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"Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not."

Dec. 14—Cynthia Ruth, daughter of Thomas Edward and Alice Ruth Driffill.

BURIAL.

"Rest Eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let Light Perpetual shine upon him."

Oct. 28—Ernest Lawrence Lancaster, aged 37 years, at Clixby.

HYMNS FOR JANUARY.

Jan. 4—Christmass II.
H.E., 74, 70, 482, 319, 179. E., 175, 73, Carols.
11—Epiphany I.
H.E., 79 (Pro.), 76, 78, 488, 177, 316. E., 76, 77, 75, 486, 79 (Pro.).
18—Epiphany II.
H.E., 315, 75, 173, 178 (Pt. I.), 81. E., 75, 218, 80, 219.
25—Conversion of S. Paul. Epiphany III.
H.E., 79, 323, 405, 343. M., 405, 218, 432. E., 405, 220, 488, 406, 391 (Pro.).

COLLECTIONS.	£	s.	d.
Nov. 30—Advent Sunday	2	3	4
Dec. 2—S. Andrew's Day	0	16	6
7—Advent II.	2	1	2
14—Advent III.	1	11	5
21—Advent IV.	1	13	3
Week-day Offerings and Boxes	1	1	11
Box Christmass Altar Flowers	0	17	9
Total for the month	£10	5	4

Acknowledged with thanks :—For the Assistant Clergy Fund : Dr. and Mrs. Fraser, £1 1s. ; Mrs. Nettleship, the Misses Hutchinson, Mrs. and Miss Camm, Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson, 5s. ; Mr. and Mrs. H. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Hartop, Mr. and Mrs. Glew, Miss Westbrooke, Mr. and Mrs. Green, 2s. 6d. ; Mrs. Stanewell, Mrs. Crompton, 2s. (We shall be glad to receive further subscriptions for the year 1930 before January 14th).

On Sunday, December 21st, in our Cathedral, the Rev. S. S. A. Lounds was admitted by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese to the holy office of a Priest. We would take this opportunity of offering him our best wishes, and assuring him of our prayers that God's blessing may rest upon his ministry.

We are writing four days before Christmass, so we can give no account of the Festival. We can only hope that all will have done their duty, and that we all shall carry into the days of 1931 the Christmass message of peace and goodwill.

We may, perhaps, say a word in anticipation about the Choir, Both they and the Organist have worked exceptionally hard in practising all the Christmass music, and we feel certain that their efforts will meet with success.

Classes in preparation for the Confirmation on March 5th, will commence early in January, and due notice will be given in Church. Names of intending candidates should be given in to the Clergy, *as soon as possible*, in order to facilitate the formation of classes. Special arrangements will be made for any adults who feel the call to Confirmation.

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, January 13th, to prepare for the Annual Church Meeting on Friday, January 30th. An important item at the Council Meeting will be the revision of the Electoral Roll, and at a cursory glance it seems that many names should be added. All who have attained the age of 18, and are baptized members of the Church of England, are eligible to have their names entered. The necessary forms of application will be found in Church, and we hope that all who are eligible will sign the necessary declaration. This is most important, for the whole of Church Government to-day depends ultimately upon the Electoral Roll in the parishes. It is no use our grumbling at what is done by the Church Assembly in London, the Diocesan Conference in Lincoln, or the Church Council in Caistor, unless we have placed our names on the Church's voting list, and have taken our part in the Annual Church Meeting. May we, therefore, hope for a very good attendance at this meeting?

MISSIONARY NOTES. The Missionary Boxes were found to contain £4 13s. 1d.; of this sum £3 3s. 4d. has been forwarded to the S.P.G., and £1 9s. 9d. to the A.C.S. The list of names and amounts may be seen on the Church Notice Board. In future part of the amount given to Home Mission work will be given towards the sum required for our parochial quota. We would commend to our Caistor readers what is written on this subject under the Holton notes, for (*mutatis mutandis*) the same parable applies.

The Vicar will be glad to supply a box to anyone who desires to remedy the deficiency in home furniture.

Preliminary notice is given of a Missionary Exhibition to be held in Grimsby (under the auspices of the S.P.G., C.M.S., and U.M.C.A.) from April 15th—23rd. We in Caistor have been asked to be responsible for the Home Service Court, and in due course we shall be asking for volunteers for this work.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL. The Christmass Term was brought to a happy close by a Tea-party and Concert on December 22nd. In the name of the children, we say "Thank you, very much" to all those who helped us, and the children proved their worthiness, and also reflected great credit on the School staff. The next term will begin on January 6th, and as this is the Feast of the Epiphany, there will be a Service in Church at 9 a.m.

A very HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our READERS.

HOLTON-LE-MOOR.

There are 54 houses in Holton, all well supplied with furniture and blinds and curtains used to keep out the sun lest it should fade the contents, and to prevent persons passing by from looking in. But one thing is lacking in most of them, which can be supplied at no cost to the inhabitants—that one thing is a Missionary Box. Sometimes it is thought to be too hot, sometimes too cold, or too wet, and then there is the box handy to receive such offerings as would otherwise be put in the bag at Church. During the past year, there have been only eight boxes in

houses. The offerings contained in them are £9 2s. 4d. Of this sum £7 18s. 8d. is for S.P.G. Missionary Society, and £1 3s. 8d. for the Additional Curates' Society. The Sunday School box has collected £1 10s. besides for S.P.G. It will be seen by those who calculate that there are 46 houses which have no box for Missions. There is no difficulty in getting boxes, and one will be supplied gladly to all who ask.

There is no doubt that a Guild of Communicants is a great help in a parish, and the Vicar is anxious that our Guild should be strong and useful, and he addressed a meeting of members and others at a tea-party, held in the Moot Hall. Following after this on another day he admitted 23 new members in the Church. Thus a good start has been made, and regular meetings will be held.

The Day School children were asked to contribute to the St. Hugh's Home at Lincoln for Waifs and Strays, which takes care of destitute children, and brings them up to be good citizens. The idea was to join in the pound day contributions for Christmas festivities. A surprising amount has been given—67 lbs. of groceries, &c. !

Classes will be formed in January for candidates for the Confirmation, to be held on March 5th, at Caistor.

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HYMNS FOR FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—Septuagesima. Eve of the Purification of Our Lady.
H.E, 172, 540, 533, 554, 83. E., 407, 83, 449, 450, 393 (Pro.).
8—Sexagesima.
H.E., 35, 339, 315, 172 M., 6, 162, 34. E., 533, 277, 27.
15—Quinquagesima.
H.E., 7, 210, 173, 319, 172. E., 210, 211, 28.
18—Ash Wednesday.
H.E., 89, 92, 91, 194. E., 84, 92, 94
22—Lent I.
H.E., 5, 92, 331, 89. M., 84, 198, 91. E, 90, 183, 466.

COLLECTIONS.	£	s.	d.
Dec. 25—Christmass Day	3	8	1
28—The Innocents' Day	1	19	4
Jan. 4—Christmass II.	1	10	10
6—The Epiphany	0	6	9
11—Epiphany I.	1	18	10
18—Epiphany II.	1	12	9
Week-day Offerings and Boxes	0	19	6
Offerings in Box at Christmass Crib (Holy Family Homes)	0	11	10
Total for the month	£12	7	11

Acknowledged with thanks for the Assistant Clergy Fund:—Miss Carr, Miss A. Carr, Mrs. I. Gorbutt and Mrs. Chapman, 10s; Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, 6s.; Mrs Roberts, Mrs. H. Taylor, 5s.; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Parker, 3s.; Mr and Mrs. Arnold Craft, Mrs. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Bean, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Crompton, 2s. 6d.; Mr. H. Dixon, 2s.

MAGAZINE ACCOUNTS (May—December, 1930). The receipts for this period from sales, advertisements and donations amounted to £11 13s. 5d. The expenses for printing, postage, etc., were £13 5s. 5d., thus leaving a deficit of £1 12s. Had it not been that many of our readers had voluntarily increased their subscription the deficit would have been much larger, and we should like to take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to those who did this. It will have possibly been noticed that the magazine has now been slightly increased in size—this will, of

course, mean extra expense, but we do not wish to increase the charge compulsorily. We would, however, appeal to as many of our readers as possibly can to pay 2d. or at least 1½d. per month. If this is done then we can hope for a better financial statement at the end of this year. While writing about the magazine may we call attention to the fact that we have some space available for advertisements, and the Vicar will be glad to supply full particulars. At the same time we would put in a word for the advertisers, and ask our readers to patronise them.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS. At the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on January 13th the Treasurers stated that the total receipts for the year amounted to £120 12s. 5d., and the expenses to £111 1s. 8d., leaving a balance in hand of £9 10s. 9d. Taking into account all the varied circumstances this was considered highly satisfactory. A full Statement of these Accounts will appear on the Church Notice Board after they have been presented (and we hope adopted) at the Annual Church Meeting on January 30th. There will possibly be several heavy expenses during the current year. Already the Council has committed itself to the repair of the Church path, and we think all will agree that this is highly necessary. We would therefore appeal to all members of the congregation to give as liberally as they can to the Church Collections. Sometimes the Collections suffer through inclement weather, but this would not be if people would remember that when they are absent from Church the expense goes on just the same, and that, therefore, it is their duty the next time they attend to pay up back dues.

SOCIAL EVENTS. At the Council Meeting mentioned above it was decided that during this month we should have two Social Events. The first is a Whist Drive in the Public Hall on Wednesday, February 11th. Admission will be 1s. 6d., including refreshments. The proceeds will be for Church Funds. The second is a Social Evening to be held in the Church School Room on Tuesday, February 17th, when admission will be 6d. We hope that many will come to both these functions. Apart from the financial side they help us to rub shoulders one with another, and are a considerable help to the Clergy in getting to know their people. So please come along and help to make these gatherings real family parties.

LENT, 1931.

We have left till last the most important subject about which we wish to write this month. The solemn Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, and it should be a real time of spiritual experience for all Christian people. It is first and foremost a time of fasting and self-denial, and from the physical point of view alone, it is good that at times we should make a change in our mode of living. We shall each have our own Lenten Rule—let it be simple, something that we can really keep If by our self-denial we save our pockets we should remember that the money thus saved does not really belong to us but to God, and such savings should be placed in a Lent Savings Box (there will be a supply of these available in Church before Lent begins, and the contents will be divided between (1) our Church Schools, (2) the Church in the Diocese, and (3) the Church Overseas).

There will be a special series of Services on every Thursday in Lent, commencing with Thursday, February 26th. These will be devotional in character, and a course of Sermons will be given by the Rev. C. G. Barton, Rector of Gautby. We are very fortunate in securing such an excellent Priest, and we

hope that the folk of Caistor will respond magnificently to the opportunity thus given them. Then, too, there will be extra Celebrations of the Holy Communion in addition to the daily one. On Tuesdays there will be one at 10 a.m., and on Wednesdays, one at 7 a.m. This will give almost everybody a chance of being present at a Celebration during the week, and we can think of no better Lent rule than this.

Above all, let us remember that all our Lenten discipline is but a means to an end, and that end is to bring us nearer to our Blessed Lord Himself. May He, Who Himself fasted forty days and forty nights for our sakes, so help us this Lent, that through penitence and faith we may be close to Him.

