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## Orsett & Grays Deanery Magazine.

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GRAYS THURROCK



PARISH CHURCH

SS. Peter and Paul),  
with the Church of All Saints', William street.  
PARISH CHURCH.

Vicar: The Rev. A. H. W. SEALLY, The Vicarage  
Assistant { The Rev. J. E. MCKINLEY,  
Curates: { Danbury, Park View Gardens.

Licensed Lay-Reader: Mr. W. J. SULLY,  
Haslemere, High View Avenue

Church Nurse: Nurse MOORE, 8 Hathaway Road.  
Church- { Mr. G. R. H. BROWN, Duvals Pit.  
Wardens: { Mr. J. NEAL,  
Devonia, High View Avenue.

Sidesmen: Messrs. J. W. S. BOWTON, C. CLARKE,  
A. EATON, F. M. FISHER, Dr. FLOYD, C. I.  
FRETTON, A. W. HALL, W. HOLLAMBY, C.  
HORNCastle, R. C. KENT, E. D. LONG,  
D. R. MICHELL, G. L. MICHELL, J. C.  
MITCHELL, G. H. SILVERWOOD & H. J. WALKER.  
Organist & Choirmaster: Mr. G. A. RUXTON.

In cases of need or sickness notice should be given to the Clergy, Lay Reader or District Visitors.

**H**ARVEST Thanksgiving Services will be held on Sunday, Oct. 7th. The greatest service of thanksgiving is the Holy Eucharist—the word Eucharist meaning thanksgiving. We hope that our people will present themselves before God's altar on that day at one of the Celebrations, and offer up their sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for spiritual as well as temporal blessings and gifts received from the Giver of all good things.

### Girls' Friendly Society.

The winter session will begin with a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Parish Church at 7.30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 9th, and a special Service in the same Church at 7 p.m., which Services all Associates and Members are asked to endeavour to attend. The Collections at both Services will be given to the Branch Fund.

### Holy Confirmation.

Classes in preparation for this Sacrament are now being held. It is not late to join them. The Vicar invites all those who have never been confirmed to give in their names to him without further delay.

Our grateful thanks are offered to Miss Lottie Weymouth for so kindly presiding at the organ in Mr. Ruxton's absence, and Mr. Evered for taking the Choir practices on the Thursday evenings, as also to Mr. Shadbolt for his excellent work on the Reader's stool, and to Mr. Rogers and Mr. New for their kindly aid during the month.

### Mr. Sully.

To the great regret of his many friends, Mr. Sully's place has been vacant all through the month, owing to his serious illness. He has been greatly missed, and especially by the Vicar. It is gratifying to know that he is gradually recovering and we all wish him a speedy restoration to health.

The Sunday School and Children's Service will be resumed on Sunday October 7th, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. We appeal to all parents to send their children regularly and in good time as it is very disturbing when children come in late, to say nothing of what the children lose in consequence.

### BAPTISMS.

Aug. 26—Leslie Stanley Martin, Violet Evelyn Aldwinckle; 29—Arthur Percy James Saxendale.  
Sept. 2—Gladys May Smith; 5—Joan Mary Hawks, Margharita Ada Irene Digby; 12—Elsie Florence Crawley, Amy Emma Rolfe; 13—Constance Winifred Burnett, Edna Doris Revell; 16—Constance Marjory Bloss; 19—James Albert Tucker.

funds, but money is *urgently needed* to provide the necessary furniture and meet the expenses of the Hall, for gas, water, caretaker, &c. Through the kindness of the London and Provincial Bank, we have been allowed to overdraw our account up to £150, which is already done. We earnestly hope that the people of South Stifford will make the utmost use they can of the Mission Hall, and help us not only to start, but carry the work forward this winter, in faith and hope.

