

# The Hampton Hill Parish Magazine.

MARCH, 1893.

## OFFERTORIES.

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Sunday, January 29th.—General Fund.....	2	14	3
„ February 5th.—General Fund.....	3	0	1
„ „ 12th.—General Fund.....	3	2	11
„ „ 19th.—General Fund....	3	6	10

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## EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

### BAPTISMS.

Jan. 29.—John Underhill.	Feb. 12.—Violet Eliza Rixon.
„ 29.—Harold Edgar Harbert.	„ 12.—John Henry Rixon.
„ 29.—George Johnson.	„ 12.—Albert George Bushnell.
Feb. 12.—Reginald Robert Charles Hopley.	„ 12.—Dorothy Nelly Nichols.
„ 12.—George Porteous Lorriman.	„ 12.—Margaret Gladys Nichols.

### BURIALS.

February 9.—Henry Herbert Garlick, 8 years.
„ 11.—Henrietta Jane Barnett, 35 years.
„ 22.—Robert Thomas Hogg, 5 months.

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## HYMNS FOR MARCH.

W. 183, 465 pt. iii. Th. 269. F. 105. Sa. 20. March 5, 3rd in Lent, 94 | 528, 547 | 91, 181, 259, 465 pt. iii. M. 280. Tu. 270. W. 93, 466. Th. 254. F. 31. Sa. 315. March 12, 4th in Lent, 87, 638, 255 | 244, 342 | 528, 249, 95, 466. M. 193. Tu. 207. W. 94, 466. Th. 215. F. 112. Sa. 180. March 19, 5th in Lent, 96 | 96, 108 | 97 pt. i, 200, 494, 467. M. 185. Tu. 477. W. 96, 467. Th. 172. F. 183. Sa. *Annunciation*, 450. March 26, 6th in Lent, 98, 99, 97 pt. ii | 98, 473, 99 | 99, 102, 98, Story of the Cross. M. 115 | 466, 108, Story of the Cross. Tu. 119 | 467, 106, Story of the Cross. W. 109 | 467, 105, Story of the Cross. Th. 322 | 472, 315, Story of the Cross. Good Friday, 114, 494, 104 | 108, 118, 119, 120 | 120, 121, 122, Story of the Cross.

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**Holy Trinity, Fareham.**—As the Vicar wishes to avail himself of the medium of the Parish Magazine for answering publicly the kind address which 1079 adult parishioners have so spontaneously presented to him, he thinks it only fitting that the words of that address should be preserved in the pages of the Magazine. The address, which was presented to the Vicar on the occasion of the Dramatic Entertainment, on Tuesday, February 14th, by our good Churchwarden, Mr. W. C. B. Hall, was as follows:—

“HAMPTON HILL, February 10th, 1893.

“DEAR SIR,—We, the undersigned parishioners of Hampton Hill, or members of your congregation, having heard that you have been offered a Living on the South Coast, which recommends itself to you on account of its milder climate, desire to assure you that we should

view your departure from Hampton Hill with the greatest possible regret.

“During the period of more than eleven years that you have been amongst us the whole system of parish organisation has worked smoothly and efficiently; more than £2500 has been raised and expended upon the fabric of the Church; the Organ has been greatly improved at an expense of about £230; the School Teachers’ Houses have been built, and the Schools have been maintained with increasing efficiency.

“As President of the Hampton Total Abstinence Society you have co-operated with many Non-churchmen, thereby greatly advancing the cause of temperance in our midst.

“We should not wish our personal feelings or wishes to influence you in coming to a decision, if you consider that sea air will be beneficial to the health either of Mrs. Bligh or yourself; but on the other hand, unless you are convinced that such a permanent change is really necessary, we earnestly hope you will remain amongst us to continue the work so successfully carried on by you here, and in which you have been so greatly helped by the devotion and energy of Mrs. Bligh, and in which in the future (as in the past) you will always have our hearty assistance and sincere goodwill.

“We are, dear Sir, your faithful Friends.

“To the Hon. & Rev. HENRY BLIGH,

“The Vicarage.”

THE VICAR’S ANSWER.

My very dear Friends.

Forgive me for keeping you waiting so long for a reply to the very kind address which you presented to me. I could not answer it hastily. I will repeat the words which I used when our good Churchwarden presented it to me. I thank you from my heart. I am deeply touched by the affection and love which alone could have prompted such an expression of your good feeling towards Mrs. Bligh and myself. The good works which you have enumerated were carried out by yourselves, and it has only been a pleasure and a privilege to me to have been permitted to assist you in them. But there are remembrances of personal intercourse and kindnesses which I have received at your hands, of the spiritual work in which I have been engaged with you, and above all the privilege of our united worship in God’s House, which seems to bind me still more closely to you. You will believe me when I say how exquisitely painful it has been to me to consider a question which involved the possible severance of the ties which have bound us so closely together; but I must tell you, that after much careful and prayerful consideration, I cannot escape from the conviction that we ought to leave you—I believe it is God’s will. I believe He is pointing out the way in which He would have us go. Mrs. Bligh’s health is at stake, and I am sure you share with me the earnest wish that it may be restored. I cannot help hoping that this change of climate is just the one thing which will give her health and strength. But it will be a hard wrench to our feelings, and a deep sorrow to our hearts to part from you. We shall not forget you, nor cease to think of the happy days we have spent in your midst. We shall always pray God to bless and keep you safe.

