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OME events in life are so far reaching that they become almost bewildering and their effect has been so different from what we expected. This is true when we contemplate the events of Good Friday and Easter. The despairing gloom which overcame those early Christians who had put all their hope and trust on Jesus—some who had left all and followed Him, but the events of Good Friday had shattered everything—‘Jesus Our Lord is crucified’. Easter, however, brought light and hope to the world such as can never be extinguished.

There is a favourite hymn which contains the words ‘When I survey the wondrous Cross, on which the Prince of Glory died’, but the words as originally written by Isaac Watt were as follows: ‘When I survey the wondrous Cross on which the *young* Prince of Glory died’. The first Easter Day brought to the world the Gospel which was and still is young and new and fresh, full of vitality and energy. It came to a tired, stale and jaded world which had exhausted all experiences and sunk into indifference and hopelessness. The old religions and philosophies had nothing to offer except advice how to make the best of a bad job. Do we ever ask what the history of the world would have been if this young and vital religion of Christianity had not arrived to give a fresh spiritual impulse to human life and provide men with new hope and a new purpose for living? The evidence for the Resurrection on the first Easter Day is not so much what we read in the Gospel as what we find in the rest of the New Testament—the new life of the disciples, a new indifference to physical death, a new relation to God. The New Testament shows us a young community of people full of new hope and courage with a purpose for life. There is a sound of singing throughout its pages and the song, a new song, ‘Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory.’

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THE services on Good Friday and Easter Day are:—

Good Friday—11 a.m. at the Parish Church, One Hour of Devotion. Evening Service 7 p.m.

At S. Nicholas, Evening Service 6 p.m.

Easter Day:—

Holy Communion, Parish Church, 8 a.m.

Holy Communion, S. Nicholas, 9.30 a.m.

Mattins and Holy Communion, Parish Church, 11 a.m.

Children’s Service, 2.30 p.m.

Evensong, S. Nicholas, 3.15 p.m.

Evensong, Parish Church, 6 p.m.

We should be very grateful for flowers to be brought as early as possible on the Saturday morning.

IT was good to see so many at the Mothering Sunday service at S. Nicholas and the same may be said of the Lenten Services at the Parish Church.

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THE Annual Church Meeting at S. Nicholas will be held in the church on Monday, April 25th, at 7 p.m.

The Vicarage Garden Party is to be on June 2nd. Will all who are willing to help please come to a meeting at the Vicarage on Wednesday, April 27th, at 7 p.m.

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### Register

Holy Matrimony.

March 26th. John Lionel Edwards and Pamela Rose Mileham

Burial.

March 15th. Gertrude Mildred Brown, aged 75.

March 20th. Albert Jeffery Tom Cheeseman, aged 64.

March 22nd. Francis Charles Smith, aged 90.