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ALDRINGHAM and THORPENESS PARISH NEWS



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Vicar's Warden: H. C. WESTBROOK, The Cottage, Leiston

People's Warden: A. D. PIPE, 2, Oak Villa, Aldringham.

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12 noon Holy Communion (2nd & 4th Sundays)

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FROM THE VICAR

Before I write another word I must thank you all for your very generous Easter Offering. All I can tell you at the moment is that it is over £60, that gifts are still coming in and that I am deeply touched by all your kindness. As the Editor of a magazine I am afraid to say that I am something of a washout. This month I held up publication in order to be able to include news of the Annual General or Parish Meeting which occurred rather late in April (26th). What I did not take into account was that all the Local Government Elections printing would be going to press just at this time—so once again I must take full responsibility for the delay.

Well, now that the magazine has arrived I might as well get right on and let you have Parish Meeting news. I asked Peter Westbrook to be my Warden again this year and he said that was all right by him so I suppose I have not got on his nerves too much—at any rate, both of us seem happy enough about the arrangement. With unanimous consent and my wholehearted support, Mr. Pipe was asked to serve again as your Warden (i.e. People's Warden). Mr. Pipe's and Mr. Westbrook's acceptance and the decision of the Vestry Meeting (which is what this part of the proceedings is called) was greeted with tumultuous applause which prompted me to thank them both for their really wonderful work throughout the past year. It has been a difficult time with very little money allowed for running a parish without a vicar . . . how it was done so successfully is a question we can only answer with our gratitude and appreciation.

This matter of Parish Administration brings us to the next part of the Meeting: that is to say, the election of the Parochial Church Council, representatives to the Diocesan and Ruri-Decanal Conferences and Sidesmen. Few changes here—and this as good a way as saying thank you for bringing us through the year. Now the P.C.C. election includes, of course, our Secretary Amy Spall. Once again, she has agreed to serve. I cannot say often enough how very pleased we all are to have Mrs. Spall as our Secretary, Organist and at the head of our Women's Organisations. It is hardly surprising that she felt unable to accept nomination as Ruri-Decanal Conference Representative, on top of all the other posts she fills so conscientiously. We welcome Mrs. G. R. Haines as our new representative to the R-D Conference. This additional post is created because we now have 211 on our Electoral Roll (over 200 entitles us to an additional representative). Another welcome addition is to our faithful band of sidesmen and it is our friend Tom Knights who is never very far away when there are tasks to be done at the Church!

Now comes the money business. I won't go into all the details here and it will save a lot of trouble just to tell you that the financial statement for 1961 is posted on the Church Notice-board for your entertainment. By far the most pleasant side of our finance is the re-election of our Treasurer, Mr Westbrook and the voting of thanks to him and his redoubtable assistant, Miss Webster for all the work that lies behind the cold figures and their preparation.

(Now turn to back page for next thrilling instalment).

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("From the Vicar"—continued)

Although I said it in 'The Chairman's Address' it can bear repeating that my wife and I thank you all for a warm and really friendly welcome to Aldringham and Thorpeness. Already I have said how grateful I am to all the Missionary Secretaries and helpers in our Parish Organisation generally and now I have this opportunity of addressing the wider audience let me couple you all with this work because of your encouraging support; it is this which has made possible the Churchyard Fence, the buying of the Rotocytte and the Heating in the Church besides the making of new hassocks and help for Missions and so forth.

You must all know how happy I feel here but I would like to say that the nicest thing about this Parish is the good Spirit which dwells here. I spelled it with a capital "S" because this is the Spirit of God which binds us together as His children. Of all the various arrangements we make and of all the things we may have in this Parish—this is the most important; whatever we may lack, if we have this Spirit in our hearts to call, with one voice, God 'Our Father', we possess all things.

. . . and may the Lord bless us all.

CHARLES COWLEY.

FLOWERS IN MAY

May 6th, Miss Lewis; 13th, Mrs. R. Hitchcock; 20th, Mrs. L. Hitchcock; 27th and June 3rd, Mrs. Davidson.

NEWS OF THE MOTHERS' UNION AND YOUNG WIVES

Mothers' Union and Young Wives' reports have been coming in in abundance over the past weeks from our roving reporter "A.F.S." The activities include Mrs. Peacy's Christian Family Year talk at the April meeting; March: Women's World Day of Prayer at Leiston; February: Party in the Church Hall; and members have visited Aldeburgh and Leiston Young Wives' Meetings. May 1st: Women's Festival Service at Leiston Church. The May meeting is on the 10th. Thank you 'Grey Rover' for all the Transport.

CONFIRMATION

A very important date for us all is **Thursday, 10th May—7.30 p.m. at Leiston Church.** Seven of our young people will be Confirmed then. Please pray for them and, if you possibly can, come along to the Service—you are invited and your presence is an important act of witness. Your prayers are especially asked for all those being Confirmed this month.

SPRING SALE — Saturday, May 19th — Opening 3 p.m.

The Sale is for the day to day expenses of the Church and Church Hall. By your ungrudging and wholehearted support of Sales such as these, we are able to pay our way. To keep an open door to you all we do need your help. Please come and buy from the stalls and refreshments counter, and have a hash at all the competitions—that is after you have paid your entrance fee which for adults is 6d. and for 'schoolagers' 3d.

"GEORGE AND ERNIE'S BEAT UP" or, to give it its proper title, **The Motor Car Treasure Hunt** in aid of Aldringham Church, takes place on Sunday, 20th May. Kick-off is at 2.30 p.m. at the Parrot car park and entrance fee for all competitors is 2/-. Let the conduct of all entrants be in keeping with the object and may the best van win!

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