

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.

Verger and Sexton: Michael Bowler.

Calendar for June.

- 10 S. (2) **Trinity II.**
Schools: Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m.
Hammer Church: Holy Communion, 10 a.m.; Evensong, 6 p.m.
- 11 M. **St. Barnabas.**
- 17 S. (3) **Trinity III.**
Schools: Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m.
Hammer Church: Evensong, 6 p.m.
- 24 S. (4) **Trinity IV. Nativity of S. John the Baptist.**
Schools: Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m.
Hammer Church: Holy Communion, 10 a.m.; Evensong, 6 p.m.
- 29 F. **St. Peter, Apostle and Martyr.**
- JULY**
- 1 S. (5) **Trinity V.**
Schools: Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 12; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m.
Hammer Church: Evensong, 6 p.m.

Burials.

- Mar. 29 Alice Mary Tanner, aged 83 years.
 Apr. 29 William John Powell, aged 69 years.
 May 6 Elizabeth Francis, aged 48 years.
 ,, 12 Rachel Piggott, aged 66 years.

MY DEAR PEOPLE.

I said in my last letter that I sincerely hoped that the conflict in Europe would be over "before next month's magazine is printed," and that happy event has come to pass, thank God.

I think practically everyone in the parish was present at the short thanksgiving service on the green before the lighting of the bonfire, and I don't think we shall ever forget that memorable night.

We are grateful to Major Baldwin for the hastily improvised torch light procession, and for the magnificent bonfire.

A sum of £11 4s. was collected for the British Red Cross Society.

On Sunday, May 13th, the thanksgiving service on the green, was attended by all the Military Units stationed in Abinger and Holmbury St. Mary, as well as by the members of the various Civil Defence Units, including the N.F.S., Police, Home Guard, W.V.S., First Aid Post, Women's Land Army, and Boy Scouts.

I don't know at all how many were present, but over 500 service papers were used, and many had to go without or share. The Hammer Mission Room too was packed, and I think everyone did feel that they owed a great thanksgiving to Almighty God for our "deliverance from the hand of our enemies."

The collections, which amounted to £10, were given to the Archbishop's Fund for the Reconstruction of Europe.

The cessation of hostilities in Europe still leaves the war in the Far East unfinished, and our thoughts and prayers go out for all those who are engaged in that bitter struggle. We still have a very anxious time before us, before I think, we can call ourselves at Peace. May we put the same trust in the same God who has led us through so far, to lead us to that final Victory and Peace, and good will among men and nations.

We extend a hearty welcome back to Billy Bone, who returned from captivity a few days ago, and we extend also to him and his family, our deepest sympathy in the loss of his father a few days before his son's home coming.

The thoughts of many of us at the Hammer have been too with Mr. Francis and his family, in their bereavement.

I hope this month may see a real beginning of the restoration of our dear old Church, and trust that all those who have not already done so, will send their donation for this work, to Major Lugard or myself. What better thankoffering for the end of hostilities in Europe?

Yours affectionately,
 LIONEL MEADE.

Mothers' Union.

A service was held on May 9th, at the Hammer Mission Room, and the address was given by the Rector.

The June meeting will not take place.

The Anvil Club.

A victory dance, held in the Abinger Hammer Village Hall, on May 12th, terminated a month of successful Club activities. The Club benefitted from the dance by £7 10s., while competitions in aid of the Red Cross, raised 5 guineas. We wish to thank all those who gave towards the refreshments, all those who helped with them, and all club members who contributed towards making the evening a success.

On March 16th, Mr. E. M. Forster, the celebrated author and broadcaster, gave an interesting talk on India. Pictures, illustrating Hindu and Moslem architecture were much appreciated, as was a recording of Indian music. The A.T.S., in a very enjoyable game of rounders, defeated the club by two rounders. It is hoped that a return match will be played later.

On April 25th, about 30 members took part in a keenly contested treasure hunt, which was staged at Abinger Hammer. The hunt was arranged by Mrs. Meade, and we would like to thank her, and all Abinger Hammer people, who helped. A cycle ride was held in the afternoon of Sunday, March 31st, eight members cycling through Forest Green, Dorking and Ranmore.

Club members took a prominent part in the VE Night celebrations, and as many as were able to, marched in the Victory Parade.

Other club activities have included rounders, dancing, and various indoor games.

A. RANDALL.

Abinger Common W.I.

REPORT OF MAY MEETING.

The monthly meeting on May 3rd, which was held at Furzenwood, by kind permission of Mrs. Lugard, was to have been a garden meeting.

Rain, however, robbed members of this pleasure. The particularly well attended meeting was opened by Mrs. Lugard, with a short prayer.

As there was a full programme to deal with, the minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.

A miscellaneous collection of interesting literature in leaflet form, dealing with a wide range of subjects, was put at the disposal of the members.

Attention was called to the arrival of fresh supplies of wool, and volunteers were called for to knit for liberated Europe.

It was announced that a course of six lessons in "Thrift" Rug making had been arranged, and the first would be held at the Bowls' Pavilion, on Tuesday, May 8th, at 1.45 p.m.

Guildford Diocesan Missionary Council.

The Diocesan Missionary Festival will be held at the Cathedral Church, at 3 p.m., on Saturday, July 7th, 1945.

The preacher will be the Right Rev. Bishop B. C. Roberts, formerly Bishop of

Singapore, Warden of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury and now Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

It is hoped that we shall fill the Church and ask for God's Blessing on this vital work.

Abinger Church Rebuilding Fund.

The following donations have been received to date:—

Acknowledged in May	£	s	d
Magazine	1,408	16	10
Anonymous	1	0	0
Miss Cecilia Carr	5	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. Carter		5	0
Mr. and Mrs. Coleman	1	0	0
"History of Abinger Church"			
—further sales		12	6
Miss E. Parsons		10	6
	£1,417	4	10

E. J. LUGARD,
Hon. Treasurer.

31st May, 1945.

China Inland Mission.

The following subscriptions have been received per Mrs. Roper (acknowledgement delayed by lack of space):—

	£	s	d
Miss Carroll		10	0
The Dowager Lady Farrer	1	0	0
Miss F. M. H. Fuller	1	0	0
Mr. J. A. Gibbs	1	1	0
Mrs. E. J. Harrison		10	0
Mrs. J. J. Harrison		1	6
Major E. J. Lugard	1	0	0
Mrs. K. I. B. Lugard... ..	1	1	0
M.S.	2	0	0
Mrs. O'Kelly		2	6
Miss Palmer		5	0
Mrs. W. A. Redgrave	2	2	0
Mrs. A. Roper	1	1	0
Mrs. A. G. Watt	2	2	0
Miss Watt		10	0
Total Subscriptions	14	6	0
Collection in Abinger Church on Whit Sunday		5	14
Total	£20	0	0

The Secretary writes under date 20th February, 1945, "I am pleased to say that, although there have been so many people leaving China, our hospital at Paoning has been able to carry on with a skeleton staff, and the work there seems to be encouraging."

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