

ALL SAINTS', HARTLEY,
Parish Magazine.

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ACTING EDITOR, W. H. CHISHOLM.



THE RECTOR'S LETTER.

“Beltwood,” Hartley,
September 7th, 1935.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

My first word this month must be to express the thankfulness felt by my wife and myself at being once more among you and at work again. And, also, our warm thanks for all the kind messages which we received. “The return of the truants!” Well, no one wants to be ill, and we must try not to do it again.

Our absence, of course, threw a great deal of work upon our Wardens—August, in

particular is not an easy month to obtain Sunday “locums,” and it is due largely to their efforts that things proceeded so smoothly; their “stewardship” has meant very much to the welfare of the Church.

There is not very much news in the parish itself:

At Whitsun the Church was well attended at the morning and evening services; in fact, it was full at the morning service, when one noticed a good many visitors; but the Holy Communion does not make the universal appeal at Whitsun as at the Easter Festival.

The two Sunday Schools continue to flourish, thanks to the devoted work of the

Superintendents, Mrs. F. W. Tate and Mrs. Todd, and their helpers, Miss Hazel Chisholm, Miss Sale and Miss Peggy Hoyle. The numbers are most satisfactory, and thirty-five children were of the party that went to Sheerness for the Sunday School outing. I say "of the party," because the Committee most sensibly threw the expedition open to parents and well-wishers, of whom thirty or more accompanied the children, and one or two venerable "scholars" who also made the trip. Our best thanks are due to the Committee, and especially to Mr. D. T. R. Gray, under whose cheery management everything went without a hitch. He was in league also with those forces which control the weather, for it was a perfect day.

An occasion of very great satisfaction was the Confirmation on July 17th, in Rochester Cathedral of seven boys and girls from Hartley: Olive Applegate, Peggy Hoyle, Alan Alexander, John Applegate, Edwin Day, Basil Keen and Graham Wood. They were most kindly presented by Canon Parker, Rector of Longfield, in my absence. It was indeed a great disappointment to me not to be able to present them myself.

As a result largely of the generosity of Mr. H. Groom, who has made a loan of a large part of the money to the Parochial Church Council, we are now in possession of the excellent site which we had long wanted for the new Rectory, but I cannot report any progress in regard to the sale of the old Rectory and its glebe, and I fear that I shall not be able to do so for some while to come.

Yours in all sincerity,

TOM PEARMAN STEVENS.

Church Information.

Rector—THE REV. T. PEARMAN-STEVENS, M.A.
Churchwardens—Mr. CHARLES APPLETON (Peo-
 les' Warden), Mr. F. F. TATE (Rector's Warden).

CHURCH SERVICES.

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

Doly Communion, 8 a.m., every Sunday and 12 noon on the first and third Sundays.

Sunday School—At the Church, 3.0 p.m.: Mrs. F. W. Tate, Superintendent; Assistants: Miss Hazel Chisholm and Miss Peggy Hoyle. At the Church Schools, 3.0 p.m.: Mrs. F. E. Todd, Superintendent; Assistant: Miss Sale.

Hartley Parish Magazine—Acting Editor: Mr. W. H. Chisholm, "Restharrow," Church Road. Hon. Secretary: Mr. F. F. Tate, "Brendon," Ash Road.

Parochial Church Council (elected under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure, 1921)—Council for 1935-36: Mr. B. Alexander, Mrs. Appleton, Mrs. Balchin, Mrs. Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Chisholm, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cuff, Mr. W. A. Ewbank, Mr. D. T. R. Gray, Miss A. K. Green, Mr. Groom, Mrs. L. Harris, Mrs. Keen, Miss Ling, Mr. and Mrs. Parkins, Miss Sale, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. F. W. Tate, Mrs. Todd, Mr. Wells Thatcher and the Churchwardens. *Hon. Secretary*—Mrs. T. Pearman-Stevens. *Joint Hon. Treasurers*—Mr. F. F. Tate and Mr. F. E. Todd. *Sidesmen*—Mr. Alexander, Mr. Appleton, Mr. J. Green, Mr. L. Harris, Mr. H. Parkins, Mr. Todd. *Organist and Choirmaster*—Mr. W. H. Chisholm. *Churchyard Keeper and Bell Ringer*—Mr. A. Rogers. *Cleaner*—Mrs. Rogers.

