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# Gt. Sampford & Hempstead Parish Magazine.

## HEMPSTEAD.



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**Vicar:**—REV. T. P. CONYERS BARKER, B.A.;  
GT. SAMPFORD W. HEMPSTEAD VICARAGE,  
SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

**Church-wardens:**—MR. J. F. DRANE AND MRS. R. J. ESCREET.

**Sidesmen:**—MR. STANLEY GIBBS, MR. T. ANDREWS, MR. HARDY, MR. HERBERT JOHNSON,  
AND MR. WILLIAM MOSS.

**Organist:**—MISS HALL. **Singer:**—MR. DAVID CORNELL. **Sexton:**—MR. HARRY BYE.

### SERVICES.

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.
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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**Deacon & 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.
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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, 1932.

THE VICARAGE,  
1st January, 1932.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

THIS TO WISH YOU

## A Happy & Prosperous New Year!

Many thanks to many helpers in both parishes in many recent enterprises. Thanks to those who distribute the Parish Magazine, Mrs. Willings, Mrs. Alfred Wright, Miss Alma Gray, Mrs. Barker and Miss Iris Humm. Please do not let the subscribers fall off; and would-be subscribers please hand in your names to the district visitors above-named. Arrangements are being made for the Sunday School Treats. Many of the children have made exceedingly good attendances during the year past. Unfortunately, the number of the children of the parishes in country districts is decreasing, consequently the responsibility upon the few increases; and I trust that the Sunday Schools will be well maintained during the new year. Parents are asked to give their children every encouragement to regular attendance.

During these hard times one can hardly look for new subscriptions to the Church Tower rebuilding and renovating schemes. The foundation of the Gt. Sampford Church Tower fund has, we may say, been laid; and the Hempstead Church Tower funds are now increasing by means of accumulating dividends on invested capital.

Contributions to the Hempstead Church-yard extension fund are coming in slowly. A list of subscribers will be published in these columns and those who have not yet contributed are invited to set aside their donations pending the Vicar's call. The amount to date is £17 7s. 1d.

I trust we shall see during this new year a revival of trade, and a long overdue improvement in the agricultural industry. With every good wish to you all for 1932 believe me,

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

### Extracts from the Bishop's Letter.

BISHOPSCOURT,

CHELMSFORD.

January, 1932.

My Dear Friends,

May I first of all send you all my best wishes for a happy and blessed New Year. Everyone is telling us that 1932 will be a very difficult year, but even if this rather gloomy forecast proves to be true, that does not mean that happiness should be unattainable. The roots of happiness run much deeper than the mere surface of life. Happiness is not a transitory experience which changes from day to day. It is a permanent condition and it can only be enjoyed by those who have that stable equilibrium of spirit and soul which comes from a childlike and unfaltering trust in the love and care of the Heavenly Father. Consequently amongst all the changes and chances of this mortal life our hearts can surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found. May that be the experience of us all.

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From time to time I have made remarks on the anxious position of the funds of the London-over-the-Border Church Fund. A special Committee is meeting to review the whole of the grants given by this fund on January 18th. May I ask the Diocese to remember this Committee earnestly in their prayers? They are faced with a most anxious, difficult and responsible task.

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The need of after-helps to Confirmation Candidates has been pressing on my mind. I am drawing up a pamphlet dealing with this matter. When I had parishes of my own I used to try to meet the need myself, but I feel that there is a great deal to be said for some attempt of this kind on a larger scale. This pamphlet will be ready by January 1st and if any clergy would like copies for their young people, if they will write to the Bishop's Secretary, Bishops Court, Chelmsford, the pamphlets will be sent.

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My intention in the New Year is to give these booklets to the Confirmation Candidates after the service, but if there are any parish clergy who have their own arrangements and would rather that I did not do this I shall of course gladly fall in with their wishes. I hope that this effort on my part will be the means of strengthening the spiritual life of these young people and helping them to form some definite rule for their spiritual life.

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### *A Happy New Year to All.*

Years come and go—time flies swiftly—once more we find ourselves at the beginning of a New Year. The old year is closed as a book which we have finished reading; God has locked and sealed its pages. Whatever is left undone or forgotten—whatever of its moments has been mispent—'tis all past and gone never to be recalled—the moments have gone along into the unknown years of eternity. It is easy to form new resolutions and to talk of what we intend doing in the New Year, but it is not wisdom. It opens to us as a door into a secret chamber—we just step in and live each hour as it comes to us. God alone holds the Key of the Unknown Future and to Him we must look for guidance to tread aright the new path. We must give Him our hearts unfurnished—emptied of self—so that He may enter in and abide with us and work His will thro' us.

There are many ways in which we can work for the Master—however humble our sphere. God does not call us to any great heights. He just simply says, "Follow me."

"If any man will come after me, let Him take up His cross and follow me." It may mean great hardships, poverty, pain or loneliness. Also He says, "let him deny himself."

One of the ways in which we may do this' is to help forward the work of His Church here in our midst—to be found in His House of Prayer, each Sabbath, honouring and worshipping Him. Then there is our Missionary Society to be thought of. Let us not neglect this for He Himself said, "Go ye, and teach all nations." We cannot all go, but we can pray for those who go out to preach Christ crucified.

Those of us who have Missionary Boxes do not fully realise how great a blessing even our smallest contributions mean to them—this is one way to deny ourselves, for Christ's sake. Let us not forget our Missionary Boxes, or neglect them. As each half-year comes round, let us be ready cheerfully to hand in our boxes, so that the amount may be sent in regularly to

help forward this great work. "The World for Christ" must be the watchword of every Christian heart. So many during this year have been called to their eternal rest, who have been helping in the salvation of souls. Others are needed to take their place. At the beginning of this New Year of Grace, 1932, let us forget those things which are behind, and lay aside every weight that doth hinder us, and like St. Paul, let us "press toward the mark for the prize of our high calling of God in Christ Jesus," let us endeavour to live each for another's good—to do all that we can by our lives "to hold forth the Word of Life"—doing our duty as good citizens, in that state of life into which it has pleased God to call us—until at last our labours ended here on earth, we may enter into the joy of our Lord, and dwell with Him thro' the eternal years.

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"Our years are like the shadows  
On sunny hills that lie,  
Or grasses in the meadows  
That blossom but to die,  
O Thou, Who canst not slumber,  
Whose light grows never pale,  
Teach us aright to number  
Our years before they fail."

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### *Hempstead School Entertainments.*

Mrs. Pilcher and her School Staff may be congratulated highly upon the production of a School Entertainment of first-rate order. The concerts were produced on Friday, December 18th, and Monday, December 21st, both being in the highest degree successful. The programmes were delightfully varied, and included Carol-singing, Recitations, Songs and Playlets shared by various divisions of the School; whilst the Seniors, with a very full programme kept the audience in the highest pitch of interest and pleasure throughout.

The Carnival of Games, and the "Wake 'em Up" Band were specially attractive; and the Sketches, which were quite admirably done, manifested a high standard of ability in amateur stage-craft.

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### *Missionary Boxes.*

Holders of Missionary Boxes at Gt. Sampford are asked to send in their boxes to Mrs. John Gray, Moor End, without delay, in order that the collections therein may be ascertained and made up to the end of December, 1931. Others desirous of holding boxes are asked to send their name to Mrs. John Gray, who will arrange for boxes to be allocated.