



# The Church Magazine of S. Nicholas, Remenham.

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Mr. S. H. SMITH.

*Clerk and Sexton :*

Mr. G. E. SHIRLEY.

## RECTOR'S LETTER.

MY FRIENDS,—

As we enter April we are drawing to the close of Lent. Soon we shall come to the awe-inspiring days of Holy Week—the most solemn week of the whole year—and as we kneel at the Cross of Calvary we shall know the love of God our Heavenly Father, Who withheld not His Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, but gave Him for the redemption of the world. We who were far off are made nigh by the Blood of Christ; the separation which sin inevitably wrought between God and us is bridged by the Sacrifice of Love, and in the Second Adam there is At-one-ment. The Death of Christ transcends time; “apart from all our theories the Cross is a fact of eternal significance. Its reality did not end when the sun went down on that first Good Friday. Something was done which persists and shall persist until evil is brought to naught and time shall be no more.”

And then beyond the darkness of Calvary there breaks the glory and the grandeur of the Easter triumph. The Revealing and Redeeming Lord is the Risen Lord with sin and death under His feet, and He sends to us the Holy Spirit, Who is the Spirit of Life, Who unites us to Christ Himself, and gives us here and now that new life which is the dynamic of recovery and power.

But some of you may feel that even in the light of the Easter Joy there is much in life that is dark. Yes, there is, but shall we not wait patiently on the Lord Who reveals His purpose as we are able to bear it? “Men are not distressed because they know so little when they are conscious that they are constantly learning more. They do not complain of the darkness when they are journeying towards the light.”

At our Easter Communion you and I meet together in the light of the Risen Lord.

Yours ever faithfully,

GEORGE H. WILLIAMS.

## SERVICES ON SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS.

Holy Communion every Sunday at 8 a.m., and also at midday on first and third Sundays; on Saints' Days either at 8 a.m., or at noon, according to notice on preceding Sunday.

Matins at 11 a.m. and Evensong at 6.30 p.m.

Children's Service on the 2nd Sunday in the month at 3 p.m., when the Sacrament of Holy Baptism is administered.

### HOLY WEEK.

8 a.m. Holy Communion on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

### GOOD FRIDAY.

8 a.m. Litany and Ante-Communion.

11 a.m. Shortened Matins and brief address.

7 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

### EASTER EVE.

8 a.m. Ante-Communion.

### EASTER DAY.

There will be Celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and at midday.

*Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday.* Holy Communion at 11 a.m.



## BURIAL.

*"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."*

March 17. William Beasley, 78, West Street, Henley-on-Thames, aged 57 years.

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## PARISH ITEMS.

Our Easter Meetings will be held at the Parish Hall on Wednesday, April 15, and we hope that all concerned will kindly make a note of the date. It needs a little thought to understand the purpose of each of the three meetings. First, at 6.30 p.m., will come the Easter Vestry, and its one and only duty is the election of Churchwardens; under the Enabling Act the Easter Vestry now consists of (1) ratepayers, (2) members of the Parochial Church Meeting (i.e. all who are on the Electoral Roll of the Parish). Immediately after the Easter Vestry there will be the annual meeting of the Parochial Church Meeting, at which the Parochial Church Council and the Lay Representatives to the Ruri-decanal Conference are elected, to which the Electoral Roll is presented, and at which the Sidesmen are appointed. Then, at 7 p.m., will follow the Parochial Church Council, which is the Administrative Body of the Parish and by which all important Parochial matters are discussed and settled.

Among those who were recently appointed King's Counsel we read with pleasure the name of Mr. C. M. Pitman, Remenham Lodge. On March 10 Mr. Pitman was sworn in at the House of Lords, and afterwards called within the Bar in the Courts of Appeal, and in the Chancery, King's Bench, and Divorce Divisions.

The Annual General Meeting of the Remenham Athletic Club was held on Friday evening, March 13, at the Angel Inn, when the chair was taken by Mr. H. P. Surtees, the President of the Club. There was a good attendance of members, and among those present were the Rector and Messrs. Aird, Stephens, F. Butler, Stevens, Ward, Broadbent, Charlton, Tanner, Wallis, Mundy, Challis, Scouse, D'Estofet, Parker, Shirley, Hawkes, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. C. Butler. The Hon. Secretary read his Report, which gave a very satisfactory account of the Cricket and Football seasons and of the Athletic Sports and Flower Show. He submitted a Balance Sheet, which showed a surplus of over £11 apart from the subscriptions received for the current year. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. D'Estofet for the gift of two silver Challenge Cups. Mr. Surtees was again elected President with unanimous acclaim, and Mr. A. C. Butler, whose strenuous work was warmly appreciated, was re-appointed Hon. Secretary. Mr. W. Stevens was elected Captain of Cricket, with Mr. W. Chalton as Vice-Captain. The General Committee was appointed to make arrangements for the Athletic Sports and Show on Saturday, August 1, and authority was given to them to elect their own Sub-Committee to carry out all details. An enthusiastic meeting was closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Surtees for his presence in the chair and for his generous and unfailing support of the Club in all its activities.

Immediately before the 7 o'clock Celebration of Holy Communion on Easter Day we hope to dedicate to the glory of God and in memory of the late Mrs. Ames the beautiful new Altar Frontal which the Misses Ames have presented to the Church.

A meeting of the Parish Council took place in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, March 18, for the purpose of electing the six Councillors, and resulted in the appointment of the following : Colonel C. D. Burnell, Captain Noble, and Messrs. Aird, Ansell, Marcham, and Pitman.

Sergeant Cecil Bailey, 52nd Oxfordshire Light Infantry, has been promoted Colour-Sergeant : the regiment has left Rawal Pindi for the North-West Frontier.

A meeting of our local Nursing Association was held on Thursday, March 19, at Park Place, to discuss the proposed Nurses' Pensions Scheme brought forward by the Berkshire County Association. A general approval of the Scheme was expressed, and Mrs. Noble was appointed as Delegate to attend the meeting of the County Association.

Hospital Sunday was observed by us on Mid-Lent Sunday, March 22, and the offertory, which amounted to £3 19s. 6d., was divided between the Berkshire Hospital, Reading, and the Henley Memorial Hospital.

May we appeal—especially to our ladies—for kind assistance with the Easter Decorations ? We have lost some strenuous helpers, but we have strong hope that those who are still with us will see to it that God's House is made as beautiful as possible.

#### PARISH MAGAZINE BALANCE SHEET, 1924.

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Examined and found correct,

R. E. G. ANSELL.

March 14, 1925.

\* The deficit balance has been cleared off by the very kind help of Mr. Henry P. Surtees.