

We have all been greatly shocked and saddened by the death of our Vicar, Hubert Brasier, after a road accident while on his way to conduct a service at Forest Hill on the evening of Sunday 11th October. He was a devoted priest and vicar, and we had all come to admire very greatly the example which he gave us in facing with such truly Christian courage and fortitude and also cheerfulness the many troubles and burdens which were his. We pray for the repose of his soul and we assure his widow, Zaidee, his daughter Theresa and her husband, Philip, and the family of our sympathy and prayers that God in His mercy may comfort and strengthen them in their bereavement.

Hubert Brasier was 64 and after taking a 1st class Honours degree at Leeds University, was trained for the ministry at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield. He served his title at St. Andrews, Catford, and was subsequently curate at St. Luke's, Reigate, Chaplain of All Saints Convalescent Hospital and St. Luke's old peoples' Home, Eastbourne, Vicar of St. Kehelm, Enstone and Rector of St. Nicholas Heythrop, before coming to Wheatley as Vicar in 1970.

These sad events do bring our minds to dwell on God's love and mercy which are the source of our comfort and strength and so while we mourn the loss of a devoted vicar and dear friend, we give thanks for so faithful a ministry in the service of the Lord carried on among us.

During the interregnum pending the appointment of a new incumbent the administration of the Parishes will be in the hands of the Rural Dean and Churchwardens, I and the local clergy and our own Lay Readers will, of course, happily give what help we can in maintaining the services and pastoral ministrations in our parishes. Requests for Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, should in the first instance be made to the Church Wardens.