

# Shere Parish Magazine

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MARCH, 1944.

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MY DEAR PEOPLE,

We must be thankful for a mild winter, and spring is near at hand—so also is Lent—Ash Wednesday on February 23rd and Easter on April 9th. The due observance of Lent in wartime is, we all know, rather difficult on account of early “black-out” and hard work for so many. But I ask you all to do your utmost. Spiritual growth and strengthening of character are as dependent on our efforts as a good harvest on farm or garden depend upon the work we do in preparing and manuring the ground. As a rule we can only expect a yield in proportion to the hard work we put into anything that we do. The master artist or musician only attain their high achievements after years of patient and untiring effort. In the same way in religion, to become a man or woman of strong and reliable character demands long and continuous effort—by earnest prayer, self-discipline, Bible study, by the regular worship of God in church, and by coming often to receive God’s help in the Holy Communion. Our Lord praised the way in which men of the world laboured to become successful, and blamed people for their lack of effort to win the great rewards which true religion has to offer. And yet we know that many who call themselves Christians imagine they can become experts in worship and prayer by a very occasional visit to God’s House, and by attending Holy Communion perhaps at Christmas and Easter. As a matter of fact, it cannot be done in this slipshod way. Such people never get the help they look for from religion on such easy terms. They do not become religious enough for their religion to do them any real good, or to bring to them the fruit of a good and holy life. Religion needs all the careful practice that the good artist has had to put into his work before he reaches a reasonably high standard of achievement.

These words of mine are written with great humility, but in warning and encouragement. All around us many are giving up the practice of religion altogether, and are ceasing to make any real effort. Bibles are kept shut, knees are getting too stiff to kneel, churches are only a quarter filled, and children and young people are following the examples of their parents and elders. Where is it going to stop? When are we going to make a new start? The Lenten call says “Begin now.”

Yours very sincerely,

PAGET M. BOWMAN, *Rector.*

You will all be glad to hear that the Rev. E. R. Hougham, A.K.C., who has been for five or six years Vicar of All Saints’, Northfleet, near Gravesend, has accepted the post of assistant priest and curate of Shere. I received a charming testimonial as to his work and personality from his Rural Dean. He will come as soon as he can, but I do not yet know on what date. He has a wife and two children.

P.M.B.

## SHERE NOTES.

MOTHERS' UNION. Corporate Communion, Thursdays, March 2nd, and April 6th. The half-yearly service will be held on Thursday, March 23rd, in church at 3 p.m. Miss Davey has now finished her course of four lectures, which were all excellent and were very much appreciated.

HOLY BAPTISM. Sundays, March 5th, and April 2nd, at 2.45 p.m. The Rector must be informed.

SHERE VILLAGE HALL. At the annual meeting on February 18th it was decided that no children under 13 should be admitted to adult dances, and that children aged 13 to 14 may attend only if accompanied by their parents.

HOLY WEEK. The full arrangements for services will be published next month.

YOUNGER COMMUNICANTS. A goodly number attended at 8 a.m. on February 13th, and we hope that it may become the custom to come in this way on each second Sunday of the month, as well as on the Great Church Festivals. We also invite Sunday School teachers and Youth Club helpers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. Miss Florence Mason, we are glad to report, has joined the teaching staff.

DEPARTURE OF THE REV. R. W. POPE. We all very much regret the approaching departure of Mr. Pope to become a Naval Chaplain, after March 5th, and we are sorry he has to leave at such short notice and after only fourteen months' work here. He has been very popular in Peaslake, and has done excellent work among young people, and in helping to build up a very solid body of regular communicants. Our good wishes go with him in his new work.

IN MEMORIAM. By the death of Mr. Harry Mason, on February 29th, Shere loses a faithful friend and a good citizen. He was 79, and had been in failing health for several years. He was for very many years a choirman and bellringer. He was a man of upright character, and a loving husband and father, and we offer our sympathy to his family. His familiar and kindly presence among us will be sadly missed. R.I.P.

THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING. This was held at Shere on Wednesday, February 15th, at 6.45 p.m. at Shere School. It was quite fairly attended, and was a very happy gathering of keen Churchpeople, all most anxious to promote the Church's work. The Churchwardens and deputy Wardens for Peaslake were unanimously re-appointed; so also were the Sidesmen. The Secretaries, Mrs. Hopgood and Mr. Jeorrett, and the Treasurers, Mr. F. E. Bray and Mr. Walker, were warmly thanked for their services, as were also the members of the two choirs, together with the organists and vergers. Shere has raised £277 17s. 9d., and Peaslake £286 17s. 2d., for missions, hospitals, etc., and for war charities, and both churches have comfortable balances. It was decided to go forward with plans for a new burying ground in what is known as the old Recreation Ground, opposite the Rectory.

P.M.B.

## SHERE AND GOMSHALL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The monthly meeting was held on February 2nd. Miss Hudson presided. The National Savings Group collected during December, 1943, and January, 1944, £474 15s. 0d. The members had voted that the profit

on the pie scheme for the first three months should go to the Shere District Nursing Association, so Mrs. Favarger sent a cheque for £46 10s. 8d. to Miss Barlow, Hon. Secretary of the Association. The profit for the next month, £12 15s. 2d., will go to the Red Cross Fund. Miss Roffey gave a talk on basket making. Mrs. King won the prize for the memory test.

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### SHERE OFFERTORY STATEMENT.

January 20th to February 20th (inclusive), £23 4s. 10d. Communicants, 157.

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### PEASLAKE NOTES.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

By the time you read this I expect to be in the Navy many miles from here, so I am taking this opportunity to say goodbye. My wife and I will be very sorry to leave you, and we are most grateful and wish to say "thank you" for all your kindness and friendship. I knew the Rev. E. R. Hougham, who is to succeed me, in Gravesend. He is a very able and experienced priest. He will be happy amongst you, I know, and I hope you will benefit much from his ministrations here.

The season of Lent now starting is a reminder to us of the importance of discipline. It is through discipline that our wills are strengthened and enabled to resist temptation and to do what is right. Lack of discipline, or lack of will power, and selfishness go hand in hand, and it is probably due to these two vices more than any others that the morals of to-day are so bad. Since the last war a slackness in spiritual and moral standards has been very evident. To us as Christians the only remedy is that we should discipline ourselves and rely on the spiritual power that comes from God alone by making a Lenten rule for ourselves. In each individual the rule, of course, will be different, but may I here give you some suggestions:—

(1) To make my communion at least once A WEEK, and, before coming, to prepare myself so that I may receive so great a Mystery more worthily. Examine your conscience to see in what ways you have failed in your Christian duty, and ask God's pardon and the power to amend.

(2) Say daily prayers morning and evening.

(3) Read and meditate over some passage of scripture every day.

I hope everybody that reads these words will make a rule for himself this Lent on these lines and derive from it much spiritual blessing.

Yours very sincerely,

R. W. POPE.

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### PEASLAKE OFFERTORY STATEMENT.

January 23rd to February 20th (inclusive), £21 17s. 8d. Communicants, 205.

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### The Parish Register.

#### BURIALS (SHERE).

Feb. 10. Frederick Steggall, 70 years.  
„ 19. Catherine Edith Barlow, 66 years.  
„ 23. Sarah Carpenter, 85 years.

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**Calendar for March.**

**Peaslake.**

March	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.	Lent II.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	Lent III.	MON.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	Lent IV.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.	Lent V.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	April	Lent VI.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	
Lenten Service, 6 p.m.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
H.C. 10 a.m. (M.U. Corporate)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
H.C. 8 and 12 a.m.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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H.C. 10 a.m. Diocesan Conference, 10.45	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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R.D. Chapter, 10.45	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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H.C. 8 and 12 noon	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
11 and 3.30 p.m.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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H.C. 10 a.m. Mothers Union Service, 3.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Lenten Service, 6 p.m.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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H.C. 1 a.m.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Service of Intercession. SHERE.

Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

PEASLAKE. Tuesdays, 3.15.

All Holy Week, Evensong 7.