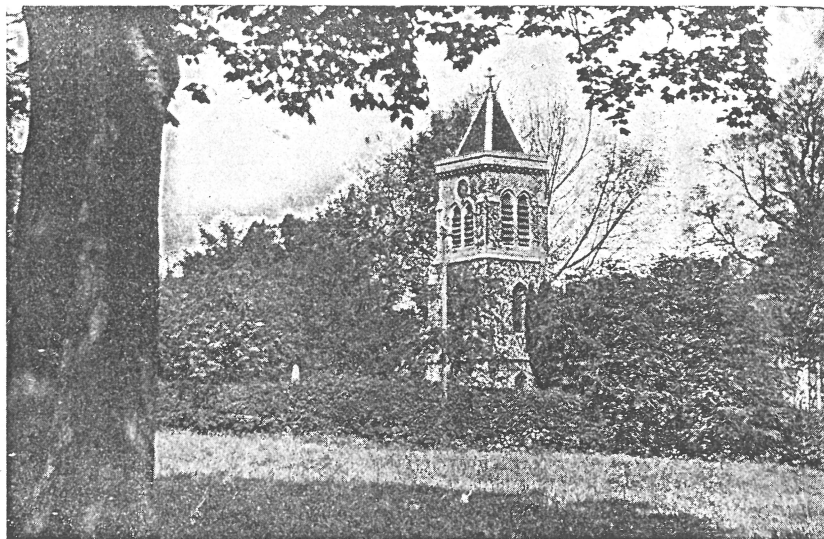


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Every Sunday Morning at 8 a.m. First and Third Sundays at Morning Service. Fourth Sunday after Evensong. Holy Days at 11.30 a.m., or by notice.
Churchings and Baptisms by arrangement with the Rector.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER.

- Oct. 1. Young Communicants' Guild, 8.30, Rectory Room. Church Army Mission Van arrives on the Moor. Service, Mission Room, 7 p.m.
" 3. 19th Sunday after Trinity. Children's Church, 2.45 p.m. Service for Young People, 3.30 p.m. Mission Room Harvest Festival, 6.30.
" 4. P.C.C. Meeting, Rectory Room, 8.30 p.m.
" 6. Mission Room "Social," 8 p.m.
" 8. School Managers' Meeting, School, 8.30 p.m.
" 9. Decoration of the Church.
" 10. 20th Sunday after Trinity. HARVEST FESTIVAL. Preacher: Rev. W. J. Dennis, M.A.
" 11. Sale of Fruit and Vegetables, Churchyard, 11 a.m.
" 12. Diocesan Inspection at School, Bois Lane, 9 a.m.
" 14. End of Church Army Mission.
" 17. 21st Sunday after Trinity.
" 18. S. Luke.
" 24. 22nd Sunday after Trinity. Parade Service of British Red Cross Society (64), 11 a.m.
" 29. British & Foreign Bible Society Annual Meeting, Sycamore Hall.
" 31. 23rd Sunday after Trinity. Eve of All Saints'.

HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

Oct. 3.	M.	346	135		
	E.	558	506	136	419
" 10.	M.	57	61	56	
	E.	57	Anthem	56	61 (55)
" 17.	M.	356	218		
	E.	388	216	175	563
" 24.	M.	580	375	565	
	E.	582	430	53	25
" 31.	M.	6	233	284	
	E.	372	215	283	19

PSALMS FOR THE MONTH.

		Morning.		Evening.	
Oct. 3.		112		121	122
" 10.		65		145	
" 17.		116		130	131
" 24.		91		103	
" 31.		135		139	

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTISMS.

- Sept. 19. David Cecil Edison Brown.
" 19. David Thomas Collinge.

MARRIAGES.

- Sept. 11. Albert Duffy and Nellie Mayger.
" 18. Cecil Oscar Ribeiro and Margaret Jeanette Browne.
" 18. Christopher Champain Turner and Eleanor Mary Constance Rutherford.
" 25. Arthur Reginald Grutchfield and Nora Dockray Scott.

OFFERTORIES AND COMMUNICANTS.

