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— HARTLEY CHURCH —

Hartley,

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My dear Parishioners,

There is so much to report in this issue about the Church repairs that we might almost call it a "Repairs Edition," but I know you are interested in the progress of the work. It is good to see the scaffolding being removed and to know that the Church is sound in its structure once again. It came as a very severe blow when it was found that the cost would be £500 instead of the £400 which we had aimed at getting and which, in fact, we did get by the end of the year.

The visit of the Church Army Mission Van should be of great value especially at a time when our thoughts and energies have been so much taken up with the more visible side of the Church's work. We so often measure the efficiency of a Parish by the amount of collections raised or the numbers of people attending the various organisations, while the real results are overlooked because they are not so easily measured. How many there are who have been helped by the ministrations of their Parish Church will perhaps never be known. Our Lord said that the growth of the kingdom of heaven was as unseen as the seed growing, but just as positive.

The memorial to my predecessor, the late Rev. C. G. W. Banks, is now nearing completion and will shortly be placed in the Church. The memorial will take the form of an oak tablet containing a list of Rectors of Hartley from 1328 to the present time, provision being made for the inclusion of other names when necessary. Details of the time and date of the dedication of the Memorial are not yet complete. As soon as more is known I hope to issue with the Parochial Church Councillors a joint invitation to all subscribers and parishioners to be present on that occasion.

Yours sincerely,

L. G. W. LENTON,

Rector.

**Sale of Work**

The Sale of Work held on December 4th was more successful than even the words of a most enthusiastic writer can describe. Everything seemed to be in favour of the sale except the weather, and even this did not manifest its fury until after the opening when the Women's Institute Hall was already more than comfortably full of eager buyers and well-wishers and keen saleswomen, who in the record time of about four hours had added another £57 to the credit of the Church Repair Fund.

The Sale of Work was opened at 3 p.m. by Mrs T. A. Andrus, and later on in the afternoon we were delighted to see Mrs. Green who is perhaps better known as the daughter of a former Rector, the late Rev. C. G. W. Banks.

The Sale was the climax of many months of hard work by a number of ladies, some of whom joined in the Parish Working Party, while others did their share of the work at home. Those helping were so numerous, and the spirit of co-operation so fine that it would suffice to say that "WE" all did our very best and do not want to confine the credit to anyone in particular, so that no names will be mentioned here.

The best way to describe this memorable afternoon in 1937 is to say that the stalls were loaded to capacity with really sensible articles at 3 o'clock, but in an incredibly short space of time the stalls took an 'after the conflict' air as the goods were readily bought by the crowd of people who were so closely held together by the limited accommodation which the most useful little Institute provides.

An interesting and humorous interlude was provided by the judging of the Men's Cake Competition, which was won by Mr. Hoadley. This brave task was undertaken by Mrs. Green, while everyone wondered what was going to happen as each cake was cut open. It was certainly interesting to see the variety of shapes and sizes

that a given recipe could be responsible for. However it proves one thing—that the men of Hartley can make cakes.

If the men of Hartley can make cakes, their womenfolk made the money for the Church by their efforts: and for this the parish is indebted to them for their tireless service so ungrudgingly given so that your Parish Church may be preserved for future generations.

### The Repairs to the Church

Those of you who have kept a constant watch on the progress of the Church Repairs must have been very much surprised when the tiles were removed from the roof. The chancel roof was in fairly good condition and with the exception of some new wood at the east end, only new battens were required. The roof of the nave was the greatest cause of anxiety for here the greater part of the timbers were simply rotten with age and constantly getting wet. The old beams seen inside the Church still carry the weight of the roof and it was that part of the wood work on the other side of the ceiling out of sight that was most seriously affected. Repairs to these timbers have taken place on three different occasions, but when we realise that the Church was built in the 11th century we cannot blame the original builders for not making a good job of their work. What made the work of repairing more difficult was the fact that in the past they were quite content to leave the old infected wood in its place and merely fasten a new piece at the side of the old work. Much of the flint-work at the top of the walls and at the east end of the nave was in a dangerous condition and could only just have been saved from falling down and probably causing serious trouble. Every inch on the entire roof of the Church has been taken off and replaced securely on to new battens, and in the case of the vestry roof it was necessary to renew every piece of the woodwork in the roof as it was

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in such a dangerous state, the huge pieces of wood being so rotted that it was quite easy to crumble it to pieces with the fingers.

