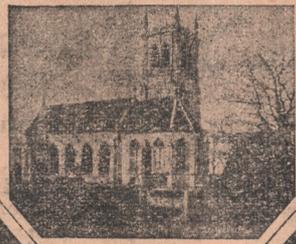


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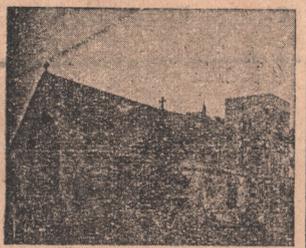
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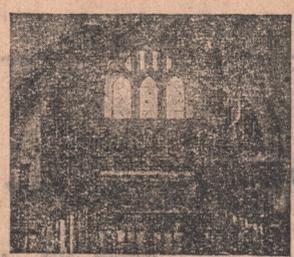
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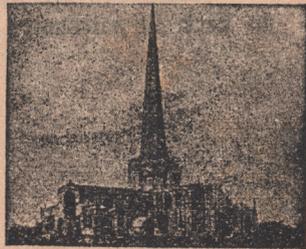
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ESCRICK.

Our best wishes for the New Year go out once again to all our readers. It would indeed be rash to forecast what the coming months may have in store for us. War is always full of surprises. Japan's entry into the struggle has created new difficulties for us in the Far East, and has already involved us in heavy losses, but we now have the full co-operation of the United States with their vast resources of men and material. In Europe Russia is putting up a magnificent resistance to the German forces, which are suffering very heavy losses, and our advance in Libya still continues with increasing success. We hear very little about the struggle in the Atlantic, but we know that our shipping losses have considerably diminished in recent months, and vital supplies still continue to reach our shores every day. These are only a very few of the encouraging signs with which we enter upon a new year. May God give us grace to persevere until final victory has been won.

Christmas Day was unusually bright and sunny, and in spite of war-time restrictions there were many family parties, and much of the old festive spirit was kept up. We could have wished to see more Communicants at both the morning services, though no doubt the absence of some was unavoidable. The King's broadcast in the afternoon seemed to strike just the right note in its splendid tribute to the nation's war effort combined with a sincere belief in the guiding hand of God.

The School Concert which took place on Thursday, December 18th was much appreciated by a large audience, and the children acquitted themselves well. The black-out has made it possible for the school to be used on several occasions in the evenings, both for whist drives and other gatherings which in normal times have usually been held in the Hut.

Two of our oldest parishioners passed away during December; Mrs. Colley just after her 85th birthday and Mrs. Hutchinson at the age of 91, after spending

nearly a year in the care of Nurse Smith at her home in Bishopthorpe. Both were devoted members of the Church, and Mrs. Hutchinson will long be remembered for the help that she was so keen to give while health and strength remained.

The Annual Church Meeting will be held at the Rectory on Friday, January 23rd, at 6.30 p.m.

We regret that the proprietors of "Home Words" have been compelled to issue their publication in a very restricted form owing to the shortage of paper, but this has been unavoidable, and there appears to be no alternative.

Marriage.

Dec. 20. Leonard Rex, Strensall, and Kathleen Margaret Watson, Deighton.

Burials.

Dec. 9. Hannah Colley, aged 85 years.
11. Annie Elizabeth Hutchinson, aged 91 years.

Offeratories.

		£	s.	d.
Nov. 30.	S.P.G.	1	16	2
Dec. 7.	Church Expenses ...	1	3	10
14.	Colonial & Continental Church Society ...	2	18	3
	Church Expenses ...	0	2	8
21.	Church Expenses ...	0	17	9
25.	Choir Fund	3	7	2
		£10	5	10

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My dear People.

For all of you we wish a brighter and better New Year, and the safe return of all those you love who are now, or soon will be, in the Army, Navy or Air Force.

We regret, as you also do, that our Church bells were not allowed to ring for the Christmas festival nor yet to ring the New Year in. A Church magazine says, "If we had Church leaders with any courage in things which matter, the restriction of the Church bells for use only as

war warnings would never have been allowed."

