



CHESHAM BOIS CHURCH.

An
Almanack
and
Parish Register
for
CHESHAM BOIS

Presented by the Rev. J. Matthews,
with kind wishes
for 1891.

Chesham Bois Almanack

For 1891.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,—

In presenting you with this Almanack and Parish Register for 1891, I offer you my best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Through the mercy of God, death has visited us but seldom during the past year, our chief losses being Mr. Pontin, ex-Churchwarden, and that useful and honoured servant of God, Mrs. Rose, who had instructed the young in the Sunday School of her chosen place of worship for half-a-century, and whose good works follow her with a blessed reward.

The motto which I select for you to keep specially in mind this year is that which is printed in large letters on the Sheet Almanack which I hope to present to every home in this parish:—

“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

Joshua xxiv. 15.

What a blessing it would be if Family Prayer were held in every home at least once a day during the year! *Home religion is the life and soul of national prosperity.* The nation has just so much of God's blessing as He is honoured and worshipped in its families. Every prayerless home is a hindrance to the well-being of the whole community. And every God-fearing family helps to avert God's displeasure, and to draw down God's favour, for the whole country. Therefore, ye who are true followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, beware not on any account to omit the sacred duty of gathering your children together morning and evening, or at least once in the day, to read the Holy Scriptures and pray. Do not let the fear of man keep you back from this duty, lest you be put to shame in the Last Day by many from countries till lately heathen, such as Fiji, where family worship is the ruling practice.

I am thankful to be able to tell you that, through the beneficence of one of my oldest and kindest friends and helpers for this Parish, the debt on the Mission Room was cleared off on the 2nd of September last. But on asking the Education Department to accept the Room for an Infant School, it was declined, unless an undertaking were given to build a brick School within eighteen months. It was by the advice of a gentleman of great ability and experience that the Iron Room, instead of a more expensive building, was erected: and I am not sorry; for the Room is very useful for religious and social gatherings, and will be still more so, as the population increases. But the Education Department is wise in refusing it, except for a limited time, as a School; because, if it once accepted iron rooms, the country would be covered with them, to the detriment of education in the long run. The only way, therefore, was once more to put my shoulder to the burden, and strive to arouse you to avoid the heavy expense which a School Board would entail. Let us all unite in one grand effort, and I trust, with the help of God, we shall succeed in fulfilling the requirements of the Education Department.

And here it occurs to me to invite any of you or your friends, who may be disposed, to contribute to our "Church and Parish Help Fund," which at present is a very small babe, but which might grow and become of great use in supplying wants of various kinds, such as for the Sick and Needy, Church Expenses, and Sunday and Day Schools. As all receipts and disbursements are carefully noted, and examined by an Auditor, you may be assured of your contributions being properly applied and accounted for.

The weekly offertories, I am rejoiced to say, have increased year by year, being £26 the first year, £29 the second, £35 the third, and £36 last year. At the same time, the congregations in our little church have rather increased than diminished; showing, I think, that you approve the plan, and that God does not let you lose by what you give to Him. There seems a little falling off in this year's receipts, but we shall not know for certain till the offertory year expires at the end of March this year, when it will be five complete years since the weekly offertory was established.

I conclude by expressing my pleasure at the formation of a Gleaners' Union Branch of the Church Missionary Society in this Parish. At present it is in its infancy, but I hope it will grow into a fine, strong hand-maid to

our Missionary efforts for the evangelization of the heathen. The annual subscription for each member is only twopence, and a beautiful card of membership is supplied, with other matters. It is proposed to set on foot a Branch of the Sowers' Band, also, of the Church Missionary Society, (subscription one penny a year), for young people under fifteen years of age.—We must all work while it is day, for the night cometh, when no man can work. Blessed are we, if we be found ready and diligent whenever the Master calls us home.

Yours faithfully,

J. MATTHEWS.

Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, which took place at Chesham Bois Church from December 1st, 1889, to November 30th, 1890.

