

Parish News

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH

MARCH
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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MILL ROAD

Sunday Services

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. Family Service (with nursery and children's classes)
11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Parish Communion on second Sunday in the month)
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (The Lord's Supper on the fourth Sunday)

Staff

Clergy: Rev. G. C. Grinham, The Vicarage,
44 Colyers Lane (Erith 32809)
Rev. A. B. Leighton, 113 Belmont Road
(Erith 34762)

Lay Readers:

Mr. A. D. Greensmith, 32 Shakespeare Rd.
Bexleyheath.
Mr. H. W. Holmes, 9 Cavendish Avenue
(Erith 36519)
Mr. R. F. Parker, 85 Chessington Av.
Bexleyheath (Erith 34417)

Organist:

Mr. A. D. Greensmith

Church Officers

Wardens: Mr. N. Weeks, 24 Hengist Road
(Erith 40279)
Mr. E. A. Wheble, 18 Silecroft Road,
Bexleyheath (01-303-5451)

Treasurer: Mr. P. W. Ayres, 67 Horsa Road
(Erith 34563)

Information about the different Church organisations and activities will appear from time to time in the magazine. A list of Church organisation leaders may be found on the notice board in the Church porch.

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

- 1 8.00 p.m. "Christian Standards": Fellowship Hour (Vicarage)
- 8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class (Vicarage)
- 4 8.00 p.m. "Open House" - Vicarage to meet Bishop Kenneth Howell
- 5 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT: SOUTH AMERICAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
- 10.00 a.m. Family and Parade Service : Preacher for the Day: Bishop Kenneth Howell
- 8 8.00 p.m. "Christian Standards": Fellowship Hour (Vicarage)
- 8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class (Vicarage)
- 12 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT: MOTHERING SUNDAY
- 10.00 a.m. Mothering Sunday Family Service
- 11.00 a.m. Parish Communion
- 15 8.00 p.m. "Christian Standards": Fellowship Hour (Vicarage)
- 8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class (Vicarage)
- 17 8.15 p.m. Pastoral Unit Meeting (Vicarage)
- 19 PASSION SUNDAY
- 10.00 a.m. Family Service (Holy Communion)
- 8.00 p.m. A Short Recital of Music by members of Bexley Ensemble & Ann Greensmith
- 22 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 8.00 p.m. "Christian Standards": Fellowship Hour (Vicarage)
- 8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class (Vicarage)
- 26 PALM SUNDAY
- 6.30 p.m. Lord's Supper
- 28 TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK
- 8.00 p.m. "The Passover" - vividly demonstrated by Mr. Eric Lipson (Belmont Road Baptist Church)
- 29 WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK
- 8.00 p.m. Devotional Service : Preacher: The Dean of Rochester (Bishop Stanley Betts, C.B.E.) (Belmont Baptist Church)
- 30 MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 8.00 p.m. The Lord's Supper
- 31 GOOD FRIDAY
- 10.30 a.m. Family Service - afterwards Bread

FROM THE VICAR

My dear Friends,

The Christian Mind

War - Poverty - Racial Violence - Student Protest - Industrial Unrest. Contemporary world upheaval has reached alarming proportions. None of us dares suggest there is an easy solution to any of the problems. Our leaders do not know which way to turn. Christians appear by their silence to be equally baffled. Thus, the false impression is given that Christianity has nothing of direct importance to say to the modern world. I have just been re-reading Harry Blamires' well-informed and challenging book, "The Christian Mind" (SPCK), in which he submits that, because we so often fail to be explicit on matters of current import, the world does not know there is a Christian mind - "we have become afraid of our convictions", and forgotten that Christianity is not a matter of opinion, but a matter of fact. Our task at St. Paul's must be to equip Christians in every part of their thinking to distinguish between right and wrong, between good and evil, and, wherever necessary, with grace and clarity to speak out.

Church Wardens

I must pay tribute to Mr. Norman Weeks and Mr. Edmund Wheble on their retirement as Church Wardens at the recent Annual Meeting. As a Church, we would like to assure them of our very real gratitude for all that they have done over many years, as we wish them God's continuing blessing in their life and witness among us. Equally, we congratulate Mr. Derrick Blacker and Mr. Alan Hunt on their election as Wardens, and I know that we shall all give to them our support in prayer and co-operation once they are admitted to the office by the Archdeacon of Bromley on a date which I hope soon to announce.

"Special" Sundays

March 5 is South American Missionary Society Sunday in the parish, and it will be our privilege to welcome as preacher, The Right Reverend Kenneth Howell, formerly Bishop of Chile, Bolivia and Peru. Mothering Sunday is on March 12, when I should like to encourage all parents and children connected with St. Paul's to attend the 10 a.m. Family Service. Please make this a talking point among your neighbours and friends.