HOLTON-LE-MOOR.

Christmas day passed off happily, and there was a good attendance at Holy Communion when thirty-seven Communicated at 8 o'clock, and twenty-five at 10-30 a.m., making sixty-two. Our offerings were given to St. Hugh's Home, and amounted to £4 1s. 6d.

It is usual for the Sunday School children to have a Treat and Prizes in the beginning of the New Year. Thirty of them came to a Christmas Tree and they enjoyed going round it many times. Books were given for regular attendance, provided by Mrs. Anne Roadley's gift which benefits this and other parishes.

The Parochial Church Council met to receive the Churchwardens' Accounts. The receipts amounted to £136 2s. 5d., made up of these items:—For Church Expenses, £37 3s. 2d.; for Enlargement, £62 5s. 2d.; for Bell Gable Repairs, £5 15s. 10d.; and General, £31 12s. 6d. The payments were £35 14s. 11d.; the overdraft of £2 7s. 7d. was paid, and the year begins with a small debt of 19s. 4d. It was decided to make the usual collections, and at Whitsuntide to contribute to the Curate Fund.

The members of the Women's Institute always give themselves and their friends a Social Evening, and after many rehearsals a good programme was performed. Much amusement was caused by three sketches: "Hot Pies," "Silent Sarah" and "Camping in Comfort."

We congratulate Mr. Pickering on his success with his fat beasts. He kindly distributed some parts of them in the village.

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HYMNS FOR MARCH.

1—Lent II.
H.E.: 279 355 554 89. E.: 353 91 493.

8—Lent III.
H.E.: 569 528 490 211. A.: 347 157 280 271. E.: 89 638 637.

15—Lent IV.
H.E.: 318 197 314 259. E.: 254 631 490.

22—Lent V. Passion Sunday.
H.E.: 96 315 200 107. M.: 200 183 108. E.: 97 pt.i. 263 467.

29—Lent VI. Palm Sunday.
H.E.: 98 pro. Ps. 61 99 108 97 pt.ii. E.: 99 98 106 494.

COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Jan. 25—Conversion of S. Paul	1	14	2
Feb. 1—Septuagesima	2	1	2
8—Sexagesima	1	19	7
15—Quinquagesima	1	14	4
18—Ash Wednesday	0	15	5
Weekday Offerings and Boxes	1	7	8
	£9	12	4

Acknowledged with thanks:—For the Assistant Clergy Fund: 5/-, 2/6, 2/6, 2/- for 1930; 10/-, 2/6, 2/- for 1931. For the Church Schools Restoration Fund: £1, 3/6, 1/10, 1/6, 6d.

IN MEMORIAM.

On Wednesday, Jan. 28th, there passed within the veil the soul of one whose bodily presence in Caistor will be greatly missed—Mrs. Fanny Elizabeth Nettleship. She had been associated with the Church and town for many years, and at the time of her death she still held a number of offices. Her body was laid to rest at Market Rasen on January 31st, and at the Sung Eucharist on the following Sunday we remembered her in our pleading of the Holy Sacrifice. We thank God for her life and work in our midst, and we pray that in Paradise, in the "Higher Service" to which she has been called, she may find "Light, Refreshment and Peace."

We also regret to record the passing of one of the Priests in our Deanery. After a few days' illness, the Rev. J. E. Christie passed away on Monday, February 16th. He, too, had been a hard worker in the Church upon earth—quiet and unassuming, and at the same time greatly appreciated by his parishioners and brother clergy.

R. I. P.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.

By the time this Magazine reaches our readers, the Season of Lent will be well upon us, and we hope that all of us in our keeping of this holy season are finding spiritual comfort and strength to renew us for service in the Kingdom of Our Lord. If there are any who by any chance have not yet had a Lenten Leaflet or a Lenten Savings Box, may we ask them to remedy the deficiency at once by taking the same on their next visit to the Parish Church? We shall now be looking forward to the culmination of Lent in Holy Week and Easter, and as the time draws nearer we hope to issue full particulars of all our Services. We would, however, call attention to the following arrangements:—

Mar. 29—Palm Sunday. Blessing and Distribution of the Palms at the Sung Eucharist, 11 a.m.

Apr. 2—Maundy Thursday. Preparation for Easter Communion, 7-30 p.m.

3—Good Friday. "The Three Hours" will be conducted by the Rev. G. A. Bullivant, Vicar of S. Luke's, Grimsby.

5—Easter Day. The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 6, 7 and 8 a.m., and there will be the Sung Eucharist, Procession and Sermon at 11 a.m.

Holy Week should be used as a careful preparation to take our part in the triumphal festival of Our Lord's Resurrection, and it is little use our being at the Altar on Easter morning unless we have done our best to watch by His Cross on Good Friday. We shall therefore use the opportunities given to us to deepen our penitence (remembering always the inestimable privilege in the Sacrament of Penance) and to increase our devotion to Our Blessed Lord so that the worship we offer Him on Easter Morn may indeed be acceptable unto Him, and in this way we can really be assured of a joyful Easter.

THE GRIMSBY MISSIONARY EXHIBITION.

It is very fitting that our Missionary Exhibition should be taking place during the great forty days of Easter-tide—April 15th to the 23rd—for if we have in any way assimilated the message of Easter we must in very thankfulness do our best to pass that message on. The Exhibition will give us an opportunity of being better fitted to do our part in the supreme work of the Church—the Evangelisation of the World. Some of us will be taking an active part as Stewards at the Home Service Court (for which Caistor is responsible), or in acting in the play, "Go, Tell," or perhaps in other ways—but we sincerely hope that all Caistorians will make an effort to pay at least one visit to the Gaiety at Grimsby, where the Exhibition is being held. Mrs. Chapman (High Street, Caistor) has kindly consented to act as Ticket Secretary, and will be pleased to receive applications for tickets. It would be as well to make early application for these as the experience is that the demand for these is often greater than the supply.

Miss R. Fraser is acting as our Refreshment Secretary, and will be pleased to receive gifts of food (or money for buying food) to supply the needs of the " inner man " of those who visit the Exhibition.

Above all, we would ask you to remember that this is *our* Exhibition, and therefore we must all do our very best to make it a real success. Let it have a constant place in our prayers that God's blessing may be richly poured upon it.

Whilst writing about this, we may be allowed to call attention to what we may call a " PRELIMINARY CANTER " in Caistor. On Wednesday, April 18th, in the Church Schoolroom, there will be a Display of Work which is going overseas, a talk by the Rev. J. Nelson Blakiston, and two playlets (one being given by the children of the newly-formed Kindergarten Sunday School). Further details will be issued later, but in the meantime please book the date. Incidentally, if the busy housewife during that glorious process (so beloved by the mere man) known as Spring Cleaning should come across some unwanted pieces of old linen, Mrs. Arch will be glad to relieve her of the same, as they can be sent overseas with the work already done, and will there find an excellent opportunity of service as bandages, etc., in Mission Hospitals.

THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING.

At the Annual Church Meeting held on January 30th, the usual business was transacted, and a full account has appeared elsewhere, but (in order that all may know) the names of those who were elected to office are printed here:—Churchwardens: Messrs. H. E. J. Coxon and J. Gorbutt. Sidesmen: Messrs. Chapman, Crompton, Ferraby, Green, Harvey, Pegg, Smith, Wilson and White. Representatives to the R.D. Conference: Mrs. Arch, Miss M. Hutchinson, Messrs. Parkyn and White. Representatives on the Church Council: Messrs. Cattermole, Smith and Topham; Mesdames Coxon, Fraser, Ferraby, Harvey and Lamb; the Misses Camm, Fraser, Taylor and Westbrooke.

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER.

During the past month two interesting additions have been made to the Children's Corner in our Church. One is a green Sanctuary Lamp, to be used on Sundays and Festivals, and also when Children's Services are held at that Altar. The colour of the lamp signifies the growth of the children of God in grace and love by reminding them of the growth of the flowers and trees. It has also the usual meaning of all candles and lamps in the Church, which remind us of God's presence as the Light of the World.

The second new feature is the map hanging on the wall, shewing the work of Missions throughout the world. Various places where work of special interest is going forward are numbered on the map, and correspond to twelve places round its edge. These will be filled up each month with a picture of a scene in the life of the Church Overseas, and will be connected by a coloured thread with the spot on the map where it takes place. The map can be obtained for any who would like a copy of it, while the pictures appear each month in the King's Messengers' Magazine which many of our children take. A box is placed near the map for any offerings which may be made for work overseas.

Now that the flowers are beginning to appear in our gardens once more, we should be very pleased if the children could bring gifts of these for their Corner.

S.S.A.L.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

In order to meet the difficulties of some of our candidates, Bishop Hine has kindly consented to alter the date of the Confirmation. This will now take place on Sunday, March 8th, at 3 p.m., and it will give an opportunity to many to be present who otherwise could not have been. Please remember to pray for the Candidates that they may by penitence and faith be ready in heart and mind for the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Bishop has kindly promised to stay on and preach at Evensong on that Sunday.

As a result of the Whist Drive on Feb. 11th, a sum of £9 3s. 9d. was realised for Church Funds. The total takings were £11 7s. 1½d., and the expenses amounted to £2 3s. 4½d. (Hall, £1 10s.; Printing, etc., 8s. 10½d.; Labour, 4s. 6d.). Many thanks to all those who helped to produced a very happy evening.

The Social on Feb. 17th was marred by very inclement weather, but those who braved the elements had a very enjoyable evening. About £1 was realised financially.

On Thursday, Feb. 12th, a very interesting Lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, was given by the Rev. A. W. M. Cassan on "Egypt and the Holy Land," shewing some of the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society. This is a society which can legitimately appeal to all Christian people for support, and we are glad to be able to say that Mrs. C. S. Crompton has kindly consented to act as the Society's representative in Caistor. She will be glad to receive subscriptions—small or large.

HOLTON-LE-MOOR.

MARRIAGES.

Jan. 21—Frederick George Harrison and Ellen Gertrude Johnson.
Feb. 17—Vincent Harold Sharp and Nellie Gray.

There seems to be several ways of prolonging life. One is to have love and happiness; another is to have plenty of good water and healthy houses; another is to have almshouses, rent free and an allowance and old age pensions; another is to have a Moot Hall in which festivities can take place. The Caistor Rural District Council has been busy in providing new houses, and hopes to build some more during this year, and, if possible, to bring water to some parishes which are badly supplied. Health and happiness depend very much on houses and water, and there must also be milk and a pig.

The New Year has begun well with two marriages, and perhaps there may be more. Number 99 in the Register has been followed by 100 and 101, and we congratulate the bridegrooms on finding suitable wives to look after their needs. For if the men are worth having they will not be refused. May all blessings attend them!

Here is a good little story. A little girl, three years old, heard that there was a new baby at the shop. She said to her mother, "Give me a penny to go and buy one."

Our Week-night Service will be on Tuesdays at 7 o'clock during Lent, with a sermon, in the following order:—February 24th, Rev. S. S. A. Lounds; March 3rd and 10th, Rev. E. P. Greenhill; March 17th, Rev. W. G. Summers; March 24th, Rev. R. Ireland; March 31st, The Vicar.

