

# St. Paul's,

## NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH.

JANUARY, 1945.

*Vicar*—Rev. F. H. COLLINS, M.A., St. Paul's Vicarage.  
*Organist and Choirmaster*—Mr. John Crane.  
*District Nurse*—Nurse Russell, 18 Heathway.  
*Sec. of Church Council*—Mr. D. R. Bengough, B.Sc., 98 Rydal Drive.  
*Churchwardens*—Mr. B. J. Godding and Mr. A. W. Powell.  
*Sidesmen*—Messrs. D. R. Bengough, J. H. Clapperton, C. H. Essex,  
C. Giles, R. Leason, J. C. Lee and G. H. Manning.  
*Magazine Secretary*—Mr. D. R. Bengough, B.Sc.

### SERVICES

SUNDAYS at 11 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.  
Holy Communion—9.15 a.m. on every Sunday.  
11 a.m. on 1st Sunday.  
3.30 p.m. on 3rd and 5th Sundays.

Baptism and Churchings—1st Sunday in the month at 4.45 p.m.;  
Three days' notice required.

Children's Church 10 a.m.  
Sunday Schools 3 p.m.

Notice of Banns and of Baptisms should be left at St. Paul's Vicarage,  
Colyer's Lane.

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St. Paul's Vicarage,  
Northumberland Heath Erith,  
December, 1945.

My dear Friends,

May I wish you all every blessing and happiness this New Year, not merely material happiness and prosperity but real spiritual blessing and progress in the Christian life, for be it remembered, we are but sojourners and pilgrims here, our citizenship is in Heaven. We are so apt to become absorbed in the things around us, that we often neglect the things that really matter. As we look back over the past, we are perhaps disappointed and discouraged. Many of us had hoped that 1944 would have brought victory and peace. That hope has been disappointed, and yet we have great cause for thankfulness. In the course of the past year, seven European capitals have been freed from German domination. The major part of Occupied Europe has been liberated by the Allies. Burma is being reconquered. The Americans have returned to the

Philippines. These are outstanding successes. Let us look forward then with hope to happier and brighter times and to thank God for His blessings and mercies so bountifully bestowed. As we look back, I think each one of us can say, "Bless the Lord O my Soul and forget not all His benefits." That the New Year may be one of peace and prosperity and blessing to you all is the earnest wish of

Your friend and Vicar,  
F. H. COLLINS.

**Universal Week of Prayer.**—January 7th to 14th, 1945. Once again the World's Evangelical Alliance invite us to spend the opening days of the New Year in prayer. Accordingly arrangements have been made to hold united gatherings in Erith and District as follows:—

**Monday, 7.30 p.m., St. Martin's Church Hall, Barnehurst.**

Leader—The Rev. R. A. Agg.

Speaker—The Rev. W. G. Davis.

**Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Northumberland Heath Baptist Church, Belmont Road.**

Leader—The Rev. H. Davill.

Speaker—The Rev. F. S. Allison. *E. A.*

**Wednesday, 3 p.m., United Women's Meeting in Christ Church Hall, Erith.** *of Barnehurst*

Leader—The Rev. W. T. Reynolds.

Speaker—The Rev. W. Hitchcock.

**Thursday, 7.30 p.m., All Saints' School, Belvedere.**

Leader—The Rev. F. H. Collins.

Speaker—The Rev. J. J. Brown.

**Friday, 7.30 p.m., Methodist Church Hall, Erith.**

Leader—The Rev. N. Walker.

Speaker—The Rev. J. Clifford.

We cannot commence the New Year in a more fitting way, than by gathering together in prayer at the feet of Him who said, "Where two or three are gathered together in My Name there am I in the midst of them." Come, and bring your friends.

**Christmas Bazaar and Social.**—Though arranged at short notice, the Bazaar realised the amazing sum of £42 : 13 : 0. Mrs. Collins introducing Mrs. Davis who opened the Bazaar, said how very pleased we were to welcome Mrs. Davis to St. Paul's. In the absence of the Vicar, Mr. Price opened the proceedings with prayer. Mrs. Robinson expressed the grateful thanks and sincere appreciation of those

present to Mrs. Davis for her kindness in coming to support this effort on behalf of the Organ Fund.

