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CALENDAR FOR MAY.

- May 1 2nd SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.  
 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer—**Family Service.**  
 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 2 Monday,  
 8.0 p.m. Men's Fellowship.
- 3 Tuesday,  
 7.30 p.m. Church Council.
- 5 Thursday,  
 10.0 a.m. Holy Communion (St. Philip and St. James).  
 8.0 p.m. Bible and Prayer Fellowship.
- 8 3rd SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.  
 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.  
 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 12 Thursday,  
 8.0 p.m. Bible & Prayer Fellowship.  
**MISSIONARY WEEK-END.**
- 14 Saturday,  
 3.0 p.m. **The Missionary Market**—Community Centre.  
 7.30 p.m. **Missionary Rally and Exhibition**—Iron Room.  
 Film: "O for a thousand tongues".
- 15 Sunday,  
**C.M.S. Annual Deputation.**  
 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer—  
**Parade Service** } Preacher: The Rev. D.  
 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer } N. Sargent, M.A., Prin-  
 cipal, C.M.S. Men's  
 Training College.
- 19 Thursday,  
 8.0 p.m. British & Foreign Bible Society Annual Meet-  
 ing—Iron Room.
- 22 5th SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.  
 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer.  
 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Holy Communion.
- 26 Thursday,  
 10.0 a.m. Holy Communion (Ascension Day).  
 8.0 p.m. Bible & Prayer Fellowship.
- 29 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION.  
 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer—Adult Baptisms.  
 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer—The Rev. J. J. Brown, B.D.
- June 1 Wednesday,  
 7.30 p.m. Confirmation Service—the Lord Bishop of  
 Rochester.
- 2 Thursday,  
 8.0 p.m. Bible and Prayer Fellowship.
- 5 WHIT SUNDAY.  
 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer—**Family Service.**  
 3.0 p.m. Children's Service.  
 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Holy Communion.

The  
VICAR'S



LETTER.

My dear Friends,

As I write this letter the sounds of our Easter worship are just dying away, and the Church, having been thronged by crowds of happy and rejoicing worshippers, is now empty and quiet. Perhaps in our hearts there is a tinge of sadness because Easter is over for another year. But is not the real gladness of Easter that however brief the Easter Festival itself—and it can never last longer than twenty-four hours—the living Christ is with all those who are alive to Him all the time. The Christian life is in fact no less that living day by day in harmony, fellowship and obedience with the risen Master who said "I am with you always". This rightly understood would, I believe, revitalise contemporary Christianity out of all recognition. Neither a Christian nor a Church can be dead or dull if the living Christ is at the centre of life and worship.

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### Missionary Endeavour.

The arrival of our Annual Missionary Week-end is a timely reminder of our responsibilities towards the larger Church of God.

In connection with our forthcoming missionary week-end may I remind you of the affirmation made at the World Council of Churches' meeting at Evanston:—

**"Evangelism, in order to be true evangelism, must cease to be a duty. It must become an inevitability. The shepherd looking for his lost sheep is not fulfilling a duty. A mother praying for her erring child is not meeting an obligation. A Church declaring God's judgments to the people is not just obeying a call. A friend sharing his friendship with Jesus is not simply discharging a responsibility. 'The love of Christ constrains us', says St. Paul."**

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### Confirmation.

One has to go back to the year 1936 to find a higher number of candidates for Confirmation than there are this year, and the number of adult candidates of 21 years of age and over has never been surpassed and only once equalled since the Church was consecrated in 1901. The steadily increasing number of people in their middle age seeking to be confirmed is one of the most encouraging signs of a slow, but definite, return to the Christian faith in recent years. The Confirmation will be conducted by Dr. C. M. Chavasse, Lord Bishop of Rochester, who will be coming to say goodbye to St. Paul's on the occasion of his retirement.

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Sunday, 24th April, marks the beginning of our fifth year of ministry at St. Paul's. How time flies! My wife joins me in thanking you all most sincerely for the many expressions of goodwill and rich Christian fellowship we are privileged to share with you, and for your most generous Easter offering.

Yours most sincerely,  
ROBERT GOLDSPINK.

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Requests for Baptism and Callings of Banns of Marriage should be made to the Vicar. At least seven days notice should be given.

Material for inclusion in the June issue of the magazine should be handed to the Vicar not later than Sunday, 15th May.

