

# ALL SAINTS', HARTLEY, Parochial Magazine.

(It is hoped to publish this Magazine quarterly.)

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I hope you will all afford some measure of encouragement to this attempt to reach you in your own homes, and to thus establish a means of ready communication with all the parish. It is the trial flight of our messenger, and its continuance or possibility of usefulness will depend upon the reception, kind or otherwise, which you accord it.

There seems to be, therefore, a greater and ever increasing need for some such means of communication as a Parish Magazine. It ought to prove a bond of union, and should help to draw closer the tie which unites us all as fellow parishioners. For some time past it has been especially difficult for me to keep in touch with you all—and this difficulty was brought to a climax when I found, by the doctor's orders, that it was



*The picture of the Church was kindly supplied by Mr. D. T. R. Gray.*

A parish magazine for Hartley was long ago suggested, but the spirit of procrastination, in which too many of us put off till to-morrow good and useful things which we might do to-day, prevailed, and the idea was never carried out.

Now we have taken Time by the forelock, and our Mercury is on the wing.

When I came to Hartley twenty years ago there were only forty houses, and it was no difficult matter to get into personal communication at short notice with everyone in the parish. Now there are one hundred and fifty houses, with a corresponding increase in the population, and it is not so easy promptly to get into touch with everyone.

necessary to give up, for a time, my work in the parish.

My place, I am glad to feel, was ably and acceptably filled by the Rev. F. H. Rycart. With renewed health I hope to fulfil more adequately the duties devolving upon me in connection with the Church and parish than has been possible during the past twelve months.

I am glad of this opportunity to very gratefully acknowledge the kind consideration and assistance which was accorded me during this trying time.

I am, yours faithfully,

GERARD W. BANCKS.

**Church Information.**

*Rector.*—Rev. CHARLES GERARD WINSTANLEY BANCKS, M.A., appointed 1902.

**CHURCH SERVICES.**

Matins, 11 a.m. Evensong, 6.30 p.m.

**Holy Communion**, 8 a.m., on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in each month; at 12 noon on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays in the month.

**BAPTISM.**

March 25. Rex Ivor, son of Leonard Stanley Swinburn Stephens and Vida Olive Stephens.

**BURIAL.**

March 13. Elizabeth Hurst, aged 66 years.

*Churchwardens.*—Mr. William Henry Daniel and Mr. John Wells Thatcher.

*Parochial Church Council* (elected under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, 1921).—Council for 1923: The Rector (who is Chairman by virtue of his office), Miss Bancks, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Daniel, Miss Fiddis, Miss Sale, Mrs. Wells Thatcher; Mr. A. Blackwell, Mr. A. Cox, Mr. D. T. R. Gray, Mr. W. Nash, Mr. F. W. Tate, Mr. W. H. Walklate, with the Churchwardens by virtue of their offices.

*Committees*—Standing Committee: The Chairman and the Churchwardens. Finance Committee: The Churchwardens and Miss Fiddis. Tithe Rent Charge Committee: Mr. D. T. R. Gray, Mr. F. W. Tate and Mr. J. Wells Thatcher.

*Sidesmen.*—Mr. A. Blackwell, Mr. A. Cox, Mr. W. Nash and Mr. W. H. Walklate.

*Organists*—Mrs. Oldrey and Mrs. Clark.

*Choirmaster.*—Mr. D. T. R. Gray.

*Members of the Choir.*—Mrs. Balchin, Miss L. Bancks, Miss E. O. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. R. Gray, Miss M. K. Leonard, Mr. A. Lewington, Mr. W. Macaulay, Miss N. Newcombe, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Oldrey, Mrs. Snow, Mrs. Symonds, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Tate.

*Sunday School.*—Mr. W. H. Walklate, Superintendent. Teachers: Miss E. Rodwell, (summer), Miss K. Sale (winter), Mrs. Gray (the whole year). Number in School: 30. Course of graduated lessons: "On the King's Side." Time: 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. Affiliated to C.M.S., supporting C.M.S. boxes. Two prizes each class to be given. Children's magazines circulated in the Sunday School.

