

Parish Church News

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Christmas at the Church

The most casual observer could not fail to be struck with the way this church repaid the labour of love of the decorators, who were provided with ample material by Messrs Parham, Pothecary, and Fay. Round the chancel arch and carried out horizontally with great effect ran the Christmas text, entirely designed and executed by Mr and Mrs Thatcher, who also had a lovely "JHS" in flowers at the east end. Mrs George Mullins had most skilfully arranged the windows and reading desk, and, with the help of Miss Sturgiss, the pulpit, each panel of which bore a different device. Mrs Henry Mullins and Miss Trew decorated the choir stalls, and miss Read and Miss Warren the east end; the altar being the work of Mrs Trew. Mrs White had wreathed the western arch, and Mrs Ingram most carefully filled in the tracery of the choir screen, and added to the general beauty by lovely berried crosses. The lamps were entirely the work of Miss Winifred Trew. There were celebrations at eight and eleven, and after the six o'clock evensong a most appropriate selection of carols were sung. The musical portions of the service reflected great credit both on the singers and on Mr Thatcher.

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