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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

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The Mothers' Union

The meeting for this month will be on Wednesday, October 10th, in the Parish Church, at 3 p.m., when an address will be given by the Vicar.

The Free Will Offering Scheme

We hope that everyone in the parish who is in some degree interested in the Church has by now received a letter about the Free Will Offering scheme which we plan to start soon.

Quite a number have already signed the accompanying form, by which they undertake to give regular financial support, and have sent it back. We trust that there are many more who are going to send a favourable reply. We ask them to send it fairly soon. We hope to start the scheme working on the First Sunday in Advent, December 2nd, and we want to have everything ready for then.

It may be helpful to have a few details how the scheme will work. Everyone who agrees to take part in it will receive a booklet containing small envelopes, dated for each Sunday in the year. All you have to do is put your weekly contribution in the envelope with the appropriate date on it, and put it in the alms-bag when the collection is made at church. If you are unable to come to church on that particular Sunday, you can probably get a friend to bring it. Or a child may be entrusted with it, to put it in the collection, or else in the box in the church near the Font, which will be used specially for the envelopes. Or of course, if the envelope cannot be conveyed on the Sunday, it can be dropped in the box at any time during the week. The only object is to see that somehow it does arrive each week.

If you come to church more than once on a Sunday, you are not expected to put anything in the second time, if you have already given in your envelope. Of course, you can put a small coin in, if you want to; but there is no obligation. You have made your considered weekly contribution in the envelope, and that's that.

By the way, your name will not appear on these envelopes. Only a number; and no-one will know who the number belongs to except the Treasurer (who is the Vicar, at the moment). So that our giving is as private as ever.

There is just one other point to be mentioned, about special collections. On a few occasions in the year, the collection is devoted to some outside object, not church expenses. The chief ones are Easter Day, Trinity Sunday, Feast Sunday, and Harvest Thanksgiving. On these Sundays the good cause will be **extra** to the normal contribution. That is to say, you will put in not only your envelope, but also the sum you wish to give to the particular cause. As we think you will agree, this is only fair. The Free Will Offering scheme is for church expenses; and they go on **every** week.

Swept and Garnished

By the time this is in print, no doubt the operation of cleaning will have been completed.

Now that the repairs in the Chancel have been Free Will Offering scheme is for church expense of them is being borne by the Lay Rectors, Oxford University Chest), it seemed a good opportunity to have an "autumn clean." So there has been dusting, cobwebbing, scrubbing, and polishing. To all who gave of their time and energy for this we are most grateful.

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

September 16th.—Caroline Lilian, daughter of Benjamin and Doreen May Haywood.

Collections

	£	s.	d.
Trinity XII	3	12	9
Trinity XIII	3	1	3
Trinity XIV	2	5	9
Trinity XV ...	2	6	7
Trinity XVI	2	18	11
Trinity XVII	2	9	6

Diocesan Moral Welfare Association: £1 11s.; from the Sunday School: 250 pennies; from the S.P.G. Ship (five flags now).

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Children to Church

Please take note that the Children's Service will be at 2 p.m., instead of 11.15 a.m., from now on. We hope this does not prove a serious inconvenience to any parents. The morning time has become impossible.

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Trinity XIII ...	16	6	
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Trinity XVII (for Moral Welfare)	1	6	0

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