

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.

Calendar for January.

6 S.	(1) Epiphany. Parish Church: Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 12; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m. Hammer Church: Evensong, 6 p.m.
13 S.	(2) Epiphany I. 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.
20 S.	(3) Epiphany II. Parish Church: Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 12; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m. Hammer Church: Evensong, 6 p.m.
27 S.	(4) Epiphany III. 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.
FEBRUARY.	
1 F.	Purification of B.V.M. Parish Church: Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
3 S.	(5) Epiphany IV. Parish Church: Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 12; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m. Hammer Church: Evensong, 6 p.m.

My dear People,

I should like to say thank you very much to all those who so kindly sent me Christmas greetings and especially those who expressed their thankfulness for my sake that I was able to celebrate once more at the old Altar in the Parish Church.

It was indeed a great joy I know, not only to me, but to many that we were able to keep our Christmas Festival once more in St. James'.

The services were well attended, there were just over 100 communicants, and the collections, for St. John's, Waterloo Road, amounted to £9 2s. 2d. in addition to the sum of £6 16s. collected by the choir carol singers, who also collected £4 3s. 9d. for the starving Children of Europe by their singing at Abinger Hammer.

Both the Parish Church and the Mission Room were tastefully decorated by Mrs. Gibbs and Mrs. Bone, and we are grateful to them both for their love and care.

Wishing you all a very happy New Year and every blessing of Peace in 1946.

Yours affectionately,

LIONEL G. MEADE, *Rector.*

Holy Marriage.

Dec. 26 Arthur John Wales and Barbara Frances Read.

Mothers' Union Social.

The Social on December 7th was a tremendous success—over 100 people attending. The evening was full of entertainment, starting with a pianist—William Holland—and a ventriloquist—Barry Carlisle. Then followed Albert Richardson, from Burwash, who sang his famous Pig Song and Buttercup Joe. He was encored again and again, and sang twice more during the evening. Games, and refreshments followed in the course of the evening. Mrs. Martin gave a very pretty dance. Miss Rosemary Pavey and Miss June Foord an amusing Umbrella Duologue. Mrs. Taylor an excellent Music Hall turn, and Mrs. Free a lovely and entertaining recitation. Mr. Platt very kindly acted as M.C., and the members of the Mothers' Union provided the refreshments. Mr. Charles Wilton at the piano.

The next Social is on January 4th, at 7 o'clock, opening with a conjuror.

Mothers' Union.

It was the usual weather for the meeting last month—pouring with rain. But in spite of that, there were quite a few members at the Service in the Parish Church on Wednesday, 19th December, and after for tea at the Rectory. We all looked in too at the School Party to see the Christmas Tree and Tea in progress, at the kind invitation of Mrs. Carpenter.

The members went to London on the 28th of December to the Carol Service at Westminster, and tea with our kind friends at Waterloo Road.

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The next meeting will be at the Hammer on January 16th, at 3 o'clock, when there will be a speaker.

The Village Social on January 4th.

Abinger Common W.I.

The Annual Meeting was held in the Bowls' Pavilion on Thursday, December 6th.

A report of the year's work was submitted by the Secretary, Mrs. O'Kelly.

Eleven meetings were held, three of these, by invitation, in members' gardens.

Interesting and instructive talks had been given; speakers on various subjects from "Madam Chiang Kai Shek," by Mrs. Powell, to "Animal Friends" by the the Zoo Man—Mr. D. Seth Smith.

The pies scheme had continued throughout the year. Total number of pies sold was 13,546, and that of sausage rolls, 13,523.

Since 1942, when the Institute joined in with the work, 353 garments had been knitted for the Merchant Navy, and during the past year, 41 garments for children of Liberated Europe.

A course of thrift rug making was held.

Our past President, Mrs. Lugard, who has left the neighbourhood, sent a farewell message.

A new Committee was elected, Mrs. Roberts and Miss Pickard acting as tellers.

After the business was completed, Mrs. Hazeltine gave an interesting talk on the Origin of Parliament, Privileges of Members, and Orders of Procedure, also some personal recollections of life in one of the Residences of the Palace of Westminster.

Tea was served by the retiring Committee, and the meeting closed with the singing of Christmas Carols.

Abinger Church Rebuilding Fund.

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

	£	s	d
Acknowledged in December			
Magazine	1,605	18	9
The Misses F. and M. Baily (2nd instalment)	1	1	0
Major E. Beddigton Behrens (2nd instalment)	10	0	0
Mrs. Hopkins (in memory of her son)	10	0	0
Mr. Michael Meade	1	0	0
Lychgate Box	0	19	2
Total	£1,628	18	11

E. J. LUGARD,
Hon. Treasurer.

28th December, 1945.