BAPTISM.

August 15th.—James William Petrie.

MARRIAGE.

June 8th.—William Thomas Richards to Lilian Jane Duke.

BURIALS.

September 5th.—Letitia Macaulay, aged 69.

September 12th.—William Henry Farrant, aged 71.

Altar Flowers.

October—Miss Robertson.
November—Mrs. Delf.
December—Mrs.

NOTES AND NEWS.

As our last issue was going to press, we had the regrettable news of the Rector's breakdown in health, and we are now happy to record that his doctor's prescription of a few weeks' complete rest has had the desired results. Mr. Stevens returned to his duties on September 1st, looking fit and well, and the best wishes of us all are with him and Mrs. Stevens for a successful winter's work.

News of old residents is always welcome, and we have a letter from Mr. William Macaulay, who is now living in Castle-

pollard, Westmeath, in the Irish Free State, sending his subscription to the Magazine.

Mr. Macaulay writes that he has been elected Rector's Warden, and with characteristic modesty and humour adds: "I am pleased to say the people have taken it quite kindly."

It will also be of interest to Hartley folk to know that his Church is three miles from his home, but (and again I quote from his letter): "Three miles from a Church is nothing in the Isle of 'Saints and Scholars.'"

Since this note was written, we much regret to receive news of the sudden death of Miss Letitia Macaulay, who lived here many years with her brother and mother, and our sincere condolences are offered to Mr. Macaulay and his surviving sisters. Miss Macaulay was buried in our Churchyard on September 5th.

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The Misses Caddel, of Claphall, also keep up their connection with us, attending Church several times a year, and giving loving attention to their family grave. Miss Caddell writes me: "We love Hartley, and are often there, and shall always have a corner in our hearts for the dear place."

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Mrs. Tate's report on the Women's Institute is interesting, as usual, and the wide field of subjects discussed by our enterprising women is a most valuable feature in the life of our community. The charitable effort, also, is no mean achievement. We all wish continued success to the Hartley Women's Institute.

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As a matter of interest and for future reference, I am publishing in another column a list of the preachers who officiated during the Rector's illness, and I feel we should like to express our indebtedness to these gentlemen and our appreciation of their services.

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Congregational Choir practices will be held in the Autumn, after shortened Even-song, on the first Sunday of each month.

Choir practice for boys and girls is held on Fridays at 6.30 in the Church.

Wonderful harvest weather has been experienced this year throughout the South of England. The grain crops were cut, many of them, in July, and all safely gathered in by the middle of August, and though some of our fruit and vegetables suffered from May frosts, and the subsequent spell of dry and hot weather, it has in the main been a good season. The blackberry crop is one of the best for many years, and will make up for any other shortage in our winter stores.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held on September 22nd in the Parish Church, and the 29th in the Congregational Church. Let us heartily rejoice.

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To be held up as an example is often embarrassing, but on occasion it may be an encouragement, and we print hereunder a paragraph from Rochester Diocesan Notes for September:—

All Saints', Hartley. This Magazine (published quarterly) has more than one item of unusual interest. At the annual Church Meeting it was agreed that the Parochial Church Council should become a corporate member of the Friends of Rochester Cathedral. This is an example worthy of imitation by other parishes. Another feature of special interest is the inclusion in this Parish Magazine of a page headed "Hartley Congregational Church Notes." Is not this a simple but practical example of goodwill and co-operation, without sacrifice of principle?

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Hartley Cricket Club wreaked vengeance on the Veterans in their annual end-of-season match with the "over forties."

Last year the match was spoiled by the weather. This year, on September 14th, a bright and breezy afternoon witnessed the defeat of the old boys by 47 runs to 35, despite some valiant batting by Mr. Humphreys, and real captain's bowling by Mr. Tindley.

Our feelings shall not be harrowed by the reproduction of the score sheet. "Beaten but not disgraced" is the cry of the old 'uns, while the Club rejoices in something wiped off the slate.