Certainly the people of the Church and in fact the whole country are dead against this silence.

We are told we are fighting against a system which sets out to kill religion and the freedom and justice which alone can rise from its religion and its discipline. For this surely we need a prayerful nation of people ever listening to those calls which draw them to God's House that they may be strengthened to face whatever lies before them. What is the sweetest and most familiar of those calls? The Church bells ever calling, England's bells ever calling her children together—England's bells ever calling God to listen to her children's prayer.

And what do our leaders do? They silence those bells, they prevent them from their heavenly use, England's soul is silenced, her children do not hear the call. Sunday is as other days. How the enemy doth rejoice. See that your leaders right this wrong, let this song of England ring out each Sunday—ring of home, and ring of country—ring of peace that was and yet shall be—ring of a faith that never dies, of a victory none can take away.

I am,

Ever your friend and Vicar,
F. AMCOTTS.

Holy Baptism.

"One Lord, One Faith. One Baptism"

Dec. 7. Alec John, son of John William and Amy Cawkill.

Holy Matrimony.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder"

Dec. 17. John Bamford, bachelor, and Marie Stables, spinster.

NABURN.

My dear People,

The old year passes away with all its hopes and fears, some of which have been fulfilled but most probably have not. We enter upon 1942 with steadfast courage

and strong endurance, certain that whatever may happen we shall have much for which to thank God. May it bring us much happiness and many blessings!

Thursday, Jan. 1st is the Festival of the Circumcision of Our Lord. Tuesday, Jan. 6th is the Festival of the Epiphany. On each of these days the Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9.30 a.m. On the Epiphany our alms will be given as usual to the Oxford Mission to Calcutta.

I should be glad to have as soon as possible the names of any who desire to be confirmed this year, that we may begin the preparation without delay.

You will have seen on the village Notice Board an advertisement for a Church cleaner. We cannot offer high wages. No doubt if more of you came to church regularly and gave more, we could do so. But as it is, the post is a real act of service to God, for which such recompense, as we offer is little more than a token of appreciation. I trust that someone will undertake this very real service for love of God and His Church.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

A. E. LITTLEWOOD.

Baptisms.

Dec. 7. Jennifer Cooke.

14. Keith Bryan Hodgson.

Burial.

Dec. 1. Ann Harrison.

SKIPWITH.

Dear Parishioners,

The commencement of a New Year is always a landmark in our lives. Our thoughts go back along the year that is closed with all its possibilities, blessings received, dangers averted, and we know that a chapter has been closed, what we have written, we have written. We cannot open the record and correct mistakes. The year that has opened, into which we have been privileged to enter, demands from all of us serious thought and consideration. We wonder what it holds in store, how it will affect our lives? It is

well for us that the future is unknown to us and this fact should enable us to face the coming months with faith and courage. The promise to each of us is, "My presence shall go with thee." I can think of no better motto. Amid all the sorrow and tribulation wicked men have brought into the world we can remember "God is greater than man." May this year bring in peace to a troubled world. Wishing you every blessing in the future.

I am,

Your friend and Vicar,

WILLIAM WAINMAN.

The death of Newlove Leaper removed a quiet and unassuming figure from our parish. Content to pass his time attending to his own business, he enjoyed the respect of those who came in contact with him.

In Memoriam.

Nov. 24. Newlove Leaper, aged 71.

The Sale of Work arranged by the Young People's Association was well patronised and repaid the efforts of the promoters. Brisk business was done. The Lantern Lecture given by the Rev. J. H. Shore was greatly appreciated and we were able to follow the grand work done by the workers of the Church Missionary Society.

On December 5th we welcomed the Rev. C. A. Hatete who gave an illustrated lecture on the work done in our large towns by the aid of the Church Pastoral Aid Society. It may be of interest to state that the Society is arranging an exhibition in St. William's College, York on the 26th and 27th January to describe the work the Society is doing.

STILLINGFLEET WITH KELFIELD. School Concert.

