

# ALL SAINTS', HARTLEY, Parochial Magazine.

(It is hoped to publish this Magazine quarterly.)

## Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Here we are with No. 3 of our Magazine. What are we going to do about No. 4? If we are to go on you must all send in a year's subscription to the Secretary with as little delay as possible.

I pass on to a more personal matter. The red-letter days of our lives are assets that could ill be spared from the sum of

says, "The Church is sadly dilapidated." A like reproach will not be repeated of this generation; nor, indeed, of our immediate predecessors, for it is to them that we are indebted for the rebuilding of the east and west walls. But it is an ever recurring responsibility, and we may well feel it our bounden duty and privilege to carry on the work of preservation of our Parish Church.

It has sometimes been suggested that if our congregation continues to increase we



earthly happiness—some of them are a lasting joy to the end of our days. The good people of Hartley have added one more such day to the calendar of my life. The very handsome gifts presented to me and my daughter in commemoration of the 21st year of our residence in the parish, and the pleasant social evening which we spent, will ever give us happy memories of October 27th, 1923.

Now for a word about the Church. We have done what we could towards the renovation and preservation of the outside and interior, and I think the result is a satisfaction to us all.

A Kentish historian of the last century, in a brief reference to the parish of Hartley,

shall have to restore the gallery at the west end that was taken down in the sixties of the last century. I expect it was erected to seat the choir in post reformation times; they could scarcely have required additional accommodation in the earlier days.

I have sometimes tried to picture the scene and the congregation in the 12th and 13th centuries. At the time of the survey in 1087 there were only 42 acres of cultivated land in the parish, and a population which consisted of the Lord of the Manor, nine villeins, six cotters and three servants. There were also ten pigs in the parish. Seven hundred years later, when the census was taken in 1801, there were 24 houses and 151 people.

At that date the Rector was Thomas Bradley, who is buried in the Church on the north side of the chancel. He served Fawham as well as Hartley, taking a service at one Church in the morning and at the other in the afternoon, the people of both parishes attending the two services. The Bishop gave him permission to live at Greenhithe, as the Rectory here, which then stood on the site of the Parsonage cottages, was in a ruinous condition, as well as the Church. He rode his pony when he came over on Sundays. That was, perhaps, why the Churchwardens of those days supplied for the Church, at a cost of ten shillings and sixpence, a "jossing block." This was a requisite which long puzzled me till I found that in Kentish language it meant a mounting stone.

The Lord of the Manor was at that time William Granville Evelyn, who belonged to the family of the diarist. But there does not seem to be any foundation for the tradition that some of the famous diary was written here, for our Lord of the Manor did not come into possession for sixty years after the death of the diarist.

I wonder if there are better grounds for that other local legend that Daniel Defoe at one time lived in a house near the "Black Lion," and there wrote the immortal history of Robinson Crusoe. The book was published in 1719, and at that date he held a government appointment at Tilbury.

So much for the past. My closing word must speak of the future, and convey all best wishes for your joy and happiness in the new year that is before us.

I am, yours very truly,

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.

#### BANNS OF MARRIAGE.

Leonard Cheary, Bachelor, of Hartley, and Kate Isabel Ellen Burgess, Spinster, of Ash.

*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, Mr. and Mrs. T. 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, Mr. and Mrs. Chisholm, and Mr. Chisholm, Jun.

*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.

*School Managers.*—The Rector, Mr. D. Elphick, Capt. Copus, Mr. J. Stuart.

*Bell Ringer & Organ Blower.*—Mr. Rogers.

*Churchyard Keeper.*—Mr. Wilcox.

*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.)

#### NOTICE.

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.

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Dover.  
Sittingbourne.  
Eltham.  
Gillingham.

Gravesend (County).  
Tonbridge.  
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Gravesend (Society).  
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**SITTINGS, 12/6 & 15 - (usual replacements.)**

### Editor's Notes.

There are so many things of interest to write about that I hardly know where to begin. First and foremost, then, I must mention the renovation of our venerable Church. This has been done carefully and well by Mr. Nairn and his workmen. Mr. Nairn intends to make the cost as low as possible.

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We hope to get out of Mr. Nairn's debt very soon. The proceeds of the successful fête at Hartley Manor, together with a portion of the funds in hand from Church collections, will go a long way towards paying the bill.

