

JUNE, 1909.

# Wheatley Parish Magazine.



*Vicar.*—REV. W. D. B. CURRY, M.A.

*Churchwardens.*—MR. J. CHAPMAN ; MR. E. WALKER.

## **Sunday Services.**

Holy Communion first, second and third Sundays at 8 a.m., last Sunday in the month at 7 a.m., and first Sunday in the month at noon.

Matins at 11 a.m.; Children's Service at 3 p.m. ; Evensong at 6.30 p.m.

## **Week Day Services.**

Holy Communion on Thursdays and all Saints Days at 7.30 a.m.

Matins daily at 9.30 a.m. ; Evensong on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saints' Days at 6 p.m.

Holy Baptism is administered on Sunday Afternoons and on Wednesdays at Evensong. In all cases notice must be given to the Verger, Mr. James White.

Churchings can as a rule be taken before any of the Morning or Evening Week Day Services, but notice must in all cases previously be given to the Vicar.

**Notice of all cases of sickness should be sent to the Vicarage.**

## S.P.G.

Our Missionary Meeting on May 27th was a great success. Owing to the rain—at which we must not grumble because it was so sorely needed and has done so much good to everything—it was impossible to hold the meeting in the Vicarage garden as originally planned. The first part of the meeting was therefore held in the Church. Canon Johnston opened the meeting with prayer and then Dr. Weir gave a most interesting address on his Medical Work in Corea. Dr. Weir has been in Corea five years and returns with his wife next September to resume his work. In the course of his address he pointed out how important Medical Missions are—how that the doctor is the person to whom has fallen the gift of healing which our Lord sent down on His Church at His Ascension, and that to them were given opportunities of preaching the Gospel by their Christian lives and by their deeds which, to the Missionary, may not at present be open. At the conclusion of the address, during the singing of a hymn, the alms were collected. This amounted to £5 18s. od. Canon Johnston then gave the blessing, and we all then adjourned to the Schools where, first of all, we enjoyed the tea the ladies of Wheatley had so kindly provided, and then listened to the heart-stirring address from Mrs. Summerhayes, who for so many years has worked in India in connection with the Zenana Mission. Canon Johnston then spoke a few words appealing to his hearers to take an active interest in Missionary Work by subscribing, by taking boxes, by reading.

The Rev. J. Malleon, Organizing Secretary for the diocese, then proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for their kindness in providing the tea and urged on all the duty of prayer. The Vicar then thanked Canon Johnston for so kindly coming, and hoped that this meeting would be the forerunner of all Annual Missionary Meetings in the Deanery. Over 150 partook of tea. Our grateful thanks are due to the ladies' committee who made every preparation for the tea and carried it through in such a successful manner. They worked hard to make the meeting a success, and we feel sure that they must be gratified by the way in which their efforts were appreciated. Laus Deo.

## EMPIRE DAY.

A flag staff and flags have been presented to the Schools. On Empire Day, the children, after the hoisting of the Union Jack, sang patriotic hymns and saluted the flag, finishing up by God Save the King. A half holiday was given in honour of the day. Mrs. Spicer hopes shortly to come and address the children and tell them about the Empire League.

## WHITSUNDAY.

The Church never looked lovelier than it did for this great festival. There were celebrations of the Holy Communion at 6.30, 8 o'clock, and 11 o'clock, all being well attended. At Evensong the Vicar preached and made touching reference to the death of their late Vicar.

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CUDDESDON,

May 29, 1909.

My dear Curry,

How sudden is this news of your predecessor's death ! I had not even heard of his illness. Only a few days ago I had a long bright letter from him. It is quite impossible to use the word ' sad ' about his passing away. His task, as a labourer in the vineyard, ended when he left Wheatley; and he knew it : and to him the loss of work was a greater burden than any amount of work that he could do. So we cannot think that he would have wished for many days here in the solemn waiting. His heart was always in his old parish, where his gentleness, kindness, generosity, and thoughtfulness had made so many friends happy; and it is truly appropriate that his body should find its last restingplace in the Wheatley Churchyard.

Yours sincerely,

J. O. JOHNSTON.

The funeral was at 6 o'clock on Whit Monday. The whole service was taken by the Bishop. A large number of clergy from the Rural Deanery and the greater part of

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the parishioners were present, testifying how much Mr. Sturges was beloved. The full choir attended. Psalm go, hymn 401, and the Nunc Dimittis were sung in the church, and Mr. Sturges' favourite Vesper Hymn at the grave side. Mr. A. Sheldon, in the absence of Mr. Leyshon, through bereavement, played the organ. The grave was lined with ferns and ivy by Miss Parker and the Misses Gale. The parishioners, the choir, and bell-ringers sent two beautiful wreaths. The deepest sympathy was shown throughout the parish for Miss Sturges and the members of the late Vicar's family.

A muffled peal was rung after the service by the bell-ringers, as a mark of respect for their late Vicar.

#### MAY DAY.

The 1st of May falling on Saturday, the Infant School-children had their Garland-day on Monday. Freda Allen was May Queen, and her ladies in waiting were Lottie Shrimpton and Bella Bathard. Edwin Shepherd, as Little Boy Blue, acted as Herald. The children sang and danced through the village and collected a box full of money. They had a tea in the Schoolroom on the following Thursday, and had £1 left over, which was sent to the Schoolchildren's Cot in the Radcliffe Infirmary. Many schools in the county subscribe to this Cot Fund, which has sent £520 to the Radcliffe Infirmary and the Eye Hospital in 10 years.

#### G.M.S. MISSIONARY EXHIBITION, TOWN HALL, OXFORD, November 3—13, 1909.

Arrangements have been made for the use in Oxford of portions of the great C.M.S. Exhibition, 'Africa and the East,' which is to be held in London in June. The principal exhibits shown in Oxford will be an African Village, an Indian Bazaar and Zenana, with occupants in native costume, a Chinese Street, Japanese Houses and Temple, a Hospital (to illustrate Medical Missions), a Peasant's Cottage, and a Persian Room fitted up in Persian style. Daily life in the East will be illustrated by workers in

appropriate costumes, and explained by lectures.

Refreshments at moderate prices. Cheap fares by rail.

750 stewards and workers are wanted to make the effort a success. *Everyone* can help by making the Exhibition as widely known as possible.

Mrs. Nevell has kindly presented a beautiful pair of Brass Altar Vases to the Church. We are much indebted to her for the gift.

A Rummage Sale was held in the schools on Saturday, May 15th, and £6 is. 6d. was realized. Some of this money has been used in the purchase of a boiler and some more crockery.

#### COMMUNICANTS' GUILD.

On May the 20th, the Feast of the Ascension, the members of the Guild, escorted by the Vicar, spent a very pleasant afternoon in Oxford. Visiting first the Church -of S. Thomas', they were met by the Rev. F. Underhill, who kindly shewed them the Church and all its beautiful possessions: the Cathedral was then, visited and all points of interest were shewn by the Verger, Mr. Tyrrell. A refreshing half hour was spent at the river, and after tea had been partaken of, the members went to Magdalen College Chapel for evensong at 6 o'clock ; the beautiful musical service was greatly appreciated ; and the party returned to Wheatley by the 8.15 train, having spent a thoroughly enjoyable and instructive afternoon.

The Sale of Work is postponed for the present.

#### BURIALS.

May 6. Sarah Ann Harriet Stamp, aged 64 years.  
„ 31. Arthur Smith Sturges, Vicar of Wheatley for 18 years, aged 70 years.