

An
Almanack
and
Parish Register
for
CHESHAM BOIS.

Presented by the Rev. J. Matthews,
with kind wishes
for 1889.

❧ TO-MORROW. ❧

TO-MORROW—"take no thought for it."
 Why over anxious be?
 Thus did'st Thou say—
 Lord, I obey,
 And leave it all with Thee.

TO-MORROW—unforseen, unknown;
 My Father, be it so!
 'Tis but for me
 To follow Thee
 WHEREVER Thou shalt go.

TO-MORROW is not mine, but Thine;
 On Thee, Lord, I rely;—
 For every day,
 Along life's way,
 Thou wilt my need supply.

TO-MORROW—Yes, my God, I know
 Its burden THOU wilt bear.
 Thus I can rest
 Contented, blest,—
 Thou makest it Thy care.

TO-MORROW, as in years gone by,
 Thou still wilt faithful be:
 Thy changeless name
 Is just the same,
 And I am dear to Thee.

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Chesham Bois Almanack

For 1889.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

At the close of the past year I completed twenty years of Ministry among you, and I humbly hope and believe that my labours have not been altogether in vain. May I ask your prayers that I may be filled with the Holy Spirit this New Year, and make a fresh start in my work, and become more efficient in every way for helping you, both for time and for eternity.

During last summer we had a great treat unexpectedly given us in the Tent Services, which were held in the School play-ground. I have never heard more powerful Gospel Addresses than those delivered by Mr. W. Skinner, who was sent us by the Evangelization Society, through the kindness of Mr. Colin Taylor, who also lent his Tent for the Mission. Such privileges increase our accountability to God. If not improved, they tend to deaden rather than to quicken our souls.

The Prayer-meetings at the School-room and at Blackwell Hall District continue to be well attended. Probably those who live on the Moor find it more convenient to attend Prayer-meetings in Chesham.

I am much encouraged by the increasing interest in Missionary work among us. We hope to raise our contributions to the Church Missionary Society to £20 by the end of March. The offertories also, which were for a great variety of objects, were larger in total amount than in either of the previous years since the weekly offertory was begun.

During the past year we suffered the loss of one of our oldest friends in

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the death of Mr. James Bennett, who had been my Churchwarden and one of the School managers for some years. Another loss we sustained by the death of Mr. John Grove, who for many years was a member of our Choir, as well as a communicant, though not a parishioner.

An event of considerable importance was the commencement of the Railway in our Parish last February. I trust it will bring us some sorely-needed helpers; but I fear our hitherto quiet Sabbaths will be a joy of the past, when the line is completed.

My hope of raising the much-needed Mission School during the past year was unfulfilled. Perhaps it was best so, on account of the alterations in the road, and the heavy traffic caused by the railway works. Let us keep on praying and working, and in God's own time the building will be provided.

Notice has been published of a Confirmation for our Parish to be held in Chesham Church in March. Classes for candidates will be formed at once. Let all who desire to serve God, and all who have decided for Christ, and yet have not been confirmed, come to those classes. Confirmation is the opportunity given by the Church of England for enabling the young and others to make public testimony of their faith in Christ, and of being admitted into full membership with the Church. No more interesting and touching sight can there be than a large churchful of chiefly young persons, gathered together under the care of their several pastors, publicly and with their own mouths professing their resolve to be faithful soldiers and servants of Christ to their lives' end. I cannot think of a better motto for such, as well as for all who love God, than the one I have chosen for you for this year, from PSALM liv. 4. :—

“Behold, God is mine helper.”

If we are really children of God, it is by His grace alone that we are such. We could do nothing whatever for our own salvation.

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“What! Nothing to pay? No, not a whit.
What! Nothing to do? No, not a bit.
All that was needful to do and to pay,
Jesus has done in His own blessed way.”

And having found peace with God through the blood of His cross, and been justified simply through faith, we must put our hand in Christ's, and go forward in His strength, and by His help, and at last “We shall come off more than conquerors through Him, who loved us and gave Himself for us.”

Your faithful Friend and Pastor,

J. MATTHEWS.

Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, which took place at Chesham Bois Church, from December 1st, 1887, to November 30th, 1888.

Baptisms.

Louisa Maude Stride.
Edith Mary Osborn.
Lillian Slade.
George Henry Holt.
Gertrude Mary Hartley.
Ada Birch.
May Jones.
William George Jones.
Elizabeth Beatrice Atkins.

Marriages.

George Rigden to Sarah Jane Newberry.
William Henry Pedder to Rosilla Muckley.

Burials.

William Rackley, aged 73 years.
James Bennett, aged 64 years.
Florence Emily Newberry, aged 17 months.
Florence Caroline Mortimer, aged 7 months.

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, April 19th, and morning Service, with Sermon and Holy Communion, on Christmas Day.

The Lord's Supper

Will be administered on the First Sunday of each month, and also on Easter-day, April 21st, Whit-Sunday, June 9th, and Christmas Day. There will be evening Communion on May 5th, June 2nd, and August 4th, instead of in the morning.

Baptism

Will be administered at a special Service on any Sunday afternoon, when desired, during the summer months; 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 beforehand.

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 and the Ringers.

The Choir has been maintained in efficiency, both as to members and

singing, during the past year. The help of female voices has been a great acquisition. The gap made by the death of Mr. Grove is a serious one, and there seems to be no one at present capable of filling it. The staff of Ringers has undergone changes; but if one or two have left, kind friends have supplied their places. Mr. Osborn is the latest of these helpers; and the thanks of the Rector and of all the regular worshippers at our Parish Church are here again cordially offered both to the Choir and the Ringers.

