

# Bampton Parish Church News and Notices

JANUARY, 1903.

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## 1902.

IN calling to mind the events of the past year  
the first thing we have to note is the termi-  
nation of that terrible war in South Africa,  
which has brought sorrow and desolation to so  
many homes and hearts, in England. It is a  
matter for great thankfulness to Almighty God  
that victory crowned our arms and that once  
more we are given the blessings of Peace.  
What relief that word Peace brought to many,  
those only know whose hearts were daily filled  
with fear for the safety of their dear ones who  
were subject to the perils of war.

The Crowning of our new King Edward  
VII, which was fixed for the 26th June, was  
looked forward to by all the people of the  
Empire with the greatest interest. But alas  
the unexpected illness of the King caused the  
ceremony to be postponed, and filled the hearts  
of all his subjects with intense anxiety, for his  
life was in the greatest danger for some days.  
By God's mercy he was restored to health once  
more and happily crowned on August 9th.  
The Festivities in connection with the event,  
which had been put off from June, took place  
as far as the Public Dinner was concerned on  
the Coronation Day. It was a most successful  
gathering and gave universal satisfaction. The  
tea to the Children was given later.

But the year 1902 will not be remembered  
only by the Coronation. The Town was visi-  
ted by sickness to an extent which was never  
known before or cannot be remembered. First  
the Small Pox appeared in our midst, but how  
it came into the place has never been clearly  
ascertained. The disease was dealt with by  
the Medical and Sanitary Authorities and the  
various cases as they manifested themselves  
were quickly taken away to the Hospital beyond  
Burford which fortunately had just been com-  
pleted and furnished in time. Happily there  
were but two fatal cases and they were not  
owing entirely to the disease. That there  
were not more cases may be attributed to the  
fact that many had been re-vaccinated some  
little time before when there was a scare and  
many others were vaccinated immediately the  
disease appeared, one thing to be noted is that  
those who had been recently vaccinated and  
caught the infection had the complaint in a  
mild form. This was but one of our troubles  
for scarcely had we been declared free from  
Small Pox than we were visited by an epidemic  
of Scarlet Fever. In the vast majority of cases  
it was of an exceedingly mild form. Again at  
the close of the year there was an epidemic of  
Measles. Almost every child in the place  
seemed to have it, of course the Schools had  
to be closed for many weeks throughout the  
year.—All this illness had a bad effect on the  
trade of the town. The place was deserted by  
all but the inhabitants, for our neighbours  
treated us as if the place had been plague  
stricken and as if the cases of Small Pox were  
being retained in our midst and not, as they  
were, 9 miles away. We will hope such a state  
of affairs as that which we have experienced in  
Bampton the last year may not be known again  
and the place may regain its character for  
healthiness which it had till recently.

We will therefore wish our readers a  
happier and more prosperous year than the  
last.

A very praiseworthy effort to improve the  
appearance of the Town has been made  
by planting a row of Lime trees in Broad  
Street. It must have appeared to all who  
cared about the look of the place that the  
Street was bare and that trees would be a great  
addition. We have been told that years ago

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there was a row of Poplars. But when they were cut down nothing was planted to take their place. The trees are the gift of the Messrs. Gerring, the Parish Council undertaking the cost of planting them and protecting them with iron guards.

It is to be hoped that every inhabitant will constitute themselves guardians of the trees if at any time they should see them in danger of being hurt by children and others. — They need special protection while they are young.

**CONFIRMATION.**

THE Lord Bishop of the Diocese has announced his intention of holding a Confirmation in the Parish Church on Monday, 16th February. at 11 a.m.

Parents and others who have children under their care, and God-parents should see that children are presented for preparation and that their names are sent in to the Vicar as soon as possible.

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We hope to have the Treat for the Sunday School children in a short time.

**OUR REGISTERS.**

**MARRIAGE**

Dec. 29th. William John Brooks, and Elsie Ellen Clack.

**BURIALS.**

Dec. 11th. Tom Hudson, aged 3 years.

„ 18th. Frederick William Radband, aged 20 months.

„ Doris Rose Maria Eggleton, aged 2 years.

During the past year there have been 24 Baptisms, 8 Marriages, and 21 Burials in the Parish.

**OUR OFFERTORIES.**

COLLECTIONS DURING THE MONTH.

|                   |                               | £   | s. | d. |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----|----|----|
| 2nd.              | Sunday in Advent ... ..       | 1   | 16 | 0  |
| 3rd.              | „ „ ... ..                    | 1   | 9  | 6  |
| 4th.              | „ „ ... ..                    | 1   | 12 | 8  |
|                   | Christmas Day ... ..          | 7   | 12 | 7  |
|                   | Holy Days ... ..              |     | 4  | 5  |
|                   | Sunday after Christmas ... .. |     |    |    |
|                   | F. of Holy Innocents ... ..   | 1   | 10 | 10 |
|                   |                               | £14 | 6  | 0  |
|                   |                               | £   | s. | d. |
| Apportioned thus, |                               |     |    |    |
|                   | Churchwarden's Fund, ... ..   | 4   | 5  | 8  |
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|                   |                               | £14 | 6  | 0  |

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## THE CHURCH BELLS.

IT has been found necessary to have the Church Bells examined and for that purpose the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Guild of Diocesan Ringers, was asked to come and inspect them. He kindly did so and suggested that Messrs. Webb and Bennett of Kidlington, who are skilled in such work, should be requested to report on their condition. Things will not last for ever and the report shows the state in which they are is decidedly dangerous. We believe that the massive frame work dates from the seventeenth century and that it shows unmistakeable signs of decay.

They say the frame is in a very bad condition and the outside timbers near the windows are in several places much decayed, as well as those parts which rest on the walls and have in time past been partly renewed.

The bells themselves by being rung for so many years are worn where the clappers strike and if left are likely to crack—they require to be quarter turned. The fifth bell is badly cracked and ought to be recast. It might last some years or it might, from the nature and direction of the crack, go at any time with perhaps disastrous consequences. It is proposed to put in a wrought iron frame which would last for very many more years than the wooden one, to rehang the bells and recast the fifth bell with various other things which must be done. The Estimate for the work is about £235.

Every one is agreed that our Bells are some of the finest in the County and it would be a matter of great regret to all if any accident happened to them or they were unable to be rung.

After the very substantial way in which the Church was restored many years ago we feel sure that the part which now requires attention will be able to be carried out if all will join in doing so.

## CONFIRMATION.

THE Lord Bishop of the Diocese will administer the Rite of Confirmation on Monday February 16th, at the Parish Church. The Service will begin at 11 a.m., and it is hoped that as many as can will be present on the occasion of our Bishop's first visit to the Parish.

The Missionary work-party will meet on Tuesday, February 3rd, at the usual time.

## SCHOOL TREAT.

The Sunday School treat was given to 126 children on Monday, January 18th.

After a good tea each child was given some useful article of clothing for which they have to thank the kind friends who contributed them.

## LENT.

LENT is a season specially set apart by the Church of Christ for heart-searching, in the light of our Redeemer's sacrifice of Himself for us. In it we make earnest contemplation of the sufferings and death of our Blessed Lord the means to deepen in ourselves the sense of the deadliness of sin, in that it should require so great a Sacrifice as that the Son of God Himself should take upon Him our nature and in it suffer pain, weariness, insult, indignity the constant grief of a sinless soul in a world of sin, ending in torture and death. And it should also raise and increase in us feelings of thankfulness that so great mercy should have interfered to save us from the punishment of sin, the torment of an evil conscience now and from everlasting death and the eternal pains of hell hereafter. And moreover, as every christian, if he is truly such, is a disciple, a scholar, yea, and must be an imitator of Christ, must follow in His steps, we have to notice how He, the Sinless One, after suffering for the sins of others, enters into His glory. The suffering is first, the glory afterwards—the Cross first, and then the Crown. Every Christian is called to imitate Christ in his life of suffering, to bear his cross after Him, to suffer affliction as He did.

He bore affliction as the punishment for sin, though the sin for which he suffered was *not His own*. We must bear the afflictions laid upon us as the punishment of sin, and that sin *our own*. It is not enough when trouble or sorrow or sickness is laid upon us to submit to it, to bear it silently—or, otherwise, with murmuring or complaining—if we do not refer that suffering of ours to its true source, *to our sin* and God's will for our good. No; but accepting affliction as even less than we deserve, acknowledging our transgressions and shortcomings; and in earnest striving by God's help to amend; seeking pardon for what is amiss and grace to serve better for the future, we shall be *taking up*, not refusing, our cross, and bearing it after Jesus our pattern.

Some affliction or other is the portion of God's servants. It is said, "My son, if thou come to serve the Lord, prepare thy soul for temptation." that is, trial, or affliction of some kind. It matters not how the affliction comes; whether more apparently from the hand of God, as sickness, bereavement, or *through* the hand of man; that is, trouble from the conduct of others. Remember, no trouble can come upon us without God willing it: for our punishment; and, if we will, for our amendment.

The Cross is laid upon us in many ways, and it may be by many people; but we must look further than these—not seeing only the cruelty and injustice there may be therein; but regarding it also as the will of God, who allows others to lay the cross upon us, just as *others*, not Christ Himself, laid that heavy cross of wood upon the shoulders of Simon the Cyrenean.

#### A CONTEMPLATION

OF OUR LORD ON HIS CROSS,

That thou might'st rise from death of sin,  
That thy release might thence be won,  
Did I, thy God, this Form put on  
And lowly live, as Man, therein  
A suffering life. That I might win  
Thee, son—thee, daughter, for Mine own,  
Leaving for earth My heavenly throne,  
I, Sinless, bore the curse of sin.  
That all men I might draw to Me,  
Thus was I lifted up on high;  
Thus spread I forth Mine Hands Divine  
That I might welcome thee as Mine;  
Fast nailed, the faithful to set free,  
Thus died I that thou might'st not die.

[And the cross is laid upon us that God may try us whether we be disciples of Christ indeed, worthy of His Name, and willing to walk in the path of the Crucified. Let us bear in mind what the Church taught us when we were baptised, and when the Sign of the Cross was made upon our brow and marked us as Christ's Soldiers, viz. that "our profession here is to follow the example of our Saviour Christ and to be made like unto Him; continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living."]

Miss Wallis has this year sent £3 1s. to the Oxford Eye Hospital, and desires to thank all friends in Bampton and Aston who kindly contributed.

#### OUR OFFERTORIES.

|      |                               | £     | s. | d. |
|------|-------------------------------|-------|----|----|
| 2nd. | Sunday after Christmas ... .. | 2     | 14 | 10 |
| 1st. | " " Epiphany ... ..           | 1     | 17 | 7  |
| 2nd. | " " " " ... ..                | 1     | 3  | 1  |
| 3rd. | " " " " ... ..                | 1     | 19 | 5  |
|      | Holy Days ... ..              |       | 9  | 0  |
|      |                               | <hr/> |    |    |
|      |                               | £8    | 3  | 11 |

Apportioned thus,

|                               | £ | s.    | d. |    |
|-------------------------------|---|-------|----|----|
| Churchwarden's Fund, ... ..   | 3 | 4     | 10 |    |
| Vicar's, ... ..               | 4 | 14    | 1  |    |
| S. Paul's Guild, Japan.... .. |   | 5     | 0  |    |
|                               |   | <hr/> |    |    |
|                               |   | £8    | 3  | 11 |

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##### BAPTISM.

Jan. 11th. Nellie Mary, daughter of James and Rhoda Poole.

