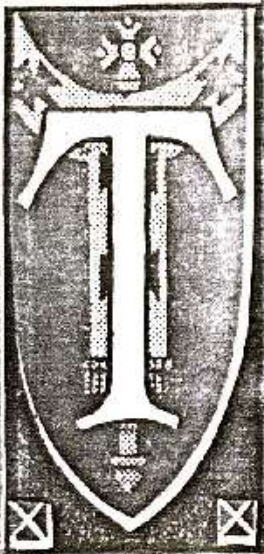


LORD, save Thy Church our  
King and Realm and send us  
Peace in Christ. ANCIENT GRACE.



# THE CHURCH MAGAZINE

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## CHURCH SERVICES.

*Holy Communion.*—Each Sunday at 8 a.m., also at 12.15 p.m. on 1st Sundays, and on Saints' Days and Thursdays at 8 a.m.

*Mattins.*—11 a.m.

*Evensong.*—6.30 p.m.

*Rector* :—REV. E. E. SKUSE.

*Churchwardens.*—MR. C. E. HODGKIN, MR. H. A. TIDBURY.

*Parochial Church Council.*—MR. C. E. HODGKIN (*Vice-Chairman*), MR. H. A. TIDBURY, MR. A. N. M. COOPER, MR. E. O. FARRER, MR. C. MINCHIN, MR. G. HEATH, MR. ANDERSON, MR. RAWLINS, MR. FOX, and MRS. LISTER, MISS PALGRAVE, MISS WICKER, MISS MOLE, MISS N. SHEPTARD with MRS. H. A. TIDBURY (*Secretary*).

*Day School.*—MRS. H. A. TIDBURY (*Head Teacher*).

*Sunday School.*—MR. A. N. M. COOPER, MISS M. LISTER

*Mothers' Union.*—MRS. LISTER (*Enrolling Member*).

*Girl Guides.*—MISS M. MOLE (*Captain*), MISS M. LISTER.

*Organist.*—

Mr. A. N. M. COOPER.

*Sexton.*—

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## MONTH BY MONTH<sup>A</sup>—December.

The closing month of the year needs no special feature to distinguish it from its predecessors. Of itself it is a month apart, inasmuch as it leads one's thoughts to a review of time passing which can never return. And perhaps it is for that reason that Christmas falls in December, lest thinking upon our life and all that composes it of good and ill we should lose heart. For the prophet says, "They shall call His Name Immanuel which is 'God with us.'" None, therefore, need despair, since He never fails, and every return of the bright festival renews the message of love and hope and peace to all who will receive it. May all our readers and those who belong to their homes experience as never before the very real happiness of Christmas and the blessing of a prosperous New Year.

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### CHRISTMAS DAY—AND BEFORE.

The Festival falls this year, as all are aware, upon a Monday. The Services will be as follows:

7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12.15 p.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m., Mattins with Carols. The collection will be given to the Waifs and Strays Society.

Before Christmas a Carol Party will make a tour of the Parish led by our Choirmaster and an augmented Choir. And we are sure that they will meet everywhere with a seasonable welcome. The evenings selected for the carol-singing are December 20, 21, 22 and 23. On the Sunday previous at Mattins (December 17) the Choir, assisted by Mr. Saintsbury and his friends, will render Handel's "Unto us a Child is born."

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### THE PARISH MAGAZINE.

In this the last number of the year's issue of the Magazine the Editor desires to take readers into his confidence. He is grateful if anywhere within or without the Parish this journal has gained the least appreciation. It was, however, as a venture that the Magazine was begun, and after the experience of twelve months it is possible to see how far the experiment justifies a continuance of the effort in the future. As the Rector explained to the Parochial Church Council when they met on July 28 last the cost has been heavy, though it is eminently worth while. But when the accounts are duly published in the Church porch it will be seen that the rate of twopence per copy leaves too great a margin to be made up over and above subscriptions. And we therefore hope that no one will begrudge the extra penny a month for future copies.

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### ADVENT ADDRESSES.

We are fortunate in having with us this year the Rev. H. Lister, who will deliver addresses upon the subject of "Prayer" upon Mondays, the 4th, 11th, and 18th of this month at 8.30 p.m. in the schoolroom.

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### EDITORIAL.

The Editor regrets that other matter must unavoidably be held over this month to meet press requirements.