



CHESHAM BOIS CHURCH.

An  
**Almanack**  
and  
**Parish Register**  
for  
**CHESHAM BOIS**

Presented by the Rev. J. Matthews,  
with kind wishes  
for 1890.

# Chesham Bois Almanack

For 1890.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,—

It is with feelings of lively pleasure and affection that I address you in this Almanack for 1890. Your late kindness to me at the Mission Room has assured me, if any such assurance were needed, that you heartily reciprocate the goodwill which has grown up in my heart towards you, and I trust we may still be permitted to live and work together as harmoniously as we have done hitherto, for the glory of God and the good of the Parish.

I hope you will be pleased with the engraving of our pretty Church, which, this year, for the first time, adorns the cover of the Almanack.

In several respects the past year has been a notable one in the history of Chesham Bois. First, the decision of the Vestry to appropriate the Parish garden lands on the Moor, for allotments to the cottagers living there, took effect in the Spring; and it was a pleasant sight to witness so many of you enjoying the work of cultivating them in your leisure hours. Then, eleven of you—the largest number, I believe, ever before presented at one time for confirmation from Chesham Bois, dedicated themselves to the service of Christ, and not only made their profession publicly, and were commended to God in prayer by the Bishop, when he laid his hands on their heads, but all knelt with us afterwards at the Holy Table, to commemorate their Lord's death, and seek for his sanctifying grace. Then, in July, we were again favoured with a ten days' Mission from Mr. W. Skinner, who was sent us, as in the previous year, by the Evangelization Society, through the kindness of Mr. Colin Taylor, who, as before, lent his Tent for the purpose. It was the opinion of the Evangelist, in which I concurred, that though there was less apparent excitement, there was a deeper interest manifested in those who attended than in the former Mission.

On the 8th of July, the extension of the Metropolitan Railway, which passes through nearly the whole length of our Parish, was opened for passengers,—forming a crisis in our history, as it will undoubtedly lead to a large increase of dwellings and population. Foreseeing this result, it was strongly impressed on my mind early in August to use my utmost efforts to get a building erected on the piece of ground so kindly given us by W. Lowndes, Esq., to serve as an Infant School, and for religious and social gatherings. God smiled upon the undertaking, and in a wonderfully short time the contractor, Mr. James Lee, of Manchester, put up a substantial and elegant iron Room, which, I am happy to find, has given general satisfaction and pleasure. I here tender my best thanks to you, my fellow-parishioners, and to the numerous friends outside the Parish, who have so liberally helped me with the means for erecting this Room, and I pray God to bless you all.

The month of November, 1889, will always be looked back upon by myself and my family with the happiest recollections. For, on the 1st of that month, the Mission Room was opened with a well-attended Meeting in aid of the Church Missionary Society, at which £1 2s. 2d. was collected; on the 5th and 6th a sale of work for the same Society was held there, the Room having been beautifully decorated by the ladies of the Parish, and the sum of £12 9s. 10d. was realised. On the 8th a social tea-party was held there, with a Musical Entertainment afterwards, which was a delightful "house-warming," and evidently much enjoyed by all present. On the 11th the Room was opened as an Infant School, when 27 of your little ones were admitted under the care of Miss Lilian Sibley, of Chesham, as teacher. But the most imposing, and, to me, the most touching event of all, was that alluded to at the beginning of this address, which took place on Monday, November 25th, and which was fully reported at the time in the *Chesham Examiner*. That tea-party, and the substantial tokens of your love to your minister and his family, which you then presented to me, have excited in me feelings of gratitude and endearment towards you, which I cannot express in words. One of the speakers on that occasion referred to a happy gathering of many of the Parishioners in the Rectory garden in the Summer. That garden-party is also looked back upon by Mrs. Matthews and myself with keen enjoyment—an enjoyment which we are looking forward to a repetition of this New Year, if it please God to spare our lives and grant us fine weather.

Of the kind friends who have helped in various ways during the past year, I must first mention with gratitude the Rev. G. Holloway, who has so often assisted me by taking part, or the whole of the services, for me in the Church. This has been a great saving of strength to me, and especially when I had the extra strain of making appeals for the Mission Room, and attending to the progress of the works there. The children of our Sunday School have been indebted, year after year, to the occupiers of the Manor and Dairy Farms, for the use of their fields for games at the annual "Treat." Our Churchwardens, Messrs. Bates and Ford, have gratuitously audited the School, and Church and Parish Help Fund Accounts; others, too many to name, have helped in decorating the Church, School, and Mission Room, from time to time; and the weekly offertories, which have increased, year after year, for nearly four years, testify to the readiness of all to help in every good work. You will miss, from the list of subscribers, the names of two supporters of our Day School. Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Gay, who were also valued friends of mine, were, during the past year, called away, full of days and good works, to a brighter and better world. And I may be pardoned for here offering the tribute of affectionate memory to another of my oldest and best-loved friends—the late Rev. Bryant Burgess, Rector of Latimer, and our Rural Dean, who was suddenly called away, while in the midst of health and usefulness, to be present with the Master he so laboriously served and so beautifully imitated.

