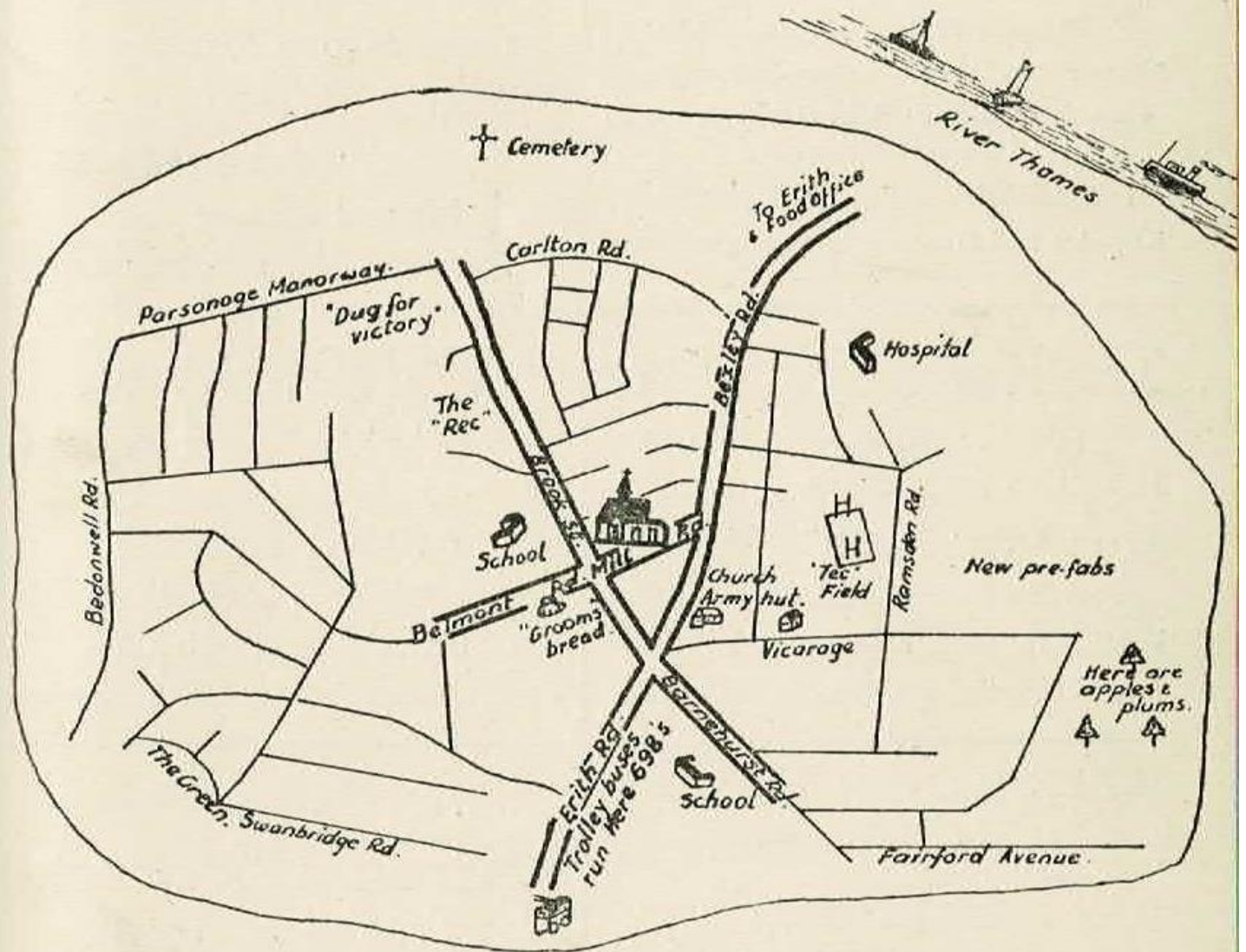


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CALENDAR FOR AUGUST.

- 3 **9th Sunday after Trinity.**
Holy Communion 8 and 11 a.m.
Family Service 11 a.m.
Youth Service 6.30 p.m.
- 7 (Thur.) For Transfiguration.
Holy Communion 10 a.m.
- 10 **10th Sunday after Trinity.**
Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Open-Air Service 8 p.m.
- 17 **11th Sunday after Trinity.**
Holy Communion 8 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
- 24 **12th Sunday after Trinity.**
Holy Communion 8 a.m.
- 31 **13th Sunday after Trinity.** St. Aidan's Day.
Holy Communion 8 a.m.

