

# 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 February.**

2 S.	<b>Purification of B.V.M.</b>
3 S.	(1) <b>Epiphany IV.</b> <b>Parish Church:</b> Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 12; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m. <b>Hammer Church:</b> Evensong, 6 p.m.
10 S.	(2) <b>Epiphany V.</b> <b>Parish Church:</b> Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m. <b>Hammer Church:</b> Holy Communion, 10 a.m.; Evensong, 6 p.m.
17 S.	(3) <b>Septuagesima.</b> <b>Parish Church:</b> Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 12; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong 7 p.m. <b>Hammer Church:</b> Evensong, 6 p.m.
24 S.	(4) <b>Sexagesima.</b> <b>Parish Church:</b> Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Mattins 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m. <b>Hammer Church:</b> Holy Communion, 10 a.m.; Evensong, 6 p.m.
<b>MARCH.</b>	
3 S.	(5) <b>Quinquagesima.</b> <b>Parish Church:</b> Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m. <b>Hammer Church:</b> Evensong, 6 p.m.

**Rector's Letter.**

My dear People,

I have under a separate heading stressed the importance of this year's Annual Church Meeting to be held at the Rectory in April, but there is another matter of great importance that I want to bring to your notice, namely, the launching of the Bishop's Challenge Fund in this parish. It means that our own particular portion of the Million Pounds to be raised amounts to £3,200, of which we have already raised almost £2,000 earmarked for the Restoration of the Parish Church, this leaves £1,200 to be raised in the next 10 years, in return for which we shall have our Church completely restored and furnished and a suitable Village Hall at the Common. £120 a year for 10 years, although not a large sum to be aimed at, is too heavy a burden for us to be shouldering for so many years, and I want to see a great effort made during 1946 to raise the whole of this in one year by means of donations, and a big Fete

and Sale of Work, perhaps one at the Common and one at Abinger Hammer; it would be a big undertaking but not impossible if all, who love their Parish Church and all the social activities within the parish, would make their supreme effort. Please do your utmost to support whatever scheme for money raising is decided upon.

Yours affectionately,

LIONEL G. MEADE, *Rector.*

**Annual Church Meeting.**

The Annual Joint Church and Vestry Meeting will be held on Friday, April 26th, at the Rectory at 7 p.m., when we shall elect the new Church Council and the Churchwardens. I hope as many as possible will make every effort to attend this meeting which will be of more importance than ever before. The elected Churchwardens and new Council will probably have the responsibility during their term of office to see the plans for the restoration of the Church completed and, I hope, some of the work at least started on before the close of 1946. As you have already heard there are plans for a permanent Village Hall at the Common under the Bishop of Guildford's Challenge Scheme, and this will benefit all residents here, it should give added interest to the Annual Meeting and, in particular, the election of the new Church Council. I hope it is clear to everyone concerned that this Village Hall is not intended to be just a Church Hall for Church Meetings, but a centre for all the Social activities of the village, such as the Women's Institute and Village Club, neither of which have a suitable meeting place. L.G.M.

**St. John's, Waterloo Road.**

My dear Rector.

I enclose my receipt for your cheque of £16 13s. 2d. so kindly sent to St. John's, Waterloo, S.E.1., from Abinger Church, for our Christmas Parties, etc. We are indeed

most grateful for Abinger's kindness shown so generously to Waterloo, and would wish you to express our thankfulness to your people.

Many thanks for your good wishes, which we reciprocate.

Sincerely yours,

EDWIN RHYS.

(Vicar of St. John's, Waterloo Road).

**Baptism.**

Jan. 6 Heather Winifred Leila Garrett.

**Burial.**

Jan. 9 Robert Watts Sampson, aged 55 years.

**Mothers' Union.**

A well attended meeting was held at the Hammer on January 16th, when the Hon. Mrs. Hopewell gave an excellent address, and we were delighted to see her again.

The next meeting will be at the Rectory on February 20th at 3 o'clock.

**Mothers' Union Social.**

The January Social last month started with a conjuror—Mr. Saunders—who gave a splendid performance. Games and dancing followed, and during the evening Mrs. Southwell gave a fine tap dance. Miss Rosemary Pavey sang two folk songs most charmingly. Mrs. Newman and her family very kindly sang. Mr. Fue acted as M.C., and Mrs. Roberts was at the piano.

At the February Social we have a special request repeat performance of the Juvenile Dancers as so many people missed them last time, so I hope there will be a good attendance.

**Anvil Club.**

On January 16th the Anvil Club played the Rovers at games, and were beaten by their opponents: Table Tennis, 8-1, Darts, 3-1, Billiards, 2-1, Draughts, 0-1. It was a good evening and enjoyed by all present.

**Abinger Common W.I.**

Thursday, January 10th found members in a festive mood, for it was the anniversary of the W.I., and we were celebrating its 4th birthday.

To mark the occasion, the Committee had planned a tea party.

The Bowls Pavilion looked quite gay, bedecked with holly and ivy festoons tastefully arranged by Mrs. Carr.

A programme of games and competitions arranged by Mrs. Terence O'Kelly, provided lots of fun, and helped the older members to recapture the spirit of youth for the time being.

Prize-winners received their token awards with all the enthusiasm of childhood.

The crowning feature of the excellent tea provided was the beautifully iced birthday cake, decorated with the appropriate number of candles, made by Mrs. Bowler.

The cake was cut by Mrs. Brett with full ceremony in the darkened room, and it was soon nothing but a pleasant memory.

A ballot was taken for the election of President. A letter of thanks from the children of Brockham Children's Home was read, and one from the governing body, for the help given as a result of the Institute's Sale of Work.

**Abinger Church Rebuilding Fund.**

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

	£	s	d
Total acknowledged to 31st			
December, 1945	1,628	18	11
Anon, in thanksgiving for the safe return of Lt.-Col. George Sax	5	5	0
Mrs. Phelips	5	0	0
Total	£1,639	3	11

E. J. LUGARD,

26th January, 1946.

Hon. Treasurer.