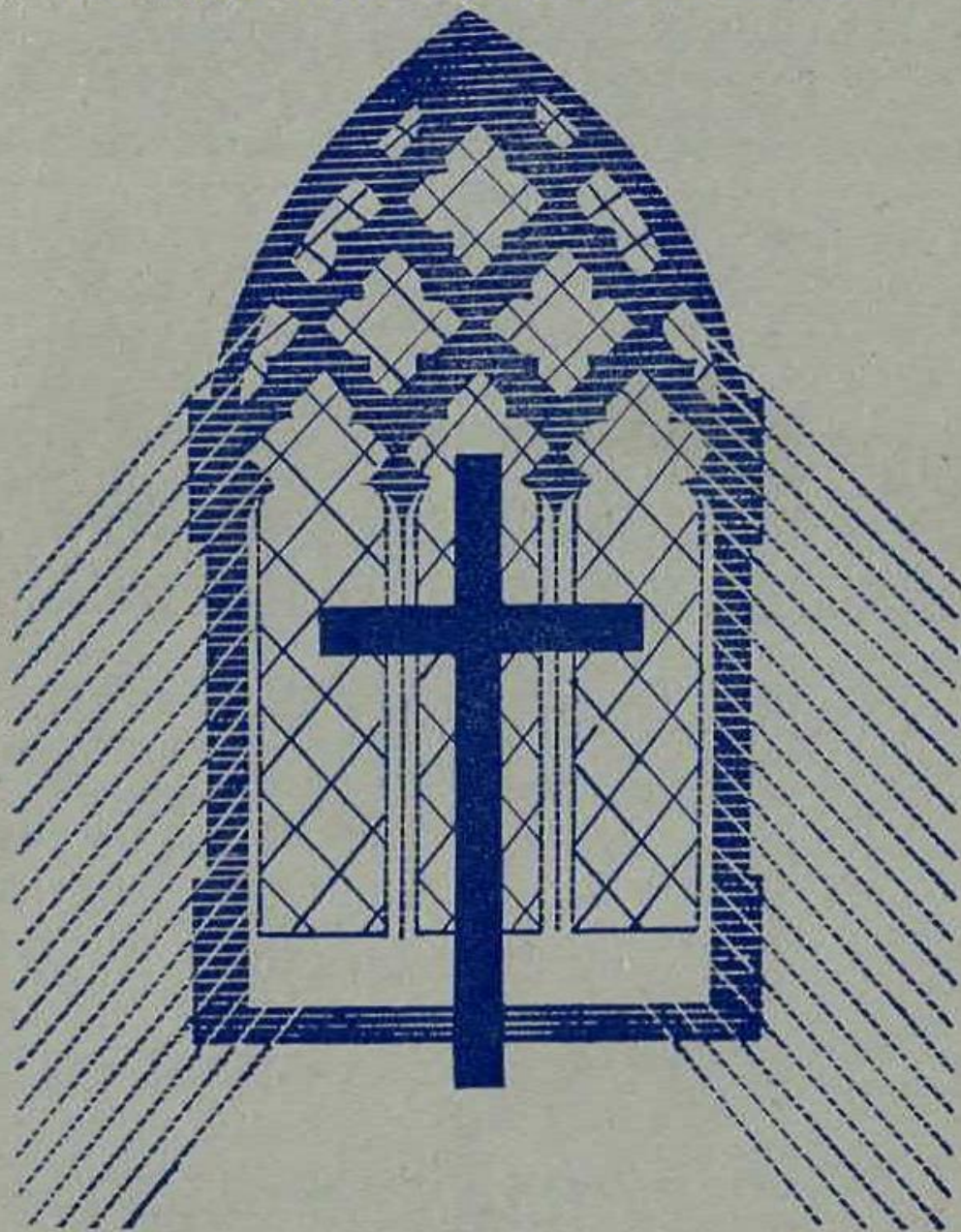


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CALENDAR FOR JUNE, 1949.