Date.	Object of Offertory.	£ s. d.			Communi- cants.
Sept. 5.	Sick and Needy ...	10	2		16
" 5.	Church Expenses ...	3	17	3	28
" 12.	Mission Room ...		9	1	16
" 12.	Church Expenses ...	3	15	8	
" 19.	Sick and Needy ...	1	4	6	25
" 19.	Church Expenses ...	4	12	9	25
" 19.	Children's Church .		1	6	
" 26.	C.E. Schools ...	1	0	0	25
" 26.	Church Expenses... 4	19	4		18
" 26.	Children's Church .		5	6	
		£20	16	9	153

Chesham Bois Rectory,
September 22nd, 1937.

My dear Friends,

Since I wrote my last Parish Magazine letter the change of address has been effected again and the more familiar "Chesham Bois Rectory" appears again. It was altogether a very happy holiday, and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The weather broke up just before we left, so we felt it was nearly time to return home, for there are many compensations in one's own home in cold or wet weather. I am afraid that I should not like to live the whole year round at Wetheringsett, and I should not like to minister for a year in Wetheringsett Church. It is so very depressing to minister in a large Church with very few people present. I did miss so much the hearty singing and responding of Chesham Bois Church people, and it was, for that reason at any rate, delightful to be back in one's own Church again. I hope we may always keep up that real heartiness in our services: the lack of it is lamentable. We continued our explorations and excursions right up to the end, and saw a great many more churches, both beautiful and curious. We came across one very sad sight, not very far from Thetford. I caught sight of a thatched Church (since then we have seen several), and with difficulty we found our way to it. But, when we got into the overgrown Churchyard, we found that the Church was deserted and being allowed to fall into ruins. We managed to get inside and found that every kind of fittings had been removed, and there were just the bare walls. It made us very sad; certainly, there was no population (except rabbits) anywhere near it, but that might be said of most of the Churches thereabouts. We saw another thatched Church at Barsham: the conditions there are something like our own, the Church is off the road, approached by a drive to Rectory and manor. At the present time, and it seems often to have happened, the Lord of the manor, patron of the living, is also Rector.

One day we spent a brief time in Norwich and went over the Cathedral (meeting there some well known Bucks people). We had intended to picnic but the rain and stormy weather—in our last week—forbade this, so we went into Norwich for lunch and then on to Happisburgh—pronounced Hazebro', to see some friends. In my letter last month I referred to the sand glasses in Earl Stonham Church: I saw in a book that the glasses record 60, 30 and 15 minutes. If we can ever get hold of a sand glass I think I know which size our people would choose, that is, if the glass is to be used. I don't think I saw any pulpit which would equal ours, and quite certainly no Holy Table, though we saw many ancient ones, to approach ours in beauty. The canopies over many of the pulpits make me want very much to restore someday, our canopy to its proper position, over the pulpit and not under. Perhaps when we have got our car park, for which tenders have only recently come in, and paid for our Church Hall, we shall be able to tackle this piece of restoration. Turning to matters at home brings me to say a few words about the Church Hall. The progress is recorded by another pen, but I should like to say how pleased I was on our return not merely with its growth but with its general appearance. I am sure it will be in every sense a very good addition to the Parish, and most useful in our Church Life. I hope that you are all having a look round occasionally.

A Church Army Van, in charge of two Church Army Sisters, will visit our Parish on Friday, October 1st, and the sisters will conduct Mission Services for children and adults at the Mission Room for a fortnight. Their van will be parked in the Mission Room enclosure. We ask prayers for their visiting and speaking.

I want your help for the Harvest Festival Services, both in the Mission Room, on October 3rd, and in the Church on October 10th. We shall be most grateful for gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables. Those for the Church should be sent to the Church

by 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, October 9th. We also badly need a goodly number of helpers to arrange the gifts and make the Church look, as it generally does, a very beautiful garden.

The Bishop of Buckingham will hold a Confirmation Service in *our* Church on Thursday, December 2nd, at 6 p.m. Will those who wish to be confirmed kindly give me their names as soon as possible? We were to have had the service in Christ Church, Chesham, but the rather early time makes it difficult for them to arrange for the service at Christ Church. We hope, however, to welcome some candidates from that Church.

Your sincere friend and Rector,

G. HENRY LAWRENCE.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH.

My dear Minnows,

We made a very bad start after our long holiday, on Sunday, September 19th, but it was not your fault—this time. The weather was so very bad that even the bravest might have been pardoned, if they had stopped in the dry at home. Now we must try again and do better. On October 10th, we are to have our Harvest Festival, so please try to come to that, and also try to bring out of your garden something for the Church or the Children's corner. We want flowers, fruit, etc., by 10.30, on Saturday, October 9th, and some of you can help, if you will, on that Saturday morning by stopping to fetch and carry marrows, or pumpkins. We should like plenty of red berries (not holly), and plenty of "Old man's beard," with which to decorate the Church. Mr. Dennis who is preaching at 11 and 6.30, will preach to you too, if he is well enough. He has recently been very ill, so I do not want to ask him to do too much. When we were both curates in Bath, many years ago, we used to work together, and in the summer holidays we used to get a crowd of children together and we had open air services, which were very good indeed.