##### BURIALS.

Jan. 1st. Elizabeth Warman, aged 67 years.  
 ,, 10th. Mary Ann Lay, aged 77 years.  
 ,, 20th. Theophilus Edgar Bateman, aged 61 years.  
 ,, 20th. Eleonora Gillett, aged 91 years.  
 ,, 23rd. Alfred Corke, aged 77 years.  
 ,, 24th. Harriet Hurcombe, aged 52 years.

On Ash Wednesday February 25th, the Services will be:—

8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 9 a.m. Children Service,  
 11 a.m. Matins and Communion Service,  
 4 p.m. Evensong and Prayer,  
 7.30 Special Service.

There will be a Special Service on Wednesday's, in Lent at 7.30 p.m.

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THE Bishop of Oxford visited our Parish for  
the first time officially on Monday February  
16th. The present state of the bells did not  
permit of a peal being rung to welcome him as is  
customary when the chief Pastor of the Diocese  
comes amongst us.

The appointed hour for the Service was 11  
o'clock. The Bishop having robed in the Vicarage  
walked to the Church preceded by the Vicar, the  
two Churchwardens and the Chaplain bearing  
the Pastoral Staff. The Choir met the Bishop at  
the West door and sang the hymn "Soldiers of  
Christ arise" as they walked to the Chancel. The  
Service then began, the Vicar read the Preface, the  
Bishop came down to the Tower Arch and ad-  
dressed the Candidates, who were arranged on  
opposite sides—Males on the South, Females on  
the North. Hymn, "Veni Creator" having been  
sung, all kneeling, the Bishop sitting in a chair  
confirmed each Candidate separately as they  
knelt before him.

The Service then proceeded and after Hymn  
271 was sung, the Bishop gave an address from  
the Pulpit to the whole congregation and then  
went to the Altar and gave his Blessing.

We were glad to see that very many of the  
parishioners attended the Service.

The following are the names of the Candidates.

### MALES.

Lewis Williams, E. Martin, J. Cripps, J. Tanner,  
J. Green, T. Wells, B. Hill, P. G. Wilkins,  
E. Warner, R. Neal, I. Widdows, G. Cripps.

### FEMALES.

E. M. D. Hunt, M. P. Oates, M. Heap, E. M.  
Kerry, A. Tinson, E. A. Cripps, A. Cripps, F.  
Tanner, G. Stone, F. Masters, N. M. Eggleton,  
R. Townsend, N. Acland, L. Tanner, E. Eggleton,  
M. Cox, A. Widdows, M. A. Wells, J. Wells, R.  
Radband, B. Radband, E. Townsend, L. Bond,  
M. Edwards, A. Turner, A. Upstone.

## THE CLUBS.

THE object of the Coal and Clothing Clubs is  
to enable those who become members to put  
aside small sums of money at frequent intervals  
throughout the year. Some persons have delayed  
joining until a great part of the year has gone by  
and then pay in such sums as will enable them  
to share in the bonus granted at the end of the  
year. This is acting contrary to the purpose of  
the clubs.

All persons therefore wishing to join must  
commence to pay in before the end of March after  
which time no fresh names will be entered.

Daily Evening Prayer will be at 5 p.m. with  
a short Reading during Lent.

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### BAPTISM.

- Feb. 15th. Vera Doris Alexandra, daughter of William  
Thomas and Eva Miles.  
Feb. 22nd. Albert Edward James, son of Albert Edward  
and Louisa Emily Baston.

### MARRIAGE.

- Feb. 19th. Henry William Higgs, and Frances Rose  
Kistrick Stone

### BURIAL.

- Feb. 23rd. Louisa Sheppard, aged 69 years.

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|                                   | £     | s. | d. |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----|----|
| 4th. Sunday after Epiphany ... .. | 2     | 9  | 0  |
| Septuagesima ... ..               | 1     | 6  | 0  |
| Sexagesima ... ..                 | 1     | 13 | 0  |
| Quinquagesima ... ..              | 1     | 4  | 8  |
| Holy Days ... ..                  | 5     | 11 |    |
|                                   | <hr/> |    |    |
|                                   | £6    | 18 | 10 |

Apportioned thus,

|                             | £ | s. | d. |
|-----------------------------|---|----|----|
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## HOLY WEEK & EASTER-TIDE.

WE are now entering upon what the Church calls "Holy Week," that week in which the last sufferings of our Redeemer are commemorated, presented to us in the gospels of the Passion—the "Suffering,"—read in our ears and offered for our repentant contemplation. For our repentant contemplation, I say, since it was our sin, the sin of each one of us, that caused those sufferings; and it is by those sufferings alone on our behalf that our sins—the guilt, the power and the punishment of them are to be done away.

The shadow deepens through the mournful days of Holy Week even to the darkest gloom of "Good Friday," the name our forefathers gave to that most awful anniversary of the Christian year—the day of Christ's Death upon the Cross. At first thought, it may seem strange contradiction to call that day, GOOD FRIDAY. Why such a name? Our forefathers have in the use of this name for the Day handed down to us their own feeling as to the Day which brought to the whole fallen world its redemption from utter, hopeless, everlasting ruin. They felt what perhaps many of us too little feel, the unspeakable worth—going far beyond all human understanding of the Sacrifice the Son of God made on this Day. Spite of the mass of world-sin and individual-sin that brought it about; in spite of the gloom of repentance and heaviness of heart of those to whom alone this Day is Good, this Day was to them, (oh, may it be so to us!) Good, in that it opened the Kingdom of Heaven, otherwise fast shut against man, to all believers.

We have not this feeling so strongly as we ought to have. It is the business of Lent and Holy Week to arouse this feeling more within us. For Christ's sake, for your own soul's sake, let not USE, HABIT of hearing how and why Christ died, blunt your feeling as to this goodness, this Blessedness of this yet awful Day.

And then how full of meaning, in connection with the gloom of Holy Week brightening into the Light of the Resurrection Morning those words, "Heaviness may endure for a night, but Joy cometh in the morning." May the morning of the Resurrection, Easter morning, be one of deep spiritual joy to us, "dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord!" May we so have profited by the exercises of Lent as to be able to triumph in heart with our Lord in His Easter victory.

Easter, festival of Spring,  
Easter, our delivering,  
Easter, vict'ry of our King!

Angels sing; the depths beneath  
Tremble; Satan holds his breath,  
And Death is now afraid of death.

Oh, since that stone was rolled away  
Death no longer bars the way  
From night to everlasting Day.

Our soul immersed in slumber lies.  
And things of earth enchain our eyes;  
Christ hath risen; let us rise.

From our last sleep, for Christ's dear sake,  
O Spirit, quicken and awake!

## SERVICES.

### HOLY WEEK.

Monday, } 8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
Tuesday, } 11 a.m. Matins.  
Wednesday, } 5 p.m. Evening Prayer.  
Thursday, } 7.30 p.m. Special Sermon.

### GOOD FRIDAY.

11 a.m. Matins, Litany and Ante Communion.  
1.30—3. Addresses on Seven Words from the Cross  
and Hymns.  
7 p.m. Evening Prayer, and Sermon.

Easter Eve 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

### EASTER DAY.

8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
11 a.m. Matins and Short Sermon.  
11.50 a.m. Holy Communion.  
3 p.m. Children's Service.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Monday and Tuesday, in Easter Week, Services 8, 11 & 5.

## BAMPTON PARISH NEWS (continued).

### Diocesan Religious Inspection of the Schools.

Report of Rev. H. F. Pinder.

The year has been seriously broken into by illness, and a high standard could hardly be expected. The Infants however answered extremely well, and in the upper groups satisfactory work was shown by many of the children.

The following were commended :- Briton Hill, Dorothy Hill, Alice Hunt, James Green, Mary Lane, Walter Smith, Andrée Tuckett, Alfred Cripps, William Warner, Elizabeth Green, David Woodley, Jack Dewe and Winifred Pratt.

The Bishop's Prize of a Prayer Book was awarded to James Green. Certificates were given to Briton Hill, Alice Hunt, Alfred Cripps, and David Woodley.

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The Easter Vestry will be held on Friday 17th, instant at 6 p.m., when the subject of the rehangng of the Bells will be considered and the Report of their present condition and work required to be done, will be read.

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Offerings of Flowers for the Easter Decorations may be sent to the Church on the Saturday by 10 a.m. We shall be glad of assistance in the Decorations.

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### BOY'S READING ROOM.

THE Boys Reading room closed on Saturday 28th, after a very pleasant Winter Session during which there was a good regular attendance of Members (26).

The Superintendent Mr. Richards, and his brother have taken great trouble in arranging the Games Tournament which took place during the last week. The prizes offered have been won by

the following boys :- G. Brooks, W. Townsend, P. Collet, W. Lay, W. Smith, J. Williams, H. Hampden, and H. Smith. The prize for good conduct and regular attendance has been gained by Albert Warner, and the prize for steady reading goes to James Green.

A Tea will be given at the Reading room on April 15th, at 6.30 to all the Members and the prizes will then be given away. Any contribution towards the Tea will be very acceptable.

Mr. Duncan who delighted the boys a few weeks ago by bringing down his Phonograph has promised to let them hear it again on the 15th, and we are sure it will greatly help to make the evening a success.

A statement of accounts will be given next month.

### OUR REGISTERS.

#### BAPTISMS

|             |                                                                        |  |  |  |  |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| March 15th. | Ethel, daughter of Thomas and Sophia Tanner.                           |  |  |  |  |
| „ 22nd.     | Edward Joseph, son of Walter and Annie Fox.                            |  |  |  |  |
| „ 22nd.     | Edward Ivor, and Wilfred Edward, sons of Edward John and Louisa Clack. |  |  |  |  |

### OUR OFFERTORIES.

|                             | £  | s. | d. |
|-----------------------------|----|----|----|
| 1st. Sunday in Lent ... ..  | 1  | 9  | 3  |
| 2nd. „ „ ... ..             | 1  | 6  | 2  |
| 3rd. „ „ ... ..             | 1  | 16 | 7  |
| 4th. „ „ ... ..             | 1  | 8  | 6  |
| 5th. „ „ ... ..             | 1  | 4  | 1  |
| Saints Days ... ..          | 1  | 9  |    |
|                             | £7 | 6  | 4  |
| Apportioned thus,           |    |    |    |
| Churchwarden's Fund, ... .. | 5  | 7  | 4  |
| Vicar's, ... ..             | 1  | 19 | 0  |
|                             | £7 | 6  | 4  |

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MAY, 1903.

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## VESTRY MEETING.

A Vestry Meeting was held on April 17th.

The Churchwardens accounts were audited and passed.

The Churchwardens were re-elected

Messrs. Gerring, Senior, G. Gerring, Junior, V. Blythe, and W. Matthews, were elected sidesmen.

The Churchwardens accounts showed Receipts £75 3s. 0½d. including a balance from last year of £2 15s. 10d. and £10 15s. 10d. from Church lands.

The expenditure was £65 16s. 10d. showing a balance of £9 6s. 2½d.

