

Gt. Sampford & Hempstead Parish Magazine.

GREAT SAMPFORD.



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 AND
MR. SMITH.

Organist: MR. ERNEST STOCK.

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. 2nd and 4th Sunday. 3rd and 5th Sunday.
MORNING PRAYER.	7 a.m. 8.15 a.m. 10 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday. 2nd and 4th Sunday.
EVENSONG & SERMON.	7.30 p.m. 6.15 p.m.	1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday. 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.



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

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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 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
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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,
March 1st, 1928.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

ALREADY we have got into the full swing of the Lenten Season. Each year the season gives us some fresh vein of thought and holy aspirations. We all know that our fifty or seventy years in this world were given to us for a great achievement—to conquer the world, the flesh, and the devil—to win holiness for Eternity; but we easily forget this, and slip out of range. Lent rallies us. It reminds us of the seriousness of our moral life. If we are to keep Lent well, and follow the example of our Saviour, we must beforehand make some definite rules as to self-denial and prayer. These must be carefully made: not too much, lest we invite failure; and yet not too easy, lest we miss the promised blessing. What we do must be real, and such as we can offer to God, and ask Him to bless.

The observance of holy seasons is a great Christian principle. It is part of the system hallowed by the Holy Spirit's guidance of the Church. It keeps up the memory of the great truths on which our life rests, and by which our life grows. It should deepen our belief and our devotions. It sanctifies the year with the perpetual remembrance of the Divine mysteries, and our personal share in the Divine promises. It helps us to keep Christ and His sufferings, His work, and His love before our minds.

There is a special attraction for us in the story of our Lord's temptation, and it lies in this: it is the one page which He must have written as it were by His own hand, a personal revelation of what no human eye but His own could possibly have witnessed. His miracles and sermons had been seen and heard by many, and the memory of them was cherished and handed down from mouth to mouth; but that strange conflict with the Evil One—that triple wrestling with His ghostly enemy—it was witnessed by no earthly spectator. Alone He had trodden the winepress of temptation. Alone He had vanquished His foe; and He alone could repeat to the Apostles or Evangelists its wonderful history. And we feel quite sure

that of all the marvels they were called upon to record nothing could have filled them with such amazement as this revelation from His own lips.

It is well for us during this holy season to try to apply it to our own individual lives. Immediately after His baptism, Christ of His own free-will turned away from pleasant places and things and friends, in order that He might have more time and freedom for His spiritual struggles. In our baptism we gave our word on our honour as Christians to play our part manfully in that same campaign. We cannot hope to renounce the world, the flesh and the devil unless at times we turn aside from pleasant people, places and things; and brace up in actual conflict our capacities for holy war. "The Spirit driveth Him into the wilderness." Of His own free-will He gave Himself up to the loving tyranny of the Holy Spirit. All our plans for Lent, to be profitable, must be made in consultation with our Comforter; Who while He declines to interfere with the freedom of our wills, welcomes any invitation from us to guide, and dominate our daily life in every smallest particular, with loyal mastery. "Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire."

We must remember that it was as the perfect Man that Christ overcame the power of Satan. His divine Sonship indwelling within this unsullied Humanity rendered His Human nature continually perfect. The challenge was aimed at truth, "If Thou be the Son of God"; but the perfect Humanity faced the conflict and won the victory. "Man shall not live by bread alone": He went where Satan, the leader of His enemies was, He gave him every advantage, and allowing him to do his worst, overcame it with His best. From this victory Satan never recovered; by the results of it Christians have ever since then been empowered. "He was with the wild beasts." Where Satan is there are also the wild beasts of the lower nature of fallen man; and among them, as a king, stalks that ravenous and angry lion against whom the Apostle (I. St. Peter 5, 8) out of his own cruel experience so plainly warns us.

Let us this Lenten Season take a lesson from this triumph of our victorious Leader. He has given us an example that we should follow in His footsteps. Let us examine our own hearts and lives, put aside for those solemn forty days all worldly pleasures and vanities, and get alone as He did with the enemy, fighting him as He did in the power of the Spirit of God. Let us seek thereby strength to overcome ourselves, and all that is unholy, and let us renew our vows, as we kneel at Christ's feet. Then we shall be able to meet again the stress and the temptations of life, and able to meet Him at His Holy Table, where is poured out for us the Refreshment of God. The weeks of this month should help us to prepare by God's grace our hearts for the lessons of His Passion and precious Death. Let God's House be for us this Lent, more than ever, a place whereto we can always resort—may its services not be missed. Let us keep a good Lent, profiting by its lessons, and thus shall we be the better fitted to enter into the sacredness of Good Friday, and the joy of Easter.

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

A Lenten Hymn.

Forty days of Prayer and Fasting,
Days of Lenten thought ;
Make the lessons true and lasting—
Thou Whom children sought !
Thirty years of sore temptation,
Thou for us didst bear ;
Forty days of meditation,
This our Lenten share.
We would share the heavy burden,
But it scarce can be ;
To thy children, this the guerdon,
But to watch with Thee.

Notes and News.

It is gratifying to be able to report that the total amount received from Parochial Quotas for the Diocesan Board of Finance in 1927 was slightly in excess of the amount received in the previous year.

Diocesan Chronicle.

For the year 1928 one quota is asked from each of the Parishes for the Diocesan and Central Church needs. The amount of the quota for Gt. Sampford is £6 6s. 1d., and for Hempstead £5 13s. 7d. We have generally fallen a little below the sum required of us, and so have to that extent hindered the Rural Deanery of Saffron Walden from contributing its full percentage. It would be a great achievement

if we could raise the whole sum required of us : and we could do it by a little extra contribution to our Church Collections at the morning services on the last Sunday each month.

We are also glad to report that the total received by the Bishop's Crusade Fund in respect of the Week of Prayer and Self-denial has now reached £3,833. This is most encouraging as it is more than in the previous year, and there are still a few parishes which have not yet forwarded their offerings to Headquarters.

Diocesan Chronicle.

There are still far too many parishes in the diocese with a very inadequate Electoral Roll : and now is the time for revising and increasing it. Experience proves that it is not enough merely to give out a notice in Church that new names would be welcomed and should be added to the list. Any such notice must be followed up by a thorough canvass of all those who are entitled to be on the roll.

Diocesan Chronicle.

We hope to make such a canvass of our parishes shortly.

Christ in the Common Ways of Life by C. S. Woodward, Canon of Westminster. Longmans, Green & Co., Cloth 1/6 net. The author tries to show how ordinary people can carry the principles of Jesus Christ into the common ways of life, by training themselves in the difficult art of loving God and by applying Christian ideals to such matters as work amusements, the use of money and citizenship. As the Bishop of London says in the introduction, "He shows how simple Christ's teaching was : such a contrast to the gigantic edifice of Theology which has been built upon it."

Diocesan Chronicle.

Those desiring to have Missionary Boxes for collection in their homes are invited to make application to the Vicar for the same at their earliest convenience.

Those desirous of being Confirmed this year should hand in their names without delay. We have a few names already to hand.

Church Registers.

BURIALS.

HEMPSTEAD.

"I know that my Redeemer liveth."

Feb. 16th. George Harding, aged 75 years.
,, 29th. James Watson, aged 87 years