

An  
Almanack  
and  
Parish Register  
for  
CHESHAM BOIS.

Presented by the Rev. J. Matthews,  
with kind wishes  
for 1886.



## THE NEW ROBE,

Jer. xxiii. 6.

He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness.—Isa. lxi. 10.  
All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.—Isa. lxiv. 6.

I have done with the rags, for I've taken the ROBE,  
And thrown all my patchwork away;  
With Christ and God's righteousness I am content  
To have done with my doings to-day.

His beauty and comeliness now are made mine;  
O why did I tarry so long  
Ere taking the glorious gift of His grace,  
And making its riches my song?

I was "going about," with a Pharisee's zeal,  
To work out a web of my own;  
The rags of self-righteousness seeking to mend,  
Which were fit for the dunghill alone.

With something of Christ, yet more of myself,  
I thought I should surely succeed,  
Till Christ and the blood of His cross were revealed  
As meeting my uttermost need.

A blood that would cleanse, and a covering too—  
A righteousness God could accept;  
Could this be refused in the pride of my heart,  
And my own, all in tatters, be kept?

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,  
And the Father by whom He was sent;  
A choice which in madness would else have been mine  
His love was put forth to prevent.

Away, then, with rags, for I've taken the robe  
My Father beholds with delight,  
In which without blemish I ever shall stand,  
Beloved and approved in His sight.

### *To the Parishioners of Chesham Bois.*

DEAR FRIENDS,

I wish a Happy New Year to all my Chesham Bois and other friends, into whose hands this Almanack may come. May the grace of our precious Saviour, the love of our heavenly Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with all of you who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth.

During the past year about twenty-five of you joined the Daily Prayer Union for the Holy Spirit. Altogether, the Union numbers about fifty thousand members, in all parts of the world, and each member undertakes to pray on Sundays for all belonging to the Union. But it would be a great mistake to confine our prayers to them; for the Holy Spirit was never more needed in the Church of Christ than now, when "iniquity abounds, and the love of many is waxing cold," and the coming of the Lord Jesus is drawing very near. Let us all be up and doing, praying and working with all our might, for "the night is far spent, and the day is at hand."

I wish I could interest you more in the services of the Church Home Mission which are being held every other week in the Church or School-room during the Winter. The preachers come from considerable distances, and desire to do you good; and it is therefore a little discouraging when the services are thinly attended.

I regret to have to inform those of you who are interested in the Church, that only about a third of the debt upon the Church clock has been paid. When friends are asked for help they say, "Surely the Parishioners might find so small a sum themselves." Might not "a good pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether" accomplish this?

Yours faithfully,

J. MATTHEWS.



*Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, from December 1st, 1884, to  
November, 30th, 1885.*

**Baptisms.**

Kate Holt.  
Harry Aris.

**Marriages.**

Edward Rackley to Jane Narraway.  
George Henry Fryer to Ann Henrietta Carver.

**Burials.**

Jane Adams, aged 37 years.  
Ruth Webb, aged 69 years.  
James Gascoigne, aged 85 years.  
Martha Kite, aged 2 years.  
Percy Lane, aged 10 months.  
Elizabeth Mary Glenister, aged 73 years.  
"Frank" Lane, aged 7 weeks.

**The Services of the Church**

Are at half-past ten throughout the year on Sunday mornings; at half-past six in the evening during Summer; and at three in the afternoon during Winter.

There will be Morning Service, with Sermon, at half-past ten, on  
Good Friday, April 23rd, and  
Christmas Day, December 25th.  
and Service at the Mission Room on the Moor on Good Friday evening at seven o'clock.

ON ASCENSION DAY, June 3rd, there will be service in the Church in the morning at eleven, and in the Mission Room at seven p.m.

The Churchwardens for the year ending Easter, 1886, are Mr. James Bennett, and Mr. William Ford, to whom applications for sittings must be made.

Mr. John Birch is the Clerk.

**The Lord's Supper**

Will be administered on the First Sunday of each Month, and also on  
EASTER-DAY, April 25th,  
WHIT-SUNDAY, June 13th, and  
CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25th.