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SERVICES.

Holy Eucharist—4th Sunday, 9-30 a.m.
Other Services—By notice.

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Holy Eucharist—2nd Sunday, 9-30 a.m.
Other Services—By notice.

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Feb. 20—Marjorie Rita Hardy.
Mar. 6—Donald Sargent (privately).

BURIALS.

" Rest Eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let Light Perpetual shine upon them."

Feb. 24—Mahala Rawlinson, aged 79 years.
Mar. 7—John Johnson, aged 70 years.
13—Robert Alexander King, aged 79 years.

HYMNS FOR APRIL.

5—Easter Day.
H.E : 134 (Pro) Easter Anthem, 136 497 557 555.
E. : 125 134 135 137 302 (Pro.) Te Deum.
12—Low Sunday.
H.E. : 137 (Pro.) Ps. 3 504 127 309 (pt. ii.) 316.
E. : 136 132 499 133 232 (Pro.)
19—Easter II.
H.E. : 132 334 503 311 (pt. ii.) 307. E : 197 18 140 358.
26—Easter III.
H.E. : 136 569 131 520. M. : 210 34 138. E. : 504 38 135 30

COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Feb. 22—Lent I.	2	2	3
Mar. 1—Lent II.	2	2	8
8—Lent III.	3	4	2
15—Lent IV.	2	5	11
Week-day Offerings and Boxes	1	11	10
Total for the Month	£11	6	10

Acknowledged with thanks:—For the Organ Fund, £5. For the Assistant Clergy Fund, £4 4s., 2/6. For S.P.G., 2/6. For the Vicar's General Fund, 2/6.

THE CONFIRMATION.

It will be a long time before many of us forget the impressive scene in Caistor Church on Sunday, March 8th, when so many of our young people openly affirmed their intention of living the Christian Faith, and received through the ministry of Bishop Hine, the gift of the Holy Spirit of God, in Whose strength they will be enabled so to live. Even more impressive, perhaps, was the scene on Refreshment Sunday, when these same young people knelt for the first time at the Altar, and received the Blessed Sacrament of Christ's Holy Body and Blood. We offer them a heart-felt welcome into the fuller fellowship of the Catholic Church, and assure them of our prayers that by regular, faithful, and frequent participation of this holy sacrament they may be, and remain to the end of time, faithful soldiers and servants of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The names of the newly-confirmed are as follows :—

Guy Bullough, Douglas Chapman, Arthur Fletcher, George Grundy, Joseph Hartop, Charles Hartop, Horace Hanath, John Hanath, Douglas Hanath, Samuel Hollings, Leslie Ironside, Everett Jackson, Denis Lee, Richard Maddison, Reginald Mason, Leonard Mills, Laurence Peart, Leonard Rowland, Francis Smith, Edwin Stones, Brian Walker, William Wood and John Wright.

Elizabeth Blunson, Frances Browning, Margaret Bugg, Georgiana Elliott, Grace Everard, Elizabeth Hartley, Mary Hartley, Winifred Johnson, Lucilla Johnson, Margery Mawer, Mary Ramsden, Joan Talbot, Doris Timson, Margaret Wright and Annie Vincent.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.

Palm Sunday, March 29th—

The Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Matins and Litany, 10-15 a.m.
Sung Eucharist, Blessing and Distribution of the Palms, 11 a.m.
Children's Service, 2-30 p m.
Evensong and Sermon, 6 p m.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—

The Holy Communion, 8 a.m. (Monday, 8-30 a.m.) preceded by Matins.
Children's Service, 6 p.m.
Evensong and Reading, 7 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd—

The Holy Communion, 7, 8 and 10 a.m. (Matins, 9-30 a.m.).
Children's Service, 6 p.m.
Evensong and Preparation for Easter Communion, 7-30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3rd—

Ante-Communion and Meditation, 8 a.m.
Matins, Litany and Address, 10-30 a.m.
The Three Hours, 12 noon to 3 p.m. Conductor—The Revd. G. A. BULLIVANT, Vicar of S. Luke's, Grimsby.
Evensong, 6 p.m.
Out-door Procession of Witness, starting from the Church at 6-30 p.m.
Mission Service in Church, 7-30 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 4th—

Matins and Ante-Communion, 8-30 a.m.
Evensong, 7 p.m.

Easter Day, April 5th—

The Holy Communion, 6, 7 and 8 a.m,
Matins and Litany, 10-15 a.m.
Sung Eucharist, Procession and Sermon, 11 a.m.
Children's Service, 2-30 p.m.
Evensong, Procession and Sermon, 6 p.m.

The Holy Communion will also be celebrated at S. Laurence Chapel on Easter Day at 9-30 a.m., and at All Hallows' Church, Clixby, on Easter Monday (April 6th), at 9 a m.

It is a rule of the Church (vide the Book of Common Prayer) that all Communicant Members of the Church should make their Communion at Easter, but this implies surely that a very careful preparation will have been made beforehand. It

is with this in view that we should all do our best to make the most of Holy Week, which precedes the Queen of Festivals, and especially the Preparation Service on Maundy Thursday. As Lent has been calling us to a deepening of our penitence, so Holy Week should see us gathered at the foot of the Cross meditating on the cost of our sins to God. Let each one of us then before we presume to present ourselves at the Altar on Easter Morning be sure that we are truly penitent. The Clergy will be in Church at stated times during Holy Week, for the purpose of giving spiritual counsel and advice, and of hearing Confessions. Such times will be published on the Church Notice Board.

We would urge all who possibly can to join in the Procession of Witness on Good Friday, which will start from the Church at 6-30 p m.

All Lent Boxes should be returned to the Vicarage or the Church sometime during Holy Week, so that they may be offered to God on His Altar at our great corporate act of Praise and Thanksgiving in the Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m. on Easter Day.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

Don't forget the Wednesday in Easter Week. Come to the Church School and see and hear what it is all about. Proceedings will commence at 4 p.m. There will be tea, a display of work which is going overseas, a talk by the Revd. J. Nelson Blakiston, and a performance of "Go, Tell," and other plays. Admission will be 6d. (Children half-price).

When you have seen this you will naturally want to go on to Grimsby, and see the big Exhibition there (April 15th to 23rd). Remember it is your Exhibition, and that you must take a pride in its success. Mrs. Chapman (High Street) is our Ticket Secretary, and will be glad to sell you a ticket. Miss Fraser (our Refreshment Secretary) is still able to receive offers of cash or gifts in kind for the food to be provided on Tuesday, April 21st.

We are following up the Grimsby Exhibition by a visit to Caistor of one of the S.P.G. Travelling Exhibitions in June, but of this more anon.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL.

At a special meeting of the Church Council held on Tuesday, March 3rd. The following were co-opted on to the Council :—Messrs. Harvey, Scargill and Stennett and Miss Gorbutt. An important decision was arrived at, in that the Council has decided to press on with the matter of Church Heating. An account has been opened at the Bank with the proceeds of the Social events held in February—£19 9s. 5d. We shall be very grateful to receive donations for this fund—they may be paid to the Vicar. Churchwardens, or direct to the Bank. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the anonymous donor of £5 to the Organ Fund.

HOLTON-LE-MOOR.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.

Palm Sunday, March 29th—

The Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Matins and Litany, 10-30 a.m.
Evensong, 6-30 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—

Evensong and Address, 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, the Service will be conducted by the Vicar, and it will take the form of Preparation for the Easter Communion. All Communicants (especially members of the Guild of Fellowship) are urged to attend this Service.

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd—

The Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Evensong and Address, 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3rd—

Ante-Communion, 8 a.m.
Matins and Litany, 10-30 a.m.
Devotional Service, 2—3 p.m.
Conductor—The Rev. S. S. A. Lounds.
Evensong and Address, 6-30 p.m.

Easter Day, April 5th—

The Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Matins, 10-30 a.m.
The Holy Communion, 11 a.m.
Evensong and Sermon, 6-30 p.m.

The Annual Church Meeting and Easter Vestry will be held in the Moot Hall on Monday, April 13th, at 7 p.m. All those whose names are on the Electoral Roll should make a point of attending this Meeting.

The Vicar feels that he owes a word of apology to his people at Holton for his partial neglect of them during these past few weeks, but it has been due to the fact that he has at the request of the Rural Dean been responsible for Grasby during the present vacancy, and this he hopes will shortly be over. He would take this opportunity of expressing through the Parish Magazine his gratitude to the Rev. T. G. Dixon, for all the help he so willingly and untiringly gives in the parish of Holton.

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Mar. 17—Kenneth, son of Cyril Vivian and Doris Anne Clark (privately).
27—Ena, daughter of Frank and Maude Kirk.
Apl. 5—Florence Betsy, daughter of Aaron and Hilda Holden.
17—Gladys, daughter of Frederick William and Aimie Smith.

HOLY MARRIAGE.

" Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Mar. 28—George Edward Allen and Emily Vincent.
28—Stephen Musson Hannam and Marjorie Willie Grantham.
Apl. 4—Ernest Edward McKenning and Ivy Lillian Barnard.

BURIALS.

" Rest Eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let Light Perpetual shine upon them."

Apl. 1—Elizabeth Searby, aged 47 years.
8—Julia Wright, aged 82 years.
8—Thomas Robert Holt, aged 68 years.
16—Annie Harrison, aged 74 years.

HYMNS FOR MAY.

May 3—Easter IV.
H.E.: 35 573 128 318 126 (pt. iii.) E.: 136 290 140 302.
10—Easter V.
H.E.: 129 247 165 137. M.: 143 247 142. E.: 504 143 248 30.
14—The Ascension Day.
H.E.: 144 301 147 320 304. E.: 150 144 146 300 147 (Pro.)
17—Sunday after Ascension.
H.E.: 147 (Pro.) Ps. 93 150 148 (pt. i.) 319 555.
E.: 301 202 149 148 (pt. ii.) 393 (Pro.).
24—Whitsunday.
H.E.: 156 (Pro.) Ps. 48 155 154 157 316.
E.: 208 154 524 152 274 (Pro.)
31—Trinity Sunday.
H.E.: 601 (Pro.) Ps. 29 161 159 158 160.
E.: 163 159 509 160 Athanasian Creed (Pro.)

COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Mar. 22—Passion Sunday	2	5	6
29—Palm Sunday	2	7	10
Apl. 3—Good Friday	0	13	4
5—Easter Day	6	10	4
12—Low Sunday	1	14	7
19—Easter II.	1	17	5
Week-day Offerings and Boxes	1	9	10
Box for Easter Altar Flowers	0	11	4
Total for the Month	£17	10	2

Acknowledged with thanks:—For the Church Heating Fund, 10/6, 10/-, 2/-. For the Assistant Clergy Fund, £5, 2/-, 2/-. For the Missionary Exhibition, 5/-. For the Vicar's General Fund, 2/-.

LENTEN SAVINGS.

These were offered to God at our Easter Eucharist. The total amount was found to be £5 19s. 3d., and this was divided as follows:—Cost of boxes, 6s.; S.P.G., £1 17s. 9d.; Parochial Quota, £1 17s. 9d.; the Church Schools Restoration Fund, £1 17s. 9d. Full details of the contents may be seen on the Church notice board.