The money was expended thus:—

|                                    | £  | s. | d.  |
|------------------------------------|----|----|-----|
| Insurance, ... ..                  | 5  | 0  | 0   |
| Visitation Fees, ... ..            | 18 | 0  | 0   |
| Choir and Organ, ... ..            | 8  | 5  | 11½ |
| Church Servants, ... ..            | 22 | 0  | 0   |
| Oil and Fuel, ... ..               | 14 | 0  | 10  |
| Church Cleaning, ... ..            | 4  | 10 | 0   |
| Repairs to Church and Church yard, | 8  | 9  | 5   |
| Cutting grass, ... ..              | 1  | 5  | 0   |
| Sundries, ... ..                   | 1  | 7  | 7½  |
|                                    | 65 | 16 | 10  |
| Balance in hand,                   | 9  | 6  | 2½  |

£75 3 0½

The Vicar presented his accounts showing total Receipts £65 14s. 8d. which he had expended with the exception of 5s. 6d.

The expenditure included the following:—  
To Organist Salary £30. Tickets for Coal and Groceries given to the poor £13 7s. 4d. Wine for the Holy Communion £1 10s. Wine for the Poor £4 6s. 2d. Cleaning Chancel £2 14s. 6d. The rest was given in small sums to the sick and aged poor.

## CHURCH BELLS.

OUR beautiful bells which have so long been heard over the country round and are well known to be among the best in Oxfordshire are compelled to be silent. They could not peal forth, as they have for so many years, their joyous tones on the great Festival of Easter.

The massive frame of Oak which is their chief support and which bears the date of 1608 is past any further repairs and it is absolutely necessary the bells should be entirely re-hung before they can again be heard in all their sweetness.

The Master of the Oxfordshire Guild of Ringers, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, kindly came and inspected them and he advised that Messrs. Webb and Bennett of Kidlington, who have successfully re-hung several peals in the County should be requested to report on them.

They suggest the oak frame should be replaced by one of wrought iron on steel girders, that all the bells be quarter turned as the clappers are seriously wearing away the metal, this will require new fittings for all the Bells. That the 5th Bell which is cracked and might at any time come down, should be recast. They propose also to re-hang the bells so that they may be rung more easily. At the same time spaces will be left for two more bells so as to complete the peal of eight if at any future time they could be obtained.

The present peal, which consists of six bells, is well known to be a heavy one, and the sum required to complete the work will be rather large. The cost will be about £245. The Church which was so well restored 30 years ago requires the Belfry to be put in order, to complete the work.

The re-hanging the bells is a matter which appeals to all the inhabitants of the Parish and to all who are interested in the Parish. An united effort on the part of all contributing according to their means would soon enable the work to be carried out.

Already we have had some very liberal offers. One amounts to a quarter of the sum required if the other three quarters are raised before the end of next September. Another consists of £20 if four others will give the same. Already two sums of that amount have been promised. But while large sums are very acceptable any amount however small will be gladly received for it will at least show the good will and sympathy of the givers in the work.

Promises or contributions may be sent to the Vicar or Churchwardens.



**SERVICES AT EASTER.**

The Services on Easter Day were very well attended and there were 94 communicants at 8 a.m. The musical portion was well rendered and the Choir sang an Anthem morning and evening. Liberal offerings of flowers made the Church look very bright and helped to mark the Festival,

**ASCENSION DAY.**

We trust all Christians will observe that great Festival and try and attend a Service at the Church. That our Lord should ascend into Heaven to prepare a place for His people and to send down the Holy Spirit to dwell with them and in them should certainly not be passed by as unworthy of notice. There will be services at 8 a.m., 11 a.m., and Evening Prayer with Sermon at 7.30 p.m.

**BOY'S READING ROOM.**

A Meat Tea was given on 15th April, to the Members of the above, and the prizes, consisting of Books, Shoes, Shirts, Stockings, &c. won by the boys for Conduct, steady reading, and games Tournament were given away by the Vicar. While the Boys were at Tea Mrs. Wix, played some very enlivening music, and later on in the evening Mr. Duncan, kindly gave a performance on his Phonograph which was much appreciated by a very attentive audience. The Boys then sang the Coon Songs Miss Willis had so ably and carefully taught them during the winter. Several of the ladies present remarked on the neatness and good behaviour of the boys.

The Committee presented the Superintendent Mr. Richards and his brother with a set of knives and forks, to show how much they appreciated their good influence over the boys and the untiring interest they took to make all things pleasant throughout the session. Thanks are due to the following for Contributions to the Tea fund, Miss Southby, Mrs. Staples-Browne, Mrs. Fisher, Miss Germaine Douglas, and the Vicar, also Mrs. Bullen, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Wolffe, and Miss Klappert for Cakes, and Mr. Reade (joint of beef), and Mr. Constable loan of Cups & Saucers.

Statement of Accounts for Winter 1902 & 1903,

| <i>Receipts.</i>                                |     | £  | s  | d. |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----|----|----|----|
| Balance in hand,...                             | ... | 1  | 0  | 7  |
| Miss Southby £2, Mrs. Hunt £1, ...              | ... | 3  | 0  | 0  |
| Mrs. Staples Browne £1 5s, Mrs. Fisher 10s.     | ... | 1  | 15 | 0  |
| Mr. Lindup £1 1s, Miss Klapper 2s,              | ... | 1  | 3  | 0  |
| Miss Germaine Douglas 2s.                       | ... |    | 2  | 0  |
| Messrs. Dutton, Eeles, & Stephens, 2s. 6d, each | ... |    | 7  | 6  |
| The Vicar 5s, Mr. Theo. Carter 2s. 6d,          | ... |    | 7  | 6  |
| Fire and light Girls sewing class, ...          | ... |    | 6  | 6  |
| Boys weekly pence ...                           | ... | 1  | 5  | 11 |
|                                                 |     | £9 | 8  | 0  |

| <i>Expenditure.</i>                   |     | £  | s  | d. |
|---------------------------------------|-----|----|----|----|
| Repairs to room, and gravel, ...      | ... |    | 7  | 6  |
| Superintendent ...                    | ... | 2  | 8  | 6  |
| Coals, oil, wick, wood, ...           | ... | 1  | 15 | 8  |
| Printing and book binding ...         | ... |    | 11 | 5½ |
| Scrubbing ...                         | ... |    | 2  | 7  |
| Music and Nigger Costumes ...         | ... |    | 8  | 7½ |
| Papers and Magazines ...              | ... |    | 8  | 4  |
| Two Meat Teas October & April, ...    | ... |    | 19 | 11 |
| Prizes, Books, Boots, Shirts, &c, ... | ... | 1  | 5  | 3  |
|                                       |     |    | 8  | 7  |
|                                       |     |    | 1  | 0  |
|                                       |     | £9 | 8  | 0  |

**OUR REGISTERS.**

**BAPTISMS.**

- April 5th. Arthur Harold, son of George and Annie Elizabeth Dixey.
- „ 5th. Sophia Elizabeth, daughter of James Thomas and Annie Maria Jackson.
- „ 12th. Charles Lionel, son of Charles Robert and Alice Cooper.

**MARRIAGES.**

- April 4th. Edward William Wyatt, and Sarah Oakey.
- „ 13th. William Cooper, and Emily Jane Greenwood.

**BURIALS.**

- April 4th. Joseph Pinnock, aged 64 years.
- „ 29th. Louisa Violet Eileen Norman, aged 13 months.

**OUR OFFERTORIES.**

|                              | £   | s  | d. |
|------------------------------|-----|----|----|
| 6th. Sunday in Lent ...      | 2   | 1  | 0  |
| Good Friday, ...             | 3   | 1  | 6  |
| Easter Days ...              | 7   | 10 | 7  |
| 1st. Sunday after Easter ... | 1   | 10 | 11 |
| 2nd. „ „ „ ...               | 1   | 1  | 7  |
| Holy Days ...                |     | 11 | 4  |
|                              | £15 | 16 | 11 |
| Apportioned thus,            |     |    |    |
|                              | £   | s  | d. |
| Penitentiary ...             | 3   | 1  | 6  |
| Churchwarden's Fund, ...     | 3   | 18 | 5  |
| Vicar's, ...                 | 8   | 17 | 0  |
|                              | £15 | 16 | 11 |

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### BAPTISMS.

May 3rd. Doris Kate, daughter of William Henry and  
Elizabeth Hampton.

### BURIALS.

May 22nd. Harriet Sarah Southby, aged 65 years.

## OUR OFFERTORIES.

|                                   | £          | s.       | d.       |
|-----------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|
| 3rd. Sunday after Easter ... ..   | 1          | 13       | 10       |
| 4th. „ „ „ ... ..                 | 1          | 12       | 11       |
| 5th. „ „ „ ... ..                 | 1          | 4        | 10       |
| Sunday after Ascension Day ... .. | 2          | 2        | 3        |
| Whit Sunday ... ..                | 3          | 2        | 10       |
| Holy Days ... ..                  |            | 9        | 8        |
|                                   | <u>£10</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>4</u> |

Apportioned thus,

|                             | £          | s.       | d.       |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------|----------|
| Churchwarden's Fund, ... .. | 5          | 3        | 4        |
| Vicar's, ... ..             | 5          | 3        | 0        |
|                             | <u>£10</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>4</u> |

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THE Parish and neighbourhood have been visited during the last month with one of the severest floods which has been known for many years at this season. Nearly five inches of rain fell in six days, and for a period of 60 hours together it scarcely ceased. Many of the cottages were flooded to a depth of eighteen inches or more causing great discomfort and obliging the occupants to take refuge in their upper rooms. Mr. Southby and Mr. Staples-Browne, kindly supplied the sufferers with coal to dry up the rooms as soon as the water subsided, and the sun and heat which we have had lately would effectually complete the work. But our sympathy will specially go with those who have land (which has been entirely submerged) near the river and have lost in consequence all their crops upon it.

The meadows had never been known to have more luxuriant crops of grass, which is now worthless. A flood in the winter means gain but one in June is ruination. Our neighbour Mr. Southby has suffered very much, for almost all his farm at Tadpole was affected by the flood. Others also in the parish have land in the same condition as well as many in the neighbouring parishes. The damage caused to crops lower down the river is also very great. The exceeding fine and hot weather which we have had since the floods will do much to restore the crops but much we fear is past recovering.

## THE BELLS.

THE promises of help and the Contributions towards the expenses of rehangng the Bells now amount to nearly £130—a little more than half the sum required for the work to be done. We have felt justified in ordering the work to be taken in hand and it will be proceeded with as far as funds will permit. The money so far contributed has been given for the most part in large sums and we do not see our way to many more of like amounts. It remains now for those who have not given to do their best, for the Bells are a matter of interest to all in the Parish.

## FIRE BRIGADE.

The Town has been brought into notice by the success attained by our local Fire Brigade at the annual drill of the South Midland District of the National Fire Brigades at Luton. They won the District Challenge Shield; a Silver Trophy for first prize in one man drill: a Silver Bowl presented by the Duchess of Marlborough for first in two men drill: and a Silver Challenge Bowl presented by M.P.s. in the District, for first in the wet driving drill for four men and driver. They are entitled to compete for the National Challenge Shield at the Earls Court Exhibition which takes place this month. We wish them every success in the contest.

The last meeting of the Working party for the Central African Mission will be held at the Vicarage on Monday, July 6th. at 4.30

## OUR REGISTERS.

### BAPTISM.

June 14th. Christopher Albert, son of Samuel Albert and Mary Jane Woodham.

### BURIALS.

June 4th. Mary Ann Wright, aged 70 years.  
" 29th. Robert French, aged 73 years.

## OUR OFFERTORIES.

|                           | £   | s.  | d.  |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Trinity Sunday            | ... | ... | ... |
| 1st. Sunday after Trinity | ... | ... | ... |
| 2nd. " " "                | ... | ... | ... |
| 3rd. " " "                | ... | ... | ... |
| Holy Days                 | ... | ... | ... |

£8 16 8

Apportioned thus,

|                     | £   | s.  | d.  |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Churchwarden's Fund | ... | ... | ... |
| Vicar's             | ... | ... | ... |

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## S.P.G.