- June 1 Wed. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.
P.C.C. Meeting 7.30 p.m.
- 5 **Whitsun Day.**
Holy Communion 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11 a.m. Preacher, the Vicar.
Children's Service 3 p.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
Preacher, Mr. Chant, Farewell Sermon.
- 8 Wed. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. for St. Barnabas Day.
- 9 Thur. **Diocesan Celebration of the First English Book of Common Prayer, Whitsunday, 1549.**
Rochester Cathedral 3 p.m.
- 12 **Trinity Sunday.**
Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
- 15 Wed. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.
- 16 Thur. Bishop's Great Appeal Gift Day, Christ Church, Bexley-heath.
- 18 Sat. Sunday School Outing.
- 19 **1st Sunday after Trinity.**
Parochial Celebration of the First English Book of Common Prayer, Whitsunday, 1549.
Holy Communion 8 a.m., 12 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
Morning Prayer 11 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
- 22 Wed. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. for Nativity of St. John Baptist.
Annual Service of Parochial Church Councillors, St. Paul's Church, 8 p.m. Preacher, Rev. P. Wansey.
- 25 **Garden Party** at the Vicarage.
- 26 **2nd Sunday after Trinity.**
Sunday School Anniversary.
Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11 a.m.
Children's Service 3 p.m.
Evensong 6.30 p.m.
- 29 Wed. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. S. Peter, Apos. & Mar.

Subjects for Prayer.

Let us thank God for Child & Parent Week and for the message which was presented.

Let us thank God for the Missionary Exhibition and for the interest that has been created.

Let us pray for the Celebrations of the First English Book of Common Prayer at Rochester and in the parish.

Let us pray for those who went on the Pilgrims' Cruise that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit in their daily life.



Dear Everybody,

I have asked Mr. Chant to write the monthly letter this time as it will be his farewell message to you all. There will be an opportunity of saying goodbye to him after Evening Prayer on Whitsunday and to wish him God-speed in his new sphere in Darfield, Yorks.

Yours sincerely,

AIDAN CHAPMAN.

A FAREWELL LETTER FROM Mr. CHANT.

Dear Friends,

Your Vicar has kindly extended to me this opportunity of writing a few words before I leave you. So I begin by saying "thank you" to him.

It is now two years since I came to Northumberland Heath. These have been two very happy years for me, due largely to your co-operation at all times. It is not every curate who finds things as smooth. So, in the second place, I must say "thank you" to you for the way you have assisted the Vicar and myself in our endeavour to build up St. Paul's after the critical period it had passed through during the war years.

In leaving you there is one word I would like to bequeath to you as a congregation. It is what St. Paul wrote to St. Timothy: "Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. That good thing which was committed unto thee, keep, by the Holy Spirit which dwelleth in us." (2 Tim. 1, vv. 13, 14).

It is much easier to do this when we band together as a congregation of faithful people than it is when we try going our own way. And so, as I am about to leave you, I do express the hope that the present team spirit will continue for years to come. There are signs that St. Paul's Church is capable of holding the traditions it has received from the past. There is no grander work than carrying on the Christian Faith from one generation to the next. It is a high calling, and I believe you will rise to the confidence the Master is placing in you, and I trust your faith will continue to be rooted in the Lord Jesus Christ and in Him alone.

Finally, may I request your prayers for me in my future ministry at Great Houghton, Yorks, where I shall be curate-in-charge. Like St. Paul's, the people there hold the puritan traditions which they have inherited from previous curates. By God's Grace I hope to minister to their spiritual needs just as it has been my privilege here in Northumberland Heath.

Yours ever sincerely in Christ,

EDWIN CHANT.

Choir Needs.

The boys have been supplied with ruffs and Mrs. Shoveller has kindly undertaken to wash and iron them if someone can let her have a goffering iron. Please, if you have such an iron, will you either give, sell or lend it to Mrs. Shoveller, 29 Horsa Road.

MISSIONARY.

Missionary Exhibition.

Our five day Missionary Exhibition is now over. We have seen something of the problems facing the new community in many parts of the world, the situation to-day and the possibilities of the future for the women of the East, the bridges that need building between the Hindu and Moslem and Pakistan, the development of Christianity in China from the year St. Augustine came to England and the special problems and opportunities of Christian work among the Jews.

