards £16.13.4, two sheets for money thrown into the Well £1.19.6, Insurance £1.10.0, Book token for artist Mr.P.Glossop £2.2.0, Electricity £1, paraffin 7/3, Derbyshire Times advt £1.5.0.
Total expenses £72.13.7. Balance for disposal £79.5.10. **

The balance has been granted by the Trustees as follows:
Barlow S.Lawrence Repair Fund £35, Barlow Methodist church £12,
Cancer Research Fund £24.10.3, British Red Cross £5.15.7.
Retained for 1963 at bank £2. Total £79.5.10. **

NOTE: There were rather more Dressers than usual, so that there were more man-hours worked. The Trustees, it must be remembered, are not their own masters in regard to the disposal of the takings. They are subject to conditions laid down by the County Police when the permit for a street collection is granted. It is very hard to be both fair to the Dressers, to the public who suppose that a large part of their offerings go to charity, and to the Police to whom we have to submit our accounts. We felt that payment for 464 hours @ 2/6 an hour was more than we should be allowed to disburse in expenses. The dressers therefore kindly agreed to make a donation of 20% of their time, bringing the hours down to 371½. They wished their donation of £11.11.3 to be equally divided between the Cancer Fund and the TV appeal by Richard Dimpleby for the Red Cross. They were thus given £5.15.8 and £5.15.7 respectively. The Trustees added from our receipts a further £18.14.7 to the Cancer Fund, making a total for it of £24.10.3. We felt that this was appropriate in a year when the Well had been a memorial to one of our most long-standing dressers, George Booker, who died of cancer in June. A sum of £25.2.0 had been previously sent to this fund, being money given at George's funeral in lieu of flowers. As I was unfortunately on holiday at the time, Mr.F.Morgan kindly dealt with this.

In the five years 1958-1962 inclusive, in which the present Trustees have had the responsibility for the accounts, we have been able to give a total of £336.2.3 for charitable causes. For this happy result we must thank all who work so hard to make the festival a success, including of course the Dressers and the visitors who support us.

We should also like to give somewhat belated thanks to Mr. Geoffrey Wright for the free loan of his lorry for collecting moss and heather, to Mrs. Coles for dealing with the meals for the Dressers at the Peacock, and to the Liverpool and London Globe Insurance Co Ltd, per Mr. E. Kingston, for once more giving us the admirable posters.

SMALL WELL ACCOUNT. 1962.

I have received the following statement from the Trustees, Messrs. W.T. Sinderson and E. Kingston, which I am glad to publish.

RECEIPTS: Balance in hand reserved for electrical fittings £1.10.0,
Collections in boxes: Wed. £5.0.4, Thurs. £5.9.6, Fri. £4.15.11,
Sat. 10.16.10, Sun. £11.5.4, Mon. £2.9.11, Tues. £1.10.1,
Wed. 12/6½, Thurs. 3/3¾. Total in boxes £42.3.9.
Donations: Mansfield Brewery Co Ltd £1.1.0, Tennants £1.1.0, Brampton Brewery Co Ltd 10/-, J.J. Clayton Ltd 10/6. Total dons £3.2.6.
Photographs sold 194 @ 9d £7.5.6 (6 given to donors).
Total receipts £54.1.9.

EXPENSES: E.M.E.B. a/c 1961 £2.6.11. Design held from previous year. Timber (R. Stevenson) 10/-, Ground rent (H.F. Thompson) 1/-, petrol 10/-, Secretary & Ellams, postages & duplicating, 10/-, refreshments (R. Strawther) 14/2. Total sundries £2.5.2.
Agreed hours @ 2/6 to dressers Messrs. A. Booker, R. Kingston, R. Blair, S. Ledger £20, Errand boy H. Hallam £1. Total £21.
Grants @ £5 to S. Lawrence Church, Methodist Church, Good Companions Club, Welfare Hall Renovation Fund, Total £20.
Photographer J.C. Hubbard for 200 postcards £4.3.4. Commission (194 @ 2d) R. Strawther £1.12.4. E.M.E.B. 1962 £1.5.8, Balance in hand £1.8.4. Total £8.9.8. Grand Total £54.1.9.

