

## DEDICATION OF ST. LUKE'S. 1933

On St. Luke's Day, October 18th, another page in the history of St. Matthew's was started, by the Dedication by Bishop Shaw, of St. Luke's Church and Hall.

The Church was filled to its utmost capacity a long time before the service was timed to start, and several were unable to get in. The arrival of the Broadcasting Van at 6 p.m. caused a great crowd of children to collect, in fact the children would have filled the Church themselves had not there been a rule that no children, unless accompanied by an adult, could be admitted.

At 8 p.m. the South Door was opened to admit the robed clergy and choir, who proceeded up the aisle singing, unaccompanied, the Psalm, "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the House of the Lord," after which the Bishop gave a brief exhortation to the people from the Chancel Step, and then led in prayer. Then, led by the clergy and choir, he proceeded to the font, where a portion of Scripture and a short dedicatory prayer was said. He then went to the various other parts of the Church, pulpit, reading desk, lectern, chancel steps, choir, and Holy Table, where an appropriate verse and prayer was said, the choir singing at each place a verse of the hymn "We love the place, oh God." After the dedication of the Holy Table and Vessels, a hymn was sung, and the Bishop then proceeded to the pulpit for the sermon, which was followed by a hymn and the Benediction. The service was simple but most impressive, and was heard, not only by those standing outside, but as far as Iffley Lock on the one side and St. Matthew's on the other side of the parish. Mr. Shirley, of Cowley Road, was responsible for the broadcasting, which was done from four loud speakers.

The City Council was represented by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Oxford (Alderman Brown). The Mayoress, the Sheriff, and Councillor Skipper, who were conducted to their places by the Vicar. The other clergy present were: The Master of St. Peter's Hall, the Rev. C. M. Chavasse, M.C., M.A., the Rev. R. R. Martin, Vicar of St. Michael's in the North Gate, the Rev. W. M. Lander, Vicar of New Hinksey, the Rev. R. B. Lunt, Curate of St. Aldate's, and the Rev. G. W. N. Groves, Curate of St.

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Matthew's. The Rector of St. Clements and the Rector of St. Ebbe's, and the Rev. J. Phillips, of St. John's Free Church, were prevented from being present at the last moment.

On Sunday, October 22nd, at 8 a.m., the first Celebration of the Holy Communion took place, the Vicar taking the celebration, assisted by Mr. Groves. There was a nice number. The Church was filled again for the Evening Service, when the Vicar preached from 1 Cor., 3, 11, "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." He described the building of the Church, and likened it to individual lives. There must first be the foundation in Christ, simple faith in a personal Saviour, and then a building up through Fellowship and communion with the Lord. We are grateful to Mr. Edwards and the Choir of St. Matthew's for their help, both at the Dedication and on Sunday Evening. The singing, especially on the latter occasion, was excellent. St. Luke's, by the way, has turned out to be excellent for sound.

It is hoped to start a Children's Church on Sunday afternoon, November 5th, at 3 p.m., at St. Luke's. A staff of teachers is still required for this purpose. We have had a few volunteers, but not enough.

A voluntary choir, consisting of ladies, men, and boys, is required; are there any who will help in this way? We also need a permanent Organist (voluntary). We have received the names of three or four boys, but we need others. At present we have no adult members.

Arrangements are also being made for the Mothers, and these will be announced shortly.

For the moment the times of services at St. Luke's will be: Holy Communion at 8 a.m., on the second and fourth Sundays, and after the Evening Service on the third Sunday. Evening service each Sunday at 6.45.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH