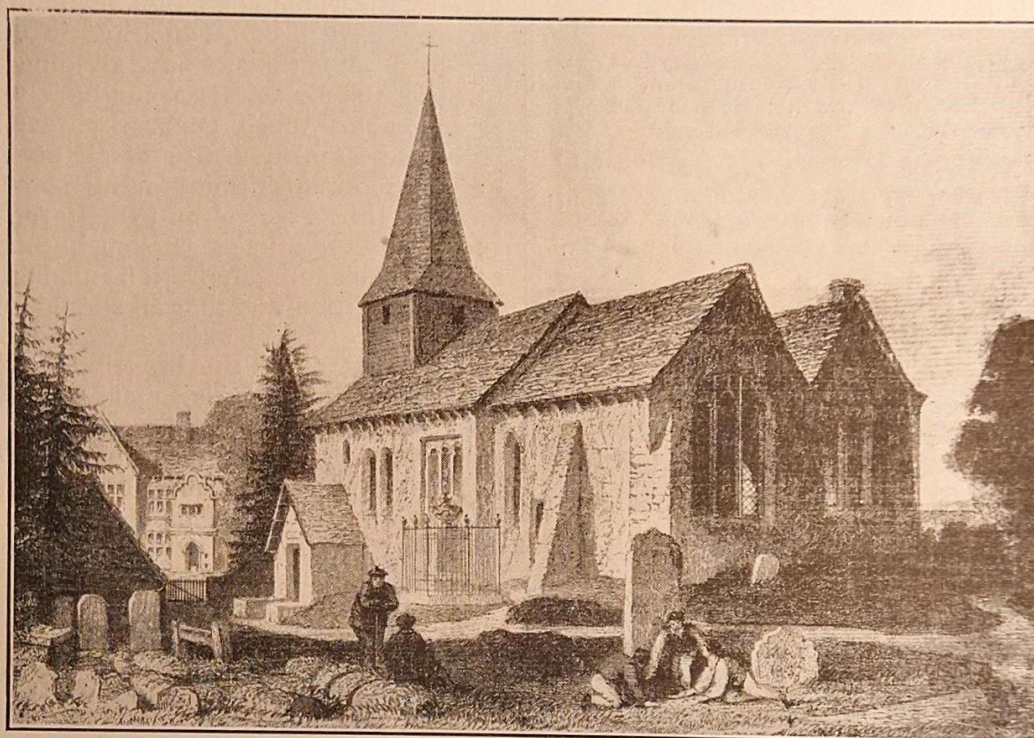


# ABINGER PARISH MAGAZINE.



*Abinger Church in 1848*

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**Mothers' Union:** *Enrolling Member*, Mrs. Meade, The Rectory, Abinger Common.

**Vergar and Sexton:** Michael Bowler.



**Calendar for August.**

- 4 S. (1) **Trinity VII.**  
**Parish Church:** Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 11.45; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m.  
**Hammer Church:** Evensong, 6 p.m.
- 11 S. (2) **Trinity VIII.**  
**Parish Church:** Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m.  
**Hammer Church:** Holy Communion, 10 a.m.; Evensong, 6 p.m.
- 18 S. (3) **Trinity IX.**  
**Parish Church:** Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 12; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m.  
**Hammer Church:** Evensong, 6 p.m.
- 25 S. (4) **Trinity X.**  
**Parish Church:** Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m.  
**Hammer Church:** Holy Communion, 10 a.m.; Evensong, 6 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER.**

- 1 S. (5) **Trinity XI.**  
**Parish Church:** Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 11.45; Mattins, 11 a.m.; Evensong 7 p.m.  
**Hammer Church:** Evensong, 6 p.m.

**Abinger and Wotton Nursing Association.**

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at Abinger Hall on Wednesday, July 17th, when there was a large number of members present.

Mrs. Dunsheath was elected Secretary to be assisted by Miss Collard.

Mr. J. A. Gibbs paid a tribute to the work of the Dowager Lady Farrer and spoke of the wonderful work she had done for the Society since its commencement.

Mr. Gibbs said: "It was my great pleasure and privilege to work with Lady Farrer during the 20 years that I held office in our Association, and I had better opportunity than anyone connected with the Association (always excepting Miss Collard, in her special position as Lady Farrer's secretary) of appreciating that it was with all her power that she gave her mind to our affairs, not only in the last six years, when she occupied the Secretaryship as well as the Presidency of the Association, but through all the 38 years that our Association has existed. She was the founder of it, with Miss Mildred Wynne Williams our first Secretary, and among the first officers were Mrs. Broyd, Mrs. Reid, and Mrs. Watt, who are still with us. They will bear me out in what I have said about Lady Farrer's devotion to this good work, and the same I know might be said by the representatives of all her other activities, of which I will just mention Abinger Schools, the Parish Church and Mission Room, the Village Hall, and the Leith Hill Musical

Society with its attendant villages. Whatever she has taken up, she has worked at it with all her might, and it will not be easy for whoever may be chosen as her successor to rival her.

