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Dorchester:
**SUNDAY SERVICES.**

11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

*May 1—St. Philip and St. James, 11 a.m.*

*21—Ascension-Day, 11-30 a.m. and 8 p.m.*

Holy Communion:

*May 3—midday.*

*17—8 a.m.*

*31—(Whit-Sunday), 8 a.m. and midday.*

**DEAR FRIENDS,**

April 30, 1903.

I am deeply thankful for well-attended Services during Holy Week and Easter. There was service each evening that week with very nice congregations, especially on the evening of Good-Friday, when the congregation was very numerous; it was however otherwise on the morning of Good-Friday when there were fewer people in Church than last year. Two years ago the weather was too wet for people to come: this year it seems to have been too fine. On Easter-Day there were 20 more communicants than last year—90 in all: a real improvement as there were few strangers. I should have been glad to see others present. We have to thank many friends for the admirable decorations. As usual Mrs. Radclyffe was responsible for the chancel which looked very bright and beautiful with the wealth of spring flowers. But many others gave a willing hand in the making the rest of the Church bright to “Welcome the Happy Morning.” The anthem—“The Lord is my strength” (Smart), was well rendered by the choir at the evening service.

Your faithful friend and Minister,

W. E. H. SOTHEBY.

**Easter Vestry.**

At the Easter Vestry on April 16, Mr. G. Hibbs was re-appointed Vicar’s Warden, and Mr. H. C. Jenkins, re-elected People’s Warden. Both gentlemen have the warm thanks of Vicar and Congregation for their very valuable services in the past. It was resolved that a metal tank be procured for the Church to supply water for cleaning purposes; also that the more costly of the estimates for the Organ be accepted, and that the Churchwardens should collect funds to make up the deficiency.

**Schools.**

The County Council announce their intention to take on the charge of the Schools from June 1st.

**Band of Hope.**

The concluding meeting of the Band of Hope was held on Saturday, April 18, when 53 members were able to be present. The boys played cricket and the girls had games and dancing, which were thoroughly enjoyed for an hour and a half; later all had tea together in the Hall. Mr. Bedford kindly contributed a large box of sweets, which was much appreciated. It was announced that early in August we hope to have a “Children’s Exhibition and Sale” of work and flowers, combined with the Annual Missionary Meeting, particulars of which will be given later on. The meeting concluded with hearty cheers for the Teachers who have helped during the past season, and also for the friends who assisted on the present occasion.

**WOMEN’S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.**

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**Diocesan Synod.**

There was a large attendance of Synodsmen at Salisbury on April 22nd and 23rd. The Vicar, Mr. G. Hibbs, and Mr. T. Stacey attended on behalf of our two parishes.

**Baptism.**—April 12, Daisy Jane, daughter of Philip J. and Elizabeth J. Ames.

**Marriages.**—April 2, Edward George Rendell and Rose Louisa Sansom.

*6, Frederick Richard Grant and Annie Cobb.*

*22, Albert Henry Case and Ella Janett Sheppard.*
CHILDREN’S FLOWER SERVICE.

As usual, a Flower Service was held on Sunday, April 19th (the 1st Sunday after Easter), and a nice lot of flowers were brought. The offertory amounted to 3/8. The flowers were sent to Mrs. Newman’s sister, for distribution in the Gordon Girls’ School, Cambridge Road, Kilburn. She writes——“The flowers arrived safely on Monday and were quite fresh. Thank you so much for them; the children were delighted. We managed to make nearly 300 bunches, so that nearly every girl had some.”

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER DAY.

The Services on both days were well attended, but owing chiefly to illness and absence from home we missed some of our regular communicants on Easter-Day.

The church was prettily decorated, and our thanks are due to all those who helped in the work.

It was a pleasure to welcome several new helpers this Easter.

EASTER VESTRY.

The annual Vestry Meeting was held on the Thursday after Easter, when the Church Accounts were passed and Messrs. T. T. Stacey and G. Kent re-elected churchwardens.

It was decided to give the Christmas Offertories to the Clerk in lieu of an increase in salary.

EVENING CONTINUATION CLASSES.

Mr. Berry is again to be congratulated on having obtained an excellent Report from His Majesty’s Inspector.

EVENING SCHOOL REPORT.

“The Class is small but the attendance has been regular. Gardening has been taught both theoretically and practically. The success of the instruction is evident from the fact that these garden plots were placed first among all similar gardens in the county. Geography has been taught by interesting methods, and Arithmetic is satisfactory.”

COAL CLUB.

The last day for joining the Coal Club will be Tuesday, May 5th.

MOTHERS’ MEETING AND GIRLS’ BIBLE CLASS.

Mrs. Stacey brought her Mothers’ Meetings to a close on Wednesday in Easter-week by giving the members, as usual, an excellent tea; and her Bible Class for Girls was similarly concluded on Thursday in Easter-week. Our best thanks are due to Mrs. Stacey for the great pains and trouble she takes every year to make these meetings and classes the success they undoubtedly are.

BAPTISMS.—Apr. 5th, Percy Walter, son of William & Jane Langdown. " 26th, Ivy Florence, daughter of James and Susan Pitman (Gussage S. Michael.)