

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 March.

3 S.	(1) Quinquagesima. Parish Church: Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 11.45; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m. Hammer Church: Evensong, 6 p.m.
6 W.	Ash Wednesday. Parish Church: Holy Communion, 11 a.m. Hammer Church: Service, 3 p.m.
10 S.	(2) Lent 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.
17 S.	(3) Lent II. Parish Church: Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 12; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong 7 p.m. Hammer Church: Evensong, 6 p.m.
24 S.	(4) Lent III. Annunciation of B.V.M. 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.
31 S.	(5) Lent IV. Parish Church: Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m. Hammer Church: Evensong, 6 p.m.
APRIL.	
7 S.	(1) Passion Sunday. Parish Church: Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 11.45; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m. Hammer Church: Evensong 6 p.m.

Baptisms.

- Feb. 3 Bridget Jane Burbridge.
- „ 10 Michael Robert Johnstone.

Burial.

- Feb. 17 George Dodd, aged 84 years.

Rector's Letter.

My dear People,

We are once again approaching the season of Lent, which, I fear, to-day means little to the mass of Church-going people, but there are, I believe, many in every congregation who are ready to do something about it but are not quite sure what to do. Well, first of all let us be quite sure we know how our Lord himself used those forty days. "Come ye yourselves and rest awhile," He said on one occasion to His disciples who had just had the "shock of their lives" by the beheading of John the Baptist.

We too, as Christians, have just experienced the greatest shock of our time, these past six years of war, and all the cruelty and suffering it has meant, and for us in particular in this parish, the destruction of our beloved Parish Church. I should like to say that this has been a far greater loss to this parish than some of us realise, but I for one have begun to see that it has already shaken the foundations of our church life here, and I am more distressed about it than I can say. Our congregations have become smaller, the number of communicants less, and our collections smaller than they have been since I came to the parish. I say all this in the kindest of spirits, but something must be done about it and soon. May I appeal to you all to play your part in remedying these defects? Can't we make a superhuman effort in these weeks before Easter to be more regular in our Communions and other Church Services and to give more liberally to the offertories? We all need, I am sure, to rededicate ourselves afresh to the service of God and to be more loyal in our Church membership and our affection for our beloved Parish Church.

God bless you all and help both you and me to be worthy of all the tender mercies and blessings poured upon us during these years of war.

Yours affectionately,
LIONEL G. MEADE.

Mothers' Union.

Social. The February Social was quite one of the nicest we have ever had—and went with a swing all the evening. The Juvenile Dancers gave a delightful performance; and the Photographic Display of "When we were very young" added to everyone's enjoyment. Many thanks to people for lending their photographs. Mrs. Harding, at the piano, greatly added to the enjoyment of the evening. Mr. Platt was a very hard working M.C., and Mrs. Free recited admirably. Mr. Free was on the Door, and Miss Daphne Free very kindly provided music at the beginning of the evening.

The M.U. meeting at the Rectory on the 20th was very well attended, and Mr. Mertens kindly came to speak. It was a great pleasure to welcome Mrs. Carpenter to the Committee Meeting afterwards; and now for the March and April arrangements:—

- March 1 Social—the last.
 „ 6 Ash Wednesday. Service at the Hammer at 3 p.m. Collection for Mary Sumner House.
 „ 13 Readings for M.U.
 „ 20 M.U. Meeting at the Hammer. Canon R. G. Parsons.
 „ 26 Deanery Service at St. Martin's, Dorking, at 3 p.m.
 „ 27 Readings for M.U. members at the Hammer.
 April 3 Readings for M.U. members at the Hammer.
 „ 10 Readings for M.U. members at the Hammer.
 „ 17 Service at Abinger Common, at 3 p.m. Collection for Mary Sumner House.

At the Rectory, after the Service, we want to have a Stall of home-made articles to raise some funds—so please get busy and bring something with you. G.M.

Abinger Common and Wotton W.I.

On Wednesday, February 6th, our newly elected President—Miss J. Harrison—opened the meeting with a short prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed.

The main business dealt with resolutions on the agenda of the Surrey County Federation General Meeting, and with the selection from nomination list of candidates for the Executive Committee, and Consultative Council Delegate.

In view of the Institute's precarious financial position, the President appealed to members to approve a suggestion submitted by the Committee, that a proportion of the weekly profits from the sale of pies be drawn upon to provide a small remuneration to members who give their services to the pie

scheme, and the margin be added to Institute funds to help meet expenses. This was agreed.

It was also proposed to form a working party for a Sale of Work later in the year, for the benefit of the Institute funds.

A preliminary meeting in this connection will be held at Mullacash, the home of Mrs. O'Kelly, our Secretary, on the afternoon of February 21st.

Members were invited to compete in the Flower Show at Mickleham on July 17th, and it was agreed to guarantee the sum of £5 towards possible outstanding expenses in connection with this event.

With much regret we bid farewell to Mrs. T. O'Kelly, whose cheerful and whole-hearted co-operation during her all too brief membership will be sadly missed.

Miss Drower, who has recently returned from Irak, where she had been engaged in educational and cultural work among women, gave an interesting and illuminating talk on "Life in a Harem."

The speaker was called upon to answer many questions, and would have had to answer many more had time permitted.

Mrs. Rickerby proposed a vote of thank to the speaker.

While the tea hostesses handed round refreshments, Mrs. Bowler exercised her salesmanship at the Stall, from which transactions both members and Institute benefit.

Abinger Church Rebuilding Fund.

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

	£	s	d
Total acknowledged to 26th			
January, 1946	1,639	3	11
Miss Anne Johnstone	2	2	0
Lychgate Box	1	4	9
Miss Peggy Titcomb	7	7	0
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Total	£1,649	17	8
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E. J. LUGARD,
 25th February, 1946 *Hon. Treasurer.*