

MARCH, 1944

TWO-PENCE.

Gt. Sampford & Hempstead Parish Magazine

SERVICES

HOLY COMMUNION:
7.45 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday
10.30 a.m. (Choral)
2nd & 4th Sunday.

MORNING PRAYER:
11.30 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday
10 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sunday.



SERVICES

EVENSONG & SERMON
6.30 p.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday
3 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sunday.

HOLY BAPTISM:
2nd & 4th Sunday at
4.15 p.m. after Even-
song. At other times
by appointment.

CHURCHINGS:
By arrangement.

S. ANDREW, HEMPSTEAD

Vicar:—REV. T. P. CONYERS BARKER, B.A.

GT. SAMPFORD W. HEMPSTEAD VICARAGE,
SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

Church-wardens:—MR. J. F. DRANE AND MR. E. STANLEY GIBBS.

Sidesmen:—MR. T. ANDREWS, MR. WILLIAM MOSS, MR. SIDNEY HALLS.
AND MR. K. JOHNSON.

Organist:—MISS HALL. Verger:—MR. DAVID CORNELL. Sexton:—MR. JACK COOTE.

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MR. C. SMITH AND MR. ROY BLAYNEY.

Organist: MISS FARMER.

Organist & Sexton—MR. ALFRED DRANE.

SERVICES

HOLY COMMUNION:	10.30 a.m. (Choral)	1st Sunday in Month.
	8 a.m.	2nd and 4th Sunday.
	8.30 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:	3 p.m.	1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday.
	6.30 p.m.	2nd and 4th Sunday.
CHILDREN'S SERVICE:	3 p.m.	1st and 3rd Sunday.

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 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. MICHÆL'S, GREAT SAMPFORD
AND
S. ANDREW'S, HEMPSTEAD

MARCH, 1944

The Vicarage,
March, 1944.

My dear People,

We approach the remainder and more solemn part of the Season of Lent, during which our preparation for Easter will be complete. The 8th April is Easter Eve, Holy Saturday. The 7th April is Good Friday, the day of the Memorial of Christ's Death and Sacrifice.

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The Three Hours Service of Devotion (12 o'clock to 3 p.m., will again be held, at which will be sung the "Miserere" and The Story of the Cross. An act of piety is to be present and remain throughout. Any however are welcome to attend at any hour and remain just as long as they feel disposed; and enter and depart during the Singing. The Miserere will be sung at 1.30 p.m., and The Story of the Cross at 2.15 p.m.

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I would urge many to avail themselves of the opportunity and privilege of piously observing Good Friday by attending three hours, two hours or other portion of this memorable service. "Is it nothing to you all ye that pass by?"

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It is not too early thus to think of Easter too. Need I say it is the festival of hope in this present sorry world. Communion at the Lord's Table here is a foretaste of the Sweetness of the Unseen Life, and therefore a preparation for the Easter Communion is a purpose worthy of the making and sure 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."

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

EASTER.

"Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the Feast." I. Cor. v. 7.

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EASTER DAY.

We Christians keep the First Day of the Week and not the Seventh. Why? Because Jesus (Our Lord) rose from the Dead. Why? Because the Grave is Empty. "O Death, Where is thy sting? O Grave, Where is thy victory?" The Victory is of Him, Who can subdue all things unto Himself. The Sepulchre is deserted, the Tomb is forsaken; Jesus has conquered; all has been subdued under His Feet.

As God 'rested' (ceased from Creating) on the Seventh Day after Creation, so Jesus Himself rested after the New Creation by His Cross and Passion, and on the First Day of the week by His Resurrection inaugurated the New Kalendar with its call to life and service, holiness, and the prospect to Man of Salvation and Eternity. "When Thou hadst overcome the Sharpness of Death, Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers." Thanks be to God Who giveth us the Victory through Our Lord Jesus Christ!

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EASTER is the BIRTHDAY of the NEW CREATION. There was no religious abolition of the Fourth Commandment, and no appointed change of the Sabbath Day from the last day of the week to the first; by which the Ten Commandments were re-ordered and set anew in the Christian Code of the Divine Law; but the Resurrection of Jesus was in itself the simple credential of the authority which Christ Our Saviour claimed as the "Lord also of the Sabbath Day."

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The duty of Public Worship or Common Prayer on the first day of the week (Sunday) is binding on all who profess to be Christi-

ian; and we gladly, joyfully, thankfully render this service of our hearts and minds and spirits on Easter Day, the First of First Days, because "Now is Christ risen from the Dead, and become the First-fruits of them that slept." For now, "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive"; that is who believe in Christ and claim Him as their Saviour.

Rejoice therefore with the greatest gladness in the Easter Feast-tide, for Jesus has gained for us the Victory over Death, Sin, Satan, Evil; and He calls us to joy in His TRIUMPH, because by His Death and Passion and Precious Blood-shedding He has overcome the world.

EASTER.

- "Jesus Christ is risen to-day"
- "Our triumphant holy day:"
- "Who did once upon the Cross"
- "Suffer to redeem our loss."
- "Hymns of praise then let us sing"
- "Unto Christ our Heavenly King"
- "Who endured the Cross and grave"
- "Sinners to redeem and save"

A. & M.

NOTES AND NEWS

Flowers for the decorating of the Churches should be sent to the Churches on Saturday Morning, Easter Even (April 8th) by ten o'clock. We shall be grateful if persons free and willing will attend in the morning to undertake the work.

The Annual Church Meetings and Vestry Meetings will be held during Easter Week—those at Hempstead on Tuesday, April 11th at 7.30 and 8.0 o'clock and those at Gt. Sampford on Wednesday, April 12th, at 7.30 and 8 p.m., respectively.

Whist Drives and Dances will be resumed after Easter. On Easter Monday, April 10th, the Annual Whist Drive and Dance will be held at the Schoolroom at Hempstead. On Friday, April 21st Sampfords Women's Land Army will hold a Whist Drive and Dance. We feel sure these events will be well supported.

Garden Fêtes for the Summer will shortly be announced.

Easter Day Services: Gt. Sampford, 8 a.m., 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Hempstead: 7 a.m., 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

CHURCH REGISTER.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me."

Great Sampford

1944

Jan. 16. Alan Neil, son of William Leslie Frank and Phyllis Joan Bence Johnston.

(Born 10th September 1943)

Hempstead

Mar. 12. Diane Shirley, daughter of Thomas Edward and Rose Ann Davis. (Born 16th February 1944)

God-Parents: (Mrs) Louisa May Barber and Frederick William Barber.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let not man put asunder."

Great Sampford

1943.

Dec. 27. Albert John Swan and Ivy Kathleen Jean Marsh.

HOLY SEPULTURE.

"I know that my Redeemer liveth."

1944.

Feb. 28. Sidney James Griffith, aged 69 years.

Hempstead

Mar. 6. Emily Halls, aged 85 years, died 2nd March 1944.