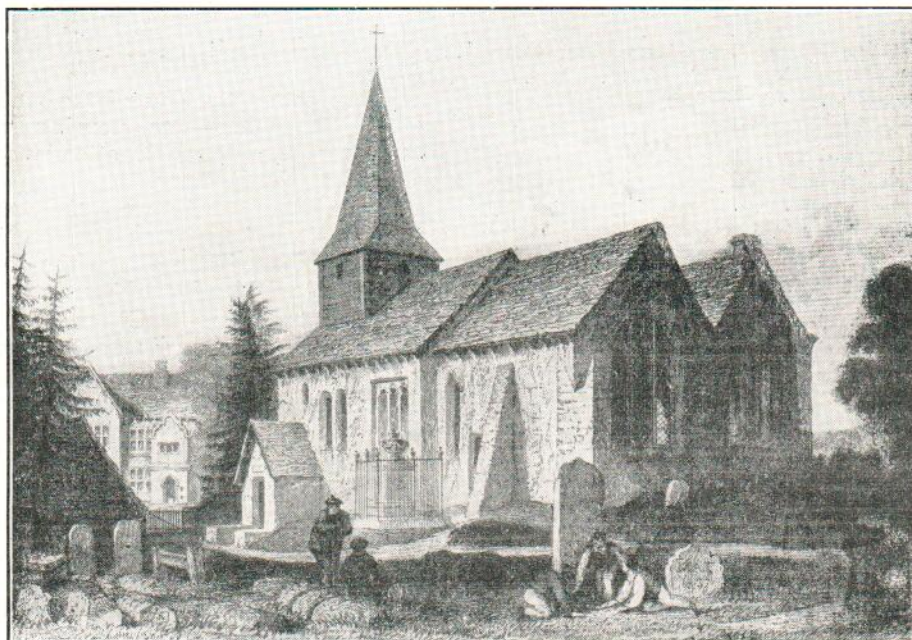


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Abinger Church in 1848

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.

Hon. Treasurer—Parochial Church Council: Mr. J. H. Bolton, Rowan, Raikes Hollow, Abinger Hammer.

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.

Vergers and Sexton: Michael Bowler.

Calendar for October.

- 6 S. (1) **Trinity XVI.**
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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- 13 S. (2) **Trinity XVII.**
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.
- 18 Fri. **St. Luke. Parish Church:** Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
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- 0 S. (3) **Trinity XVIII.**
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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- 27 S. (4) **Trinity XIX.**
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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- NOVEMBER.**
- 3 S. (5) **Trinity XX.**
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.

Sept. 3 Jean Graham O'Brien, aged 60 years.

Rector's Letter.

My dear People,

I am glad to be able to report that tenders have by now been sent out by the Architect, in conjunction with the Quantity Surveyor, for the rebuilding of Abinger Parish Church, and we hope very soon to hear the estimated cost of the work and then we shall be able to make our claim for compensation based on that figure. As soon as we have all this information completed we hope to issue an appeal towards the total amount needed. May I remind would be subscribers however, that compensation from the Government will only cover cost of the fabric of the Church itself, and does not cover the heavy cost of new organ, furnishings, etc.

Yours affectionately,

LIONEL G. MEADE.

The County School, Dorking.

Congratulations to Albert Randall on being elected head of the School, in addition to his being Captain of Football. I am sure

that not only his old School at Abinger and his parents, but the whole of the village must feel proud that one of our younger generation has done so well. I will not say more as I know that Albert is the last person who would want any fuss being made of his achievements, but I know we shall hear more about his doings in the future. Well done!

L.G.M.

Mothers' Union.

Unfortunately the day of the meeting this month—September—was pouring wet, and there was a very small attendance at the meeting at the Rectory.

However, those who were there were able to hear of the plans for the meetings this winter—which will be all on the Re-affirmation and Re-dedication of members.

The Entertainment Committee will be starting the Socials again on the first Friday in every month, beginning in October.

The food problem will be fraught with difficulty this year, but we shall overcome it somehow, and I hope to get the same steady support all through the season.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 16th, at 3 p.m., at the Hammer.