The organizers are extremely grateful to donors and all who gave or offered flowers etc. and any other assistance.

On behalf of the PCC the Vicar wishes to express our grateful thanks for the donation from the Small Well for the Church Repair Fund, which we much appreciate.

SUMMARY OF WELLS 1962.

RECEIPTS: Main Well £151.19.5, Valley Rd, £77.14.11, Small £54.1.9.
Total for three Wells £283.16.1.
EXPENSES: Main Well £72.13.7, Valley Rd, £43.12.10, Small £32.13.5
Total for three Wells £148.19.10.
GRANTS GIVEN: Main Well £77.5.10, Valley Rd, £34.2.1, Small £20.
Total for three Wells £131.7.11.
BALANCES: Main Well £2, Valley Rd nil, Small Well £1.8.4
Total for three Wells £3.8.4.

These totals of receipts and grants given are well up on 1961, when the total receipts for three Wells were £226.14.0, Expenses were £133.5.3½, and grants given were £89.13.4½.

Thus, though this year's expenses were about £15 up, the amounts given to charitable causes were about £40 up.

In 1960 the total receipts were £253.11.3½, total expenses £139.6.4, and total for charities £107.3.0½. Our grants to charities are thus up quite a bit on the previous two years. Well done!

WHAT IS HE GOING TO DO ?

by Mark Gibbs.

'What is he going to do ?' 'Would she like to try working at Blank's ?' 'Why hasn't he made up his mind yet ?' It is the time in the year when sensible parents start thinking about what John and Jenny are going to do when they leave school next summer. In a few unhappy areas, there will be a real shortage of jobs again, (and why on earth could not our 'planners ' do better than this when they have had fifteen years' notice of the bulge ?) In many other places, thank God, there are a good many jobs and openings to choose from - and now, some months before the last day at school, is the time to start thinking and choosing.

In the old days , a boy followed his father into an office or trade, and the girl stayed at home or worked with her mother in the mill or in the shop. One of the most exciting and bewildering things about young people nowadays is that they are by no means certain to follow their parents into a job. Often they have quite different ideas, and far greater opportunities, and often too they have chances of further education which their parents only dreamed of. But this makes the whole business of choosing for the future all the more complicated. Parents are desperately anxious to do the best, but are quite confused by all the different openings and exams and regulations. Grandparents and friends are sometimes a bit sour about clever children getting above themselves. The teenagers themselves are sometimes wildly ambitious, sometimes a bit frightened about getting up in the world, and sometimes infuriatingly awkward about the whole thing, for the normal adolescent reasons .

The first thing to do is to get some help and advice, and this is why the whole process must be started early. All over the country there are Youth Employment Officers, who will certainly operate in local secondary modern schools, and maybe in others too. In a good number of schools, there will be a careers master or mistress. But these are nearly all extremely busy and overworked people, so it is very important to take the initiative and ask for help, and not to wait and see what happens. When it comes to local jobs, the usual network of friends and acquaintances will help to find out the best openings and the firms to be avoided ; but when it comes to jobs in another town, or the possibilities of sixth form, or technical college or university (and the grants you can obtain) you will have to get expert help, and the sooner the better.

How does John, or Jenny, pick the right kind of job ? For John in particular, the important thing is the prospects, not the pay or the holidays he will get now. What matters is what he will be doing at 30 or 40. If he is a clever boy, will he have the chance of further training, or promotion, of a responsible job later and a decent salary ? Or is he in danger of picking a job or an industry which will mean that he is stagnating in ten years' time ? Is the career one he will be honestly glad to be in ? If he is not so bright, is the job at least one with a steady future in it, or is it one in which he will be frightened of getting his cards as soon as he is past 40 ?

For Jenny, is the job she goes to a satisfying, or at least a pleasant one? Maybe the money is not so important for her, but the atmosphere of the place is. For instance one chain store may be extraordinarily different from another in the way it treats its employees.