WE wish especially to draw the attention of the Parishioners to the notice of the meeting to be held at Witney on Tuesday, August 4th, on behalf of the Missions of the Church. All the people in the Parishes of the Deanery are invited to join and we hope Bampton will be well represented. The Bishop, in spite of his many engagements, intends to be present and it surely behoves us to *make an effort* to meet him and listen to what he has to say to us on the subject.

The workers for the Central African Mission have made and sent to Likoma the following articles, 16 Kisibaus, 3 Handkerchief Dresses, 5 Vilandus and 5 Bags.

If any of our readers are puzzled to know what kind of articles of dress the above may be, we strongly recommend them to join the Work party next winter. They can then by assisting to make them obtain all the information they require. Being the fashionable dresses of the ladies in Africa we are sure many here will like to take a pattern of them.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT.

WE propose to give the Treat to the Children of the Sunday School on Wednesday, August the 12th.

Contributions in money may be sent to the Vicar, for the expenses and any one willing to send help, in kind, towards the tea should communicate with Mrs. Hampshire. All those interested in the School will be welcome.

## THE CHOIR.

The Senior members of the Choir joined the Witney trip for their annual excursion. They were favoured with fine weather and seemed to have enjoyed themselves very much.

The Rural Dean visited the Church on Wednesday, July 29th, for the purpose of inspecting it and expressed himself as thoroughly satisfied with the condition of the Fabric and everything connected with it. He had a list of all the things made out for him to retain in his possession. A copy will be placed in the Parish Chest so that there may be a record of all the 'goods' belonging to the Church in 1903 for the information of future generations.

The Foresters attend Service at the Parish Church on Sunday, August 2nd, at 3 p.m. A collection will be made on behalf of the Radcliffe Infirmary.

The Bampton and District Horticultural Society hold their Annual Show on Wednesday, August 19th, in the grounds of the 'Grange,' kindly lent for the purpose. We trust there will be many entries made by Cottagers as it is for the encouragement of Cottage gardening that the Society was formed.

## OUR REGISTERS.

### BAPTISMS.

July 5th. Ada Alexandra, daughter of William and Annie Jane Butler  
" " Emily Sybilla, daughter of Edward William and Sarah Maria Wyatt.  
" " Elsie May, daughter of Laban and Mary Agnes Robinson Fitchett  
July 26th. Alice Maud, daughter of Joseph and Florence Sarah Ann Pettifer.  
" " Ethel May, daughter of Lambert and Mary Ann Day,  
" " May, daughter of John and Emily Elizabeth Clarke.

### BURIALS.

July 17th. Ann Shaylor, aged 75 years.  
" 20th. Samuel Collins, aged 34 years.

## OUR OFFERTORIES.

|                                 | £       | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------|---------|----|----|
| 4th Sunday after Trinity ... .. | 2       | 7  | 8  |
| 5th. " " " ... ..               | 1       | 19 | 0  |
| 6th. " " " ... ..               | 2       | 16 | 10 |
| 7th " " " ... ..                | 1       | 16 | 11 |
| Holy Day ... ..                 |         | 5  | 5  |
|                                 | £9 5 10 |    |    |
| Apportioned thus,               |         |    |    |
|                                 | £       | s. | d. |
| Churchwarden's Fund, ... ..     | 6       | 11 | 0  |
| Vicar's, ... ..                 | 2       | 14 | 10 |
|                                 | £9 5 10 |    |    |

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## THE BELLS.

DURING the past month some preparations have been made for re-hanging the Bells. The old wooden frame has been taken down and is in the Churchyard. It can be seen by those who care to inspect it and it must be evident, to the most inexperienced in such matters, that the work of re-hanging the Bells has not been undertaken a day before it was required. Judging by the decayed state of the wood we may be thankful that the whole of the Bells, with the frame work had not fallen into the Church. The Bell which was cracked was allowed to remain in the Church for some days. Those who looked carefully at it would notice that the crack was in such a direction that if at any time it had spread, the whole of the crown would have come away and the bell would have fallen amongst the ringers with disastrous consequences. So few persons who hear the bells being rung (seemingly with such ease), realize their size and weight until they are close to them. The bell they saw in the Church would enable them to form an idea how massive and strong the frame-work must be to carry them and permit such a mass of metal to be swung about without losing its position. They can also easily understand that such work costs money and will not be surprised at the amount required to carry out the work.

So far subscriptions have come in fairly well but there are many connected with the town who have it in their power to give, whose names are still missing among the contributors. Collecting cards have been issued that by them small sums may be obtained from friends at a distance who have visited the town or may once have been connected with it, or from others who are only able but willing to give a small sum. Any one wishing to take a card should apply to Mrs. Hampshire, at the Vicarage.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT.

The Treat to the Sunday School children was given on Wednesday, 12th August, in a field kindly lent by P. Southby, Esq., for the purpose. We were favoured with fine weather and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent by the Children owing to the numerous friends who helped to amuse them and enliven the proceedings. The Bampton Band under Mr. Taunt's leadership played during the afternoon. Swings, cricket and games of various kinds afforded much amusement and enjoyment after a good tea for which we have to thank the following contributors.

P. Southby, Esq., £1, Mrs. Lindup, 10s. Mrs. Horman Fisher, 5s. Mrs. Staples-Browne, 5s. Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Bullen, Mrs. Duncan, the Misses Duncan, Jones, Hampshire, Clappert, and Mr. Williams, 2s.6d. each, Mrs. Gerring, 2s.

Gifts in kind Mrs. J. White, Mrs. J. Wallis, Mrs. Wolffe, Mr. Stephens, Toys and Sweets, Mrs. Rivers, Mrs. Tanner, and Miss Williams. Loan of boiler and urns from Messrs. Dutton, and Norman. This leaves us with an adverse balance of £1 5s.

The members of the Oxfordshire Guild of Needlework are reminded that their contributions should be sent in to Mrs. Hampshire before the end of October.

A Rummage Sale will be held towards the end of the month. Contributions will be very acceptable and may be sent at once.

The Members of the Childrens Clothing Club must give up their cards by the 28th of this month.

## OUR OFFERTORIES.

|                                                 | £   | s. | d. |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----|----|----|
| 8th. Sunday after Trinity ... ..                | 5   | 2  | 11 |
| 9th. ,, ,, ,, .. .. .                           | 2   | 16 | 11 |
| 10th. ,, ,, ,, .. .. .                          | 2   | 7  | 10 |
| 11th. ,, ,, ,, .. .. .                          | 2   | 12 | 7  |
| 12th. ,, ,, ,, .. .. .                          | 2   | 3  | 6  |
| Holy Day, ... .. .                              |     | 5  | 11 |
|                                                 | £15 | 9  | 8  |
| Apportioned thus,                               |     |    |    |
|                                                 | £   | s. | d. |
| Churchwarden's Fund, ... .. .                   | 8   | 13 | 6  |
| Vicar's, .. .. .                                | 4   | 14 | 8  |
| Forester's Service for Radcliffe Infirmary, ... | 2   | 1  | 6  |
|                                                 | £15 | 9  | 8  |

## OUR REGISTERS.

### BAPTISMS.

Aug. 21st. Sidney Escott, son of Sidney Albert and Carrie Louisa Reed.  
 ,, 23rd. Lilly Victoria, daughter of Thomas and Harriet Hunt.  
 ,, 30th. Albert Harry, son of Harry and Charlotte Ellen Wiltshire.  
 ,, 30th. Harold, son of Albert and Edith Parrott.

### MARRIAGE.

Aug. 3rd. William Saunders and Emily Messiter.

### BURIAL.

Aug. 8th. Thomas Collins, aged 72 years.

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## THE BELLS.

The contributions towards the rehangings of the Bells are coming in satisfactorily. The sum required to entitle us to the extra £20 kindly promised by Mr. Southby if £225 were subscribed by the 30th of September, has not been received so far.

But we are pleased to inform the Parishioners that an extension of time has been given till the end of November by which date we have little doubt the sum will be obtained.

The cards have been so far a great success.

They have been readily taken up and all have heartily joined in trying to make the plan a success. Several cards have already been returned filled up and we hope the greater part of those still out will come back in the same satisfactory condition. Perhaps in the course of the next month or two the object for which they were issued will be obtained.

## THE SCHOOLS.

THE new Education Act has now come into operation. The cost of Education will be paid for by the County Council who will obtain the money partly from the grant made by Parliament as heretofore and partly by an Education Rate levied from the whole district. The Managers consist of six persons. Four Foundation Managers viz:- the Vicar the Churchwardens, F. J. Staples-Browne, Esq.—One appointed by the Parish Council, Mr. Theophilous Carter, and one appointed by the County Council, Mr. W. H. Clarke. So far as appears at present the duties of the Managers will be to see that the orders and directions they receive from the Authorities are carried out. They have no handling or disposal of the money expended on the School (except by way of sugges-

tion) for all Salaries and Expenses will be paid by Cheques sent from Head quarters. H.M. Inspector has in times past directed the Education to be given according to the Code, and the Government Grant has only been made when the conditions have been fulfilled. The Managers had no power in such matters, but they had to supply the deficiency between the expenditure and the grant received from the government.

By the passing of the Act which gave a free Education to every child (between certain ages) there was a clause requiring all children to be sent to school regularly. But that which costs nothing is as a rule little valued. Education is not valued by many and the law to enforce attendance has been found difficult in application or been feebly administered.

Almost everywhere complaint is made that absentees are numerous. Mothers who allow their children to stay at home for some frivolous reason do not seem to realize the loss of grant sustained by the school, as well as the harm done to the children and the difficulty the teachers have in instructing them when the attendance is so irregular.

To enable our readers to understand how serious the matter is we give some particulars for the last two years. It is true that the schools have been closed at times in consequence of illness in the town, yet during this time the grant has been paid calculated on the average attendance when the school was open.

1902

|                               |     | £              | s.  | d.             |
|-------------------------------|-----|----------------|-----|----------------|
| Names on books                | 207 | Possible Grant | 310 | 0 0            |
| Reasonable Average Attendance | 180 |                | 270 | 0 0            |
| Actual Attendance             |     |                | 144 | 214 8 0        |
| Actual loss                   |     |                |     | <u>55 12 0</u> |

1903

|                               |     |                |     |               |
|-------------------------------|-----|----------------|-----|---------------|
| Names on books                | 217 | Possible Grant | 320 | 0 0           |
| Reasonable Average Attendance | 180 |                | 270 | 0 0           |
| Actual Average                |     |                | 141 | 211 15 0      |
|                               |     |                |     | <u>58 5 0</u> |

Each year there has been a loss to the school of between £50 and £60 at the very least.

Nowhere but in England is the law on Education allowed to be set at defiance. It is hoped that now that all Ratepayers will have to contribute towards Education they will see that their money is used by those for whom it is raised. If the new act will cause this to be done it will confer a great benefit on the young in this Parish at least.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL.

We propose to have our harvest Thanksgiving Services on Sunday October 12th by which time it is hoped the crops will be gathered in. The

offering throughout the day will be given to the Radcliffe Infirmary. Offerings of fruit, flowers, vegetables, wheat &c. may be sent to the Church on the previous day as near 10 a.m. as possible.

The services of any willing to help in decorating the Church will be welcome.