ASCENSIONTIDE AND WHITSUNTIDE.

We are still within the great forty days of Easter, and we should like first of all to say "Well done," to all those who helped to make the Easter Festival the success that it undoubtedly was, not of course that we mean to imply that there was no room for improvement. We always have to remember that the real test of Church Life is not at the Great Festivals, but in the steady and persistent witness given day by day. Now we look forward to Ascension Day and Whit Sunday. Both these festivals are of the first rank, and we hope that all Church folk will do their utmost to observe them. On Ascension Day, there will be a Sung Eucharist at 6-30 a.m., when we hope as many as possible will make an effort to be present. The Holy Communion will also be celebrated at 7-45 a.m., and there will be a Children's Eucharist at 9-15 a.m. Festal Evensong will be sung at 7-30 p.m. Ascension Day is one of those Holy Days not recognised by the World as a holiday, and it therefore gives the Churchman an excellent opportunity to show forth that his religion is the first thing that counts with him. On Whit Sunday (the birthday of the Catholic Church) the Services will be as usual, except that there will be an extra celebration of the Holy Communion at 7 a.m.

Reverting to Easter, the Vicar would take this opportunity of thanking the Congregation for their offering on Easter Day.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

The effort that was made at Caistor on April 8th proved itself a great success. Those taking part in the Plays produced an excellent performance, and the display of work to go overseas was a great surprise to many. As a result a small parcel of goods was sent to U.M.C.A., and a large parcel to the S.P.G., and in addition a sum of £5 7s. 6d. to the General Fund of S.P.G. Many thanks to all those who took part in producing this happy result. At the time of writing, the great Missionary Exhibition at Grimsby is in full swing. Again Caistor is to be congratulated on the part it has taken. To have produced 30 stewards at the Home Service Court, to have acted the play "Go Tell" three times, and to have collected £3 9s. 0d. in cash, and an untold quantity of food for supplies, is (considering the fact that we are over twelve miles distant from the central scene of operation) no mean achievement. It has meant a lot of hard work on many people's parts, and they are to be heartily congratulated. We feel certain that the inspiration thus gained cannot evaporate, and it must mean a real quickening of our own spiritual life, as well as further effort for the extension of the Kingdom of Our Blessed Lord. As has already been announced we are arranging as a follow-up of this Exhibition a visit of one of the Travelling Exhibitions to Caistor in June. Please keep the date free—JUNE 22ND, 23RD and 24TH.

Another date to be remembered is Tuesday, May 19th, when the Diocesan Missionary Festival will be held at Lincoln Cathedral. The Bishop is particularly anxious that every parish in the Diocese should be represented, and we are hoping to arrange for a special 'bus to take a party of Caistor people.

All holders of Missionary boxes are reminded that these should be returned for the half-yearly opening, not later than June 1st.

CHURCH HEATING FUND.

Within twenty-four hours of the appearance of the April Magazine containing an appeal for donations to this new fund, somebody came to the Vicar, and handed him 2s., saying "I have just read the Magazine, and I see that the Church Council is

hoping to put in a new heating system. I am only a working man, and cannot afford much, but please accept this." We commend this to the notice of all our readers. A new heating system will cost a lot of money, but if everybody did their bit along these lines we shall soon get all we need. Donations may be given to the Vicar, the Churchwardens, or paid direct into the National and Provincial Bank at Caistor.

HOLTON-LE-MOOR.

BAPTISM.

Mar. 22—Ruby, daughter of George William and Frances Mary Fawcett.

The month of March and part of April have been full of meetings—some people hate meetings, some like them, some won't come, some come out of duty, but meetings are a necessity, even in a small parish. Very little can be done without a meeting. In the good old days, there was a small fine for those who did not come. There was the cake and ale, and all the more for those who did come, and the fines would provide a little more food and drink. There was business to be done—churchwardens and overseers and constables had to be elected ; carts and horses had to be found to bring stone to mend the roads ; money was to be paid for the destitute poor and the House of Industry ; a rate had to be paid by the farmers, and if there was any money in hand it had to be paid to the new officers. But these activities have nearly ceased, overseers have gone, constables have gone, the County Council has taken over the roads, and guardians have no power to report on the poor.

But in spite of all the changes meetings go on, though very few take the trouble to attend. One of the most important is the Holton branch of the National Deposit society, which Mr. Woodhead has managed successfully for many years, and a large balance stands to the credit of the members, most valuable to the sick, and a safe investment of savings. The Holton Lincoln Hospital Association is well supported, and it is a great gain that members if unfortunately they require treatment can be admitted free of charge, instead of paying nearly £3 a week. Out of the fund £5 has been voted for the enlargement of the Hospital.

Next comes the Moot Hall, which is so useful for the Club, Library, Entertainments, and Wedding Festivities and Sunday School, Women's Institute, and other meetings of all sorts. The new charge of about £3 a year for rates is an unpleasant burden. The Parish Meeting used to appoint Overseers and Constables, and ought to meet annually in March ; last year it was forgotten, but this year the County Council asked for the names of two persons to be appointed School Managers, and the names of Mr. Marratt and Mr. Pike have been sent to Lincoln.

A Whist Drive was arranged to help the funds of the Moot Hall, and about £4 was collected.

The Vestry Meeting and Parochial Church Council were combined to elect Churchwardens, and afterwards Sidesmen and Parochial Church Councillors were chosen ; the same persons were appointed as before, with the addition of Mr. Marratt to the Council. Mr. H. H. Gray, Mr. W. G. Saunby and Mr. Pennington will be the Representatives on the Ruri-decanal Conference.

Lastly the Horticultural Society has decided to have an Autumn Fruit and Flower Show as before.

In addition to this long list those who do not come to Meetings may like to know that the Sunday School children collected in Lenten boxes 19/6, for Medical Missions. The Lent boxes produced 5/9 for the Church Army.

Easter passed off happily, and there were 62 Communicants. The Easter Offering for the Vicar amounted to £6 8s. 4d., and he takes this opportunity of thanking the people of Holton.

A few changes have taken place in the parish, and the new comers will be welcomed at Church and at Meetings.

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Apl. 30—Charles Reuben, son of Reuben and Caroline Mary Stephenson.
15—Raymond, son of Harry Campion and Lily Kathleen Hopper.

HOLY MARRIAGE.

" Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

May 18—John William Birkitt and Gertie Elizabeth Suddaby.

BURIAL.

" Rest Eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let Light Perpetual shine upon him."

May 16—Arthur Kennington, aged 56 years.

HYMNS FOR JUNE.

June 7—Trinity I. (Octave of Corpus Christi).
H.E.: 35 197 554 309 (pt. ii.) 555. E.: 318 197 190 30.
14—Trinity II.
H.E.: 343 210 412 292. M.: 161 412 211. E.: 163 209 413.
21—Trinity III.
H.E.: 37 334 248 182 307. E.: 247 284 477.
28—Trinity IV. Eve of SS. Peter and Paul, AA. & MM.
H.E.: 568 211 415 219. M.: 211 282 414.
E.: 432 242 416 417 436 (Pro.)
29—SS. Peter and Paul, AA. & MM.
H.E.: 445 432 416 318 298.

COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Apl. 26—Easter III.	1	8	2
May 3—Easter IV.	1	12	1
10—Easter V.	2	7	8
14—The Ascension Day	0	13	10
17—Sunday after Ascension	2	2	8
Week-day Offerings and Boxes	1	5	3
Total for the Month	£9	9	8

Acknowledged with thanks:—Lent Box, No. 9, 1s. (there are still three not returned).

THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear People,

I am writing this letter to you at the beginning of my second year amongst you, and as I look back I see many signs of encouragement, and I want to thank you for all the help you have given me during the past year. There are, I think, two things which stand out pre-eminently—an increase in the number of regular communicants, and a greater interest in the work of the Church Overseas. To my mind these two things are the best indication as to the spiritual health of a parish, as it is by them we can measure our response to the last two commands of Our Blessed Lord—" Do

this in remembrance of Me," and " Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." I do not want you to think I am satisfied—we have to remember what Christ has said, that even when we have done all we are still unprofitable servants. I look, therefore, for greater response in the coming year to these commands. Let each one of us see if we can be a little more regular (and perhaps more frequent) in our presence at the Altar (and that too not only on Sundays, but also on week-days), and let any who do not give regularly to the work of the Church Overseas ask themselves whether they ought not to ask for a Missionary Box. If you have any doubt as to the value of Missionary work, then come along and visit the Travelling Missionary Exhibition, at the Public Hall on June 22nd, 23rd and 24th. (Full details of this may be seen on the posters).

There is just one other thing I would mention. I should like to see a much better attendance at the Sunday Sung Eucharist (11 a.m. on the 1st, 3rd and 5th, and 10 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th). I am certain with a little careful management many more of us could come than do—let us remember it is the Lord's Own Service for the Lord's Own People on the Lord's Own Day, and that He Himself loves to meet His people there. During these summer months the Service at 10 a.m. should appeal to those who wish to go out on Sunday. There is no wrong in pleasure on Sunday—so long as we do not forget our obligations, and do not cause unnecessary labour to others. Remember Sunday is a Day of Worship and Recreation.

I am now looking forward with great joy to my second Patronal Festival, which will begin with Festal Evensong on the Eve of SS. Peter and Paul, Sunday, June 28th. The Bishop of Grantham has kindly promised to come and preach at this Service. On the Feast itself (Monday, June 29th) there will be a Sung Eucharist at 6-30 a.m., and I hope we shall do even better than we did on the Ascension Day. Then on the Sunday within the Octave we are very fortunate in having secured the Bishop of Lincoln to preach at the Sung Eucharist at 11 a.m. The preacher at Evensong on this day will be the Rev. H. T. Parry, Rector of Bigby. I do hope we shall all do our best to make this Festival a real success and pleasing to God, and by our keeping of it learn more how to serve Him, and show forth some of the zeal and courage of our Patron Saints in our daily lives.

I would ask you for your continued prayers for God's blessing on our work in Caistor.

Believe me, Yours very sincerely in Our Blessed Lord,

ALFRED J. ARCH.

OUR CHURCH SCHOOLS.

The Religious Inspection of the School was undertaken by the Diocesan Inspector (Canon Jordan) on March 31st, and we have recently received his report. The estimate of the School in respect of Religious Education as a whole was excellent, and under the heading of remarks there appear these two paragraphs :—(1) referring to the Senior section of the School.—" The examination of this School was a real pleasure. The children were bright and intelligent, and gave evidence of excellent teaching. The way in which they ' thought through ' to an answer was particularly interesting. Unstinted praise is due to all their Instructors." (2) referring to the Infants—" This is among the very best Infant Departments I have known. The children have been most carefully instructed, and their answers were exceptionally good."

The children and staff are to be congratulated on such an excellent report.

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Perhaps the most noticeable feature of the S.P.G. Home Service Court at the recent Missionary Exhibition at Grimsby was a group of little figures, the children of

all races, playing round the Lord Jesus Christ, Whose arms were stretched out to welcome and bless them.

