

# 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. HERBERT JOHNSON  
MR. WILLIAM MOSS, AND MR. E. MARTIN.

**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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### 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.
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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.**

MARCH, 1933

THE VICARAGE,  
1st March, 1933.

My dear People,

I refer you to a paragraph elsewhere in these columns upon the Season of Lent by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. In it we have an echo of our observations last month upon the season. Having begun well let us go on with perseverance. Easter will bring along in due course the obligation of Communion. We would be partakers of the Christian Passover: "Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the Feast."

A well-kept Lent will strengthen our hold upon Christianity. Without a shadow of doubt our Christian faith needs strengthening as does our Christian vitality. We Church-people are far too easy-going, our faith is shallow, our religious notions superficial, and our "convictions" lamentably frothy and unstable. We see this by the way people bring their children to be christened. Pledged to be brought up in the teaching of the Church they allow them to be carried about by any wind of doctrine, or wind of chance which blows upon them in their course. Chapel may suit Chapel people, but it is bewildering that Church parents should allow their children who have been dedicated to the Church to be decoyed by Chapel children to Chapel Sunday Schools. Yet in many instances one is afraid this is so. Such occurrences are manifest evidences of the "jelly fish" Christianity of those who permit such things. Of course, I know it works the other way from time to time, but none the less this want of stability whether in professing Chapel or Church people is deplorable.

I hope that before Easter the workmen will be busy on the Hempstead Church tower. We are proceeding with the preliminary formalities. The Parochial Church Council has met and has approved the plans. The plans and specifications have been submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Board and meet with their approval, and the Petition for a Faculty with all necessary drawings and papers been forwarded to the Chancellor of the Diocese. We await this sanction before completing the attestations to the Builder's Contract, and

upon receipt of this the work will be put in hand forthwith.

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

## NOTES AND NEWS.

The Lenten Season with its great spiritual opportunities has again come round. I am afraid that there are so many matters to which I want to refer that I shall not be able to give as much attention to the sending of a Lenten message to the Diocese as I should like. I appeal most earnestly to all of our people to endeavour to use the Lenten Season in such a way as to obtain by the help of God a real spiritual advance. I fear the spiritual life of a great many of us does little more than "mark time," whereas we are called to go from strength to strength. Lent reminds us of the solemn fundamental facts of our religion: sin, the Love of God, and Redemption through the Cross of Jesus Christ. These are the themes which should be the basis of our teaching and thought. I hope and pray that this Lent may be a time of spiritual blessing and progress to many of us.

*(Bishop's Letter in the Diocesan Chronicle).*

## PRODUCTION AND PRICE.

Though Technocracy is frowned upon in the land of its birth and elsewhere, it contains points that are worthy of thoughtful examination. It draws in striking terms the contrast between the old human life based upon the exertions of men, aided only by the beasts of the field and such primitive machinery as windmills, and the present life based upon the exertions of power-driven machinery. In the last 150 years the productive capacity of man has thus been magnified a millionfold. The social and economic structure of our life has been built up to serve a civilisation based upon man-power, whereas to-day we are able, if we choose, to enjoy a civilisation based upon machine-power. Man-hour is superseded by machine-hour. But, argue the Technocrats, our social and economic structure is too rigid to serve the transformed

conditions. Enjoyment of the gifts of machinery is choked and throttled by the rigidity of our 'price' system, by the narrow and inadequate channels for the distribution of these gifts among men.

*"Liverpool Review."*

The sum required for the urgent restoration of Great Sampford Church Tower is £1000. Donations are again solicited. The repair is urgent and should be put in hand as speedily as possible. Donations will gladly be received from far and wide and may be sent to the Vicar and Churchwardens. They will be acknowledged in the Parish Magazine.

The series of Social Evenings held at Great Sampford during the winter months have been very enjoyable. Everybody speaks of them with praise and a general desire has been expressed that one or two more be held after Easter. We are grateful to generous donors of prizes—Miss Farmer, Miss Marjorie Gray, Mr. Moore, and Mrs. Willings. After payment of expenses a balance in hand remains of £9 19s. 11d. Unfortunately the Parish Hall Account shows a deficit of £5 1s. 9d., for the period of the last two years. This we propose to meet out of the sum above named, and after paying the balance of the cost of the new Chancel lamp for the Church, to place the balance in hand of £2 10s. 0d. to the current Parish Hall account.

The epidemic of 'flu' interfered with our programme at Hempstead. One Whist Drive and Dance was cancelled on that account. We were unfortunate too in the second event on February 24th. Heavy snow and blizzard caused us to have but a small attendance, and whilst hoping to obtain thereby sufficient to cover the cost of the Sunday School New Year Treat the sum realized amounted only to £1 7s. 10d. Expenses were just as heavy as though there had been a full attendance. We are grateful to donors of prizes and confectionery and other necessities. In this connection we thank Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foster, Mrs. Plachecki, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Felgate, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Pilcher.

It was very encouraging to see a party of eight people who ventured to motor from Gt. Sampford in the snow, facing bravely the possibility of a snowdrift on the homeward journey.

The new hanging lamp in the chancel of Gt. Sampford Church makes a great difference in the illumination of the forepart of the choir and sanctuary.

On Easter Monday, at Hempstead, we shall endeavour to make up for our losses by a Whist Drive and Dance in the evening, which we hope will be well supported. Our church funds are very badly in need of help.

The Easter Vestries will be held at Gt. Sampford on Wednesday, April 19th, and at Hempstead on Tuesday, April 18th, at 7.30 o'clock. Those wishing to be enrolled as Church Electors for either parish should hand in their names at an early date.

Any young people over twelve years of age desiring to be confirmed should give in their names to the Vicar as soon as possible. Confirmations will be held in the Rural Deanery in the early summer, though in neither of our parishes this year. There may be some who do not wish to miss the opportunity of being confirmed this year. It will be quite possible in that case to arrange for their confirmation in one of our neighbouring churches. Saffron Walden is a good centre.

We were immensely interested in hearing the New Year Message of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and it was an innovation of the most fascinating kind to listen to his broadcasted exhortation in our church at Great Sampford. His message was a valuable one to the nation. Similarly we were pleased equally a fortnight later to hear the Archbishop of York deliver the first of a series of Sunday evening broadcastings. We are deeply grateful to Mr. H. W. Blayney for the loan of his portable wireless for the occasion and congratulate Mr. Roy Blayney upon his excellent management of the instrument. The result was well-timed and reverently produced and at the exact moment in our Evening Services the voices of their Graces were functioning.

Whilst these two messages were highly interesting we feel that the lectures are on the whole too "highbrow" for us village people, and that at some other time and in the course of our ordinary sermons the gist of them may be put before us usefully for our assimilation.