## ANNUAL MISSIONARY WEEK-END.

All readers are invited to keep the 14th and 15th May free for our Annual Missionary Week-end, which this year should prove to be most helpful.

The Lady Opener of the Missionary Market is to be Mrs. Henry Sutton, wife of the General Secretary of the South American Missionary Society. Mr. Sutton will also be present and as notified in last month's magazine, has presented four prizes to be won by children up to the age of 16 for the best missionary paintings and essays.

The film "O for a thousand tongues" will be presented by Mr. R. S. Code of the Wycliffe Bible Translators and tells of the work of this international faith mission in South America. The Missionary Jungle Aviation and Radio Service aircraft are shown flying in and supporting Bible translators in previously inaccessible territories. "O for a thousand tongue" arouses a real yearning that the thousand languages that have not yet received the Bible may soon be given the Word of God. Be sure to see this challenging film.

The Rev. D. N. Sargent, our Deputation Speaker will come to St. Paul's with many years of missionary experience behind him in China. From 1934 to 1950 Mr. Sargent worked in West China and has taught in the West China Union University and the West China Union Theological College. Much of his pastoral and evangelistic work was among students and for a time he was the Bishop's Commissary with the oversight of the Diocese of West Szechwan in the absence of the Bishop. Since April 1951 Mr. Sargent has been Principal of the Men's Training Training College at Chislehurst. In the summer of 1957 Mr. Sargent toured Nigeria on behalf of C.M.S., visiting the Society's Stations and conducting conferences and retreats for Clergy.

The target for the Sale of Work is £100 which will be shared by the C.M.S., C.M.J., and the C.P.-A.S. There will be a large variety of stalls and light refreshments will be served. Gifts for sale on the stalls will be gladly received. Admission to the Market is by programme or at the door, price 3d.

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### Missionary Exhibition.

A new focus will be given to this year's missionary week-end by the Exhibition to be staged by the Youth Fellowship in the Church Hall. With guidance given by Headquarters of the Missionary Societies, work has been going on for many weeks now and maps, models, exhibits, pamphlets, pictures, photographs and tape recordings will highlight the facets of the mission field and the life and work of our friends who work for Christ in Africa especially, and elsewhere.

The exhibition will be open all the missionary week-end and we hope that everyone will come and look round.

R.W.A.B. C.S.

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### British and Foreign Bible Society.

The Annual Meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society will this year be held in the Iron Room at St. Paul's on Thursday, 19th May, at 8 p.m. Representatives from all churches in the district will be present and a representative from Bible Society Headquarters will be present to speak and illustrate the Society's work with coloured transparencies. The Vicar of St. Paul's will be appointed as Chairman of the Erith Auxiliary of the Bible Society for the coming year. There will also be a bookstall, and a Bring and Buy Stall, and refreshments will be served. All proceeds will be on behalf of the Society.

(Mrs.) G. Newlyn, Hon. Sec., Erith Auxiliary.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

### Brief Extracts from the Vicar's Report.

1959 was the best year to-date in the Vicar's experience at St. Paul's. There had been blessings on three fronts, spiritual, financial and numerical. These advances were due to the faithfulness of God Himself. On all points where we, as a Church, had been true to our calling, we had been blessed in no small measure.

**Staff:** St. Paul's was greatly privileged to have the service of three clergymen and their wives. There was a need for a lady-worker also, to help with the youth and women's work and among the increasing number of elderly and infirm people. Tribute was paid to Mr. Norgate for his work in many spheres. In all probability Mr. and Mrs. Norgate would be leaving during the summer, having worked in the parish for three years. There was also a possibility that Mr. Barrett would be leaving this year having rendered invaluable service. There would probably be no replacements of staff for at least a year which would place heavy strain on all leaders of organisations. The co-operation of everyone was necessary in order to retain the gains of recent years.

**Spiritual Blessing:** This had been definite but unostentatious and seen in the quickening of spiritual fellowship. The Children's Mission in January in the worst of weather saw an average of 119 children present nightly, 30 of whom acknowledged independently the help they had received. The most obviously encouraging sign of open blessing had been the Guest Service concluding the Children's Mission when ten adults and six young people professed conversion out of 21 persons remaining behind for counselling. The value of this is incalculable for the individual and Church. It had given a tremendous start to 1960. God was handing St. Paul's an open cheque across which was written "Be it unto you according to your faith".