We have seen something of the life of an Indian Village and the degraded existence of the Outcaste. Among such people the Rev. and Mrs. Beall, and the Nurse whose salary we supply at Alwaye are working. The problems of the development of East Africa have also been placed before us.

We have heard of the work in their own area from Missionaries who have taken part in the Exhibition. Miss Short from India, Mrs. Macpherson, India, Dr. C. Bacon, China, Miss Wilson, Palestine, the Rev. and Dr. Roberts, West Africa, Miss Hammond, C.M.J., Miss Pittock, C.E.Z.M.S., and Rev. W. F. Jones, C.M.S.

The difficulties confronting Missionaries were realistically shown in the Goodenough Household in "The Link that Nearly Broke" and the marked change in the position when Christian people at home are shown the need and follow God's lead.

What are we going to do about it?

Perhaps there are some who will do nothing. For them the Exhibition has been a failure and the appeals of the Missionaries will fall on deaf ears.

There are some who will want to take a share and have already asked for a Missionary Box and a Missionary Magazine in which to learn more of the work for Christ in many lands. May there be many more to help forward God's work in this way. Perhaps there are some who have realised that God is calling them for work in His vineyard.

For one such person this Exhibition will have been abundantly worthwhile. Let us pray that work begun may be continued steadfastly in His service.

May we thank all our many friends—far too many to mention by name—who took part in the Exhibition. D.E.B.

News from Alwaye.

Friends who remember Mrs. Beall who visited us just before sailing for Alwaye will be pleased to know there is now a little Barbara Beall. When Mrs. Beall returns to Alwaye from the Hills she has plans for the Creche. *But there are so many needs*—supervision, equipment and food being some of the more serious.

The Communist troubles at the Alwaye Union Christian College did not develop and although there is still trouble in nearby colleges, all is quiet here.

Mr. and Mrs. Beall and Miss Beall!! send their greetings to all their friends here at St. Paul's. D.E.B.

Facts.

To make the health service in Great Britain similar to that in India, it would be necessary to take away

- 5 out of every 6 doctors
- 99 out of every 100 dentists
- 99 out of every 100 trained nurses
- 29 out of every 30 hospital beds.

It is repeatedly stated that there is a desperate shortage of nurses in this country, there being one nurse to every 2,000 people. In India there is only one for every 43,000.

In Nigeria there is only one doctor for every 80,000 of the population.

Christian doctors and nurses are urgently needed by the Church Missionary Society for service overseas.

WHOLENESS FOR INDIA.

“India needs Missionaries. She needs the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the Gospel for the whole of life, not a part of it; the Gospel which will bring people into personal relationship with their Heavenly Father, and will include the whole of life within the gracious influence of this relationship.”

Written by a Missionary ? No, by an Indian.

From the Area Secretary, the Rev Walter F. Jones, 6 Dornton Road, South Croydon, Surrey.

ADULT ORGANISATIONS.

Mothers' Union.

Mr. Whiteside's talk on Marriage Guidance was preceded by an excellent American film on the subject and we are indebted to the speaker for his illuminating remarks.

Our outing to Brighton was delightful and the tulips and other flowers in the parks will be a lasting memory. We should like to thank Mrs. Smith for her part in arranging this trip.

Thanks to everyone who rallied round at the Missionary Exhibition as stewards and to those who helped with the refreshments.

A reminder of the Wave of Prayer on Wednesday, June 8th, between 5-5.15, when we as a branch take our part in remembering the members in the Diocese of Goulbourn, Australia.

Our meeting this month will take the form of a trip to Lady Tallent's garden at Sutton-at-Hone on Thursday, June 30th, at 3 p.m., when Mrs. Payne-Cook will be the speaker. Meet Bexleyheath Clock Tower 1.25 to catch the 401 Bus to the door.

We have a Gift Stall at the Garden Fete at the Vicarage on June 25th. Will each member try to interest a friend or neighbour to bring or make something ?

H.C.C.

Women's Fellowship

Wednesdays, 2.45 p.m.

