

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 December.

- 2 S. (1) **Advent I.**
Parish Church: Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 12; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong 7 p.m.
Hammer Church: Evensong, 6 p.m.
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- 9 S. (2) **Advent II.**
Parish Church: Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m.
Hammer Church: Holy Communion, 10 a.m.; Evensong, 6 p.m.
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- 16 S. (3) **Advent III.**
Parish Church: Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Mattins, 11 a.m., Preacher, Bishop's Messenger; Evensong, 7 p.m.
Hammer Church: Preacher, Bishop's Messenger; Evensong, 6 p.m.
- 21 F. **St. Thomas.**
Parish Church: Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
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- 23 S. (4) **Advent IV.**
Parish Church: Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Carol Service 11 a.m.; Evensong 7 p.m.
Hammer Church: Evensong, 6 p.m.
- 24 M. **Christmas Eve.**
 Midnight Mass, **Parish Church**, 12 midnight.
- 25 T. **Christmas Day.**
Parish Church: Holy Communion, 7, 8 a.m. and 12 noon; Mattins, 11 a.m.
Hammer Church: Holy Communion, 10 a.m.;
- 28 F. **Holy Innocents.**
Parish Church: Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Mattins 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m.
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- 30 S. (5) **Sunday after Christmas.**
Parish Church: Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m.
Hammer Church: Evensong, 6 p.m.

The collection on Christmas Day will go to St. John's, Waterloo Road.

My dear People,

It is wonderful to think that in a few days time we are going to celebrate Christmas with the war finished after six long weary years, and to add to our joy we shall be keeping it together once more in the old Parish Church, using the same old altar which, together with its Cross and candlesticks, flower vases and altar frontals, etc., has survived the disaster of August, 1944.

The North Chapel was completed just in time for our Memorial Service on Armistice Day, and over 100 came to pay tribute to the Fallen, and no less, I fancy, to St. James's Church, Abinger.

The following have given their lives, and as we said at the calling of the Roll, "at the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them."

1914 - 1918.

Ernest Bone, Herbert William Carpenter, Russell Forehead, George Gadd, Thomas Holloway, Herbert William Hunt, William Anthony Mitchison, Walter Selwyn Orpen, Grace King, Ernest Smith.

1939 - 1945.

William Hughes, Arthur Kent, Percy Baverstock, Colin Carpenter, Roy Harris, Harry Buckman, Raymond Forehead, George Gardiner, Ronald Francis Drake, Alfred Tickner, Arthur Millo, Sydney Burton.

We should thank Messrs. Joseph Harrison for the able way the work of restoration has been carried out, and Mr. Still for the care and attention he has given to this work, and not least, Mr. Frederick Etchells, F.R.I.B.A., for his planning of the Chapel.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas.

Yours affectionately,

LIONEL G. MEADE, *Rector.*

Mothers' Union.

The twelve members who went to London had a very happy day indeed. Starting at 12 from Dorking, we journeyed to Holborn, had lunch and went to see "For Crying out Loud" at the Stoll, and from there to Waterloo Road where the Mothers had prepared a sumptuous tea, and afterwards to the Crypt Church for a short service, and then home.

On Wednesday, November 21st, Mrs. Wilding came and talked to us. An always welcome speaker, and afterwards the new Committee was formed and a Committee for the Socials.

This month there will be a service at the Parish Church at 3 p.m., with tea at the Rectory, on December 19th.

Bishop of Guildford Challenge.

On Sunday, December 16th, Major Fairbanks Smith will tell us all about this Scheme at the 11 o'clock service at the Parish Church, and also at the 6 o'clock evening service at the Hammer Mission Room, and I trust that both services will be well attended.

WHAT IS THIS CHALLENGE?

I want to try and tell you very briefly the answer to that question and what it means to us as a parish.

The Bishop's Challenge is the raising of a million pounds in the next ten years, to meet every need of every parish in the diocese.

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A.	Provision and adequate payment of Clergy and Lay Workers (men and women)	£300,000
B.	The share of the diocese in raising central fund for pensions for Clergy and Lay Workers	£100,000
C. and D.	New Churches, Village Halls, and restoration of old and damaged Churches	£300,000
E.	Completion of first part of New Cathedral	£100,000
F.	Church Schools	£100,000
G.	Church Overseas	£100,000
		£1,000,000

THE SCHEME AS IT AFFECTS ABINGER.

First of all, our share of this million pounds is reckoned at £3,200 to be raised in ten years.

Our own needs. The complete restoration and furnishing of our Parish Church and the provision of a Parish Hall at Abinger Common.

All money raised in the parish can be earmarked for any of the above particular objects, and can be particularly marked for the restoration of the Church and promise of a Parish Hall. So far all the money given for the re-building of the Parish Church has been given to the Challenge Fund and, of course, definitely earmarked for the restoration of St. James's, Abinger. Already we have been able to hand over the sum of £1,600, which means we have already raised half of our total, leaving £1,600 to be raised in the next ten years, or £160 each year, which I do not think should be beyond us, and is, at any rate, a good deal less than we should have had to raise for the re-building and furnishing of the Parish Church.

It is not an easy task, but I feel sure if we all put our backs into the Scheme it can be done.

A.G.M.

China Inland Mission.

The following subscriptions have been received, per Mrs. Roper:—		£ s d
Mrs. George Archer	0 2 0
Mrs. O'Kelly	0 2 6
Mrs. J. J. Harrison	0 1 6
Mrs. Sydney Smith	0 1 0
Total		£0 7 0

E. J. LUGARD,
Hon. Treasurer.
P.C.C.

25th November, 1945.

Abinger Church Rebuilding Fund.

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

	£	s	d
Acknowledged in November			
Magazine	1,580	16	3
Mrs. Comper	0	10	0
Lychgate Box	1	2	6
Mrs. V. F. Mayer	20	0	0
Mrs. Frances Smith	3	0	0
Miss Ada Sumner	0	10	0
Total		£1,605	18 9

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Abinger Common W.I.

REPORT OF NOVEMBER MEETING.

The Bowls Pavilion was filled to capacity on Thursday, November 1st when Mr. David Seth-Smith the "zoo man" came to talk on "some animal friends I have known."

The audience included two guests from Holmbury W.I. and a number of children.

Miss Harrison, the Vice-President, was in the Chair.

The meeting was opened with the singing of Jerusalem, after which Mrs. Harrison welcomed our visitors.

The minutes being read and passed, business was dealt with briefly in order to allow the speaker as much time as possible.

The talk, which was illustrated by lantern slides, was received with enthusiasm, and afforded thrills and amusement to the young and not so young members of the audience. Miss Frazer kindly assisted with the slides.

Mrs. Farley proposed a vote of thanks to the "zoo man."

The excellent tea served was fully appreciated by all, and not least by our juvenile guests.

A vote was taken on the motion of calling a village meeting to discuss the vexed question of a Village Hall, resulting in a majority in favour.

Mrs. Brett invited volunteers for a Carol Choir to attend rehearsals on agreed days.

Members and friends were asked for active co-operation in connection with the coming Christmas Sale, proceeds in aid of the Brockham Children's Home.

Nominations were taken for next year's Committee.