Church of the Ascension

Services

Holy Communion
Every Sunday..............7.30 and 11.00 A.M.
Holy Days................7.30 and 10.30 A.M.
Morning Prayer
Sundays..................10.30 A.M.
Daily.......................10.00 A.M.

Evensong
Sundays (Choral).........4.00 P.M.
Daily........................5.00 P.M.
Instructions in Bible and Prayer
Book, in the Church, by the Rector, Sundays.............3.00 P.M.
Sunday School and Bible Class..3.00 P.M.

All the Seats are Free at all Services. God's House is open to all its Children. The Church is always open for private prayer, and the Clergy can be seen after any service or by appointment.
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APPORTIONMENTS.
A new way of obtaining money for Diocesan and benevolent purposes has lately come into use. Formerly,—with the exception of the Episcopal and Convention Fund which has always been fixed on the Parishes as a distinct tax—contributions for benevolent and missionary purposes were always left to be obtained by voluntary contributions. An offering was taken, or envelopes issued, for a specific purpose and whatever was received in that way was forwarded to the Treasurer of the particular fund. Now the amount desired by the several Missionary and Charitable agencies is “apportioned” on the several Dioceses and by them on the various parishes. Thus each parish is told how much it is expected to contribute to a particular cause.

But how are the parishes to obtain the amounts they are asked to give? To carry the system out we suppose the consistent way would be to “apportion” on the several members of each parish the amount they should individually give to make up the total required. But that would be exceedingly difficult, for it would involve knowing just what is each individual’s ability to give. And that is impossible.

The only suggestion we can make towards solving the difficulty is to ask each person in the parish, contributing through the envelopes, to give just as much for Benevolent purposes as he or she does for parochial support. Some of our members do this already. Many others give a much smaller sum in the benevolent side of the envelope than they do for Church support, and some do not give anything for outside purposes.

If all gave an equal amount through both sides of their envelopes a much larger sum would be received.

The amounts “apportioned” on this parish this year come to $1,243.98. To which must be added $150 a year,
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KALENDAR.

4. Septuagesima.
11. Sexagesima.
18. Quinquagesima.
24. S. Matthias.
25. First Sunday in Lent.
28. Ember day.

All days in Lent are Fasts.

* RECORD FOR JANUARY.

Baptisms, Alberta Helen Prarie.
Communicants Received.
From the Chapel of the Prince of Peace, Walter DeHaven Ulrich.
From S. Martin’s-in-the-fields, Mrs. Elizabeth Haxall Combs.
Dr. William C. Lloyd.
Adeline Lucy Andern.
Mrs. Margaret Hill Hunter.
Communions of the Sick.
Burials, William C. Lloyd.
Adeline Lucy Ander.

* OFFERINGS.

For current expenses $28.80
" the poor 10.65
" General Missions 24.88
" Mothers’ Meeting 5.00
" Parochial Activities 2.55
" Of the Sunday School 3.94

Total $381.58

should the Vestry assume the payment of its assessment to the Pension Fund of the Clergy, and $200 for the Episcopal and Convention Fund, making a total of some $1,700 for purposes outside of the parish.

If these sums are not contributed it puts the parish in the light of not discharging its obligations to the Diocese and the General Church. But how are they to be paid, unless they are specifically contributed? Will not each one in the parish do at least this, give as much through the benevolent side of their envelopes as they do through the side for the support of the parish?

THE REV. HENRY PAGE DYER.

The many friends of the Rev. Mr. Dyer, late Curate of this parish, were terribly shocked on learning of his death, after only a week’s illness, in New York on January 13th.

Mr. Dyer was Curate here from 1902 until 1914. He was a man in his profession and untried in his devotion to those aspects of it which especially appealed to him. He instituted the daily Eucharist in 1906 and continued it until he left the parish, talking about him a devoted small following who never failed to attend it with him at 7 A.M. each day, winter and summer.

He was very fond of teaching, giving innumerable instructions to the children of the Sunday School and Guilds, and in preparing candidates for Confirmation. As a preacher he was very original and delighted in selecting striking topics which would attract attention.

