

An
Almanack
and
Parish Register
for
CHESHAM BOIS.

Presented by the Rev. J. Matthews,
with kind wishes
for 1888.

❧ FAITH. ❧

ONLY to walk beside Jesus
Each moment of every day;
Thy hand fast held in the Saviour's,
Lest Thy wand'ring feet should stray.

Only to live in His presence,
'Neath the sunshine of His love;
Always rejoicing before Him,
As those who dwell above.

Only to know that He holds thee
In the hollow of His hand;
To feel that each step before thee
By thy Father's care is plann'd.

Only to leave in His keeping,
The way which thou can'st not see;
Calm in the blest assurance
He will order all for thee.

Only to trust Him at all times,
With never a shade of care;
Bringing Him all thy burden,
Peacefully leaving it there.

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To the Parishioners of Chesham Bois.

DEAR FRIENDS,

The past year has been one of unusual interest to us. We united with the many millions of our nation and fellow-subjects throughout the wide world in celebrating our beloved Queen's Jubilee,—the fiftieth year of her good and splendid reign.

The happy event, as it was marked by us, will continue fresh in our memories as long as we live;—the brilliant twenty-first of June; the merry pealing of our sweet-toned bells; the united thanksgiving of Christians of all denominations in our beloved Parish Church; the joyful van loads of happy folks from the moor, kindly conveyed by friends up the hill; the delightful social festivities in the Rectory garden, and the pretty sight of the little ones enjoying themselves with their parents, strolling about and playing as they liked; and then the games of cricket and football on our beautiful common, finishing up with a splendid bonfire; and the National Anthem breaking out now and again from the bystanders, as the flames shot up to the sky; and lastly, the quiet and orderly way in which all alike,—men, women, and children,—conducted themselves, and the brotherly spirit that animated all, made it indeed a red-letter day for the whole parish. The bright-looking mottoes in red and white, suspended over the Rectory gates,—“God bless our Queen,” and “Long may she reign,”—seemed to represent the heart-wishes of the many who passed and re-passed beneath them on that memorable day.

Coming next to a matter of purely spiritual interest, we had, during the latter part of October, a double Mission; first, for the benefit of the young, which was conducted by Mr. Hall, of the Children's Special Service Mission, and then, one of a general character, conducted by the Rev. R. D. Monro, of the Church Parochial Missions Society.

These Mission Services had been preceded for eight or ten weeks by prayer-meetings held in the School, and at Mrs. Hill's cottage on the Moor.

The kind help of the many friends who composed the special choir during the Mission very greatly contributed to the success and pleasure of it.

It is impossible to know till the day of Christ how much spiritual good was done during those Missions; but several have assured me they were much benefited by the addresses, especially those on “The Spiritual Life” delivered by the Missioner in the afternoons. Another sign of blessing is the good attendance at the prayer-meetings which have been continued since the Missions.

The weekly offertory has been maintained throughout the year, and has been more liberally supported than even during the previous year. You seem to have found out the advantage and the pleasure of systematic giving, and also that God has blessed you according to His promise; "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom." Matt. xi. 38. Try Him and trust Him still more, and the more you give according to your means, the more will He bless you, if you do it in the name and for the sake of Christ, for "He loveth a cheerful giver."

Mr. Ford, with his usual kindness, has audited the accounts *gratis*, and has my best thanks.

In the Spring of last year our Day School staff underwent a change, Mrs. Johnston retiring after nearly six-and-a-half years of faithful work as head-teacher, and Mary Puddiphatt also retiring from the teachership of the Infant Department, and Miss Trought, from the Brighton Training College, being appointed as head-teacher.

Death has mercifully visited us but seldom during the past year, only four appearing in our Register of Burials.

In the latter end of November there fell asleep in Jesus a Christian brother who for nearly forty years has been known and loved by us all. Very many will never forget his generosity, his sympathy with the sorrowing, his faithful and helpful letters, his love for the young and his playfulness with them, his zeal for the glory of God, and his unwearied efforts in seeking to win souls to Christ, and to build up believers in their holy faith. The names of Mr. Carver and his family, who have ever been helpful in every good work in the parish and for many miles round, will long be as household words in the homes of Chesham Bois and the whole neighbourhood.

Before I close this address, and offer you a Motto for the New Year, with my earnest wishes for your happiness and prosperity, it is my pleasure to tell you that Mr. Lowndes, of the Bury, Chesham, has generously given a piece of land near the foot of the hill for erecting a School for the Moor. At the time I write, the legal form of conveying the land to the Trustees has been completed; and the trees have been removed in preparation for building. Let me ask you all to help to your utmost in prayers and gifts and collections for this useful object,—a building which can be used both for teaching and taking care of the little lambs of the flock, and for holding religious and social meetings. I firmly believe that God, who has given us the land, will also give us the School.