We have had a variety of meetings since our last notes. The Surprise Afternoon proved a great success and will be repeated. We would like to thank Mr. Chant and Mrs. Price for their addresses on other Wednesdays.

With the women of our Church and the Belmont Road Baptists we were able to provide excellent refreshments at the Children's Exhibition. Thanks also go to all those who gave their time and rations to supply teas at our Missionary Exhibition, which was a time of blessing to all present.

We would extend our sympathy to all who have been ill recently, and hope that they are restored to full health by now.

Speakers for June.

- June 1 Miss Stievenard of the Colonial & Continental Church Society.
8 Sister Palmer, C.A.
15 Speaker to be announced.
22 Garden Meeting. Ridgeland's Speaker.
27 Outing to Bournemouth.
29 Church Service. The Vicar.

YOUTH ORGANISATIONS.

Youth Fellowship

Mondays, 8 p.m.

A General Meeting was recently held and a programme was arranged up to September. The following is the programme for the month:—

June 6th (Whit Monday)—Hike. Leaders: I. Betchley and D. Tutt.
Epilogue—M. McLaren.

13th Tennis. Epilogue—K. Nourse.

20th Cycle Ride: M. Cathy. Epilogue—W. Underwood.

27th "Good Turn" Evening (probably practical work at Erith Hospital). Prologue—F. Walker. I.M.

C.M.S. "Discoverers"

Fridays, 7.15 p.m.

The examination for this year is now over, and members are anxiously awaiting the results. They have worked very hard indeed on the Study Material, which, in my opinion, was not nearly so comprehensive as that of past years.

"Discoverers" are now concentrating on a small Missionary Play, which they hope to produce at the forthcoming Parish Garden Party.

I.M.

PAROCHIAL NEWS.

Garden Party.

A garden Party has been arranged for June 25th, 1949, to be held in the Vicarage Garden. Garden opens at 2.15.

Opening Service by Lady Bennett at 2.30 prompt.

Fancy Dress Parade for Children.

An Exhibition of Television by Messrs. Barden & Sons.

Gift Stall, Fruit and Vegetable Stall, Ice Cream and Minerals, Side Shows and Competitions, Teas and Refreshments at moderate prices.

A Concert has been arranged for the evening.

Price of admission: Adults 6d., Children 3d.

Annual Service of the Erith & District Parochial Church Council.

The Annual Service this year will be held in our own Church on Wednesday, 22nd June, at 8 p.m. Our special preacher will be the Rev. P. Wansey, Vicar of East Wickham. We hope all members of the P.C.C. and any others who are interested will make a special effort to attend.

D.E.B.

Personalia.

Mrs. Wingrave wishes to express her thanks to all who have so kindly helped her during her time of recovery from the accident.

The Oak Panelling.

Mowbray's have informed us that they will not now be able to erect the panelling by Whitsun as promised but they are pressing on the work as hard as they can. In the meantime we still need more money. Contributions are not coming in as we had hoped and so we would ask all readers, if they have not done so, to send in at least some small donation. We should like to thank the following for their kind gifts: S.E. (an old friend), Mrs. M. Wells (in memory of A. J. Wells), Mr. H. Nettlingham,

Mr. B. Cotter and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Miles, Mr. E. E. Robinson, Miss N. L. Robinson, B.Sc., Miss Maxime Hate, Mrs. L. L. Odell, Mrs. Lee, Anon., The Rev. A. A. Chapman and Family.

THE ENGLISH PRAYER BOOK.

Quartercentenary Meeting, June 23rd.

Under the presidency of the Bishop of Rochester a public meeting will be held in the Kingsway Hall, London, on Thursday, June 23rd, at 6.30 p.m., in connection with this year's celebration of the fourth centenary of the English Prayer Book.

The speakers will be the Bishop of Worcester, Dr. W. Wilson Cash, who will speak on the Prayer Book in the Anglican Communion; Archdeacon D. E. W. Harrison of Sheffield, who will deal with the Prayer Book in its historical setting; and the Provost of Bradford, the Very Rev. John G. Tiarks, who will talk about the use of the Prayer Book in the life and worship of the Church.