**BOYS' READING ROOM.**

The Boys Reading room will be opened for the Winter on the first Monday in November when all boys between 10 and 15 will be welcome.

Those wishing to join can send in their names and ages to the Committee at the Church House on Wednesday next 7th inst. at 6 o'clock. Subscriptions and books, magazines, &c. will be thankfully received by the Hon. Treasurer at the Deanery.

**RUMMAGE SALE.**

There will be a Rummage Sale at the Schools on Saturday, October 3rd. at 2.30. p.m. Proceeds for rent of Church-House.

**WOMEN'S HOME MISSION.**

Would the members of the Women's Home Mission Association who have not already done so, kindly send in their contributions not later than October 15th. to Miss Douglas, The Deanery.

Daily Evening Prayer will be at 5 p.m. until further notice.

**OUR REGISTERS.**

**BAPTISMS.**

- Sept 13th. Amy Ethel, daughter of Thomas Augustus and Florence Mary Constable.
- „ 27th. Emily Jane, daughter of Charles and Mary Jane Bishop.

**BURIAL.**

- Sept. 15th. Elizabeth Sara Jackson, aged 58 years.
- „ 23rd. Charles Vick, aged 51 years.

**OUR OFFERTORIES.**

|                  |                          | £ s. d.                    |    |   |
|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----|---|
| Sept. 6th. 13th. | Sunday after Trinity ... | 2                          | 18 | 3 |
| „ 13th. 14th.    | „ „ „ ...                | 2                          | 17 | 1 |
| „ 20th. 15th.    | „ „ „ ...                | 2                          | 5  | 5 |
| „ 27th. 16th.    | „ „ „ ...                | 2                          | 3  | 4 |
|                  | Holy Days. ...           | 5                          | 6  |   |
|                  |                          | <hr/> <b>£10 9 7</b> <hr/> |    |   |

Apportioned thus,

|                          |        | £ s. d.                    |    |   |
|--------------------------|--------|----------------------------|----|---|
| Churchwarden's Fund, ... | ... .. | 3                          | 19 | 1 |
| Vicar's, „ ...           | ... .. | 6                          | 10 | 6 |
|                          |        | <hr/> <b>£10 9 7</b> <hr/> |    |   |

# Bampton Parish Church News and Notices

NOVEMBER, 1903.

## CHURCH OFFICERS.

VICAR: REV. W. K. HAMPSHIRE, M. A.  
 CHURCHWARDENS: { MR. F. D. HUNT,  
 { „ J. WHITE.  
 SIDESMEN: MESSRS. GERRING, Senior.  
 G. GERRING, Junior. V. BLYTHE, and  
 W. MATTHEWS.  
 ORGANIST: MR. F. W. TAUNT.  
 PARISH CLERK: MR. W. T. MILLS.  
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 to the contrary.

## THE BELLS.

THE work of rehangng the Bells is progressing  
 fast. Most of the iron frame work has been  
 fixed in its place. The bell sent to be re-cast has  
 arrived and awaits being hoisted to its place.  
 There is a good deal of mason's work to be done  
 in the tower to make good the places where the  
 old beams rested, and general repairs to be execu-  
 ted. It is hoped however that the work will be  
 finished by the end of the present month and the  
 Bells be heard before Christmas.

## OXFORDSHIRE NEEDLE WORK GUILD.

Twenty Eight garments have been sent to  
 Mrs. Cotterell Dormer, which were contributed  
 by the following members.

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Mrs. Douglas, | Mrs. Gillett, |
| „ Duncan,     | „ White,      |
| „ Gerring,    | „ Wix,        |
| „ Hampshire,  | „ Wolff,      |
| „ Hunt,       | Misses Oates, |
| „ James,      | Miss Wallis.  |

The work parties for the Universities Mission  
 to Central Africa will commence on Tuesday,  
 November 3rd. They will be held at the Vicar-  
 age from 3 to 7 p.m. Additional members and  
 Subscribers are much to be desired.

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The Sewing Class for girls over 10 years of  
 age conducted by the Misses Oates at the Church  
 House will begin the winter Season on Thursday,  
 November 5th, at 5 o'clock.

## OUR REGISTERS.

### BAPTISMS.

Oct 25th. Cyril son of William John and Florence  
 Mary Green.  
 „ 28th. William Robert John son of George and  
 Edith Mary Neal (private.)

### MARRIAGES.

Oct. 7th. Walter Faulkner and Elizabeth Shepperd.  
 „ 13th. James Gurney and Florence Louisa Haynes.  
 „ 24th Edgar Robbins and Hannah Mary Louisa  
 Hunt.

### BURIAL.

Oct. 29th. John Stone, aged 79 years.  
 „ 31st. William Robert John Neal, aged 3 weeks.

## OUR OFFERTORIES.

|                                          | £   | s.         | d.          |
|------------------------------------------|-----|------------|-------------|
| Oct. 4th. 17th. Sunday after Trinity ... | ... | 3          | 8 0         |
| „ 11th. 18th. „ „ „ ...                  | ... | 14         | 6 10        |
| „ 18th. 19th. „ „ „ ...                  | ... | 1          | 17 2        |
| „ 25th. 20th. „ „ „ ...                  | ... | 1          | 12 6        |
| „ 28th. Holy Day. ...                    | ... | 2          | 5           |
|                                          |     | <u>£21</u> | <u>6 11</u> |

Apportioned thus,

|                              | £   | s.         | d.          |
|------------------------------|-----|------------|-------------|
| Churchwarden's Fund, ...     | ... | 3          | 9 4         |
| Vicar's, „ „ „ „             | ... | 3          | 10 9        |
| Radcliffe Infirmary, „ „ „ „ | ... | 14         | 6 10        |
|                              |     | <u>£21</u> | <u>6 11</u> |



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## THE ADVENT SEASON.

### THE TWO VOICES.

IN the fifth chapter of S. John's Gospel two Voices are spoken of — voices of the utmost importance to the whole human race. One of them, that spoken of in the 25th verse is a Voice that "now is," that is, that is now sounding among us, as also it was sounding when the words of that verse were being uttered by our Lord: "The hour is coming and *now* is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and *they that hear shall live.*" The Gospel is now being, and is to be, proclaimed; its voice is to be sounded in all mens ears, to those who are *dead* in sin; and they who hear it — with submissive obedience, shall live: they shall receive life in their souls. This Voice was heard all through our Lord's ministry on earth, specially on the Day of Pentecost. By this Voice the Apostles were called, and the five hundred brethren mentioned in 1 Cor. xv. 6., and the three thousand added to the Church in one day by S. Peter's proclamation of it. This same Voice though it does not now come to us from Christ himself, or directly and audibly from his Apostles, comes to us through the words of the preachers, through the Word of God—the Bible—read or spoken in our ears. And not

only by these means it comes to us, but in the many changes of our life history, in afflictions, in distresses or in persecutions; in disappointments in bereavements and in the warnings of conscience. And this Voice when *really heard*, that is, with submissive attention brings about conviction of sin and conversion. Conversion: which is being *turned*—turned from sin and turned to God. The Advent Season puts the message of this Voice in such words as, "Now it is high time to awake out of sleep." Repent ye, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand." Happy are they who hear this Voice calling them out of the grave of their sins!

But that other Voice! Our Lord mentions it thus, as it were, in the same breath, in the 28th verse thus: "The hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his Voice," (the voice of the Son of Man, as the preceding verse shews,) "and shall come forth; they that have done good unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation." These two Voices may be, as far as we are concerned, many hundreds of years apart, but, as has been said, our Lord has mentioned them together almost in the same breath. Why? Because these voices, for us, have a very close connection indeed; since it depends upon whether we hear the former Voice with due attention, as to whether or not we shall be filled with horror and dread for ourselves on hearing the latter Voice. This latter Voice is not like the former a call to Repentance, but a call to Judgement. This Voice will resound through all the graves reaching all the dead. To the former Voice, calling them to repentance they may have, times without number turned a deaf ear; to this Voice they *cannot*. This Voice will reach the remotest region of the Unseen Place, and will summon the soul to be reunited to the body. Some who hear this Voice in the grave, would give worlds if they could remain there, but it cannot be; all must come forth to receive according to the deeds done in the body, whether good or evil.

Happy are they who so hearken to the former Voice now, that they may have no reason for *hopeless* dread when they hear the latter Voice!

**THE BELLS.**

The work in the belfrey is approaching completion and we hope in a very short time the Bells will be heard again in all their sweetness. As usual in such cases there was more work required to be done, than was estimated for originally, in order to put the Belfry and all in it in a thoroughly sound condition. The upper windows in the Spire require new towers as the old ones are not only in a bad state but they allow the rain to be driven in by the wind. The clock, has also to be refitted for striking &c. The Work, as so far executed, is of a most substantial character and ought with ordinary care to last several hundred years. There are spaces left for two extra bells to complete a peal of eight and we hope at some future time they may be given or subscribed for.

We have received from Mr. Southby the extra gift of £20 he kindly promised when a certain sum had been subscribed.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, the master of the Guild of Oxfordshire Bell ringers, will we expect be coming shortly to examine the work and try the Bells. He may with others inaugurate the work by ringing a special peal.

**BOY'S READING ROOM.**

On Friday evening W. A. Smith of the Firs, Alvescot, gave a most interesting magic Lantern entertainment at the Church House to the boys, who were most attentive and seemed to appreciate the trouble taken on their behalf. Mr Smith, before leaving, gave each boy two presents. Mr. Southby has very kindly consented to allow the boys to use the Malt House as a reading room instead of their present room, which is no longer large enough to hold them all comfortably, there being now forty-three members. The Committee acknowledge with thanks the following subscriptions:-- Mr. Southby, £1; Mrs Wix, 2/6; Mr. Dutton 2/6; Mr. Stephens, 2/6; Mr. Eeles, 2/6; a friend 10/-.

On Thursdays during Advent Evening Prayer with short address will be at 7 p.m.

**BLANKETS & SHEETS.**

The usual distribution of Blankets and Sheets will take place on S. Thomas' Day being Monday the 21st. inst. at mid-day, at the Church House.

Those entitled to receive them must apply in person and not send their children.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT.**

The usual Xmas Treat to the School Children will be given on Holy Innocents Day. Contributions in money or kind will be very acceptable and may be sent to Mrs Hampshire.

Evensong will be held at 3 p.m. on that day and the tea at 4 p.m.

**CHRISTMASTIDE SERVICES.**

Christmas Eve 7 p.m.  
 Christmas Day Holy Communion 8 a.m.  
 Matins and Short Sermon - 10 30 a.m.  
 Holy Communion - - - 11 30 a.m.  
 Evensong - - - - - 4 p.m.

Offerings of Flowers and help in decorating the Church for the Festival, will be welcome.

**OUR OFFERTORIES.**

|                                             | £  | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------------------|----|----|----|
| Nov. 1st. 21st. Sunday after Trinity ... .. |    |    |    |
| (Feast of All Saints.) ... ..               | 2  | 16 | 3  |
| „ 8th. 22nd. ... ..                         | 2  | 8  | 3  |
| „ 15th. 23rd. ... ..                        | 1  | 6  | 5  |
| „ 22nd. 29th. ... ..                        | 1  | 10 | 9  |
| „ 29th. Advent Sunday. ... ..               | 1  | 15 | 8  |
| Holy Day. ... ..                            |    | 1  | 5  |
|                                             | £9 | 18 | 11 |

Apportioned thus,

|                             | £  | s. | d. |
|-----------------------------|----|----|----|
| Churchwarden's Fund, ... .. | 6  | 10 | 7  |
| Vicar's, ... ..             | 3  | 8  | 4  |
|                             | £9 | 18 | 11 |

**OUR REGISTERS.**

**BAPTISMS.**

Nov. 8th. George Henry son of Thomas and Mildred Smith.  
 „ „ Henry James son of Charles Henry and Ada Lay.  
 „ „ Albert James Edwin son of James Frederick and Alice Louisa Robinson.  
 „ 15th. Freda Doris daughter of Edgar and Selina Jameson.