*Church Parochial School.*—Miss Fiddis, Head Mistress; Miss Porter, Infant School Mistress.

*Bell Ringer & Organ Blower.*—Mr. A. Cox.

*Church Cleaner.*—Mrs. Cox.

*Sexton and Grave Digger.*—Mr. J. Crouch.

**WORK OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.**

"It shall be the primary duty of the Council of every parish to co-operate with the Incumbent in the initiation, conduct and development of Church work both within the parish and outside." (Section 2 of the Measure.)

The Council has met ten times since it was first established. The following is a summary of useful work done by it:—

Mrs. Barton and Miss Fiddis were appointed Lay Representatives at the Diocesan and Ruridecanal Conferences. Miss Fiddis was appointed Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Council. On more than one occasion the formation of a boys' choir was raised. A mixed choir was formed. The organ was repaired. Miss Wells appointed Secretary of Church workers to meet new comers. The Council passed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Gray for his services in connexion with the Organ Fund; to Miss Barton and Miss Leonard, and to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel, Hartley Manor, for the most successful Summer Fête organized by them on behalf of the same fund. Mr. Gray and Miss Fiddis were appointed a sub-committee to revise the parochial Electoral Roll of members. Thanks were given to Miss Fiddis, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Oldrey for presiding at the organ; also to Mrs. Barton for valuable service rendered as Churchwarden, and, generally, for 1922-23. The Churchyard and boundaries are to be put in order and the path re-gravelled. Sufficient music books are to be provided for the Choir, and service books for congregational use. The report rendered at the last annual meeting states that the mixed choir has been most successful, Church attendance has increased, and that there were 59 communicants last Easter Sunday. The parochial roll consists of 117 members.

**NOTICES AND WANTS.**

The Council asks the financial help of parishioners towards the expense of tidying up of the Churchyard, the cleaning and repair of Church interior, and towards the purchase of a sufficient number of music books for the use of the Choir.

Members of the Church of England, resident in the parish, are requested to sign the parochial Electoral Roll if they have not yet done so. Miss Fiddis has copies.

THE AUDITED BALANCE SHEET FOR 1922 OF  
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL, HARTLEY.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.
Church Collections .....		31	1	1
		£31	1	1
<i>Payments.</i>		£	s.	d.
Ecclesiastical Insurance Co. ....		2	0	0
Commercial Union Insurance Co....		0	5	5
Mrs. Blackwell .....		2	0	0
F. T. Hicks .....		0	7	6
H. C. Pocknall .....		1	2	6
T. Cumner .....		0	12	0
Mrs. Cox .....		2	0	0
Lines & Co. ....		0	5	0
Visitation Fee (Churchwardens) ....		0	18	0
Cheque Book .....		0	4	2
Organ Fund .....		10	0	0
Foster & Sons .....		2	13	0
Balance .....		8	13	6
		£31	1	1

Examined and checked with vouchers,  
and found correct. N. J. CAMPKIN.

Cherry Orchard, Hartley, 20/4/23.

### The Ancient Parish and Manor of Hartley.

The parish of Hartley was called Erlei in Domesday Book and Herdei in another ancient volume. It belonged to Odo, Bishop of Bayeux, half brother of William the Conqueror. The Manor was worth three pounds. The following families owned the parish and Manor at later dates: Montchensie, one of King John's barons; Earl of Pembroke; Mary, widow of Earl of Pembroke; Earl of Arundel; Lord Grey of Ruthin; John Urban, of Southfleet; William Cressel; Mr. Draper; Mr. Ballard; W. Sedley, Southfleet; W. G. Evelyn, 1770. The Church of All Saints' used to pay 9d. christm rent to Rochester. The Rectory was formerly in the patronage of the Earls of Shrewsbury, next in that of Earl of Plymouth, and then in that of Thos. Blomfield. In 1650 Hartley parsonage and eight acres of glebe were worth £60 a year to the Rector. Rectors: George Eves, 1658; a priest, 1700; John Nicols, 1730; Samuel Dunster, Thos. Blomfield, Richard Clarke, 1771.

