# Barlow H. 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.

SEPTEMBER 1963

### 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: HOLMESPIELD 269

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 1963

Sunday Sept. 1. Trinity 12. 8. Trinity 13. Sunday Saturday

14. Holy Cross Day. Sunday

15. Prinity 14, followed by Wed, Fri. Sat. Ember Days of prayer for those about to be ordained.
21. S. HATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist.
22. Trinity 15.

SATURDAY Sunday

SUNDAY

29. MICHAELMASS. (Trinity 16) 6. HARVEST THANKSGIVING. Trinity 17. SUNDAY OCT.

ANNUAL GIFT DAY.

Mass for Farmers 6 a.m.
OFFERING OF GIFT DAY BOXES AT EACH SERVICE.

Wed. Sept. 4. Guild of S. Martha 7.15.p.m. Wed. Oct. 2. Guild of S. Martha 7.15.p.m. Wed. Sept. 11. Youth Club re-opens.

HARVEST AND GIFT DAY. The usual Gift Day boxes are being sent out with this Newsletter to those who will take them. We rely on about £40 each year at the Harvest in order that we may fulfil our obligations to the end of the year. Cur Diocesan Quota is £80, of which we have hitherto been able only to pay £10. As the list of amounts paid by each parish is printed and circulated to every member of the Diocesan Conference, that is , to every parish priest and one layman from each parish in the Diocese, everybody knows who pays up and who does not. So far since I became Vicar we have only failed once to pay up in full, and then we were only 218 short. I am anxious that the good name of Barlow should be maintained, and that we should not be listed among the few black sheep that do not do their duty. So do please all do your best to make our annual Gift Day a success. We only ask in this way once a year, and do not trouble the parish with bazaars and such-like efforts. The plain fact is that with prices and costs as they are today we just do not get enough in the weekly offerings to pay our way without at least one extra effort each year.

If we cannot be generous at the Harvest, when we are giving thanks for all the blessings, material and spiritual, that we receive from God, and if we do not realize that part of what we have belongs to God the Giver of all, we shall not have begun to practice the generous spirit that is so appropriately (for us) stated in the Epistle for E.Lawrence's Day: 'He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly: and he that soweth hountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver ... Now he that ministereth seed to the sower, both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness '. (See II Corinthians 9/6 and following verses .)

The gathering in of the Harvest is, at the moment of writing, in the future as far as Derbyshire is concerned, and we shall pray that the farmers, who know the truth of the above words, will be granted health, strength, and reasonable weather to gather in the fruits of their labours. But whatever happens here it is unlikely that the harvest in general will not produce enough to feed us

THE MESSAGE OF THE WELLS 1963.

At the MAIN WELL we had two scenes from the Old Testament and two from the New Testament. Sometimes people who do not realize the difficulty of choosing suitable pictures criticize the selection of subjects on the ground that there is no obvious theme running through them. We who have to deal with the complicated matters of selection and dressing know that such a theme is not easy to arrange. We have to find pictures from some book so that the artist can draw them to scale, and the dressers can copy them in as realistic a manner as possible. The number of picture books of Bible scenes is limited, and we have to do our best with those that are available. Of course we should be happy to consider any pictures that anybody would lend us to look at when we come to choose our subjects next Whitsuntide.

The criticism of subjects made by some people, fortunately does. not apply to the actual execution of them, for as usual I heard a great many extremely laudatory remarks of all the Wells from visitors, many of whom were kind enough to say that Barlow Well-Dressings are the best they see. Of course we like to think that, but it is nice to have unsolicited praise from disinterested visitors to back up our own hopes!