On Sunday, May 2nd, there will be Holy Communion in the Evening, instead of in the morning.

The Offertory at the Lord's Supper from the end of November, 1884, to the end of November, 1885, amounted to

£5 11s. 10d.

Two-thirds of the Offertory are used in relieving the sick and needy, and the rest is added to the Churchwardens' Fund for expenses connected with the Church.

**Baptisms.**

Children are baptized after the Second Lesson on any Sunday evening in Summer, or afternoon in Winter, *except* on Sundays when there is Holy Communion. It is requested that notice of Baptism be given a day or two before.



### The Service for the Churching of Women

Can be arranged for any Sunday after Morning or Evening Service.

There is no fixed Fee for this Service; but a Thank-offering should be made according to the means of the giver; and this offering may be dropped into the Box at the Church Door, for the support of the Mission Room and the Sunday School.

### The Choir

Consists of the following, who have willingly given their help in the Service of Song during the past year:—

Miss Matthews, *Organist*.

#### MEN.

James Ellement	} <i>Tenor</i> .
Alfred Wilkinson	
Richard Wilkinson,	<i>Alto</i> .
John Groves	} <i>Bass</i> .
William Aris	

#### BOYS.

William Aris,  
Harry Batson,  
Thomas Hill,  
Arthur Aris,  
Edward Wilkinson.

#### THE RINGERS ARE

William Aris,  
Alfred Wilkinson, and  
Frank Morten,

Who have kindly given their services, for which they deserve the thanks of the Parishioners.

### Coal Club.

The Coal Club will re-open as usual in the beginning of March, and close the last week in October. Sums of any amount may be deposited, and a

Bonus of Threepence to meet every clear shilling will be added, up to half-a-crown. Mrs. Johnston will receive deposits at the School from those living on the Common; Mrs. Charles Cox, from those in the Blackwell Hall District; and Mrs. Hill, from those living on the Moor.

### Penny Bank.

The Penny Bank, which is in connection with the Post Office Savings' Bank, is open to all who live in Bois Parish and on Amersham Common. As its name denotes, it is intended to enable persons to put by the smallest sums. The Post Office Savings' Bank will accept no deposit less than a shilling; but the Penny Bank encourages thrift in the poorest, by accepting a deposit as small as a penny. The Chesham Bois Penny Bank is open at the School, where the Schoolmistress, Mrs. Johnston, kindly receives deposits. Each depositor is supplied gratis with a Savings' Bank Book. The deposits are paid into the Post Office Savings' Bank; and as soon as any depositor's savings amount to one pound, interest at the rate of sixpence for each pound is paid, when that pound has been one year in the Bank. There are nine depositors in the Penny Bank, and £4 18s. 4d. was deposited from the 1st of January to the end of November last year.

### Church Home Mission.

This Society engages the unpaid services of Clergymen in all parts of the country to take preaching circuits between the Sundays once a fortnight, commencing on a Monday and finishing on a Friday—the Society only paying their travelling expenses. It has been found that, in country parishes especially, such services are very helpful in quickening spiritual life, awakening religious interest, and refreshing ministers, particularly those who live in retired villages. Several parishes united with ours to form a preaching circuit, and the services began in October and will continue to be held till Lent.



**The Mission Room.**

The weekly Service is held as usual in the Mission Room on the Moor, at seven o'clock on Wednesday evenings, as a rule, from the end of Harvest to the end of June. Contributions for the expenses of maintaining the Mission Room and Sunday School may be dropped into the box affixed to the bench near the Church door.

**The Mission Room and Sunday School Accounts.**

From December 1st, 1884, to November 30th, 1885.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions and Donations .....	6	8	10½	Balance due to Treasurer			
Contents of Church Box, from Dec. 1st, 1884, to Nov. 30th, 1885 .....	2	6	9	November 30th, 1884..	4	13	10½
Balance due to Treasurer	3	15	2	Rent of Mission Room from Nov. 29th, 1884, to Nov. 28th, 1885.....	6	10	0
	£12	10	9½	Sunday School Expenses	1	6	11
					£12	10	9½

**The School.**

The School Managers are the Rector, E. Weller, Esq., and Mr. James Bennett.

