

# 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 May.**

- 5 S. (1) **Easter II.**  
**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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- 12 S. (2) **Easter 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.
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- 19 S. (3) **Easter IV.**  
**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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- 26 S. (4) **Easter V.**  
**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.
- 30 Th. **Ascension Day.**  
**Parish Church:** Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
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- JUNE.**  
 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.

**Baptism.**

April 28 Linda Jill Holland.

**Marriage.**

April 27 Reginald Gordon Ellis and Ivy Jane Overington.

**Burial.**

April 6 Charles Hunt, aged 83 years.

My dear people,

I am very grateful to all concerned for your kind Easter Offering, which I much appreciate.

The services on Easter Day at both the Parish Church and Mission Room were well attended. There were 66 communicants at the Parish Church, and 39 at the Hammer, and the collections amounted to £14 3s. 7d.

I am sorry there were so few at the Annual General Meeting and the election of Churchwardens. It always seems to me to be such an opportunity of showing one's appreciation

of all the work and care for the Church by those who hold office on the Church Council. I, personally, should like to repeat what I said at that meeting, namely, I am more than grateful to Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Wilson for their work as Churchwardens, and indeed to Major Lugard for all the trouble he has taken, not only with the current Church accounts and the excellent balance sheet he produced, but also for his interest and hard work in keeping the accounts of the Church Re-building Fund and the Bishop's Challenge Fund, in which he has handled nearly £2,000 during the past two years. I thank too, once again, all the members of the Church Council, the Sidesmen, and not least, Mr. Fred White and the members of the choir, who are so regular in their attendance.

Here may I add my deepest sympathy to Mrs. Smith and her sisters, at the loss of their dear old father, Mr. Hunt, one of the dearest old men I have ever known, beloved and respected by all who knew him, and a very devoted churchman.

Yours affectionately,

LIONEL MEADE.

**Annual Church Meeting,**

held on April 26th, at the Rectory. The following elections were made:—

Churchwardens: Mr. J. A. Gibbs and Mr. J. Wilson.

Church Council: Mrs. Archer, Mrs. Carr, Miss Bulman, Major C. J. Gibbs, Mr. Hitchman, Mr. Mills, Mr. C. D. McKenzie, Mr. A. Randall, Mr. S. Smith, Mrs. Thomson, Miss Swanston, The Hon. Mrs. Vaughan Williams, Mr. Fred White.

Sidesmen: Mr. J. Bone, Major C. J. Gibbs, Major E. J. Lugard, D.S.O., O.B.E., Mr. Michael Meade, Mr. A. Abbott, Mr. Tallent.

**Abinger Church Rebuilding Fund.**

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

	£	s	d
Acknowledged to 27th			
March, 1946 ... ..	1,688	15	5
Mr. C. J. Gibbs ... ..	50	0	0
Lychgate Box ... ..	9	7	
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>£1,739</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>

26th April, 1946.

E. J. LUGARD,  
*Hon. Treasurer.*



**Mothers' Union.**

There was a service at the Parish Church on Wednesday, April 24th, taken by Rector—and afterwards the members adjourned to the Rectory for tea and a stall of home-made articles. This was a great effort and realised £3 in very short time.

The next meeting will be at the Hammer on Wednesday, May 15th, when there will be a speaker. G.M.

**China Inland Mission.**

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

	£	s	d
The Dowager Lady Farrer ... ..	1	0	0
Mr. J. A. Gibbs ... ..	1	0	0
The Rev. L. G. Meade ... ..	1	0	0
Miss V. Townshend ... ..		5	0
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>

E. J. LUGARD.

26th April, 1946. *Hon. Treasurer, P.C.C.*

Dear Major Lugard,

Thank you very much for your kind letter which was received here this morning. It was good of you to forward these subscriptions, and I am enclosing a receipt for the money that you sent. Will you please be kind enough to convey our warm thanks to the various donors, whose interest we greatly value.

The gift, as usual, is being allocated towards our hospital work at Paoning. The doctor in charge there, Dr. F. C. Maddox, has recently been far from well, and is having to come home for a time on furlough. Temporarily, Dr. Anderson from North-west China, has filled the gap, but last month we were able to secure an air passage from England to Chunking, and Dr. R. A. H. Pearce, who has had previous experience in China, has already arrived at Paoning. I am sure he will bring much needed relief.

Then, to, Mr. L. C. Stead, who was Business Manager at the Hospital for a number of years, has just sailed for China, and we hope it will

not be too long before he is able to arrive at his destination. The work there is as flourishing as ever, and there are numerous opportunities for preaching the Gospel of Christ.

With warm thanks,

Yours sincerely,

NORMAN C. PATEMAN.

**Abinger Common and Wotton W.I.**

There was a good attendance at the Bowls Pavilion on Thursday, April 4th. The President, Miss J. Harrison, opened the meeting with a short prayer, after which she welcomed visitors from Abinger Hammer and Peaslake W.I.'s.

The minutes having been taken as read, the County Letter was next dealt with. This called the attention of the members to the following:—(1) The Produce Guild, which they are invited to join. (2) The Literary Competition; Subject, "This was my village," to which entries are invited. (3) The coming Combined Arts Festival.

The President then gave some helpful particulars connected with the registration of births and deaths, and attention was called to a notice on the subject, which was being posted up for the benefit of those who might need it.

Members were urged to take part in the Group Flower Show.

Mrs. Rickerby's artistic and descriptive page was accepted as our W.I.'s contribution to the presentation book that is being compiled for Miss Sutherland.

In connection with the agenda for the National Federation General Meeting:—

Mrs. Carr gave a brief explanatory talk on the work of U.N.O., and the need for international tolerance and understanding. An illustrated talk on Russia by Major Vandeleur followed, concluding with songs of freedom. The speaker was accorded a vote of thanks, after which the welcome refreshments provided by the hostesses received the full attention of all present.