

THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, COLLIER ROW

Priest—The Rev. J. H. PEMBERTON.

Churchwardens—Mr. Robert Wheele and Mr. Thomas Hawkes.

HOURS OF SERVICE.

Holy Eucharist—Every Sunday: Plain, 8; Sung, 11.
Fridays and Holy Days, 7.30. From All Saints' to Easter, 8.

Morning Prayer—Sundays, 10.

Evening Prayer—Sundays, 6.30.

Baptisms—Any Sunday or Holy Day by arrangement. If possible, Godparents should be communicants.

Churchings—Before any Service. Due notice must be given. The proper time is before Holy Communion (see notice in the Prayer Book at end of "Churching of Women.")

Day School—The Hainault Forest School. Head Master, Mr. A. Drury.

Sunday School—Held at the Mission Room, 2.30 p.m.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH, 1922.

1	W	Ash Wednesday.—First Day of Lent. Holy Communion, 8. Communion Service, 4.
2	Th	Working Party, 2.30.
3	F	Lent Service, 7.30 p.m.
4	S	
5	S	First Sunday in Lent. Confirmation, St. Chad's, Chadwell Heath, 3 p.m.
6	M	
7	Tu	
8	W	
9	Th	Working Party, 2.30. Litany and Meditation, 4 p.m.
10	F	Holy Eucharist, 8. Lent Service, 7.30 p.m.
11	S	
12	S	Second Sunday in Lent.
13	M	
14	Tu	
15	W	Missionary Meeting, Mission Room, 7.30 p.m.
16	Th	Working Party, 2.30. Litany and Meditation, 4 p.m.
17	F	Holy Eucharist, 8. Lent Service, 7.30 p.m.
18	S	
19	S	Third Sunday in Lent.
20	M	
21	Tu	
22	W	
23	Th	Working Party, 2.30. Litany and Meditation, 4 p.m.
24	F	Eve of Annunciation. Evening Prayer, 7.30.
25	S	Annunciation of St. Mary, the Virgin. Holy Eucharist, 8.
26	S	Fourth Sunday in Lent.
27	M	
28	Tu	
29	W	
30	Th	Working Party, 2.30. Litany and Meditation, 4 p.m.
31	F	Holy Eucharist, 8. Lent Service, 7.30 p.m.

RECORD FOR JANUARY, 1922.

Collections.—Church Expenses, £1 10s. 9½d.

Baptisms.—Jan. 15th.—Jack Frederick, son of Edward and Clara Jane Howe.
Jan. 22nd.—Ethel Joan, daughter of Richard and Florence May Shelley.

LENT SERVICES.

Fridays, Holy Eucharist, 8.
Thursday afternoons, Litany and Meditation, 4.
Friday evenings, Lent Service, 7.30.

SUGGESTIONS FOR LENT.

- 1.—To practice more dilligently acts of Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving.
- 2.—To come to Holy Communion weekly.
- 3.—To spend a short time in prayer once a week before the Shrine in Church.
- 4.—To attend the Week-day Services.
- 5.—To read a portion of the Sunday gospel or epistle and end with the collect.

My dear People,—Onte again I appeal to you to keep the season of Lent in some way or another. There is one general rule which all members of the Holy Family can keep, and that is to keep quiet. To keep quiet from all secular enjoyments such as going to the pictures, whist drvies, concerts, and the like. Give them up until Lent is over and Easter Day comes. It may, however, be asked by some, "Why should I keep quiet?" First, because it is one of the rules of the Holy Family to which you belong; also, because it will help you by this act of self-denial to strengthen your wills as soldiers of Christ to fight against evil to which you were pledged at your baptism. All the rules you may make for keeping Lent should be for the purpose of bringing you nearer to Jesus Christ.

"Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee,
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me."

I would also call your attention to the forthcoming lecture, in the Mission Room, on March 15th. Mr. Janson-Smith is a well-known lecturer on the work of the Central African Mission, and it is reported that the special pictures he will shew us are excellent. J.H.P.

Confirmation.—The sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by the Bishop of Barking at St. Chad's, Chadwell Heath, on Sunday, March 5th, at 3 p.m., at which several candidates from Collier Row will be presented.

It is hoped that as many as possible from Collier Row will be present and help them by prayer. This is especially the duty of God-parents, because they were told when they stood sponsors for their child at baptism. "Ye are to take care that this child be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him." And there is a further order in the prayer book which states, "And every one shall have a God-father or a God-mother as a witness of their confirmation."

Universities' Mission to Central Africa.—We have the pleasure to announce that an address on the work of the U.M.C.A., illustrated by fine lantern pictures, will be given in the Mission Room, on Wednesday evening, March 15th, at 7.30, by the Rev. Janson-Smith, Vicar of Navestock. The pictures alone will be well worth seeing. A descriptive leaflet of the work of the Mission is enclosed.

Hainault Forest Magazine.—Donations received with thanks: Mrs. Middleton, 5s.; Miss Gell, 4s.; Miss Bonnick, 2s. 6d.

Rose Notes.—Pruning.—With the exception of rambler and pillar roses, which should be pruned before Christmas, not after, the latter half of March is the best time for pruning roses. Bear in mind it is not the shape of the bush after cutting it is finished that we have to consider, but its appearance after the new spring growth is fully developed. On each strong shoot are good eyes, and it is from the best eyes will come the best flowers. To begin with, select and reserve from two to four, according to the size of the plants, of the strongest of the young growths made the previous summer. These should be the best shoots springing from the base, or from the lowest part of the old wood pruned last year. Having made the selection, cut out all the rest of the wood as low down as possible. Do not leave any snags—endeavour to cut clean. Now attend to the selected shoots left on the plant. Shall they be left their entire length, or, if shortened, how much? The answer to this question depends on the variety. Experience teaches that some sorts need to be cut back harder than others, but as a general rule the selected shoots should be shortened half their length.