The meeting should prove to be a really inspiring occasion when all loyal churchmen may join to give thanks to God for their great heritage in the Book of Common Prayer.

Admission to the meeting will be by ticket. The price of reserved seats is 1/-, but for parties of ten or over seats will be reserved at 6d. per head. Arrangements are being made to organize such a party from this parish, and it is hoped that many will avail themselves of this special opportunity. Application for tickets should be made to the Vicar, who will also be glad to supply all further information.

Flower Guild.

June 5 Mrs. Baker.	June 26 Sunday School.
12 Mrs. Wootton & Miss Hilder.	July 3 Mrs. & Miss Waddup.
19 Mrs. Giles.	

Sidesman's Rota for June.

June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
Mr. J. Lee	Mr. J. Waddup	Mr. B. Cotter	Mr. D. Tutt
Mr. Pryor	Mr. P. Brown	Mr. L. Weeks	Mr. N. Weeks
Mr. J. Lee	Mr. J. Waddup	Mr. B. Cotter	Mr. D. Tutt
Mr. R. Nourse	Mr. J. Bayley	Mr. H. Holmes	Mr. W. N. Stobart

Collections.

April 24	...	£7 3s. 6d.	May 15	...	£4 13s. 4d.
May 1	...	£4 12s. 4d.	22	...	£8 0s. 0d.
8	...	£6 10s. 0d.			



In Welcome

Baptisms

- March 27 Wendy Felicity, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts.
April 24 Janet Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morley.
Patricia Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hattley.
Barbara Carol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Killick.
Angela, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winch.
Colin William, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carter.
Alan Geoffrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds.
Stuart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darley.
Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawson.

In Congratulation.

Marriages

- April 23 Charles George Barfoot to Patricia Gaster.
May 7 Frederick Harold Goad to Iris Hynard Pritchard.
Henry Charles Robert Harknett to Dorothy Eileen Hart.

BISHOP'S GIFT DAY.

THE ROCHESTER DIOCESAN GREAT APPEAL.

In connection with the Great Appeal Fund the Bishop will be at Christ Church, Bexleyheath, on June 16th, to receive gifts towards the Fund. I do hope as many as possible will make some small gift towards the Fund and if they are unable to present the gift themselves I will gladly present it in their name if they will let me have their contribution.

Thursday, June 16th.

The day fixed for this Day of Gifts is Thursday, June 16th.

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| 10.30 a.m.—1.30 p.m. | } The Bishop will be present at Christ Church,
to receive the Gifts. |
| 3.0 p.m.—5.30 p.m. | |
| 6.30 p.m.—7.30 p.m. | |
- 8.0 p.m. Thanksgiving Service at which the Bishop will preach.

The Purpose of the Fund.

The fund has to meet the following needs:—

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4. Education (Church Schools and Youth Work).
5. The Moral Welfare Homes at Bromley, Erith and Gravesend.
6. Diocesan House (Satis House for Conferences and Youth Centre).

National Health.

Our national well-being depends so much on the vitality of the Church, but the Church cannot perform her task effectively without the support of us all.

The Bishop hopes, therefore, that as many people as possible will take this opportunity of meeting him, and of taking a share in the work of the Diocese.

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Children's Service once a month ...	3.0 p.m.
Choir Practice—Tuesday and Thursday ...	7.0 p.m.
Bible Class—Tuesday ...	8.15 p.m.
Discoverers of the Way—Friday ...	7.15 p.m.
Youth Fellowship—Monday ...	8.0 p.m.
Young Men's Association—Wednesday ...	8.0 p.m.
C.E.M.S.—Last Thursday in the Month ...	8.0 p.m.
Mothers' Union—Fourth Thursday in the Month	3.0 p.m.
Women's Fellowship—Wednesday ...	2.45 p.m.
Cubs—Monday ...	7.0 p.m.
Brownies—Tuesday and Wednesday ...	4.0 p.m.
Guides—Wednesday ...	7.0 p.m.
Scouts—Friday ...	7.0 p.m.

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Toe H.—Tuesday ...	8.0 p.m.

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