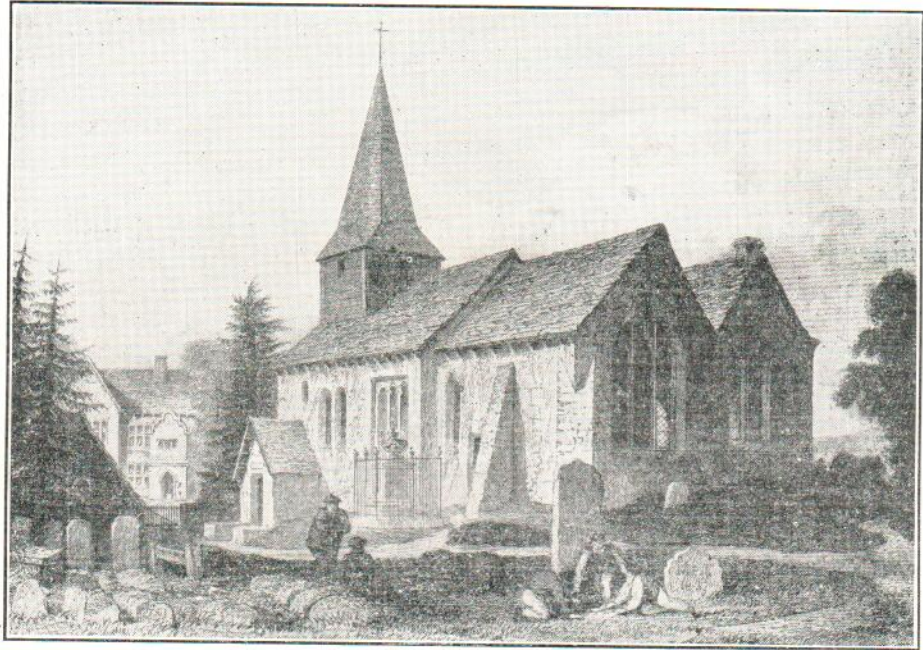


# ABINGER PARISH MAGAZINE.



*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. Carr; Mrs. Archer, Miss Bulman, Major C. J. Gibbs, Mr. Hitchman, Mr. Mills, Mr. A. Randall, Mr. S. Smith, Miss Swanston, Mrs. Thomson, The Honourable Mrs. Vaughan Williams and Mr. F. White.

**Finance Secretary:** Mr. C. D. McKenzie, Blue Hills, Abinger Common.

**Hon. Treasurer—Church Rebuilding Fund:** Major E. J. Lugard, D.S.O., O.B.E., Furzen Wood, Abinger Common.

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

**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 June.**

- 2 S. (1) **Sunday after Ascension.**  
**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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- 9 S. (2) **Whit 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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- 16 S. (3) **Trinity Sunday.**  
**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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- 23 S. (4) **Trinity 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.
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- 30 S. (5) **Trinity II.**  
**Parish Church:** Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m.  
**Hammer Church:** Evensong, 6 p.m.

**Burial.**

May 9 Elizabeth Lucas, aged 48 years.

My dear people,

Mr. Etchells, the architect we have appointed to restore our Parish Church is visiting the site with the quantity surveyor in the course of the next few days, and after their visit they will send us a report which will give us some idea of the probable cost of the restoration.

As soon as this figure is known, we hope to draw up an appeal for the Bishop's Challenge Fund, which fund will, we hope, undertake to pay for the whole work of restoration and furnishing of the church together with a Village Hall. There are, I know, many in the village who are looking forward to this Hall as a village social centre, and I hope that as much money as possible will be given to the Challenge Fund, earmarked for the Village Hall. Some people still seem to be doubtful

as to whether we shall ever get this hall, and to them I should like to point out that any money earmarked for such a building will, of course, be refunded if the building does not materialise.

It is, I fear, going to be some time before we can proceed with the work of restoration of the Church, but I do appeal to all concerned not to lose interest owing to the delay.

Yours affectionately,

LIONEL MEADE.

**Mothers' Union.**

It was a very great pleasure to welcome Mrs. Davies from Ranmore to our meeting on May 15th, and her talk was an excellent one. We are hoping to get the Waterloo Road Mothers down in June or July and we mean to give them a good time when they come. More of this later.

Meeting on June 19th, at the Rectory at 3 p.m., to welcome Mothers of St. John's, Waterloo Road. G.M.

**Abinger Church Rebuilding Fund.**

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

	£	s	d
Acknowledged to 26th			
April, 1946 ... ..	1,739	5	0
Anonymous ... ..	0	10	0
Miss Susan Davies ... ..	1	0	0
Mr. S. T. Dormand ... ..	1	0	0
Junior Sunday School, St. Paul's, Dorking ... ..	1	5	0
Mrs. Laurence ... ..	5	0	0
Lychgate Box (Eastertide) ...	4	9	6
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>£1,752</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>

15th May, 1946.

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

**Sea Services Sunday.**

*(Reprinted from "The Times," 13/5/46).*

MESSAGE FROM LEADERS OF THE CHURCHES.

The following statement has been issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, and the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council:—

"All citizens of Great Britain have grounds for the deepest feelings of gratitude to the officers and men of the Royal Navy and the Merchant Navy. To their courage, endurance and vigilance, we owe our own preservation from want as well as the safe conduct of our forces to many parts of the world. It is fitting that on some Sunday the congregations in our churches should be asked to remember these specially in their prayers. In order that all may observe the same day, except where local conditions forbid, we ask that Sunday, July 21st, may be kept in this way as a day of thankful remembrance.

It is certain that on such a day the congregations in our churches will wish to contribute to the funds which exist to provide amenities and give financial aid to those

connected with the two services who may at any time be in need of help.

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

The May meeting on Thursday last, which should have been a garden meeting at the "Fox," took place at the Bowls Pavilion, owing to the uncertainty of the weather, much to everyone's regret.

The president, Miss J. Harrison, opened the meeting with a short prayer, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed.

Items from the County Letter informed us of: (1) the regrettable fact that Lady Goodenough had been forced to resign from the County Presidency owing to ill health; (2) the urgent need for continued economy in all matters pertaining to food, and for continued efforts in the raising of foodstuffs; (3) the coming Arts Festival which we are called upon to support.

The display of art needlework received much appreciative attention and stirred up enthusiasm for fresh efforts among ourselves.