The Schoolmistress is Mrs. Johnston.

Edith Saunders is Pupil Teacher, and Mary Puddephatt is the Monitress.

**LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.**

The Rev. Lord Wriothlesley Russell	Miss Gay
Lady Wriothlesley Russell	Mrs. Haden
Mr. G. Bates	Rev. G. Holloway
Mr. Bennett	Mrs. J. Matthews
Miss Blackman	Miss Matthews
Miss Carver	Mrs. Pegg
Miss C. T. Carver	J. W. G. Pegg, Esq.
Mrs. Folkard	Mr. G. Puddephatt
Mrs. G. H. Fryer	Mr. G. Rose
Mrs. Fuller	Mrs. Weller
J. S. Fuller, Esq.	G. Weller, Esq.
Mrs. Gay	The Rector.

The Ratepayers contribute £20 of the rent of the Watercress Beds.

The School was examined by Her Majesty's Inspector on Wednesday, February 18th, 1885, after which a Grant of £51 16s. 1d. was received from the Education Department. The Inspector reported that the School was doing well throughout, but complained that the Infants' Room was used as a cloak room. The Education department therefore required that a new cloak room should be provided. It was necessary to seek a friend to help the School in this emergency, and on Thomas Clutterbuck, Esq. being applied to, he most generously gave ten pounds for the purpose, with which a very comfortable cloak room has been built.

**Day School Accounts.**

Summary of Receipts and Expenditure from February 1st, 1884, to January 31st, 1885.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Government Grant .....	44	9	0	Balance overdrawn ....	4	2	2½
Part Rent of Watercress Beds .....	20	0	0	Teachers .....	90	6	6
School Land Allotments .....	1	7	6	Books, Apparatus, and Stationery .....	13	0	7
Voluntary Contributions	26	2	0	Fuel and Cleaning.....	5	19	5½
Ditto from Three Old Scholars.....	0	16	0	Furniture, Repairs to Buildings, & Insurance	10	14	8
School Pence.....	33	2	8½	Money and Book Prizes	9	18	7
Sale of Needlework and Materials .....	2	7	10½	Schoolmistress' Fuel and Garden.....	6	16	7
Balance due to Treasurer	14	1	6	Sundries .....	1	8	0
	£142	6	7		£142	6	7

**Rules of the School.**

I.—Each child to pay Two pence a week.

II.—Every child that is presented to the Inspector and passes in three subjects, namely, Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic, *will receive a penny for every 10 attendances during the School year.* If the child passes in only two subjects, *a half penny for every 10 attendances.* If in only one subject, nothing will be given, because Government makes no Grant to the School in such cases.



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III.—A *new shilling* will be given to every child who makes four hundred (400) attendances. *Besides this, a new sixpence* will be given to each child who is not absent once, and a *new three-penny piece* to each child who is absent only once during the School year.

IV.—*Book Prizes* will be given to Scholars who pass in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic, in value from Sixpence in the First Standard up to Three Shillings in the Sixth Standard. They will also receive *ornamental certificates*.

V.—No prize money will be given to any child from whom School money is owing, till it is paid up.

VI.—Children will be fined a penny, or a half-penny, according to their passes at the Inspection in 1887, for every late attendance between January 31st, 1886 and February 1st, 1887; that is to say, a penny for every late attendance if they pass in three subjects, or a half-penny for every late attendance if they pass in two subjects.

## Home and Foreign Missions.

The Men's, Women's, and Juvenile Missionary Working Associations are still in existence, but scarcely so vigorous as in the preceding year. There is wanted more growth in numbers and zeal. This might ensue if the Missionary publications were more read, and increased efforts made to persuade others to join the Association.

