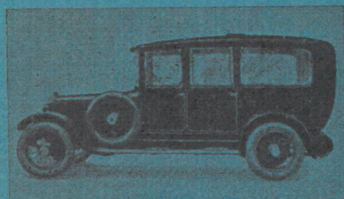


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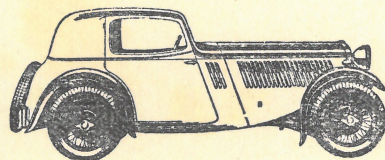
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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

It is difficult enough at times to write even a letter which will be very soon deposited in the waste-paper basket, so you can imagine how hard it is to write a letter which may possibly be read on any one of the 366 days of 1936. We want, therefore, something in the letter that will fit any or all of those many days, and they do seem so many as we look forward to them. Well, what can we find? In the Old Testament (Deut. 33, 25) there is the promise given by Moses to the Tribe of Asher, "as thy days, so shall thy strength be." And in the New Testament there is the still more definite promise with regard to our days (St. Matthew, 28, 20) R.V. margin, "I am with you all the days." With promises like these we can face "all the days" of any New Year without fear, because if He is with us we shall be able to overcome the evil. We shall be like true Christian Soldiers whom St. Paul describes, soldiers who have taken the whole armour of God, that they may be able to withstand in the evil day and "having done all to stand." So, at the end of this year to which we are now just looking forward may we all be found standing.

With all good wishes for the year 1936.

Your sincere friend and Rector,

G. HENRY LAWRENCE.





## To our Friends and Neighbours.

It may be that this Diary may fall into the hands of some not already connected with our Church. It may be that they have only recently come into our neighbourhood. Well, we want to be neighbours, and take this opportunity of assuring all such—if they are not already linked up with some other Church—of a sincerely hearty welcome to our services.

A great man of letters, when asked why he went to Church, said it was because he had in his soul a little plant called Reverence, and he went to Church to get it watered. We believe that worship is to the soul as food is to the body—a necessity of life. In the hour of worship we enter into right relations with the Eternal and the Infinite. We become conscious of our heritage as sons of the Highest.

In the Church we come into touch with an institution which has done more than any other for the uplift of the race. Throughout the ages the well-being of the Church has meant the well-being of the world.

In the activities of the Church we find opportunities for that service of our fellow-men which is “the rent we pay for our room on earth.”

In the Church is the Divinely-appointed means of bringing about on earth the Kingdom of Heaven, that brotherhood of Humanity which is the ultimate goal of God. Christ loved the Church. For the Church He died. Through the Church He works. In the Church we learn to be fellow-workers with Him for the world He seeks to save.

## ABOUT CHURCHMANSHIP.

It is no small honour, it is indeed the greatest of all honours to be a member of the Holy Catholic Church. We were made members of it when we were baptized. To belong to a society world wide in its reach, a society from which even death does not cut us off, that is something to be proud of—And such a society the Church is,—and only the Church. But there is more in it than that. If one who knows you well entrusts you to a difficult and very important bit of work, you may perhaps, shrink from the responsibility of the job. But you are on your mettle. All there is in you of good rises to the opportunity—You were thought worthy of trust—Very well, you won't fail, or if you do it shan't be your fault. That is just what is true of Church folk—God has given them the biggest job in the world, the most splendid, and the most difficult. All of us have a share in it, not only important people but the humblest as well. Indeed, in some ways the share of the humblest is the most important. For there are more ordinary Church-folk than extraordinary. That work is just this—by every means in our power to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ, to bring all men to acknowledge Him as Lord. That is what St. Paul meant when he called the Church “the body of Christ.” He meant that the Church is the means by which Christ wills to do His work in the world, the means by which His Spirit comes into contact with men. It is no accident that in our creed we say, “I believe in the Holy Ghost,” and them, immediately, “the Holy Catholic Church.”

It is probably not an exaggeration to say that many Church members think that the Church exists just to minister to their spiritual needs or even as an agency for administering relief in various forms. Almost certainly a good many think of the Church as “a useful sort of organisation by which they can benefit if they desire to do so.” So what they ask about the Church is, “What can it do for me?” I do not know what St. Paul would say about this. Certainly, it would be something pretty strong.