The Club's ladies, moreover, gave us a lovely tea between the innings, and a pleasant Saturday afternoon will long remain in our thoughts.

BACK NUMBERS.

The notice in our last three issues concerning complete sets of the Magazine has resulted in the purchase of two sets.

To whet the appetites of others we append below a brief index of the principal item in each issue from the beginning. Most of these were the absorbingly interesting historical articles of our late Rector, while those on mural paintings were by Mr. Mandeville Roe, who lived among us for a time.

Any number can be had separately as long as the supply lasts (price 3d. each), the whole set for 10/-.

INDEX OF ITEMS OF INTEREST IN OLD NUMBERS OF HARTLEY PARISH MAGAZINE.

YEAR.	No.	
1923	1	Note about the ancient Parish and Manor.
	2	Origin of our Church; its door and bells. List of Rectors since 1328.
	3	Historical reference by the Rector.
1924	4	The Walter Bequest of Coats and Gowns. The Rectory: Why so far away? The Lych Gate.
	5	Vanished Treasures. Local field names.
	6	Hartley—its Name, and Fairby; the Poorhouse; The Smugglers.
	7	Old Churchwardens' Accounts.
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	9	Hartley in Domesday Survey, 1087.
	10	Health Statistics: Old Families; The Days, Martins, Treadwells, Longhursts and Goodwins.
	11	Old Residents re-visit us and tell about the stocks and other things.

October.	November.	December.
6th—Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	3rd—Twentieth Sunday after Trinity	1st—First Sunday in Advent
13th—Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	10th—Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity	8th—Second Sunday in Advent
20th—Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.	17th—Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity	15th—Third Sunday in Advent
27th—Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.	24th—Sunday next before Advent	22nd—Fourth Sunday in Advent
		29th—First Sunday after Christmas Day

YEAR.	No.	
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	41	Our tenth anniversary.
	42	More about wall-paintings.
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1934	44	Death of the Rev. Gerard W. Bancks. (Out of print.)

The following subject for reflection is culled from the *News-Chronicle*:—

“A PARABLE.—A Mind without a Hobby is like a Flower-pot without a Hole in the Bottom.”

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HARTLEY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NOTES.

We sincerely regret the recent indisposition of our friend, the Rev. T. Pearman Stevens, and trust his vacation has given him the health and vigour so necessary for his important duties.

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A Church Rally of exceptional interest was organized on Saturday, June 15. Young people from Beckenham and Bromley District Churches hiked from Eynsford to Hartley, under the guidance of Mr. A. H. Diplock.

Mr. G. W. Hewson presided at the Tea in the Women's Institute Hall, which was beautifully decorated. Public Meeting followed in the Church, with a platform of men and women who were truly moving the world onward.

Each speaker spoke a few introductory words in a native dialect, and then translated into the Hartley tongue.

Miss Jessie Wilson, A.R.A.M., from Shanghai, splendidly sang the Gospel Message. Her friend, an American lady missionary, was also from China. The Rev. W. Saville gave experiences of twenty-five years' work in Papua, among head-hunters and devil worshippers, and a people who had no words or understanding of spiritual concepts. Even the common civility of "Thank you" was unknown. The only interpretation to the native mind of "It is better to give than to receive" was "It is good to receive, but to give is no good at all." Yet at root, life's aspirations and possibilities for them were identical with ours.

Mr. A. F. Thyagaraju, M.A., of Guntur, India, was returning to his people to help them to struggle through many obstacles to the light and life of Christ. The friendliness of English people had been a great encouragement to him.

Mr. Teng-Kiat-Chiu, of Amoy, China, showed on a black-board how Chinese thought had developed into picture-writing. One difficulty was to symbolize words of quality. Peace, in China, was a line, a roof, with a woman underneath. He had heard this was not so in England. (A cynic

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later suggested that discord was two women under one roof; which, of course, is not true.) A humorous reference to the curved roofs of Chinese buildings, pointed to an old idea, that evil spirits alighting on the roof slid downward, and the curve jerked them into the neighbour's garden.

