



# S. BARTHOLOMEW'S QUORN PARISH MAGAZINE



Quorn Church from the Wedding Path.



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## Services in the Parish Church.

**SUNDAYS**— 8 a.m. Holy Communion, and on the first Sunday in the month, also after Mattins  
 11 a.m. Mattins and Sermon.  
 2.45 p.m. Children's Service.  
 3.30 p.m. Baptisms.  
 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

**COLLECTIONS** at 8 a.m. for the Sick and Poor Fund; at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. every Sunday for Church Expenses unless some special object is announced.

### SAINTS DAYS and HOLY DAYS—

8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 10 a.m. Mattins.  
 7.30 p.m. Evensong.

All other Week Days—

10 a.m. Mattins (with the Litany on Wednesday and Friday.)  
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.

THE SEATS IN THE PARISH CHURCH ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS.

### HOLY DAYS OF THE MONTH.

**Thursday, Nov. 1st.—Festival of All Saints.**—To commemorate the countless bands of those who from all ages, all nations, and under all sorts of conditions have fought a good fight, and finished their course in the fear and love of God, and now through His mercy rest from their labours—all, whether remembered or forgotten by men, written in the book of God's remembrance. The Gospel for the day sets out how we may live as "Saints" too and share their blessing.

**Friday, Nov. 30th.—Festival of S. Andrew, the Apostle and Martyr.** This is the day of intercession for Missions. Special notice of the services, &c., will be published.

Subjects for Sunday Morning Lessons and Catechizing at the Children's Service on Sunday Afternoons in November:—

Nov. 4.	Numbers xx.-14-end,	} Hymn to be learnt—
11.	" xxi. 1-9.	
18.	" xxii.	
25.	Deuteronomy xxxiv.	
		19.

### Baptisms.

(There is no fee whatever for Baptisms, and the names are not put in the Magazine if it is not wished.)

One adult.

## Burial.

October 30th—George Daft, aged 79 years.

### COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH.

	Sick and Poor.	Church Expenses.	Special.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sept. 29th—	0 4 0		
Oct. 7th—	0 5 4	1 16 0	
14th—	0 4 6		2 7 1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
			Archidiaconal Education Fund.
21st—	0 7 7	8 5 2	
28th—	0 5 6	3 3 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	0 13 3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
			Negro Boy Fund.
Poor Box—	0 0 9		
Totals	£1 7 8	£13 5 0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	£3 0 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>

### Hymns.

	Holy Com.	Matins.	Children's Service.	Evensong.
Nov. 1st {	—	—	—	261
				427
				26
4th {	261	217	331	108
	318	107	19	255
			24	23
11th {	—	172	221	196
		263	19	178
		220	335	25
18th {	—	34	238	169
		285	19	297
		299	279	22
25th {	—	170	282	298
		268	19	244
		225	373	289
{	—	—	—	261
				403
				358

### PARISH NOTES.

The last Sunday in this month will end the Christian year, and November 2nd will be Advent Sunday, the first Sunday of a new year. We cannot of course reckon all things according to this method, but the old reckoning of the Church reminds us of that there are two ways of looking at life—one from the view of the world, and one from the view of religion. The one is like looking at scenery from the midst of it; the other like viewing it from a hill top, where each part is seen in its proper proportion, the separate parts do not look so important, and there is also a view beyond! How is it with us? Do we look at things and reckon our time only by this world, or with a view of the world beyond?



We spoke last month of the meeting of holders of pews in the Church to consider the question of the freeing of the Church. This meeting was held at the Schools on Wednesday evening, October 3rd, and after statements by the Vicar and Churchwardens, Mr. G. White proposed, and Mr. Cuffling seconded, that this meeting of the pew-holders concurs in the proposed action of the Churchwardens to declare the seats in the Parish Church free and open to all. The resolution was carried without any opposition. After this meeting the Churchwardens published the following notice:—

#### QUORN PARISH CHURCH.

We give notice that on and after Sunday, October 21st instant, all the seats in the Parish Church, over which we have control, will be free and open to all Parishioners without any payment or appropriation whatever.

Signed,

WILFRID JOHNSON MEAKIN, } Church-  
W. THORNTON, } wardens.

October 10th, 1894.

Besides this official notice the Vicar issued a printed letter on the matter, which was delivered at every house in the parish, and he hopes that all the parishioners have seen it.

