

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.

HOLY COMMUNION.	7 a.m.	1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday.
	8.15 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Choral	2nd 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.
EVENSONG & 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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Organist: MRS. WHITEHALL.

Verger:—MR. ALFRED DRANE.

Sexton:—MR. ZACKERY COOTE.

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.
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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.

A Magazine

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

JANUARY, 1928.

THE VICARAGE,
January 1st, 1928.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

"A Happy, Healthful and Prosperous New Year" is my opening greeting to all parishioners and readers of our Magazine. We know not what the year 1928 may have in store for us, but we hope the "Fates" may be kind, and we can wish each other in all Christian Charity, "Good Luck and Prosperity." More seriously, we are in the keeping of an all-wise Providence; and "all things work together for good to them that love God," and try sincerely to serve Him. We shall have many opportunities for service to God and our Neighbours, let us use them. One of our Christmas Cards says:

"Wear not life's worries on your face,
But smile when'er you can,
In each event some goodness trace,
That, is the wisest plan."

The month of January is really just the "door" of the year—the opening month. It may bring many new ideas to our minds—and many new ways and opportunities does it offer us—this New Year. Years come and go, and to many are seemingly looked upon with indifference, as if it were always to be the same. Yet this is not so. As one gets older, time seems to fly more quickly. Steadily it goes on until first for one and then for another it gives place to eternity. Eternity is the reality, not the fleeting world of time. "The things which are seen are temporal: the things which are not seen are eternal."

This should make us more earnest as to the way in which we begin the year, and the resolution with which in matters religious we pursue it. Here in our own village, we might try to make some effort to live holier and more Christ-like. If in this generation our sins are not against man, we do err sevenfold in neglect of our duty to God, in prayer, in service of His Kingdom, and in worship. One of our own people has said:

"Let us turn aside, somewhere, some time, each day, and pray that God would make our lives a real blessing to others, and a real witness for Him. Let us pray too, more and more earnestly that God would make our Church the way of blessing unto men. That we who are His blood-bought children may value more and more the Means of Grace, and try to lead others to His House of Prayer, that they may know Him too. There too let us praise Him for His goodness to us in the past, and for the knowledge which He imparts to us through those who minister to us week by week in holy things."

This year will be marked by a Confirmation Ceremony at Hempstead Church in May. Jesus said "I am the Door of the Sheepfold." Yes! This year some may be specially marked out as His. Branded as His at Baptism, re-branded in youth, manhood or womanhood at Confirmation. At Baptism signed as His, sealed as His at Confirmation. He is the Door into, and the Way unto eternal life. I urge those who are not confirmed, of whatever age they may be above the years of discretion to come forward this year and receive the solemn rite, and join with others in partaking of the great Sacrifice of Love—the Sacrament of Redemption—the Body and Blood of Christ spiritually effective in accordance with His own institution—that they may swell the number of God's elect, and become partakers of the Kingdom of Heaven. Let us gather up the broken threads of our nets, and bring them to God early in this new year of grace A.D. 1928, and ask Him that He will repair them, that we may use them anew to His glory. That our Christian House may be set in order, there should not be one single adult regular worshipper at our Churches, who has not been confirmed, and who is not a regular communicant. This we can, if we will, remedy in the year now set out upon. And so with every good wish believe me,

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

Fire at Gt. Sampford.

Christmas morning was disturbed at Gt. Sampford by a fire at Mrs. Potter's motor-house, and the Stowe Farm Yard, the details of which are now well-known. The following appeal has been issued by the Vicar and the Rev. H. E. Stone, with a view to assisting Mrs. Potter in the financial loss incurred.

DEAR SIR OR MADAM,

The fire which occurred on Christmas morning destroyed the car of Mrs. Potter. By its hire she obtained her livelihood, and has no means of replacing it. In God's good providence the cottage was preserved. It is our privilege to seek subscriptions and with another car enable her to regain her living. Any donation you may kindly give, may be sent either to the Vicarage, Hempstead, or the Manse, Gt. Sampford.

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The Cathedral and the Parish.

Under the Scheme adopted by the Cathedral Chapter on April 30th, 1924, and approved by the Bishop of the Diocese, Intercession will be offered regularly at the Daily Celebration in the Cathedral for every Parish together with the Parish Priest. The Parish of Gt. Sampford will be remembered on Monday, January 23rd. *It is hoped that the Parishioners may also remember the Cathedral in their Prayers on this date, both those who minister and those who worship there. "Ye also helping together on our behalf by your supplication."* 2 Cor. 1., ii.

Notes and News.

The following letter has been received from the Secretary of the Saffron Walden General Hospital.

I have much pleasure in enclosing official receipts for the cheque for £6 5s. 0d. that you so kindly forwarded for the funds of this Hospital as the result of the Harvest Thanksgiving Collections at Hempstead and Gt. Sampford Parish Churches, for which I am instructed to express the sincere thanks of the Treasurers.

Enclosed please find the usual 'letters' in recognition of this generous support from the Congregations of your Churches.

(Signed,) ELIZABETH DAY,

Secretary.

The letters of Recommendation above-named are available for the whole of the year, 1928; and are for either Indoor or Out-Patients. Should such be required by parishioners seeking the services of the Hospital, application should be made to the Vicarage.

In aid of the Old Schoolroom Extension Fund (Parish Hall,) Gt. Sampford, two very successful Whist Drives have been held. At the one a profit of £4 6s. 9d. was made, and the other realized £4 8s. 7d. Our thanks are offered to those who kindly supported us with their presence, to all donors of prizes, to those who have provided refreshments, and to all kind helpers. The extension fund has now reached the sum of £105 17s. 9d. which leaves a balance of less than £18 to be raised, and the contractor has been paid £100 on account to date.

We shall now continue our efforts, and hope that before Lent the remainder needed, will have been obtained. There may be some who have not yet contributed a personal donation. Something may still be done in this way to reduce the balance required by public effort. We shall be pleased to receive donations small or large.

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The New Prayer Book.

The Prayer Book Measure has been rejected by the House of Commons, and, for the moment, the consent of Convocation, the Church Assembly, the Diocesan Conferences, and the House of Lords, to say nothing of the great mass of Church people, goes for nothing. Parliament has denied to the Church the Book which has been brought into being with so much prayer and thought and trouble, and which has won the approval of so many. We do not question the legal right of Parliament, but we question its inherent and moral right, so to act. The editor therefore records a few reflections. Parliament has acted misguidedly in the matter. It has exceeded its prerogative. She is the custodian of the rights of her citizens, and corporate societies within the realm. The Church should be free to worship in accordance with her own judgment. Parliament is not a competent judge in matters of Christian doctrine and worship. She is not a competent body to decide how closely, for instance, the Anglican doctrine of the Sacrament of Holy Communion may safely approach the Roman doctrine of Transubstantiation. The King is supreme in matters Ecclesiastical, as well as Civil in this Realm of England; but the *Convocations* are the King's advisers in Ecclesiastical concerns. Parliament's function in Ecclesiastical matters is merely to safeguard the prerogative of the Crown. And so long as the Church is not a preacher of sedition and rebellion the Convocations should be trusted by Parliament with freedom to advise the King in Church order, discipline, and form of worship. It is an injustice to a great society within the Realm, as is the Church, that she should be by Parliament denied this freedom.