

Gt. Sampford & Hempstead Parish Magazine.

HEMPSTEAD.



(Tower prior to fall — from an old photograph.)

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

Gt. Sampford W. Hempstead Vicarage,
Saffron Walden, Essex.

Church-wardens:—MR. T. C. BLACKMORE AND MR. J. F. DRANE.

Sidesmen:—MR. DRANE, MR. FITCH, MR. JACK TAYLOR, MR. GEORGE JOHNSON,
AND MR. THOMAS PETTY.

Organist:—MISS HALL.

Sexton:—MR. FORD.

SERVICES:

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

HOLY BAPTISM. 2nd and 4th 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 by appointment. He should be notified of sick cases where visiting is required. He is willing to administer Holy Communion to the sick in their homes whenever desired.

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Sidesmen:—MR. CHAPMAN, MR. CHARLES WRIGHT MR. ALFRED WRIGHT AND
MR. SMITH.

Organist: MR. ERNEST STOCK.

Verger:—MR. ALFRED DRANE.

Sexton:—MR. ZACKERY COOTE.

SERVICES.

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| 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. |
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HOLY BAPTISM. 1st and 3rd Sunday at or after Children's Service at 3 p.m. At other times
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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.

A Magazine

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

FEBRUARY, 1928.

THE VICARAGE,
February 1st, 1928.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

Already we have passed through one month of the year, carrying with it the message of Hope, inspired by the lessons of Christmas. We have had much snow and rain to contend with, and hope that February "fill-dyke" will not be true to the rainy-day proverb, but will give us a chance of getting the fields and gardens in order for the seeds. The snowdrops have already made a show of bloom in the sheltered nooks of the garden, and crocus and winter aconites, and even primroses, speaking to us words of increased hope, that there is life beneath the darkest outlook—bidding us look up from the things of earth to the light of God our Father in Heaven.

Last month our thoughts were full of the Epiphany. We dwelt upon the old, yet ever new story of "The Wise Men," who journeyed to Bethlehem to worship "The New-born King." Let us pause for a moment and consider their lesson—or even we may call it their message to us—their example. It was not enough for them, having seen Christ's Star in the East: they had to come and worship Him. They had to inconvenience themselves in various ways—to be absent from their homes, and interrupt their ordinary employments for a considerable time, and to do in the open sight of men that which was very much out of the common way, which would undoubtedly be counted odd for persons of their condition to take—this act of worship. This Christ expects of us all to come and worship Him: not only to pray, or exercise ourselves in religious thoughts, but to render Him homage in the sight of men and angels.

Let us learn from them the lesson of the activity of faith—watching, waiting, hoping. Think of the Wise Men looking for the expected sign, never losing heart though the vision tarried, their readiness to start to face all

dangers and difficulties which they must have felt when in the very place to which the star had led them nothing was known of the King whom they sought. Yet they inquired—they persevered. What they found was to human sight so out of proportion to what they expected. Thus the faith which waits and works can also accept and rejoice, and the homage given by them to a little Child was manifested by worship. This story may thus be regarded as a sort of parable of the communicant, seeking, waiting, striving, attaining—and then kneeling in unquestioning adoration. The faith which loves and obeys is the faith which is not afraid to worship.

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Lent, too, opens before us this month, beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. The Special Lenten Services will be announced later. The first day of Lent marks for our consciences a great opportunity, and a great responsibility. We no longer on Ash Wednesday burn to ashes the palms blessed on the previous Palm Sunday. We have now no such ashes to bless, and to place upon the heads of penitent worshippers, with words reminding us that we are but dust and ashes. But if the ceremony has passed away, the call to penitence is vitally necessary for the children of the twentieth century.