Most of the old tiles have been used again, and where it was necessary to replace broken or defective ones the builders obtained old tiles from elsewhere to match the existing roof.

The steeple is being re-shingled with oak shingles. This will be the only evidence to the casual observer that any repairs have taken place. The last time that the steeple was repaired was in 1892, and considering its exposed position, it was in a good state of preservation. The weather vane which is 119 years old has been regilded and painted afresh to do perhaps another century of duty. It seems hardly possible when we see it perched up aloft that the weather vane is as tall as a man.

The walls of the Church, both inside and out, have been made good, and the drainage of water attended to, so that we can say that the Church is sound once again, but you must all see that your Church is kept in good repair so that the next generation will not have to undertake such extensive repairs as those which are now nearing completion.

#### **The Cost of the Repairs**

We have been aiming at the total cost of £400 for the Church repairs, but unfortunately so much extra work was found to be necessary after the repairs had commenced that it is feared that it may be in the region of £500 before we can say that the Church is safe and free from decay. At the time of writing the exact figure is not known. Whatever it is we must meet it cheerfully and endeavour to find the extra required with all possible speed.

#### **THE PATRON'S GIFT**

As soon as the Patron, E. J. King, Esq., heard of the 25% increase in the estimated cost of repairs he very generously increased his promised

gift by 25% and sent to the Parochial Church Council a cheque for £125.

#### **THE PARISH EFFORT**

The Parish set out to raise at least £100 during 1937 and it was with no little rejoicing that the total raised during the year was found to be £132.

#### **THE DIOCESAN CONTRIBUTION**

The Board of Finance has promised Hartley a grant of £50 towards the Church Repairs.

#### **THE INCORPORATED CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY**

This Society has kindly promised a grant of £25.

The total amount already raised or promised is now £419. Who will help people to stop saying that the Church is always asking for money? YOU can supply the solution.

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#### **Diocesan Sunday**

In common with other parishes in the Diocese of Rochester, we are keeping January 30th as Diocesan Sunday, when the preacher at the morning service will be Mr. Charles Harvey, of Chatham. On this Sunday, we not only have special sermons with reference to the work of the Rochester Diocesan Board of Finance and give the collections for our share of the work, but also it is our duty especially on this Sunday to regard the work of the Diocese of Rochester as a whole, and of which we form only a part, and to remember in our prayers, both public and private, those among whom the activities of the Diocese extends, and those who are called upon to do the organisation. When an organisation does its work efficiently and overcomes as far as it can the difficulties that may arise, we are apt to overlook that work is being done and fail to appreciate those difficulties. If we put ourselves in the other man's place more often we should get a better idea of what is really going on instead of just looking on from our own point of view all the time.

**Church Information.**

**Rector**—THE REV. L. G. W. LENTON, A L.C.D.  
Lamorna, Hartley,  
Telephone : West Ash 220.

**Churchwardens—**

**Rector's Warden** : Mr. F. E. Todd, Plympton, Ash Road. ]  
**People's Warden** : Mr. H. Parkins, Forge Cottage,  
Ash Road.

**Parochial Church Council—**

The Churchwardens.

Diocesan Conference Representative : Mrs. Lenton.

Ruri-decanal Conference Representatives : Mrs. Balchin.  
Miss Sale.

Parochial Church Councillors ; Mr. & Mrs. C. Appleton,  
Mrs. P. L. Harris, Mrs. Keen, Miss Ling, Mrs. F. E. Todd  
Hon. Secretary : Mr. F. E. Todd, Plympton, Ash Road.

**Sidesmen—**

Messrs R. Adams, C. Appleton, W. A. Ewbank,  
P. L. Harris, F. F. Tate.

**Sunday Schools**—At the Church, 3-0 p.m. : Mrs.  
Lenton, Superintendent. At the Church Schools, 3-0 p.m. :  
Mrs. F. E. Todd, Superintendent ; Assistant : Miss Sale.

**Hartley Parish Magazine**—Editor : The Rector ;  
Hon. Secretary : Mr. F. F. Tate, "Brendon," Ash Road

**Bell Ringer**—  
Mr. E. Hoadley.

**Church Cleaner**—  
Mrs Fish.

**Church Services.**

**Holy Communion**, Every Sunday at 8 a.m.

First Sunday in the month 12 noon.

On Festival Sundays at 8 a.m. & 12 noon.

On certain Holy Days as announced at  
7-0 a.m.