#### BAPTISMS.

Aug. 26—Marion Bernice Gibson  
Sept. 2—William Walter Causdale  
16—Edward Allen Beauchamp  
16—Robert Reynolds

#### MARRIAGE.

Sept 2—James John Roberts and Doris Elizabeth Marshall

#### BURIAL.

Sept 15—Sarah Elizabeth Brown, aged 23 years

### WENNINGTON

#### *SS. Mary & Peter.*

*Rector:* REV. F. M. SPARKS.  
*Churchwardens:* LT. COL. C. G. F. FAGAN and  
MR. A. MORGAN.  
*Sidesmen:* MESSRS. CROUCH & W. BYFORD.  
*Hon. Organist:* MR. A. G. SWANN.  
*Choirmaster:* MR. C. PARSONS.  
*Sacristan:* MR. H. MAYHEW.  
*Verger and Sexton:* W. PHILLIPS.

Sundays— SERVICES.  
Holy Communion 8.30 (2nd and 4th). Mid-day  
(1st and 3rd).  
Matins and Sermon 11 a.m.  
Children's Service, 1st Sunday in the month,  
3.15 p.m.  
Evensong and Sermon, 6 p.m.

#### The Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PEOPLE—For a fortnight now the builders have been busy over our Church Repairs, and the work will I hope, be finished by the first Sunday in October. And we shall, all, I am sure, be very thankful when the roof is weather tight again, and we can worship God without that miserable “drip, drip, drip” whenever it rains, which it generally seems to do here! *But*—oh! these “buts”—What objectionable things they are!—*But*—it all costs money, alas! in fact, I expect the bill will amount to £126, towards which I have received, or been promised, so far, all told, £86. This means that another £40 is still wanted, and it should of course, be got together as soon as possible, so that we may not be in debt! The tower we must leave to happier days.

The messages for the month from the Sunday Epistles are :—

Oct. 7—*18th Sunday after Trinity*—“The grace of God . . . given you through Jesus Christ”  
14—*19 Sunday after Trinity*—“Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God.”  
21—*20th Sunday after Trinity*—“Be filled with the Spirit.”  
28—*21st Sunday after Trinity*—“Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.”  
Will you sow these few “seeds” deep in your hearts?

Your Friend and Rector,  
F. M. SPARKS.

#### Parish Notes.

The free will offerings for July amounted to £2 7s. 4d., and for August to £1 17s. 4d. — £4 4s. 8d. in all.

Arrangements have been made for our C. L. B. members to drill with the Rainham corps on Tuesday, at 7.45 p.m. The Rector is still waiting for some lads' measurements before he can order uniforms.

Due notice will be given of the days on which we start again our Mothers' Meeting and Evening School.

Please notice that Sunday Evensong is now at 6 o'clock.

#### HOLY BAPTISM

“Suffer the little children to come unto Me”

August 5—Frederick James Horax  
William Walter Ardley

### BULVAN.

#### *S. Mary's.*

*Rector:* Rev. T. A. TEITELBAUM.  
*Licensed Lay-Reader:* Mr. W. M. PETTIFOR.  
*Churchwardens:* Messrs. A. STOWELL and R. H. HACKER.  
*Sidesman:* Mr. W. HAWKES.  
*Organist:* MASTER L. T. TEITELBAUM, A.I.G.C.M.  
*Sexton:* Mr. S. GRAVES.

#### The late Rev. W. G. Littlebales.

ON August 23rd, the body of the late Rev. Walter Gough Littlebales was brought back to his old parish for interment. The Rector received the body at the Lych gate, from whence it was conveyed to the Chancel. A short service followed immediately, attended by the members of the family. On Friday morning there was a celebration of the Holy Communion. The interment took place in the

afternoon in the presence of a large congregation of old parishioners who had known the deceased, and others who came out of respect for one whose name will long be a household word in this village.

The service was conducted by the Rector, Master L. T. Teitelbaum, grandson of the deceased, presided at the organ.

