

ABINGER PARISH MAGAZINE.



Abinger Church in 1848

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Verger and Sexton: Michael Bowler.

Calendar for February, 1945.

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| 2 F. | Purification of B.V.M. |
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| 4 S. | (1) Sexagesima.
Schools: Holy Communion, 8.15 a.m. and 12. Mattins, 11 a.m. Evensong, 4.15 p.m.
Hammer Church: Evensong, 3 p.m. |
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| 11 S. | (2) Quinquagesima.
Schools: Holy Communion, 8.15 a.m. Mattins, 11 a.m. Evensong, 4.15 p.m.
Hammer Church: Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Evensong, 3 p.m. |
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| 14 W. | Ash Wednesday.
Hammer Church: Holy Communion and Intercessions, 10 a.m. |
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| 18 S. | (3) Lent I.
Schools: Holy Communion, 8.15 a.m. Mattins, 11 a.m. Evensong, 4.15 p.m.
Hammer Church: Evensong, 3 p.m. |
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| 24 S. | S. Matthias. |
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| 25 S. | (4) Lent II.
Schools: Holy Communion, 8.15 a.m. Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 4.15 p.m.
Hammer Church: Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Evensong, 3 p.m. |

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| 4 S. | (1) Lent III.
Schools: Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 12. Mattins 11 a.m. Evensong, 4.15 p.m.
Hammer Church: Evensong, 3 p.m. |
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MY DEAR PEOPLE,

I want to draw your attention particularly to three events this month.

1. *The Keeping of Lent.*

Unfortunately it will be quite impossible to hold any special services during the season, but I want to try the experiment of study circles at both the Hammer and the Common. The Bishop has given all the clergy in the Diocese a book entitled the School of Prayer, by Olive Wyon, price 5s., Student Christian Movement Press, London, W.C.1, which he hopes we shall read and discuss with our people. I hope to hold a study circle

at the Rectory every Friday in Lent, commencing on Friday, February 16th, at 3 p.m., and I hope as many as possible will take an interest in these meetings and come as regularly as they are able, and that some of those who come will purchase copies of the book, either through their bookshop or through me.

The meeting at the Hammer will be held at 3 p.m. every Wednesday in the Mission Room, commencing on Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

I am sure in these days we must all feel the need of prayer and be glad of the experience and advice of others in this difficult matter. I say difficult because I fancy none of us find prayer really easy. What we can learn about prayer in these days of War will, I believe, be still more helpful and needed in the coming days of Peace.

2. *The Electoral Roll.*

During the next few weeks the Electoral Roll will be revised, and I hope that all those whose names are not yet on the Roll will give in their names. It is particularly important for all who take an interest in the life of the Church to see that they are properly enrolled as electors, as they are the people who elect the Church Council, and with the all important work of planning and re-building our parish Church the Council has a great responsibility, and it is essential that they should know and truly represent the electors who have nominated them.

3. *The Annual Joint Church Meeting.*

This will be held on Saturday, March 3rd, at 3 p.m., at the Schools, when the new Church Council will be elected, and I hope we shall be in possession of the proposed plans for the re-building of the Parish Church.

I hope this year that the meeting will be truly representative and that we shall be able to freely discuss the plans for the new Church and get the opinion of the parish generally on this all-important matter.

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Please bear this meeting in mind. Keep the date open—Saturday, March 3rd, and make up your mind to be present.

Yours affectionately,

LIONEL MEADE,
Rector.

Baptism.

Dec. 16 David Ronald Oickle.

Mothers' Union.

Miss Bennett very kindly came and spoke to the members at the meeting at the Rectory on January 18th, and gave us many thoughts to start the New Year with. There wasn't a very good attendance, for the weather had been bad.

The next meeting should be at the Hammer on Wednesday, February 21st, but I hope all members of the Mothers' Union will support the Rector's Study Circle, those at the Common attending the discussions on Fridays, at 3 p.m., at the Rectory (first meeting Friday, February 16th), and those at the Hammer the Wednesday meetings at the Mission Room, commencing Ash Wednesday, February 14th, at 3 p.m.

It will be a great help, I feel sure, to meet together weekly instead of monthly during these six weeks of Lent, and I am sure we shall all learn much that will be a help to us in these coming months of War and the years of Peace which follow. G.M.

Abinger Church Rebuilding Fund.

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Mr. Joseph Harrison	10	0	0
Miss K. Heather (District Nurse)	1	0	0
Major and Mrs. C. E. Lugard (2nd instalment)	15	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. O'Kelly	1	0	0
Mr. T. C. Orpen	1	1	0
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E. J. LUGARD,

27th January, 1945.

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