

# 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.
- 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 November.**

- 1 Fri. **All Saints' Day.** **Parish Church:** Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
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- 3 S. (1) **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.
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- 10 S. (2) **Trinity XXI. Day of Remembrance.**  
**Parish Church:** Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Service of Remembrance, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m.  
**Hammer Church:** Holy Communion, 10 a.m.; Evensong, 6 p.m.
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- 17 S. (3) **Trinity XXII.**  
**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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- 24 S. (4) **Sunday before Advent.**  
**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 Sat. **St. Andrew's Day.**  
**Parish Church:** Holy Communion, 8 a.m.

**DECEMBER.**

- 1 S. (5) **Advent I.**  
**Parish Church:** Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 11.45; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m.  
**Hammer Church:** Evensong, 6 p.m.

**Rector's Letter.**

My dear People,

As I expect you all know, Sunday, November 10th has been appointed a Day of Remembrance throughout the Empire, and I hope we shall all be present to remember with gratitude all those who gave their lives in this last war and in the previous one. There will be a special Service of Remembrance, drawn up by the Archbishop, which will be used at the eleven o'clock service, and this service will be followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion.

Yours affectionately,  
 LIONEL G. MEADE, Rector.

**Harvest Festival.**

In spite of the inclement weather there seemed to be as great a quantity of flowers, fruit and vegetables, for the Harvest Thanksgiving Services, on the last Sunday in September. Owing to the limited space available in the North Chapel, it was only possible to have just simple decorations of flowers, which Mrs. Gibbs very kindly arranged suitably for the occasion.

The Hammer Mission Room seemed to have almost more garden produce than ever, and the flowers, fruit and vegetables were arranged most tastefully by Mrs. Bone, and the sheaves of corn and the bread completed a perfect Harvest offering. The services at the Hammer were especially well attended, and I think it was the most impressive service that I have ever conducted there.

The collections during the day amounted to £9 15s. 0d. in all, including £3 from the Mission Room, and £2 14s. 6d. from the Schools.

The Children's Festival was held at Abinger Common Schools on the Friday before the Church Festival, and we were glad to see so many parents and friends of the School present.

In a delightful little Harvest Service three short lessons were read by Fred Booker, Pat Roberts and Roddam Foreman, and read extremely well, and I should like to congratulate them on the reverent way they were delivered.

Here again there was a "mountain" of flowers, fruit and vegetables.

Thank you, Mrs. Carpenter, for all your care and trouble!

The produce from the festival was divided between Guildford and Dorking Hospitals, and both sent letters of appreciation in acknowledgement of the gifts. We were able, too, to send £4 17s. 6d. to each hospital. L.G.M.

**Abinger Church Re-building Fund.**

The following donations have been received to date:—

Total acknowledged to 16th Sept- ember, 1946 ... ..	£	s	d
	1782	15	3
Mrs. Bamfield ... ..	1	0	0
Mrs. Lyne ... ..	2	3	6
Lychgate Box ... ..	2	1	9
Total ... ..	£1788	0	6

16th October, 1946.

E. J. LUGARD,  
 Hon. Treasurer.

**Mothers' Union.**

The meeting at the Hammer on October 16th was quite well attended, and Mrs. Wilding gave a most excellent address on the first of the Three Objects of the Mothers' Union, and gave us much to think over and discuss.

The next meeting will be at the Rectory, on November 20th, when Mrs. Whishaw will speak.

*Social.* The first of our Socials took place on October 4th, at the Village Hall, and opened with "Saveen," ventriloquist and magician, who gave a really first-class performance and delighted his audience. The attendance was not quite as good as we had hoped, but it was the first one, and we hope it will be better at the next one and make it a paying concern. I hope the grown-ups of the village will rally round and be ready to join with us to make a cheerful evening each month.

November 1st, starting with a Show at 7.30 sharp this time, and no waiting for late-comers. Posters will be up soon.

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

The meeting on Thursday, October 3rd, was held in the Bowls Pavilion. Miss I. Harrison, the President, in the chair, opened the meeting with a short prayer.

Mrs. Collins, who was to give us a demonstration of bag making, having arrived early, the demonstration was taken as the first item of the afternoon's proceedings. We were initiated into many tricks of the trade and shown a number of simple patterns and clever devices. The demonstration was followed en-

thusiastically by all present, and Mrs. Collins was thanked by Miss I. Harrison, on behalf of all.

Routine business had to be dealt with rather hurriedly after the tea interval, as time was getting short. Minutes having been taken as read, Mrs. Rickerly gave her report on the Group Meeting held at Capel last month.

From the County letter we learnt that seeds and fruit bushes could be had on application; that the board and lodging terms for agricultural trainees had been increased to 35/- per week; that Surrey W.I.s had sent books to Queensland.

Attention of members was called to the International Conference, to be held in Dorking on Monday, October 7th.

In connection with the coming Challenge Cup Competition, all members were urged to submit entries, which must be in not later than October 31st.

The November meeting is to be a Members' Meeting, the officers and committee on this occasion standing aside to allow general members to organize and run the day's programme.

It will also be nomination day, and we were warned to nominate only those members who consent to stand.

A brisk trade was carried on at the monthly stall, with Mrs. G. Archer in charge.