In view of this and all our other necessities as a parish and people, and, above all, in view of our need of a much larger outpouring of the Holy Spirit of God upon every one of us, I offer you the following sweet Motto for the New Year, from the fourth chapter of the Epistle to the Philippians and the nineteenth verse:—

"My God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Oh that every one of you may be able to say of God, "He is **my** God"—my God to love me, to save me, to comfort me, to keep me, to help me, to support me, to guide me, and in everything to be a Father to me in Jesus Christ. He will supply all I want for my **soul**, to cleanse it from sin by the precious blood of Christ, to make it holy by His Spirit, to strengthen me to fight against Satan and every besetting sin, and to build me up in the truth as it is in Jesus. He will also supply all that I need for my **body**, so that I shall want nothing that is for my good. He will make others kind to me when I am in sorrow and trouble. He will help me to cast my every burden upon Him, and give it in charge to Him. He will hear me when I call upon Him, and will help me. Therefore "I will trust and not be afraid." Isaiah xii. 2. When I am oppressed, He will "undertake for me." Isaiah xxxviii. 14. Oh! who can reckon up the riches of God's grace, wisdom, love, mercy and righteousness, which are all ours in Jesus Christ, "by whom all that believe are justified from all things," (Acts xiii. 39)—yes, justified freely by the grace of God through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. This is our comfort and our joy, that He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, will with Him also freely give us all things, if we will but ask for them in His Son's Name. Romans viii. 32.

Yours faithfully in Christ Jesus,

J. MATTHEWS.

Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, which took place at Chesham Bois Church, from December 1st, 1886, to November 30th, 1887. (The Baptism of Alfred Darvell was omitted by an oversight in last Year's Almanack.)

Baptisms.

John Grimsdell Warrall.
Arthur Darvell.
Annie Wilkinson.
James Carey Brown.

Ellen Louise Bryant.
John Kite.
Kate Kite.
Kate Aris

Marriages.

Arthur Davy and Georgina Godbolt.

Burials.

Thomas Turner, aged 63 years.
Florence Annie Turvey, aged 17 months.
Charles Green, aged 44 years.
Edward Turst Carver, aged 78 years.

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 and evening Service with Sermons on Good Friday, March 30th, and morning Service, with Sermon and Holy Communion, on Christmas Day.

The Churchwardens for the year ending Easter, 1888, are Mr. James Bennett and Mr. William Ford, to whom applications for sittings must be made. All seats in the Church are free.

Mr. John Birch is the Clerk.

The Lord's Supper

Will be administered on the First Sunday of each month, and also on Whit-Sunday, May 20th, as well as on Christmas-Day. On Sundays, May 6th, June 3rd, and August 5th, there will be evening Communion instead of in the morning

Baptism.

It being found that Baptism after the second Lesson lengthened the Service inconveniently for those who attend the Church from a considerable distance, it will not be administered in future at that time, unless by request; but, in the Summer, at a special shortened service on any Sunday afternoon, when desired; or, after the afternoon service, during the Winter half of the year. It is requested that notice of Baptism be given a day or two before hand.

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 can be given while the offertory is collected.

The Choir.

Previous to the Mission in October last, a special Choir was formed, consisting of some twenty or more voices, besides the ordinary Choir, who practised twice a week for several weeks, and rendered most efficient help during the Mission. After the Mission was closed, they and the members of the Daily Prayer Union were invited to a social tea party in the school, at which the hope was expressed that some of the female voices might continue to aid in the Service of Song on Sundays. Five have responded to the invitation; and consequently the choir is much strengthened and improved. All the Members of the Choir give their services freely, as also do the ringers, and their kind help is thoroughly appreciated.

The Daily Prayer Union

Above mentioned, was originated by the Rev. H. L. Harkness, Rector of St. Swithin, Worcester, and consists of many thousands of members in all parts of the world, who pray daily for the Holy Spirit, and agree to pray for all the Members of the Union on Sundays. There are about fifty Members of the Union connected with Chesham Bois, and each Member has a card on which is the Number of Membership, Prayers, &c. The Rector is an Associate, and will be happy to receive the names of any who may wish to join this excellent Union.

The Mission Room

Which had been in use above twelve years, was restored to its original condition as a cottage during last summer, in the hope that the proposed Mission-School might be at least begun in the Autumn, but this hope had to be abandoned as time went on.

The Penny Bank

Is so little prized as a means of laying by small savings, that it is doubtful whether it will be worth while to be at the trouble to keep it open. Unless

more avail themselves of the convenience of depositing small sums in this way during this year, the savings already deposited will be returned to the depositors, and the Penny Bank closed.

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. The same friends will receive deposits, who kindly undertook to do so last year.

The School

Was built by subscription in 1846, and enlarged in 1871. It is the property of Trustees, who are the Duke of Bedford, the Rector of Chenies, and the Rector and Churchwardens of Chesham Bois for the time being. It was placed under Government Inspection in 1871.