Two members, Mr. Colin Ford and Mr. Alan McCabe had passed The Church Selection Boards for training for the ministry and would be proceeding to Theological Colleges. Two other of our young people had been accepted for missionary service abroad, and Edwin Newlyn was working in E. Africa with the Missions to Seamen.

**Missionary Giving:** This had increased in 1959 by some 20% owing to increasing concern about the Christian stewardship of life. Over £353 was given to missionary and charitable causes. 36 new prayer books had also been sent to a mission school in Nigeria.

**Church income** from all sources had increased to an all-time best. The 36 members of the new weekly offering scheme were contributing £4 14s. 0d. weekly of new income. The monthly offering scheme, with only half the membership of five years ago, had contributed the best total in its history of £207. There was ample room for new members for both schemes and particularly from new church members who had joined St. Paul's since last autumn. Covenanted gifts had also brought in considerable new income.

**Parish Prayer Fellowship:** Attention was again given to the mediocre support given to the Parochial Bible and Prayer Fellowship which ought to be the power house, spiritually, of the Church. Attendance had improved a little but should be much greater. A pleasing development and extension of the Bible and Prayer Fellowship was the considerable number who were members of the Parish Prayer Fellowship and were taking and using the Parish Monthly Prayer Paper.

**New Church Hall:** News had just been received that the owner of the land to the rear of the Church had finally refused to sell to the Church. Now that it was known what land was available, plans were being drawn up accordingly. £517 was added to the new hall fund in 1959, a considerable portion of which had come from the boxes in the homes of friends of St. Paul's.

**Challenge:** No one could pretend there were no problems. The greatest of these was the weakness each member knew to be within himself. The great challenge was the vast number of families in the neighbourhood who who could find no room nor place in their lives for the Church of Jesus Christ.

Thanks were extended to all, mostly unnamed, for the many ways they had contributed to the smooth running of the Church, and for the furtherance of all for which it stood. There was much still to be done. Each member must bring his own particular gift, and in joint prayer and labour reach out to bring others in. The future belonged to those who were willing to dedicate themselves to the task in hand.

## *Between Ourselves...*

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Roy Farrar and Sheila Rampton on their recent engagement and every happiness to them as they plan their future.

Clive Simmonds and Christine Twitcham have been awarded Certificates of Civic Recognition for their services to the community. These were presented to them by the Mayor at the Erith Council Meeting on the 27th April.

**WELL DONE:** all those workers and contributors who helped with the recent Church Army Flag Day. Over £10 was raised in the shopping centre. Thank you!

**SERVICE:** a sincere thank you to Mrs. Dorothy Bowkett and Janet Wilson for taking the oversight of our Thursday Brownie Pack, and to Mrs. Long of 110 Hengist Road for assuming responsibility for our 1st Erith Guide Company.

**DEEP SYMPATHY:** to Mr. and Mrs. White of Church Road, Bexleyheath, on the loss of their infant child shortly after birth. Mrs. White is a member of the 'Young Wives' and both she and Mr. White would greatly value the prayers of our members at this time.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK:** this is from 9th to 14th May. A door to door collection is being organised in the parish by Mr. Bruce McLaren and members are asked to give as generously as they can to this vital Christian aid to refugees.

## SUNDAY, 25th MAY

will be a special day in two respects. At 11 a.m. there will be the Baptism of two adults in readiness for the Confirmation a few days later, and in the evening there is to be an "exchange of pulpits", arranged by the Erith and District Council of Churches, when the Vicar will be exchanging with the Rev. J. J. Brown, B.D., of the Queen's Street Baptist Church, Erith. Both occasions are worthy of the support of every member. The "exchange" has been arranged to help and further Christian unity and all Churches will be taking part.

## Oakhurst Open Day.

The Annual Open Day and Garden Party of the Oakhurst Mother and Baby Home this year is to be held at Oakhurst on Saturday, 21st May at 2.15 p.m. St. Paul's with all other parishes in the district, will be providing a stall and members are invited to contribute cakes. If necessary the cakes may be left at the Vicarage or taken direct to Oakhurst clearly labelled for the St. Paul's stall.

## NEWS FROM ORGANISATIONS.

**Mothers' Union :** Many thanks to all who helped with the Easter decorations. Quite a number of people say they had never seen the Church look lovelier—well done !

On 12th May, Mrs. Bavington will talk to us from her own experiences of missionary work overseas.

The support of all members is invited for the Missionary Week-end Market and Rally on the 14th (we will be having our usual stall), and at the Special Services on Sunday, 15th.

