

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

**Organist:** 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.

**Baptism.**

Feb. 25 Malcomb David Hill.

**Marriage.**

April 19 Thomas Soames Gault (Chaplain, Canadian Army) and Olive Marjorie Sandford.

**Burials.**

Mar. 14 Alice Clare Forster, aged 89 years.  
April 20 Margaret Tuckwell

**MY DEAR PEOPLE.**

First of all, I should like to thank you for your very generous Easter Offering, amounting to £17 15s. 5d., and for many messages of thanks and appreciation, the latter were especially welcome this Easter, as I, like many of you, felt very sorely the loss of our dear old Church, and, in particular, its altar. I was so glad to see the number of communicants however was as large as last year 119 (43 of which were at the Hammer Mission Church).

The decorations of both Churches were, as usual, tastefully carried out, and our thanks are due to Mrs. Gibbs and Mrs. Bone for all their care and thought, and to Hon. Mrs. Vaughan Williams for the beautiful arum lilies.

It has been a sad month for the parish with the passing of Lord Lugard and dear Mrs. Tuckwell, and we extend our deepest sympathy to their respective families.

I was sorry to have to leave out so much of the news in last month's magazine owing to lack of space, but I felt that Mr. Etchells' plans were of first importance.

I sincerely hope that we shall see the end of this terrible conflict in Europe at least before the next month's magazine is published.

As I have already announced, I hope we shall all foregather for a thanksgiving service on the evening of the day that hostilities cease, probably in the open air on the village green.

I remain,

Yours affectionately,

LIONEL MEADE.

On April 11th, at his home, Little Parkhurst, Abinger Common, there passed to his rest, Colonel The Rt. Hon. Baron Lugard of Abinger, P.C., G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O. His life of service was so long, so full of incident, and so much part of the History of the British Empire, that it is impossible to describe it in a short paragraph. He started

his career at the age of 20 as a soldier in India, where he won the D.S.O. and several medals. He first went to Africa in 1888, when he was on sick leave after strenuous campaigning in Burma. His great ambition then was to abolish the slave-trade, at that time, in Livingstone's words, an "open sore of the world." He not only achieved this aim, and became one of the great slave-liberators, with Wilberforce and Kirk, but he brought British peace, law, and order to Nyasaland in Central Africa to a large part of East Africa (now Kenya and Uganda), and to Nigeria in West Africa, a country as large as France, and containing 20 million inhabitants. He initiated and developed the system of rule through native institutions, called "Indirect Rule" and always associated with his name; and was all his life a champion not only of the African people, but of all native races, since he spent six years as Governor of Hongkong and founded the University there, and retained his interest in the Far East besides Africa.

When he retired in 1918 from the Governor-Generalship of Nigeria, he spent the remaining 26 years of his life, not in well-earned leisure, but in hard work, serving on Committees and Commissions, writing his great book, "The Dual Mandate," and many other activities. His advice was sought by Colonial administrators right up to the time of his death, and his wise counsel, especially in these difficult days, will be sorely missed.

Like all the really great, Lord Lugard bore his honours very modestly, and his dislike of publicity prevented the public from knowing his name as well as they should have done. He had the power of inspiring devotion and affection in all who served him; and all who came in contact with him were charmed by his courtesy and kindness, his gentleness, simplicity, thought for others, and a delightful sense of humour. No man more fully earned the words—"Well done thou good and faithful servant." His influence will live after him, and his best memorial is the example of his life of service for others.

**Mothers' Union.**

A small meeting was held at the Rectory on April 18th, when Mrs. Evans very kindly spoke to us. The next meeting will be on May 9th, at 3 p.m., at the Hammer. *Please note second Wednesday, not third in month.* Services at Guildford and Dorking were well attended by members. G.M.