G.M.

Abinger Church Re-building Fund.

The following donations have been received to date:—

	£	s	d
Total acknowledged to			
28th June, 1946	1,767	6	0
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Edwards	3	3	0
Lychgate Box—			
July	2	2	9
August	1	17	0
September	2	1	6
Mr. W. L. R. O'Brien	5	0	0
Mrs. Page (Feldemore)—			
Second donation	5	0	
Anon. (St. Albans)	1	0	0
Total	£1,782	15	3

E. J. LUGARD,

16th September, 1946.

Hon. Treasurer.

Abinger Common and Wotton W.I.

On Thursday, September 5th, our members were once again cheated by the weather of what was to have been a garden meeting at Kingslea.

Mrs. Carr, however, welcomed us in her newly reappointed home, from which the workmen had not yet departed.

Our President opened the meeting with a short prayer.

Minutes being read and passed, the President gave her report, and dealt with business arising.

Details of funds raised at the Jumble Sale were given, also the result of the wayside produce stall held in aid of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families' Association, which realised £15 10s.

Members were asked to enter for the Challenge Cup competition (30 items for the store cupboard).

Attention was called to the half-yearly County Meeting, which was taking place at Redhill on Monday, September 9th—delegate: Mrs. O'Kelly.

Resolutions on the agenda were discussed, and votes were taken for our delegate's guidance.

It was hoped that the International Conference to be held at Dorking on October 9th would be attended by as many members as possible.

To help finance W.I. College, Institutes will be called upon to contribute £10 each over the next three year period.

Notice was given of Group Meeting to be held at Capel on September 27th.

Mrs. Powell gave an interesting talk on Surrey Place names, with special reference to the immediate locality. She was thanked on behalf of the meeting by Mrs. Carr.

An excellent tea, with special sit-down arrangements for the children present, concluded a very pleasant afternoon, for which thanks are due to our hostess.

Farewell to Mr. E. M. Forster.

On Monday, September 23rd, 120 friends of Mr. Forster foregathered at the Village Hall to say good-bye to one who has endeared himself to everyone during his long residence at West Hackhurst.

West Hackhurst has been his home for practically most of 70 years, and it was obviously a sad moment for Mr. Forster; his father having planned the house, and his aunt—Miss Forster—having built it; but, unfortunately, the property is only leasehold,

which has now expired, and other accommodation being impossible to find at the moment, not only has he to give up his beloved home, but also move far away from Abinger Hammer.

The farewell party was organised by the Anvil Youth Club, and an excellent social evening was much enjoyed by everyone. Old-time dances and games were kept up from 8 to 10.30 p.m.; everyone entered into the spirit of the evening. The guest of honour—E. M. Forster—obviously enjoyed the fun and games, and was to be seen both dancing and playing games with many of his old friends.

An excellent mime was performed by Mrs. Chisholm, Mr. Tallent, Miss June Winsor, and Mr. Maurice Spratley, which caused much amusement.

At the end of the evening the Rector said a few farewell words on behalf of those present, and voiced the feelings of all by saying that Abinger Hammer was losing its best and dearest friend and was going to feel the loss of Mr. Forster, not so much for what he had done for the village, but what he had been to the village—its greatest friend and supporter in all its activities. The Rector thought that the Youth Club had rightly chosen as its name the Anvil, which seems to-day a more fitting name than the Hammer, as it was receiving a great blow and not giving it.

A book containing the names of 125 friends was then handed to Mr. Forster, who, with his usual charming humility, thanked all present both for the book and the delightful evening, both of which had given him great delight. He said it was indeed a sad day for him after so many years here, and he would always treasure the happiest memories of Abinger Hammer and its folk. Mr. Forster wished the Youth Club every success and happiness, and he hoped they would make one of their activities the keeping open of the paths and rights of way to the surrounding countryside, not forgetting the path through the coppice that adjoins West Hackhurst, which little wood had almost been such a joy to him, and which, he was glad to say, he still possessed, and he hoped it would be enjoyed by his many friends.

The evening closed with heart-felt singing of Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.