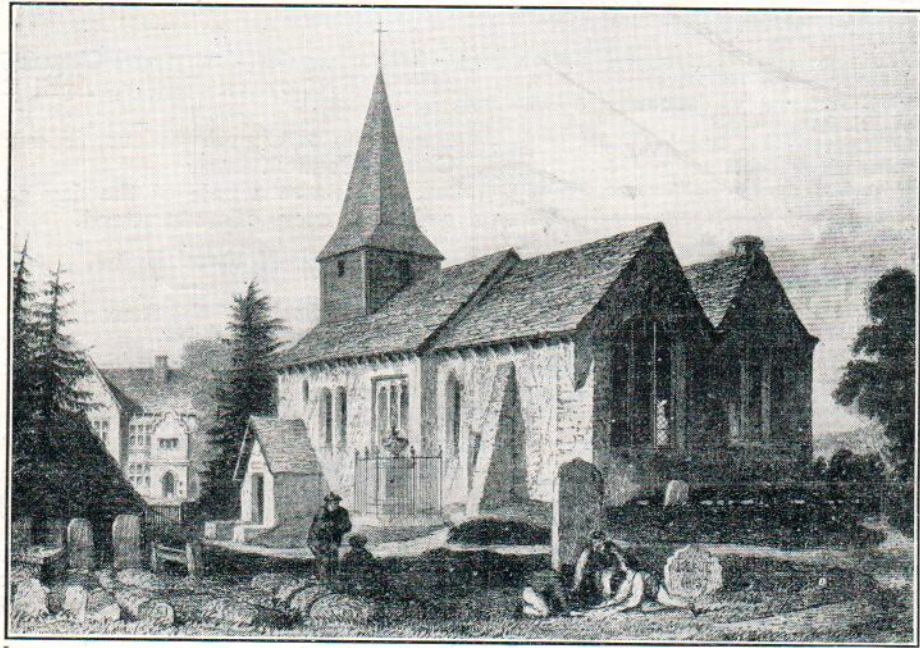


ABINGER PARISH MAGAZINE.



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 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.
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- 14 S. (2) **Palm Sunday.**
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.
- HOLY WEEK.**
- 18 Th. **Maundy Thursday.**
Parish Church: Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
- 20 F. **Good Friday.**
Parish Church: Ante-Communion, 8 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Hammer Church: Special Service, 3 p.m.
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- 21 S. (3) **Easter Sunday.**
Parish Church: Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 12; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m.
Hammer Church: Holy Communion, 10 a.m.; Evensong, 6 p.m.
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- 28 S. (4) **Easter I.**
Parish Church: Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m.
Hammer Church: Evensong 6 p.m.
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- MAY.**
- 5 S. (1) **Parish Church:** Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 11.45; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m.
Hammer Church: Evensong, 6 p.m.

Burial.

March 18 Alice Harrison, aged 85 years.

Rector's Letter.

My dear People.

First of all, may I wish you all a very happy Easter, and may we all meet together at His Table and share the great Victory Feast, His Victory over His sufferings on Good Friday, and our Victory over the sufferings of the past six years.

Secondly, as we rejoice that we are gradually able to restore our old Parish Church, may I direct your prayers and thoughts to the Reconstruction of the Churches in desolate Europe?

I am personally trying to help the Church's Committee in this work, and I hope you will read the short article on the subject in this month's parish magazine, and try to play your part by prayer and gifts for this worthy

object. It is impossible to realise the havoc wrought in the Church Life of Europe by these years of war, and if the Fellowship of Christianity means anything to us we cannot remain inactive in the necessary re-building of the Religious Life of millions of our Fellow Christians.

Please do all you can to help.

Yours affectionately,

LIONEL G. MEADE.

Annual Easter Vestry and Church Meeting at the Rectory on Friday, April 26th, at 7 p.m.

Election of Churchwardens, Sidesmen, and Church Council.

Please make a note of the day and time, and make every effort to attend. L.G.M.

Mothers' Union.

SOCIAL.

