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Missionary Committee and the preacher on this occasion will be the Rev. J. G. Williams, a member of the Editorial Staff of the S.P.C.K., who was for ten years Assistant Religious Director of the B.B.C., where he instituted the "Silver Lining" programme and other developments of religious broadcasting. By coming to this service we shall be supporting the missionary work of the Church and also helping to keep what is one of the greater festivals of the Church.

I hope the Trinity and Dedication Services on June 12th will be well supported. We are again arranging for the special service for the Amicable Society on the following day (Monday, June 13th) when the arrangements will be very much on the lines of previous years.

I am very glad to be able to announce that the Headmaster of the Banbury Grammar School has promised to come as our preacher for that occasion (Mr. Rose is a lay reader, licensed by the Bishop).

Lewis Hopkins died at the Neithrop Hospital in Banbury on April 17th at the age of 72. In spite of his physical disabilities for the past few years he kept going until only a week or two before his death, when he had a seizure and was taken to the Neithrop. On the day of the funeral (April 20th) I was away, and the Vicar of Wroxton officiated in my place.

The provision and arrangement of the altar flowers for June has been undertaken by Mrs. George Gunn for Alkerton and by Mrs. Fred Cooke and Mrs. Frank Coles for Shenington.

A. V. Billen.

#### DEDDINGTON with CLIFTON and HEMPTON.

**BAPTISM.**—1st May, Janet Susanne, daughter of Sidney William George and Elizabeth Fairley Berry.

**BURIAL.**—4th May, Frances Emma Stephens, aged 92 years. In no small measure Mrs. Stephen's length of years was due to the devoted care and attention of her daughter over many years, and the knowledge thereof will, we are sure, be a comfort to her in her bereavement.

**RUMMAGE SALE FOR CASSOCKS.**—This was a greater success than we had dared hope. It produced £26.15.1., and we are very grateful to all who helped by contributions in cash and kind, and by good salesman/woman-ship.

**WHIST DRIVE.**—On 29th April, Hempton had a whist drive for their church expenses, and Mr. Dodd on behalf of the organisers handed over the welcome sum of £5.0.0. The prizes were all given, and thanks are due to the donors and also to those who ran such a successful effort.

**RESTORATION FUND.**—Previously acknowledged £1561.1.6. Mr. A. J. Morris £10.10.0. (Covenant); Mr. C. J. Coggins £5.0.0.; Mr. C. I. F. MacKay £5.0.0. Total £1581.11.6.

The Parochial Church Council has sent round an appeal ("Over to you") and an envelope ("Back to us") to every house in the parish. When the treasurer, Mr. Hopcraft, is out of hospital we will be able to report the result. Mrs. Stanley very kindly undertook the task of distribution, and is contemplating having to do it again before long!

**ASCENSION DAY.**—Before this Magazine is out it is hoped that some members of the congregation and the choir will have attended the special service at Christ Church, Banbury. Unfortunately the latter will not be able to flaunt their new cassocks, as they will not be ready in time!

**ELECTIONS.**—At the Easter Meeting of Parochial Church Electors and Vestrymen, Mr. G. E. Deeley and Mr. J. G. Bletsoe were appointed Churchwardens. At the Annual Meeting of Parochial Church Electors, Mrs. Pearson was elected as a new Representative on the R.D. Conference in place of Mr. Holloway who resigned. Mr. William Ivings was elected on to the P.C.C. in place of Mr. Chadwick, who had left the parish.

**THE RINGERS** have now provided new ropes for the bells and also a double set of 'muffs' at their own expense. They duly rang in celebration of the marriage of Princess Margaret on 6th May.

#### ALL SAINTS—GREAT BOURTON.

**WHITSUNDAY** Services will be at 8.30, 10.45 and 6.30. The Holy Spirit is the undying life of our Church, upon whom we need to depend more for guidance and strength. His festival is a puzzle to the world; and so is our faithfulness to his Church. Let us use Whitsunday well and joyfully.

**ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING.**—The old clergyman for whom I did holiday duty on May Day remarked of his annual meetings, "We don't change in the country". There is some truth in this, but it must not be the whole truth, or we should never improve! I gathered that one of his wardens had just given up being treasurer after forty years, whilst remaining churchwarden. Our own Mr. Amos has now entered into his fourth decade as churchwarden, secretary and treasurer of the P.C.C. We all depend so much on him that we forget the saying about the willing horse. I think he must hold a record for this part of the country, and we are grateful to him—and also to many others.

We had a steady year to look back to, and some big goals to achieve before the centenary of our church in 1963. We welcomed Miss L. Carpenter as a new representative on the R.D.C. and P.C.C.

#### WROXTON with BALSQUOTE.

**SERVICES.**—WROXTON: June 5th, Whitsunday, 7 and 8 H.C. (not 8.30), 6 E.; 12th, 11 and 6; 19th, 8.30 and 6 (see below); 26th, 8.30 and 3; July 3rd, 8.30 and 6. BALSQUOTE: June 5th, 11.15 H.C.; 12th, 3 E.; 19th, 9.30 M.; 26th, 6 E.; July 3rd, 11.15 H.C.

**SPORTSMEN'S SERVICE.**—It is intended to make the Evensong of June 19th, at Wroxton, a service of corporate worship for the members of Sports Clubs in the area; the preacher is to be the Vicar of Horley, who is known as a keen cricketer. The collection will go to the Bishop's Appeal for New Churches.

**MOTHERS' UNION.**—An attendance of eleven members of the Branch went to the Deanery Service at St. Mary's on May 10th, and the next day nearly all the members were present at the monthly meeting, when Mrs. Sanger-Davies spoke on British Guiana. The speaker on June 8th will be Mrs. C. W. Carter, Diocesan Vice-President.

**ALTAR FLOWERS.**—June 5th, Mrs. Crook (Wroxton), Mrs. J. Hedges (Balscote); 12th, Mrs. Sharman, Mrs. Harvey; 19th, Mrs. Wheeldon, Mrs. Stewart Cox; 26th, Mrs. Bull, Mrs. Hillman; July 3rd, Mrs. M. Grant, Mrs. H. Berry.

**FETES.**—As previously announced, the Fete for Wroxton Church will be on Saturday, June 11th. It will be in the field opposite the Village Hall, as the Sports Ground is booked on that day. It will be opened at 3 o'clock by Air-Commodore Cozens.