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Our Church was re-opened on October 21st, when we had our Harvest Festival. Such a fine congregation, morning and evening, such a large choir, such hearty singing and responding by everybody, and such beautiful autumnal flowers, fruits, and vegetables, all arranged with loving care by dear ladies of the congregation. The Rector of Fawkham, Rev. J. T. Matchett, M.A., preached a thoughtful, helpful sermon in the evening. Many persons had to worship in the porch as the Church was quite full.

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On the following Sunday morning the Venerable the Archdeacon of Rochester came with his daughter. The Archdeacon preached a good sermon. He was pleased with the appearance of the Church and gave the officers shrewd and wise advice by which we all hope to profit.

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On October 27th I attended a most delightful tea party in Fairby Barn, when Mr. Newcomb gave the Rector a silver plated bacon dish, and a silver mirror to Miss Bancks. The articles were suitably inscribed. The Rector received a cheque as well. The money for these gifts was subscribed by the neighbours and by old friends of the Rector and Mr. Newcomb. One gift touched the Committee very much—a poor neighbour sent sixpence. The presentation was to mark the Rector's twenty-one years of service in the parish. Songs were sung, little friendly speeches were made, and the ladies, Mrs. Farrow, Mrs. Snow, Mrs. T. F. Tate, with Mrs. Newcomb at their head, made delicious cakes; they cut very thin and dainty slices of bread and butter, and gave us all excellent cups of tea. The barn was nice and warm and well lighted. The ladies present allowed the men to smoke, and nobody wanted to go home.

The Church service on Armistice Day, the 11th November, was impressive and beautiful. There was a full congregation. At the beginning of the silence Mr. Day sounded the Last Post on a bugle; he sounded the Reveillé at the end. The Rector preached a thoughtful sermon, which the congregation appreciated.

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I was much affected when I passed our War Memorial on the day before Armistice Day. I found Captain Webster and his son busy writing a message on the green turf with white chrysanthemums. You have all seen this thrilling message:—"Lest we forget."

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The Lord Bishop of Rochester has sent me such a kind and encouraging letter about this modest little magazine. He says: "It is a proof of the vitality of the parochial and church life and of the energy of the parishioners with, comparatively speaking, so small a population as Hartley, that they should issue a magazine of their own, and I congratulate you heartily on the interesting information it contains. The photograph of your beautiful little Church is a great success."

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I nearly forgot to say that Mrs. Daniel and Mrs. Webster took the flowers, fruit and vegetables over to Gravesend Hospital on the day following the Harvest Thanksgiving. The matron wrote a warm letter of thanks, and this was read out in Church by the Rector on the two following Sundays.

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I am making enquiries at Headquarters about starting Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and Brownies at Hartley. This must be done. There is an unused room, part of the School buildings, which I am sure the managers would let us have. This could be made into a Club Room. Some kind friend will be sure to give us suitable games and a bagatelle table.

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My idea is that the boys and girls should form their own committees and manage themselves. They could meet on such alternate nights as would be convenient. We could get a library together by degrees, and our village life would be brightened for these growing citizens of the Empire. A lady can be found to be the head of the Girl Guides and a man for the Scouts. I know one charming little boy whose mother tells me that he is longing to be a Scout, and he wants me to hurry up.



be trusted, loyal to King, country and employers, to help others, be a friend to all (including animals), be courteous, obey orders of parents and officers, smile in difficulties, be thrifty, be pure in thought, word and deed.

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Miss Norgate, of Meopham, Divisional Commissioner, Girl Guides, has written me a helpful letter telling us how to begin, and like instruction has come to hand about the boys. As soon as it can be arranged, my dear parents, you and I will meet and face the music. So there!

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I met such a nice man in the train, Mr. A. W. Carey Scutt, a great Scouter, working for boys at Bromley. He says he will come over to Hartley and lend us a hand as soon as we want him.

### Parochial Church Council.

A meeting was held in the School-room on Saturday evening, November 24th. Present: Rev. G. W. Bancks (Rector), Mrs. Barton, Mr. W. H. Daniel, Mr. D. T. R. Gray, Mrs. Sale, Mr. F. W. Tate, Mr. J. Wells Thatcher, Mr. W. H. Walklate, and Miss Fiddis (Secretary and Treasurer).

After prayer the minutes were read and confirmed. The reports of the Standing, Finance, and Tithes Committees were accepted. On the motion of Miss Fiddis, it was agreed that the Church collections on Armistice Day be given to Earl Haig's fund.