The late Rev. W. G. Littlehales was the son of Dr. C. Littlehales, a much loved physician of Winchester, whose good work is recorded on a tablet erected by the citizens to his memory, in the Cathedral of that city. The late Rector was educated at Winchester, and New College, Oxford, taking his B.A. in 1859, M.A. in 1860. After a year spent at Lichfield Theological College, he was ordained by the Bishop of Oxford to the curacy of Chieveley, Berks, where he remained until 1870, in which year he came to Bulvan as Rector. While at Chieveley, he married Mary J. Robinson, daughter of the Rev. J. E. Robinson, Rector of Chieveley. For 33 years he remained Rector of Bulvan, doing a work which will long live in the hearts of those who knew him as well as in every part of the Parish Church which he loved so well. In addition to the great restoration which he undertook soon after coming to the parish, year by year he made some further improvements, so that the Church he left was very different to the Church to which he came.

The late Rector was a Churchman of the right type, with no sympathy for extremes in either direction; like so many men of his own day he was quite satisfied with the changes and revival in Church life brought about by the more sober leaders of the Oxford Movement. As a parish priest he did his work with reverence, dignity and diligence. Being of a retiring disposition and greatly averse to the modern conception of popularity, he was little known beyond his own parish and deanery. At the special request of Bishop Claughton he filled the office of Rural-dean of Orsett for a few years, but beyond this he occupied no other diocesan office. In 1903 he resigned the charge of Bulvan, but left the parish under the Bishop's License in 1901. Throughout his retirement he kept in close touch with the parish, helping with his usual liberality any work for the Church and parish, while year after year a gift of some kind found its way to the cottage of each old parishioner. He only visited the parish once after his resignation, but many of his old friends found their way to "Bulvan," Muswell Hill, for a talk with "the old Rector," and whenever the Choir visited London, lunch was served at his house. On Monday, August 20th, the end came, after years of suffering, patiently borne, the faithful soul passed to the Paradise of God, loved, mourned and prayed for.

I am consulting with some of the old parishioners as to what steps can be taken to raise some memorial in our Church to the memory of the late

Rector. If we can see our way clear to do something in this way, further notice will be given in the next issue of the Magazine.

On September 19th, an interesting wedding took place in the Parish Church, when Edward Arthur Stowell, son of Mr. A. Stowell, our much respected Churchwarden, was married to Mabel Helen Kirby, youngest daughter of Mrs. E. Kirby. The arrival party was met at the Church door by the Rector and choir and conducted to the Chancel. The processional hymn was "O God, our help in ages past," and that before the address, "How welcome was the Call." The Rector, who had known the bride and bridegroom as young children, addressed them from the Chancel steps, and reminded them of the many ways in which he had been connected with their life. He reminded them of the many joys and even difficulties they would have to face in this new life upon which they were entering, but if they lived as consistently as they had hitherto, every trial and difficulty would have its own particular blessing. The happy couple left the Church to the strains of the "Wedding March," and amidst the good wishes of their relatives and friends. Master L. T. Teitelbaum presided at the organ. Mrs. Kirby received her friends at the Institute, where refreshments were served. The health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by the Rector and responded to by the bridegroom.

We are glad to welcome Mrs. Hardwick who comes to take charge of our Schools. Mrs. Hardwick comes to us highly recommended. We trust that our children will long have the privilege of remaining under her guidance.

An account of the Harvest Thanksgiving will appear in next month's issue of the Magazine.

Lieut. J. M. Pinkerton has left England for the Front. We shall pray for the safe return of our gallant friend, who from the very beginning of the war was always anxious and ready to serve his country in every way possible.

### Notes from St. John's School.

All our Candidates who sat for the Oxford Locals in July, successfully passed the Examination. The result was: *Juniors*—L. T. Teitelbaum, 3rd Class Honours, with distinction in Latin. *Preliminary*—P. M. Teitelbaum, 3rd Class Honours, with distinction in English; S. H. Snelling obtained a Pass. The two last candidates took the higher papers in Arithmetic, and Mathematics. The Winter Term began on September 26th. The Juniors and Seniors have no need to think of Examiners for some time to come, but the Preliminary Candidates must mark well "July, 1918."