There are a lot of other things to be thought of, whether a job suits John or Jenny's health, or temperament, or skills. It is best to be a bit ambitious for them, for the opportunities are there in these days. But of course if parents force children into unsuitable occupations, both will be grievously hurt in the process. And I am entirely convinced that this is where the prayers of the parents and of Christian friends are of the first importance. For what matters first and last and all the time is that God should have His say in John's and Jenny's future. He may not always say what we expect, and He will not give all His children the perfect or 'doing-good' jobs we dream of; but it is a shameful business if a Christian family decides its future without any reference to Him.

(Copyright ITEM 1962. Mr. Mark Gibbs has been for fifteen years Careers' Master at Audenshaw Grammar School, Manchester.)

THE CHURCHYARD.

We have finished the mowing season with a balance of £9.6.2, having spent £89.14.1 on the maintenance of the churchyard during 1962 to date. This includes £ 6.13.2 spent on new lamps at the Lych Gate and Vestry, and £3.5.0 on a new dustbin. Apart from these items the rest of the money has been spent on labour and the necessary machines and replacements.

In fact the fund would not have been able to pay for replacements without a grant of £10 each from the Sundries and Newsletter funds. In the middle of the summer both our Grassmasters, which have been giving trouble for some time, collapsed altogether. I was therefore forced to buy a new one, for which the Churchyard fund had to be subsidized, leaving only £2.19.0 of the £22.19.0 cost of the new machine to come out of the proper fund.

We have of course had extra expense this year owing to the hurricane in February, which has necessitated much sawing of timber and also the rebuilding of the wall near the Vicarage garden gate where the large beech and elm trees fell on it. Mr. J.H. Booker with his usual skill has made a beautiful job of the wall, and for this and his indefatigable labours all through the summer I am most truly grateful, as I do not know what I should do without him. I am also very grateful to John Patilla and Roy Ecclestone for many hours of labour, and to Maynard and Alan Needham for mowing the whole of the churchyard before the Well-Dressings.

Apart from money from eight burials (up to Oct.22) the rest has been given by 25 individuals, many of whom do not live in the parish. If it were not for them the churchyard would be a jungle, as we should not have had the money to pay for labour. I am most grateful to them, but I do wish that more Barlow people, who I believe are now proud of their churchyard, would stump up a few five bobs to help me keep it as it should be.

THE NEW CARPET.

The time is approaching when we may look forward to installing this handsome addition to our furnishings, and getting rid of the disgustingly dirty coverings which are there at present, and which are impossible to clean. The organizers of the fund and myself visited Eyre's recently, and after two hours' rummaging among piles of patterns we eventually all agreed on our choice of the one we should like. I hope that our choice will be approved when it is seen. All the necessary measurements have been made, as it is a very tricky business fitting carpet from the door to the sanctuary. The carpet has been ordered to the required amount.

The organizers with fine ambition have not been content just to provide carpet, but also wished to have the floor of the centre aisle made even, as we were told that the various bumps would cause the carpet to wear unevenly. We have therefore had the floor in the aisle and entrance square treated with some special material under the direction of Mr. Geoffrey Wright, and it now appears that all the unevenness has been levelled out. At present there are white patches where this has been done, but of course they will all be covered by the carpet in due course.

The organizers also felt that the walls of the nave ought to be cleaned before the carpet was laid. The whole of the nave walls and the ceiling was painted by Mr. S.A. Clarke in November 1956, which cost £191.15.0, and at the same time the roof timbers were treated with bitumastic tar stain to prevent woodworm for an additional cost of £34. The paint has stood up very well, but there are the usual black marks where the heating has stained it.

We therefore contacted Mr. Clarke to enquire whether the walls could be cleaned, and he gave us an estimate for washing them down for £28.10.0. But he recommended that while the scaffolding and sheets were there it would be a great improvement if, after the cleaning, the walls were given one coat of the same Leylite Semi-gloss enamel which was put on in 1956, and this can be done for a further £26. The members of the PCC whom I consulted all agreed that this would be a good investment, and so we have given the order. At the moment I am awaiting information as to when Mr. Clarke can do the work.