Let us get back to the truth. Church membership is not something to apologise for. It is something to be proud of and to take very seriously.

Of course, the Church has failed to rise to the height of its calling; which means, among other things, that you and I have failed. But I am tired of the air of “defeatism” that seems to have gripped the Church. Christ has not failed and He is able to do great things through us if we will let Him. In our day and generation He needs us.

So let us be proud of our calling as members of the Church.



## Calendar, 1936.

JAN.	1.	Wed.	Circumcision of Our Lord.
	5.	2nd S. after Christmas.	
	6.	Mon.	Epiphany.
	12.	1st S. after Epiphany.	
	19.	2nd S. after Epiphany.	
	25.	Conversion of S. Paul.	
	26.	3rd. S. after Epiphany.	
FEB.	2.	4th S. after Epiphany.	
	9.	Septuagesima.	
	16.	Sexagesima.	
	23.	Quinquagesima.	
	24.	Mon. St. Matthias.	
	26.	Ash Wednesday.	
MAR.	1.	1st S. in Lent.	
	8.	2nd S. in Lent.	
	15.	3rd S. in Lent.	
	22.	4th S. in Lent.	
	25.	Wed. Annunciation of Virgin Mary	
	29.	5th S. in Lent.	
APRIL	5.	PALM SUNDAY.	
	10.	GOOD FRIDAY.	
	12.	EASTER DAY.	
	19.	Low Sunday.	
	25.	Sat. S. Mark, E.M.	
	26.	2nd S. after Easter	
MAY	1.	F. S.S. Philip and James, A.A. & M.M.	
	3.	3rd S. after Easter.	
	10.	4th S. after Easter.	
	17.	ROGATION SUNDAY.	
	18.	Mon. Rogation Day.	
	19.	Tu. Rogation Day.	
	20.	Wed. Rogation Day.	
	21.	Th. ASCENSION DAY.	
	24.	S. after Ascension Day.	
	31.	WHITSUNDAY.	
JUNE	7.	TRINITY SUNDAY.	
	11.	Th. S. Barnabas, A.M.	
	14.	1st S. after Trinity.	
	21.	2nd S. after Trinity.	
	24.	Th. Nativity of S. John Baptist.	
	28.	3rd S. after Trinity.	
	29.	Mon. S. Peter, A.M.	
JULY	5.	4th S. after Trinity.	
	12.	5th S. after Trinity.	
	19.	6th S. after Trinity.	
	25.	Sat. S. James, A.M.	
	26.	7th S. after Trinity.	
AUG.	2.	8th S. after Trinity.	
	6.	Transfiguration of Our Lord.	
	9.	9th S. after Trinity.	
	16.	10th S. after Trinity.	
	23.	11th S. after Trinity.	
	24.	Fri. S. Bartholomew, A.M.	
	30.	12th S. after Trinity.	
SEPT.	6.	13th S. after Trinity.	
	13.	14th S. after Trinity.	
	20.	15th S. after Trinity.	
	21.	Mon. S. Matthew, A.E.M.	
	27.	16th S. after Trinity.	
	29.	S. Michael and All Angels.	
OCT.	4.	17th S. after Trinity.	
	11.	18th S. after Trinity.	
	18.	19th S. after Trinity. S. Luke, E.	
	25.	20th S. after Trinity.	
	28.	Wed. SS. Simon and Jude.	
NOV.	1.	21st. S. after Trinity. All Saints.	
	8.	22nd. S. after Trinity.	
	15.	23rd. S. after Trinity.	
	22.	24th. S. after Trinity.	
	29.	1st S. in Advent.	
	30.	Mon. S. Andrew, A.M.	
DEC.	6.	2nd S. in Advent.	
	13.	3rd S. in Advent.	
	20.	4th S. in Advent.	
	21.	Mon. S. Thomas, A.M.	
	25.	CHRISTMAS DAY.	
	26.	Sat. S. Stephen, D.M.	
	27.	S. after Christmas. S. John, A.E.	
	31.	Thur. New Year's Eve.	

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