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GREAT SAMPFORD.



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Vicar:—Rev. T. P. CONYERS BARKER, B.A.

GT. SAMPFORD W. HEMPSTEAD VICARAGE,
SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

Church-wardens:—Mr. WALTER GRAY AND Mr. ROBERT GOULDSTONE.

Sidesmen:—Mr. CHAPMAN, Mr. CHARLES WRIGHT, Mr. ALFRED WRIGHT,
Mr. SMITH, Mr. LAW AND Mr. ROY BLAYNEY.

Organist: Mrs. ALBERT GOWLETT. **Organ & Sexton:**—Mr. ALFRED DRANE

SERVICES.

HOLY COMMUNION.	8.15 a.m.* and 10.30 a.m. (Choral)	1st Sunday in Month.
	7 a.m.	2nd and 4th Sunday.
	8.15 a.m.	3rd and 5th Sunday.
MORNING PRAYER.	10 a.m.	1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday.
	11.30 a.m.	2nd and 4th Sunday.
EVENSONG & SERMON.	7.30 p.m.	1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday.
	6.15 p.m.	2nd and 4th Sunday.
CHILDREN'S SERVICE.	3 p.m.	1st and 3rd Sunday.
SERVICE FOR MEN.	3 p.m.	Alternate 5th Sundays.

HOLY BAPTISM. 1st and 3rd Sunday at or after Children's Service at 3 p.m. At other times
CHURCHINGS. By arrangement. [by appointment.]

The Vicar can be seen in Church for spiritual consultation on Saturdays after Evensong at 7.30 p.m., or by appointment. He should be notified of sickness where visiting is required. He is willing to administer Communion to the sick whenever desired.

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For the Congregation and Parishioners of
S. MICHAEL'S, GREAT SAMPFORD
AND
S. ANDREW'S, HEMPSTEAD.

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THE VICARAGE,

April 1st, 1935.

My dear People,

Holy Week and Easter.

The title recalls to us the Passion and Resurrection of our Saviour. Nothing has ever happened greater in the world than the facts which we commemorate during this holiest of seasons, the week before Easter. It should be to every Christian man and woman a very holy time indeed. The chief of the days are Good Friday (April 19th) and Easter Day (April 21st)—the one the day of sorrows, the other the day of gladness. On the one day we come and identify ourselves with the "Man of Sorrows"; on the other we come to share His life in our Easter Communion. Need it be pointed out that the duty of every Christian prompted by love of Christ is to come and make his or her communion on Easter Sunday.

On Good Friday at Great Sampford our Three Hours Service of Devotion will be kept from 12 to 3 o'clock. This will be the chief service of that most solemn day, whilst at Hempstead we shall observe it as appropriately as possible by our Way of the Cross Service in Church at 8.45 a.m. Other services are announced below. I urge all, who by any means find it possible, to attend the whole of the Three Hours Service, and commemorate by this period of devotion, hymn and meditation, the three hours of darkness which overhung the earth during the dying agony of Christ's Crucifixion. It is not too long to spend annually in such an exercise, and calls for the arrangement of domestic concerns accordingly. If any come for portions of the service only they are invited to enter or depart from the church during the singing of the hymns. I urge all communicants to come, if possible, on Easter Day to one of the celebrations of Holy Communion—Great Sampford at 8.15 a.m. and 10 a.m., and Hempstead, 7 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

The sorrows of the Cross are the distinguishing marks of Good Friday: the victory of the Cross the distinctive mark of Easter. It is the Christian's duty therefore to become one with Christ in the "fellowship of His sufferings." He that would be Christ's disciple must know what it is to take up his cross and follow Christ; and perhaps there is no better way of helping one to learn this than by a devout reflection upon the incidents of Good Friday, and a Good Friday kept as far as possible in religious service and meditation. Jesus, bearing His cross, went forth to suffer "without the gate." The Christian therefore must be prepared to leave the world to its own ways, and go unto Jesus "without the camp." So we shall be watchers with Christ in the Agony of the Garden; pilgrims with those daughters of Jerusalem on the way of the Cross; so shall we stand by the cross in company with those holy women and St. John the Evangelist; help to bear the Cross with Simon of Cyrene; and be found in the company of all who, during that once terrible scene, felt in their hearts a pang of sympathy for the guiltless Sufferer.

