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Rector—Rev. G. T. ALTIMAS WARD, M.A.

Churchwardens— { JAMES TROWER, Esq., J.P.
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CHURCH OFFICERS.

Churchwardens : { J. TROWER, Esq., J.P.
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Sidesmen :—Messrs.

A. KEYS,	T. EVANS,
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JAMES SMITH,	W. SHILL,
L.P. FAUL,	H. HOWELL,
E. SMITH,	H. WARNER,
C. DYMOTT	P. SILVEY.
G. HARRIS,	W. ACTON.

Choirmaster—Rev. G. T. A. WARD, Rector

Organist—Mr. J. MOORE.

Music Librarian—Mr. J. TUDOR.

Church Keeper—Mr. TUDOR, Churchend.

Members of the Choir.

Mrs. Tudor	Miss F. Dowdeswell
Miss Powell	„ K. Stapleton,
„ K. Cole	„ N. Burt
„ L. Cole	„ R. Owen
„ L. Evans	Mr W. Smith
„ M. Wight	„ F. Burt
„ F. Organ	„ H. Barnfield
„ N. Cole	„ H. Stapleton
„ A. White	„ W. E. Evans
„ A. Hone	„ J. Rowbotham
„ M. Howell	„ J. Tudor
„ G. Shill	„ Wm. Evans
„ L Gardner	„ R. Davis

Sunday School Tacheers.

Superintendents { Clerical—The Rector.
Lay—Mr. J. Rowbotham.
—Mr. J. Moore.

The Rector, Messrs. J. Rowbotham, H. Barnfield, the Misses B. Keys, L. Cole, Annie Hone, G. Shill, M. Howell, D. Fletcher.

The seating of the Parish Church is under the direction of the Wardens during their term of office.

SCALE OF FEES, &C

	Rector.	Clerk.
Banns of Marriage ...	1/6	1/0
Marriage (after Banns) ...	5/0	2/6
Marriage (by License) ...	1/1/0	5/0
Graves, 5 feet deep ...	0/0/0	10/0
Graves, for each extra foot...	0/0/0	1/0
Graves, for Non-Parishioners	1/1/0	10/6

FEES EXTRA TO THE ABOVE

Head and Foot Stone ...	10/6	2/6
Flat, or Body Stone ...	1/1/0	2/6
Tomb	2/2/0	10/6
Grave enclosed with Stone...	2/2/0	10/6
Vault	4/4/0	10/6
Brick Grave	4/4/0	10/6
Opening Brick Grave or Vault	1/1/0	10/6

NOTE.—All Burial Fees are double for Non-Parishioners.

Certificates of Marriage, 2/7 each. Search of Register, first year, 1/-, subsequent years, 6d. per year. Fee for Artificial Flowers on Grave, 5/-.

NOTE.—There is no Fee for Holy Baptism, and the Fee for the Churching of Women,

SPECIAL NOTICE. No Funerals whatever will be taken on Sundays, unless ordered by the Medical Officer of Health.

THE OFFERTORIES.

SICK AND NEEDY. Matins. 1st Sunday in the month.

CHURCH EXPENSES. 11 and 6.30 on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays, and 6.30 on the 1st Sunday.

ORGANIST SALARY FUND. All services on the 4th Sunday, and at early Celebrations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXPENSES. Fifth Sunday in the month.

RECTOR'S EASTER DUES. All Services Easter Day.

The Choir Practices on Fridays are open to the members of the congregation.

The Tuesday Lantern Lectures

Subject,—‘Voices from the Past.’

(By arrangement with the British Museum.)

Jan. 9—Mt. Ophel (Hill of Zion)

Jan. 23—Royal Babylon.

Jan. 30—Empire of Babylonia.

Feb. 6—Nineveh and Mosul.

„ 13—Rome, (Pompei)

MEN'S GUILD,—7 to 10.

The Hall, Monday & Thursday.

WOMEN'S GUILD, Wednesdays.

CHOIR PRACTICE, Fridays, 7.30

GLEE CLASS, Fridays, 8.45-9.15

The next united Guild

‘Social,’ Tuesday, 16

Jan. Admission 3d.