**The Anvil Club.**

A mixed Youth Club, known as the Anvil Club, has been formed in Abinger Hammer, under the guidance of Mrs. Meade. It originated with 14 members, who now form the General Committee, but the membership has since risen to 41. Through the kindness of Mrs. Webb, at Fulvens, the meetings take place in her barn every Wednesday evening, at 7 o'clock. We also have to thank our original hostesses, Mrs. Tallent, Mrs. Hoad and Mrs. Wait for their hospitality when the club was still growing. Two members from the Hammer, Common and Holmbury, together with Peter Hoad (Secretary), Brian Edwards (Assistant Secretary) and Freda Monk (Treasurer) form the Committee. Membership is restricted to young people of over 14 years of age. Anyone wishing to join must give in their names, and be elected by two members of the General Committee a week before attending.

We have been very lucky to have Sir Harold Spencer-Jones, the Astronomer Royal, and Mr. Faithful Davis, a Youth Club organiser to speak to us. The Astronomer Royal gave an interesting and instructive talk on the "Stars," and Mr. Faithful Davis talked about Youth Clubs, giving us valuable hints and suggestions.

A club ramble was held on Easter Monday. Twenty-one members walked from Abinger Hammer to Blackheath, across to St. Martha's and back to Abinger via Newlands Corner. On Sunday, April 8th, a cycle ride, arranged by Eian Etherington, was held, in which seven members cycled to Chesington Zoo.

Discussions have taken a prominent part in our activities, and here we must thank Miss Pocock as supervisor. The opening stages of a table-tennis and darts tournament, run by Tim Hogan, have been played. Other activities have included a quiz, organized games, dancing, etc.

The Club is running a dance at the Abinger Village Hall, on Saturday, May 12th. Details will be announced later. A. RANDALL.

**Abinger Common W.I.**

REPORT OF APRIL MEETING.

Mrs. Lugard (President) in the chair, opened the meeting with a short prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting being read and passed, members then discussed and voted in favour of a resolution—that the District Council be urged to co-opt a suitable qualified member of the W.I. to serve on the Housing Committee.

Members were notified of the coming Peaslake, Holmbury and District Flower Show, which will be held on August Bank Holiday, at Wonham's Way, Gomshall, and were invited to participate in the various competitions which are to be held on that occasion.

Schedules, price 1d., giving full particulars, will be obtainable.

A goat was offered for sale by Mrs. Pearce. Whether a customer was found is not on record.

Mrs. King was awarded the 1st, and Mrs. Rickerby 2nd prize, in the mottoes competition held last month.

Miss Couchman, Principal of the Brockham Childrens' Home, and a former Probation Officer, gave us a very interesting and highly instructive talk on the work of, and need for, Women Police. She concluded with a cordial invitation to members to visit the Home.

A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mrs. Simmons, was unanimously accorded her.

Very special thanks are due to the Misses Jenifer and Mary Stevens, who entertained us so delightfully before tea with performances on the recorder, and later with a charming exhibition of ballet and national dances.

The hospitality of the tea hostesses reached its usual high standard, and their efforts were fully appreciated by all.

The meeting closed with the singing of Jerusalem, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Brett, who also accompanied the dancing.

**Abinger Church Rebuilding Fund.**

(Omitted from April Magazine for want of space). The following donations have been received to date:—

	£	s	d
Acknowledged in March			
Magazine ... ..	1,357	14	10
Miss Allen ... ..	1	0	0
Miss Brett ... ..	1	0	0
Box at Lychgate (at Easter) ...	4	6	6
Dr. Marian Cathie ... ..	5	0	0
Mrs. Dell ... ..	2	0	0
Mrs. Forster ... ..	5	0	0
Miss E. A. Fraser ... ..	5	0	0
Miss Ida Harrison (2nd instalment)	1	0	0
Mrs. Holloway and Family ...	12	6	
Mrs. Jackson ... ..	1	0	0
Mr. and Miss Keeler ... ..	2	0	0
Mr. J. Ledward ... ..	3	3	0
Mrs. and Miss Watt ... ..	20	0	0
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>£1,408</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>

E. J. LUGARD,  
Hon. Treasurer.

30th April, 1945.