Your faithful Priest and Pastor,

T. P. CONYERS BARKER.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

From the Bishop's Letter, April, 1935.

"I must add some further words of guidance for the clergy regarding the observance of the King's Silver Jubilee. As I indicated last month a form of service has been issued by authority for the celebrations on May 6th, and if need be on the succeeding Sunday, but I believe it is generally felt that something supplementary is necessary for the ordinary worship in our parish Churches, and provision has been made for this by the action of the Archbishop of Canterbury. I wish to say that those clergy who are disposed to adopt the regulations suggested by the Archbishop of Canterbury are at liberty to

do so, and I anticipate that these plans will be widely followed by the clergy throughout England.

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"I have been asked to call attention to this year as the Centenary of the Missions to Seamen. This fine society has done magnificent work for our sailors all over the world. It is not possible for me to give any details as to this work. I must confine myself to a general commendation of the Mission and express the hope that those clergy who are able to do anything either by arranging meetings or offering facilities for a representative of the Mission to come and preach, will be helping an admirable organisation.

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"My last word must be a word of very sincere expression of my fervent prayer that the Holy Week and Easter Season may be a great blessing to all our people. Personally I always look forward to the season as a time of great spiritual opportunity and advance, and I pray that it may be this to all the clergy and their people.

Your sincere friend and Bishop,
HENRY CHELMSFORD."

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Hempstead Church Tower.

Recently we have received a donation of £10 10s .0d., but, generally speaking, the Church Tower Fund is at a standstill. About £200 has been subscribed of the remaining £2000 required for the completion of the Tower. There is also a small legacy, which cannot be touched until the work is done; and a promise of a further £150 from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners; in all a total of £380. Hence a further £1,620 is asked for, whilst every few pounds received reduces the balance needed.

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It may be regretted that the name of William Harvey, and his valuable service to humanity and to physiology and medicine, by his research and ingenuity in the matter of the Circulation of the Blood, has failed to inspire to the completion of this task, and that it may be necessary to turn to other sources for names to conjure with.

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Last month we ventured to suggest the name of "Turpin," the gallant hero of the Highroad, and of Highway Fiction; born at Hempstead and christened in our parish

Church, as our church-registers authoritatively record.

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Consequently, we appeal to "The Comrades of the Road"—all admirers of "Dick Turpin" and his gallant steed "Black Bess,"—to send their trifle for this worthy object in the form of Stamps, Postal Orders or Cheques to The Vicar, Hempstead, Saffron Walden, Essex. The "Comrades of the Road" is a worthy order and has multitudes of ways in which both the individual and the community may be served. One Shilling, or a larger gift, will constitute membership of children, youth or adult. Send your name and your contribution, and you will learn more about it.

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The Buttercup Day, in aid of the Royal National Orthopædic Hospital, Great Portland Street, London, (for Crippled Children) resulted as follows, at Hempstead, Miss Doris Gibbs, 12s .3d.; Miss Olive Andrews, 12s .1d.; Helions Bumpstead, £1 2s. 11d., and Great Sampford, organised by Mrs. Blayney, £2 9s. 2d.

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Easter.

Flowers for the decoration of the Churches for Easter should be sent on Saturday, April 20th, by 10 o'clock a.m. No doubt the necessary helpers will be available. Those willing to help should be at the churches on Saturday morning at ten o'clock, when their services will be highly appreciated.

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Good Friday Services.

Great Sampford :

Three Hours, 12 (noon) to 3 o'clock.
Evening Service and Address, 7.30 p.m.

Hempstead :

Mattins, Litany & Ante-Communion, 8.45 a.m.
Evening Service and Address, 6.15 p.m.

Easter Day.

Great Sampford :

Holy Communion, 8.15 a.m. & 10.45 a.m.
Morning Prayer, 10 a.m.
Children's Service, 3 o'clock.
Evensong and Sermon, 7.30 p.m.

Hempstead :

Holy Communion, 7 a.m. and 12.15 (noon).
Morning Prayer, 11 a.m.
Evensong and Sermon, 6.15 p.m.