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JANUARY 1895.

RPICE ONE PENNY.

## THE OFFERTORIES

for the past month amounted to 15s 3d.

## HOLY COMMUNION.

"Except ye eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood ye have no life in you. S. John vi 53.

There will be Celebrations on the 6th & 20th after Morning Prayer, and on the 13th & 27th at 8 o'clock.

#### BAPTISM.

By One Spirit, are we all baptized into one body. I Corinthians xi chapter, 13 verse.

Dec 23rd. Percy Lionel, son of George and Ann Smith, of Taplow.

#### MARRIAGE.

What GOD hath joined together, let not man put a sunder S Matthew ch xix, verse 9

Dec 26th, Robert William Pleace, Bachelor, and Kitty Swabey, Spinster.

Lady Palmer of the Court has again given a seasonable present of coals to the sick and needy of the parish, and Lake End.

On the 4th of last month, a meeting was held in the board schools to choose a chairman of the parish meeting under an act of parliament.

Our respected friend and neighbour J.H. Waters Esq, M. D. was elected.

There were six communicants at the eight o'clock celebration of the Holy Communion on Christmas Day. Considering the fact that real religion does not appear to be flourishing among us, this was as well as could be reasonably expected. We regret to say that the attendance at the morning prayer was small. This shews that although so many people hear much about our Saviour's birth "Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, --- and was made man." yet few have real faith in it.

The children of the choir had their annual tea in the vicarage school room on new-years eve.

In the evening there was a magic lantern entertainment, consisting of views in the holy land and some comic pictures.

The 6th of this month, is the festival of the EPIPHANY

or the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

It is sometimes called Old Christmas Day
Some christians keep their christmas on this
day. Sometimes it called twelfth day because
it is twelve days after christmas. It commemorates the coming of the wise men from the east
to worship "the new-born King."

Papers respecting the Confirmation for this parish, have been sent to those who being professing church people, have children of a proper age for it.

No 87

MARCH 1895.

PRICE ONE PENNY.

## THE OFFERTORIES

for the past month amounted to 4s 11d.

## HOLY COMMUNION.

"Except ye eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood ye have no life in you. S. John vi 53.

There will be Celebrations on the 3rd & 17th after Morning Prayer, and on the 10th 24th & 31st at 8 o'clock.

#### BURIAL.

Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. Genesis chapter 4 verse 9.

Feb 27th, Jane Illsley, aged 76 years.

The Hon Mrs. Boyle has given a supply of coals to the sick and needy. We desire to express our thanks. This, with the other seasonable gifts mentioned in last months magazine is much appreciated.

We are now in the solemn scason of Lent, and the church once more as she has done for many hundreds of years, makes an appeal to her members for special self-examination and repentance.

All of us ought to remember that

- 1. God has sent us into the world for some purpose. That purpose is, not to please ourselves, but to serve Him.
- 2. If we seek only our own pleasure in this life, we shall be miserable for ever. If we serve Him, we shall be happy for ever.

We shall die some day, and then it will b

too late to change the purpose of our lives.

4. We shall be judged some day as to what has been the purpose of our lives, how we have lived.

On Ash Wednesday evening, was commenced a course of sermons on the seven churches in Asia, as contained in the 2nd and 3rd chapters of the Revelation. The vicar proposes to go on with these sermons on the Sunday mornings in Lent.

The confirmation classes are held every Tuesday. We are glad to say that there are twelve candidates, seven females, and five males. This is more than on any previous occasion, yet there are still several of the right age and beyond it, who hang back. One of the reasons for this neglect is the want of faith in confirmation among so many christian people. Surely it cannot be right to disbelieve that which the church of Christ from the apostles' time, has always practiced.

We ask the prayers of all church people for those who are to be confirmed, that they may go to it with thought and not as a form, but to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Th death of Mr. Thomas White of the Manor Farm, after a few hours illness, and that of Mrs. Illsley still more suddenly, has naturally east a gloom over the village. These instances of the uncertainty of life, bring their solemn 'essens which are so often neglected by many. If otherwise table would be at God's altar.

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OCTOBER 1895.

PRICE ONE PENNY.

#### THE OFFERTORIES

for the past month amounted to £2.4s.