Each Sunday, commencing August 2nd, there will be a short Service and Prayer Meeting in the Church at 9 p.m.

Motto for 1947—"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong."—*I. Corinthians 16, 13.*

Subjects for Prayer.

The World.

Let us pray for the development of the Paris Conference and for the Christian Church in Germany and Japan.

Let us pray for increasing strength of International Christian Organisations.

The Nation.

Let us thank God for the promise of a good harvest.

Let us pray that the spirit of the National Day of Prayer might continue.

Let us pray for a right spirit to produce the winter fuel.

The Parish.

Let us thank God for the spirit of friendship in the parish.

Let us pray for the Youth Club's holiday in Holland.

Let us pray for the Home and Family Week in October.

Let us pray for the Open-Air Meetings.

The Vicar's Letter

Dear Everybody,

Now that the National Day of Prayer is over I wonder how many of us have given it any continued serious thought, or indeed, any thought at all. If this Day is to mean anything to us do not let us rely upon just one Day of Prayer and hope that it will be effective. We work or want the Government say, and if the miner has to continue his efforts every day how much more should we continue in prayer. We pray or perish is certainly true. One person working in the Holy Spirit has behind him all the resources of God. Let us then remember our dedication that God's blessing may rest upon us, and through us, upon our Nation. Let us remember once again the objects of that National Day of Prayer: 1.—To examine our lives. 2.—To repent. 3.—To ask for God's guidance in our duty to God and to our neighbour. 4.—Daily to ask for help to meet the day's demands.

The Church.

There is a great deal of activity in the Church at the moment and anyone arriving in the evening is liable to have a spade or hammer put into his hands. I would like to thank those members of the Working Committee who are putting so much time and work into Church repairs.

The Sunday School is growing in numbers and we have many new scholars from the Lesney Park Estate and from around Shinglewell Road. There is perhaps no work so privileged nor so important as teaching children about Jesus their Saviour. Well begun is half done. Can YOU help in the Sunday School? We need you.

The Home and Family Week will be held in Erith from October 6th to 11th and many important people will be talking to us about putting Homes into Houses. There will be an Exhibition, talks, discussions and films as well as morning, afternoon and evening refreshments. This will be an Exhibition for father as well as for mother, for youth as well as for children. The heart of the community is the FAMILY.

God bless you all,

A. A. CHAPMAN, Vicar.

Infant's Sunday School. We are now holding our Infant's Sunday School in the Children's Corner of the Church every Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. During the last few weeks we have welcomed the following children: Barbara Woolman,

Valerie Page, Sheila Snowdon, Pat Wells, Barbara Yates, Pat Buckingham, Janet Kimberley, Jean Westcott, Sandra Sidders, Lynda Sidders, Janise Tony, Janet Walkerling, Douglas Sanwin, David Pembroke, Pat Warner, Pamela Killick, Jacqueline Webb, Pamela Gilfry, Barbara Povey, Sylvia Bush, Nena Waterworth, Sheila Waterworth, Michael Semple, Helen Semple, Jose Dadd, Denise Dadd, Edwena Fowler. All children are welcome from 3 to 8 years. E.H.

Mothers' Union. Last Thursday in each month at 3 p.m.

Our Meeting in June was addressed by Mrs. Laycock, Diocesan Overseas Correspondent for the M.U., to which we welcomed members from Christ Church, Erith, and All Saints', Belvedere, as visitors. Attendance by our own members left much to be desired, particularly as we do not often have such an important and well-informed speaker on Overseas work.

It is hoped that all members will turn up to our meeting on the last day of July at the Vicarage, when we are holding a Bring and Buy Sale in aid of Moral Welfare work. Each member is invited to bring a friend, and children are also welcomed.

There will be no meeting in August.

May I take this opportunity of wishing those of our members who will be going on holiday a happy and refreshing time. H.C.C.

Womens' Fellowship.

Wednesday, 2.45.

On Sunday evening, 29th June, we had the joy of seeing nearly 50 of our members together in Church for worship and witness. After the service we had the pleasure of welcoming the husbands and friends of members in the Parish Room.

On Monday, 30th June, we had our Fellowship Outing, the first for some years. After a short prayer for God's blessing, two coaches left St. Paul's Church for Broadstairs, where everyone had a most enjoyable day. We all join in thanking the "Mother" of the party—Mrs. Powell—for so ably organising this trip.