## Devotional Meetings.

These also have been maintained, but the attendance has fallen off considerably. **What is wanted is more secret and social prayer**—prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,—prayer for the conversion and salvation of perishing souls—prayer for unity, love, peace, concord, and consistency among the children of God in the Parish, and, lastly, prayer that a constant and abundant blessing may rest on the labours of the Pastor who ministers the Gospel and Sacraments amongst the people of Chesham Bois.

Golden Number .... 6  
Epact ..... 25  
Solar Cycle ..... 19  
Dominical Letter.... C  
Roman Indiction.... 14  
Julian Period .... 6599

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## DATE TABLE.

Good Friday, .. April 23  
Easter Monday .. 26  
Whit Monday, June 14  
Bank Holiday, Aug. 2  
Christmas Day, Dec. 25  
Bank Holiday, .. 27

JANUARY.			FEBRUARY.			MARCH.		
Sunday	3	10 17 24 31	Sunday	...	7 14 21 28	Sunday	...	7 14 21 28
Monday	4	11 18 25	Monday	1	8 15 22	Monday	1	8 15 22 29
Tuesday	5	12 19 26	Tuesday	2	9 16 23	Tuesday	2	9 16 23 30
Wed.	6	13 20 27	Wed.	3	10 17 24	Wed.	3	10 17 24 31
Thurs.	7	14 21 28	Thurs.	4	11 18 25	Thurs.	4	11 18 25
Friday	1	8 15 22 29	Friday	5	12 19 26	Friday	5	12 19 26
Sat.	2	9 16 23 30	Sat'day	6	13 20 27	Sat'day	6	13 20 27
APRIL.			MAY.			JUNE.		
Sunday	...	4 11 18 25	Sunday	...	2 9 16 23 30	Sunday	...	6 13 20 27
Monday	...	5 12 19 26	Monday	...	3 10 17 24 31	Monday	...	7 14 21 28
Tuesday	...	6 13 20 27	Tuesday	...	4 11 18 25	Tuesday	...	1 8 15 22 29
Wed.	...	7 14 21 28	Wed.	...	5 12 19 26	Wed.	...	2 9 16 23 30
Thurs.	1	8 15 22 29	Thurs.	...	6 13 20 27	Thurs.	...	3 10 17 24
Friday	2	9 16 23 30	Friday	...	7 14 21 28	Friday	...	4 11 18 25
Sat'day	3	10 17 24	Sat'day	1	8 15 22 29	Sat'day	...	5 12 19 26
JULY.			AUGUST.			SEPTEMBER.		
Sunday	...	4 11 18 25	Sunday	1	8 15 22 29	Sunday	...	5 12 19 26
Monday	...	5 12 19 26	Monday	2	9 16 23 30	Monday	...	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	...	6 13 20 27	Tuesday	3	10 17 24 31	Tuesday	...	7 14 21 28
Wed.	...	7 14 21 28	Wed.	4	11 18 25	Wed.	...	1 8 15 22 29
Thurs.	1	8 15 22 29	Thurs.	5	12 19 26	Thurs.	...	2 9 16 23 30
Friday	2	9 16 23 30	Friday	6	13 20 27	Friday	...	3 10 17 24
Sat'day	3	10 17 24 31	Sat'day	7	14 21 28	Sat'day	...	4 11 18 25
OCTOBER.			NOVEMBER.			DECEMBER.		
Sunday	3	10 17 24 31	Sunday	...	7 14 21 28	Sunday	...	5 12 19 26
Monday	4	11 18 25	Monday	1	8 15 22 29	Monday	...	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	5	12 19 26	Tuesday	2	9 16 23 30	Tuesday	...	7 14 21 28
Wed.	6	13 20 27	Wed.	3	10 17 24	Wed.	...	1 8 15 22 29
Thurs.	7	14 21 28	Thurs.	4	11 18 25	Thurs.	...	2 9 16 23 30
Friday	1	8 15 22 29	Friday	5	12 19 26	Friday	...	3 10 17 24 31
Sat.	2	9 16 23 30	Sat'day	6	13 20 27	Sat'day	...	4 11 18 25