Morning Prayer and Sermon 11 a.m. }  
Evening Prayer and Sermon 6-30 } On Sundays.

Children Service : On Festival Sundays 3 p.m.  
Ash Wednesday and Ascension Day 10 a.m.

Baptisms and Churchings are usually held on Sundays at  
4 p.m. by arrangement with the Rector.

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### The Church Schools

By the time this issue is published we hope to have electric lighting installed in the schools. It will be a great improvement over the old oil lamps, and will help the children through these dark days of winter-time when a light is required sometimes for most of the day.

One of the advantages of electricity in the Schools is that it will enable the teachers to use a wireless set for some of the most interesting lessons that are broadcast. But first of all the wireless set must be obtained. It is understood that the Kent Education Committee will pay half the cost of an approved receiving set, so that it may not be long before the children try to raise Hartley's share of the cost.

### Do the Young People want a Club?

The Rector hopes to form a small club for the older boys and girls of the parish, so that they can meet together for a social evening at least once a week. Like so many other things, this will mean a certain amount of expense if it is to be at all useful. It will be held in the schools, and so the cost will be kept as low as possible, but games suitable for indoor recreation are urgently needed, and also the requisites for making a cup of tea. The club will meet on Friday evenings at 7 o'clock and grown-ups who would like to help organise the games would be welcomed on Friday evenings between 7 and 9 o'clock.

### The Parish Churchyard

At present the churchyard is in a fairly good condition, as it has until recently received regular attention. Unfortunately, no interest appears to have been taken by so many people having relatives

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and friends buried here, that no contributions whatever have been received for a long-time past for its maintenance in a condition worthy of its use. Many people keep the graves of friends and relatives in order and it is hoped that more people still will do this regularly throughout the summer months, or send a contribution to the churchwardens so that the work may be done for you.

The Rector wishes to make it quite clear that there is no likelihood of the churchyard being closed to burials for many years to come, as the death-rate in Hartley is fortunately very low, and very few burials take place during the course of each year.

Although all parishioners of Hartley have the right of burial in the churchyard no contributions are received from the rates or from any other source. The only charge made is for the bare cost of the labour involved in digging the graves, and for such fees as are due.

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#### Parish Register

##### BAPTISM

26th December, 1937. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

##### MARRIAGE

6th November, 1937. Herbert Charles Moore to  
Florence Amelia Sale.

#### Sanctuary Guild

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16th Feb.	Donation Mrs. F. C. Delf	5	0	
4th July	Proceeds of Strawberry Tea	5	2	6
2nd Aug.	Donation H. A. Webb, Esq.	5	0	0
27th Sept.	Harvest Festival Collections	2	2	10
4th Oct.	Donation J. Baines-Lewis, Esq.	5	0	0
31st Oct.	Proceeds of Sale of Work	33	14	8
17th Dec.	Donation Mrs. Coney	10	0	
25th Dec.	Christmas Day Collections	1	4	6
31st Dec.	Allocation from Holy Com- munion Offertory	3	12	8
31st Dec.	Church Repairs Box, total for the year	1	17	5

1937

14th Feb.	Donation E. J. Cuff, Esq.	1	0	0
16th Feb.	Transferred from Reserve	29	18	10
10th Feb.	Ash Wednesday Collection	4	0	
21st Feb.	Church Collection	15	3	
28th Feb.	Church Repair Box	2	2	
28th Feb.	Donation Rev. L. G. W. and Mrs. Lenton	2	2	0
28th Feb.	Donation Mrs. Fitzroy- Mundy	2	0	0
21st Mar.	Churching Fee, per the Rector	1	0	0
21st Mar.	Church Collection	1	2	7
21st Mar.	Collected by the Sunday School in Lent	3	7	
26th Mar.	Church Repair Box	1	7	
18th Apr.	Church Collections	19	1	
18th Apr.	Church Repair Box	2	11	
24th Apr.	Donation Mr. & Mrs. F. F. Tate	1	0	
6th May	Ascension Day Collection	3	0	
16th May	Church Collection	14	11	
16th May	Church Repair Box	3	10	
16th May	Anonymous (per the Rector)	10	0	
30th May	Church Collection	1	0	6
7th June	Donation Mr. & Mrs. Ewbank	5	5	0