This cost will be shared by the carpet fund and the Church Repair Fund, as the proceeds of three coffee mornings will provide the required half of the money needed. I am very grateful to Mrs. Hicks for organizing the third of the coffee mornings at Rock Bank recently. If we can redecorate every five years for about £50 it is better than waiting ten or twelve years and having to pay much more all at once. We are not of course touching the ceiling this time, as that is still in quite good condition, and the paint put on in 1956 has prevented the dropping of flakes of distemper which were so unsightly in 1956.

IN MEMORIAM.

We much regret the death on Oct. 4 of Harold Herbert Dibben, Priest, Hon. Canon of Derby, who as Rector of Staveley was Patron of the benefice of Barlow for many years. He appointed Fr. Norfor in 1937 and 1953, Fr. Gregory in 1942, and myself in 1956. I have known him very well for about forty years. He was one of my predecessors at St. Leonard's Spital before going to his fine work at Staveley. May he rest in peace.

1645.		DAYS OF YORE(continued) .	
Sept.	Tto Tho Benet to Chestf with ye oxen & charges	0..	1.. 6
	charge abt paymt of ... a trained souldier	0..	0.. 6
	To ...for goinge to Bar & Ast in ye nyght 6d		
	with warrants & for copieng them 6d	0..	1.. 0
22.	at Chestfield abt draughts & leading sods for		
	ye bulwarks	0..	1.. 6
	To Tho Bennet yt was with ye draught	0..	5.. 0
27.	To Jo Walsh yt he had to load hay	0..	0.. 6
	I gave Jo Walsh 6s to give Tho Benet & it was		
	taken from him	0..	6.. 0
	charge abt a post horse yt Tho Kirk wold have had	0..	0.. 8
	given to Jo Clay & ffr Calow with ye draught	0..	6.. 0
	a warrant to Bar & Aston for ye 1 weeks pay to		
	Staveley	0..	0.. 6
	abt ye warrant of ye Sheriffe for ye old subsidy		
	& for our haeks & spades againe .	0..	1.. 0
Oct.4.	copienge ye warrant abt weekly pay to Sta: &		
	sending it to Bar:	0..	0.. 6
5.	pd to Mr.Wood for lookinge ye oxen & charge	1..	0.. 0
	I went to Chest to Capt ffritz to certify I cold		
	not get money	0..	0.. 8
11.	I went to Chest to look for Bar:& Aston men abt		
	weekly pay	0..	0.. 4
17.	pd to Purslove for hay for ye oxen at Chestefield	0..	6.. 0
	my charges the same day yt I pd ye money	0..	0.. 8
	pd to P.Cadman for 2 oxen yt went to Pontfract	1..	0.. 0
	to John Newham consimini	1..	0.. 0
	to ffr Lark consim	1..	0.. 0
	to John Smith consim	1..	0.. 0
	to P.Littlewood for a horse taken out of his		
	draught	2..	0.. 0
	to Robin Harre for a horse taken yet got againe		
	but was worse to the value of 13s 4d	0..	13.. 4
	At Aston & Bar: one day & noting abt horses for		
	Mr ffritz	0..	1.. 6
	the day following at Staveley	0..	0.. 6
	for 20 strikes of oats yt Mr.Burton had lately	1..	0.. 0
	for P.Cadman for 3 quart yt Capt ffritz had	1..	4.. 0
	for a quart yt Capt Clark had to Wingerworth		
	October 1643	0..	9.. 0
	to p.ffritz wife for 40 lb of butter 10s & 40 lb		
	of beefe 7s to be equally levied on ye		
	township & charges at ye delivery 6d	0..	17.. 6
Nov.3	charges at Bar: & Aston abt hay from Lees Hall	0..	1.. 0
5.	To Aston againe abt draughts for ye same business	0..	0.. 6
7.	with souldiers to Bar:& Aston for money behind, spent	2..	0
	I went with Assistants to see for money & spent	0..	1.. 8
10.	To Cold Aston & Staveley abt provision for		
	Pr.Rupert's Army	0..	1.. 0
18.	A warrant sent to Bar: & Ast: re our works at		
	Staveley	0..	0.. 6
	spent myselfe that day	0..	0.. 6
19.	Pd to P:Browne wh.was due to him when ye army		
	was in Chest	0..	5.. 0
	charge in going to Aston to see for money	0..	0.. 8
		25..	11.. 2