However, I think it does not require much ingenuity to find a reasonable theme from the Main Well pictures this year, in spite of the above criticism ! This is how it strikes me. We had first The Finding of the baby Moses in the ark of bulrushes as recorded in Exodus 2. This was the true beginning of the history of the Israelites, the chosen people of God, through whom God sent us the promised Messiah. Moses was the real founder of the Hebrew religion, and we can see a providential ordering of history when the baby Moses was not destroyed according to the commandment of Pharoah. We remember a similar deliverance of the infant Christ from Herod's moder of the Innocents. As we are told in Deuteronomy 34/10, There arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, in all the signs and wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharoah, and to all his servants, and to all his

2. It seemed to me therefore quite appropriate that the second O.T. picture should be Moses Viewing the Promised Land. When Moses grew up he fulfilled the promise given to him by God in his early days, led the people through incredible difficulties in the desert, with expert Scouting knowledge of camp sites, water and sanitation, (as revealed for instance in earlier chapters of Deuteronomy such as 20,23,24 etc ). I have always thought it rather hard lines that, after all the trouble Moses had had with a stupid and rebellious people, he should not in the end have been allowed to make a triumphal entry into the Promised Land! On the other hand, we are told in Deut. 34/7 that he was then 120 years old, so there was a good case for a younger man to deal with all the problems of a new situation. Even though 'his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated ', he must have been feeling his age, even if, in days when dating was vague and there were no registers of birth, he may not have been quite as old as 120 !

Nowadays the Welfare State thinks that a man should be able to retire, if he wants or is able to do so, at 65, on the ground presumably that by then he should be handing over to a younger man, and the Forces require an even earlier age for retirement. We do not know what Moses would have thought of retiring at 65, but perhaps he had unwillingly ,like many of us today, to learn this lesson, and fortunately there was an obvious successor in Joshua. However that may be, our two pictures shewed us the beginning and the end of the life of Moses, and I think that together they were in fact a very appropriate pair.

3. As Moses was looking in the left hand back picture towards the Promised Land from the top of Mount Pisgah, he was also in our Well looking towards the Figure of Christ saying 'Behold I stand at the Door and Knock'. So though Moses could only see a little way into the immediate future, he had been promised greater things in the far future for his people, and these were fulfilled when Jesus Christ the Messiah did at long last appear to redeem them from a far greater slavery than that of Egypt. For, as our Easter hymns remind us, He has brought us out of sin and death into the Promised Land of the Kingdom of Heaven. To me then the picture of Moses looking afar off and seeing Christ knocking at the door, was full of meaning. We are told that at the Transfiguration of Our Lord, commemorated in the calendar on August 6, a few days before the Well-Dressing, Moses and Elijah appeared in glory with Christ on the mountain, shewing that Moses in eternal life does see what he only dimly saw in his earthly life, that is, the completion of all his hopes and promises in a far more wonderful way than he could ever have imagined when he stood on Mount Pisgah.

The text was from Revelation 3/29: 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me'. I read this text at Top Common in 1961, when they had an unusual picture shewing our Lord at supper with those who had opened the door. It is one of my favourite texts, because it shews how earnestly our gracious Lord longs for us to open the door of our hearts to Him, but in His courtesy He will not break down the door and force His way in to those who do not want Him. Every man, woman, and child holds the key to his own heart. If he does not want Christ he will get what he wants, but to be without God in eternity is what we call hell. How much every parish priest longs, as our Lord does, that his parishioners shall open the door of their hearts to Christ's gracious Presence, and worship, and pray, and make their homes abodes of peace and love!

<sup>4.</sup> In the fourth picture, on the left side, was the carrying on of the promises of Christ by His Apostles. Our Lord told them: 'He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also: and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to the Father'. (S.John 14/12). So we had one example of the fulfilment of this promise when Peter and John told the lame man, Rise up and Walk'. This is recorded in Acts 3.

So at once the blessings of the Risen Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, began to be realized, wonderful blessings not perceived by Moses when perhaps he dimly hoped for a Messiah, but would not be able to conceive the Holy Catholic Church. Christianity has helped and encouraged, not only the spiritual healing of the spiritually lame, blind, and deaf, but the physical and medical science through which many ills, pains, and diseases, until recently deemed incurable, can now be remedied and overcome. Hospitals and care for the sick and aged are a feature of the Christian Faith, and man is lame in the journey of life if he does not avail himself of the strengthening hand of Christ, often, as in this episode, helping us through the touch of one of our fellow men.

