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DECEMBER, 1900.  

Dorchester:  
Church Services.

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Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Holy Communion.
Thursdays, Dec. 6, 13, and 20th, at 7 p.m.
Christmas Day, 8-30, 11 a.m., and 6 p.m.

ADVENT: CLOSE OF THE 19TH CENTURY.

We begin the Season of Advent next Sunday and so enter on the last month of the 19th Century. The social changes of this time have been far beyond any other changes the world has experienced, at any rate since the discovery of printing and the revival of learning in the 15th Century,—indeed, those great interests seemed to make little progress for many a long day, checked and hampered as they were by the disorders of the times, until they emerged into the freer atmosphere of the 19th Century. At the close of the 18th Century there occurred the great French Revolution, a recollection which our grandparents, many of them, looked upon with horror as sweeping away all old landmarks, as subversive of all old authorities, as the commencement of a period when anarchy and violence and irreligion would flood all Western Europe. As a matter of fact, to speak of England only, notwithstanding the extraordinary advance of “liberty, fraternity, and equality” which this century has witnessed, our people are, we believe, much more sober and law-abiding than they were a hundred years ago: the freedom enjoyed by the masses of the people has had an educating influence, and the social improvement, with whatever inevitable drawbacks, has been very extraordinary. The century closes with a year of war, leaving behind it great hopes and great anxieties also, both in South Africa and in the Far East, and we need a guidance wiser than our own.

And if a true progress is to be carried forward, there is all the more need of increased religious faith. We have seen how wonderfully the Providence of God has guided us in the past, and if we do not recognize and strive to follow the Divine Hand in the future, we shall be wilfully turning from light to darkness.

And so once more the Advent-call comes—"O House of Israel, come ye and let us walk in the light of the Lord." People are coming now-a-days to have far more intelligent views of religion; they are understanding as they have not done for centuries the bearing of the spiritual on the temporal, the relations of the sacred and the secular: but the one security for hope, whether for our nation or for individuals, is that we determine more earnestly than we have ever done to be obedient to God’s commands, to follow the Master along the path which He points out, to be more and more assured that in Him and His words are to be found the principles of all righteousness and truth.

We hope to have a Service in Church on the three Thursdays in Advent, December 6, 13, and 20th, at seven p.m., with a lecture on our Lord’s great discourse in S. Matt. xxiv. and xxv. On Christmas Day there will be Services at 8-30 and 11 a.m., when we hope as many as possible of our people will endeavour to join in the Eucharistic Service of the Holy Communion, and at 6 p.m., at the Evening Service, we hope to sing some Carols.
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11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Celebration of Holy Communion,
1st Sunday in the Month at Midday.
3rd Sunday at 8 a.m.
Children's Service every Sunday at 3 p.m.

During Advent there will be a Short Service and Address on Thursday Evenings, at 7 o'clock.

On Christmas Day there will be celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and midday, and Evensong at 6 o'clock.

BOYS' ALLOTMENTS.

Considering that this is the first year in which these Allotments have been tried, the result is distinctly satisfactory, both to the boys and their instructor.

Out of 33 places in the county where these allotments have been started, Kingston stands eleventh in order of merit with an average of 117 marks.

Three second class and one third class certificate have been granted. The first prize goes to Robert Wellstead with 138 marks out of 150. Second prize to Gilbert Miller with 134 marks. Third prize to Cecil Ballam with 130 marks.

These three boys have obtained 2nd Class Certificates.
William Berry comes 4th with 127 marks and gains a 3rd Class Certificate.
R. Wellstead gets 3/- from the County Council.
G. Miller, 2/-

Mr. Newman gave each of the three first boys 2/- each, instead of giving one first prize of 5/- as he originally intended to do. The work was so nearly equal in merit that he decided to give the prizes in this way.

Mr. Huntley reports—"The plots in allotment have done well."

Several of the farmers have kindly promised to give loads of manure for the ground, and next year, aided by this and careful work, we hope to gain some 1st Class Certificates.

The following is the list of Plots with Names and Marks given:

Plot 1.—William Berry...127 marks.
" 2.—John Kent...116 "
" 3.—Bertram Miller...105 "
" 4.—Robert Wellstead...138 "
" 5.—Cecil Ballam...130 "
" 6.—Gilbert Miller...134 "
" 7.—Frederick Marsh...108 "

BURIALS.—Nov. 6th, Frederick Legg, aged 21 years.
" 22nd, Jennie Tuckwell Hayter, aged 8 months.