



WE begin our notes this month by referring to one important date. On Sunday, February 28th, we ask for really generous collections in church towards the World Refugee Appeal. When we think of the many, many thousands of men, women and children who are quite homeless and often living in a foreign country on the minimum of food we must do all we can to help those who are giving help to these people. That is the cause for this Appeal. We here have so many comforts and pleasures and it must be met with real generosity. Please do your very best to give on that Sunday and if unable to attend church donations will gladly be received by the Vicar or Churchwardens.

In support of this Appeal many homes in the Parish will be called upon to make a contribution during the week commencing February 29th. The committee arranging this collection has also arranged a Fayre to be held in the Drax Hall on Saturday, March 5th, opening at 3 p.m. when every organisation in the Parish will be represented and this will be followed by a Bingo tournament. Full details will appear on posters. We quote the following message from Her Majesty the Queen which was addressed to the United Kingdom Committee of World Refugee Appeal—

'We who know the comfort and security of family life must feel real concern for our fellow men and women who now live in poverty and distress. As Patron of the Committee I am confident that my people will respond generously to the appeal which you are making'.

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At Winterbourne Kingston arrangements have been made by the Parish Council to include a Bring and Buy sale and also a house to house collection. We feel sure that this will be met with a generous response.

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ASH Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is on March 2nd. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 9 a.m. and Evening Service at 7 p.m. For many years past we have had a Lenten Service each Thursday, and last year we changed the time to 3 p.m. instead of the evening. This seemed to suit many who hesitate to turn out in the evenings when weather is so often bad, but it prevented others from coming who preferred the later hour. However, the service will be at 3 p.m. and we have been fortunate in getting visiting clergy to give the addresses.

MARCH 10TH. The Rev. A. Johnson, Vicar of Affpuddle and Tolpuddle.

MARCH 17TH AND 24TH. The Rev. E. Baillie, Vicar of Milborne S. Andrew and Dewlish.

MARCH 31ST. The Rev. A. Johnson.

APRIL 7TH. The Rev. E. W. Davies, Vicar of Piddlehinton.

As in previous years the collections at these services will be in support of Medical Missions and we ask for generous support as part of our Lenten self denial.

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SEVERAL regular members of our Sunday evening congregation have been missing lately. Perhaps the weather may be blamed. Lent is a good time to start again.

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At our Parochial Church meeting last month the attendance was smaller than usual and on this occasion bad weather was undoubtedly the cause. The Vicar welcomed Mr. Endacott who has very kindly consented to follow Mr. Berry as Treasurer and Secretary. The statement of accounts revealed a reduced credit balance which was caused by expenditure which was unavoidable and not likely to occur again. The turnover for the year was approximately £800. The Church Council was elected with little change and the Vicar reported that certain structural repairs to the church fabric must have attention as the result of the architect's recent report.

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Thursday June 2nd is the date fixed for the Parish Church Garden Party which will again be in the Vicarage garden. Please note this date.

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Burial.

January 4th. Elsie Maud Hoare, aged 72.

January 19th. Mary Elizabeth Gale, aged 87.