

# 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, Major 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.

**Kalendar for January, 1945.**

All Services in January will be held in Abinger Common Schools.

1 M. Circumcision of our Lord.

6 Sat. Epiphany.

7 S. Epiphany I.

Holy Communion, 8.15 a.m. and 12 mid-day. Mattins, 11 a.m. Evensong, 4.15.

**Hammer Mission Room:** Evensong, 3 p.m.

14 S. Epiphany II.

Holy Communion, 8.15. Mattins, 11 a.m. Evensong, 4.15.

**Hammer Mission Room:** Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Evensong, 3 p.m.

21 S. Epiphany III.

Holy Communion, 8.15 a.m. Mattins, 11. Evensong, 4.15.

**Hammer Mission Room:** Evensong, 3 p.m.

28 S. Septuagesima.

Holy Communion, 8.15 a.m. Mattins, 11. Evensong, 4.15.

**Hammer Mission Room.** Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Evensong, 3 p.m.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

I am afraid the magazine this month will be late owing to the Christmas holidays. We enter upon a New Year full of hope. We trust that 1945 will bring us Peace, a reunion in our homes, and for us in Abinger the restoration of a part of our beloved Church. As you will see by the list of subscriptions, money is coming in well, and will come in even faster, I fancy, when our plans are completed for the new Church. I want, if I may, just to give one word of warning, and I trust all concerned will accept it in the spirit in which it is given. I am a little worried that already our attendances and collections at the Sunday services have already shown a decline, and I hope and pray that this will not continue. I know many people are missing the comfort and atmosphere of the old Church and find it hard to concen-

trate in the various rooms we have had to use, but please remember it may be several years before the new Church is completed, and in the meantime we must carry on as best we can, and we must accustom ourselves to unsuitable surroundings. I am convinced that our biggest task and our greatest challenge is not money raising, but laying the foundation of what really makes the foundation of a church—a body of Christians and a growing body met together for prayer and worship and partaking of the sacraments of the Church, only so shall we be prepared for that glad day when St. James', Abinger, rises again in our midst. Our temporary church in the schools was decorated with holly and evergreen for the birthday of the Prince of Peace, and the Christmas tree was full of small presents for the children of St. John, Waterloo, to whom also our collections go (amounting to £7 16s. 6d.).

The Hammer Mission Room, thanks to Mrs. Bone, looked as "Christmassy" as ever. The total number of communicants was 101.

We are grateful to our choir for their carol singing, which produced £4 4s. 0d. for the Church Restoration Fund.

Once more wishing you one and all every blessing in 1945.

Yours affectionately,

LIONEL MEADE.

**Mothers' Union.**

The December meeting took the form of a Service at the Hammer, which the Rector conducted, and there was a fair number of members present, and Christmas hymns and carols were sung.

The next meeting will be at the Rectory on January 17th, at 3 o'clock, when there will be a speaker. G.M.

**Marriage**

Dec. 16 Percy Bullen—Caroline Elizabeth Lyde.