Those of us who did not see it should go to the Children's Corner in our own Parish Church, and examine this beautiful work which has been lent to us for a time by one of the Grimsby Churches. Nobody—child or adult—can mistake the direct appeal it makes upon them to see how Our Lord loves and desires the eternal salvation of " all peoples, nations and languages." We are hoping soon to have a similar group as our own property. In the meantime we can all do our best to see that its message is brought home to all by spending time at Church or at home praying for the children of our own land, that they may desire and work for the bring of all God's children to a knowledge of His Love and to His Service.

S.S.A.L.

Extract from letter received from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts :—" I want to thank you for the welcome contribution of £7 5s. 3d. from Caistor, and we are particularly grateful for the splendid result realised by your Missionary Play and Sale. I shall be obliged if you will express the gratitude of the society to the several people who helped in the Play and Sale, as well as those who contributed garments and other materials for the occasion. It is a valuable piece of work, for which we are deeply grateful."

May we remind subscribers to the Assistant Clergy Fund that subscriptions for 1931 are now due. We should also welcome some new subscribers. Subscriptions to the Church Heating Fund will also be gladly acknowledged.

HOLTON-LE-MOOR.

MARRIAGE.

April 29—Jim Shacklock and Dorothy May Graves.

The Census of the United Kingdom has taken place, and we fear that the population has gone down below 200. Families are now smaller than they used to be, and a few ordinary residents happened to be away from home.

There have been some changes. Mr. and Mr. Ringrose, Mr. Appleton and Mrs. Addlesee have returned. Some Ewefield workers, Mr. Hurd and Mr. Johnson have left, also Mr. and Mrs. Welbourne.

The heating apparatus at the Church has developed some leaks at the joints, and is being repaired. Half the cost, £7 17s. 6d., will have to be provided for out of Church Expenses, and the rest by the Company who supplied it.

Whitsuntide generally finds some visitors who wish to spend the holiday in camp, and the Girl Guides will make a home at Lamb Pens, and some Boy Scouts hope to come again from Barton.

A supply of water, in case of fire, is very important, and after many years of use, the quantity of hose pipe has become insufficient, and to supply this defect many yards of the best quality canvas is being ordered.

The Rural Dean has paid his annual visit to the Church and found all in good order. During a short absence from School Mr. Pennington's place is being filled by Mrs. Procter.

On Sunday, June 7th, the cause and needs of the Church Army will be pleaded at the Morning and Evening Services. The preacher will be Captain J. S. Caprone, C.A.

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8—Arthur, son of Fred and Lizzie Bemrose.
14—Edith Mary, daughter of Charles and Edith May Suddaby.

HYMNS FOR JULY.

July 5—Trinity V. (Octave of SS. Peter and Paul.)
H.E.: 393 (Pro.) Ps. 48 417 242 322 298.
E.: 416 236 441 435 215 (Pro.).
12—Trinity VI.
H.E.: 520 210 321 307. M.: 211 272 180.
E.: 238 524 31.
19—Trinity VII.
H.E.: 235 318 176 526 292. E.: 20 209 228.
26—Trinity VIII.
H.E.: 334 211 432 520. M.: 418 209 219.
E.: 418 284 28.

COLLECTIONS.	£	s.	d.
May 24—Whitsunday	2	16	1
31—Trinity Sunday	1	18	8
June 7—Trinity I.	1	18	1
14—Trinity II.	1	14	9
21—Trinity III.	2	13	7
Week-day Offerings and Boxes	3	0	5
Total for the Month	£14	1	7

Acknowledged with thanks:—For the Assistant Clergy Fund, 10/-; for the Church Heating Fund, £1/1/0, 5/-; for the Church School Restoration Fund, 2/6, 1/-. (We shall be glad to acknowledge further donations to these funds, and especially would we remind subscribers to the Assistant Clergy Fund that subscriptions for 1931 are now due.)

THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL.

We are writing a week before the Festival begins, and by the time the Magazine is in our readers' hands it will be nearly over, but we are able to urge all Church-people to make the most of the Sunday within the Octave (July 5th). First, a word to Communicants—if you were unable to make your Communion on the Feast itself, then make sure that you are at the Altar on this Sunday, either at 7-15 or 8 a.m. And then to all—children and adults alike—make a real effort to be present at the Sung Eucharist at 11 a.m. on this Sunday. We want this Service to be a real corporate act of Praise and Thanksgiving for all that our Parish Church stands for in our lives, and we should all admit that it does mean something, and that we should be the poorer if it were not there. Let us then offer up our praises to God. Moreover, it is at this Service that we shall have the opportunity of seeing and

hearing the chief Pastor of our Diocese—the Lord Bishop of Lincoln. It is naturally not very often that the Bishop himself can visit the Churches of his Diocese—so let us make the most of this opportunity. At Evensong we shall have with us the Rector of Bigby (the Revd. H. T. Parry)—an old friend of Caistor.

We would take this opportunity of thanking the Churchwardens for presenting to the Church as a birthday present for the Festival a pair of Churchwardens' Staves, a gift that has been much needed, and which, we are quite sure, will be much appreciated.

THE ANNUAL FETE, WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH.

In connection with the Patronal Festival we have always arranged a Fête. This year it will take place on Wednesday, July 8th, in the Vicarage Garden. We are trying to arrange with the Clerk of the Weather that the Summer of 1931 should fall on this date—if, however, we are unsuccessful in our negotiations, then the "Garden" Fête will take place in the Public Hall. The opening ceremony will be at 3-30 p.m., and there will be the usual attractions, including a Tennis Tournament and an Open Air Whist Drive at 7-30 p.m. Full particulars may be seen on the posters. The proceeds will be for the Church Heating Fund, and we want to see a very large sum added to this fund as a result. We shall be glad to receive donations, articles for sale, and prizes for the competitions. We may perhaps say here a word of thanks in advance to our Band of Servers, who, of their own accord, offered to run a stall at the Fête. We need not add that the offer was gratefully accepted by the Committee. Please come along in crowds and help to make this a record!

THE MOTHERS' UNION.

The Caistor branch of the Mothers' Union has quite a good membership roll, but the recent attendance at meetings and services has not been as good as it might be. No doubt there are excellent reasons for this, but we would urge upon members that a real effort should be made to attend. Sometimes speakers come from a distance, and it is a little disappointing when only a few turn up. We do not mean to imply that attendance at meetings is everything—the fellowship of prayer is far more important—but it does count for something. The next meeting will take place at the Vicarage, on Tuesday, July 21st, at 3 p.m., when an address will be given by Mrs. Clowes, who comes from Croyland, which is some 70 miles distant from Caistor. So we hope that all members will try to be present on this occasion.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

On Sunday, June 7th, the Vicar dedicated the Memorial Tablet to the late Miss Rosamond Westbrooke. It bears the inscription, "In Loving Memory of Rosamond Katherine Westbrooke, Born 1851, Entered into rest at Hove, 1930.—*R.I.P.*" The tablet is placed underneath the Westbrooke Window on the North wall.

Miss Enid Roberts has kindly consented to become Secretary for the Caistor branch of "The Children's Union"—the juvenile section of the "Waifs and Strays'" Society. She will be glad to hear of children who wish to join.

The Missionary Boxes at the half-yearly opening were found to contain £4/14/10. This was divided as follows:—S.P.G., £3/6/6; A.C.S., 14/2; and Parochial Quota, 14/2. In addition to this, a sum of £2/2/0 has been sent to the Melanesian Mission for their new Ship Fund—kindly collected by Mrs. Fraser.

We are hoping that as a result of the visit of the S.P.G. Travelling Exhibition to Caistor there will be a great increase in the number of Missionary Boxes in use in the parish.

The two Sunday Schools have now been linked on to the King's Messengers—a great fellowship of young people throughout the country connected with S.P.G. We would ask the children to remember that wherever they go they have the King's Message to deliver, and that by their prayers and giving they must do all they can to help spread this Message throughout the whole world. Miss Jeffries has kindly consented to become Correspondent for the Kindergarten, and Mr. Noel Kitchen for the Senior Sunday School. Either Correspondent will be glad to hear of any children who wish to take in the K.M. Magazine or a K.M. Box.

The Vicar hopes to go away on July 29th, until August 26th. During this time the parish will be in charge of the Revd. S. S. A. Lounds.

HOLTON-LE-MOOR.

BAPTISMS.

May 24—Joan Hilda, daughter of Charles Edward and Edith Olive Miller.
24—Doreen, daughter of George Herbert and Alice Smith (Gunness).
31—Joyce, daughter of Harold and Edith Elm, Stope Hill.

An Examination of the School in Religious Knowledge was held by Canon Jordan, and he gave his report as "Good."

The Horticultural Society had an idea of motoring to see the Gardens at Sandringham, but it was decided that the distance and expense was too great, and a visit to Walmsgate was settled. The Autumn Show was fixed for Saturday, September 19th. Mr. Fawcett has kindly accepted office as Secretary in the place of Mr. Arthur Miller, who has carried out the duties satisfactorily for several years.

The Parochial Church Council arranged that the collections on Whitsunday should be for the Assistant Curate Fund. The amount received was £5 6s. 2d.

The Church Army has always been friendly to Holton, and the Captain at Grimsby preached twice on June 7th, and the sum of £5 13s. 0d. was given for its very useful work.

It is not always easy for parents to find Godparents for their children, but, if possible, the rule given in the Prayer Book should be observed. It is ordered that there shall be for every male child to be baptized two Godfathers and one Godmother, and for every female one Godfather and two Godmothers. This is a very old custom, which makes others besides the parents interested in the welfare of the child, and it causes a bond of friendship in the family.

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June 24—Albert Edward Gilman, aged 64 years.
28—Emma Rebeccah Wilkinson, aged 74 years.
July 4—James Todd, aged 59 years.
9—Bertha Wood, aged 53 years.

HYMNS FOR AUGUST.

Aug. 2—Trinity IX.
H.E.: 35 569 191 320 520. E.: 210 260 27.
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H.E.: 343 242 460 220. M.: 247 217 461. E.: 221 461 460.
16—Trinity XI.: H.E.: 211 279 450 319 307. E.: 282 449 31.
23—Trinity XII.: Eve of S. Bartholomew, A.M.
H.E.: 335 207 218 292 M.: 281 176 200. E.: 432 19 441 419 436 (Pro.).
30—Trinity XIII.
H.E.: 235 268 366 318 219. E.: 22 280 477.

COLLECTIONS.

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June 28—Trinity IV. Eve of SS. Peter and Paul	2	7	10
29—SS. Peter and Paul	0	12	0
July 5—Trinity V.	4	8	6
12—Trinity VI.	2	0	6
19—Trinity VII.	2	4	5
Week-day Offerings and Boxes	1	3	6
Total for the Month	£12	16	9

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THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL.

We are glad to say that on the whole this Festival was well observed, and we think that most will agree that the Services were most inspiring and uplifting. It may be well, perhaps, to record some of the salient points of the Sermons that were preached during the Festival.

