SH Wednesday—the first day of Lent—falls on February 23rd and we hope that the Magazine may be issued by then. There is always one question which comes to us each Lent and it is the question which the lawyer put to our Lord—‘What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?’ Our Lord’s reply was also in the form of a question—‘What is written in the law? How readest thou?’ and the answer came ‘Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy strength and with all thy mind, and thy neighbour as thyself.’ Our Lord replies ‘Thou hast answered rightly, this do and thou shalt live.’

At a recent meeting of the House of Laity of the Church Assembly which is the Church’s Parliament—note that it was the House of Laity—further guidance was sought as to what is meant by the Christian’s love for God and a short guide has been compiled by the two Archbishops which we print here. A study gaze of this forms an excellent ground for Lenten thought and resolution.

‘All baptized and confirmed members of the Church must play their full part in its life and witness. To follow the example of Christ in home and daily life and to bear personal witness to Him.

To be regular in private prayers day by day.
To read the Bible carefully.
To come to Church every Sunday.
To receive Holy Communion faithfully and regularly.
To give personal service to Church, neighbours and the community.
To give money for the work of the Parish and diocese and for the work of the Church at home and overseas.
To uphold the standard of marriage entrusted by Christ to His Church.

The simple rules enumerated above can be of the greatest value for special consideration during Lent.

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We are very glad to be able to say that on Thursday evenings during Lent the Rev. A. J. G. Chard, Rector of Holy Trinity, Dorchester, will give a course of addresses on the very interesting and important subject of ‘Morals without religion—the Christian answer.’

For years past our weekday Lenten services have been greatly appreciated and we feel quite certain that the addresses given by the Rector will be most helpful. They will be each Thursday at 7 o’clock, commencing on March 3rd.
On Ash Wednesday there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at the Parish Church at 9.30 a.m. and an evening service at 7 p.m.

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We suggest the following books as helpful reading during Lent—
both written by the Archbishop of York and published by Hodder & Stoughton.

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We wish to commend the book table at S. Nicholas which is kindly supervised by Brigadier Lipscomb. Members of the congregation are invited to take away and to read the literature to be found there.

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Commencing on the 1st Sunday in March the 8 a.m. celebration of Holy Communion at the Parish Church will be restored and at S. Nicholas there will be celebrations on the 2nd Sunday in each month at 9.30 and Evensong every Sunday at 3.15. All other services at both churches will be as in the past.

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We have to thank all those who so kindly contributed to the Party which was held last month at Winterbourne Kingston and which was organised by Mrs. and Miss Sheppard and much enjoyed by the children of S. Nicholas Sunday School and members of the Mothers’ Union. Among those who contributed was Sister Ridd who is remembered with affection for all that she did in connection with S. Nicholas Church in past years. The Sunday School attendance continues to be excellent under the supervision of Mrs. and Miss Sheppard who have carried out this important work for so many years.