**BURIAL.**

Nov. 24th. George Shayler, aged 79 years.

## In Memoriam.

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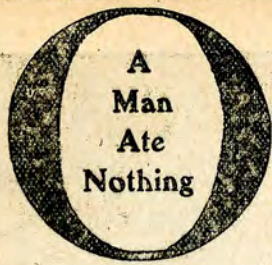
SINCE our last issue we have to record a sad loss which the inhabitants of Bampton have sustained by the death of a friend and neighbour known and respected by all in the town. Miss H. S. Southby, passed away early in the morning of May 19th. She had been suffering a great deal after undergoing an operation about five months ago, which if it relieved her in one way caused her at times intense suffering and deprived her of much rest and sleep. Still she struggled on, bearing up patiently and cheerfully through it all. As long as she was able she continued to move about and attended as was her custom the daily Services at the Church. But before Easter her sufferings increased so that she was unable to leave her home and it became evident that the end could not be far distant.

The funeral took place on Friday, May the 22nd, and her body was laid to rest in the Cemetery, being borne on the wheeled Bier which was given in memory of Admiral Blackburne. As might be expected a large number of friends attended and the Church was nearly filled. Mr. Taunt played some appropriate music on the organ when the body was brought into and removed from the Church. The Coffin was hidden by beautiful wreaths, tokens of sincere affection and regard from rich and poor. The Service was taken throughout by the Vicar. The grave was lined with moss and flowers and at the conclusion of the Service 12 boys and 12 girls, members of the Sunday School, in which Miss Southby was once a teacher, passing by the grave, each threw in a bunch of flowers. During the passing of the funeral procession through the town the blinds of all the houses were drawn down and every mark of respect shown to the memory of the deceased lady.

For 50 years at least Miss Southby had lived in Bampton and her time and money had been liberally spent in doing what she could to promote the welfare of those amongst whom her lot was cast. She interested herself in everything which was for the public good of the inhabitants. Of the amount of private charities dispensed amongst the sick and aged we cannot speak, for being done in secret, we do not know. The last Great Day will alone disclose the numbers of those to whom she ministered during so long a time and whose sufferings she alleviated or declining years she soothed by her practical Christian sympathy.

While dead she yet speaks to us, for in this selfish and self seeking age in which self gratification seems, alas, too be to much the prevailing idea, she has left us a noble example of what a Christian's life should be. We feel sure her memory will ever be treasured in the hearts of those who knew her and her name will not be forgotten in Bampton.

“Grant her, O Lord, Eternal Rest.”



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# Aston and Shifford Local News and Notices

THE weather naturally continues to engage our attention and as it has now done for some time past to cause much anxiety. The Fields are white unto Harvest and the crops promise well but with only a fine day in and out it is impossible in most cases to conduct the necessary operations and carry and store the Golden grain. We can only possess our souls in patience and pray the Lord of the Harvest to send us more favourable weather. The continuous rainfall and damp are indeed trying to the community at large. Though especially so to the Agriculturalist. We had hoped to have arranged for our usual Harvest Festival but it is impossible to do so in the present condition of things. We hope for brighter skies as the month advances.

Owing to the continuous wet weather and to other causes the annual Tea for the children attending the National School was postponed. It took place however on Monday, the 24th ult. and though the weather was still unfavourable and the Tea &c., in the Vicarage grounds had to be transferred to the Barn kindly lent by Mr. Jones, it all passed off well. There was a bright service at 2.30 p.m., in the parish Church followed by a well provided Tea in the Barn which was decorated with Flags, and where a large and happy party sat down with much contentment being tended by many willing hands. Forests' Roundabouts contributed much to the enjoyment after Tea, and as the evening was fine all passed off most satisfactorily. Our warm thanks are due to Mr. Southby, Mr. and Mrs. Cripps, Mrs. Woodbridge, Mrs. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Luckett, Mrs. Townsend, and many others who contributed towards the expense incurred and to all who so kindly helped in entertaining the children. The Aston Band came in the evening and gave us some nice music, and a dance concluded the proceedings.

A satisfactory report has been received with regard to both Departments of the National School. The children have been well and carefully taught. H. M. Inspector, points out that a large Play-ground is needed for the Girls and Infants, and one should be provided for the Boys who at present have none at all. If there was more accomodation in this way it would be possible for the Scholars to perform their Physical exercises out of doors instead of in the School as at present. Gardening has been well started and promises to become a prominent feature of the instruction of the school. More music and movement should be introduced into the School life of the Infants who are brightly taught and controlled.

The Managers have had the Schoolroom and premises thoroughly cleaned, re-coloured, white washed &c., and as the school has been closed ever since the beginning of July, it will be re-opened on Monday next, the 7th instant when it is hoped their will be good and regular attendance.

Though the weather has certainly not favoured entertainments out of doors, we had no need to complain on the evening of the 12th of August, when some of our young friends kindly helped with a little concert on the Vicarage Lawn which was much enjoyed by those present. Our thanks are specially due to Miss Cripps, the Misses Bartlett, Miss Luckett, Miss Kimber, Miss Nudds also to Mrs Birch, and Mr. Nudds, who helped in the arrangements with their usual energy. The evening was warm and pleasant and the music sounded to great advantage. Some Chinese Lanterns made the vicarage garden look very bright and pretty.

S. James', Bampton-Aston.

## BAPTISM.

Aug. 2nd. Albert William Sparrowhawk, Aston.

# Aston and Shifford Local News and Notices

SEPTEMBER did not prove to be as fine a month as had been hoped though there were many bright days in and out; there was a storm on the 10th. in advance of the usual Equinoctial gales, which is not likely to be forgotten by those who witnessed it, or were exposed to its violence. much damage was done by sea and land, but happily it was of short duration, though most terrific while it lasted. The appearance of the trees, shrubs, gardens &c. near the sea coast was remarkable: leaves and flowers, and even the very heather were withered and blasted. In spite however of many untoward circumstances the Harvest may be said to have been fairly gathered in and there is once more a call to us, to express our thanks to the great Giver of all good things, for Harvest mercies and all the more so on account of the anxiety which has been so general this year. We cannot always expect things will be to our mind, or the seasons exactly what we might wish. they are in our Heavenly Father's hands who knows what we are in need of, and orders all things wisely and well. Moreover are we not told "In every thing give thanks." Consequently whatever the season may be, it is our duty to offer up our Thanksgivings unto God.

Tuesday next, October 6th. is fixed (D.V.) for our Harvest Festival. There will be Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and Choral Evensong at 7 p.m. when the sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. G. George, M.A., Vicar of Northmoor. The Services will be continued on the following Sunday, with Flower Service in the afternoon. The Flowers will be sent afterwards as usual to the Radcliffe Infirmary and Children's Hospital. The Collections on both the 6th and the 11th. will be for the Infirmary, and for the Eye Hospital, at Oxford, so also at our Thanksgiving Service at Shifford, which will take place on Sunday, October 18th. at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

On the occasion of the Marriage of the Vicar's Nephew at Plymouth on the 8th. Ult., our Bells rang a merry peal and so again on the 21st. when he and his Bride came and spent part of their honeymoon here. Mr. J. Northmore is well known in Aston, and a large party of Parishioners and Friends met them at the Schoolroom on Thursday the 24th. and a most pleasant evening was spent, cordial good wishes were expressed for the health and prosperity of the happy pair.

Our new Educational Authority has begun to work: the Managers consisting of the Vicar, who has been elected Correspondent. Mr. T. Cripps, Mr. A. Townsend, Mr. C. Bartlett, Foundation Managers. Mr. W. H. Clarke, chosen by the County Council, and Mr. John Luckett by the Parish Council. We are sure it will be the wish and effort of the Committee to do all in their power to maintain the efficiency of the Schools, and secure the regular attendance of the children.

## BOYS' EVENING SCHOOL as proposed.

Commencing Thursday October 8th.  
Time Table

| Tuesdays       | Thursdays                  |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| 7—8 Arithmetic | History & Geography        |
| 8—9 Gardening  | Life & Duties of a citizen |

It is hoped that prizes will be given for regularity and good conduct. An admission fee of 1/- is charged which is returnable on making good percentage of attendances.

## S. James' Bampton-Aston.

### BURIAL.

- Sept 23rd. Ellen Luckett, Aston, aged 16 years.  
Burial, Shifford.
- Sept 15th. James Smith, of Brighthampton, aged 88 years.

Offertories for the Quarter ending Michaelmas.

### S. James' Bampton-Aston.

|                                        | £   | s.  | d.  |
|----------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Early Celebrations                     | ... | ... | ... |
| Morning Services                       | ... | ... | ... |
| Evensong, (Churchwarden's Expenses)... | ... | ... | ... |
|                                        | £6  | 4   | 10  |

### S. Marys', Shifford.

|             |     |     |     |     |    |     |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|
| August 2nd. | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5  | 6   |
| Sept. 6th.  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17 | 0   |
|             |     |     |     |     | £1 | 2 6 |

# Aston and Shifford Local News and Notices

Once more does the Church's year begin with the solemn Advent Message "The Lord is at hand." "Now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." Cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, for He is coming to judge the world in righteousness." We all need to be reminded of this great and awful truth that our Lord and Master will come in all His majesty and all the Holy angels with him, and every eye shall see Him. We care not however to think of this, or to bear it in mind, so much taken up are we with matters concerning this present transitory life, its business, its numerous activities, its pleasures, its follies and its sins, the times in which we are living are fraught with dangers and anxiety; not only is there the decay of trade and national prosperity of which we hear so much, but of Faith and Morals also, a much more serious thing; a drink Bill of £180,000,000 means an enormous amount of the crime which comes before our magistrates and judges, while the gambling bill of this country defies all calculation, and as a cause of waste and crime, gambling ranks only second to drink, and with evils like these there also come a natural weakening of personal belief in God and piety; Prayer is neglected, the Bible is put on one side, the means of grace are set at naught and all distinctive religious teaching is to be eliminated as much as possible from education. And for all this, we are more or less responsible and very needful it is that the second coming of the Son of Man should be taught and proclaimed for we must all stand, says S. Paul, before the judgment seat of Christ.

Then the time honoured Festival of the Birth of our Lord is drawing on, ought it not to again stimulate our Faith and our Love? What do we not owe to His Incarnation? What glorious results will there not arise from it hereinafter? Let us prepare to welcome Him anew, coming as He did in great humility to fulfil all the loving purposes of God towards man; let us make Christmastide a time of holy joy.

There will be daily Evensong in the Parish Church during Advent at 4 o'clock.

The Christmas Services will be as usual.  
Holy Communion (Aston) - - - 8 a.m.  
Choral Evensong - - - - 6 30 p.m.  
Matins & Holy Communion } 10 30 a.m.  
S. Mary's Shifford - - - }

Sunday Dec. 29th. Festival of S. John the Evangelist

Matins & Holy Communion - 10 30 a.m.

Choral Evensong - - - - 6 30 p.m.

Offertories at Christmastide for the Sick and needy.