We should like to thank the Vicar and Mrs. Chapman for a very pleasant Garden Meeting at the Vicarage on the 2nd July. The talk by the Senior Student from Ridgeland's Bible Training College, Bexley, was one that we shall not soon forget.

We shall be having a Tea and Social Afternoon on the 30th July, as this will be the last meeting before closing down for the summer holiday. We hope to re-commence on Wednesday, 10th September. E.M.P.

Missionary.

Discoverers of the Way.

Friday, 7 p.m.

The new session of the C.M.S. Discoverers of the Way has been in full swing for about a month. The talks have been varied and we were pleased to see that our old members have kept their interest and the new ones have found an interest in the many spheres of Missionary work. We meet every Friday evening at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall and extend a hearty welcome to all boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 15 years.

D.M.

I.M.

Youth.

Youth Club. Our programme has been varied during recent weeks and has included an outdoor "track," games, and a social. The social, which was held on 30th June, proved a very happy evening for all, and we took part in some new games, as well as usual Musical Parcel. Our thanks are due to Mr. Bennett for acting as M.C. and to Mrs. Price for accompanying on the piano.

I.M.

2nd Erith Scout Group.

Friday, 7 p.m.

We are pleased that our S.M. Mr. Collihole has now received his warrant, and we wish him a long and happy association with the Troop. The presentation was made by the District Commissioner. Many of the Scouts are nearly ready for taking their 2nd Class Badge and three of the boys are waiting to be examined for their Athletes Badge, and one is ready for his Guide Badge. We congratulate D. Riches on gaining his 2nd Class.

A combined parade of Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts was held in the morning of the National Day of Prayer, and we were pleased to see such an excellent attendance. SKIPPER.

Cubs.

Monday, 7 p.m.

Our Sports Afternoon at Dartford was a great success. Congratulations to Robert Carter on gaining a certificate for his grand running. Although Dartford won the competition by a small margin we all enjoyed the keen sport and look forward to reversing the result next year.

We were proud at taking part in the Sunday morning parade held on the National Day of Prayer. This gave us a

chance to remember our Cub Law and Promise—"We gladly promise to serve God and King."

Since we last reported the Guide Proficiency Badge has been awarded to Sixers David McGill and Paul Bennett, and the Gardeners' Proficiency Badge to Sixer Paul Bennett.

Well done, Cubs! Carry on the good work. "AKELA."

1st Erith Guides.

Wednesday, 7 p.m.

The weekly meetings have been well attended during the past month. A cooking hike was held on June 28th at Hall Place. A variety of dishes were successfully cooked and thoroughly enjoyed.

Ten Second-Class Guides have been selected to attend the District Camp at Selling, near Faversham, from 9th to 16th August. Captain is going as Quarter-Master.

An interesting day was spent at Lullingstone Castle on July 12th. The Silkworm Factory proved a great attraction and we hope to pay a further visit after camp.

The Guides wish to offer their congratulations to the Scoutmaster of 2nd Erith on obtaining his Warrant. "CAP."

Church News.

New Church Hall Fund. We held our meeting on July 4th and are now convinced that both the Parish and the Iron Room will have to come down within the next five years. It is definitely decided that the scheme includes the completion of the West end of our Church and the total estimate is £10,000.

Impossible? Not at all. Formidable, yes, but let me show you how easily it could be done if we had the loyal co-operation of all our parishioners. It is roughly estimated that we have 8,000 families on the Heath. If each family (family mind you, not individual) were to contribute only £1 during the next four years we should have nothing to worry about.

Will you think about this please and talk it over with friends and neighbours? Thank you so much. B.J.G.

Holland. On August 31st members of the Church will be going to Holland for a holiday under the auspices of the World Friendship Association and led by the Vicar and Mrs. Chapman. They will be going to Bussum, a village near Amsterdam, and it is planned that some of the members shall give a witness and Christian greeting to Dutch Christian Youth Clubs.

Easter, 1948. A Broads Cruise has been planned for the week following Easter and any who are interested, or wish to know more about this holiday should see the Vicar as soon as possible. A first rate holiday, whatever the weather, is guaranteed.

Erith Council of Churches Home and Family Week, Oct. 6—11. An exhibition has been organised to bring the focus on to the Home and Family. There will be more details next month but everyone is urged to keep the dates free and to create as much interest as possible in this great Christian appeal. You only have to attend the Juvenile Courts to appreciate the necessity of such an Exhibition.