Christians keep Lent because Christ kept Lent, and we have promised to follow His example, and to reproduce as far as we can His life in our lives. He who had so little need for self-discipline kept Lent once. We who are in daily need of self-discipline keep Lent each year. If we cannot relive every detail of our Master's experience in the wilderness, we can at any rate by His grace use our wills to mark these forty days by a determined effort to act on the principles of Christ's Lent, as we can learn them from the Gospel Story. For all who fight faithfully through the forty days, whether apparent victory is given to them or not, there ever stands upon the Lord's Table,

"the Cup of Salvation." If then by the long-suffering of God we are privileged to enter upon another Lent, let us vigorously use the opportunity and sternly rise to the responsibility. And as the Sundays, which lie outside the forty days come and go, let us rejoice in each weekly festival of the Resurrection, and so become more ready to share "the fellowship of His sufferings" in the wilderness for forty days and "to know Him and the power of His Resurrection" in the full triumph and joy of Eastertide.

I urge you all therefore to make the most of the opportunities of this forthcoming Lent.

Your faithful Priest and Pastor,
T. P. CONYERS BARKER.

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Servers at Hempstead.

CHORAL EUCHARIST, 10 o'clock.

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| Feb. 12. Sexagesima : | Robert Willis, Charles Everitt. |
| „ 26. Lent I : | Cecil Gibbs, Kenneth Johnson. |
| Mar. 11. Lent III : | Sidney Halls, Edward Hall. |
| „ 25. Lent V : | Cecil Gibbs, Charles Everitt. |
| (Lady Day) | |
| Apr. 8. Easter Day : | Sidney Halls, Robert Willis. |
| „ 22. Easter II : | Kenneth Johnson, Edward Hall. |

Cross-bearer : Cecil Willis.

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Parish Hall, (Old Schoolroom), Gt. Sampford.

A Gramophone Concert and Dance will be held in the above room on Friday, February 17th, 1928. The whole of the proceeds of the evening will be given to the Fund for the Extension of the Parish Hall. The music will be supplied by W. De Barr, using the new "His Master's Voice" Gramophone and Records.

Admission to Concert 6d. each, 7 to 9 p.m.
Admission to Dance 6d. each, 9-15 to 11 p.m.

Come and hear the wonderful tone of the new gramophone. Records of the best artistes will be played for the concert and records of the best London dance bands for the dancing.

The Fund has now reached the sum of £116 2s. 2d., leaving less than £7 to complete the amount required.

Notes and News.

The Sunday School Treats at both Great Sampford and Hempstead, were held early in the New Year, and were really successful, happy and enjoyable events. The children had a right good time; and the presents for attendance throughout the year were very good and very much appreciated.

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We have to thank all who kindly contributed by money, in kind for the teas and refreshments, and who helped in other ways. Particularly we are indebted to Messrs. Andrews, of the London and Stansted Furnishing Company of Saffron Walden, who so kindly came out both to Hempstead and Gt. Sampford and gave concerts in aid of the funds for the Treats. The company consisted of the Andrews Brothers, the Misses Andrew, Mr. Moore, Miss Matthews, and Miss Clothier. The concerts were most highly entertaining throughout. At Hempstead about half the required sum was raised, the weather on the evening being exceedingly rough; at Gt. Sampford we were more fortunate, and realized the sum of £5, which with the additional donations of several kind contributors will defray the whole costs.

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We borrow a note from the *Chrishall Magazine* about Confirmation, which with the alteration of the name of the month, is applicable to our own two parishes.

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There will be a Confirmation in the district during May. The Vicar will be very glad to receive the names of those who desire to be prepared for this Sacrament. Remember, in Confirmation we make no new promise but come to receive power to fulfil the promises already made at Holy Baptism. Our responsibility is there, and we shall have to answer for the way we fulfil it, whether we seek God's help through the appointed means of Confirmation and Holy Communion or not.

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Church Registers.

HEMPSTEAD.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

1927.
Dec. 25th. William Walter Everitt, son of Frank William, and Elsie Mary Monk.
1928.
Jan. 22nd. Brenda Doreen, daughter of Herbert Frank, and Violet Martin.