Yours very sincerely,
GARTH C. GRINHAM.

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MOTHERS UNION: We were very pleased to have a return visit of Mrs. Wright at our January meeting.

March 14th: Lenten Service in Church

March 22nd: Corporate Communion

Wed. March 22nd: Deanery Quiet Hour 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. in St. Paulinus Church, Crayford conducted by the Rural Dean. It is hoped that as many as possible will try to come.

May I remind members that we are responsible for decorating the Church at Easter.

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DID YOU KNOW?

That members of St. Pauls meet with members of Christ Church, Bexleyheath to pray for South America, the first Sunday of alternate months, (January, March, etc.) at 4.15 p.m. in the Roberts Hall - a cup of tea is provided.

You also are welcome to join us.

BOOK-LOOK

January is usually a slow month for business on the bookstall but this year sales have been booming. In particular, special orders of books to be given as presents have increased sharply. Have you discovered yet how a book can be a most acceptable gift?

Staff Changes

From this month Joan and Derek Forrester will be looking after the bookstall and taking your orders. Please don't hesitate to inquire from them about any book you may want. We do wish them God's blessing in this ministry.

Mrs. Vi Blacker will still be looking after your Scripture Union Bible Reading Notes. There are notes to cater for every age and taste.

Vicar's Vote

"I just couldn't put it down" - and he assured me it wasn't because he had got sticky jam on the cover! The book he was talking about is "Is Revolution Change?" ed. Brian Griffiths (30p). This lively and very readable book deals with the very relevant topic of "revolution" and the Christian attitude to it. A book to read for Lent.

For Children

A new series of children's story books has recently been published for the 7-9 year age range, called "William and Wendy" books. At 20p each these are excellent value and at present there are four in the series.

Book Sale

The annual sale of old stock will take place on Sunday 19th March. I can assure you of some real bargains.

ADRIAN LEIGHTON.

1st ERITH GUIDES

Congratulations to the guides who have gained the following badges:-

DIANE BUNCLARK	-	CAMPER
SUSAN BURGUM	-	HOMEMAKER
MOYRA CHRISTIE	-	TOYMAKER
JULIE STOCKDALE	-	HOMEMAKER
GILLIAN WHITE	-	STITCHERY and Arts & Crafts Emblem

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2nd ERITH GUIDES

Congratulations to DEBRA GREASEY who has gained her GYMNAST'S badge.

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1st ERITH (ST. PAULS) RANGER GUIDE
SERVICE UNIT.

On Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. three very different organisations meet in the Church Hall, The British Legion, The Men's Association, and St. Pauls Ranger Guide Service Unit. The last mentioned group can be found in the subsidiary hall, they might be discussing a service project, helping the aged or assisting with Guide or Brownie Units, they could be planning a camp or an expedition, or discussing the progress made in their Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme. You might find them outside the hall cooking supper on a variety of stoves or practising compass work; or they might even be in the kitchen making fudge.

Although Rangers are part of the Girl Guide Association all girls between 14½ and 20 are welcome to join even if they have never been Guides. Rangers have opportunity to meet others from other areas on a variety of county activities, also to work with Venture Scouts on united projects, outdoor adventure courses, etc. If you are between 14½-20 and feel that eating Chinese food, climbing mountains, visiting Belgium, stocking a bazaar handicrafts stall, babysitting, or innumerable other activities might appeal to you why not come and meet us? Details from: Miss Lynda Miles, 9 Northumberland Way, Erith.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Some 50 church members (that is under a quarter of those on the electoral roll) attended the Annual Church Meeting on Monday 14th February. Perhaps it was the threat of a power-cut which discouraged others from coming but for those who did come, candle or torch in hand it proved a very good meeting.

New Church Wardens

In the Annual Vestry Meeting which began the evening, the important business was the election of Church Wardens. Mr. Grinham told the meeting of the intention of Mr. Norman Weeks and Mr. Edmund Wheble not to stand for this office this year, having served 11 and 7 years respectively. Mr. Greensmith thanked them for their hard work during this time.

Two nominations for warden had been received, Mr. Derrick Blacker and Mr. Alan Hunt and these were accepted as the new wardens.

Thanks and Praise

The Reports opened the Annual Church Meeting which were noticeable for their note of optimism and encouragement. We heard that the condition of the church building apart from a section of the roof was good as also was our bank balance. Indeed the financial aspect of our Church's life last year is one to thank God for.

The election for P.C.C. members produced the closest of results with Miss Jago, Mr. Condy, Mr. Lindridge and Mr. Alexander being elected with Mr. Forrester standing by to take Mr. Blacker's place.

In his report, which had the keynote of praise, Mr. Grinham referred to the Family Service being a witness to the importance of the Family Unit in society. In a time of the church's adjustment to to-day and in the stresses which must occur and must be accepted, there was a "need to stand together so as to be able to stand on our own in society". "Our world needs Jesus Christ and so does our parish", he reminded us.