The stalls did good business and the competitions and games were well supported. Great credit is due to the stallholders for their splendid work. We would also like to thank all friends who helped to make our effort so successful. Many friends were welcomed at the Social in the evening at which Mr. Godding acted as M.C. After the refreshments had been served, prizes were presented to the winners of the competitions. Team games were also played in the course of the evening. In bringing the proceedings to a close, the Vicar, in the course of his remarks thanked Mrs. Robinson for her undaunted enthusiasm and congratulated her on the success of her effort. Our grateful thanks are also due to all our friends who contributed in any way to make the event so outstanding an achievement. In addition to the money raised by means of the Bazaar, Mrs. Robinson has collected in donations the sum of £21 : 17 : 0. This with other money has now cleared the outstanding debt of £71 : 15 : 0 on the Organ Fund and leaves a balance of £6 : 16 : 7. We rejoice and thank God that we are able to start the New Year with the Organ free of debt, thanks to our many friends and helpers.

**Mr. Harry Sawyer.**—An Appreciation. On Friday, 22nd December, we laid to rest one who has been a loyal servant and friend of St. Paul's Church and its members for the past 50 odd years. Known affectionately amongst us as "Colonel," Mr. Sawyer's memory will long be cherished by all who knew him and enjoyed his genial friendship and kindly help, freely given at all times. In his address, the Vicar urged us all to be as ready as Mr. Sawyer for his sudden "Home Call," adding that our friend leaves behind him the best of legacies, a shining example and a bright and honoured name; a very fitting epitaph for our old friend. We extend our sympathy to Louie in her bereavement, but would comfort her also with the knowledge that he is safe home at last.

**Mr. George Henry Manning.**—We regret very much to record also the "Home Call" of Mr. George Henry Manning after a comparatively short illness. Mr. Manning was an old and highly respected member of our congregation, for many years a member of our choir and a member of our Parochial Church Council. We shall miss our friend very much and would offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Manning and Mr. Albert George Manning in their sore bereavement, and pray that our Heavenly Father will give them that comfort and consolation which He alone can give.

**Overseas Afternoon.**—The Young People's Union held their third annual Overseas Afternoon on Saturday, December 2nd, and are grateful once again to be able to record a very satisfactory result. We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Leazor as our lady opener. Norman Chambers was in the chair; Irene Messer proposed the vote of thanks, and Dorothy Mann seconded it. A bouquet was presented by Beryl Kegan. During the afternoon the members of the Y.P.U. gave various Missionary items. We are grateful to the following ladies who supervised the stalls: Mesdames Fraser, Clarke, Tutt and Price and Miss Codd and Mr. Clarke. Proceeds amounted to £21 : 17 : 4. Thus, with the balance from the Jumble Sale held previously, and when all expenses had been paid, we have been able to send a cheque to the Church Missionary Society for £24 : 4 : 9. This amount has been allocated as follows:—£12 to our own Y.P.U. Missionary in Iran, and the rest divided between places of special need in China (Fukien), Africa (Kikuyu), India (Anantnag). A cheque for £1 : 19 : 2 was also sent for Missionary books sold on the C.M.S. stall.

H.F.B.

**Always Medical Mission.**—Once again for the sixth successive year, we have been able to raise the salary for a Nurse at the Always Medical Mission, S. India, where, as many will remember, a Dispensary was built in memory of Mrs. Watson. Our thanks are specially due to Mr. and Mrs. Leazor, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Price, Mr. J. Waddup, Mr. and Mrs. B. Cotter, Miss D. Codd, Mr. and Mrs. Giles, Mr. Bloomfield, Miss Stebbing, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Reid, Miss Hilder, Mr. and Mrs. Bengough and the contributors to the box on the Missionary table, who between them contributed the £12. There may be many other friends in the Parish who would like to join with us in this real piece of Missionary work. Donations will be gladly accepted by the Missionary Service League Secretary, Mr. Bengough.

**Church Missionary Society Boxes.**—At the October opening of the C.M.S. boxes a total of £12 : 11 : 7 was collected for the Church Missionary Society—easily a record in recent years for our Parish. We thank the following box-holders for this splendid effort:—Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Sing, Mrs. Asker, Mrs. Artudell, Miss F. G. Richardson, Mrs. Bengough, Mr. Simms, Miss N. Robinson, Mr. L. Cooper, Mr. T. Owens, Mr. N. Russell, Mr. A. Wootton, H. D. and P. Pentreath, N. Chambers, J. Cox, F. S. Smith, D. Hoar, F. Odell, D. Manning, J. Keys, P. Fraser, and the children of our Sunday Schools.

**Will you join?**

D.E.B.

Baptisms, Marriages and Burials held over until next month.