G. T. A. WARD, M.A., Rector.

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My dear Friends and Parishioners,

By the time this magazine has reached you, 1911, with all its associations—some pleasant, only too many sad—will have passed from us, and we shall have begun a new set of numbers.

TIME.

Already we have crossed a new threshold, stepped on to a new road, leading who knows Where? bringing into our lives who knows What? carrying us who knows Whither?

If Time had no other value or importance, surely the spirit of reflection which it must arouse in each one of us who thinks at all is not easy to exaggerate—one year older, another of experience added, one more from the total taken away, the grave time of opportunity irrevocably diminished. In the words of Scripture, "nearer (to the end) than when we believed," or as the well-known hymn has it, "A day's march nearer home."

I can hardly think but that these facts must be of importance to each one of us, be we young, be we old, be we rich or poor. For some the hour glass may still have much of its sands left, but for many they must be fast running out, for either the glass may at any moment be broken.

OUR DUTY.

Reflections of this kind, which are bound to be brought home to us at the end of one, and the beginning of another year, surely must suggest to us some clear line of duty. What kind of thoughts would be likely to come into the mind, say, of a hungry man, with his last sixpence beginning to grow less? He would surely begin to "husband" his remaining coppers, and to try to make the most of what was left. Clearly enough it seems to me that that, or a like course, is what sensible Christian men and women ought to do with regard to their religious state during the coming year. All of us have more to be sorry for, and less time wherein to make such amendment as we can. Let us husband the days of the New Year as if they were our last few coppers, as with many they may well be. Do not let us be extravagant with what may well be the last penny of our lives. Do not spend them in the profitless luxuries which so often prove to be but "the meat which perisheth." Do not lose them on the ephemerality which are but the baits and lures and will-o'-the-wisps of the evil one. Rather let us gather such a store of soul-sustaining food that when the hour of stress is upon us we may be able to bear our burdens and be fitted as best we

can for the long journey that begins only when we have "crossed the bar" and entered upon that road which joins this life with the life of the risen.

MY NEW YEAR'S WISH.

For each and for all in this parish I have but one all-embracing wish, and that is that the great Father of us all may bring into the life of us all Joy, Peace and Prosperity, Freedom from Pain and Suffering, and a deeper appreciation of our sacred and solemn responsibilities as Christian men and women.

Your Parish Priest and Friend,

G. T. ALTIMAS WARD.

DAY SCHOOL PRIZE LIST.

Prizes for Proficiency (given by the Managers).—Gertie Underwood (Standard VI.), Nellie Fryer (Standard V.), Albert Middlecoate, Eleanor Daniels (Standard IV.), Sybil White, Wm. Wood, Elsie Howell (Standard III.), Phyllis Shill (Standard II.), Ben Goulding (Standard I.).—Infants (1st class): Nancy Rowbotham, Harold Gwinnell, George Smith; 2nd class: Clara Stapleton, Nellie Shill, Wm. Clutterbuck.

Rector's Prize for English: Gertie Underwood. Mr. Hooper's Prize for Arithmetic: Dora Stapleton.

Fancy Needlework Competition.—1st, Violet Goddard (prize given by Mrs. Rowbotham); 2nd, Nellie Fryer (prize given by Mrs. F. Miles); 3rd, Evelyn Howell (prize given by Mrs. E. A. Hooper); 4th, Dora Stapleton.

Handiwork Competition (boys).—Cyril Keys (prize given by Mr. F. Miles), Frank Gwinnell (prize given by Headmaster).

General Needlework.—Gertie Underwood (prize given by Miss Coates).

FIRST SOCIAL.

At the first January social the following contributed:—Pianoforte solo, Miss E. M. Evans; song, "All the nice girls love a sailor," Mr. D. Warner; "Kiss me, mother, kiss your darling," Miss G. M. Williams; recitation, "A woman of mind," Mr. H. Barnfield; song, "Love's old sweet song," Miss V. H. Miles; song, "Tit for Tat," Miss M. Howell; song, Mr. R. Warner; song, "Three merry travellers," Miss D. Fletcher; song, "A little child shall lead them," Miss M. E. Clutterbuck; song, "Asleep in the deep," Mr. H. Howell.

