

ABINGER PARISH MAGAZINE.



Abinger Church in 1848

Rector: The Rev. Lionel G. Meade, B.A., The Rectory, Abinger Common (Tel.: Abinger 46).

Churchwardens: Mr. J. Wilson, Orchard Cottage, Holmbury St. Mary.
Mr. John A. Gibbs, Goddards, Abinger Common.

Church Council: *Ex-officio*, the Rector and Churchwardens; *Vice-Chairman*, Mr. John A. Gibbs; *Diocesan Representative*, Mrs. Carr; *Ruri-Decanal Representatives*, Mr. J. A. Gibbs and Mrs. Lugard. *Hon. Secretary*, Mrs. Lugard; *Hon. Treasurer*, Major E. J. Lugard, D.S.O., O.B.E.; The Dowager Lady Farrer, Mr. C. J. Gibbs, Mr. A. Randall, Mr. S. Smith, Miss Swanston, Mrs. Whiteley, Miss Bulman, Mr. Mills, Miss Townshend, The Honourable Mrs. Vaughan Williams, Mrs. Thomson.

Sidesmen: Mr. J. Bone, Mr. C. J. Gibbs, Major E. J. Lugard, D.S.O., Major C. E. Lugard, Mr. Michael Meade, and Mr. A. Abbott.

Organists: Parish Church, Mr. F. White; Hammer Church, Mr. F. White.

Duplex Free-will Offering Scheme: Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Carpenter, The School House, Abinger Common. Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. A. Gibbs.

Mothers' Union: Enrolling Member, Mrs. Meade, The Rectory, Abinger Common.

Vergers and Sexton: Michael Bowler.

Calendar for December, 1944.

- 3 S. (1) **Advent I.**
Schools: Holy Communion, 8.15 a.m. and 12 (N.A.A.F.I.); Mattins, 11 a.m. (N.A.A.F.I.); Evensong, 4.15 p.m. (Schools).
Hammer Church: Evensong, 3 p.m.
- 10 S. (2) **Advent II.**
Schools: Holy Communion, 8.15 a.m.; Mattins, 11 a.m. (N.A.A.F.I.); Evensong, 4.15 p.m. (Schools).
Hammer Church: Holy Communion, 10 a.m.; Evensong, 3 p.m.
- 17 S. (3) **Advent III.**
Schools: Holy Communion, 8.15 a.m.; Mattins, 11 a.m. (N.A.A.F.I.); Evensong, 4.15 p.m. (Schools).
Hammer Church: Evensong, 3 p.m.
- 24 S. (4) **Advent IV. Christmas Eve.**
Schools: Holy Communion, 8.15 a.m.; Matins (Schools), 11 a.m.; Evensong, 4.15 p.m. (Schools); Midnight Mass, 12 midnight.
Hammer Church: Evensong, 3 p.m.
- 25 M. **Christmas Day.**
Schools: Holy Communion, 8.15 and 12 mid-day; Carol Service, 11 a.m. (Schools).
Hammer Church: Holy Communion, 10 a.m.
- 31 S. (5) **Christmas I.**
Schools: Holy Communion, 8.15 a.m.; Mattins, 11 a.m. (N.A.A.F.I.); Evensong, 4.15 p.m.
Hammer Church: Evensong, 3 p.m.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

First of all in the deepest sense of the words I wish you all a very happy Christmas. I know only too well that most of us will be thinking of our loved ones either on the battlefields of the world or in prisoner-of-war camps, on the high seas, or at any rate away from home. At the same time we all have so much to be thankful for, and most of all for the birth of Christ and God's gift of Him to the world. In spite of a world at war we are, I believe, coming to realise more and more that for the New World everyone is looking to the standards of Christ for its pattern. Nothing less can really give us that Peace and Goodwill among men that we all long for and the world needs so sorely. We shall none of us forget Christmas, 1944, I think, the first time in our memory I expect that we have had to keep this great Festival without a Parish Church. A sad thought that, and I know we are going to feel it deeply. At the same time the same thing has happened in so many towns and villages throughout the war area all over the world, and again our men and women

in the Forces for the most part will have to keep it in hut and barn and field, and after all Christ Himself was born in a stable. Wherever we may be we can still worship at His "Cot." As far as I know yet all our services on Sunday, December 24th, and also on Christmas Day, will be in the Schools, and I trust we shall all make every effort to be at one or other of the Celebrations of Holy Communion. We are still hoping to be able to restore the North Chapel of the Parish Church for use as a temporary House of Prayer, but even if we obtain the necessary licence I fear we shall not have the work completed by Christmas, but there is just a hope perhaps that we might be able to have our Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve there, but if this should be possible special notice will be given.

God bless you all and may the New Year bring us Peace and a New World.

Yours affectionately,

LIONEL MEADE.

