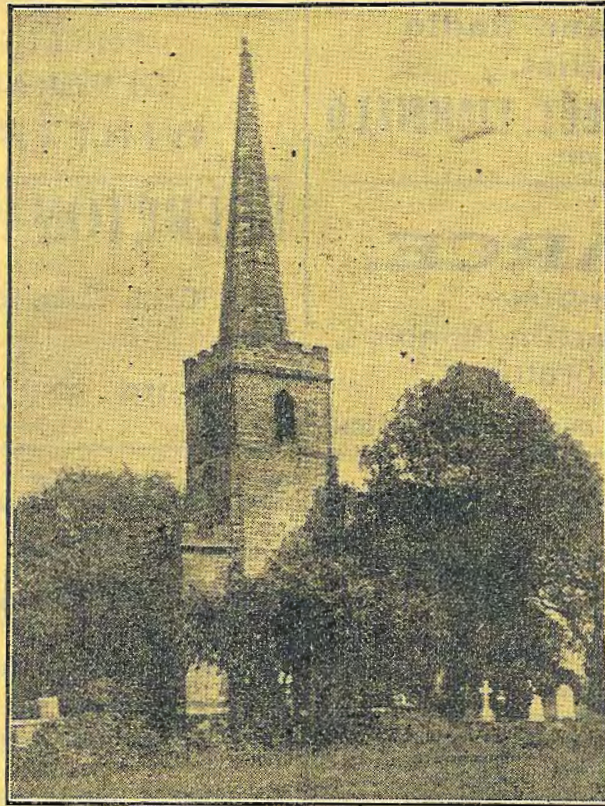


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OCTOBER, 1944.

My Dear People,

We have been told on the highest authority that "the European War is drawing to its close." That sounds good. On the other hand, we are told by another high authority that it will be over in five months. Not so good! We can be sure of one thing, however, that victory is assured, and that it must come in the near future.

We have indeed much to be thankful for. When the long prepared-for Invasion took place, we could not help feeling very anxious indeed, for we realised the magnitude of the task, which lay before our Forces. But I think it is not too much to say that its success far exceeded the hopes of the most optimistic, and even of those who planned it. Field Marshal Montgomery himself said so—"This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes." But while we rejoice, we sorrow for the loss of husbands and sons, which so many families have sustained, and in particular we offer our sympathy to Mrs. Clews, whose husband so soon paid the Supreme Sacrifice. And we do not forget the Italian Front, where so many of our men are serving, and we sympathise very deeply with Mr. and Mrs. Goddard, whose son, Stanley, a member of our Choir, is reported missing on an operational flight. We can only hope and pray that he is safe.

I remain, your friend and Vicar,

ERNEST FLEMING.

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## October 8th.—HARVEST FESTIVAL.—

7 and 8 a.m., Holy Communion.

11 a.m., Sung Eucharist.

2-30 p.m., Children's Service.

6-30 p.m., Festal Evensong.

The Collections all day will be for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution and the Bishop's Fund for New Churches.

We shall be glad to receive flowers for the decoration of the Church, and also fruit and vegetables for the Hospital.

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**Mothers' Union.**—S. Luke's Day, Wednesday, October 18th.—Corporate Communion at 9 a.m. This being our Diocesan Day of Prayer, the usual Intercession Leaflet will be sent round, and our "link" in the chain of Prayer will be from 2 to

2-15 p.m. as usual. Please keep this quarter-of-an-hour at home, or in Church if you can. The Collection at the Service will be, as usual, for the Medical Missions, a thanksgiving for that Beloved Physician, S. Luke, to whom we owe so much. On Wednesday, Oct. 25th, the Meeting will be in Church at 3 o'clock, and there will be an address by Mrs. Coxon, of Tamworth Vicarage, who was prevented by illness from coming to us in August. Please give her a hearty welcome and a good attendance. Your E.M. may be away from home.

M. H. Dyott.

**Congratulations and Good Wishes.**—Most of you know that Miss Dorothy Mann is to be married on October 14th, to Mr. Arthur Clement, and I am sure that you would like to offer her your best wishes. She has always been a devoted member of the Church, and has taken an active part in its work. She was for many years a Sunday School Teacher and a Lieutenant in the Guide Company. But perhaps you think of her most at the organ, where, so long as we had a regular organist, she acted as voluntary organist and stepped into the breach whenever required. Personally, she has been a great help to me, and I always felt I could rely on her in case of need. We are glad to hear that she is not going to leave us entirely, as she intends for the present to continue her war-work at the Barracks. At a Meeting of the Parochial Church Council, it was decided to make a presentation to Miss Mann in appreciation of her many services to the Church. Mr. Percy Pearce has promised to act as Hon. Treasurer, and those who would like to contribute to this Fund are asked to send their donations to him as soon as possible.

