



The Sign

not ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

SEPTEMBER, 1914.

ST. MICHAEL'S

INKPEN, HUNGERFORD.

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Church Services.

THE HOLY COMMUNION is Celebrated as follows :—

AT S. MICHAEL'S.

On Great Festivals, at 7-0 and 10-0 a.m.

On the last Sunday in the month, at 7-0 a.m. only.

On the first Sunday in the month, at 10-0 a.m. only.

On the third Sunday in the month, at noon.

On all Sundays except first and last, at 8-0 a.m.

On all Holy Days, at 7-30 a.m.

Matins is said on Sundays, at 11-0 a.m. Daily, at 8-0 a.m.
Evensong is said on Sundays, at 6-0 p.m. Daily, at 7-0 p.m.

A Children's Service is held every Sunday Afternoon, at 3-0 p.m.

S. GABRIEL'S MISSION ROOM.

Holy Communion is Celebrated at 8-30 a.m. on the first Sunday in the month and on all Great Festivals.

An Evening Service is held at 6-0 p.m.

HOLY BAPTISM is administered on Sundays, at 3-0 p.m.

Privately on the recommendation of a Medical Man.

THE CHURCHING OF WOMEN, is performed before or after any Service. (There is no fee for this Service, but the women are expected to give a thank-offering according to their means and such offerings are devoted to the relief of the poor in the Parish).

HOLY MATRIMONY can be solemnised any time between 8-0 a.m. and 3-0 p.m. any day except Sunday.

Note from the Book of Common Prayer—It is convenient that the newly married persons should receive the Holy Communion at the time of their Marriage, or at the first opportunity after their Marriage.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD can be arranged at any hour to suit the convenience of the friends of the Deceased, except on Sunday.

The Rector is always ready to arrange for a Celebration of the Holy Communion on the day of a Funeral, either at the time of the Burial or previously, if such a Celebration is desired.

Notice of the time of a Burial or Marriage must be given to the Sexton, Mr. James Rolfe, 48 hours previous to the time wished for.

COMMUNICANTS' CLASS.—A Devotional Meeting of Communicants is held in the Church at Evensong, at 7-0 p.m., on the last Friday in each month or before the Great Festivals.

CHURCH FEES.

Publication of Banns	..	3s. 6d.
Marriage after Banns	..	7s. 6d.
Certificates	..	2s. 7d.

GRAVES.—The fee payable to the Sexton varies from six shillings in the case of an Adult, or four shillings for a child according to the size and depth of the grave.

THE PASSING BELL.—There is a small fee for the tolling of this knell.

GRAVESTONES.—The fee is one guinea and all designs are required to be approved by the Rector before erection.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

is held at 10-0 a.m.

INKPEN COUNCIL SCHOOL.

LOCAL MANAGERS :—R. Lawrence, *Chairman*. Rev. H. D. Butler, *Vice-Chairman*. Messrs. E. Buckeridge, G. Goodhart, Jas. Edwards, A. Lawrence and J. Edwards.

THE PARISH COUNCIL.

Rev. H. D. Butler, *Chairman*. Messrs. Elias Buckeridge, A. A. Lawrence, W. Osborne, and F. Winter.

TRUSTEES OF THE POOR ALLOTMENT.

Ex-Officio—The Rector, Lord Craven and B. E. Peto.
Elected—Messrs. A. H. Barnes, D. Buckeridge, A. A. Lawrence and F. Winter.

TRUSTEES OF MRS. HARRIET BUTLER'S AND BASTER'S CHARITIES.

The Rector, Messrs. A. H. Barnes, Elias Buckeridge, A. A. Lawrence and R. Lawrence,

BASTER'S Charity consists of the interest upon £200 to be distributed at Christmas in each year, amongst the aged Poor and most industrious inhabitants of Inkpen, in such proportion as the Trustees shall think proper.

MRS. HARRIET BUTLER'S Charity consists of the interest upon £300, to be spent in the purchase of Bread, to be given to the Poor of the Parish of Inkpen.