## MOTHERS' UNION.

The anniversary of the formation of our Branch, and annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday December 9th. 1903.

There will be a short service in the Parish Church at 3 o'clock followed by a Meeting in the National School-room, when an address will be given by Mrs. Herbert Morrell the President of the Oxfordshire Association.

Mrs. Birch invites the associates and members to tea after the meeting.

As the majority of the Country Parishes in the Rural Deanery of Witney are unable from various causes to have a separate Parish Magazine, it was resolved at a recent meeting of Clergy to start a Deanery Magazine, to which sixteen Parishes have announced their intention of subscribing and of circulating it. It will also bring the Parishes into closer connection with each other, and create and foster a deeper interest in the work of the Church.

Such Deanery Magazines have been adopted and are being circulated in other Neighbourhood and there is no reason why it should not succeed in this, under the able editorship of the Rev. G. Cass of Burford and the Rev. W. C. Emeis of Taynton.

Bampton Aston will be one of the contributing Parishes, and all local news will in the coming year be sent to the Editors of the Deanery Magazine. Our best thanks however are due to Mr. Beard for his kind help in printing and publishing the local matter in past years.

## BAMPTON ASTON.

### BURIAL.

Nov. 24th. Emily Brooks aged 10 months.

We regret to record the death of our Postmaster and one of our leading Tradesmen, Mr Gabriel Long, after many weeks and months of pain and suffering. Our sympathy is due to his sorrowing Widow and family, especially considering the long period of faithful and devoted nursing through which they have passed.

# Aston and Shifford Local News and Notices

CHRISTMASTIDE and the New Year found us suffering from an attack of Measles which had been more or less visiting all the neighbouring Parishes and very many more besides, but from which we had so far escaped. Almost every child in the Parish suffered more or less and there were several cases in the Training School. Happily the attack was of a mild character, there was no fatal case, and by the middle of February it was at an end. We earnestly trust that this year the neighbourhood may be free from the epidemics which were so prevalent the latter half of 1902. We have had some cases of illness this winter owing probably to the somewhat changeable weather and to the outbreak of severe cold in the month of January. A few old Inhabitants have passed away and notably one who had been spared to a ripe old age Mrs. Gillett of Cote House, who will be much missed, as her death is sincerely regretted. She passed away after a very brief illness, having set a very bright example of sincere faith and earnest piety, and having led, as has been well said of her a consecrated, useful and happy life. Sickness and suffering and death all remind us of our mortality and bids us prepare ourselves for the changes which Time inevitably brings with it as regards our health, our circumstances and our very life, and for the better and brighter world awaiting the penitent, the righteous, the just made perfect in the Life to come. We are now entering on the solemn season of Lent and we trust that it may be observed in an earnest and devout manner, and be found a help towards leading a more spiritual life. Special preachers are coming to speak to us on our need of repentance and on our duties as Christian people. Let us listen anew to the message of salvation and seek for grace to amend our lives according to God's most Holy words.

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The National Schools re-opened on the 19th January and so far the attendance is satisfactory but we hope for a little more regularity. It is by regular attendance that efficiency is promoted. We were sorry to part with Miss Gibbs who had been in charge of our Infant Department for some time and had given much satisfaction in the discharge of her duties. Several of her Friends and Scholars subscribed towards the purchase of a Clock as an expression of good will. Miss Gibbs has been succeeded by Miss Shultz who has entered upon her duties with commendable energy.

## S. JAMES' ASTON.

### MARRIAGE

Jan. 6th, James Provis, of Cote, and Emily Jane Harris of Aston.

### BURIAL.

Jan. 28th. Thomas Beckinsale, aged 80 years.

## S. MARY'S SHIFFORD.

### BAPTISM.

Jan. 4th. Arthur Albert, son of William and Emma Carter, of Brighthampton.

### Offertories for quarter ending December 31st,

|                                  | £         | s.       | d.       |
|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Early Celebrations ... ..        | 1         | 2        | 2½       |
| The Poor ... ..                  | 1         | 7        | 0½       |
| Church and Choir expenses ... .. | 18        | 1        |          |
| Churchwardens expenses ... ..    | 2         | 1        | 1        |
|                                  | <u>£5</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>5</u> |

### Special Collections.

|                                               |           |          |          |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Harvest Festival, October 3rd ... ..          | 2         | 8        | 4½       |
| " " " 5th ... ..                              | 1         | 6        | 5½       |
| " " (Shifford) ... ..                         | 2         | 7        | 2        |
| To Radcliffe Infirmary, & Oxford Eye Hospital | <u>£6</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>0</u> |

### Offertories Shifford.

|                                     |           |          |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Oct. 5th. ... ..                    | 3         | 2        |
| Nov. 2nd. ... ..                    | 5         | 4        |
| Dec. 7th. ... ..                    | 6         | 2        |
| Christmas Day (for the Poor) ... .. | 10        | 7        |
|                                     | <u>£1</u> | <u>5</u> |
|                                     | <u>3</u>  |          |



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## SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT.

THE Christmas Sunday School Tea, which was put off owing to the prevalence of Measles, was held on Shrove Tuesday and was much appreciated by the young folk who were present. Tea was provided at 5 o'clock, various games were engaged in afterwards, and then came a distribution of prizes and presents. Books were given as Prizes to those who had obtained the highest number of marks and had been most regular in attendance. A Magic Lantern was exhibited in conclusion by Mr. Nudds, it was kindly lent by the Schoolmaster of Ducklington. Mrs. Cripps, Mrs. Woodbrige, Miss Neate, and the Teachers were very active in tendering valuable assistance, and were duly thanked by the Vicar and Mrs. Birch, and cheered by the happy guests, including several from Mrs. W. H. Clarke's Training Home. Mrs. Cripps, kindly gave each child a penny before leaving, and all received oranges which Mrs. Clarke was enough to give as she had done on previous occasions.

## LENT.

THE Lenten Season has been duly marked by Special Services including late Evensongs on Tuesday's at 7.15, which have been very well attended, considering how wet and stormy the weather has been during the past month. In fact such a tempestuous March has hardly been known before, and work in fields and gardens has been much hindered.

The Sermons preached by several of the Clergy in the Deanery have been very helpful, and we hope the good impression made will be a lasting one. The most solemn week of all is now approaching when the Church bids us to specially commemorate and think of the Love of Christ shown in His Sacred Passion and Death upon the Cross. We all need to be stirred up and think more of this wonderful Love and the reason why the Lord came to suffer as He did, to atone for our many sins and transgressions and to draw us to Himself by the cords of Love.

There will be the usual Services in Holy week and on Good Friday, and we trust that many will come and meditate on our Lord's Sufferings, and the blessings which they obtained for us. It is a day much to be observed on account of its infinite sacredness and solemnity and when well spent it helps us to keep the great Festival of the Resurrection with holy joy, and as it should be kept by coming to the Lord Jesus in the blessed and most comfortable Sacrament of His Body and Blood.

## MOTHERS' UNION.

THERE was a good attendance of Associates and Members at the Parish Church on Lady Day. Evensong was said at 2.30 p.m. and special Hymns sung. The Vicar gave a very earnest address on the work of the Union and the duties and influence of Parents in their Home Life.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday or Thursday in Easter Week, depending on the engagements of the Speaker. There will be a short Special Service in the Parish Church at 3 p.m. A meeting will be held immediately after service in the Drill Hall by kind permission of Mrs. W. H. Clarke, followed by a Tea in the National School room.

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Offertories for the Quarter ending 31st March, 1903.

|                                           | £     | s. | d. |
|-------------------------------------------|-------|----|----|
| Early Celebrations ... ..                 | 1     | 19 | 4½ |
| Morning Offertories, for the Poor ... ..  | 18    | 14 |    |
| "    for Church and Choir Expenses ... .. | 15    | 7  |    |
| Evening, Churchwarden's Expenses ... ..   | 2     | 1  | 9  |
|                                           | <hr/> |    |    |
|                                           | £5    | 14 | 10 |

## S. MARY'S SHIFFORD.

|                                   | £     | s. | d. |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----|----|
| Jan. 4th. General Purposes ... .. | 2     | 6  |    |
| Feb 1st. ... ..                   | 3     | 8½ |    |
| Mar. 9th. ... ..                  | 3     | 6½ |    |
| "    29th. ... ..                 | 7     | 4  |    |
|                                   | <hr/> |    |    |
|                                   | £0    | 17 | 1  |

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## BAMPTON ASTON.

March 1st. Emily, daughter of Thomas and Hannah Lousia Brooks.

## BURIAL.

March 15th. Sidney Daniels, aged 4 years.

## SHIFFORD.

### MARRIAGE

March 7th. Nathan Baston, to Mary Jane Fitchett.

## HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER.

Daily Matins 9.30 a.m. Evensong and Address 7.30 p.m.

Maunday Thursday, Holy Communion 8 a.m.

### GOOD FRIDAY.

Litany 8.30 a.m.

Morning Prayer at Shifford, 10.30 a.m.

Special Service of Meditations, Prayers & Hymns 1-3 p.m.

Evensong and Sermon 6.30 p.m.

EASTER EVE, Evensong 5.30 p.m.

### EASTER DAY.

Holy Communion 8 a.m.

Matins and Holy Communion 11 a.m.

Evensong and Sermon 6.30 p.m.

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The Annual Easter Meeting for the appointment of Churchwardens will be held at the Vestry at Aston on Easter Tuesday.

1st. Sunday after Easter, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at S. Mary's Shifford, 10.30 a.m.

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A very successful gathering of the Members of our Branch of the Mothers' Union took place on Wednesday in Easter week, when Mrs Raikes, kindly came over again and gave one of her most sensible and practical addresses in the Drill Hall, kindly lent by Mrs. W. H. Clarke. There was a very good number of Members present and the meeting was much enjoyed. Evensong was said at 3 o'clock, and Special Hymns were sung. After the meeting an excellent Tea was provided at the National School under the energetic auspices of Mrs. Birch, Miss Gillett, the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. T. Cripps, Mrs. Woodbridge, Mrs. Nudds, &c.

A very pleasant tea and entertainment was given at the National Schoolroom by the members of Mr. H. Nudds' Evening and Manual Classes on Easter Tuesday. An excellent supper was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Nudds, and much enjoyed. There was a good attendance of Members, and a very good report of attendance in Class, and of progress was read by the Master. The Vicar presided and expressed his pleasure at the satisfactory results of the the winters' work, and encouraged the young Scholars to persevere in acquiring knowledge which will be beneficial to them in after life. Several Ladies and Friends joined after supper, and a bright and cheery evening was spent.

WE had a very happy Easter Day, after a quiet Holy week when the evening services were well attended and also the special service on Good Friday.

Easter was ushered in by a tuneful peal on the Bells early in the morning. It was gratifying to see so large an attendance at the early service at 8 o'clock, and so again at the morning service and the Choral Communion, while at Evensong there was an excellent congregation. The music was exceedingly well rendered at all the services and the Choir rendered a very pleasing Anthem well suited for the Festival, and the Easter Hymns with much spirit. The offertories amounted to close on £5. The church was decorated very effectively with Primroses, Hyacinths, and other Spring Flowers looking exceedingly well.

A very pretty wedding took place on Easter Monday, the contracting parties being Mr. Charles Beckinsale, and Miss E. S. Fox, an old pupil at the Training School. The church was well filled and Mr. Nudds, played the Wedding March. The Children strewed primroses in the Brides path, but the weather was more wintry than spring like, though that did not detract from the happiness of the young couple and friends who were present.

