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SUNDAY SERVICES :- 8 a.m. Holy Communion
10 a.m. Sung Eucharist.
3 p.m. Sunday School.
7 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

WEEKDAYS :- Holy Communion at 7 a.m. as announced; on Greater
Saints Days also at 9.30 a.m.

MOTHERS' UNION :- Meeting the second Wednesday in each month at 3 p.m.

S. Mary Magdalene, Hilton

SUNDAY SERVICES :- 9 a.m. Holy Communion
11.15 a.m. Children's Service
5.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals by arrangement with the Vicar

My Dear People,

Our autumn this year has been a pleasant and well-extended one. But the temperature seems to be dropping now, and the arrival of November reminds us that the winter cannot be long delayed. I would like to mention two things that have a bearing on the season.

First, although I have done so in past years, I make no apology for mentioning again that in November it is a Christian's particular duty to pray for the departed. Not only at Remembrance, when we call to mind those who have fallen in battle, but throughout the month we should do well to follow the practice of the Church over many centuries and recall that the souls of those who have departed this life are still, most certainly (if they have been in any degree Christian, in faith and life) on their way to God. Those who have been in our family on earth, or whom we have known and loved, should find a place in our prayers. We have the right to believe that our sincere prayers can do as much for them as for our living friends and family around us, whom we no doubt regularly bring before God's throne.

This life on earth is all that we can see now, but we believe in the life of the world to come. If the Catholic Church means anything, it must mean the Universal Family, transcending time and death. We have the privilege to be fellow-Christians with the souls in paradise, no less than with the blessed Saints in heaven.

Secondly, on a more practical and homely note. When the weather is cold, some people are tempted to stay away from public worship. It seems difficult to leave a warm home and go to church, which may not be anything like as warm. I am sure this is a temptation to be vigorously resisted. There are a certain number of difficulties in church heating, and it seems that the country's fuel position is not as happy as it might be; but we shall do our best to maintain the churches at a habitable temperature each Sunday (weekday churchgoing, of course, often requires heroism). In any case, provided one is in good health, and has not reached real old age, there is a positive duty to worship the

Lord in his House; even if it is sometimes at the expense of comfort.

Yours sincerely,

HERBERT MOORE.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF HILTON VI.

The Tower

We conclude our notes on Hilton Church by a few words about the pleasant looking tower at the west end of the church. It is the oldest substantial part of the building, being over 550 years old. Its main useful function is to house the peal of four bells. Their inscriptions and dates are as follows:—

1. Maria Magdalene will sing sweetli before cum mereli after, 1604.
2. Joseph Eayre, St. Neots, 1767. Walter Peck, John Hemington, Churchwardens.
3. Thomas Norris made me, 1635.
4. I: Eayre fecit, 1744. God speed us well. Thomas Pain, Edward Martin, Churchwardens.

The north-west corner of the tower was repaired in 1904; consequently the spiral staircase in this corner up to the belfry is in a very good condition, and has been made of a reasonable width. Indeed, it is much easier and safer to go up or down this staircase than most of the ones to be found in ancient churches and cathedrals.

There is an interesting fact connected with this rebuilding of the tower staircase. While the work was in progress, a round-headed stone crucifix was discovered at the top. This has been examined by experts, who say it probably dates back to the early twelve-hundreds. It has now been built into the outside of the west wall.

FENSTANTON

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS, Thursday November 1st. 7 a.m., Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

ALL SOULS' DAY, Friday, November 2nd. 7 and 9.30 a.m., Requiem Eucharist.

REMEMBRANCE DAY, Sunday, November 11th. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m., Sung Eucharist. 3 p.m., Sunday School. 7 p.m., Service of Remembrance and Dedication.

S. ANDREW, Apostle, Friday, November 30th.
9.30 a.m., Holy Communion.

Notes

You will find the customary list in Church near the door, on which you are asked to write the names of departed relatives and friends whom you wish to be remembered at the altar by name on November 2nd, All Souls' Day. This is the occasion when we have a particular duty of praying for the Holy Souls in Paradise. If you can attend one of the celebrations on that day, you should do so; our fellowship in the Christian family is not bounded by the grave, and the departed have a claim on our prayers no less than the living.

On Remembrance Day, please note that the Sung Eucharist will begin at 9.45 a.m., a quarter of an hour earlier than usual, in order to allow the Vicar to be at R.A.F. Wyton for the two minutes' silence at 11 o'clock.

In the evening, there will be a special Service of Remembrance at 7 p.m., which will be attended by the British Legion.

The Mothers' Union

The meeting for this month will be on Wednesday, November 14th, in the Church Hall, at 3 p.m. The speaker will be Mrs. L. Skeeles, the Enrolling Member of the Saint Ives Branch. Her subject will be "Our Witness as Mothers' Union Members."

It is hoped to repeat last year's success in having a Christmas Sale early in December. The exact date will be announced later; but meanwhile you will perhaps be coming across things, old and new, which will be useful for the Sale.

Whist Drive

We announce a **WHIST DRIVE**
in the Church Hall,
on Thursday, November 8th,
at 7.30 p.m.

Admission 1s. 6d. Refreshments on sale.
Proceeds in aid of Church Decoration Fund.
We hope for your support.

Free Will Offering Scheme

We have been greatly encouraged by the number who have agreed to take part in the Scheme; we take this opportunity of acknowledging with thanks their reply in the affirmative. There are still quite a number in the parish who ought to join it, and we hope they will sign and send in their undertaking as soon as possible. Those who have joined will be receiving their booklet of envelopes during this month, so that the Scheme may come into operation on Sunday, December 2nd.

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

October 14th.—Nicholas Keith, son of Godfrey Keith and Annie Elizabeth Balls.

Collections

	£	s.	d.
Trinity XVIII	2	16	11
Trinity XIX	3	6	1
Dedication Feast	2	19	0
Harvest Thursday	4	5	0
Trinity XXI	6	16	0

Harvest Collection: £5 10s. od. each to the Missions to Seamen and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

Sunday School: 250 pennies from the S.P.G. Ship (our sixth flag).

HILTON

Remembrance Day, Sunday, November 11th.
Services as usual.

Hilton School

We welcome back Mrs. Frith after her absence for an operation and convalescence. We hope she has made a full and lasting recovery.

Parish Registers

Collections

	£	s.	d.
Trinity XVIII	14	0	
Trinity XIX	8	2	
Harvest Thursday	3	0	8
Trinity XX	5	14	4
Trinity XXI	13	3	

Harvest Collection: £4 15s. od. for Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, £4 for the Bishop's Appeal.

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