K.E.G.

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**Women's Fellowship :** This month brings us the Missionary Market, at which we shall be serving tea and refreshments, and holding a beverage stall for the sale of tea, coffee, cocoa, etc. If anyone can spare a gift for either of these stalls we should be most grateful.

On 4th May we are to have a film called "The Kentish Times Story"; on 11th, Miss Purce from the Missions to Seamen; and on the 18th Mrs. Little, a member of the Young Wives, will talk and sing to us.

Mrs. Powell has a few seats left for the Stratford-on-Avon outing for any who would care to join us.

A.G.L.

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**Young Wives :** This month we have the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Lee of Deptford, a very well known and appreciated speaker at our afternoon meeting on the 3rd, and on the 17th we have our old and always welcome friend, Mr. Bernard Cotter.

Our Bible Studies this month are at Mrs. Lewis's, 11 Silecroft Road, at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesdays, 10th, 24th and 31st, and there will be tennis at Russell Park every Wednesday, if fine.

H.M.B.

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**1st Erith Guide Company (St. Paul's) :** Thee following girls are to be congratulated on winning the awards against their names :—Second Class—Pat Crisp, Leslie Robson, Margaret McMillan. Proficiency Badges—Wendy Roberts (Hostess), Lynda Miles (Gymnast, Toymaker, Hostess), Janet Wisdom (First Aid), Marilyn Benton (Gymnast, Health), Julie Martin (Hostess, Knitters), Ruth Martin (Knitters), Pat Crisp (Hostess, Laundress), Margaret McMillan (Gymnast), Eunice Joss (Toymaker). 1st Year Stars—Leslie Robson, Linda Long. 2nd Year Stars—Jacqueline Suckling, Joy Hale, Ruth Martin. 3rd Year Stars—Eunice Joss, Julie Martin, Wendy Roberts.

C. Twitchen, Acting Lieut.

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**2nd Erith Guide Company (St. Paul's) :** We were pleased to welcome into our company Janet Moreley, a Brownie recruit from 2nd Erith Brownie Pack, and recruit Kay Cooper.

Congratulations to Noela Saunders, Hilary Delderfield, Pat Bailey, Linda Wilkie and Margaret Cave in attaining their Second Class badges; Noela Saunders, Pat Bailey, their Patrol Leader's Stripes, and Hilary Delderfield and Margaret Cave their Patrol Second Stripe.

(Mrs.) J. A. Martin, Captain.



# PARISH REGISTER.

## In Welcome :

## Baptisms.

- March 27 Tobias Richard William, son of William and Patricia Warren.  
 27 Stephen Paul Henry, son of Alan and Patricia Smith.  
 27 John, son of Nathaniel and Liliias Patterson.  
 April 10 Leigh David, son of Kenneth and Gwendoline Austin.  
 10 James Darryl, son of Dennis and Vivienne Streeton.  
 10 Stephen, son of Clarence and Patricia Randall.

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## In Congratulation :

## Weddings.

- March 26 Leonard Pictor Lawrence to Margaret Rose Bingham.  
 26 Derek Pease to Jennifer Ann Hobdell.  
 April 2 Derek Cowper to Daphne Elizabeth Rogers.  
 2 John Ewen to Ann Willis.  
 16 Roy Meacham Nicholls to Frederica Elizabeth Walker.  
 16 Brian Albert Colegate to Margaret Ellen Stott.

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## In Sympathy :

## Funerals.

- March 28 Mary Anne Primett, 45 years, 7 Emes Road.  
 April 7 Emma Catherine White, 81 years, 187 Brook Street.

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**Flower Guild :** May 7th—Mrs. Downs; 14th—Mrs. R. Baker; 21st—Mrs. Barrett; 28th—Mrs. Weeks; June 4th—Young Wives (Whitsun).

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## Sidesmen's Rota.

	8 a.m.	11 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
May 8	J. Bailey.	F. Barton.	D. Bye; N. Dogliani.
15	J. Douglass.	R. Farrer.	C. Giles; J. Loveley.
22	H. McCabe.	A. Manning.	B. McLaren; A. Meinertzhagen.
29	A. Mills.	J. New.	R. Nicholls; J. Waddup.
June 5	J. Appleton.	P. Ayres.	R. Baker; J. Bailey.

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## Collections.

	Collection.	Freewill Offering.	Total.
March 6	£14 3 6	£11 13 6 (£4 16 0)*	£25 17 0
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