—*The History of Kent, 1788,*

by Edward Hasted, F.R.S., Vol. I.,

pp. 276-279.

### The May Queen.

A picturesque old time ceremony was enacted on Thursday in the Schoolroom, when Miss Irene Sims was proclaimed May Queen. After the crowning of the Queen, the children gave a capital display of dancing round the May Pole, folk dancing and songs, the babies getting a well deserved encore for their graceful performances. The Rector (the Rev. Gerard Bancks) introduced Mr. Wells Thatcher, who spoke to the children of their duty while at school, and to the parents of their duty to the children. Mr. Wells Thatcher gave high praise to the two mistresses, Miss Fiddis and Miss Porter, who, with infinite patience and skill, taught the children so delightfully. He led a round of cheers for them; and the proceedings closed with the National Anthem.

—*Kent Messenger & Gravesend Telegraph*  
(June 2, 1903).

### Garden Fete.

Saturday, July 14th, at Hartley Manor, 3 to 7. Dance afterwards, with supper. There will be a Jazz Band. *Stalls:* Sweets, Tobacco, Gift Stall, Fruit and Toy Stall.

### TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Mrs. Daniel will be glad if anyone wishing to play will send in their names as soon as possible to Miss Barton or Mr. Daniel, as preliminary rounds will be played during the week commencing July 9th, and Semi-Finals and Final on the day of the Fête.

### SPORTS.

Flower Competition, Flower Bowl Competition, Cake Competition.

### Licensed Parochial Reader.

The Lord Bishop of Rochester has granted a licence to Mr. J. Wells Thatcher "to exercise the office of Reader in the parish of Hartley," and "to give such assistance to the Incumbent as he may lawfully direct you to do."

### Cost of this Magazine.

The printers have kindly promised the Editor to supply the first issue of the Parish Magazine at cost price, which will be £3 3s. The Editor appeals to his neighbours to assist him in defraying this amount.

### Distribution of the Magazine.

Miss Fiddis has promised to let her boys and girls deliver one copy free to every household. A small charge will be made for future numbers. Mr. Gray will have spare copies of this number on sale at Fairby Stores.

**Parish Information.**

*Chairman of Parish Meeting.*—Mr. Francis William Tate.

*For the County.*—Mr. George Day, J.P., K.C.C.

*Rural District Councillor and Poor Law Guardian.*—Rev. Edward Smith, M.A., Rector of Longfield.

*Overseers.*—Mr. A. Humphrey and Mr. W. T. Boucher.

*Assistant Overseer.*—Mr. Clifford W. Nairn.

*Parish Nurses.*—Nurse Weaver and Nurse Brennan.

*Women's Institute.*—President, Mrs. Oldrey; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Hamilton.

*Hartley Musical Society.*—Conductor, Mr. Tom Fleetwood Tate. Secretary, Mr. D. T. R. Gray.

*Hartley Recreation Club.*—President, Miss Davies-Cooke; Hon. Treasurer, Lt.-Col. J. Waley Cohen, D.S.O.; Secretary, Mr. A. Humphrey.

*Hartley Agricultural Co-operative Society, Ltd.*—President, Mr. T. F. Tate; Secretary, Mr. W. Wise.

*Hartley Football Club.*—Mr. H. G. Green, Secretary; Mr. A. Humphrey, Hon. Treas.

*Hartley Cricket Club.*—Mr. H. Sims, Secretary; Mr. Clifford W. Nairn, Hon. Treas.

*The Hartley War Memorial* bears the following honoured names:—EDWIN CHEARY, SYDNEY DAY, ERNEST HOLNESS, WILLIAM HURST, JOHN RICH, ALEC ROSE, JAMES VAUGHAN, and RICHARD WOODWARD.

Capt. James W. Webster keeps the Memorial in good order, and has earned the thanks of the parish.