COMMONSIDE WELL. These thoughts were continued in the picture Jesus raises Jairus' daughter. Jesus conquers not only lameness and blindness but even death itself. The Gospels give us three examples of His raising people from the dead. In this one, the subject is a little girl of 12 years (S.Mark 5/22-24 & 35-43). In the second, he was a young man, son of the widow of Nain. (S.Luke 7/11). In the third he was the older man Lazarus. (S.John 11). Both sexes and all ages are equally under the power of Christ, who claimed: 'I am the Resurrection and the Life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die', as we are reminded at every funeral. This is one more example, in addition to those at the Main Well, of the blessings brought by the Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven.

TCP COMMON. Finally, as an appropriate conclusion, we had a most realistic picture of Chesterfield Parish Church, the Crooked Spire. Through all the hazards and vagaries of life the church still points to God and Heaven, and the road may twist a bit! The Church is Christ in the world today, in 1963 in Derbyshire as truly and really as when He was walking this earth, or as in the time of His Apostles. As S.Mark says: They went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. (S.Mark 16/20). And S.Luke says that he writes of 'all that Jesus began to do and teach (Acts 1/1). His work goes on in the living Church, which is the body of faithful baptized Christians. No congregation, individual, priest or minister is perfect, but the Word of God is perfect, and the holy Sacraments are perfect, and the grace of God given through prayer and sacrament is perfect, and cannot be lessened by the imperfection of the minister, though the neglect of the recipient may thwart God's purposes. One wonders how many thousands of souls have been helped, strengthened, comforted, and brought to the eternal life beyond the veil in the 800 or more years of the life of Chesterfield S.Mary and All Saints or of Barlow S.Lawrence. As our ancient documents shew, though Staveley was our parish at one end, and Dronfield at the other, Chesterfield has through the centuries always been Barlow's town. I thought that it was a fitting thanksgiving for the recent restoration of the Parish Church of Chesterfield, after the so-nearly fatal fire, when Top Common portrayed it now. As the scene of my first Mass and of my first ministry I always hold it in great affection. Who shall say that there is not a very good theme running through all these Wells?

## WHAT ARE YOUR ANSWERS ?

A Young Wives Group in the diocese of Manchester found the usual list of questions they were asked to discuss much too intellectual, so they drew up these instead. What do you think about them, and which would you like discussed in a local group?

- 1) When a man works ' nights' his wife gets very lonely. Sometimes an elderly neighbour will pop in to keep her company. But how does the wife stop this kind of neighbour's visit when the husband stops working ' nights' ?
- 2). When one parent dies, what is the best solution for the problem of the other partner?
- 3) When a young woman has her first baby, she gets very lonely and sick of being tied to the house. If the husband and wife agree to go out in turns, it is so much easier for a man to go out on his own than it is for a woman. Yet baby sitters are hard to get and expensive.
- 4) How do you deal with the young husband who starts household jobs and never finishes them ?
- 5) Holidays on hire purchase are risky, especially if the family income drops suddenly. But how else can a young family have a good holiday ?
- 6) Is it right for a woman to ask her husband to continue working when his mates are out on strike ?
- 7) A father wants to take his kid fishing on Sundays. The mother wants him to go to church. Yet the father sees so little of the boy.
- 3) How can a young wife remain glamorous and attractive after marriage, when there is now little money to spare for clothes or cosmetics ?
- 9) Loneliness makes a 'nagging wife ', and then the husband starts to compare his wife unfavourably with his mother or a more sophisticated sister. How can this be cured?

DO YOU AGREE ?

Another group in Manchester got together this list of some of the problems of Very Young Wives today.

Do you agree that :

- 1) The very young wife is still tied to her mother, domestically and often financially .
- 2) When she wants to keep on working, it is for the company she gets as well as the wage.

3) Very young wives who are 'housebound' with children are often depressed and lonely, and they often have unexpressed sex marriage problems.

4). There is often deep resentment if there are frequent pregnancies. Young wives feel that their youth can be wasted by early parenthood, and feel they have a 'good time 'owing to them.