On the eve of SS. Peter and Paul the Bishop of Grantham spoke to us on the word "Pilgrims"—a word to be found in the first Epistle of S. Peter. He reminded us that the pilgrims of old (1) were always looking to the future, having in mind the object of their pilgrimage, (2) in their journeyings had fellowship one with another, and (3) often found their road hard and difficult. So the Christian of to-day must realise (1) that he is wending towards a goal—the glorious future of the Kingdom of God, (2) that in his journeying he should find fellowship in the fold of the Catholic Church, and that our keeping of our Patronal Festival should help us to realize more the sense of this fellowship, and (3) that his path will not be an easy one, but probably full of difficulties—difficulties which would, however, be overcome through the means of grace offered to us by Our Blessed Lord in His Church.

At the Sung Eucharist on the following Sunday the Bishop of Lincoln spoke to us of S. Peter. He pictured an ordinary man, who when first called to the service of Christ felt himself absolutely unworthy, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord"—and yet who after having been in constant touch with Jesus was found worthy to receive the command "Feed my sheep." So we living in the twentieth century must realise that Jesus still calls men and women to His service, and often we feel absolutely unable to answer that call—yet if only like our Patron Saint we would seek the close companionship of Jesus through sacrament and prayer we should find that like him we could rise to heights of which we had never dreamed.

Finally, at our closing Evensong, Fr. Parry reminded us of our other patron—S. Paul, showing us a man with a purpose—"This one thing I do"—forgetting all that had gone before—his privileges, position, wealth, and in fact everything—in order that he might attain his goal—"the prize of high calling of God in Christ Jesus." So should we worshipping in a Church bearing the name of S. Paul live in like fashion—ready to sacrifice our all so that first things should always come first.

If everyone of us would meditate on these thoughts, so carefully put before us, and try to translate them into action, then we shall not in vain have observed our Patronal Festival of 1931. We shall find that our Lord and Master can use us to-day, even as he used our Patron Saints, in the building up of His Kingdom, and the world will be a better place for our having lived.

In conclusion we should just like to say a word of praise to the Choir and the Organist. The musical side of the Services was very well rendered, and we are apt sometimes to take it all for granted, forgetting that often it has meant a lot of hard work and practice. Our visiting preachers were pleased, and both the Bishops personally paid their tributes to the Choir for the part they are taking in the work of the Church.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS' OUTING.

One innovation was made at the Patronal Festival. Immediately after the Children's Eucharist on S. Peter's Day the children of both our Sunday Schools journeyed to Cleethorpes, where a very happy day was spent. The combination of worship and pleasure is a very useful corrective in these days when so often one is thought to exclude the other. We were very fortunate in the weather, and the Sun was most gracious towards us. Incidentally the outing has made a great drain on the resources of the Sunday School Fund. If any of our readers would care to help in replenishing the coffers the Vicar will be glad to acknowledge gifts for this purpose through the medium of this magazine.

THE FETE.

In spite of the negotiations which were reported in last month's magazine, as proceeding between ourselves and the Clerk of the Weather, we must confess that we were not altogether successful, for the day of our fête was anything but a warm summer day—in fact it was decidedly cold. We can, however, congratulate ourselves that the rain held off until nearly the finish of the day. In spite of all this we can record that the fête was a success. As is well-known now, we were able, after paying all expenses, to pay into the Church Heating Fund (perhaps the Clerk, realising the object of the fête, thought a cold day might help us to see more clearly the need of heat) a sum of £22 1s. 0d. The Financial Statement showing all the details and approved by the Church Council has appeared on the Church Notice Board. A list of all the helpers and donors was published in the local press—but unfortunately one name was omitted—that of D. Wilkin & Son, who kindly provided the "pig" for bowling in the shape of ¼ ton of coal. Our very best thanks are due to all those who in any way helped to produce this result, and at the meeting of the Church Council, held on July 15th, a resolution to this effect was unanimously passed.

THE GUILD OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

The Annual Meeting of the Communicants' Guild was held on Thursday, June 26th, when the necessary business was transacted. Mr. Noel Kitchen was unanimously elected Hon. Sec., and he will be glad to hear of other communicants desirous to join the Guild. It was decided that the first charge on the funds of the Guild should be to present the Church with a banner, and it is hoped that it will not be far distant when this will be possible. Perhaps members will remember this at the monthly meeting when an opportunity is given to subscribe to the funds of the Guild. Mr. Cattermole drew attention to the fact that part of the object of the Guild was "the extension of Christ's Kingdom, both at home and overseas," and said that this meant every member should in some way be systematically giving to the Missionary work of the Church, and urged any who did not already possess a Missionary Box to get one.

About 20 members of the Guild travelled to Wold Newton on July 4th for the District Guild's Festival, when an interesting paper on "French Churches" was read by Mr. Wright. At the Service, which followed tea, Canon Hutchinson (Diocesan Warden) preached a most helpful Sermon on the value of the Guilds' Union, and the place that the Blessed Sacrament should take in our lives. There will be no meeting of the Guild during August, but the Corporate Communion will be, as usual, on the first Sunday in September, September 6th.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

The Church Council is arranging a Dance to take place in the Public Hall on Wednesday, September 30th. Tickets will be 1s. 6d. each, or double tickets, 2s. 6d. Proceeds will be for Church Funds. A Whist Drive is also being arranged for Wednesday, December 8th. Fuller details of both events will be published later—in the meanwhile please keep both dates free.

HOLTON-LE-MOOR.

BURIAL.

July 13—Ann Cook, aged 72 years.

By the death of Mrs. Cook, at the age of 72 years, on the 10th July, a very old link with Holton has been broken. Having lived for many years at the Grange Farm, she was very well-known in the parish, and when at her retirement in 1921 she went to live at Spalding, she was very much missed. It had been hoped that after a while Mrs. Cook would have been able to return to Holton to live, but such was not to be. In her life upon earth—a good Christian, a faithful Churchwoman, always ready to help others, we can be sure that now in Paradise she has but been called to "Higher Service." The funeral took place on Monday, July 13th, in Holton Churchyard, when many friends gathered together to pay their last act of respect.—R.I.P.

THE GUILD OF FELLOWSHIP.

There was no Parochial Meeting of the Guild during July, as it was felt that the District Guilds' Festival at Wold Newton would suffice. A large number of members joined with the Caistor Guild and went by 'bus to Wold Newton, where had it not been for the inclement weather a very happy time could have been spent in both the Rectory Garden and the Gardens of Squire Wright—unfortunately this side of the programme had to be abandoned. Those who went, however, were amply rewarded by the excellent paper read by the Squire on "French Churches," and the most Devotional Service held in the beautiful little Church of Wold Newton, when the Diocesan Warden (Canon Hutchinson) preached a most helpful Sermon.

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HOLY MARRIAGE.

August 3—Harold Havercroft and Kate Augusta Johnson.

HYMNS FOR SEPTEMBER.

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H.E.: 343, 539 321 338. M.: 536 211 539. E. 534 355 12.
20—Trinity XVI. Eve of S. Matthew, A. and E.
H.E.: 37 173 353 553 519. E.: 420 615 354 614 274 (Pro.).
27—Trinity XVII.
H.E.: 4 568 315 219. M.: 235 176 214. E.:13 184 271.

COLLECTIONS.	£	s.	d.
July 26—Trinity VIII	1	14	7
Aug. 2—Trinity IX	1	10	7
9—Trinity X.	2	1	10
16—Trinity XI	1	9	6
Week-day Offerings	1	7	4
Total for the Month.....	£8	3	10

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IS BETTING EVIL?

There can be no doubt that in these days there is a great increase in betting and gambling, and often the question printed above is asked of those who hold public position. In considering the answer to this question it seems worth while to read a letter (appended below) written by the Revd. Charles Kingsley to his young son at School. It should be remembered that the author of this letter was no "killjoy"—in fact one has only to read his "Hereward the Wake" to realise that he was the reverse, and, moreover, since there was in his own parish racing stables, he counted many young jockeys amongst his friends. The letter was as follows:—

"My dearest Boy,

There is a matter which gave me much uneasiness when you mentioned it. You said you had put into some lottery for the Derby, and had hedged to make safe. Now, all that is bad, bad, nothing but bad. Of all habits, gambling is the one I hate most and have avoided most. Of all habits, it grows most on eager minds. Success and loss alike make it grow.

Of all habits, however much civilized men may give way to it, it is one of the most intrinsically *savage*. Historically it has been the peace-excitement of the lowest brutes in human form for ages past. Morally it is unchivalrous and un-Christian.

1.—It gains money by the lowest and most unjust means, for it takes money out of your neighbour's pocket without giving him anything in return.

2.—It tempts you to use what you fancy your superior knowledge of a horse's merits—or anything else—to your neighbour's harm. If you know better than your neighbour, you are bound to give him your advice. Instead you conceal your knowledge to win from his ignorance; hence comes all sorts of concealments, dodges and deceits. I say the devil is the father of it.

I hope you have not won. I should not be sorry for you to lose. If you have won, I shall not congratulate you. If you wish to please me, you will give back to its lawful owners the money you have won. If you are a loser in gross thereby, I will gladly re-imburse your losses this time. As you had put it, you could not in honour draw back till after the event. Now you can give back your money, saying your father disapproves of such things, and so gain a very great moral influence.

Recollect always that the stock argument is worthless. It is this: 'My friend would win from me if he could, *therefore* I have an equal right to win from him.'"

It can easily be seen how Charles Kingsley would have answered our question, and we venture to think that his answer would be the right one.

OUR CHURCH SCHOOLS.

On Monday, July 27th, the big room was decked out in gala fashion, for it was the occasion of the Annual Prizegiving. Towards 3 p.m., Managers, Parents and other visitors began to pour in, and then when all were comfortably settled, the children (under the able leadership of Captain White, Miss Fidell and Miss Wilson) began to entertain their guests. The programme consisted of songs, dances, drill and nursery rhymes—all excellently rendered, and reflecting great credit on those who had instructed the children. Then came the event of the afternoon—the presentation of the prizes for the past year's work. The Vicar briefly introduced (?) the Revd. T. G. Dixon, saying that he had shown his interest in the School in many ways, and notably recently by promising a very substantial sum to the School Restoration Fund. The Revd. T. G. Dixon presented prizes as follows:—

Gardening—1, Jack Sleight (shield-holder); 2, John Wright; 3, A. Wilson.

Senior Needlework—1, Irene Langley; 2, Olive Clark.

Junior Needlework—1, Lottie Lawless; 2, Joan Clark.

Infant Boys—Charles Hackney.

Infant Girls—Joyce Clark.

Best Junior Boy—Kenneth Kitchin.

Senior English Prize—Sidney Pegg.

Mr. Dixon took the opportunity of saying how pleased he was to be present and to see what good work the School was doing, and urged all the children to make the most of their school-life, so that they might become good and useful members of the community.

At this point the senior boy (John Wright) and the senior girl (Kathleen Kitchen) presented Mr. Dixon with two mysterious envelopes, which, when opened, were found to contain 10/- and 2/6, the proceeds of the Boys' and Girls' work, for the School Restoration Fund. These were handed to the Vicar, who suitably thanked the children, and urged others to follow their example. Altogether it was a very happy afternoon, and as already has been said, it reflected great credit both on the School-staff and the children.

THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION.

On Saturday, September 5th, the E.C.U. has arranged a Festival to be held in connection with the opening of Walesby Old Church. There will be Solemn Eucharist and Sermon at 11-15 a.m., when the preacher will be the Revd. Canon W. E. Boulter. All Church-people are nvited.

A REMINDER.

Do not forget the Dance in the Public Hall on Wednesday, September 30th. For details see posters.

HOLTON-LE-MOOR.

The School was closed for the summer holidays on August 7th, and will be opened again on September 14th. It is good for teachers and scholars to have such a break, and in former days children were employed in harvest work and gleaning, but all that is past, and in such weather as we are having it is very doubtful when the harvest will begin.

On some day later on the Annual Excursion will take place for the Choir.

Our next engagement for the Village is the Fruit and Flower Show, which is fixed for September 19th. Hitherto a part only of Nettleton has been included in the area, but the Society has this year included the whole of that parish. The schedule has been printed and copies can be had from Mr. Fawcett, who is the new Secretary. Considerable work has to be done by this Officer, and our thanks are due to Mr. Arthur Miller for the capable way in which he has attended to the business for several years, also to the Committee who spend much time in arranging the exhibits.

Holton used to have several beekeepers until the special disease killed the bees. It is now possible by care and attention to have good stocks. A special feature for this year will be a demonstration of how to handle them with safety. This will be provided by the Lincolnshire Beekeepers' Association.

It is hoped that there will be many entries in the various classes from Holton, Moortown and Nettleton so as to make a good show, as good as in former years when we have been highly commended by Mr. Murray, the County Organiser of Horticulture.

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Sept. 10—Alma, daughter of Stanley and Lilian Ellen Matthews.
13—Barbara Anne, daughter of Henry Christopher and Elsie Margaret Spilman (at Clixby).

HOLY MARRIAGE.

" Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Sept. 15—Ronald Osborne and Gertrude May Mason.

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Sept. 4—George Timson, aged 72 years.

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Oct. 11—Trinity XIX.
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M.: 243, 260, 214.
E.: 19, 218, 28.
Oct. 18—Trinity XX. S. Luke the Evangelist.
H.E.: 390 (Pro.), Ps. 15, 585, 425, 319, 522.
E.: 447, 20, 425, 368, 391 (Pro.).
Oct. 22—Harvest Thanksgiving.
E.: 339, 383, 389, 366, 381 (Pro.).
Oct. 25—Trinity XXI. (Harvest Thanksgiving continued).
H.E.: 381 (Pro.), Ps. 65, 512, 386, 318, 379.
E.: 339, 389, 384, 365, 601 (Pro.).

COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Aug. 23—Trinity XII.	1	13	7
30—Trinity XIII.	1	13	9
Sept. 6—Trinity XIV.	1	13	2
13—Trinity XV.	1	16	10
20—Trinity XVI.	2	5	10
Weekday Offerings and Boxes ...	1	17	0
Total for the month	£11	0	2

Acknowledged with thanks:—For the Assistant Clergy Fund, 5/-; for the Church Schools Restoration Fund, 1/9.

We have also received a gift of six handsomely embroidered palls, for use with the sacred vessels, and we would take this opportunity of thanking those who made this gift.

THE NATIONAL CRISIS.

The days in which we are now living are beyond all doubt difficult days, but for that very reason we who profess and call ourselves Christians should regard it as a privilege that we are called to live in such days. It gives us just the chance to show that our religion does mean something—and we, who have been brought up to regard the Cross as the centre of our religion, should be the first to respond to our leaders' call to sacrifice in this our country's hour of need. It may mean a lowering of our standard of living, and less spent on luxury, but we shall not be over-anxious about these things. Surely it was not mere coincidence that the Gospel for the 15th Sunday after Trinity (the Sunday after the introduction of the Budget) consisted of Our Lord's warning against being over anxious about the things of this world, and moreover in this Gospel is contained the true remedy for all our ills—"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Have we really tried this remedy? Let us, here and now, begin afresh, seeking the Kingdom of God, using the grace He offers, through the Sacraments of His Church, and above all turning to Him in prayer, penitence and worship, that through these days of darkness and difficulty He will lead our nation back to Him, so that He can use us and our nation in the furtherance of His Eternal Purpose.

THE HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES.

It has been suggested in some quarters that we should not have our usual Harvest Thanksgiving Services this year, but surely were we to act upon this we should be missing the whole point of such services. We do not thank God merely for our own local harvest, but for all the blessings of this life, and he is indeed a poor man who has nothing for which to be thankful. It is the impenitent man who is unthankful, and the more penitent we are the more thankful shall we be—so at such a time as this there is more need than ever that as children of God we should gather together in Our Father's House and render thanks and praise for all His mercies.

The Services for Caistor and its allied parishes have been arranged as follows:—

CAISTOR.

Thursday, Oct. 22nd—

The Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Festal Evensong and Sermon, 7-30 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. J. W. Davis, Rector of Walesby.

Sunday, Oct. 25th—

The Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Matins and Litany, 10-15 a.m.
Sung Eucharist and Sermon, 11 a.m. Preacher: The Vicar.
Children's Service, 2-30 p.m.
Festal Evensong and Sermon, 6 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. H. C. Orr, Vicar of All Saints', Grimsby.

HOLTON-LE-MOOR.

Wednesday, Oct. 14th—

Evensong and Sermon, 7 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. G. P. Morris, Rector of Thornton-le-Moor.

Sunday, Oct. 18th (S. Luke's Day—Patronal Festival)—

Services as usual.

CLIXBY.

Wednesday, Oct. 28th—

Evensong and Sermon, 7 p.m. Preacher: Rev. W. G. Summers, Vicar of North Kelsey.

Sunday, Nov. 1st (All Saints' Day—Patronal Festival)—

The Holy Communion, 9-30 a.m.
Evensong and Sermon, 3 p.m.

WORKHOUSE CHAPEL (S. LAURENCE).

Friday, Oct. 9th—

Evensong and Sermon, 6 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. C. H. Jacoby, Vicar of Grasby.

Sunday, Oct. 11th—

The Holy Communion, 9-30 a.m.

THE GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT MISSIONARY EXHIBITION.

We have recently received the balance sheet of the Missionary Exhibition which was held at Grimsby after Easter. It shows a substantial balance of £275 2s. 4d., which has been divided amongst the Missionary Societies who took part in the Exhibition. With the balance sheet was a message from the Chairman of the Executive, which we print below. A copy of the balance sheet appears on the Church Notice Board.

The Vicarage,
Grimsby,
August 4th, 1931.

My dear Friends,

We are sending out to you the Balance Sheet for the Missionary Exhibition, held at the Gaiety, April 15th—23rd. I hope you will regard it, as I do, as very satisfactory. It has been a great effort, organised by the Four Deaneries of our Missionary District. Its key-note was spontaneous co-operation between town and country, between Grimsby and Cleethorpes, between men and women of goodwill in many different walks of life. It has been blessed by God, and we want it to have yet greater results. Here is one at any rate—a substantial balance to S.P.G., C.M.S. and U.M.C.A. And we have to thank all you generous subscribers and helpers for your part in this matter.

I send this acknowledgment on behalf of the Executive.

Yours very gratefully,

HEDLEY BURROWS,
Chairman of the Executive.

HOLTON-LE-MOOR.

Our Annual School Festival and Tea for the children attending Holton Day and Sunday Schools took place on Wednesday, 16th September. A short service in Church was fixed for 3 o'clock, and it was a pleasure to see so many happy and attentive faces. After that came the usual games and races in the Park, and a distribution of prizes of very varied sorts. Appetites were developed, so when tea time came bread and butter and cake disappeared very rapidly.

Market Rasen and district has suffered a great loss by the death of Mr. T. Baty, the Editor of the "Rasen Mail." It is fitting that he should be mentioned in this Magazine, because he was always a very good friend to Holton in giving a record in his pages of any occurrences which were worthy of notice.

Owing to the wet weather Harvest is late this year, and so our Festival has been fixed for Wednesday, October 14th. St. Luke's Day falls on the following Sunday, when we shall keep the Patronal Festival amidst the beautiful offerings of flowers, corn and fruits of the earth.

One of the chief events of the year is our Fruit and Flower Show; it is looked forward to and prepared for by great diligence in the care of our gardens. The number of exhibitors is so large that the stewards and officers find much difficulty in finding sufficient space for the proper display. It would take too much space to describe the number of classes, and for the prize list we must refer our readers to the "Hull Times." There was a good supply of honey, and we expected an instructive lecture on the management of bees, but the useful beings cannot do their best when rain falls, so we hope for better weather next year. Red, blue and white cards were plentiful, and those who did not get them must, like the bees, look forward to 1932.

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Holy Eucharist—4th Sunday, 9-30 a.m. Other Services—By notice.

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" Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not."

Sept. 27—Alvan Alexander, son of Alvan and Barbara O'Dell Eames.

HOLY MARRIAGE.

" Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Oct. 10—Harry Simpson and Keturah Hanson Green.

HYMNS FOR NOVEMBER.

1—Trinity XXII. All Saints' Day.
H.E. 436 (Pro.) Ps. xv. 261 247 311 (pt. i.) 439
E. 438 18 428 228 437 (Pro.)

8—Trinity XXIII.
H.E. 221 438 291 235 M. 7 198 222 E. 438 182 255 538

15—Trinity XXIV.
H.E. 35 559 321 320 316 E. 26 274 27

22—Last Sunday after Trinity.
H.E. 268 318 343 107 M. 217 211 235 E. 238 220 30

29—Advent Sunday. Eve of S. Andrew, A. & M.
H.E. 49 48 203 311 (pt. ii.) 307 E. 48 403 47 362 215 (Pro.)

30—S. Andrew, A. & M. E. 432 403 587

COLLECTIONS.	£	s.	d.
Sept. 27—Trinity XXII.	1	19	5
Oct. 4—Trinity XXIII.	1	19	10
11—Trinity XIX.	2	3	5
18—Trinity XX. (S. Luke)	2	5	7
Retiring Collection	0	15	0
Week-day Offerings and Boxes	1	5	11
	£10	9	2

Acknowledged with thanks:—For the Assistant Clergy Fund, 2/6, 2/6, and 2/-. For the Church School Restoration Fund, 1/8. For S.P.G. Medical Missions, " Health Envelopes," £1 3s. 9d. We also acknowledge with gratitude the gift of a large Bible, which is now in use in the Lady Chapel, and has taken the place of a very much worn Bible. It bears the following inscription:—" In Memoriam. Jane Margaret Lamb, Caistor, 30th January, 1927."

CAISTOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL TERCENTENARY.

Caistor is very fortunate in possessing an excellent Grammar School equipped with modern buildings and appliances, and yet possessing a tradition which goes back for 300 years. The new buildings (erected by the Lindsey County Council) have been in use for some time, and now the Old School has been beautified and made more useful. The Tercentenary

celebrations have been postponed until all this was completed, and now that this is an accomplished fact we are glad to hear that Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch (of Cambridge University) has kindly consented to come and declare the School open. This will take place on Wednesday, November 11th, and quite fittingly the ceremony will begin with a short Service in the Parish Church at 2-15 p.m., when we shall render thanks to God for past benefactors, and pray that the School may continue for many centuries in training the young to take their part as good citizens.