The Rev. H. Pinder, Assistant Diocesan Inspector will visit the School on Friday, May 15th.

Thursday May 21st, being Ascension Day or Holy Thursday, there will be Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer at 11, and Evensong and Sermon at 7.30 p.m.

We have lost another old Parishioner, Rebecca Bartlett, who for many years was confined to her bed by old age and failing strength. She was laid to rest on Easter Eve. The service was taken by her well beloved Vicar, Rev. A. T. C. Cowie, assisted by the present Vicar. She bore continuous suffering with exemplary patience and resignation, and has entered we trust into well earned rest.

## S. JAMES' BAMPTON, ASTON.

Offertory Statement Easter 1902, to Easter 1903.

| <i>Income.</i>                        |  | £        | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------|----|----|
| Offertories at Holy Communion, ... .. |  | 11       | 3  | 2  |
| S. Mary's Shifford, Xmas Poor, .. ..  |  | 10       | 7  |    |
| Easter Day 1903, ... ..               |  | 1        | 3  | 3  |
| <i>Morning Offertories,</i>           |  |          |    |    |
| Church and Choir expenses, ... ..     |  | 3        | 18 | 6  |
| Churching Offertories, ... ..         |  |          | 5  | 0  |
|                                       |  | £17 0 6  |    |    |
| <i>Special,</i>                       |  |          |    |    |
| Aston Harvest Festival, ... ..        |  | 3        | 15 | 2  |
| Shifford, ,, ,, .. ..                 |  | 2        | 6  | 10 |
| Oxford Diocesan General Fund, ... ..  |  |          | 16 | 1  |
|                                       |  | £23 18 7 |    |    |

| <i>Expenditure.</i>                           |  | £        | s. | d. |
|-----------------------------------------------|--|----------|----|----|
| Poor and Neely, ... ..                        |  | 10       | 2  | 0  |
| Choir Boys and Sundries, ... ..               |  | 3        | 5  | 0  |
| Choir Music, ... ..                           |  |          | 9  | 4  |
| Blower, ... ..                                |  |          | 10 | 0  |
| Church Notices, ... ..                        |  |          | 6  | 0  |
| Towards Organist Salary, ... ..               |  | 2        | 8  | 2  |
|                                               |  | £17 0 6  |    |    |
| Oxford Eye Hospital, ... ..                   |  | 1        | 1  | 0  |
| Radcliffe Infirmary, .. ..                    |  | 5        | 1  | 0  |
| The Treasurer's Diocesan General Fund, ... .. |  |          | 16 | 1  |
|                                               |  | £23 18 7 |    |    |

## BAPTISMS.

- April 12th. Mercy, daughter of Henry and Clara Esther Smith.
- .. 16th, Ernest Frank, son of William and Francis Beckinsale.
- .. 17th. William Ewart Harry Reginald, son of William (deceased) and Elizabeth Cox.
- .. 17th. Lilian Mary, daughter of George and Mary Bound.
- .. 19th. Leslie George, son of George & Kate Simms.

## MARRIAGE

- April 13th. Charles Beckinsale, and Edith Sarah Fox.

## BURIAL.

- April 11th. Rebecca Bartlett, of Aston, aged 83 years.

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## ASCENSION DAY.

THE Festival of the Ascension was duly observed, and the Church was carefully decorated with Spring Flowers by many willing hands. The services were Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m., Mattins 11 a.m., when there was a good attendance from the Schools in the Parish. Choral Evensong at 7.30 p.m., with a good congregation.

## WHITSUNTIDE.

WE had a bright Whitsun Day in spite of the heavy thunder storms which took place last week and early on Sunday morning when the storm was exceptionally severe and caused some alarm, a chimney pot was struck at Hope Villa and greatly alarmed the inmates, while an empty house on the Manor Farm was also struck and much damaged. The heavy rains, however following on the bright warm weather of the latter part of Ascension Week, (an evident answer to the prayers so earnestly offered during the Rogation Days), have much changed the appearance of the Country, and a continuance of warm weather would now be most beneficial and is such to be wished for.

## SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

THE Rev. H. F. Pinder, one of the Oxford Diocesan Inspectors of Schools examined the Scholars attending our National Schools on the 15th of last month, his report of the results of his Inspection are as follows.

A well written examination paper gave evidence of a very satisfactory amount of knowledge of the various subjects prepared, and oral questions throughout the School proved that valuable teaching is given and attended to. If there was any weakness in the upper group I should refer to the Repetition.

Commended:—Lucy Long, (Prayer Book), Florence Collins, (Certificate), Ronald Nudds, (Certificate), Ernest Ball, Herbert Russell, Gladys Johnson, Ethel Long, Arthur Simms, Minnie Collins, (Certificate), Ivy Fox, Charles Hook, George Glenister, May Barrett, Ruby Johnson, (Certificate), Joseph Long.

We are glad to state that a County Council Scholarship for two years has been awarded to Bertie Fox, son of Mr. Ernest Fox. A Scholar at the National School.

## VESTRY MEETING.

THE annual vestry meeting at Shifford was held on Monday May 11th, the Vicar presiding. Mr. Charles Bartlett, and Mr. L. L. Townsend (Brighthampton), were again elected Churchwardens. The following statement of Accounts was presented and adopted :-

|                  |              |             |     | Income. |     | £  | s. | d. |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|-----|---------|-----|----|----|----|
| Offeratories     | Easter 1902, | Easter 1903 | ... | ...     | ... | 4  | 13 | 10 |
| The Vicar        | ...          | ...         | ... | ...     | ... | 2  | 2  | 0  |
|                  |              |             |     |         |     | 6  | 15 | 10 |
|                  |              |             |     | Special |     |    |    |    |
| Harvest Festival | ...          | ...         | ... | ...     | ... | 2  | 6  | 10 |
| Christmas Day    | ...          | ...         | ... | ...     | ... | 10 | 7  |    |
|                  |              |             |     |         |     | £9 | 13 | 3  |

|                                            |      |     |     | Expenditure. |     | £  | s. | d. |
|--------------------------------------------|------|-----|-----|--------------|-----|----|----|----|
| Debit Balance                              | 1902 | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 2  | 13 | 6  |
| The Sexton                                 | ...  | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 2  | 2  | 0  |
| Cleaning                                   | ...  | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 10 | 0  | 0  |
| Coal                                       | ...  | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 6  | 0  | 0  |
| Repairing Organ                            | ...  | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 8  | 0  | 0  |
| Ditto Stove                                | ...  | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 2  | 6  | 0  |
| Communion Wine                             | ...  | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 5  | 0  | 0  |
| Churchyard                                 | ...  | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 5  | 0  | 0  |
| Relief of Poor                             | ...  | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 10 | 7  | 0  |
| Radcliffe Infirmary, & Oxford Eye Hospital | ...  | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 2  | 6  | 10 |
| Balance in hand                            | ...  | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 3  | 10 | 0  |
|                                            |      |     |     |              |     | £9 | 13 | 3  |

## S. JAMES' BAMPTON, ASTON.

Collections at Evening Services, for the year ending Easter 1903.

|                 |               |     |     | Income. |     | £   | s. | d. |
|-----------------|---------------|-----|-----|---------|-----|-----|----|----|
| Collections,    | Churchwardens | ... | ... | ...     | ... | 13  | 8  | 5  |
| Fox's Charity   | for 1901...   | ... | ... | ...     | ... | 3   | 16 | 0  |
| "               | " " 1902      | ... | ... | ...     | ... | 3   | 15 | 0  |
|                 |               |     |     |         |     | £20 | 19 | 5  |
| Expenditure     | ...           | ... | ... | ...     | ... | 17  | 16 | 6  |
| Balance in hand | ...           | ... | ... | ...     | ... | £3  | 2  | 11 |

## W. M. BIRCH, Vicar.

|                       |     |     |     | Expenditure. |     | £   | s. | d. |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------|-----|-----|----|----|
| Debit Balance         | ... | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 16  | 11 | 0  |
| Sexton Salary         | ... | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 3   | 10 | 6  |
| Clerks                | ... | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 5   | 1  | 6  |
| Churchyard expenses   | ... | ... | ... | ...          |     |     |    |    |
| Cleaning              | ... | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 1   | 6  | 0  |
| Marriott, Coal        | ... | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 1   | 8  | 8  |
| Long, Cil             | ... | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 10  | 10 | 0  |
| Spurrett              | ... | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 15  | 6  | 0  |
| Insurance             | ... | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 1   | 5  | 0  |
| Tuning Organ          | ... | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 10  | 0  | 0  |
| Organ Blower          | ... | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 16  | 6  | 0  |
| Wine Holy Communion   | ... | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 15  | 9  | 0  |
| Washing Surplices     | ... | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 10  | 0  | 0  |
| Beard, Printing       | ... | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 8   | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. Nudds, (kneelers) | ... | ... | ... | ...          | ... | 1   | 4  | 0  |
| Mr. Jones             | ... | ... | ... | ...          | ... | £17 | 16 | 6  |

## 1903 Baptism, Aston Church.

Easter Day. Mercy, daughter of James William and Mercy Beachey, of Fyfield, Berks.

The entry last month was incorrect.

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THE Month of June usually bright, warm and sunny with occasional rain showers, has this year proved the exact contrary. The temperature was more like March at times and the weather was dull and gloomily, while for a whole fortnight and more the rainfall was unprecedented for a summer month. The Thames Valley and other districts have suffered severely from inundations, and there has been a considerable loss of life and property. The hay harvest has been much retarded in consequence, but the sunshine and warmth of the last few days will, it is to be hoped, materially improve the prospects of the agriculturalists in regard to hay and corn and garden produce. A dripping June (it is said) "sets every thing in tune" but a deluge such as we had this year is quite another matter. We trust that we may yet have a good and productive harvest, but the prospects as regards fruit are very unsatisfactory.

Weather and other circumstances permitting, the annual excursion of the Members' of the Mothers' Union fixed for Wednesday, the 8th inst. promises to be very pleasant and successful. By the kind permission of Lady Wantage, the party are to visit Lockynge and to have tea in the beautiful grounds. There will be time also it is hoped to have a look at Wantage an interesting Town in many ways with a very fine Church.

A well attended meeting of the President, Council and associates of the Girls' Friendly Society was held at Windsor on the 25th June.

The day was warm and fine and Windsor Castle and Park were looking their best. The service in the historic Chapel of St. George was most beautifully rendered, especially the anthem "I waited for the Lord." The Bishop of Oxford gave a very earnest and practical address from the words, "Lord, increase our Faith." Later in the day after the business meeting at the Royal Albert Institution there was a largely attended garden party in the gardens of the Deanery just underneath the walls of the Castle, where Tea was provided by the Windsor associates and much appreciated by the numerous guests, as the afternoon proved to be very warm and the shade of the beautiful trees proved to be very grateful. Windsor was very full of people, as in addition to the G. F. S. gathering, the Eton and Winchester College Cricket Match was taking place in the Playing Fields, which brought down a great many folk from London and elsewhere.

H. M. Inspector paid his annual visit to the National Schools about a fortnight ago and expressed himself as well pleased with its efficiency. The attendance has been much better during the last month in spite of the weather.

### S. James' Bampton-Aston. BAPTISM.

June 12th. Joseph George, son of George and Charlotte Gardener, Aston.

### BURIALS.

June 20th. Charlotte Gardner, aged 42 years.

„ 21st. Joseph George Gardener, aged 4 weeks.