- 5). Cften 'Gran' is the real mother with young children.
- 6). The young wife is not hostile to religion, but just not interested. Church-going is discarded when you grow up and when you do not have to do what your parents say.
- 7). Very young wives do not know how to pray, but they would like to.

Copyright ITEM 1963. PAPER-BACK OF THE MONTH, This is my Story by William Purcell. Personal experiences originally told on BBC TV programmes by the Bishop of Birmingham, Father Potter of Peckham, Hugh Redwood, and many others. ( Hodder 4/6.)

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SUOTATION OF THE LONTH. A Church that deeply believes in God will not find it easy to share its faith with others, but no other kind of Church will find it possible. Only Christians who are far more humble before God, and far more centred in Him than many of us know ourselves to be, can fulfil the mission of the Church 1.

(The Rev. Frederic Greeves, new President of Conference

of the Methodist Church).

BARLOW YOUTH CLUB.

The first meeting of the Club for the 1963-64 season will be held on Wednesday 11 September at 7.30.p.m. During the 1962-63 year several ventures were tried out with a view to establishing and developing the resources and talents of the members, and in this respect the Club can now be regarded as being competitive in football, table tennis and sprinting. These talents were tested by visits to the Chesterfield Youth Club, local football matches, and at the Derbyshire County sports. In the sprint and relay sections of the County sports four medals and a cup were brought back to Barlow by (1) Janet Gillyatt. (2) Pauline Marshall. (3) Brenda Haslam. (4) Joan Wardley. These trophies were presented to the girls, at the last of three successful dances run throughout the year, by Coun. W. T. Sinderson, whose offer of a challenge cup for annual competition was duly appreciated.

A members's meeting to select a working Committee will be held on 18 September, and it is hoped that members will attend in full, as it is anticipated that additional help will be needed towards arranging a netball team and a discussion group. The efforts of the previous committee, and in particular of the Secretary Stuart Harris, were of great assistance in the functioning of the Club. and were gratefully received.

The above note was written by the Club Leader, Mr.B.Jones, and I would like to express here our grateful thanks for all the hard work that he has put in since he took over the job last Deptember. I hope that the members of the Club also appreciate all that he does for their welfare, and that they will back him up in the various projects which he has in mind . Mr. Jones pays me frequent visits to discuss his plans, and to deal with the finances, for which I am Treasurer. We wish the Club every success in the coming twelve months.

FACTS AND FIGURES FOR THE WELLS. A full statement of accounts for the Main Well will be given in October, when all the expenses have been paid. I give here an

interim statement of receipts.

Boxes at the Well: Wed. £15.17.3. Thurs. £20.15.1\* Fri. £6.4.0.(wet),

Sat.£22.3.7. Sun. £33.12.0\*. Mon.£9.7.0\*. Tues. £6.4.0\*. Wed.£4.15.3\*.

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Thurs. £1.15.11. Total in boxes £120.14.11 \* Sums marked \* signify a record for those days since the present Trustees took over in 1958, the only figures I possess. The total is also a record, being £10 more than the previous record in 1960.

We also sold a record number of postcards, 1016, which is 200 more

than in any year from 1958. Receipts from postcards £38.14.5.

We are very grateful for donations as follows: Mrs. Short £2,

Shipton Hallewell £1.1.0, Mansfield Brewery £1.1.0,, Stanton & Walker

10/-, Mr.W.G. Turnbull £1, Mr.T.S. Carter £5.5.0.. Total £10.17.0.

Grand Total of Receipts (including balance of £2 from 1962) was £172.5.6.

There was a record crowd at the Well-Dressing Service in church, people standing four or five deep at the back, the gallery crammed, and a large number singing in the porch and churchyard! The collection of £10.11.7 was several pounds more than before. All the Newsletters were sold out, many postcards bought, £18.1.8 given in the alms box, and 1646 free papers, 'The History of Barlow', 'Why we dress the Wells', and 'The Story of S.Lawrence' were taken a sy by visitors for their edification. This was the only Wednesday in my eight years when I have felt no anxiety about the weather, which was balmy and delightful.