"Under a scheme propounded by the Charity Commissioners in 1910, these Charities are now administered as one Fund at the discretion of the Trustees."

CLOTHING CLUB.

A Clothing Club is held in connection with the Sunday School. Any parents of Children attending the Sunday School may contribute any amount. The Bonus is 3d. in the Shilling up to thirteen shillings in the half year.

NOTES OF THE PAST MONTH.

HOLY BAPTISM.

August 9th. Sidney Charles, son of Sidney Arthur and Ellen Annie Palmer, Wellington Lodge, Signalman.

August 23rd. Ernest Henry, son of Henry Thomas and Eliza Ann Edwards, Redwoods Cottage, Gamekeeper.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT.

The Children of our Sunday School had their Prize-giving and Tea on Thursday, August 6th. The day was rather stormy, but improved towards the evening, and all the ordinary arrangements were able to be carried out, except the presence of the Band, whom we missed.

The School year, dating from the first Sunday in May, carried us back to a time when there was a good deal of illness, and so the record of attendances was not so good as it has often been.

Our grateful thanks are due to all who helped entertain the children.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Sunday, September 20th, will be our Harvest Thanksgiving, and we ought to make it a very real day. Had we been called upon to endure a cold, wet Harvest, the situation of our Country would be much more desperate; but the glorious weather of the past three weeks is a cause for real thanksgiving. The preacher will be the Rev. A. S. Robins, from Umtali, Rhodesia, and the collections will be given to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

It is very important that the special needs of the War should not cause us to forget our duty to men whom we have sent away from home to work for the Church in distant lands, and whom we are bound to support; it is not a time when we can extend our work, but we must endeavour to maintain what we have undertaken, and therefore we ask for generous collections.

Tuesday, September 29th, will be the Patronal Festival of our Church, and the Guardianship of S. Michael and The Holy Angels has a special meaning for us this year.

THE CHALLENGE OF THE WAR.

The Bishop's Letter was read in Church on August 16th, and has been posted in the Church Porch. In the *Diocesan Magazine* for September, he writes:—"We are called to live through one of the great moments of history. . . . It challenges us, therefore, as the Church of Christ in manifold ways. The

Primary Challenge is to be instant in prayer, so that by our prayers we may support effectively our country, further the effort of our Allies on the terrible road to victory, and bring comfort to the wounded, the sick, the desolate, and peace to those who fall in battle. Let the Church show that it really believes that prayer does work and liberates the hand of God to act. . . . But besides this there is another challenge which the war addresses to us, which is perhaps not so easy to meet. If we believe that God's never-failing providence ordereth all things both in Heaven and earth, then we must expect that, as the outcome of the war, new and yet unforeseen duties will be laid upon us. There will be now, if ever, need for the Prophetic spirit in the Church to interpret the mind and purpose of God. . . . Whether we shall be worthy to know it, and then whether we shall have courage to follow it, will depend upon the number of Men and Women who recognise in their heart of hearts the necessity for a return to God."

ENGLAND NEEDS MEN.

England's name is great,
England's cause is just,
Rally round her, English men,
Whom the nation trust;
Go to help the French
Crush the German foe,
Prove to Belgium you are brave,
Loyal where e'r you go.

Love of England, once
Made her Empire great,
Sacrificing self, her men
Bravely met their fate;
England needs her men
Now, as ne'er before,
Have you not an answer then,
As in days of yore?

As for those left here,
Have they nought to bear?
Woman's part is to endure,
To watch, in silent prayer;
Women send your sons,
Husbands, brothers, too,
England needs your help to-day,
Be loyal now, and true.

England trusts her men,
Duty to fulfil,—
Secret of the Empire's strength,—
Prove it with a will;
Fight for Britain's flag,
British honour too,
Britain's Empire o'er the seas
Unites her strength with you.

Aug., 1914.

M. B. WESTON.