CAISTOR CHURCH SCHOOL.

Owing to the generosity of many people we have now practically completed the reconstruction work on the Church School at a cost of a little over £500, and as a result we have a sound, well-equipped building with plenty of air, light and warmth, which will compare very favourably with other Schools in the county. We hope now that Church parents will regard it both as a duty and a privilege to see that their children, as they reach school age, are sent to the Church School.

A WORD TO YOUNG PEOPLE.

We are anxious that the younger members of our congregation should feel that they have a real part in the Church life of Caistor. To this end we are arranging a Social Evening on Friday, November 6th, in the Church School at 7 p.m. We hope all lads and girls over 14 (and under if confirmed) will try to be present, so that we may talk over and arrange some definite organisation of young people, which can function during the coming winter.

S. ANDREWTIDE.

Monday, November 30th, is the Feast of S. Andrew, and a day which for many years now has been associated with the Overseas work of the Church. We, in Caistor, shall keep the day as a day of Intercession, and we hope many will try to spare at least quarter of an hour in Church during the day. The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. There will be a Women's Service at 3 p.m., and a Children's Service at 4 p.m. The day will conclude with Solemn Evensong at 7 p.m., when the contents of our Missionary Boxes will be offered at our parish Altar. Will all holders of boxes please note that boxes should be returned on or before this date? These are very difficult days for Missionary Societies, and the call to prayer and sacrificial giving is more urgent than ever. Let each one of us do what we can in trying to copy S. Andrew, who brought his brother to Jesus.

A word about " Overseas " may not be out of place here—it is a leaflet which appears with our Parish Magazine every quarter, and is supplied free of all cost by the S.P.G. It has been suggested that readers throughout the country might be willing to contribute some small sum towards the cost of its production. If all our readers gave one penny for this purpose, it would mean £1 from Caistor. Will you please think this over, and then in December give to your Magazine Distributor just a little extra for this purpose?

ARMISTICE DAY.

We are hoping to arrange the usual Town Service at the War Memorial on Wednesday, November 11th, when the Two Minutes' Silence will be observed. Full details will be issued later.

HOLTON-LE-MOOR.

BURIAL.

Oct. 3—Mary Welbourn, aged 82.

In the Register of Baptisms occurs the name of Mary, daughter of John and Jane Bray, on March 25th, 1849, baptised by H. Maclean. So Mrs. Welbourn was a native of Holton, and it was fitting that she should be buried at Holton by the side of her husband, John, who died nine years earlier. For some time they lived in Claxby, while he worked in the mine, until they settled at Holton. It was a pleasure to talk with them about old times, and to see her happy smile and old fashioned dress.

When the Moot Hall was built a Social Club was started, and it has proved a convenient meeting place for the young men. It is a great advantage to a village to have a room for such a purpose, and arrangement has been made for the winter season. The expense of light, fire and cleaning is fixed at £7 10s., and has to be met by subscriptions and donations. Mr. Herbert Gray has been Secretay for some years, and has willingly given much time to it. Mr. Maddams has now consented to take his place, and his experience of other Clubs will be useful.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services took place on October 14th, and the new Rector of Thornton-le-Moor, the Rev. G. P. Morris, gave some of his experiences of Church work in New Zealand and South Africa. The fruit and vegetables were sent, as usual, to St. Hugh's Home at Lincoln. The collections amounted to £6 16s., and this money will be divided amongst the Hospitals. The Services were continued on the Sunday following, which happened to be St. Luke's Day, our Patronal Festival, and there were good congregations.

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Oct. 29—Joan Louisa, daughter of Charles William Edward and Esther Weight.
30—Harold, son of Harold and Kate Augusta Johnson.
Nov. 6—Norman Reginald Eastgate and Donald Charles Arliss (Privately).
8—John, son of Harold and Gertrude Alice Rattcliffe.
17—Basil Vincent, son of Frederick and Alice Dixon.
19—George Thomas, son of John Arthur and Alice Rhodes.

BURIAL.

" Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Light Perpetual shine upon him."

Oct. 27—William Parker, aged 80 years.

HYMNS FOR DECEMBER.

6—Advent II. H.E.: 50, 243, 52, 322, 203. E.: 243, 47, 51.
13—Advent III. H.E.: 217, 50, 355, 107. M.: 352, 268, 48. E.: 353, 362, 49.
20—Advent IV. Eve of S. Thomas. H.E.: Benedictus, 53, 355, 320, 51. E.: 404, 46, 432, 637, 436 (Pro.)
25—Christmass Day. Midnight Mass: 61 (Pro.), Ps. 85, 62, 59, 311 (pt. i.), 60. H.E.: 59 (Pro.), Ps. 110, 57, 482, 557, 60. E.: 58, 60, 59.
27—S. John the Evangelist. H.E.: 61 (Pro.), Ps. 8, 66, 67, 320, 483. E.: 66, 432, 60, 63, 302.

COLLECTIONS.	£	s.	d.
Oct. 22—Harvest Thanksgiving	2	18	9
25—Trinity XXI.	3	7	3
Nov. 1—Trinity XXII. All Saints' Day	1	15	7
8—Trinity XXIII.	1	18	9
15—Trinity XXIV.	1	12	5
22—Trinity XXV.	1	18	7
Week-day offerings and boxes	1	7	5
	£14	18	9

Acknowledged with thanks:—For the Assistant Clergy Fund, 10/-, 5/-, 5/-, 2/6, 2/6, and 2/6. For the Church Heating Fund, 2/-. For the Church School Restoration Fund, 1/6. For S.P.G. Medical Missions, 2/-.

THE CHRISTMASS FESTIVAL

Now that Advent is here we should all begin our preparations for Christmass. We know that much preparation is necessary on the secular side, and, therefore, we see the wisdom of Mother Church in giving us this quiet time of Advent in which to prepare ourselves for taking our part in celebrating worthily the anniversary of the coming of Our Blessed Lord

amongst men. For communicants, the festival will naturally centre in their Christmass Communion, and on Tuesday, December 23nd, there will be a special Service of Preparation in Church at 7-30 p.m. This year, after consultation with the Church Council and the Choir, we are making the experiment of a Midnight Mass. When we remember that the Gospel story leads us to suppose that the birth of our Saviour took place in the dark hours of Christmass night, it is very natural that Christian people should have wished to usher in the festival with a solemn celebration of the Lord's Own Service, and make their communion with Him in that Service at the hour as near as possible to that at which He Himself was born, and so the custom has arisen of a Midnight Mass. We hope that many will take this opportunity of beginning Christmass Day in this way, and we are sure that those who do will find much spiritual benefit. The Service itself will begin at 11-30 p.m., with a Procession and the Blessing of the Crib, and those who intend to make their communion will have tried to spend the previous few hours of Christmass Eve as quietly as possible. The rule is that communicants should come having fasted from the hour of 6 p.m., and, in any case, none will presume to come without careful preparation of both body and soul. For those who cannot make their communion at this Service there will be celebrations of the Holy Communion on Christmass morning at 7 and 8 a.m. There will also be the usual Sung Eucharist at 11 a.m.; and Evensong and Carols round the Crib at 3-0 p.m. The real way to true happiness at Christmass must be to place the worship of the Christ Child in the very forefront of the day, otherwise how can God's blessing rest upon our home festivities? "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem" was the cry of the Shepherds on the first Christmass morning—it must also be ours in 1931, and we shall find our Bethlehem at the Altar of our Parish Church. Then, in thankful remembrance of all that Christmass means, we can go to our homes knowing that the Christ Child is with us to bless us in the keeping of what, after all, must be the great festival of the Home, and we shall be able to wish each other, with real conviction, that old, old wish, "A Merrie Christmass." May this approaching Christmass bring joy and happiness to the hearts of all.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese has arranged to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in Caistor Parish Church on Thursday, March 10th. Classes in preparation for this will be started early in the New Year, and the Clergy will be glad to have as soon as possible the names of those who wish to be confirmed. We would urge upon parents and godparents the duty of seeing that their children "are brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him so soon as *he* can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, in the vulgar tongue, and be further instructed in the Church Catechism set forth for that purpose." It will be noticed that there is no age limit—either upwards or downwards—for Confirmation. The only mention in the Prayer Book with regard to age is that the candidate shall have reached "years of discretion." Such an age, of course, varies with each individual, but we would suggest that in most cases it is dangerous to postpone the giving of the Grace of the Holy Spirit conveyed in this sacrament long after the age of 12 has been reached. Our young lads and girls to-day have to face many temptations, and it is not fair to them to withhold a means of grace by which they may be able to overcome these temptations.

THE GUILD OF SS. MICHAEL AND MARY.

As a result of the meeting of young people held on November 6th, it was decided that a Guild of young people be formed, and this was the title chosen—the two Saints suggesting the virtues of strength and purity. The Guild meets once a week (usually Tuesday) in the Church School at 7-30 p.m., and the programme consists of Instruction, Work and Play. Once a month there will be a special Service in Church in the place of the usual Guild meeting. The subscription has been fixed at 2d. per week, and the minimum age for membership at 14 years (except in the case of those who have been confirmed). There is already a good membership, and we hope that the Guild will find itself fulfilling a need, and will be of great help in building up a real fellowship amongst the younger members of our congregation. We shall be glad to welcome any new members. A Committee has been formed consisting of Messrs. N. Kitchen, G. Maddison, and D. Hanath, and the Misses E. Roberts, V. Hanath, and L. Johnson, together with the Joint-Secretaries (Mr. R. Rickells and Miss I. Smith), and the Vicar as Warden. Any member of this Committee will be pleased to give any further information to those who are interested.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

The Church Council has arranged a Whist Drive in the Public Hall for Wednesday, December 9th, at 7-30 p.m., when the proceeds will be for Church Funds. We are hoping that it will be possible to allocate most of the proceeds to the Church Heating Fund, as we should like to be in a position to instal the heating in time for next winter. The Fund is gradually growing, but we have a long way to go yet. The Vicar and Churchwardens would gratefully acknowledge donations (small or large) for this purpose—in the meantime we hope that all will rally on December 9th and make the evening a great success.

HOLTON-LE-MOOR.

BAPTISM.

Oct. 25—Peter Dennis, son of Alexander and Mary Lilian White.

The path from Moot Hall past the School and leading to the Churchyard has been very unpleasant to walk on after rain, and especially after a frost has lifted the ashes, and the County Council has now made a very good surface and continued the path through the girls' playground to the Gatehouse Road.

The Moot Hall Committee found themselves short of money, partly because there have been few entertainments and partly because rates have now to be paid on it, so a Whist Drive was arranged which was well attended, with the result that £3 10s. was collected. This will cheer the officers, and those who gave prizes are thanked for their kindness.

Armistice Day was observed on November 11th by a short Service round the Cross.

During Advent there will be, as usual, one week-night Service.

The Bishop has given notice of a Confirmation to be held in the early part of next year. Those who are of a suitable age should give their names to the Clergy.

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