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

Miss Trought is Head Teacher and Edith Saunders is the Pupil Teacher.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Mr. G. Bates
Mr. Bennett
Miss Blackman
Mr. Dyball
Mrs. Folkard
Mr. Ford
Mrs. G. H. Fryer
Mrs. Fuller
Mr. Fuller
Mrs. Gay
Miss Gay
Mrs. Haden

Rev. G. Holloway
Mrs. Matthews
Miss Matthews
Mrs. Pegg
Mr. Pegg
Mrs. Picard
Mr. Rose.
Rev. R. Shann
Mrs. Weller
Mr. G. Weller
The Rector

The School was examined by Her Majesty's Inspector on Monday, February 7th, 1887, after which a grant of £44 11s. 10d. was received. Owing to a severe epidemic of measles, during which the School was closed for a month, and also on account of an exceptionally severe winter and other causes, the School was in a less efficient state than during the previous year. Nevertheless, the Inspector reported, "The general condition of the School this year is very fair."

Day School Accounts.

*Summary of Receipts and Expenditure from February 1st, 1886,
to January 31st, 1887.*

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Government Grant	56	17	9	Balance overdrawn	12	0	6
Part Rent of Water Cress				Teachers	84	15	0
Beds	20	0	0	Books, Apparatus, and			
School Land Allotments ..	1	7	6	Stationery	13	15	11½
Voluntary Contributions ..	23	15	10	Fuel and Cleaning	5	12	0½
Ditto from an Old Scholar	0	5	0	Furniture and Repairs ..	5	10	9
School Pence	24	18	2	Insurance	0	8	9
Sale of Needle-work and				Prizes to School Children	12	13	4½
Materials	1	14	11½	School House Garden and			
Use of School on Polling				Fuel	8	16	10½
Day	0	1	0	Sundries	1	15	7
Payments for Breakages ..	0	2	3				
Offertories in Bois Church	1	13	2½				
Balance due to Treasurer ..	14	13	2				
	£145	8	10½		£145	8	10½

Names of Scholars

Who were not absent once during the School Year from February 1st, 1886, to January 31st, 1887, each making 400 attendances.

Lily Batson,
Maggie Johnston,
Lizzie Johnston.

Rules of the School.

These are the same as last year. Children who are late are counted as absent, so far as prize-money is concerned. Every Scholar who wishes to win the new shilling and the new sixpence must not only not be absent once, but must not be late once.

The Chesham Bois Church and Parish Ready Help Fund.

This Fund has shown no signs of falling off but rather of increase during the past year. During the winter half of the year, the attendance at Church is always smaller than in the summer months, and the offertories decrease in proportion. But the interest in the various objects for which the offertories are made seems undiminished, and it is hoped that it will increase more and more. The following is a statement of the offertories and

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other moneys received and paid, from December 1st, 1886, to November, 30th, 1887, to which is appended a copy of the Auditor's Certificate. Of the amount subscribed for the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, £10 was given by a friend in the West of England, and it is purposed to devote the balance of that fund for the proposed Mission School on the Moor.

Received for	Balance due to Treasurer.			Paid.			Balance in hand.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
The Mission Room.....	3	5	0	0	0	0	3	5	0
„ Sick and Needy	11	14	5½	0	4	11½	11	19	5
„ Church Expenses	17	3	6	0	0	0	17	3	6
„ Day School	21	10	11½	0	0	0	21	10	11½
„ Sunday School	2	7	6	2	4	6½	4	12	0½
„ Bible Society	5	3	7	0	0	0	3	0	0
„ London Jews, Society	4	12	4	0	0	0	2	16	4½
„ Church Missionary Society	14	19	7½	0	0	0	12	14	9
„ Church Pastoral Aid Society	2	13	5½	0	0	0	1	18	9½
„ Colonial and Continental Church Society	2	13	10½	0	0	0	1	12	3½
„ Irish Church Missions....	2	5	10½	0	0	0	1	8	8
„ Cripple's Home (London)..	0	5	6½	0	0	0	0	5	6½
„ Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen	0	7	10½	0	0	0	0	7	10½
„ Queen's Jubilee Celebration	16	8	5	0	0	0	12	11	7½
„ Working Men's Lord's Day Rest Association	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	8	1
„ Chesham Cottage Hospital	1	9	8	0	0	0	1	9	8
„ Church Parochial Missions Society.....	2	6	4	0	0	0	2	6	4
„ Local Expenses of the Missions	1	17	6½	0	0	0	0	19	4
„ Incorporated Church Building Society	0	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
„ Proposed Mission-School on the Moor	26	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
	138	3	5½	2	9	6½	100	10	3½
To Balance due to Treasurer	2	9	6½				40	2	8½
	£140	13	0				£140	13	0

“Examined and found correct.”

“Dated 26th December, 1887.

(Signed)

WM. FORD.”

These accounts do not include moneys collected by Miss Carver for the Army Scripture Readers' Society, nor by Miss C. T. Carver for the Bible Society, nor by the Churchwardens for Church Expenses besides the Offertories, but only such as pass through the Rector's hands.

Golden Number ... 8
Epact..... 17
Solar Cycle 21
Dominical Letter...AG
Roman Indiction ... 1
Julian Period6601

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DATE TABLE

Good Friday, March 30
Easter Monday, April 2
Whit Monday, May 21
Bank Holiday, Aug. 6
Christmas Day, Dec. 25
Bank Holiday, Dec. 26

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