We consider this step one of the most important matters in connection with the Church which has happened for many years. We have no doubt the letting of the seats has kept many people from coming to Church. Of course some have only made it an *excuse* for staying away. We shall see now whether these excuses were genuine. The very afternoon that the meeting of pew-holders was held we heard of a case where a workingman had applied for seats for his wife and family, but had not been able to get them. No one can say that now, any one who has a *mind* to come may come now, and use the Church how and when they will, and they cannot now say that anyone has the preference over them. There is one thing that should be remembered, and it is an important and gratifying point, that the freeing of the Church has been brought about entirely by those who had seats allotted to them, they felt that the principle was wrong, they knew that others might be inconvenienced by it, and though they would themselves lose an advantage, they unselfishly chose to give up their advantage for the benefit of the parishioners at large. We hope that people will avail themselves of the free Church. There is no doubt that the first two Sundays the new system has brought more people to Church.

There is one side of the matter that must not be forgotten, that now the expenses connected with the Church and services will depend upon the free offerings of the people given in the collections. There will be collections every Sunday now for this purpose. Looking at the Churchwardens' accounts for last year we see that there the expenses were nearly £72, and of that £42 was raised by the old pew rents. Besides this £51 was raised by collections on 20 Sundays. Now suppose the expenditure should come to £80, and we have collections on 40 Sundays, these collections must come to an average sum of £2 a Sunday. Of course if people give at all according to their means we shall easily raise this amount. We have heard of a Church where after the seats were made free the whole necessary amount was raised in *one quarter of the year*. We need not hope for that, but we are sure that some will very gladly give more than they have been accustomed to now the Church is open for the general use.

We ought to add that in future there will be more expenses fall upon the Churchwardens, and instead of £2, £2 10s. will be needed every Sunday. That is the cost of the freeing of the Church. That is what we as a Christian congregation have to face, for the seat rents are a thing of the past, and can never be revived!

At the same time as the seats have been freed another long-needed alteration has been made, viz.: the choir has been placed in the chancel. The former position was very inconvenient and unsuitable, but with the organ where it is it is by no means easy for the choir in the chancel to keep in tune and time with it. However with care and practice we hope that the new arrangement will not only look better (which is of small consequence), but will also lead to improvement in the singing. We do not aim at grand singing, but only that the musical parts of the service should be carefully and reverently conducted.

THE CLOTHING CLUB has been settled up for another year. 175 people had cards this year, and they paid in £188 13s. 0d. altogether. Most of them paid in a small sum every week of the year, and that is the way intended by the rules of the club. Those who did this earned the highest amount of bonus. Some paid irregularly and so did not get so much as they might have done. A few paid in very badly and earned nothing at all. On the whole the payments are very satisfactory, and we hope that the club has added to the comfort of many a household against the winter. The new cards will be given out as far as possible on Monday, Nov. 5th, and the payments begin forthwith. The amount paid in bonuses this year was £25 14s. 1d. We cannot give the balance sheet till next month as the bills have not yet been paid.

We would invite fresh people to take cards. They should be heads of families, and we promise 1d. on every shilling paid in regularly up to 30/-

A great difference is noticeable in the condition of the cards at the end of the year. Some are kept nice and clean, some look as if the baby had got hold of them, and played with them on the floor. In one case a card had been partly burned, in another a little boy tumbled into the brook as he came along with it. This year a strong envelope will be supplied with each card for them to be kept in.

The very day after the letter published last month was sent off to our little boy in Africa, a letter arrived from him. Though it seems a short and simple one to us, yet one can see by the writing that it was a matter of pains and trouble to him. It is amusing to see him confessing that he had often had it on his mind to write again, and yet he had put it off again and again, like a lazy boy would whether he lives in Africa or England. Mr. Lawson said that because of their natural temperament it is hard for them to apply themselves to reading or writing.

“Newala, July 7th, 1894.

“My beloved Sir,

“I send you my best wishes. I will tell you my news. I “have received the picture that you sent me, and whenever I “thought about it I was sorry I had not written you another “letter. So now I write to you again with joy. In these “days there are rumours that there will be war. I do not know “whether it will come or not. The people whom we are afraid “of are the Magwangwara. I was very glad to get your letter, “and I hope you will like getting mine. My brother has gone “down to the sea-coast, and not yet come back. I wish you “good-bye.

“I am, your boy,  
“BARTHOLOMEW.”

A new set of Sunday School Lessons will be drawn up for the year beginning on Advent Sunday, November 2nd, and will be in the hands of the teachers before that day.

THE FOOTBALL CLUB have matches at Quorn on the following Saturdays in November:—

10th: v. Barrow.  
17th: v. Mountsorrel S. Peter's.  
24th: v. Leicester Swifts