The Motto which I have chosen for you for 1890 is from 2nd Samuel, xxii. chapter, v. 30.

**"By my God have I leaped over a Wall."**

These are David's words, and he is alluding to the obstacles and difficulties

which he had been enabled to overcome by Divine help. I have witnessed some surprising leaps by athletes, especially with the help of a leaping-pole; but the leaps of the people of God, with the leaping-pole of faith, are the most surprising of all. Read the eleventh chapter of Hebrews to see what some have done. Let me mention a few "walls" which may be leaped with God's help by faith:—The cowardice of being ashamed of Christ. Procrastination, or the putting off to another time what should be done at once. Censoriousness, or the spirit of fault-finding. Temptations from Satan. Bigotry, or sectarian bitterness. Slothfulness. Untidiness. Selfishness. Covetousness. Unpunctuality. Intemperance in eating, drinking, or sleeping. Indifference to the wants and welfare of others. Lack of interest in the progress of the Gospel at home and abroad. Peevishness. Repining. This is especially the danger of afflicted persons. Let such use the following prayer:—

"Father, Thy will, not mine, be done;  
So prayed on earth Thy suffering Son,  
So in His name I pray.  
My spirit fails, my flesh is weak,  
Thy help in agony I seek;  
Oh! Take this thorn away.

If such be not Thy sovereign will,  
Thy better purpose then fulfil,  
My wishes I resign;  
Into Thy hands my soul commend,  
On Thee for life or death depend,  
Thy will be done—not mine."

Other "walls" are, habits and tempers of all kinds that grieve and quench the Holy Spirit. Also, difficulties of all sorts, and opposition from enemies within us and without. One of the hardest walls of all to surmount is **Anxious Care**. Here is a leaping-pole for such as need it for this "wall":—

"I have nothing to do with to-morrow,  
My Saviour will make that His care;  
Should he fill it with trouble and sorrow,  
He'll help me to suffer or bear.

I have nothing to do with to-morrow,  
Its burdens then, why should I share?  
Its grace and its strength I can't borrow,  
Then why should I borrow its care?"

Dear Friends, which "wall," or how many of these do you need to leap? These, and all other obstacles and hindrances to your heavenly peace, you may overleap by the help of God. With the aid of His Holy Spirit you are "Well able to overcome." Numbers 13. 30. Try "Looking to Jesus." Leaning on Him, taking refuge in Him, you will be able to say with St. Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," or, with David, "By my God I have leaped over the wall."

"Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees,  
And looks to that alone ;  
Laughs at impossibilities,  
And cries, it shall be done."

Your faithful friend and Pastor,

J. MATTHEWS.

*Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, which took place at Chesham Bois Church from  
December 9th, 1888, to November 30th, 1889.*

### **Baptisms.**

George Arthur Rigden.  
Edith Kate Newberry.  
Ann Garrett Ford.  
Alice Ethel Bryant.  
Cyril Montague.  
Edward Henry Key Fryer.  
Annie Florence Maud Matthews.  
Alice Jessie Hartley.  
Colin Alfred Taylor.

### **Marriages.**

Charles Mayger to Agnes Holt.  
Arthur Huut to Kate Fleda Bennett.

### **Burials.**

May Jones, aged 5 months.  
William Papworth, aged 95 years.  
Maria Weedon, aged 69 years.  
George Henry Lines, aged 38 years.  
"George Harold Gilbert" Matthews, aged 5 months.  
Charlotte Fuller, aged 93 years.  
Mary Woods, aged 72 years.  
George Fox Rose, aged 40 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.

On Good Friday, the 4th of April, there will be Service in the church in the morning at half-past ten, and in the evening, at the Mission Room, at seven. Note. I have often been much grieved at the poor attendance at the Services on a Good Friday. How much more must our Saviour and Redeemer be grieved at the slight cast upon the Day of Atonement on which he suffered such untold agony, that He might hereby obtain our pardon and salvation ! Oh ! Let His great love, in dying for us, constrain us to make every possible effort to show our love and gratitude to Him, by attending, at least, one Service on Good Friday—His Death-day. J. M.

On Christmas Day there will be Morning Service, with Sermon and Holy Communion.