He conducted for several summers a series of really remarkable services on Sunday nights, followed by after meetings in the Parish Building for discussion, often protracted to eleven o’clock.

He was an author of considerable ability, publishing series of tracts and leaflets on ecclesiastical subjects which have had a wide circulation, running up even to hundreds of thousands. He published a book on the Sacraments and an Altar Manual, both profusely illustrated.

He was particularly fond of little girls, and was the founder of, and devoted a great deal of time to, our St. Agnes’ Guild for such, taking its members constantly to entertainments and joining in their play.

He had a special faculty for drawing persons to the use of private Confession, and has been beloved as eighty here in one day.

We are sure of his indulgent and devoted labors have had, and we trust will continue to have, great effect on many souls which have come under his influence here and elsewhere.

In the last two years he has been a Curate in one of the Chapels of Trinity Church, New York, where he had many more persons, both children and adults, to deal with than he had here. And we do not doubt but that his zeal and assiduity in carrying out his ideals tended to shorten his life.

It seems strange that such a useful life should be so suddenly cut off, but we are no judges in such matters. We can only thank God for his life and labors and pray that he may find rest and refreshment in the spirit world into which he has passed.

MISS ADELINE L. AUGUST.

We have also to lament the sudden death from the same cause of Miss August, one of our Sunday School teachers. She formerly attended the Church of the Epiphany, Pelham, where the Rev. Mr. Morris was Rector. When he became Curate of this parish she was transferred here, and although living at a great distance from the Church, she has been very regular in her attendance and in teaching in the Sunday School.

She also assisted in the Mothers’ Meeting and did some visiting.

Her being taken away is a distinct loss to the Parish.

MR. WILLIAM C. LLOYD.

A member of this Parish for twenty-six years, for eleven of which he was a Vestryman, and for six years the Accounting Warden, passed away on Jan. 19th in his eighty-fourth year. Brought up under Quaker influences, he early in life embraced the Church and was unfeignedly devoted to it. He attended its services with the utmost regularity, took the greatest interest in its welfare and tried to be of use to it in every way he could. For some years he taught a Male Bible Class in the Parish, and continued his duties of Vestryman and Accounting Warden as long as his health permitted him to do so.

For some years he has been barely able to leave the house and so could not attend the Church, but the Rector visited him regularly and gave him the Holy Communion before his death. He was buried from the Church.

May these devoted servants of the Church now rest in peace.

PARISH NOTES.

Confirmation. As announced, the Bishop of the Diocese has appointed the evening of Wednesday, March 14th, for the administration of Confirmation in this parish.

Instructions preparatory will be given by the Rector each Sunday afternoon in the Church at 3 P.M., beginning with Feb. 4th. This will take the place of the Instructions he has been giving on the Bible and Prayer Book.

He hopes that those who have been attending these Instructions will continue to do so. Though they have been Confirmed they will find it profitable to make this review of what is involved in Confirmation and Communion. The Instructions on the Bible and Prayer Book will be resumed after the Confirmation has taken place.
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The Missionary service for the Girls' Friendly Society of the Diocese will be held on Sunday evening, Feb. 5th, at 8:00 P.M. It will consist of Prayers, the singing of Hymns and two or more Missionary addresses.

The Society of S. Charles, King and Martyr, had a special Celebration of the Holy Communion in this Church on January 30th. The Collect, Epistle and Gospel appointed in the English Prayer Book for the service for that day were used.

This Society thus commemorates that day each year by such a service in different churches. Last year it was held in S. Peter's Church.

Missionary Sunday, Feb. 18th, Quinquagesima Sunday, will be observed as Missionary Sunday in the Sunday School. The Missionary will be on Mission. Missionary hymns will be sung and the Lenten Mite boxes for Missionary collections will be given out. Each child who can read will also be given a copy of the Children's Number of the Spirit of Missions.

The Benevolent Offerings for this quarter are for Diocesan Missions, for which this parish is asked to give $271.32 in all. That includes the support of Missions in the Diocese, the Substitution fund for poor Parishes, the Galilee and Seamen's Missions, the State College Chaplaincy, Mount Alto Home, Religious education and Social service.