Well, don't just come to the Harvest Festival but come every Sunday, if you can.

Your affectionate fisherman,

G. HENRY LAWRENCE.

YOUNG COMMUNICANTS' GUILD.

There are no "doings" to record of the Guild; there has been a long vacation, and so only hopes, and perhaps some fears, can be expressed. Perhaps I ought not to say "fears," but the experience of the past months have not made one very optimistic about the Young People's service. We have not got hold of the Young People of the Parish, of whom there are a considerable number. The only remedy is real spade-work on the part of the faithful few. If they are keen enough to do this work we may gradually increase the number of those who attend our monthly service. In the months before the holidays so few came that these few felt it very difficult to maintain the singing, etc., and the few feeling this strain are apt to be discouraged. "Nothing succeeds like success," is a saying very true of services for young or old. The few cannot make a hearty service, and so next time still fewer will come.

MOTHERS' UNION LETTER.

Dear Fellow Members,

We start our season this month with our first meeting on October 12th, when Mrs. Hemming, our Vice-President for South Bucks, is coming to talk to us. We are not having our usual "open" meeting till November, but we hope that all members will make a real effort to come to the first meeting, on October 12th, and give Mrs. Hemming a really warm welcome. We have drawn up a programme for the

year's meetings, and we think they will be very good, but the quality depends on the members as much as the speakers. We want this year to be another year of advance, both in the quality of our own lives, which will make all the difference to our membership, and to the attendance at meetings. May I plead with our "irregular" attenders to do their best to come, whenever they can, to regard the "second Tuesday" as a permanent engagement? Some of us do, and keep it sacred to the M.U.; why not *all*? After November we hope to have the Church Hall, alternately with the Mission Room, and then we can welcome *all* the members *every* time, in comfort!

To give the real spirit to our winter's work will you, all who are communicants, make a point of coming to the next Corporate Communion, on Tuesday, October 5th, at 9.30 a.m.? We can bring it to God in prayer then, that all our work "may be begun continued, and ended in Him," so shall we have a good winter's work, in the highest sense.

Your sincere friend,
CICELY S. LAWRENCE.

HARVEST FESTIVAL—SUNDAY OCTOBER 10th.

Holy Communion, 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12 noon.

11 a.m., Morning Prayer and Sermon. Preacher: Rev. W. J. Dennis, M.A.,
Vicar of St. Simon's, Southsea.

3 p.m., Children's Church.

6.30 p.m., Evening Prayer and Sermon. Preacher: Rev. W. J. Dennis.

Offertories for Chesham Cottage Hospital.

ST. LUKE'S TIDE—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th.

Special Services at 11 a.m. Offertory for Medical Missions and Church Expenses.
Parade Service for Local Detachment of the British Red Cross Society. Preacher:
The Rector. Evening Prayer and Sermon, 6.30. Preacher: Dr. Donald Carr.

ST. LEONARD'S HALL.

So much progress has been made in the work of construction that by the time these words appear in print St. Leonard's Hall will very nearly be completed.

The Church Hall Committee had the pleasant task at a Meeting on 20th September, of choosing the colour for the paint work, the electric light fittings and the stage curtains.

The hope is expressed that as many as possible will inspect the building and see for themselves how attractive it will appear in the finished state.

The Committee learned with much pleasure that the full amount of the overdraft with our Bankers, which, as already mentioned made the construction of the Hall possible, will not be required as certain donations already received, have reduced the amount outstanding to a little over £400.

As it would be a matter for great satisfaction if on the opening day—not far off—it could be announced that the Hall was free of debt, the Committee drafted a circular letter containing a number of facts and figures and inviting donations. This letter will very shortly be issued and it is confidently anticipated that the amount required will be forthcoming.

The opening date will soon be decided upon, and it is hoped that the Bishop of Buckingham, who laid the foundation stone on 27th, July last, will perform the opening ceremony.

E. S. PUGH,
for the Committee.