### **The Lord's Supper**

Will be administered on the First Sunday of each month, and also on Easter Day, April 6th, Whitsunday, May 25th, and Christmas Day. On Sundays, May 4th, June 1st, August 3rd, and October 5th, there will be Evening Communion, 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.**

Messrs. Edward and George Wilkinson have been added to the number of men-singers, and three lads have replaced others who left through their voices changing. The best thanks of all who worship in our Church are here presented to both the Choir and the Ringers for their efficient services during the past year.

**The Coal Club**

Will re-open, as usual, in March, and close at the end of October, with the same privilege as last year to depositors; and it is hoped the same friends will kindly undertake to receive deposits, namely, Miss Trought, for those living on the Common; Mrs. Charles Cox for those living along the Latimer Road, and Mrs. Hill for the Moor.

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

Miss Trought is Head Teacher, Miss Edith Saunders is the Assistant Teacher, and Miss Alice Matthews is Monitress.

**LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.**

Messrs. Bates & Sons  
Miss Blackman  
Mr. Dyball  
Mrs. Folkard  
Mr. Ford  
Mrs. G. H. Fryer  
Mr. Fuller  
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 11th, after which a Grant of £50 11s. 1d. was received.

**Day School Accounts.**

*Summary of Receipts and Expenditure from February 1st, 1888,  
to January 31st, 1889.*

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Government Grant .....	45	18	0	Balance overdrawn .....	19	10	2
Part Rent of Water Cress				Teachers .....	79	4	0
Beds.....	25	0	0	Books, Apparatus, and			
School Land Allotments...	1	7	6	Stationery .....	3	16	10½
Voluntary Contributions...	23	13	0	Fuel, Cleaning, and			
Collections in Church.....	1	15	5	School House Garden	11	7	6
Sale of Needle-work and				Furniture and Repairs...	4	5	4
Materials .....	2	8	1½	Insurance.....	0	8	9
School Pence.....	29	5	7½	Prizes to School Children	10	5	3½
				Balance-in-hand .....	0	9	9
	£129	7	8		£129	7	8

These Accounts were kindly audited by Mr. W. Ford and found correct. The Managers are happy to record that, for the first time since the School was placed under Government, it was not only free from debt, but there was a small balance in hand at the close of the School year. The Inspector reported, "The School gradually improves."

**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 ten attendances.* If in only one subject nothing will be given, because Government makes no Grant to the School in such cases.
- 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.—Some reduction of prize-money will be made for late attendances.

It must be understood that 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, 1888, to October 31st, 1889, to which is appended a copy of the Auditor's Certificate:—

Received for				Balance due to Treasurer.			Paid.			Balance in hand.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
The Mission School .....	160	8	0	7	1	11	167	9	11	0	0	0
„ Sick and Needy .....	16	10	9½	0	0	0	9	16	0	6	14	9½
„ Church Expenses .....	3	18	7	0	0	0	3	18	7	0	0	0
„ Day School .....	25	13	8	0	0	0	25	13	8	0	0	0
„ Sunday School .....	1	0	6	4	1	8½	5	2	2½	0	0	0
„ Bible Society .....	7	19	9½	0	0	0	6	4	0	1	15	9½
„ London Jew's Society ...	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
„ Church Missionary Society .....	22	15	10¾	0	0	0	22	11	8½	0	4	2½
„ Colonial and Continental Church Society .....	4	7	2½	0	0	0	4	7	2½	0	0	0
„ Church Pastoral Aid Society .....	3	8	11½	0	0	0	3	8	11½	0	0	0
„ Irish Church Missions...	3	13	8	0	0	0	3	13	8	0	0	0
„ Savings Bank Interest...	0	8	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	10
„ Church Bell-ringers.....	0	16	9¾	0	0	0	0	16	9¾	0	0	0
„ Church Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses Benevolent Institution	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0
„ China Famine Relief Fund.....	0	14	10	0	0	0	0	14	10	0	0	0
„ Evangelization Society	3	5	6½	0	0	0	3	5	6½	0	0	0
„ Chesham Cottage Hospital .....	1	9	2	0	0	0	1	9	2	0	0	0
	261	2	9	11	3	7¼	263	2	9	9	3	7¼
To balance due to Treasurer	11	3	7¼				9	3	7¼			
	£272	6	4¼				£272	6	4¼			

The above Statement includes the balances on both sides of last year.

“Examined and found correct.”

“Dated 12th December, 1889.

(Signed)

GEORGE BATES.

Golden Number - x.  
Epact - - - - 9  
Solar Cycle - - - 23  
Dominical Letter - E  
Roman Indiction - 3  
Julian Period - - 6603

**1890.**

**DATE TABLE.**

Good Friday, April 4  
Easter Monday, April 7  
Whit Monday, May 25  
Bank Holiday, Aug. 4  
Christmas Day, Dec. 25  
Bank Holiday, Dec. 26

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