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Church Services.

Holy Communion.—Each Sunday at 8 a.m., also at 12.15 p.m., on 1st Sundays, and on Saints' Days and Thursdays at 8 a.m.

Mattins.—11 a.m.

Evening.—6.30 p.m. (6 p.m. October to March).

Rector: Rev E. E. SKUSE.

Churchwardens.—MR. C. E. HODGKIN, MR. H. A. TIDBURY.

APRIL, 1935.

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER.

The services on Good Friday (April 19) will be as follows :

8 a.m. Holy Communion.

11 a.m. Morning Prayer.

7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (Schoolroom)

On the previous Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Maundy Thursday, that is, the several days in Holy Week, there will be a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

On Easter Day (April 21) the Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7 a.m., as well as at 8 a.m. and 12.15 p.m. Evening Prayer will begin at 6.30 p.m., and will continue so to commence until further notice.

On Palm Sunday, after the Morning and Evening Services, an opportunity will be as usual given for contributions towards the purchase of flowers for the Festival.

THE CONFIRMATION.

Ash Wednesday, sadly overlooked in these pleasure loving days, will at least be remembered this year in Purley. And to ten of our number there will always be happy memories of the sixth of March, 1935. At 7 p.m. on that day the Bishop of Yukon came, with our Bishop's kind permission, to hold a Confirmation in the Church, and we who were witnesses, as the Prayer Book says, of the rite carried away certain impressions that we might set them down here. First, the choir were unusually helpful in their rendering of such music as is prescribed in the diocesan form of service. Secondly, a nice congregation, braving the popular notion that religious observances belong only to Sunday, entered reverently into the holy occasion, and thus strengthened the view which we have long held that Confirmations are seasons of grace and blessing in a parish, affecting us all, and not only the candidates who are presented. Thirdly, the confirmees helped each other—such is the advantage of being one of few—and together shared an experience of a day of decision in their individual lives which they cannot soon forget. Some of them said afterwards that the laying on of the Bishop's hands was, to their mind, the climax of the service, but all agreed that the simplicity of his address remained deepest in their remembrance. The Bishop himself, finally, took away recollections which will often occur to him, we are sure, when he returns to his diocese. Cathedrals, great parish churches, including the Parish Church of the Empire, Westminster Abbey, have heard his voice within their walls these last few months. Actually the closing engagement of his recent stay in this country was his visit to Purley, and, as he said, the beauty of our little Church touched him, and, we believe, rested him amid his incessant round of duty. We must add one word more, and that is of gratitude to Miss Palgrave, who, compelled to our regret to be absent herself, made arrangements for the service as only she can, so that all was ordered and provided outwardly in the House of God to encourage and preserve the spirit of true and uplifting devotion.

THE EASTER COMMUNION.

To some of us this year Easter will arrive with special meaning. We shall understand more than at any previous Easter the significance of the Resurrection. Let us, therefore, come and not only seal our belief in that great master truth, the key as it were, to all revealed truth, but also record our gratitude afresh to Him who is the First-fruits from the dead, and the Pledge of our resurrection. Then, others of us have felt, as frequently is the case, the strain of the past winter, and illness has tried them and still leaves them weak and in need of fresh stores of health. To such Easter has also a message, which they thankfully accept as from the hand of our Risen Lord Himself in drawing near to receive

BILL AND JIM—A STORY OF TEMPTATION.

Jim and Bill were friends at school, and were very fond of each other. When the two boys left school, they still kept up their friendship. One day, sad to relate, Bill met a boy a little older than himself, who asked Bill to go to the greyhound races. Bill went and wasted his small earnings on his new friend's companions and also on greyhound racing. Jim, however, was made of different stuff, and kept a straight way by himself. One day Bill met him in the street, and asked him to go to the races with him, but Jim refused. A little later Bill offered him a cigarette. Jim also refused this. It was evident that Bill had met bad companions and that he himself was a bad boy. One day Bill and Jim had to sit for a Civil Service Examination. Jim was the boy who passed with honours whilst Bill was at the bottom of the list. It was because Bill had been loafing about the street corners, and spending his money on racing and gambling instead of studying by night at home—as Jim did. So it came about that Jim rose to earn a big salary, whilst Bill remained a bricklayer. Therefore you see it does not do to mix with misguiding friends.

J. C. (aged 14 years).

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Our gratitude should have been expressed earlier, but is none the less sincere though only now recorded to Mr. Anderson for a welcome piece of carpet for the centre aisle of the Church. We thank also Mr. Hodgkin and Miss M. Lister for donations towards the funds of the Diocese of Yukon, and subscriptions to the magazine are gratefully acknowledged from the following: Mr. Rain, Mr. Coles, Mrs. Wakeford, Mrs. Plunkett, Mrs. Warburton, Mrs. Neale, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Gulliver, Miss M. Mole, Mrs. Young, and—the name has familiar bonds with the past—Mr. F. R. Matthews.

PARISH REGISTER.

BURIAL.

Mar. 7. Charles Henry Bull, aged 52 years.