

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 MR. E. MARTIN.

Sidesmen:—MR. STANLEY GIBBS, MR. T. ANDREWS, MR. HERBERT JOHNSON
AND MR. WILLIAM MOSS.

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.
	7 a.m.	2nd and 4th Sunday.
	8.15 a.m.	3rd and 5th 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.

SEPTEMBER, 1933.

THE VICARAGE,
1st September, 1933.

My dear People,

The uncertainty of holiday plans has interfered with arrangements for Harvest Thanksgiving Services. The Service at Hempstead has now been arranged for Friday evening, September 22nd, and the Preacher will be the Rev. G. E. A. Whitworth, Rural Dean, and Rector of Radwinter. The hour of the Service will be 7.30 o'clock. Our usual evening at Great Sampford is a Thursday, accordingly we have chosen Thursday, September 28th, and the Rev. P. E. T. Widdrington, Rector of Great Easton has accepted the invitation to preach. The Service will be at 7.30 also. The year has been a record one for fine weather. In the face of the succession of heat waves the drought in our district has not been great enough to cause any anxiety, though the giving out of water supplies has caused a little inconvenience. It has been admirable weather for Harvest, which is plentiful and good. We have much cause for gratitude to a beneficent and all-wise Providence. We give thanks to God our Heavenly Father: we will approach His courts with thankful hearts and praise.

"Freely ye have received, freely give"

"O Lord of Heav'n, and earth, and sea"
To Thee all praise and glory be
How shall we show our love to Thee
Who givest all?

The golden sunshine, vernal air,
Sweet flowers and fruit, Thy love declare;
When harvests ripen, Thou art there,
Who givest all.

We lose what on ourselves we spend,
We have as treasure without end,
Whatever Lord to Thee we lend
Who givest all.

A Harvest Festival reminds us both of debts in the present and debts to the past. We are born into a world of innumerable blessings which are the fruits of the sowings

of those long gone by: the advantages of civilization in town and country; churches schools, sanitation, good roads, the discoveries of modern science, telephone, wireless, electricity, transport. And it is true not only of material things but of spiritual. Behind us is the accumulated experience and wisdom of the Church and Christendom: the Creeds, Sacraments, Scriptures, examples of saints; all are ours brought to our land by the first preachers of the Gospel to our forefathers, and handed on by the faithful of many generations since. This harvest is ours from infancy and is a source of joy, happiness and helpfulness in every stage of life, from dawn to eve, and birth to death.

So keep we Harvest well with such remembrance and recognition. If times of depression seem to weaken our gratitude and cause us to be selfish let us think of those worse off than ourselves: of countries desolated by strife and quarrel, ruined by overwhelming calamities—wind, storm, earthquake, or desolated by disease, God has set our feet in a fair ground: yea, we have a goodly heritage.

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

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TITHE RENT CHARGE.

Under the title "Farmers hear Tithes Defended" and under the sub-titles "Bounty Spokesman on Policy of Mercy" and "Cases of Hardship to be considered," The "Daily Mail," on August 30th, reported very fairly the meeting of Anti-tithepayers and Titheowners, held at the Town Hall, Saffron Walden on the previous day, as follows:

"Mr. George Middleton, chairman of the Tithe Committee of Queen Anne's Bounty, was subjected to a great deal of interruption when he addressed a mass meeting of farmers at Saffron Walden, Essex, yesterday.

There was a large attendance, which included most of the clergy in the district and a number of "Blackshirts."

Mr. Middleton said that the question of tithe went back 1,000 years, and to-day it was true that an arrears title to a tithe rent charge was better than many other titles to property.

He could not conceive any Government, let alone a Socialist Government, who would differentiate between the rights of landowners and tithe owners.

BLAMING THE CLERGY.

He thought the 1925 Act was a justifiable settlement, and as it was the law of the land agitators, as citizens, should be proud to obey the law.

If the Church of England was dis-established it would not help tithe payers. Tithe rent charge would then be paid to the national Treasury. Tithe now being paid in Wales went to the Public Debt Commissioners, who showed no mercy.

He regretted that the agitation was directed against the clergy. It was easy to throw stones at them. It had always been a popular pastime.

2,000 CASES SETTLED.

The policy of Queen Anne's Bounty was to show the utmost consideration to hard-pressed cases where willingness was shown to pay. Where a man could pay and would not, then the policy was to show no mercy.

More than 2,000 cases of hardship had been settled by granting remission. In such cases the Bounty had treated tithe-payers better than bankers, because the remissions granted were in the nature of a gift. Bankers did not make gifts of money.

Replying to an interruption, Mr. Middleton said that the agitators had got their teeth in other people's money.

He advised all hard cases to state their case, disclose the full facts of their position, and Queen Anne's Bounty would then consider remission."

The meeting was presided over by Mr. R. A. Butler, M.P. for the Division, who advised the land-owner occupiers at present standing out to accept the remissions offered them by Queen Anne's Bounty.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

Gifts of corn, fruit, flowers, vegetables and eggs, as Harvest offerings, and for the decoration of the Churches should be sent to Hempstead church on Friday morning (Sept. 22nd) and to Great Sampford Church on Thursday morning (Sept. 28th) at 10 o'clock.

CHURCH REGISTERS.

HOLY BAPTISM.

"Suffer the little Children to come unto Me."

Great Sampford.

Apr. 9 William George Terry, Son of Walter William and Agnes Enid Burton.

May 7 Olive Daphne, Daughter of Frederick Walter and Jennie Fitch.

July 16 Sylvia June, Daughter of Edward Ernest and Evelyn Ivy Blanche Coote.

Hempstead.

Aug. 27 John Collin, son of John William and Edna Mary Drane.

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HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Hempstead.

Apr. 15 Charles Andrews and Nancy Harding.

Apr. 17 Alfred Percy Edwards and Eva Ellen Cole.

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BURIAL.

"I know that my Redeemer liveth."

Great Sampford.

Feb. 9 Esther Harley, aged 65 years.

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RURAL DEANERY MISSIONARY EFFORT AT SAFFRON WALDEN.

OCTOBER 17th.

With a view to stirring up our Missionary enthusiasm and increasing our Missionary interest, as well as leading to a larger measure of giving to the aid of Foreign Missions, a united Missionary Effort of the parishes of the Rural Deanery is being arranged at Saffron Walden. It will be held on Tuesday, October 17th, and it is hoped that all the parishes will co-operate and arrange for people to be conveyed to and from Walden. The order of proceedings will be a Missionary Meeting at 3.30 p.m., at which the Bishop of Chelmsford will preside, Tea at 5 o'clock, Service in Saffron Walden Church at 6.15 p.m., and return by bus at 7.30 p.m. The Meeting will be addressed by special speakers and there will be a Missionary Sermon at the Service in Church. Please keep the day free and intimate to the Vicar your intention to co-operate.