In the procession we had 20 of our young men on duty as Servers, and were glad to welcome The Revs. E.G.Cull (Vicar of Barrow Hill), J.Statham(Vicar of Ridgway), and R.C.Hubble(Assistant Priest of Newbold) . The Carnival Queen, Liss Sandra Wilson, with her princesses looked charming as usual, and we congratulate our retiring Queen, Miss Anne Coles, on being chosen as Miss Derbyshire. It was a pity that rain came on at the end\_of the Saturday Carnival Procession, but the

other days, apart from Friday, were fine though cloudy and chilly. We are sorry to lose Mr.& Mrs.Coles from the Peacock, where they have been delightful and ever-willing hosts, Anne who has taken out Newsletters in the village for several years, and William who has been a most faithful Server for over seven years, whose approaching marriage and removal to Whitecotes Lane would in any case have deprived us of his services. We hope however to see them often in Barlow, where Mr. Coles is still a Churchwarden.

We welcome Mr. & Mrs. Powell and their son John to the Peacock. They have been most kind in arranging meals for the dressers, taking all the small change from the boxes, and extinguising the lights each evening. We hope that they will be happy in Barlow. We are also grateful once again to Mr.E.Kingston and the Royal Insurance Group

for the free gift of the admirable posters

Finally, we thank all those who gave us flowers, those who helped with the selling of postcards, all the gallant dressers, whose skill has once again been the delight of thousands of visitors, and the large number of people who took part in the Carnival, and all the planning which such an event necessitates. It seems to have been a record year for all the Wells .

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I append below the accounts of the <u>Valley Road Well</u>, which, with their usual prompt mess, they have submitted before mine are ready. I shall be glad to publish those of the Small Well with those of the Main Well in October if the Trustees so desire.

VALLEY ROAD WELL. RECEIPTS: Boxes at the Well £72.3.3. Donation from Mr. Broomhead 10/-, Sale of postcards £22.10.0. Total receipts £95.3.3. EXPENSES: Designer £2. Dressers: 182 hours @ 2/6 = £22.15.0, 75 hours @ 1/6 + £5.12.6. Total for Dressers £28.7.6. Petrol 9/8. Loan of sheets 10/-., Erecting scaffolding £1., Fostcards £45. Total expenses £47.7.2. Balance for disposal £47.16.1. This has been divided equally between the Barlow S. Lawrence Repair Eurod £23.18.0. and the Old Folks & Children Whitsum effort £23.18.

Fund £23.18.0, and the Öld Folks & Children Whitsun effort £23.18.1.

On behalf of the P.C.C. I wish to express our grateful thanks to the Trustees, Messrs.K. Shardlow, K. Palmer, & Brian Booker & Mrs.E. Shardlow, for this handsome sum for the church. They also wish to thank all those who helped in any way, including Wrs.F. Shawcroft for the free gift of electricity.

SCOUT CAMP.

We were most fortunate in having a complete week of brilliant heat and sunshine ( the only one since Whitsun!) without one drop of rain at Walesby Forest from July 27 to August 3. In 77 40 years of Scout Camps I have only known this to happen three or four times, so we were indeed lucky! The thermometer outside my tent door went up to 94 one afternoon, and after that the Scouts were saying, 'It's only 84 '. "e had two Masses in the delightful Camp Chapel in the wood, where there is a permanent altar surmounted by a large wooden cross against a fine cedar tree, and surrounded by a quickset low hedge and provided with log seats for the congregation. The river Maun enabled us to get wet and cool, though it was hardly deep enough for swimming except on the back. There was plenty of activity, many badge tests were taken. and the aerial runway provided plenty of amusement. Several hikes were also done.

OUR JOYS AND SORROWS. The following were made the children of the Church in Holy Baptism: July 21, Edward Starkey, of 35 Springfield Rd. Aug. 25, Philip Ward , of 38 Springfield Rd.

May God preserve them.