To Peter Browne for charges wth ye draught	0.. 3.. 0
To Martin Harrison	0.. 1.. 0
ffor horses shoeinge	0.. 2.. 6
To Peter Browne for charges yt was wth ye draught	0.. 2.. 0
To Martin Harrison pro co ssiminye	0.. 1.. 6
To Peter Browne & ... Cantrell	0.. 3.. 0
my owne charges 2 daies	0.. 1.. 6
25.Charges of souldiers at Chestrfield abt ye pay	0.. 3.. 0
& wch Jo Walsh had left to pay at Penistons ye day before	0.. 3.. 0
26.to Ro:ffinny & Martin Harrison	0.. 1.. 0
my owne charges & charge of ym yt went wth draughts	0.. 2.. 5
to Deanes wife for souldiers & ym yt waited on ym 2 daies	
& nights	0.. 7.. 6
to Petr Harrison for going to Bar: wth	0.. 0.. 3
to F.Madin to Bar:wt a note & our money for ye Comitty	0.. 0.. 3
27.for goinge to Mr.Gurdy aby ye cart & horses	0.. 2.. 6
charges upon draughts yt led hay fro Whittington	
& Heathcote road to Tho Dowkers	0.. 5.. 7
28.to Ro:ffinny & Gooddit	0.. 3.. 0
my charges that day	0.. 1.. 3
29.charge at Sta:& Chestr:my selfe souldiers & Assistants	0.. 5.. 3
copienge a wart & sending it to Bar:& Aston yt night	0.. 1.. 0
To Jo Smith wch he had laid downe to ffr Calow & P.Steven	
when yt went through Staveley to Clowne	0.. 5.. 0
Decembr.1.charges in laboringe to gett of ye cart horses	0.. 0.. 8
2.to Ro ffinny & Gooddye wth ye cart at Chesterfield	0.. 4.. 4
& them yt went wth yem	0.. 0.. 4
3.charges twice wt hacks & spades &c	0.. 0.. 10
4.a day & night myself Tho Johnson & carters at Chestfield	0.. 3.. 3
at Chesterfield charges	0.. 0.. 10
for the keepinge of the horses & cart	1.. 0.. 0
for a post horse bridle & sadle deliverd to ye Constable	3.. 10.. 0
to Ri Purslove for keepinge ye horse	0.. 8.. 0
7.my charges at Staveley 8d & copienge warrts 6d	0.. 1.. 2
& sending them	0.. 0.. 6
8.charge of my selfe & Assissts to treat wth ye Comissrs	0.. 4.. 2
warrt to Bolsovr copienge & sending them	0.. 0.. 8
9.my selfe & Assistants to Bolsovr	0.. 1.. 0
& to Bar: & Aston abt providinge of draught to cary load	
twixt Yorke & Scarborough	0.. 0.. 4
11 & 12.at Staveley 4d & for sending to meet at Chest	
to agree abt draughts	0.. 0.. 8
15.Bar: & Aston meeting to provide draughts	0.. 0.. 9
18.to Dronf after ye arayed men & to Chest	0.. 1.. 6
& I gave the souldiers there among them	0.. 8.. 0
19 & 20.Spent 8d somoninge ye draught to ye Artillery 1s	0.. 1.. 6
	9.. 3.. 8

It will be noticed that at this time Barlow was having to support Prince Rupert's Army(see Nov.10.1645). He was a nephew of Charles I and was made general of the horse in 1642. He distinguished himself at Edgehill & Chalgrove,captured Birmingham and Lichfield in 1642,and Bristol in 1643,and displayed his courage at Marston Moor and Naseby in 1645,though his impetuosity contributed to the disastrous result of these engagements. Later of course Barlow had to support the Commonwealth forces under Earl Fairfax,who became their general in chief in 1645. Poor Barlow then !