Miss Fiddis resigned her office of Secretary and Treasurer.

The question of the diocesan quota was referred to the Finance Committee.

The following matters were contained in the reports:—The renovation of the Church had given great satisfaction. Mr. Nairn's charges were most reasonable. It was decided to give him the proceeds of the Hartley manor Fête, about £46, and £15 from the Council's funds; this will only leave about £13 owing to Mr. Nairn. Mrs. Daniel had given a valuable piece of lace for the altar and brocaded silk hangings for the same. She had also collected money from friends with which the kneeling stools and hassocks had been repaired and carpet strips supplied for the pews. The same lady had got together a devoted band of ladies to keep the Church clean. Miss Bourdillon had painted a notice board which is fixed at the lych gate. The warm thanks of the congregation are due for all these good and kindly deeds.

The resignation of Miss Fiddis was received with great regret; her devoted services

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are highly appreciated. Mr. Wilcox was appointed to attend to the Churchyard, and Mr. Rogers for organ blowing, lamps, and Church warming. A shed has been built to take the tools, oil and other things in constant use. The question of tithe apportionment was taking shape; about 41 landowners were prepared to make this useful change. No summonses for unpaid tithe would be issued in future until the tithe committee had had an opportunity of considering the particular case. It was felt that, with good will and common sense, the past irritations ought not to recur, but the committee would not hesitate to advise the issuing of a summons if the case should warrant it.

### Church Collections. £ s. d.

Sun., July 16—Holy Communion. £1 1s. 11d.; Evening, 11/9 ...	1	13	8
Sept. 23—Holy Communion, 3/-; Morning, 13/5; Evening, 15/9	1	12	2
Sept. 30—Holy Communion, £1 1s.; Evening, 13/4 .....	1	14	4
Oct. 7—Morning, 11/-; Evening, 14/6 (Service in Schoolroom)...	1	5	6
Oct. 14—Morning, 13/1; Evening, 11/9 (Service in Schoolroom)...	1	4	10
Oct. 21—Holy Communion, 5/11; Morning, £3 4s. 9d.; Evening, £3 6s. 8d.; Sunday School Offer- ing, 4/6 (Re-opening of Church) .....	7	1	10
Oct. 28—Holy Communion, 3/-; Morning, £1 15s. 3d.; Evening, 13/1 .....	2	11	4
Nov. 4—Holy Communion, 3/5; Morning, 17/9; Evening, 17/2	1	18	4
Nov. 11—Holy Communion, 5/10; Morning, £1 13s.; Evening, 12/7 .....	2	11	5
Nov. 18—Holy Communion, £1 1s.; Evening, £1 4s. 6d. ....	2	5	6
Nov. 25—Holy Communion, 4/-; Morning, 19/1; Evening, 9/1...	1	12	2

### Hartley Recreation Club.

The Editor is indebted to Lt.-Col. J. Waley Cohen, D.S.O., for the annual report of this flourishing society. It starts its new year with a balance in hand of £19 17s. 1½d. The farthing will be sure to bring luck. The membership for the past year is 23. Whist drives have been well attended. A children's party was given last Christmas with a Christmas tree, always a delight to the young. The sum of £11 5s. was sent to St. Dunstan's for the blind, as the result of the joint efforts of the Club and the Hartley Women's Institute.

# ERNEST J. GEE,

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The Club was lent to the Hartley Co-operative Society four times for lectures on fruit growing. The Colonel gave two concerts. The cricket and football clubs have had the use of the Club to raise funds for their purposes. Suitable gifts have been made to the Club by Miss Davis-Cooke and Mr. J. F. Snow. Mr. Cromar has kindly audited the Club accounts. Fortnightly whist drives will be run during this winter. Mr. Hockley has replaced Mr. Sims on the Committee. The report is signed by Miss Davis-Cooke, the president, to whom the Club owes a deep debt of gratitude for her constant and invaluable support.

### 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 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.

STOP PRESS.—I have just heard that Mr. Tom F. Tate has started a brass band for Hartley. Splendid! It shall be fully described in our next. On Saturday evening, Dec. 8th, a "Social" was held in Fairby barn. Mrs. Daniel and Mr. Gray arranged it. The proceeds will go towards Church renovation. I was out of sorts and could not be present, but everybody says that it was a delightful function, and they want more! Train and motor services are crowded out of this issue.

## C. W. NAIRN,

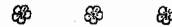
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