*A public telephone* will soon be installed.

*Early Closing Day.*—Hartley and Longfield, Wednesdays.

*Train Service to London from Fawkham:*

Weekdays—A.M. 7.11, 7.28, 8.13, 9.12, 10.20.  
P.M. 12.27, 2.27, 4.11 (not Sats.).

Sundays— A.M. 8.24, 10.15, 11.57.  
P.M. 5.21, 10.2.

*Train Service between Longfield Halt and Gravesend (West).*

*Longfield Halt to Gravesend West:—*

Weekdays—A.M. 7.12, 7.57, 8.35, 10.17.  
P.M. 12.47, 2.32 (Saturdays only),  
3.23 (not Sats.), 3.33 (Sats. only), 4.36 (Sats. only), 4.53 (not Sats.), 6.41 (not Sats.), 6.43 (Sats. only), 8.19, 9.24 (Sats. only)

Sundays— A.M. 8.37, 10.25.  
P.M. 12.16, 2.14, 4.37, 7.47.

*Leave Gravesend (West Street):—*

Weekdays—A.M. 7.42, 8.30, 9.28, 11.25.  
P.M. 1.16 (Saturdays only), 2.2 (not Sats.), 2.48 (Sats. only), 3.50 (Sats. only), 3.53 (not Sats.), 5.15, 6.27 (Sats. only), 6.43 (not Sats.), 7.15, 8.20, 8.45, 9.45 (Sats. only).

Sundays— A.M. 11.5.  
P.M. 12.50, 2.34, 4.57, 8.37.

*Motorbus Services:*

*Longfield to Dartford:—*

Weekdays—A.M. 9.55; P.M. 12.25 (Saturdays only), 1.55, 4.25, 6.55, 9.10 (Saturdays only).

Sundays— P.M. 2.5, 4.35, 7.5, 9.20.

*Longfield to Gravesend:—*

Weekdays—A.M. 11.10; P.M. 1.25 (Saturdays only), 3.5, 5.45, 7.55, 10.10 (Saturdays only).

Sundays— P.M. 3.5, 5.45, 7.55, 10.10.

Local Motorbus leaves "Black Lion," Hartley, at 9.15 a.m., 1.30 p.m. and 6.15 p.m. (Saturdays only), arriving Dartford at 10.0 a.m., 2.15 p.m. and 7.0 p.m. From Dartford at 12.30 p.m., \*5.0 p.m., 9.0 p.m. (Sats. only).

\* Waits at Fawkham for train from London at 6.25 p.m.

**Postal Information.**

HARTLEY POST OFFICE (FAIRBY STORES).

*Business transacted.*—Stamps, registered letters, parcels, National Health Insurance, issue and payment of postal orders, Old Age and Army pensions.

*Letter Boxes cleared:*

Fairby Stores—10.0 a.m., 4.0 p.m. Sundays:  
3.50 p.m. Bank Holidays:  
10.0 a.m.

Stocks Farm— 9.0 a.m., 3.30 p.m. Sundays:  
3.35 p.m.

North Ash— 8.15 a.m., 4.40 p.m. Sun-  
days, 3.15 p.m.

Longfield Post, Telegraph and Money Order Office— 5.35 a.m., 12 noon, 3.15 p.m.,  
5.40 p.m. Sundays: 5.30 p.m.

POSTAL RATES:

*Letters* not exceeding 2 ozs. 1½d., every additional 2 ozs. ½d.; *Postcards*, 1d.

*Printed paper rate.*—½d. for every 2 ozs.

*Parcel rate.*—Not exceeding 2 lbs. 6d., 5 lbs. 9d., 8 lbs. 1/-, 11 lbs. 1/3.

*British possessions, H.M. ships of war abroad, United States of America, Egypt and Tangiers.*—Letters not exceeding 1 oz. 1½d., every additional oz. 1d.

*Foreign Countries.*—Letters not exceeding 1 oz. 2½d., every additional oz. 1½d.