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JUNE 1894.

PRICE ONE PENNY.

THE OFFERTORIES

for the past month amounted to 17s 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 3rd & 17th after Morning Prayer, and on the 10th & 24th at 8 o'clock.

The 24th of this month is the festival of S. John the Baptist when the Proper Lessons Collect Epistle and Gospel, will be used instead of those for the Sunday. It is also one of those saints days when the Athanasian Creed is appointed to be used. This Creed is found at the end of Evening Prayer. It is necessary to mention this because many people seem to be at a loss when this is used instead of the apostles' Creed, to find it in the Prayer Book.

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Reading, Archdeacon of Buckingham, inspected the cemetery and church-yard a short time since.

His lordship was pleased with the various alterations which have been made in the church, such as the arrangement of the altar, the pulpit the new seats, and repair of the old ones.

The following inscription on the tomb of Mr. and Mrs. Sedding, who are buried near the entrance to the church-yard, may be interesting to some.

“In Memory of Mr. Thomas Sedding, late of this parish, who died the 4th Jany, 1800, aged 55 years.

Column and labour'd urns but vainly show,
An Idle scene of Decorated woe.

The tender Husband and the Friend sincere,
Need no Mechanic's help to force a Tear,
In Heart-felt Numbers never more to shine,
T'will flow eternal o'er a Grave like Thine,
T'will flow whilst gentle goodness have one
Friend,

Or kindred tempers, have a Tear to lend.

Also of Mrs. Elizabeth Sedding Relict of the above Mr. Thomas Sedding. She died the 18th March, 1815, aged 71 years.

Go hence my friends and shed no tear,
I am not dead but sleeping here.

My debt is paid, my grave you see,

Therefore prepare to follow me.”

This is the Mrs. Sedding who left a sum of money to be distributed on S. Thomas's Day in every year by the overseers to poor widows of the parish, and two shillings and six pence to keep her grave free from weeds and grass.

We ought to gratefully remember those who had such thoughtfulness for their poorer neighbours. “Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy.”

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OCTOBER 1894.

PRICE ONE PENNY.

THE OFFERTORIES

for the past month amounted to £3 16s 6d.

HOLY COMMUNION.

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There will be Celebrations on the 7th & 21st after Morning Prayer, and on the 14th & 28th at 8 o'clock.

Our Harvest Festival unavoidably postponed, was we are glad to say successful. The preacher at evensong the Very Rev. the Dean of Windsor, and domestic chaplain, to the Queen, preached an admirably plain practical sermon. His text was taken from the 8th chapter of S. Luke, and 11th verse. We hope that Dean Eliot's forcible words will not be forgotten.

The offertories were larger than on any previous occasion, namely £2. 17. 1d. Last year £1 8s. 9d. was the amount.

It may be instructive as well as interesting to give a statement of the number of coins which were collected. 1 sovereign, 5 half-crowns, 10 shillings, 13 sixpences, 9 threepences, 68 pence, 4 half-pence.

This is the first time we have found gold in the alms dish.

Special harvest prayers approved by the authorities of the church, were used on the occasion.

Although the church was full in the evening yet it was a great and painful contrast to observe

that only six persons joined in the greatest act of thanksgiving to the Lord of the harvest. We hope that this does not shew the proportion of real and unreal thanksgiving?. Too many people it may be feared deceive themselves by thinking that the sermon is the chief thing. It is hard to see how this can be any reasonable excuse for neglecting another and most important duty. There must be something very wrong in one way or another, which cause so many to slight the Lord's own appointed service, when we profess to thank Him for, the harvest.

We desire to thank all our kind friends who contributed corn, fruit, flowers, &c for the decoration of the church. To Miss. Williams and her sister, Miss. Barrett, &c. who kindly assisted in arranging them, our acknowledgments are also due.

The flowers and fruit, were sent to S. Andrew's convalescent hospital, Clewer, for the patients in that excellent institution.

The bread (kindly supplied by Mr. E. Grove) was divided among the sick and needy of the parish, and Lake End.

The Bible Readings we hope will begin again on the 16th of this month in the vicarage school room at half-past six o'clock. It is proposed to continue them throughout the winter. Any one whether church people or dissenters, who may feel interest in God's word, and wish to be directed in the proper study of it, will be welcome.

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NOVEMBER 1894.

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THE OFFERTORIES

for the past month amounted to 13s 4d.

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 4th & 18th after Morning Prayer, and on the 11th & 25th at 8 o'clock.

We feel sure that any persons who have the welfare of the people at heart, were glad that the Church of England Temperance Society's van visited this parish a few weeks ago. It was in the charge of Mr. Mark Lancaster a farmer from Cumberland, who has for several months past been travelling through parts of Berks and Bucks. It should be remembered that the society consists not only of total abstinents but of those who are not. Its object is to set before all the great duty of withstanding the evil of the fearful vice of drunkenness. This is one of the great evils which so many of the clergy have to contend against in their parishes. It is a fearful hindrance to their work. It is a vice which often lets in other vices, especially impurity. It causes the loss of all self respect, and often sows the seed of disease in some form or other. How much want and wretchedness does it bring into many a once happy home!

It is also a sad fact that drunkenness appears to be on the increase among more women than formerly.

Mr. Lancaster gave an address to the Sunday School children, and we hope that his wise cautions against the sin and misery of drunkenness will not be forgotten.

THE BIBLE READINGS

were recommenced on the 16th of last month, and as previously announced will be continued on Tuesday evenings during the winter. The attendance at present is rather more satisfactory than last winter. Any others who may care to join, are asked to bring their bibles. The selected portion is the holy gospel according to S. Matthew.

The vicar will be obliged by the return of a book named "West's Weeby village Dialogues" if he has lent it to any one in the parish.

We have frequently been asked from what it is that our village takes its name. There can be little doubt that it is from a family. There was an abbess or chief of the religious women of Burnham Abbas named Joan Dorney, in the year 1339, or five hundred and fifty-five years ago.

The parish was known by its present name many years before her time, but it clear that she came from this place.