

Gt. Sampford & Hempstead Parish Magazine.

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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HEMPSTEAD.



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AND MR. WILLIAM MOSS.

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

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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.



A Magazine

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

JUNE, 1933.

THE REBUILDING OF THE HEMPSTEAD CHURCH TOWER.

It will be noted in these columns that the date of the "Faculty" which we have now published in full in the Parish Magazine, is 29th March, 1933. Since that date much has been done. The excavation of the foundations has been made and the site thoroughly cleaned and prepared. It was found that the ancient fourteenth century foundations had been rendered abundantly secure and were as firm as when originally laid, that the bases of the old walls were as true as they could be laid with a spirit level. The clay bed had been removed and a more suitable foundation of marle and stones had been punned in to take its place. The cause of the fall of the old tower therefore was weakness in the upper structure which could have been repaired but which was not deemed absolutely necessary until the eve of the calamity fifty-one years ago. In the present rebuilding it was hence unnecessary to excavate deeply. Nevertheless upon this sound foundation has been laid a raft of concrete some two feet six in depth, reinforced both top and bottom with double sets of steel rods of one inch in thickness, laid diagonally one yard each apart and intersecting, making thereby a substantial trellis or steel network of sections a yard square. Upon this concrete raft the walls and buttresses have been laid, have risen above ground level and already stand upwards of shoulder high. The old stones are being inserted wherever possible, and with the ancient pattern of split flint chequer work and the mouldings and weather courses the tower rises with much attractiveness and many pleasing features. Much new stone is required and is inserted where necessary, but all the old stone except that which is cracked and crumpled will be used up in the new building. Had it not been for these tons of material on the site, two thousand pounds worth of transported-stone would have been needed, and such an enterprise as that we are fortunately engaged in would not have been possible in this remote and comparatively poor place. The cost of the work is almost entirely that

of labour and helps thereby the unemployment problem. We therefore feel that the undertaking is entirely justifiable and most earnestly trust that by renewed subscriptions we shall be enabled to carry the work to its completion. To do so we must raise a further £2,000, and we invite the sympathetic giving of any who can help.

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The ceremony of Laying the Foundation Stone will be performed on Friday afternoon, July 7th, at 3.30 o'clock, by the Right Honourable Lord Dawson of Penn, M.D., President of the Royal College of Physicians. We expect a fair contingent from London and from the Counties of representatives of the Medical Profession interested in and inspired by the Memory of William Harvey.

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We much regret that the Bishop of Chelmsford cannot be present owing to an engagement outside the Diocese on that day. His place however will be taken by his Suffragan the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Colchester, a well-known friend among us, and an admirable deputy in the Bishop's stead. He will address the assembly and supplement what is said by Lord Dawson. There will be a reception at the Vicarage Garden by invitation following the Service and Ceremony.

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GARDEN FETE AT GREAT SAMPFORD.

The Annual Garden Fête at Gt. Sampford will be held on Saturday, June 24th, at Miss Farmer's Old English Garden. It will be a great pleasure to us to welcome Mrs. Swan, of Tindon End, who has very kindly promised to come and perform the formal opening of the Fête. We shall look for our customary local patronage, and hope to raise a fair sum for the very worthy and necessary renovation of the Church Tower of Great Sampford. It will be an immense pity if this fine old fourteenth century structure built by the Knights Hospitallers be allowed to suffer the fate of the tower at Hempstead. Yet the day

of this is drawing dangerously near. The cracks in the walls increase yearly and new breaks constantly show themselves in the buttresses. We must have £1,000 for this. It is even more urgent than the remaining £2,000 for Hempstead. We must not cry poverty. There are many people with heaps of money who know not how best to spend it, and who would help us substantially we are sure if they only knew of our need.

NOTES AND NEWS.

The Churches looked beautiful in their Whitsuntide garb. We record our gratitude to donors of flowers and to the decorators, whose artistic skill was plainly evident. At Gt. Sampford we thank Mrs. E. Coote, Mrs. Arthur Wright, Miss Alma Gray, Miss Elsie Coote, Miss May Wright, Miss Ray Wisbey; and at Hempstead, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. T. Andrews, and the Misses E. Coote, K. Drane, M. Ward, L. Andrews and V. Moss. Miss Farmer always supplies an abundance of flowers from her garden at Gt. Sampford and is lavishly generous, to whom we offer our most cordial gratitude.

The Farthing Fund at Gt. Sampford for the Tower Fabric Fund is doing very well. The box in the church is not forgotten by visitors and friends.

Date of Laying the Foundation Stone of the Tower at Hempstead, Friday, July 7th, at 3.30 o'clock.

The sum of £25, part of a legacy of £50 made by the late Mr. John Moore, deceased, a native of Hempstead, for the purpose has been paid by the executors into the Hempstead Church Tower Fund.

The Ascension Day was beautifully fine and delightfully happy. The School at Hempstead was closed as usual. The Service at Church in the morning was well attended and the children spent a very pleasant afternoon and evening in the Vicarage garden. The Sunday School children from Great Sampford came over by motor and several friends and helpers joined the party at Tea and Games.

The Vicar will be very busy shortly with the inspection of Schools in the Rural Deanery of Saffron Walden. It is an interesting and as a rule encouraging work.

FACULTY FOR HEMPSTEAD CHURCH TOWER (concluded).

["Therefore we the Bishop of Chelmsford well weighing and considering the premises do by virtue of our Authority Ordinary and Episcopal] and so far as in us lieth and by the Ecclesiastical Laws of this Realm and the Temporal Laws of the same we may or can ratify and confirm such decree of our said Vicar General and Official Principal as aforesaid and do hereby give and grant unto you the said Thomas Percy Conyers Barker and to the said Parochial Church Council our Leave Licence or Faculty authorizing you to perform the following work in or about the Parish Church of Hempstead aforesaid that is to say:—(1) To reconstruct the Tower of the said Church; (2) to remove four small pews from the West end of the South Aisle and to move the Font from its present position and erect it in the space thus cleared (3) To rehang the five ancient Bells together with a new Bell in the Belfry of the said Tower when completed (4) To erect a Clock in the said Tower (5) to lay a Foundation stone and (6) to erect a memorial tablet in the said Tower, all such works to be carried out in accordance with the plan and specification deposited in our said Registry, AND GENERALLY to do and perform all such other acts matters and things as it may be necessary to do and perform for the more properly carrying into effect the said works PROVIDED ALWAYS that if in carrying out the said works any human remains shall be found due care shall be had thereof and the same be decently re-interred under the direction of the Vicar of the said Parish in the Churchyard PROVIDED ALSO that before the said Tablet is erected in the said Tower a design of such Tablet showing all details shall be submitted to and approved by our said Vicar General and Official Principal AND what you shall do or cause to be done in the premises you shall duly certify our said Vicar General and Official Principal his Surrogate or other competent Judge in this behalf if called upon so to do IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Vicar General and Official Principal which we use in this behalf to be hereunto affixed DATED the Twenty ninth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty three and in the fifth year of our Consecration"

G. G. HARTWRIGHT
Deputy Registrar.