Baptisms.

Nelly Holt	Sarah Wilhelmina Gilbert Matthews
Richard Walker	Albert Edward Aris
Ernest Bedford	Jenny Birch
James Thomas Bedford	Edith Emily Atkins
Rosie Reading	Ada Emily Green
May Turvey	Walter James Hunt
Lily Turvey	William John Jones
James Charles Warrall	Violet Annie Fryer

Marriages.

William Cox to Fanny Hawkins

Burials.

Emily Smith, aged 38 years
 William White, aged 60 years
 John Pontin, aged 75 years
 "Annie" Bedford, aged 19 months
 Mary Jane Peach, aged 10 months
 "Alfred" Jones, aged 2 months
 Francis Richard Darvell, aged 5 months
 Charlotte Tuffnell Rose, aged 69 years
 Joseph Climpson, aged 79 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 27th of March, there will be service in the Church in the morning at eleven, and in the evening, at the Mission Room, at seven. On Christmas Day there will be Morning Service in the Church, with Sermon and Holy Communion, at 10.30, and at the Mission Room, in the evening, at seven. Note.—I was very thankful to see a much larger congregation than usual at Church last Good Friday morning.—J. M.

The Lord's Supper

Will be administered on the First Sunday of each month, and also on Easter Day, March 29th, Whitsunday, May 17th, and Christmas Day. On Sundays, April 5th, June 7th, August 2nd, and October 4th, there will be Evening Communion, instead of in the morning.

Baptism

Will be administered at a special Service on the Third Sunday in the month, as a rule, at 3 p.m. 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 usual recognition of the valuable voluntary services of the choir and the ringers is here gratefully inserted. It is earnestly desired that the whole congregation may follow the example of the choir in repeating the responses *aloud*; it being the blessed privilege of the worshippers in the Church of England to share with their Ministers in audibly offering prayers as well as praises to God. Nothing is more depressing to a clergyman conducting a service than for the bulk of the congregation to repeat the responses in whispers.

The Coal Club

Will re-open, as usual, in March, and close at the end of October, with the same bonus 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 Schools.

Last November an Infant School was opened at the Mission Room under the care of Miss Lilian Sibley, and proved of great benefit both to the parents living on the Moor, and their little children. When an epidemic broke out towards the end of November, there were forty-five children on the books. The Education Department requiring a fully-qualified Teacher to be appointed, it was with very great regret that the Managers were obliged to dis-pense with Miss Sibley's services, her duties having been performed to their entire satisfaction.

The School Managers are the Rector, Miss Matthews, and Mr. George Bates.

Of the Day School on the Common, Miss Trought is Head Teacher, Miss Edith Saunders is the Assistant Teacher, and Miss Alice Matthews is Monitress.

Of the Infant School on the Moor, Miss Storrs is the Teacher, and Edith Pipkin is the Monitress.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Lord Chesham
Messrs. Bates & Sons
Miss Blackman
Miss Carver
Miss C. T. Carver
Mr. Dyball
Mrs. Folkard
Mr. Ford
Mrs. G. H. Fryer
Mr. Fuller
Miss Gay

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 8th, after which a Grant of £57 7s. 3d. was received, with the following Report:—"The School has advanced steadily during the past year, and may now be classed amongst the good country Schools of the district; a position which I hope it will retain."

Day School Accounts.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditure from February 1st, 1889,
to January 31st, 1890.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	0	9	9	Teachers.....	88	7	3
Government Grant	50	11	1	Books, Apparatus, and Stationery	10	19	9
Part Rent of Watercress Beds.....	23	0	0	Fuel, Cleaning, and School House Garden ..	16	4	5½
School Land Allotments..	1	7	6	Furniture and Repairs ..	4	5	4
Voluntary Contributions..	20	7	6	Insurance	0	8	8
Offertories in Church	0	13	8	Prizes to Children	10	5	3½
Sale of Needle-work and Materials	0	17	5	Singing Lessons by a Master.....	1	0	0
Nett Proceeds of a Concert	0	15	0				
School Pence	32	5	4¾				
Balance due to Treasurer	1	3	5				
	£131	10	8¾		£131	10	8¾

These Accounts were kindly audited by Mr. W. Ford and found correct.