Yours most affectionately, HENRY BLIGH.

**Clock and Bells.**—It would seem fitting that our Tower and Spire should now be completed by the addition of a clock and bells. This hasty notice is inserted with a view to immediate action in the matter of raising funds.

**The Season of Lent.**—The Season of Lent upon which we are now entering brings back to our minds the work which God would have us do, if we would claim Him as our Heavenly Father, if we would prove ourselves loving and devoted children. Our position is that of soldiers in battle, a fierce strife is raging around. On the one hand, Satan and all his worldly allies, on the other, the whole army of Christ. All of us, as Christians, should flock to the Standard of Christ, and if we would win the promised land, we must join in the fight and cut through the enemy's ranks. Lent is the chosen battle field. There we meet with Satan face to face, and wrestle for the mastery. There we fight with anger and malice, sloth and indifference, lust and crime, and every evil thought which defiles the heart of man. There we subdue the flesh by self-denial and crossing its desires; we repent of sin, and seek especially the grace of the Holy Spirit of God. There we seek out a special occasion to give battle to the enemy, and hope by God's help to drive him back and advance on the path which leads to victory. It is my duty and my privilege to rouse you to the fray. Let me earnestly entreat you, each one of you, to enter upon this coming Lent with the determination to fight and win the battle. Let me press upon you the necessity of subduing the flesh and obtaining the mastery over self. Let me ask you especially to give some of your leisure to devotion and seeking in humiliation and prayer to gain more of the Holy Spirit of God. There will be the usual services each Wednesday and Thursday throughout Lent. Special preachers have kindly undertaken to come to speak to you. Do try to come regularly to hear them; seize every opportunity to use this holy season well, so that you be enabled to throw off much of the burden of sin, so that you may be strengthened by the reception of a large portion of the Holy Spirit of God, so that you may be found, at the close of it, nearer to God, and more devoted to His cause. The services are arranged for Wednesday evenings, at 8 o'clock. As Lent has already begun, some of the dates must be taken as retrospective:—

Wednesday, Feb. 22.—	Preacher:	The Rev. THE RURAL DEAN.
„ Mar. 1.—	„	The Rev. E. H. BELL.
„ „ 8.—	„	The Rev. J. C. BARKER.
„ „ 15.—	„	The Rev. H. LAYTON.
„ „ 22.—	„	The Rev. R. TAHOURDIN.

There will also (D.V.) be a course of PLAIN MISSION ADDRESSES given by the VICAR at the Sunday evening services at 7 o'clock. Subject: "LITTLE SINS":—

Sunday, February 19.—	Want of home love.
„ „ 26.—	Anger.
„ March 5.—	Self-indulgence.
„ „ 12.—	Sins of the tongue.
„ „ 19.—	Discontent.

Each Thursday in Lent, Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR

## MARCH, 1893.

1	W	Special Lent Service, 8 p.m.
2	Th	Celebrations, 7.30 a.m. and 10 a.m.
3	F	
4	S	
5	S	<b>3rd in Lent.</b> Celebrations 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
6	M	Temperance Meeting, Boys' School, 7.30 p.m.
7	Th	
8	W	Special Lent Service, 8 p.m.
9	Th	Celebrations, 7.30 a.m. and 10 a.m.
10	F	
11	S	
12	S	<b>4th in Lent.</b> Celebration, 8 a.m. Baptisms, 3.30 p.m.
13	M	Temperance Meeting, Boys' School, 7.30 p.m.
14	Th	
15	W	Special Lent Service, 8 p.m.
16	Th	Celebrations, 7.30 a.m. and 10 a.m.
17	F	
18	S	
19	S	<b>5th in Lent.</b> Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
20	M	Temperance Meeting, Boys' School, 7.30 p.m.
21	Th	Communicants' Class Service, 8 p.m. Meeting, 8.45 p.m.
22	W	Special Lent Service, 8 p.m.
23	Th	Celebrations, 7.30 a.m. and 10 a.m.
24	F	Provident Club, Vicarage, 10.30 a.m.
25	S	<i>Annunciation.</i> Celebration, 10 a.m.
26	S	<b>6th in Lent.</b> Celebration, 8 a.m. Children's Service, 3.30 p.m.
27	M	Matins, 10 a.m. Evensong, 5.30 p.m. Service, 8 p.m.
		Confirmation at Hampton Wick, 7 p.m.
28	Th	Celebration, 7.30 a.m. Matins, 10 a.m. Evensong, 5.30 p.m. Service, 8 p.m.
29	W	Matins and Litany, 10 a.m. Evensong, 5.30 p.m. Service, 8 p.m.
30	Th	<i>Maundy Thursday.</i> Celebration, 7 a.m. Matins and Celebration, 10 a.m. Evensong, 5.30 p.m. Service, 8 p.m.
31	F	<i>Good Friday.</i> Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m. "Words from the Cross," 2 p.m. Evensong and Sermon, 7 p.m.

### WEEK-DAY SERVICES.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday ... .. 5.30 p.m.  
 Wednesday and Friday ... .. 10 a.m.