Now there is a secret connected with our Association which all its members know except our President, in spite of the belief that she no doubt cherishes that there is no detail with which she is not acquainted. That secret I have been given leave to disclose to her now. It is that we have all joined together to mark the present occasion by giving her—as I now do—this brooch, which we hope she will wear as a memento of all of us, and a token of our gratitude for all she has done through this Association to help the mothers and babies and all sick persons in our villages, a mark both of our admiration and our affection.

The intention was that all should contribute equally, no one person giving more than another, but since the brooch was bought it has been found that some members have given more, and that some persons who are not members, hearing of the intention to give a present, have subscribed. The result is that there remains a sum of money with which Lady Farrer will be asked to choose something besides the brooch.

In conclusion, I want to express our deep regret that circumstances have made her resignation unavoidable, and to wish her most cordially every possible happiness in her new life."

**Mothers' Union.**

The Hammer Mothers held a Jumble Sale on July 4th, at the Hammer Schools, and the sum was raised of £15. £8 of this went to provide a month's holiday for a child from the occupied countries. The child in this case is one from Czechoslovakia and came over on July 11th. In due course we shall receive a photograph of the child which will be put up in the Hammer.

The July meeting is on the 24th, when Deaconess Hankin is coming, and an outing to Southsea on August 1st is in process of being arranged. There will be no meeting in August.

**China Inland Mission.**

SUBSCRIPTIONS. Miss Bullman, £1; Church Collections, £4 15s.

10th July, 1946.

Dear Mrs. Roper,

Thank you very much indeed for the kind donation that you have just sent to us. We do greatly value your fellowship, and we pray that God will help us to use this gift in the



way that will please Him. We look forward to the day when we can acknowledge all donations personally, but until we can obtain a full staff, we ask you to accept this note, which comes with our sincere appreciation.

News from China is, in many ways, most encouraging. There are openings for Gospel work which, ten years ago, we should hardly have dared to dream about. God has been giving wonderful opportunities for work among all classes of people, and we only regret that so few workers are available in China. I am sure you will pray that passages to that land may be granted to our people, and that our Heavenly Father will greatly strengthen those who are actually on the field.

#### NEWS FROM CHINA.

Messrs. Mellow and Hulse, as an Advisory Commission, are visiting parts of the provinces of Hopei and Shansi. Mr. Mellow writes as follows from Hwailu on the 25th February:

"The Church property has suffered at the hands of the Japanese, but not so badly as one would expect. When peace came with the surrender of the Japanese, everyone expected things would return to normal, but the Communists have come in like a flood, making even more trouble than the Japanese. They occupy the churches and all the out-stations except two. No one living in the Red district may visit any place outside, and they do not permit anyone from outside to come into their district. The Christians cannot meet for services, and many have suffered at their hands. In spite of all the troubles the people have had to put up with, the Church has made progress, and until the Communists came in they were able to carry on the regular services and preach to outsiders. There have been over 200 baptisms during the past four years, and spiritually there seems to have been real progress."

Yours very truly,  
NORMAN PATEMAN.

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#### Free-Will Offerings.

JANUARY 1st, 1946 TO JUNE 30th, 1946.

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Boxes, 1945:—Mrs. Enticknap, 2/4½; Mrs. Dell, 12/-; Michael Broyd, 2/3; Mrs. G. Archer, 1/0½; Mrs. Buckman, 10/-. Total, £27 3s. 1d.  
N.B. H means Home; A means Abroad.  
New subscribers invited.

M. E. CARPENTER,  
Hon. Sec., F.W.O. Fund.

#### Abinger Common and Wotton W.I.

The meeting on Thursday, July 4th, was held at Mark Ash, by kind permission of Mrs. Brett. It was to have been a garden meeting, but once again uncertain weather prevented this, much to everyone's disappointment. However, members were invited to wander round the garden at the end of the afternoon's proceedings, an invitation which was gladly accepted by all.

After opening the meeting with a short prayer, the president welcomed visitors from Abinger and Holmbury W.I.'s and others. Minutes were read and passed.

Members were called upon to take an active interest in U.N.O. Support for the Leith Hill Group Flower Show at Mickleham on July 17th was asked for, both in entries for the various competitions, and in help with various duties on the day.

Mrs. Rickerby's artistic poster advertising the event was displayed and much admired.

From the County Letter members received: a report on the success of the Combined Arts Festival; notice of an International Meeting in Dorking; thanks from Mrs. Sutherland for our Institute's contribution to her Souvenir Book of Remembrance; this year's Challenge Cup Competition—30 ideas for the store cupboard.

Special attention of members was called to the Sale of Work to be held on July 11th for the benefit of our depleted funds.

A market stall during August is planned and members and friends with surplus garden produce were asked to make contributions in kind.

A highly interesting and diverting talk on Costumes through the Ages, illustrated by living models, was given by Mrs. Allanson, and was much appreciated by all. Mrs. Stannard thanked the speaker and her assistants on behalf of all.

After an excellent tea, members and visitors were able to examine a representative display of some of the excellent work done for the aforementioned sale on July 11th—some fine examples of what useful garments can be produced from discarded men's shirts, etc.

Thanks to Mrs. Brett's hospitality a very happy afternoon was enjoyed by all.



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