The Men's Club Night this month was an unusually successful one. Some fifty men were present. A very forceful address on the evils of the Saloon was given by Dr. Homer W. Tope, Superintendent of the Anti Saloon League, and a great deal of good music was given by our Choirmaster, Mr. Ulrich, and by the Mandolin Glee Club.

A special meeting of the Vestry was held the same evening to consider the duty of the Parish in regard to the Clergy Pension Fund, but it decided not to take any action in the matter at present, as it would add an additional sum to our annual expenses, which we find difficult to meet as it is.

Collections for the Pension Fund for the clergy will be taken up in all our Churches on Quinquagesima Sunday, Feb. 18th. Special envelopes for the purpose will be provided a few days before. The $4,000,000 already raised has been mostly in large subscriptions. The object of this collection is to enable every one to have a share in providing the remaining $1,000,000 needed.

Minstrel show on Monday evening, Feb. 12th, in the Parish building at 8:15 P.M. Do not forget it. Tickets 30 cents. Dancing.

Batterson legacy. The Church has received the legacy of $1,000 left by the late Mrs. Batterson for the Poor of the Parish. The Vestry have resolved to put this in the hands of the Pennsylvania Company for insurance to serve as a beginning for a permanent benevolent fund for the Parish.

Boy Scouts. Everything else has been cast aside in our endeavor to make our Minstrel Show on Feb. 12th a real success. We feel that the best stroke toward that end was accomplished when Mr. Chester Myers was obtained for Interlocutor.

Scouts J. Barlow, M. Bierberback and E. Ramonette have successfully passed their second class exams, and will become second class at our next meeting. Watson Mull distinguished himself and the troop when he was chosen Captain of the Safety First Squad in his school.

Our activities during February will include hikes, good turns, tests, survey work, basketball and gymnasium, preparatory to the "Spring Sports."

The Pilgrimage of Prayer.

February 4th to 11th.

The Bishop of the Diocese has issued a letter to the Clergy and Laity calling upon them to take part in the Pilgrimage of Prayer which has been planned to last throughout the country for a year from the beginning of the Advent season. It is to be observed here during the first week of this month.

In this Parish the Rector will preach on the subject in the morning, and the members of the Woman's Auxiliary—under whose auspices the Pilgrimage has been planned—are asked to make a Corporate Communion on that day, and special intercessions will be offered at each service during the week. Our people are also asked to remember the objects of the intercessions in their private devotions.

A Program of Diocesan Meetings has been arranged, as noted below, but it is earnestly hoped that the accent may fall on the parish, and from the parish on each individual man, woman and child, that our whole body of Communicants be 60,000 pilgrims to the place of Prayer.

Program of Diocesan Services.

February 5th to 10th

Monday, 12:30 P.M., at St. Stephen's Church, under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary. Leader, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Philip M. Rhinelander.

Tuesday, 12:00 M., at St. James' Church, under the auspices of the Daughters of the King.

Wednesday, 12:00 M., at the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, under the auspices of the Junior Auxiliary. Leader, Miss Emily Warren, New York.

Thursday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Quiet Day under the auspices of the Girls' Friendly Society. Conductor, Rev. George L. Richardson.

Friday, 12:00 M., at St. Peter's Church, under the auspices of the Diocesan Altar Guild.

Friday, 8:00 P.M., at Holy Trinity Church, under the auspices of the Sunday-school Teachers. Leader, Dr. William Jeffery.

Saturday, 12:00 M., at St. Mark's Church, under the auspices of the Diocesan Educational Department. Leader, Rev. Elliot White.

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The following were received since the last issue.

Miss Lavinia Smith
Mrs. Gipson
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Miss Barrington
Miss Pomeroy
Miss Ashbridge
Miss Harriet Robb
Miss Leaming
Mrs. Borie (2)
Miss McKnight
Mrs. Read
Miss Whitehouse
Mrs. Bonsack (2)