The Education Department having issued a Revised Code which entirely altered the former procedure of Government Inspection of Schools, it was necessary to alter the Rules respecting Prize money and the conditions on which the scholars can be eligible for it. The following, therefore are the new

Rules of the School.

- I.—Each child to pay two pence a week.
- II.—Every child, who makes three hundred (300) attendances and upwards, will receive a penny for every ten attendances during the School year. Those who make between two hundred and fifty (250) and three hundred attendances will receive a half-penny for every ten attendances. Those who make less than 250 attendances will receive no prize-money.
- 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 make three hundred and fifty (350) attendances and upwards, in value from sixpence in the First Standard up to three shillings and sixpence in the Seventh Standard. Ornamental certificates will *only* be given to Scholars in the Fourth Standard and upwards *when they leave the School*.
- 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* more than once or twice.

Diocesan Inspection.

On Wednesday, November 12th, the School was examined by the Diocesan Inspector of the Deanery, the Rev. C. Joyce, Rector of Fulmer, after which the following Report was received:—"Good work is being done in this well cared-for School. The answers, both written and oral, were intelligent. Repetition, Singing, Discipline, and Tone all satisfactory." The Bishop's Book, a handsome Prayer-book, was awarded to Ernest Puddephatt, of the Sixth Standard, and Lily Reynolds, of the same Standard, was very highly commended, and twenty-two scholars of other Standards and an Infant were commended.

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, 1889, to October 31st 1890, 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 Room	101	4	2½	0	0	0	95	9	8	5	14	6½
„ Church Expenses.....	6	0	9	0	0	0	6	0	9	0	0	0
„ Sick and Needy	12	17	7	0	0	0	10	14	6	2	3	1
„ Day School	20	9	7	0	13	0	21	2	7	0	0	0
„ Infant School	7	9	9½	0	0	0	7	9	9½	0	0	0
„ Sunday School.....	1	6	8	3	0	0½	4	6	8½	0	0	0
„ Bible Society.....	7	16	7	0	0	0	3	10	2½	4	6	4½
„ London Jews' Society...	3	5	3½	0	0	0	2	3	10½	1	1	5
„ Church Missionary Society	24	9	11	0	0	0	22	16	4¾	1	13	6½
„ Church Pastoral Aid Society	3	0	5	0	0	0	1	9	6	1	10	11
„ Colonial and Continental Church Society	4	19	7½	0	0	0	3	2	9½	1	16	10
„ Irish Church Missions	1	16	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	15	0
„ Chesham Cottage Hospital	0	15	2½	0	0	0	0	15	2½	0	0	0
„ Incorporated Church Building Society	0	10	2	0	0	0	0	10	2	0	0	0
„ Gordon Boys' Home ..	0	11	2½	0	0	0	0	11	9½	0	0	0
„ Children's Special Service Mission	0	10	5½	0	0	0	0	10	5½	0	0	0
„ Diocesan Church Building Society	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0
„ British Syrian Mission Schools	1	19	6	0	0	0	1	19	6	0	0	0
„ Church and Parish Ready Help Fund....	0	14	3	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	7	9
	200	7	9	3	13	0½	184	11	4½	19	9	5
To Balance due to Treasurer	3	13	0½				19	9	5			
	£204	9	9½				£204	0	9½			

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

“Examined and found correct.”

“Dated 13th December, 1890.

(Signed)

GEORGE BATES.

Golden Number - - xi.
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1891.

DATE TABLE.

Good Friday, March 27
 Easter Monday, „ 30
 Whit Monday, May 17
 Bank Holiday, August 3
 Christmas Day, Dec. 25
 Bank Holiday, „ 26

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