This was held on December 19th, in aid of school funds and in spite of unpleasant weather conditions there was a large and appreciative audience. A varied programme consisting of songs, dances,

carols and plays delighted the assembly. The "Stillingfleet Marionettes" caused much fun, and amongst the items which received applause was a play given by the senior scholars consisting of three scenes taken from Dicken's "A Christmas Carol." At the close of the performance every child in the village, 85 in all, was presented with a National Savings Christmas Card, donations towards which were given by Mrs. T. Preston, The Hon. Mrs. Forbes Adam, Mrs. Waterson, Mrs. Best, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. A. Smith and Mrs. Owston.

The Lord Wharton Bible and Prayer Book were presented to Peter Elcock and Charles Brook, both of whom leave the school this term.

Great credit is due to the children who responded so well to all the efforts put forth by Mrs. Owston and her staff and to all who helped to make the evening such a success.

Parish Magazine.

I should like once again to express thanks to Miss Freda Brook for her untiring work in distributing throughout the year in Stillingfleet, and also to Mr. Ridsdale of Kelfield. Freda has 28 copies each month and covers much ground in the work. Will one and all please help her by regular contributions. Some of us pay in advance and this helps considerably.

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The Choir Boys sang a selection of Christmas carols at Evensong on Dec. 21st and they are to be congratulated for the very reverent and beautiful singing. There was a good congregation, but we all wished there had been a much larger one to have joined in the carols which were specially chosen to give the congregation a share.

B. W. CROWE.

THORGANBY.

May I take this opportunity of wishing all readers a happy New Year. This past year, in spite of the war has been one of the happiest in my remembrance. Nine months of it has been spent at Thorganby, and already, although I have been with you such a short time, I really do feel that I have made many delightful friends, and have found my new life very interesting.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for the way you have helped my wife and myself to settle down amongst you, and for your help and co-operation since we have been with you.

I am afraid that this month's Magazine may be rather a disappointment to many, but as with so many things, we are being obliged to cut down paper consumption. I am sure, however, that you will all stand by the Magazine, and I hope that it will not be so very long now before we are able to get back to normal conditions.

The Sunday School Party was a great success and I would like to thank all those who so generously gave the cakes and tarts and so made it possible.

The Carol Party is in session as I write this contribution, and here again I would like to thank all our friends who have given as generously as usual. The collection for the Monday night amounted to £2 16s. 0d.

This year we are to have a Confirmation at our own church. I cannot tell you the exact date yet, as I have not heard from the Bishop. As far as I can see, we shall have about seven candidates, if there are any more who would like to be confirmed, would they let me know some time before the New Year? Wheldrake and Skipwith are joining with us in the service.

R. EVERETT.

WHELDRAKE.

My dear Friends,

It is with deep feelings of thankfulness in our hearts that we enter upon another year, for at the beginning of 1941 we were all conscious of the uncertainty of the future. Through God's mercy we have been spared that which others have suffered.

Maybe we feel like the writer of the 103rd Psalm who expressed his thoughts in the following words, "Praise the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me praise His holy name.....and forget not all His benefits."

In the 116th Psalm, David asks the question, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" His answer is contained in the following verse: "I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord."

May the expression of our gratitude lead us to make a similar decision.

The Men's Fellowship will meet on Tuesdays, the 13th and 27th.

On Monday and Tuesday, the 26th and 27th, there will be an exhibition in York of the work that is being accomplished by the Church Pastoral Aid Society. Full particulars will be announced later.

A Farmhouse Service will be held at the house of Mrs. Hartas on Sunday, the 4th.

On Sunday, the 11th, there will be an Evening Service in the School at 6.0 and this will be continued until it is possible to hold the service in church. I hope this arrangement will make it possible for many to attend who have been hindered by the time of the afternoon service.

With every good wish for the coming year.

Your sincere friend and Rector,
ARNOLD SPEAK.

Baptism.

Dec. 14. Brian Ronald Buckle.

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