



ASH WEDNESDAY, the first day of Lent, is on March 6th, and details of Services on that day will be found below. For many years it has been our custom to have a service each Thursday evening at the Parish Church and these have usually been very well attended. Let us keep up this record and keep Thursday evenings free from outside attractions and our radios and television sets be quiet for a period during these evenings. In passing may we also urge that those indoor attractions do not be allowed to interfere with Church attendance on Sunday evenings. The fact that they do so is rather apparent.

Let us get rid of the idea that Lent is meant to be a time of dreary thoughts. If it is a time used for strengthening our spiritual life and to 'conquer every adverse power' it should be, admittedly, a time for serious thought and effort, but the feeling that conquest is won should make it a time of real satisfaction and growth in happiness. So please let part of the effort be a better attendance at worship together on our 'Thursday evenings in Lent' and, of course, also, on Sundays.

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THE following appeared in the Diocesan Gazette from the Bishop: 'Lent Weddings should be discouraged, bearing in mind the purpose of Lent. If for some good reason they must take place during that season they should be quiet without flowers or bells.'

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SINCE the last issue of the Magazine we have to report with great regret the death of Mr. Steel, who had completed his official report on the fabric of S. Nicholas Church. This must cause some further delay in starting the restoration work, but we have every hope that the delay may not be for very long.

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S. NICHOLAS Party, which was held last month, was in every way a success. Children of the Sunday School, members of the Mothers' Union, together with others who claim loyalty to S. Nicholas enjoyed a very happy evening. Rewards were given to the children for good attendance at Sunday School and the Vicar took the opportunity of expressing very great appreciation of 40 years' service by Mrs. Sheppard as organist at S. Nicholas. This is a wonderful record of which Mrs. Sheppard should be justly proud as, indeed, we are grateful. We hope that Mrs. Sheppard will have some small tangible evidence of our appreciation very soon.

ANOTHER record of which Winterbourne Kingston should be proud is the fact that in a few weeks' time Mrs. Wellstead will celebrate her 106th birthday and be, we think, the oldest lady in the country.

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Ash Wednesday. Parish Church: Holy Communion 9 a.m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.

S. Nicholas: Evening Service 6 p.m.

Thursday Evenings in Lent. Evening Service 7 p.m.
All *Sunday* Services at the usual times.