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THE LANTERN LECTURES.

I regret to say that owing to an unexpected demand on my time next week I shall not be able to commence the Lantern Lectures on Tuesday, 9th. I will give due notice of the first lecture.

THE SPIRITUAL DIFFICULTIES OF THE BIBLE AND PRAYER-BOOK.

In response to a request, I will begin a short series of explanations of the "Spiritual Difficulties in the Bible and Prayer-book" on Sunday evening next. My first subject will be the murder of Sisera by Jael, and Deborah's supposed commendation of the act.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

I am much indebted to all who sent flowers, as well as those who put them into such graceful forms in our church for Christmas.

A course of very novel but very interesting Advent addresses is being delivered at Eastington Parish Church by the Rev. G. T. A. Ward (Rector), on the subject of "The Modern Discoveries in the Ancient Empires of Assyria and Babylonia." The object of the Rector in these addresses is to show the un-wisdom, from a Christian standpoint, to "set our affections on things below." In the face of inclement weather, unusually large congregations listen with rapt attention to the lucid and interesting way in which the Rector treats this difficult but important subject. It is rumoured that the Rector has succeeded in making arrangements with the authorities of the British Museum, who have courteously promised a loan of their private and exclusive slides of the Assyrian Tablets, and that a course of lantern lectures will be given on the subjects of Jerusalem, Babylonian and Assyrian discoveries by the Rector shortly after Christmas.

On Monday last, December 18th, the first "social" given under the auspices of the joint committees of the men and the women guilds was held in the Rector's Hall, Eastington, and was an unqualified success. Admission was confined to the members, and the spacious hall was full. An interesting programme was provided, which embraced songs, instrumental selections, recitations, dancing and games. Light refreshments were pro-

vided. At the close three hearty cheers were given for the Rector. The Rector's Hall was beautifully decorated and illuminated by electricity supplied from the Rector's plant.

Mrs. John Underwood, of Westend, after a very long illness, passed to her rest in the early hours of Sunday morning. Her husband predeceased her by sixteen years. The deceased was 50 years of age.

CHURCH BOOKS ON SALE.

There are now on sale at Mrs. Went's stores a number of very cheap, but very useful and interesting books. Any member of the Church at all desirous of knowing the "Why and Wherefore" of their Church and Churchmanship ought to read these little books. The following can be had—price 1d.—Outline History of the Church of England; Apostolic Succession; Church Property and Revenues; The Minor Holy Days; The Church and Social Questions: What every Christian must know; Counsels for Women; The Story of the S.P.G.; Church Teaching; Robert Dolling; Our Church; The Children's 1d. Library of the Saints. Also the following penny manuals:—Gospel Stamps; Lad's Communion Book; The Lord's Way; National Education; The Symbolism of Worship; Notes on the Lord's Prayer; Our Duty to the Children; The Story of the Passion; Private Prayers; A History of Socialism; Religious Life for Women; Worldliness; A Broken Heart and its Cure; The Passion; Before His Face; The Cult of S. George; My Prayers; Private Prayers for Women; Private Prayers for Men. Also Intercessions for Missions (4d.); The Congregation in Church, 1/-; The Why and Wherefore, 1/-; etc., etc. There is an astonishing amount of information in these little manuals, and I strongly commend them to the thoughtful among my parishioners. The sorest disease from which the Church suffers is lack of knowledge amongst her children as to her why and wherefore.

TO STRANGERS.

At Eastington Parish Church we usually have a number of worshippers who are not parishioners, and I want to impress upon them the need of contributing more generously than is their custom to the offertories. The expenses of the Church have to be met, and the offertory is the only way we have of meeting them at Eastington. I think, too, that a little more liberality on the part of the regular worshippers would not be inconsistent with the means of many of them.

Eastington Parish Church,—List of Hymns for Jan., 1912.

M A T I N S .

7	Epiphany I	478	77 (4)	78	309 (1, t iii)
14	Epiphany II	5	273	537	75 (166)
21	Epiphany III	6	255	220	323
28	Epiphany IV	7	281	291	282

E V E N S O N G .

7		220	76	79	266
14		274	177	220	31
21		233	197	236	20
28		271	183	285	21

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