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GREAT SAMPFORD.

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Vicar:—Rev. T. P. CONYERS BARKER, B.A.
Gt. Sampford W. Hempstead Vicarage,
Saffron Walden, Essex.

Churchwardens:—Mr. WALTER GHAY AND Mr. ROBERT GOULDSTONE.

Sidemen:—Mr. CHAPMAN, Mr. CHARLES WRIGHT, Mr. ALFRED WRIGHT,
Mr. SMITH, Mr. LAW AND Mr. ROY BLAYNEY.

Organist: Mrs. ALBERT GOWLETT.

Verger & Sexton—Mr. ALFRED DRANE

SERVICES.

Holy Communion. 8.15 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. (Choral) 1st Sunday in Month.
7 a.m. 2nd and 4th Sunday.
8.15 a.m. 3rd and 5th Sunday.
10 a.m. 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday.
11.30 a.m. 2nd and 4th Sunday.

Evensong & Sermon. 7.30 p.m. 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday.
6.30 p.m. 2nd and 4th Sunday.

Children’s Service. 3 p.m. 1st and 3rd Sunday.

Service for Men. 3 p.m. Alternate 5th Sundays.

Holy Baptism. 1st and 3rd Sunday at or after Children’s Service at 3 p.m. At other times Churchings. By arrangement.

The Vicar can be seen in Church for spiritual consultation on Saturdays after Evensong at 7.30 p.m., or by appointment. He should be notified of sickness where visiting is required. He is willing to administer Communion to the sick whenever desired.
Our Harvest Thanksgiving at Great Sampford Church was held on Thursday evening, October 4th. An abundance of corn, fruit, vegetables and flowers was supplied by many kind donors, intended to express our gratitude to God our Heavenly Benefactor for His abundant goodness and providential bounty unto us in a good and plentiful harvest. Greater content is experienced in the agricultural world, and satisfaction with the improved conditions is general. The outlook is immeasurably better and we look for the improvement to be maintained.

The church in her harvest and autumnal garb was richly adorned, our offerings being tastefully arranged, and the artistic lines and mouldings of the mediæval building being thereby much beautified. Those who gave their services for the work, to whom we are grateful, are, Mrs. Albert Gowlett, Mrs. Moss Mrs. Arthur Wright, Mrs. Whatcott, Mrs. Howell, Miss Alma Gray, Miss Dorothy Wright, Miss Elsie Coote, Miss Ruth Spencer and Miss May Wright. A donation of eggs for the Hospital was made by Mr. Hubert Gowlett. The Saffron Walden Hospital has acknowledged with thanks and appreciation the donation of produce. The Preacher was the Rev. M. G. Sykes, Rector of Hadstock, who helped us greatly by his appropriate discourse.

HEMPSTEAD CHURCH TOWER.

A renewed appeal, as hereunder, has been made to the Medical Profession for the remainder of the money required to complete the Hempstead Church Tower. Forty-two thousand copies of the Appeal were posted on the last day of October, and a satisfactory response is hoped for. On the front page is a reproduction of the Architect's drawing of the Tower with arrows and a line indicating the portion reconstructed and the part which remains to be rebuilt. £2,000 is required. The Appeal is as follows:

"The mortal remains of William Harvey, the great exponent of the experimental method in biology and the founder of scientific medicine, lie in a sarcophagus in Hempstead Church, Essex, to which they were transferred in the year 1883 from the Harvey vault beneath the church at the cost of the Royal College of Physicians of London.

"Hempstead Church, a fourteenth century building, is of considerable interest and the following is an extract from the transactions of the Essex Archæological Society, 1933—

"On 8th January, 1365, Hempstede Church with the Cemetery was consecrated by Simon of Sudbury, then Bishop of London."

"This church must always make a very special appeal to all connected with the profession of medicine, since it is the place of burial of one who rendered not only in his own time, but for all time, the greatest service to medicine, by establishing it on a secure foundation, and also by inculcating the method by which its progress and development could best be furthered.

"On January 28th, 1882, the tower of this ancient church collapsed and it was not until 1933 that it was found possible to commence the work of restoration.

"On July 7th, 1933, the Foundation Stone of the new tower was laid by the President of the Royal College of Physicians, Lord Dawson, and as will be seen from the drawing about two-thirds of the reconstructed tower has now been rebuilt from donations received in answer to the appeal in 1930. Further appeal for the sum of £2,000 is now made to complete the work.

"The members of the Harveian Society of London, to mark their Centenary in 1931, instituted a special fund for the reconditioning and rehanging of the bells when the tower is completed, and this fund is held in readiness to undertake this portion of the work.

"Donations are invited from members of the profession and should be made payable to the Harvey Memorial Fund and sent to Dr. G. de Bec Turtle, Royal College of Physicians, Pall Mall East, London, S.W.1."
NOTES AND NEWS.

Missionary Boxes to hand are, Miss Farmer, 3s. 3d.; Mrs. Jno. Gray, 5s. 3d.; Miss Alma Gray, 1s. 5d.; Miss Dorothy Wright 1s. 8d. Will others who hold boxes please return them to Mrs. Jno. Gray, Moor End, as soon as convenient? Our Missionary Allocations are due.

The Bishop of the Diocese has appointed Sunday, November 25th, to be observed as Missionary Sunday. The note of the day will be "The World-Wide Church is Calling." It should be an inspiration to us to co-operate to the fullness of our power.

The Bishop writes: "I wish to call the attention of the Diocese to the Missionary Sunday which falls this year upon November 25th. I do not intend to issue a pastoral letter on this subject, but I would repeat a point I sought to make last year. Missionary work is rather a matter of faithfulness than of finance: faithfulness to a command and to the performance of a duty. It is pleasing to note that there has been a very large reduction in the number of parishes which in no way support overseas missions, but there are still unhappily 33 in the Diocese, and I earnestly hope that, as a result of the Diocesan Missionary Sunday, there may be a substantial reduction in this number.

In this connection I should like to call particular attention to the two Unified Statements which have been published by the Church Assembly: "With One Accord" and "The World-wide Church." All who read these most excellent books will not only be instructed but fired with a new enthusiasm for this great cause."

One of our former parishioners, Miss Andrews, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, has done us at Hempstead the kindness of a donation of new door mats for the West Doorway of the new Tower, thereby helping to furnish the church in a much-needed way. We are deeply grateful to Miss Andrews, whose kindness might well be emulated by other people in other ways from a utilitarian point of view. To the most casual observer our Church lacks "kneelers" which if supplied and used would add much to the reverence of our worship. It would be expensive to supply the church throughout with suitable hassocks, but these articles of furniture might be supplied gradually if donations were made from time to time by individuals, and earmarked for the purpose.