In Memoriam.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Hilda Burton and Mr. and Mrs. Duffell at the sad loss of Sidney Burton, who died of wounds a few days ago. May God rest his soul and give those who are left happy memories and strength to carry on.

By the passing of Mr. Sydney Schiff the Church and parish have lost a great friend and his wife a beloved partner. Mr. Schiff supported our Church regularly, and always took such an interest in our churchyard, to the upkeep of which he contributed so generously. We extend to Mrs. Schiff our deepest sympathy in her great loss.

China Inland Mission.

A very encouraging meeting was held at Furzen Wood on Wednesday, November 22nd, when some thirty people gathered to listen to a very interesting talk by Mr. Pateman, who had worked for ten years in China, and only returned to this county a few months ago. We hope this is the beginning of a real interest in the work of this Mission and indeed of Church work generally overseas. The collection amounted to £1 10s., and several gave in their names as new subscribers.

We are grateful to Mrs. Lugard for the use of her house and for the excellent tea provided for us.

Collections.

Remembrance Sunday (Earl Haig's Fund), £3 10s. 6d.

Abinger Church Restoration Fund.

(A letter received from Central Mediterranean Forces)

DEAR PADRE,

I and my brother were so sorry to hear of the destruction of Abinger Church. Your lovely old church was very dear to us and is associated with many happy memories.

The last Communion we received in England was there, and strangely enough the service was conducted (you were absent owing to illness) by Padre Martin, who strangely enough gave us our first communion on foreign soil in the African Desert.

We trust that your Church will soon rise again and inherit some of the charm and peacefulness which we found there. We enclose £2, which we hope you will accept towards rebuilding the dear old Church.

SERGEANT R. and CPL. W.

Mothers' Union.

There was a much better attendance at the Hammer meeting this month, and Mrs. Wilding very kindly came over to speak. She is an old friend of the branch, and everyone enjoys and appreciates her talks.

The subject was discussed of sending presents to our men and women in the Forces, and it was decided to send postal orders this year. A collection from members and some friends has been made, and there has been a splendid response. The sum of £11 15s. 8d. was raised, and this has enabled us to be able to send 3s. 6d. to everyone, with a Christmas card.

The Mothers' Union Savings Group received a Certificate of Honour for Salute the Soldier Week—£225, and the total for the half-year, April to September, is £463 3s.

We will have a Service next month, which will be on December 20th, and this will of necessity have to be at the Mission Church, at 3 o'clock, and taken by the Rector. G.M.

The Anne MacMillan Memorial Fund.

A spontaneous and very general wish has been expressed that some lasting memorial should be made of the life and work of Mrs. MacMillan, especially of her great interest in and care for all that made for the welfare of the Diocese of which her husband is Bishop. It is probably true to say that the work which was nearest to her heart was that which has, as its motive, the moral welfare of women, specially of unmarried mothers. She had such a deeply felt desire to assist these girls, often

very young, and to help them to find their way in life again. No case ever seemed to her beyond hope or help or outside her loving interest. It is proposed to raise a capital sum to be administered by the Moral Welfare Council, the interest on which will be used to help such cases to a new start in life. It is much hoped that both in the Guildford Diocese and elsewhere, all who knew Mrs. MacMillan and how greatly she had at heart such work, will help by their donations to raise a substantial sum for this object.

Donations should be sent to The Archdeacon of Dorking, Diocesan House, Quarry Street, Guildford.

Abinger Church Rebuilding Fund.

The following donations have been received or promised to date:—

	£	s	d
Acknowledged in November			
Magazine	688	0	6
Abinger Women's Institute ...	5	0	0
Mrs. Baverstock	0	5	0
Major E. Beddington Behrens ...	20	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. Bowler and Family	5	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Brackenbury	10	0	0
Mr. and Miss Butler	1	10	0
Mrs. M. E. Carpenter (1st instalment), in memory of her Husband and her Son	20	0	0
Mr. C. J. A. Evelyn	10	0	0
Lord and Lady Farrer	10	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Harrison (The Dene)	2	0	0
"History of Abinger Church" (further sales)	2	0	0
Sergt. R. and Corp. W. Jenkins ...	2	0	0
Mrs. J. A. and Miss C. E. Kirkland	5	5	0
Local Soldiers	2	11	6
Professor D. J. Medley	0	10	0
Mr. L. G. Montefiore	10	10	0
Mrs. W. Murdoch	10	0	0
Mrs. Pearce	0	10	0
Sir Alfred D. Pickford	10	0	0
Miss J. Pocock	0	10	0
Mrs. Pool	5	5	0
Mrs. G. R. Redgrave and Miss J. G. Redgrave (in memory of the late G. R. Redgrave, Esq.)	75	0	0
Mrs. Sprigge	20	0	0
Miss Swanston	2	0	0
Miss D. Wood	2	2	0
Total	£919	19	0

E. J. LUGARD, Hon. Treasurer.

30th November, 1944.