P.C.C.ACCOUNTS.

<u>RECEIPTS:</u>	<u>Env.</u>	<u>L.C.</u>	<u>Gift Day</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
Sept. 30	3.. 9.. 0	1..10.. 0		4..19.. 0
Oct. 7	3..14.. 9	6..17.. 3	24.. 8.. 4	35.. 0.. 4
14	2..16.. 0	1.. 8.. 6	6.. 4.. 3	10.. 8.. 9
21	3..16.. 6	1.. 5.. 7	2.. 6	5.. 4.. 7
Totals	<u>13..16.. 3</u>	<u>11.. 1.. 4</u>	<u>30..15.. 1</u>	<u>55..12.. 8</u>

EXPENSES: Cleaning £2, Vicarage dilapidations £4.16.8, Mass stamps & albums for 1963 £2.8.9, taxis for organist £1.12.0, organist £2.14.8, Vicarage rates £21.2.10, Diocesan quota £25.

Total expenses £59.14.11. Balance in hand £1.10.9.

NOTE: we are very grateful to the 81 people who have sent in Gift Day boxes. Many more than that were given out, and we shall be glad to receive them back with some donation inside. The Gift Day has enabled us to pay a further £25 towards the Diocesan Quota, making a total paid to date of £50. We still owe £25. The Vicarage dilapidation payment is small this year, as we still have a balance in hand from the previous quinquennial period owing to the good state of the Vicarage when the last repairs were done. Next year we shall have to pay the full amount of £25.13.5, but have arranged to pay it quarterly.

CHURCH REPAIR FUND. (Aug.to Oct.)

RECEIPTS: Interest in June £1.13.9, Grant from Sundries account from Church Box in Wells week £5, Grant from Valley Road Well £17.1.1, Grant from Main Well £35, Grant from Small Well £5.

Balance in hand £172.2.0.

SUNDRIES ACCOUNT. (Sept.29-Oct.24)

RECEIPTS: Box £2.0.3, Harvest Flowers 7/6, Flowers for Nov.25 10/-, Repaid from Main Well a/c for advt in Derbys.Times (Aug) £1.5.0,

Total receipts £4.4.9.

EXPENSES: Postage to Conf.candidates & servers 4/10, charcoal 8/11, Harvest advt. 6/-, Grant to Churchyard a/c for new Grassmaster £10, Harvest flowers 7/6, Books and booklets for 13 Conf.candidates £5.12.0. Total expenses £16.19.3. Balance in hand £14.8.11.

NEWSLETTER ACCOUNT (Sept.29-Oct.24).

RECEIPTS: Per: Vicar 10/-, Brenda Haslam 6/9, Miss M.Morgan £1.10.3, Mrs.H.Haslam 18/6, Miss Powell £1.2.0, Mrs.J.Morgan £1.16.6, Mrs.H.Needham £2.7.2. Total receipts £8.11.2.

EXPENSES: Postage 4/2, 2 quires stencils £1.16.1, 3 tubes ink £2.16.0, Grant to churchyard a/c for new Grassmaster £10, Annual grant to Homes of S.Barnabas (Fr.Norfor) £2.2.0.

Total expenses £16.18.3. Balance in hand £12.13.0.

CHURCHYARD ACCOUNT (Sept.29-Oct.24)

RECEIPTS: Discount from Britts on new Grassmaster 9/-.

EXPENSES: Rotary mower blades 4/4, Labour in repair of wall damaged last February £3. Part payment on new Grassmaster £2.19.0.

Total expenses £6.3.4. Balance in hand £9.6.2.

BURIAL OF CREMATED ASHES.

On 3 October the ashes of the late Norman Posnet Evans, of Chesterfield, were interred in a family grave in our churchyard. He died last June, aged 67. May he rest in peace.