

# 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.

**Verger and Sexton:** Michael Bowler.

She was a delightful speaker and much discussion followed. It was decided to hold an M.U. Party at the Rectory on December 11th, and to have a Christmas Service on December 18th, at the Mission Room. The Party to be from 3 till 5. Notices will be sent later.

**SOCIAL.** A very enjoyable Social was held on November 1st, at the Village Hall. Mrs. Taylor gave some excellent nigger minstrel songs, and the whole thing went with a swing throughout.

The next Social is on December 6th, starting at 7.30. G.M.

**Abinger Church Re-building Fund.**

The following donations have been received to date:—

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| Total acknowledged to 16th October, 1946 ... ..             | £     | s  | d |
|   | 1788  | 0  | 6 |
| "History of Abinger Church"—<br>sales of new edition ... .. | 4     | 12 | 6 |
| Lychgate Box ... ..   | 14    | 6  |   |
| Mrs. F. W. Thomson (second instalment) ... ..               | 5     | 0  | 0 |
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| Total ...   | £1798 | 7  | 6 |
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E. J. LUGARD,  
Hon. Treasurer.

18th November, 1946.

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

The meeting in the Bowls' Pavilion on Thursday, November 7th, was opened, as usual, with a short prayer.

Our President, Miss I. Harrison, in the chair, told us of the high standard of entries in the Store Cupboard Challenge Cup Competition.

The County letter was read, and nominations were taken for the next year's committee.

Miss Couchman, of the Brockham Children's Home, in her talk on the country's methods of dealing with "Deprived and Depraved Children," found in us a sympathetic audience to her moving appeal in the interests of this unfortunate section of our community, and left us well prepared for an intelligent study of the Curtis Report, which was the object of her talk.

We are particularly grateful to Miss Couchman, who stepped in at very short notice, owing to the last minute failure of our planned programme. Miss I. Harrison thanked her on our behalf.

Suggestions for items for inclusion in the programme for next year were discussed, and after tea, which our hostesses managed to conjure up, in spite of all obstacles, a short and amusing competition was staged by Mrs. Scase, who also kindly provided the handsome prize, which was carried off by Mrs. Simons.

**Calendar for December.**

- 1 S. (1) **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.
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- 8 S. (2) **Advent II.**  
**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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- 15 S. (3) **Advent III.**  
**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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- 21 Sat. **St. Thomas' Day.**  
**Parish Church:** Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
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- 22 S. (4) **Advent IV.**  
**Parish Church:** Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Carol Service, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m.  
**Hammer Church:** Evensong, 6 p.m.
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- 24 Tu. **Christmas Eve.**  
**Parish Church:** Midnight Mass, 12 midnight.
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- 25 W. **Christmas Day.**  
**Parish Church:** Holy Communion, 7 and 8 a.m. and 12 mid-day; Mattins, 11 a.m.  
**Hammer Church:** Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Christmas collections for St. John's, Waterloo Road.
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- 28 Sat. **Holy Innocents' Day.**  
**Parish Church:** Holy Communion, 8 a.m.;
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- 29 S. (5) **Christmas I.**  
**Parish Church:** Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m.  
**Hammer Church:** Evensong, 6 p.m.

**JANUARY.**

- 1 W. **Circumcision.** Holy Communion, 8.15 a.m.
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- 5 S. **Christmas II.**  
**Parish Church:** Holy Communion, 8 and 11.45 a.m.; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m.  
**Hammer Church:** Evensong, 6 p.m.

**Baptisms.**

- Oct. 27 Jennifer Margaret Spratley.  
 Nov, 10 Hazel May Lucas.

**Rector's Letter.**

My dear People,

At the moment the Festival of Christmas seems a long way off, but it will be here before we know where we are. Although the space is limited in the Parish Church I hope we shall have crowded congregations both at the

midnight Mass and Christmas Day services. As usual, our offerings will go to the poor of St. John's, Waterloo Road, and we hope to have a Christmas tree in the Church, and I hope all who can will send dolls and other toys, which are still too expensive for poor people in Waterloo Road to purchase for their children, and the toys sent last year were very much appreciated.

There is still a chance that we may be allowed to start the rebuilding of the Parish Church in the New Year, and I hope very much before Christmas, 1947, that we shall have another part of it fit for use.

Although, as I have already said, Christmas seems a long way off, I do wish you all a very very happy Festival, which this year will see most of our families reunited for the first time since 1939.

Yours affectionately,

LIONEL G. MEADE.

**Abinger Common and Abinger Hammer Schools.**

On November 19th Mrs. Carpenter and Miss Pocock, Head Mistresses of the two schools, took a party of children to London, by charabanc, to see the "Britain Can Make It" exhibition. The party left Abinger at 9.30 and spent several hours at the exhibition, which was much appreciated by all, and was full of interest.

After lunch the party proceeded to Westminster Abbey and were shown round the various Chapels, and stayed to Evensong. After a very happy day all arrived home safely at Abinger at 5.30 p.m.

The expenses of this outing were very kindly paid by the Parish Council.

**Mothers' Union.**

The meeting last month was at the Rectory, and there was quite a good attendance. Mrs. Wishaw came from Holmwood to give the address and talked on the sanctity of marriage.