13th June	Mrs. White	1	1	0
14th June	Mr. and Mrs. Lowe	5	0	
20th June	Church Collection	19	11	
26th June	Miss Barker	2	2	0
4th July	Mrs. Keen	2	10	0
4th July	Repair Box	3	5	
18th July	Repair Box	1	2	
18th July	Church Collection	16	4	
23rd July	Anonymous	3	3	0
23rd July	Anonymous	5	0	0
23rd July	Brig. General and Mrs. T. A. Andrus	5	0	0
23rd July	Mrs. Lenton	10	0	
25th July	Children's Service Collection	2	0	
1st Aug.	Repair Box	3	3	
8th Aug.	"	6		
15th Aug.	"	1	10	
22nd Aug.	"	1	3	
29th Aug.	"	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
29th Aug.	Church Collection	16	0	
12th Sept.	Repair Box	14	4	
1st Oct.	Repair Box	6		
12th Oct.	H. Groom, Esq.	15	0	0
17th Oct.	Church Collection	16	5	
17th Oct.	Repair Box	3	5	
19th Oct.	B. Legg, Esq.	2	0	0
24th Oct.	Repair Box	3	3	
31st Oct.	Church Collection	18	1	
31st Oct.	Repair Box	4		
11th Nov.	Mrs. Sephton	2	6	
14th Nov.	Repair Box	1	0	
21st Nov.	Repair Box	2	0	
21st Nov.	Church Collection	15	8	
4th Dec.	Sale of Work	58	1	1
19th Dec.	Dr. Welch	3	0	0
22nd Dec.	Mr. Coney	10	0	
25th Dec.	Church Collection	16	2	
26th Dec.	Baptismal Offering	5	6	
26th Dec.	Repair Box	3	8	
	H. Parkins, Esq.	1	1	0
31st Dec.	Mrs. Ball	3	3	0

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**Hartley Manor Farm**

It is only echoing the words of all the readers of this magazine to say how sorry we are to hear of Mrs. Oldrey's illness, and we wish her a speedy recovery to health and strength again.

Mrs. Oldrey has endeared herself to all by her willing help in all things musical, and as Organist at the Parish Church with services extending over many years.

### **Visit of the Church Army Van**

The visit of the Church Army Diocesan Mission Van is a new experience for Hartley. Captain Ding and Cadet Heavens have already made themselves known to you all, and by their helpful addresses have presented the Gospel in a manner so attractive and so clearly that the smallest child as well as the older people could thank God for our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The caravan in the school playground is a great attraction for the children and the grown-ups too. Perhaps it will not be long before Captain Ding comes to Hartley again.

### **The Electoral Roll**

The Electoral Roll will shortly be revised for 1938. Will those who have not already signed a form asking for their names to be included, kindly ask the Secretary of the Parochial Church Council or the Rector for a form.

Those whose names appear on the Electoral Roll must be baptized members of the Church of England, over 18 years of age.

Only those who are included on the Electoral Roll are entitled to attend the Annual Parochial Meeting which will be held very shortly.

### **Children's Party**

The Sunday School Children's annual party will be held during February this year. January is so heavily booked up by the Church Army, and some of the children are still confined indoors with those kinds of complaints that spread so easily at this time of year.

The children will be given tickets telling them of the time and place of the party later on. Parents will be welcomed, but will be asked to pay sixpence for their tickets.

### **Hartley Women's Institute**

The Seventeenth Annual General Meeting was held early in January when a very interesting report of the year's work was read by the Secretary, Mrs. Goodwin. Demonstrations, lectures, music and dramas had all been enjoyed by the members, the number being now 108. A very promising Guild of Gardeners and Food Producers had been founded by the gardening representative, Mrs. Gates, while folk-dancing and dramas attracted a large number of the members. The Institute banner, designed by Miss Robertson was nearing completion. It was being embroidered by all members who could help in this craft, and it was hoped to enter the banner for the 1938 Handicraft Exhibition.

As a result of the fortnightly whist drives, various good causes had been helped: The Cancer Campaign, St. Dunstan's, Livingstone Hospital, and the old Ladies from Dartford. The president organised Rose Day, Poppy Day, and Gravesend Hospital collections, members helping.

Miss Barnes (Vice-President Executive Committee of West Kent Federation), who was present at the Annual Meeting, congratulated the members on being a live Institute, and gave an interesting account of the early days of the Institute movement.

Meetings are held in the Institute Hall on the first Thursday in each month, 2-45 p.m. and on the third Thursday at 7-45 p.m. New members will be welcomed.

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