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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.

A Magazine

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

OCTOBER, 1934.

THE VICARAGE,

1st October, 1934.

My dear People,

Our Harvest Thanksgivings are being celebrated—Hempstead, September 27th; Gt. Sampford, October 4th. The corn is in fine condition, vegetables are somewhat scarce after the drought, fruit is plentiful, and flowers of one kind or another abundant. Always there is much for grateful hearts to rejoice over. The Bishop wishes his Pastoral Letter to be published in our Parish Magazines, and there comes the call to help again by our autumnal offerings his Appeal for the provision in the Diocese of the instruments of spiritual advancement. In our ever growing communities Schools and Churches and a ministry of teachers and clergy must be maintained. In this last year of the Bishop's five-year effort I trust we shall exceed the contribution we have made in former years.

Your faithful Priest and Pastor,

T. P. CONYERS BARKER.

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PASTORAL LETTER.

Bishopscourt,
Chelmsford.

September, 1934.

My dear Friends,

Our Annual Week of Prayer and Self-Denial will very soon be upon us and I am writing to you a short letter asking you for your prayers and your support in this great work. Our efforts have been blessed in a most wonderful way during the past four years. It is impossible to measure the spiritual results, though I am confident that the great volume of prayer which has gone up from many believing hearts has been a tremendous source of strength to all our work. The results of the Week financially have shown a steady increase, and last year we raised the largest sum which has ever been attained during the four years' history of our Appeal. I am sure that it is because we are all

grateful for God's spiritual blessings to us that we are anxious to make this response to supply the spiritual needs of other people.

As one surveys the work which has been done through the Appeal Fund there is abundant cause for great thanksgiving to God. Each one of these new Mission Districts or Parishes which we have been enabled to establish means the setting up of a great centre of spiritual influence for many years to come, and it is a wonderful thing to realise that long after we have passed away those Churches and Missions will be proclaiming the eternal truth of God to succeeding generations. This thought should encourage us all in the great task to which we have set our hands.

I have decided to make a new departure this year in response to requests which have reached me from a great many parts of the diocese. As this is the fifth year of the Appeal Fund, I have decided that we shall hold a Thank-Offering Service at the Cathedral when the gifts from the various parishes can be presented by representatives. Of course, it is not obligatory that the presentation should be made in this particular way, and I have no doubt that there are some parishes for whom this arrangement will be very inconvenient, but I have good reason to believe that there will be a very large number of parishes represented at this Service. The date which has been fixed is Saturday, December 8th, at 3.15 p.m. I am not at the present moment prepared to publish any details as these will be formulated by a specially appointed Committee, but I should be glad if this date might be definitely booked and that as far as possible, every parish will arrange to send delegates to present their gifts at the Cathedral.

May I once more appeal most earnestly for the prayers of all our believing people for the carrying out of the great task with which the Bishop's Appeal Fund is concerned?

Your sincere friend and Bishop,

HENRY CHELMSFORD.

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Let us pray for a right observance of the Annual Week of Prayer and Self-Denial in October, that it may be a real spiritual blessing to the whole Diocese.

O Lord Jesus Christ Who didst bid Thy disciples to look upon the fields ripe already to harvest, and to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers into His harvest: we beseech Thee for this our Diocese of Chelmsford. Remember with Thy blessing the multitudes of people in Essex who are without the means of grace and whose souls are unfed and unshepherded. Open the hearts of Thy people to give of their love, sympathy and means for the supply of these needs, and while we remember with thanksgiving the measure of success Thou hast given to our labours, enable us to complete the work which we have begun for Thy Holy Name's sake.

Amen.

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PRAYER FOR USE BY THE CHILDREN OF THE DIOCESE.

O God our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for all Thy great goodness to us; for our health and strength, our happy homes, our dear friends and relations, but especially for the knowledge of Thy love, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Bless, we beseech Thee, all the children in Essex, particularly those who have no Church or Sunday School in which to learn about Thee. Touch the hearts of all Thy servants to give the money needed to build Churches and Schools where they are so greatly needed, that every boy and girl in Essex may hear of Thy love and become a true follower of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

At Hempstead those who helped with the decoration of the church for Harvest Thanksgiving (September 27th) were, Mrs. Escreet, Mrs. Read, Mrs. Frank Foster, Mrs. T. Andrews, Mrs. Barker, the Misses E. Coote, K. Drane, O. Andrews, P. Johnson, and Mr. Fred Hall. We are grateful for their help. We also offer our very sincere thanks to the many people who so kindly sent or brought so much produce (corn, vegetables, eggs and fruit) as well as flowers and foliage for the adornment of the church, which looked delightfully beautiful in its Harvest attire and array. The Service passed off very heartily and the Sermon by the Vicar of Wendens (the Rev. A. W. Wright) was much appreciated. Our friends from the Church Army helped greatly with the singing and added impressively to the Service by their presence in the Choir.

The Sister-in-Charge, on behalf of the Matron of the General Hospital, Saffron Walden, writes: "We are most grateful for your gift of Harvest produce. The eggs and vegetables, etc., will be beneficial to the patients and appreciated by them."

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A Sale of Work will be held at the Parish Hall, Great Sampford, on Thursday afternoon, November 1st, 1934, in aid of the work of making the alterations to the building required for the granting of a Licence for Music and Dancing. Until a licence is obtained the Hall cannot be used for these Social functions. It is hoped that the Sale will be well supported.

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HEMPSTEAD C. of E. SCHOOL.

Report on Religious Instruction, August 1st, 1934, by the Rev. M. G. Sykes, Rector of Hadstock, acting for the Diocesan Inspector.

"The School was orderly and reverent. The Singing of the Hymns was correct in time and tune, and is specially commended.

"All three Sections, Infants (I), Middle School (II) and the Upper School (III) were examined on the Divisions of the Syllabus.

"I. The Infants, on the whole, shewed that they had grasped the salient points of their Old Testament Narratives and of Incidents in the Life of Jesus.

"II. The Middle School responded to questions on the Patriarchs and concerning the Crucifixion of Our Lord: and they reproduced very fairly in writing the incident of Moses and the Golden Calf, and Our Lord's Parable of the Wheat and the Tares.

"III. The Upper School shewed precise knowledge of the Three Temptations of Jesus Christ, of the Kings of Judah, and of the Life of Martin Luther.

"Both the Middle and the Upper School have been well instructed in the Catechism. A list of the Certificates awarded is appended. Fewer certificates have in proportion been given to the Middle School, but this is ascribed to the difficulty the Inspector had in estimating the scholarship of boys and girls of this age. On the whole there was, in all three sections, evidence of careful and intelligent teaching, according to age, and the result of the Inspection is very satisfactory."

List of Certificates awarded:—

Infants—June Andrews, Richard Blackmore, Jane Cuffley, Frank Devoil, May Wright; Middle School—Thelma Andrews, Joan Coote, William Cuffley, Eric Homer; Upper School—Edgar Andrews, Doris Gibbs, Constance Portway, William Reader, Arthur Smith, Hubert Turner, Leslie Turner and Florence Willis.