Flower Guild for March

March	4th	Mrs. Waddup
"	11th	Mrs. Mayell
"	18th	Mrs. Grinham
"	25th	Flower Fund
April	1st	Mother's Union

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Money Matters

Collections for January:

£

Loose Cash: 90.75

Sharing Scheme 117.86

Total 208.61

For C.M.J. £7.18

We praise God for his mercies to us.

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EASTER OFFERINGS

The Church Wardens, with the approval of the Church Council and following the ancient custom of the Church, will present the Easter Sunday collections and offerings as a personal gift to the Vicar, and they ask for your liberal support, that this gift may be worthy appreciation of his work and ministry in this parish.

Contributions from any who may be absent will be gladly added by the Church Wardens.

N.W.

E.W.

PARISH REGISTER

We welcome into the fellowship of the Church in
Baptism:

Jan. 30 Mark, son of Peter and Doris Blanchard
Helen Mary, daughter of David and Susan
Woolsgrove

We congratulate on their Wedding:

Jan. 8 John Graham Ratcliff and Susan Yeardsley

We extend our sympathy to the relatives of:

Jan. 12 Percy Everett Clarke, 112 Horsa Road,
aged 82 years
13 William Randolph Simms, 21 Doris
Avenue, aged 65 years
17 Albert Benjamin Hamilton, 7 Becton Place
aged 30 years
19 Mary Elizabeth Anne Lee, 7 St. Paul's
Road, aged 80 years
27 Charles John Luff, 58 Ightham Road,
aged 66 years

Feb. 1 Maud Rosetta Chesnutt, 66 Rydal Drive,
aged 91 years
2 Lilian Ellen Earley, 9 Ramsden Road,
aged 62 years
3 Annie Elizabeth Shonk, 20 Highfield
Avenue, aged 71 years
Sidney Lancelot Graham, 268 Belmont
Road, aged 61 years
9 Charles William Sims, 110 Horsa Road,
aged 70 years
10 Jessie Olive Sissons, 12 Pear Tree
Close, aged 64 years
15 John Gardner, 27 Lochmere Close, aged
83 years

A useful guide to local shops and businesses

BABY and CHILDREN'S WEAR

Smalltimers, 349 Bexley Road (Erith 37515)

ATHLETIC CLUB

Erith & District Athletic Club: Mr. Tom Gordon,
89 Carlton Road, Erith. (Erith 35092)

BUILDERS and DECORATORS

L. C. F. Ash, 3 Colyers Lane (Erith 35241)

BUTCHER

F. G. Ellen & Son, 343 Bexley Road (Erith 34685)
Frank Williams Ltd., 251 Bexley Road
(Erith 32328) (Home Freezer Service)

CARDS and GIFTS

The Card Shop, 230 Bexley Road (Erith 46178)

DO-IT-YOURSELF

Do-it-yourself Shop, 341 Bexley Road
(Erith 30586)

FLORIST

Bell's, 211 Bexley Road (Erith 34045)

FRUITERERS and GREENGROCERS

A. & J. Harrington, 129 Birling Road
(Erith 35796)
Walters, 7A Belmont Road (Erith 35549)

FUNERAL and MEMORIAL SERVICE

Donald Hind, 10 West Street (Erith 32466)
R.A.C.S., Funeral Service, 202 Bexley Road
(Erith 32925)

GROCER

L. Bennett, 36 Brook Street (Erith 33719)
Challiss Stores, 209 Bexley Road.
Walters, 7A Belmont Road (Erith 35549)

LAUNDERETTE

"Lauderama", 261/263 Bexley Road (Erith 41525)

MOTOR and CYCLE ACCESSORIES

J. W. Clarke, 245/255 Bexley Road (Erith 32519)

NEWSAGENTS, TOBACCONISTS & CONFECTIONERS

N. K. & T. R. Goldhagen, 174 Bexley Road
(Erith 32982) (Papers Delivered)
P. L. Spencer, 312 Bexley Road (Erith 32115)

NURSERYMAN (Bedding Plants, etc.)

West Holme Nursery, Heathway (Erith 38474)

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Belmont Photo Agency Ltd., 359 Bexley Road
(Erith 33844)

PLUMBING & CENTRAL HEATING

D. & R. Wiggett, 24 Hurst Road (Erith 36296)
B. Welch, 219 Church Road, Bexleyheath
(01-304-0411)

SPIRELLA CORSETIERE & FASHION CONSULTANT

Mrs. May Wheatley, 24 Ightham Road (Erith 38025)

SWEET SHOP

"The Sweet Shop", E. Myer, 253 Bexley Road
(Erith 35640)

WOOLS AND FANCY GOODS

Hill's, 228 Bexley Road, Erith

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