The following were joined in the holy and indissoluble Sacrament of Matrimony :

Aug. 3, Peter Thomas Booker to Kathleen Patricia Moor.

Aug. 10, Eric Haslam to Margaret Pearson.

Colin Robert Fisher to Cynthia Ann Helliwell.

Aug. 17, Maurice Booker to Gloria Dawn Watts.

Four weddings in 14 days is very unusual for Barlow ! May God bless the married life of these couples.

The following was given Christian funeral rites:

July 17, Thomas Alfred Bradley, of Holmfield, Mill Lane, aged 66 . Cremation.

+ May he rest in peace, and may God comfort those who mourn +

DAYS OF YORE. Owing to the pressure of 'days of the present ' this month, the usual article about the past must wait for another month .

## P.C.C.ACCOUNTS. July-Aug.

DATE. July 21. 28. Aug. 4. 11. 18. 25.	ENV. 5100 160 3510 276 2170 2113 € 17177	L.C. 266 145 211 2144 650 ** 2311	€	TOTAL. 7166 2105 5611 5110 920 4152
Aug. 14.	Well-Dressing Se Fares paid for M Donation, Anon.		£	1011 7 27 211 20 0 0

\*\* includes two donations @ £1.

EXPENSES: Cleaning £2, Organist( 2 months) £8.13.4, Vicarage storm damage insurance £3.8.0, Ecclesiastical Insurance, comprehensive for church, storm, public liability etc for year £35.12.6, Branson for 2 coaches to horecambe £37, coke (April) £7.15.0, Diocesan Quota (1st payment on £80) £10. Total expenses £104.8.10.

Balance in hand £3.0.11.

SUNDROTES ACCOUNT (July 16-Aug.26).
RECEIPTS: Box during Wells week £18.1.8, Box (other weeks) £3.7.7,
Baptisms £1.6.11, Weddings: Booker/Moor £2.15.0, Haslam/Pearson
£4.0.3, Fisher/Helliwell £1.18.0, Booker/Watts £1.12.8., Flowers 10/-, Donation (Mr. N. Marples) 10/-.

TOTAL RECEIPTS £33.12.1.

EXPENSES: Servers' postage 6/4, Assistant organist travelling exx

10/-, Advt for Well-Dressing £1.10.0, Taxi for Fr. Heath (Camp Sunday)
£1.10.0, Postcards for sale £3.13.6, Flowers bought 10/-, Bank
Commission ½ year 5/-, Drawing pins 3/3, Wafers 13/-, candles 14/6,
cleaning materials 2/8, Donation to S. Lawrence, Wyck Rissington,
church restaration fund (Fr. Charles) £2.2.0 church restoration fund (Fr. Cheales) \$2.2.0.

Total expenses 312.0.3. Balance in hand £37.7.9.

NEWSLETTER ACCOUNT (July-Aug.)

RECEIPTS: Per: Miss Coles £1.8.7, Miss J. Haslam 5/-, Mrs. Ecclestone
6/-, Mrs. H. Haslam 16/-, Miss Powell £1.10.2, Mrs. J. Morgan £2.3.6,

Mrs. Hollis 4/3 Mrs. Hollis 4/3. Total receipts £6.13.6. EXPENSES: postage 4/2, envelopes for posting 7/-, Bank Commission % year 5/-. Total expenses 16/2. Balance in hand £16.7.4.

CHURCHYARD ACCOUNT(July 16-Aug.)
RECEIPTS: Donations: Ir.H.Kingston(Cutthorpe) 10/-, Nr.J.K.Needham
£1, Mr.C.Sadler £1, Miss Emily Needham £1, Mrs.F.H.Wallace £2,
Mrs.Platts 10/-. Total receipts £6. EXPENSES: Work in churchyard £9.19.9, Rotary mower blades 8/-, Grassmaster blades 19/6, Rotary mower repairs £1.5.0, Petrol & oil £1.18.7. Total expenses £14.9.10. Balance in hand £39.14.6. CCMMUNICANTS: 66,59,50,75,73,45. Total 6 weeks 368. To date 2038 .