#### HOLY COMMUNION.

"Except ye eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood ye have no life in you. S. John vi 58.

There will be Celebrations on the 6th & 20th after Morning Prayer, and on the 13th &27th at 8 o'clock.

#### HARVEST FESTIVAL.

We have to give our best thanks to each and all of our kind friends and neighbours who gave the corn, flowers, and fruit, for the decoration of the church at our Harvest Festival. The fruit and vegetables have been sent to S. Andrew's Convalescent Hospital Clewer, for the patients in that excellent institution. The bread kindly given by Mr. Grove, was as usual distributed among the sick &c. of the parish and Lake End.

At the morning service the amount of the offertory was 16s. 6d. in the evening, 11s. making together, £1. 7. 6d.

Although the attendance at the services, especially in the evening was satisfactory, yet we regret to say that only eight communicants remained to shew their thankfulness to the Lord of the harvest in the chief way, the Holy Communion. It always shews a want of thankfulness to see so many turn away from the altar, but especially at a harvest festival.

One of the sisters at the largestal, has written her thanks for the fruit and vege ables, and to say how much they were enjoyed by the patients.

#### THE BIBLE READINGS.

The vicar hopes to re-commence these readings on the 29th of this month. He will be glad to see as many as can possibly make it convenient to attend.

The following is inscribed on a grave-stone in our church-yard, and is deserving of remembrance of long service, honourable both to the master and servant.

In memory of Zachariah East, who departed this life on the 23rd day of May 1830, aged 72 years. He lived servant with Henry Bethwin of Camberwell in the county of Surry, Esq, for sixteen years and upwards, and afterward with Richard Laycocke Esq, of Islington, in the county of Nadlesex, for thirty-two years and upwards, in whose service he died.

This stone is erected by the said Richard Laycocke Esq, to perpetuate the memory of an honcst, industrious, and faithful servant,"

Some of our older neighbours no doubt remember this valued servant, who after fortyeight years service is here deservedly recorded.

It is intended to make arrangements for a lecture on the Reformation in the church of England, some time next month, in the vicarage school room. It will be illustrated by magic lantern pictures.

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DECEMBER 1895.

PRICE ONE PENNY.

#### THE OFFERTORIES

for the past month amounted to 12s. 7d.

#### HOLY COMMUNION.

"Except ye eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood ye have no life in you. S. John vi 53.

There will be Celebrations on the 1st & 15th after Morning Prayer, and on the 8th 22nd & 29th at 8 o'clock.

#### CHRISTMAS DAY.

There will be celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, and after Morning Prayer at 11 o'clock. These will be the only services on that day.

We heartily wish every one of our parishioners a happy Christmas. There is the greatest need to be happy at this holy season, when all the faithful hail with thankfulness the birth of the Saviour of the world. No one can reasonably deny that those keep christmas best, who begin it by worshipping Him at His altar on Christmas Day.

"Be ready then at early dawn,
To greet thy Lord, the Newly-Born,
His presence will thy soul delight."
And make thy Christmas pure and bright.
Christmas would not be the less happy, if families would first join together at the altar in their old parish church.

The lecture on the

#### REFORMATION

in our church, considering the small interest shewn in church affairs, was fairly well attended last month. The lantern and slides, photographs, fifty-six in number, were lent by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

They consisted of various abbeys, Chester, Peterborough, the interiors of Oxford, Southwell, and Llandaff, cathedrals, Prayer Books of king Edward the sixth, and queen Elizabeth.

Pages of Tyndales, Coverdales, and Cranmer's Bibles, also a picture of the martyr's memorial Oxford, portraits of king Edward queen Mary,&c

This lecture was intended to shew why it was the Reformation was necessary. That no new church as many people fancy was then formed, which is impossible, but the old church reformed, cleansed from various errors.

With this number of our parish magazine, its eighth year is complete l. We shall be pleased to receive the names of any subscribers for the coming year.

During the year which is soon to close five in our parish have been admitted into the church of Christ by the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

One awfully sudden death, Mrs. Illsley, and those of our late squire and Mr. White, point to its changes. These changes as well as those we may yet have to see in the parish, bid us all consider One Who never changes.