The Daily Prayer Union

Grows but slowly, both in numbers and in interest. This is much to be deplored. For the Holy Spirit being the Author of all spiritual life in the true members of Christ's Church, there can be no growth in grace, no self-denying labours of love, no zeal in promoting God's glory, no profitable hearing or reading of the Word of God, without the Holy Spirit's indwelling. On the 24th of May a meeting of the members of the Daily Prayer Union was held in the School, at which the Rev. J. W. Atkin gave an admirable address on the offices of God the Holy Ghost. It is the Rector's intention, God willing, to hold more frequent gatherings this year for the communicants and the members of the Daily Prayer Union; and it is hoped that each member of the latter will try to get new members, and thus the object of the Union will be better kept in mind.

The Penny Bank

Would have been closed but for the desire of one depositor to keep it open. It is to be feared that disuse of it is caused more by inability to put by

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savings, than want of forethought and economy. Still, ever so small a sum kept in the Savings Bank is a "nest egg," which encourages the addition to it of amounts, however small, from time to time; and this little property may become of immense help and comfort on some "rainy day." The names of depositors and the amounts of their savings are kept strictly private, and the deposits are entirely placed under the care of the Government Post Office Savings Bank.

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

Is the property of Trustees, who are the Duke of Bedford, the Rector of Chenies, and the Churchwardens of Chesham Bois for the time being. It was placed under Government Inpection in 1871.

The School managers are the Rector, E. Weller, Esq., and Miss Matthews.

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

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Mr. G. Bates
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

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The School was examined by Her Majesty's Inspector on Monday, February 6th, 1888, after which a Grant of £45 18s. 0d. was received.

Day School Accounts.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditure from February 1st, 1887, to January 31st, 1888.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Government Grant	44	11	10	Balance overdrawn	14	13	2
Part Rent of Water Cress				Teachers	78	4	6
Beds	20	0	0	Books, Apparatus, and			
School Land Allotments ..	1	7	6	Stationery	9	14	2½
Voluntary Contributions ..	32	9	0	Fuel and Cleaning	8	6	5½
Collections in Church	1	10	8	Furniture and Repairs	14	15	3
School Pence	27	9	6½	Insurance	0	8	9
Sale of Needle-work and				Prizes to School Children	8	15	6½
Materials	1	6	3½	School House Garden and			
Sale of old Furniture	0	5	0	Fuel	8	17	7
Payments by Tonic Sol-fa				Sundries	5	2	9
Singing Class	0	8	3				
Balance due to Treasurer ..	19	10	2				
	£148	18	3		£148	18	3

Rules of the School.

These are the same as last year. The prize-money is no part whatever of the School fees returned to the children, as due to the parents, but is a gratuity from the Managers to the Scholars as a reward for punctuality and proficiency at School. Children who are late in their attendance 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.

Chesham Bois Church and Parish Ready Help Fund.

The following is a statement of the offertories and other moneys received and paid by the Rector from December 1st, 1887, to November 30th, 1888, to which is appended a copy of the Auditor's certificate.

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Received for				Balance due to Treasurer.			Paid.			Balance in hand.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
The Mission School	48	6	5	0	0	0	35	5	11½	13	0	5½
„ Sick and Needy	13	4	10	0	0	0	11	13	2½	1	11	7½
„ Church Expenses	3	17	0	0	14	9½	4	11	9½	0	0	0
„ Day School	27	1	3½	0	0	0	27	1	3½	0	0	0
„ Sunday School	1	9	3½	3	9	8½	4	19	0½	0	0	0
„ Bible Society	8	11	5	0	0	0	3	14	9½	4	16	7½
„ London Jews' Society	5	16	5½	0	0	0	4	3	5½	1	13	0
„ Church Missionary Society	29	16	6½	0	0	0	16	2	6	13	14	0½
„ Colonial and Continental Church Society	3	13	2	0	0	0	2	7	1½	1	6	0½
„ Church Pastoral Aid Society	4	4	1½	0	0	0	2	6	6	1	17	7½
„ Irish Church Missions	3	8	9½	0	0	0	2	2	2½	1	6	7
„ Savings Bank Interest	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
„ Local Expenses of Missions (Oct. 1887)	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
„ Incorporated Church Building Society	0	14	11	0	0	0	0	14	11	0	0	0
„ Cripples' Home (London) ..	1	5	3	0	0	0	1	5	3	0	0	0
„ Evangelization Society ..	3	15	5	0	0	0	3	15	5	0	0	0
„ Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen	0	9	4	0	0	0	0	9	4	0	0	0
„ Chesham Cottage Hospital	1	7	2	0	0	0	1	7	2	0	0	0
	158	6	6½	4	4	6½	123	2	11½	39	8	1½
To Balance due to Treasurer	4	4	6½				39	8	1½			
	£162	11	1				£162	11	1			

“Examined and found correct.”

“Dated 24th December, 1888.

(Signed) Wm. Ford.”

Golden Number - - ix.
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Solar Cycle - - - - 22
Dominical Letter - F
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Julian Period - - 6602

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Good Friday, April 19
Easter Monday, Ap. 22
Whit Monday, June 10
Bank Holiday, Aug. 5
Christmas Day, Dec. 25
Bank Holiday, Dec. 26

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