**War Savings Campaign.**—Post Office returns for the past two months amount to £883, made up as follows: Saving Certificates, £200; Saving Stamps, £217, and Post Office Savings Bank, £466. These figures are very satisfactory, taking into account the amount invested during "Salute the Soldier Week" and the holiday season, when savings naturally decline. Savings Group Secretaries are to be congratulated—they are doing good work which is by no means easy. G.E.W.

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## BAPTISMS.

Aug. 27. Linda Marie, daughter of Cyril Victor and Alice Mary Moore.

Sept. 10. Douglas William, son of Douglas and Mary Bradbury.

# St. Giles' Magazine, Whittington.

NOVEMBER, 1944.

My Dear People,

The question is often asked: "What effect has the war had on the Spiritual life of the people?" But like so many other questions, it is more easily asked than answered. A question, which could be more profitably asked and more easily answered is: "What effect ought the war to have had?" And there can be no doubt about that.

It ought to have made us more Spiritually minded, and to have stirred us up to a sense of our Religious responsibilities. According to the reports of the Chaplains on the various fronts, it has had that effect on very many of the men. And when they come back, as we hope they will soon, we surely don't want them to be discouraged by finding us lukewarm and half-hearted, and our Churches half empty.

We ought to want to make this world a better world: and if we try to do that, we shall be preparing ourselves for a still more perfect world hereafter.

I remain, your Friend and Vicar,

ERNEST FLEMING.

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**Missionary Sunday, November 26th.** — The Preacher at the Morning Service will be The Rev. H. D. Clements, Priest-in-Charge of Hopwas, and the Collections at all Services will be for the S.P.G. No doubt when Peace comes, all sorts of opportunities will be offered for the extension of the Church Overseas, and these opportunities can only be seized if the Church at home gives adequate support. It is hoped that all members of the Congregation will realise their responsibility in helping to carry out Our Lord's last Charge to the Church, and will contribute according to their means at the Collections in Church—or if unable to be present will send their Contributions to the Vicar or Churchwardens.

**Presentation.** — Subscribers to Miss D. Mann's Parochial Present on the occasion of her Marriage will be interested to hear that the sum collected amounted to £16 5s. Here is her letter of thanks: "Dear Vicar, May we through the medium of the 'Parish Magazine,' thank yourself, the Churchwardens and all the generous parishioners for the handsome gift presented to us on the occasion of our Marriage on October 14th, 1944. The kindness shown by all is very much appreciated. Yours sincerely, A. and D. Clement."

**Mothers' Union.** — Wednesday, November 22nd, Meeting at 3 p.m., in the Girls' Club Room. Will those Members who take in the "Parish Magazine," kindly tell those members who do not see it, that we will have our Meetings in the Girls' Club as in pre-war days, and keep to 3 o'clock during the winter months, as this seems to suit most Members better than 2-30 p.m. We will also return to our cup of tea and a bun at 1d. each, but will Members kindly bring their own cups, as transport still makes these things difficult! The Quarterly Services will, of course, be in Church as usual. There will be no Meeting in December.

M. H. Dyott.

**War Savings Campaign.** — A Meeting of the Whittington Savings Committee was held at Whittington House on Tuesday, October 24th. Mr. S. Baxter presided. Certificates of grateful acknowledgement of successful achievement in "Salute the Soldier Week" were presented to Individual Group Secretaries by Mr. Ward, Chairman of the Lichfield & District War Savings Committee. Mrs. Chorlton, who is leaving the district, tendered her resignation and Mrs. Blewitt agreed to collect from her area. The chief business of the Meeting was to make arrangements for organising a series of entertainments during the winter months, the object being to stimulate Savings. Mr. Ward pointed out that it was hoped the Savings habit would continue after the war and Savings Groups continue to function. A Sub-Committee was formed consisting of Mrs. Colquhoun, Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Blewitt, Miss Morteboys, Miss Faulkener and Miss Webb, with power to co-opt helpers. The first of these entertainments will be a Film Show lasting about two hours in the Boys' Club Room, on December 1st, at 7-30 p.m. Admission 1s. and 6d. The Proceeds from these entertainments will be distributed as follows: 50 per cent. to the Central Fund at Lichfield, which provides the necessary Funds for propaganda purposes in connection with War Savings, 25 per cent. to the British Legion and 25 per cent. to the "Bright Hour" Class, to be ear-marked for a Fund which will be distributed after the war amongst residents in Whittington now serving in H.M. Forces, both men and girls. Mr. Ward announced that a Rural Savings League had been formed, and a Silver Challenge Cup was offered by the "Lichfield Mercury" to the district having the highest percentage of Savings per head of the population each quarter.

