

Services in Christ Church Cathedral.

Sundays :

Holy Communion, 8 a. m.
Matins and Sermon, 11 a. m.
Holy Communion at 11 o'clock service on 1st S. in month, and Great Festivals.
Children's Service, 3 p. m. on 2nd S. in month.
Evensong and Sermon, 7 p. m.

Week Days :

Holy Communion at 8 a. m., on Saints Days.
Matins, 8 a. m.
Evensong, 4.30 p. m., except Friday, when at 7.30, with address.
Litany on Wednesdays and Fridays, 11 a. m.

N. B.—All seats are free after the last bell.

The Clergy may be seen in Church after any service, or by appointment.

Strangers are invited to drop their address in the box placed for that purpose in the porch, or, better still, to call at their earliest convenience at the Rectory.

¶ The first numbers of this paper met with so kind a reception that it is trusted a need has been really supplied by its issue. The Clergy and the staff of the Church wish to take this opportunity of extending a hearty New Year welcome to the congregation they serve. They are fully conscious of the many imperfections of their service, and desire earnestly that these will be forgiven, and that the efforts and prayers of all will be with them to help in every way to render more efficient the work of the Church. The increased attendance at the Sunday services, especially at the early celebrations of the Holy Communion, is a great encouragement, indicating as it does, greater interest and stronger religious life in the parish. It is to be regretted that not more can arrange to attend upon the week days. If only a few could manage to come two or three times a week regularly, there would always be a fair congregation, and the service would be much brighter. If the morning service is at an inconvenient time, and a better could be suggested, this has only to be done to secure its adoption.

Advent. The large congregations and increased offertory at this season would encourage us to believe that it has been a time of special advantage to many church people. It is one of the trying necessities of our somewhat isolated position that in this Diocese little opportunity is afforded of securing fresh preachers on special occasions. Though the power of the pulpit is no doubt frequently exaggerated, it is without question, of great benefit to the members of a church to be addressed by a stranger, nor is it very well for one man to be always speaking to the same people. We welcomed, therefore, gladly the Rev. W. D. Barber, and feel sure that all will accord him grateful thanks for his vigorous sermons.

Christmas. The Church has never looked more bright, or better decorated than on Christmas morning, thanks to the ladies of the Chancel Guild and their friends. The Choral Communion at 8 a.m. was evidently much enjoyed as the unusually large attendance testified. The Evening Service, which it was feared might not suit the domestic arrangements of Church folk, was nevertheless, attended to overflowing, as was that at mid-day. The choir, whose free will offering of much time and labour in preparation, is one of the greatest gifts the Church ever receives, were compensated by the knowledge of how materially they had helped their friends to spend a Happy Christmas.