The Chairman was Mr. G. B. Wilson, B.A. Collections for the London Missionary Society amounted to £2 3s. od., after deducting expenses.

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On Monday, June 3, the Women's Institute Hall gave birth to another Jumble Sale. Quite a vigorous baby, realizing £12. Our Treasurer, Mr. F. Parkin, performed prodigies of strength and balancing in collecting goods all the morning and delivering to the Hall on a small hand-truck. His services were badly repaid, as the money was not handed to the Church Account, but kept by our ladies to provide materials as a basis for a future Sale of Work.

On Tuesday, July 23rd, the ladies of the Church formed a branch of the Women's Guild, affiliated to the Kent Congregational Association. Some 40 ladies were present. Mrs. E. Barson, of Penge, presided, supported by Mrs. A. Haig, of Chatham, and Mrs. Hutson, of Gravesend. Miss Ingleson explained the object of the Guild, in fitting women for greater influence and service for Christ in civic, social and Church life. Tea was served later in the garden at "Dunster." Mrs. A. Shambrook is the President, and Mrs. Sizmur is Secretary of the Guild. Such a work and ideal is opportune. Statistics say that children are drifting away from the Church and their Heavenly Father. It might be said that heaven, earth and hell are in the keeping of women, for chiefly they, at the beginning of the child life, can give those impressions which make for the moral and spiritual future.

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NOTES ON SERMON (Oct. 21, 1934), by the Rev. Stanley Morgan.

Joseph of Aramathea. Type of an English squire. Rich, cultured, a natural gentleman, instinctively just and truth-loving. He became a secret follower of

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The day of denial, failure, darkness came. Joseph stood before the Cross, and under rising indignation at the foul murder of God's Son, and contempt of God's love, his weakness passed away. He strode down the Hill of Calvary, across the valley, and up the steep hill which led to Pilate's Palace, and boldly demanded the body of Jesus. Then went and bought the finest linen. He realized the great opportunity he had lost. Coward and fool! Only to buy a shroud and a grave for a dead Christ when he might have been comrade and friend of a living Christ. Then he went home. The shroud and grave had covered the dead Christ in his past life. Henceforth the living Christ had risen in his heart. He was the first of millions who understood the meaning and power of the Cross.

OUR CHILDREN'S DAY OUT.

Two fine green motor coaches drew up at the Hartley Women's Institute on Tuesday, September 3rd, last. Very soon the coaches were filled with seventy grown-ups and children. The children were from the Sunday School of All Saints', Hartley; they were going to Sheerness for their annual treat.

It was a beautiful morning, and the happy party was on the way by nine o'clock. The treat was given to the children by the Church Parochial Council. The children had nothing to pay, of course, but the grownups paid 3/9 for their journey and 1/- for the tea.

Mr. David Gray was in charge of the arrangements, and he did his difficult work splendidly.

In addition to many mothers of the children, there were of the party: The Rector and Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. F. W. Tate, Mrs. T. F. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Todd, Miss Peggy Hoyle, Mrs. Cuff, Mrs. Harris, Miss Emmott, Miss Sale, and Mr. J. Wells Thatcher.

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The party assembled near the roundabouts, and were told to meet at that spot again about three o'clock for tea. All dispersed and paddled or rode on donkeys or on the roundabouts. The tea was provided in the Hall of the Methodist Church in Alma Street. It was a splendid tea. I was much moved by the perfect behaviour of the children. I was asked to thank the Church Council and the Sub-Committee for the delightful treat, and the ladies who had provided the tea, and Mr. Gray for his fine management.

The return home was delightful. The children sang up-to-date choruses. I joined in, and I believe Mr. Chisholm will ask me to join the Choir!

J. W. T.

A FRENCH AND LATIN CIRCLE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I should like to meet neighbours who would read French aloud, choosing some good author, also those who would read aloud a Latin classic. We could meet at regular intervals, say, at the Women's Institute. Young students in either or both languages would be warmly welcomed.