G.E.W.

My Dear People,

At the beginning of this month, we enter upon the solemn season of Advent. It is a time when we are reminded not only of the first coming of Our Blessed Lord in great humility to be Our Saviour, but also of His second coming in glorious majesty, at the end of the world, to be our Judge. That is a very solemn thought, because on that Judgment will depend our eternal happiness or misery. But if we make Him our Saviour now by repenting of our sins, and looking to Him in faith to save us from them, we need not be afraid to meet Him when He comes to judge us at the Last Day.

Advent also is a time of preparation for Christmas, and in particular for our Christmas Communion.

Some people "keep Christmas" without even thinking why they do so. But in that case they might as well keep it at any other time. Unless we give Christ a place in our thoughts and hearts, and unless we come to our Communion—if we have been Confirmed—Christmas must be a meaningless Festival. The very word reminds us of what Christmas means—it is really two words: Christ Mass.

Of course, it is needless to add that Communion without previous preparation can only be a formality—the more trouble we take over it, the greater will be the benefit we receive.

Let us come to our Communion then after careful self-examination in deep penitence, sincere faith, and in charity with all men.

Wishing you all a happy and holy Christmas.

I remain, your friend and Vicar,

ERNEST FLEMING.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

December 24th.—**Christmas Eve.**—

6-30 p.m., Festal Evensong and Carols.

December 25th.—**Christmas Day.**—

7 and 8 a.m., Holy Communion.

11 a.m., Sung Eucharist.

The Collections on Christmas Day will be for the Bishop's Appeal Fund for New Churches and Schools.

**The Parish Magazine.** — We are very sorry to have to announce that Mr. Wakeman feels he can no longer continue his work in connection with the Parish Magazine. He has acted as business manager ever since the present Magazine was started in 1931, and has been responsible for its

finances. It goes without saying that he has done his work very well indeed. Unlike most Parish Magazines, ours has so far been self-supporting, and not only so, at the first it made considerable profits, so that we were able to make donations on two or three occasions to the Fund for Church Expenses. This has been largely due to the Advertisements, and Mr. Wakeman is to be congratulated on the fact that there have never been any vacant spaces on the outside sheets of the Magazine. This is entirely due to his exertions. It is unnecessary to add that since the war, our expenses have increased while the price of the Magazine has remained the same. Consequently, we have a small yearly deficit to set against our balance at the Bank. The Vicar in particular is extremely grateful to Mr. Wakeman for his co-operation, as it has relieved him of all financial responsibility.

**Christmas Whist Drive.** — This will be held in the Boys' Club Room on December 22nd, at 7-30 p.m., on behalf of the Nursing Association. Tickets 1s. 6d. Contributions towards refreshments and prizes will be gratefully received.

**Boys' Club Room.** — Now that the Room has been painted, it is being used for a variety of purposes, and the bookings have increased considerably. In view of this fact, it was thought that the Committee would be strengthened by the assistance of ladies. Whist Drives, Dances, etc., cannot be run without their help, and it is only right that they should have a say in the management of the Room. At a Committee Meeting held on Nov. 13th, it was resolved to invite each of the following organisations to appoint two lady members to serve on the Committee: The Women's Institute, the Sub-Committee of the Nursing Association, the War Savings Committee and the "Bright Hour." It is hoped that this arrangement will meet with general approval.

### BAPTISMS.

- Oct. 8. Denis, son of Leslie and Amy Gilbert  
 „ 15. Audrey Emma, daughter of Aubrey D. and Ethel M. Jones  
 „ 22. Marian Elizabeth, daughter of Arthur F. and Dorothy M. Grundy

### MARRIAGES.

- Oct. 14. Arthur Clement and Dorothy Jane Mann  
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