Open-Air Services. Open-Air Meetings have been held in the Lesney Park Estate and have proved popular. We are grateful to Mr. Almrot for the use of his loudspeaker and to the neighbours who have allowed us to "plug in." There seems to be a remarkable spirit of good will in this district and we thank those who have given us such a cheery welcome. Quite a number of children are coming to the Parish Church (St. Paul's) Sunday School in Northumberland Heath and we would urge all parents to consider, as the Holy Spirit guides, their duty in ensuring that their children are taught the great truths about Jesus Christ our Saviour. E.C.

Flower Guild for August.

Aug. 3	Mrs. Baker	Aug. 24	Mrs. Rainger.
10	Mrs. Smith	31	Mrs. Gradden.
17	Capt. Weatherall.	Sept. 7	Mrs. Arundel.

Sidesmen's Rota.

	8 a.m.	11 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
Aug. 3	J. Bayley	H. Holmes	J. Bayley R. Leasor
10	E. Pentreath	L. Clarke	E. Pentreath J. Waddup
17	L. Weeks	C. Clapperton	L. Weeks D. Tutt
24	C. Giles	N. Weeks	C. Giles P. Brown.
31	J. Lee	B. Cotter	J. Lee J. Bayley
Sept. 7	H. Holmes	R. Leasor	H. Holmes E. Pentreath

Collections.

June 22 £3 : 19 : 0	July 6 £9 : 7 : 11
29 £6 : 12 : 5	13 £7 : 15 : 6

Hymns for August. From "Church Hymns."

Aug. 3 9th Sunday after Trinity.

Morning : 546 Soldiers of Christ arise.
565 There is a book, who runs.
4 Forth in Thy Name.

Evening : 389 Crown Him with many crowns.
234 Give me the wings of faith to rise.
57 Frammer of the earth and sky.
18 Hear our Prayer.
V. No. 16

August 10 10th Sunday after Trinity.

Morning : 5 My father for another night.
397 Father of mercies.
328 Saviour sprinkle many nations.

Evening : 470 Lord of the worlds above.
399 Fierce raged the tempest.
58 Source of light and light.
610 Around the throne of God in heaven
V. No. 38. (Tune: Glory).

Aug. 17 11th Sunday after Trinity.

Morning : 487 O God of truth, whose living word.
53 O strength and stay
586 We praise the King.

Evening : 584 We love Thy place O God.
364 As pants the hart for cooling.
372 Captain of Israel's host.
314 Thy life was given for me.
V. No. 18.

Aug. 24 12th Sunday after Trinity.

Morning : 534 Praise to the Holiest.
382 Come, my soul, thy suit prepare.
395 Father of heaven, whose love.

Evening : 281 Blessing honour, thanks and praise.
517 Oh, for a heart (Tune, Martyrdom).
554 The God of Abraham praise.
54 O Christ who art the Light.
V. No. 36.

31st Aug. **13th Sunday after Trinity.**

Morning : 373 Children of the heavenly King.
519 O help us Lord.
543 Shepherd Divine.

Evening : 537 Rejoice, the Lord is King.
518 O for a thousand (Tune, Nativity).
548 Songs of praise (Tune, Monkland).
544 Sing Alleluia forth.
V. No. II.

The Parish Register.

In Welcome.

Baptisms.

June 29th Alan Leslie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes.
Keith William, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brown.
Lynda Christine daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bushell.
Brian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cappleman.
Denise Amy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Colegate.
Eta Georgina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Davis.
Marilyn Jill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duckworth.
Stella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis.
Vivien, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis.
Brenda Janet, daughter of Mrs. Hare.
Geoffrey Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. McGilvray.
John Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles.
Clare Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Naish.
Michael Leslie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Selling.
Corrinne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldrake.
Peter Charles Frederick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stallard.
Helen Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Styles.
Lesley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Skingsley.
Jeanne Margaret daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley.

Last month the name of Mr. and Mrs. Cotter's daughter should have read Lesley Ann.

In Congratulation.

Marriages.

June 28 George William Willson to Dorothy Rose Waghorn.
July 12 Frederick Alfred Drayton to Vera Alice Betts.

In Sympathy.

Burials.

June 13 Thomas James Dyball, 21 Brook Street. aged 84

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