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„ 16, 6.30 p.m.	
„ 23, 11 a.m.	} Mr. J. WELLS THATCHER.
„ 23, 6.30 p.m.	
„ 30, 11 a.m.	} REV. B. LALTON SPURGIN, B.A., Gillingham.
„ 30, 6.30 p.m.	
July 7, 11 a.m.	} Mr. J. WELLS THATCHER.
„ 7, 6.30 p.m.	
„ 14, 11 a.m.	} REV. H. H. TREACHER, M.A., Gillingham.
„ 14, 6.30 p.m.	
„ 21, 11 a.m.	} REV. S. E. L. SKELTON, M.A., Beckenham.
„ 21, 6.30 p.m.	
„ 28, 11 a.m.	} MR. W. A. HAMMOND, Gravesend.
„ 28, 6.30 p.m.	
„ 28, 6.30 p.m.	} MR. J. WILMINGTON, Gravesend.
„ 28, 6.30 p.m.	
Aug. 4, 11 a.m.	} CANON POWELL, Darenth.
„ 4, 6.30 p.m.	
„ 11, 11 a.m.	
„ 11, 6.30 p.m.	} MR. C. GILLIES, Kingsdown.
„ 18, 11 a.m.	
„ 18, 6.30 p.m.	
„ 25, 11 a.m.	} MR. W. HARRYMAN, Gravesend
„ 25, 6.30 p.m.	
„ 25, 6.30 p.m.	} REV. J. TREVOR MATCHETT, M.A., Fawkham.
„ 25, 6.30 p.m.	

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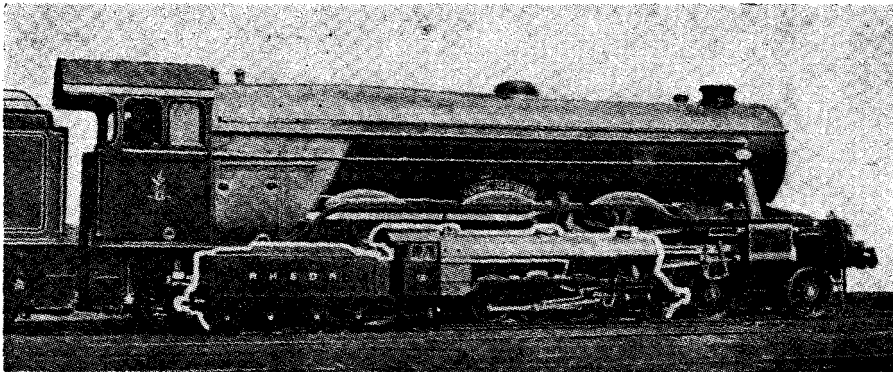
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style, and are very attractive and comfortable. A visit to Hythe is well worth while if only for the opportunity of riding on these little trains, which run on a regular timetable throughout the year. The subject has a topical interest, as quite recently was reported a level-crossing accident when a motor lorry collided with the engine, and turned it over on its side. Fortunately neither the driver or any of the passengers on the train were hurt.

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The fortnightly meetings were maintained through the first half of this year, and were well attended.

Lectures and demonstrations were given on Knitting, Embroidery, Gardening and the Care of Animals. Other interesting items were a film, "The Persil Way," a talk on the League of Nations, and on another occasion "Some Reminiscences of Egypt." Another afternoon was devoted to community singing—ever popular, and a further afternoon to a lecture and discussion on "How to Keep Fit."

The following is the programme from September onward:—

- Sept. 5.—Experience of a business man in Norway and Sweden.
- „ 19.—Percussion Band practice.
- Oct. 3.—Cookery.
- „ 17.—Sketch by Members.

Nov. 7.—Soft Slipper making.

„ 21.—Photography.

Dec. 5.—Members' Afternoon.

„ 19.—Social Evening.

About fifty old ladies from the Institution at Dartford were brought by coach to the Institute and entertained to tea on August 1st.

Whist Drives are held fortnightly during the winter months, the proceeds being devoted to various charities, principally the Cancer Campaign Fund. £30 is sent to this Fund annually. A Jumble Sale will be held in October for this good cause.

The first Whist Drive of the season will be held on Saturday, September 21st, at 8 p.m. Further particulars may be obtained from Mrs. E. A. Tate, "Amphion," or Miss Robertson, Hartley Hill Cottage.

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