The last Social of the Season went off with a good swing, and we were very grateful indeed to Mr. Charles Wilding who came all the way from Manchester to play for us. "The Wee Three" at the commencement, supplied some good entertainment, and during the evening Mrs. Cree gave a very amusing monologue. The chief event of the evening was the presentation, by Mr. Nicholson, of a cheque to Mr. Platt—the postmaster. The money had been subscribed by the many friends of Mr. Platt in the village as a token of their deep appreciation of his work and interest in the village life. Mr. Nicholson made a very amusing and apt speech, and Mr. Platt replied.

As it was the last Social, the M.U. Committee, who had done so much work behind the scenes, were thanked.

We are grateful to Mr. Peter Hoad for his work as M.C., and to Mr. Free for taking the door again. The M.U. hope to start the Socials again in October.

MEETING.

At the meeting on March 20th, Canon E. Parsons was unable to come, and Mrs. Hammond, of the Salvation Army, came and gave the members a very full and interesting talk on the work for women in the Army.

Weekly readings are going on at the Hammer, from 3 to 4 p.m., each Wednesday.

NEXT MEETING.

It is necessary to alter the April meeting to the 4th Wednesday in the month, as, being Holy Week the week before, there will

be services at both Churches on Good Friday. So *our* meeting and service will be on Wednesday, April 24th, at 3 p.m., at the Parish Church. Tea afterwards, and a small stall at the Rectory. G.M.

Christian Reconstruction in Europe.

"They shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities."

Christian Churches throughout Europe have been in the forefront of the fight against Barbarism. Their struggle has not been for themselves but for the Church of Christ and as guardians of human values, of justice, liberty and truth.

They have fought to maintain Christian schools and youth organisations.

They have protested against the taking of innocent hostages. Church leaders have offered themselves in substitution for those arrested.

They have combated anti-Semitism and given succour to persecuted Jews.

Their casualties have been heavy. Some have been put to death or died in imprisonment. Others have languished in concentration camps. Christian schools and universities have been closed and training for the ministry forbidden.

There is a famine of Bibles and of Christian literature. Christian newspapers have been forced to cease publication. Churches and institutions have been destroyed by bombing. Christian funds have been confiscated.

But many men and women are secretly and courageously preparing themselves for Christian service and leadership in the post-war world.

They might say with St. Paul: "We are troubled on every side yet not distressed; we are perplexed but not unto despair; persecuted but not forsaken; cast down but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body."

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

The Committee will welcome offers of help, gifts of money, requests for further information and suggestions as to plans.

These should be sent to:—

The Secretary, C.R.E.,
56, Bloomsbury Street,
London, W.C.1

(Telephone: MUSEum 6811, extensions 214, 215),

or to the headquarters of any of the member organisations.

A Prayer for the Church.

God, our Shepherd, give to the Church a new vision and a new charity, new wisdom and fresh understanding, the revival of her brightness and the renewal of her unity; that the eternal message of Thy Son undefiled by the traditions of man may be hailed as the good news of the new age; through Him who maketh all things new, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Abinger Church Rebuilding Fund.

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

	£	s	d
Acknowledged to 25th			
February, 1946	1,649	17	8
Abinger Parish Council	38	3	0
Lychgate Box	0	14	9
Total	£1,688	15	5

E. J. LUGARD,
27th March, 1946. *Hon. Treasurer.*

China Inland Mission.

The following donations have been received per Mrs. Roper:—

	£	s	d
Mrs. Carpenter	0	2	6
Miss Fuller	1	0	0
Mrs. E. Harrison	0	5	0
Major E. J. Lugard	1	0	0
Mrs. C. E. Lugard	1	0	0
Miss Palmer	0	5	0
Mrs. Roper	2	0	0
Mrs. Scase	2	2	0
Mrs. Watt	2	2	0
Miss Watt	0	10	0
M.S.	2	0	0
Total	£12	6	6

E. J. LUGARD,
27th March, 1946. *Hon. Treasurer, P.C.C.*