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## HEMPSTEAD.



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## 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.

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

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THE VICARAGE,  
1st March, 1934.

My dear People,

The remainder of the season of Lent coincides exactly with the month of March, during which our preparation for Easter will be complete. The last day of March is Easter Eve, Holy Saturday; Good Friday being the 30th of the month. I am pleased to announce that the Three Hours Service of Devotion on Good Friday from 12 o'clock to 3 o'clock will be conducted by the Rev. Harry Jordan, Vicar of Finchingfield. This will be the second time only in thirteen years that we shall have had a neighbour to conduct this solemn and helpful service. I myself will be taking the duty at Finchingfield fulfilling the same service. I would urge many to avail themselves of the opportunity and privilege of piously observing Good Friday by attending for the whole Three hours or two hours or other portion of this devotion, as they are able. "Is it nothing to you all ye that pass by?"

It is not too early thus to think of Easter too: Sunday, April the 1st. Need I say it is the festival of hope? Resurrection to that inner life made possible both to soul, and body, though not to 'flesh and blood,' by the power of Him Who is 'able to subdue all things unto Himself,' and Who hath that power not only in Himself, the Son of God, but by HIM WHO hath put all 'things' under His feet, Christ's, the Eternal Son.

Communion, at the Lord's Table here, is a foretaste of the sweetness of that life, and therefore a preparation for the Easter Communion is a purpose worthy of the making and certain of reward. The Church's exhortation is a most loving call to the Christian Soul—"Every Parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one." 'Tis a communion which is no mere formality, but for which spiritual preparation, by contemplation upon the goodness, the mercy, the love, the service, the sacrifice and life of Christ, has been duly made. "Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may attain eternal life" said Paul to Timothy.

You will see elsewhere the announcement of our opportunities of Communion on Easter Sunday; whilst I exhort every communicant and confirmed member of our churches to participate.

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

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## EASTER DAY SERVICES.

### Great Sampford.

Holy Communion	8.15 a.m.
Morning Prayer and Holy Communion (Choral)	10.0 a.m.
Children's Service	3.0 p.m.
Evensong and Sermon	7.30 p.m.

### Hempstead.

Holy Communion	7.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer and Holy Communion (Choral)	11.30 a.m.
Evensong and Sermon	6.15 p.m.

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## GOOD FRIDAY.

### Great Sampford.

Mattins and Ante-Communion	7.0 a.m.
<b>THREE HOURS</b> (conducted by Rev. H. Jordan, Vicar of Finchingfield)	12 to 3 o'clock
Evensong and Address	7.30 p.m.

### Hempstead.

Mattins, Litany and Ante-Communion	9.0 a.m.
Evensong and Address	6.15 p.m.

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## HEMPSTEAD C.E. SCHOOL CONCERT.

Among the leading events at Hempstead in February were the School Concerts on February 9th and February 12th, the programmes of the two being almost entirely different. Congratulations to Mrs. Pilcher and the School Staff (Miss Foster and Miss Acker) were thoroughly deserved, as well as to the "Cheerful Robins" (Old Scholars who formed a 'nonette' in groups three boys three girls three boys), and to the children of the School, both the elder and the infants. It made

several of us long to be young again, and realize the improvements that have been made in the material available for such entertainments since our own School-days.

It is pleasing to hear the parents voicing their appreciation of what is done for the benefit of their children, and the appreciation of the audience of such an enterprise. This was voiced by Mr. Murrell in an appropriate manner and carried by acclamation. The success of the concerts shews how capable the children of our villages are, when their latent talents are educated and drawn out by capable tuition and handling. It is all to the good in the formation of character and the development of public spirit and service. It would be superfluous to name individual items of song, chorus, recitation, sketch, or other display of talent. The highest praise is due all round; but the names of the nine old scholars who acquitted themselves so admirably (Sid. Halls, **Kenneth Johnson**, Edward Hall, Ivy Willis, Nellie Foster, Elsie Andrews, Raymond Purkiss, Tom Blackmore and Will Willis) are worthy of perpetuation in our Village annals. This School Concert is now an eagerly anticipated annual event.

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#### NOTES AND NEWS.

Flowers for the decoration of the churches for Easter should be sent to the churches by ten o'clock in the morning on Saturday, March 31st; and we shall be deeply grateful if ladies who are free will give their services that morning in the work of decorating the churches.

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The Vicar notices that glass domes containing everlasting flowers increase in number at Hempstead churchyard. These are disapproved generally by the authorities of the church, and when present in numbers appear unartistic rather than sightly. An increase in this kind of memorial is not desirable, living flowers being much more beautiful and appropriate. Moreover the care necessitated by the constant replenishing of the grave with living flowers is a much more glorious homage to the memory of the dear one departed, necessitating trouble and constant exercise. As the Vicar is the custodian of the churchyard in respect of all memorials placed therein, and may legally insist upon all proposed memorials being submitted to him and his consent given, he asks that this will be done in regard to these glass repositories in the future.

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The Bishop in the Diocesan Chronicle writes as hereunder upon the recent purchase

from Russia of one of the oldest Bible-manuscripts.

"The purchase of the Codex Sinaiticus for the British Museum is a matter which has excited a great deal of public interest. It is now an open secret that its purchase was effected owing to the initiative of the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is one of the most interesting literary documents in the world, as it is one of the very earliest manuscripts of the Bible.

The story of its discovery in 1844 at the Monastery of St. Catherine on Mount Sinai is most romantic. A few leaves of this manuscript were rescued by the German scholar Tischendorf from a rubbish heap where they would very soon have been consigned to the flames. Further discovery disclosed the whole of this priceless manuscript. As the monastery at Mount Sinai was attached to the Eastern Orthodox Church, the manuscript in due course found its way to St. Petersburg as it was then called, and now it has come to the British Museum.

The purchase price of this great treasure was £100,000. Under normal circumstances the price would have been very much higher. Probably half a million pounds might have been paid by America had America not been distracted by the financial confusion of the present time. It is expected that the nation will subscribe £50,000 towards the purchase price, and I am very anxious that the Diocese of Chelmsford should make a substantial contribution. England has always been regarded as a Bible-loving country, and now God has given into our charge this great treasure. I earnestly beg of the incumbents in the Diocese to call the attention of their congregations to this matter, and to afford some facilities for the rank and file to make their contribution, even if it is only 1d."

We shall hope to make a special collection at the Church door for this purpose.

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The Bishop adds:—

"In a few weeks we shall have entered upon the Easter Season. May I send to all of you my sincere and most affectionate Easter greetings? May the joy of the Risen Lord be yours, in your hearts and in your homes! I earnestly trust that all of us who "profess and call themselves Christians" will be kneeling together at the Lord's Table on this greatest of all days in the Christian year!

"I should like to see a far greater extension of the principle that Easter Offerings should be given as a personal gift to the incumbent of the parish. The clergy in these days, especially in the country parts are having a most anxious time. The anti-tithe agitation has impoverished a very large number of them."