



The Sign

not ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

NOVEMBER, 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.

VISIT OF THE CHURCH ARMY VAN.

The Church Army Van under the charge of Capt. G. Hatch, assisted by Mr. Wells, arrived for a visit on Friday, October 2nd.

The date of this visit had been arranged by the Rector last Spring, but unfortunately the Captain then in charge of the Van had resigned his work and left the neighbourhood without leaving any address where the Van would be stationed during the summer months, and it had been assumed that the visit was cancelled. Captain Hatch therefore had to work without any special preparation being made for his visit, and in that respect the attendance at the Services certainly suffered: nor was it possible to vary the Mission Services with Lantern illustrations as on a former occasion, as the Lantern would not work. No one who attended the Services can we think have failed to be impressed by Captain Hatch's earnestness and reverence, and his preaching gave evidence of an amount of Bible Study which shows how anxious the Church Army authorities are that their Evangelists should have a real knowledge of the word of God, before they preach it to others. Our best wishes go with the Van throughout its winter Tour.

THE BILLET OF THE SOUTH NOTTS HUSSARS.

The middle of October saw the breaking up of the Camp at which the Yeomanry had been in training since the mobilisation of the forces, and a squadron of the South Notts Hussars were billeted at Inkpen. No one could have been more pleasant as neighbours, or adapted themselves more good humouredly to unfamiliar conditions of life. It also helps us to realise the reality of the War when our own country lanes are occupied by men who hope in a few weeks to be at the front, and the more the reality is brought home to us and the larger our personal acquaintance with men who imperil their lives, the easier it becomes for us to pray, which is the great duty of all who are precluded from carrying arms themselves.

THE DAY OF INTERCESSION FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Bishop writes in the Diocesan Magazine for November.—I earnestly hope that the example of self-sacrifice shown us by our Soldiers and Sailors will inspire us to a like self sacrifice for the cause of a greater Kingdom and Empire than that of England. I trust that no anxiety caused by the war will be suffered to cloud our zeal for the extension of our Lord's Kingdom, and that the Day of Intercession will be most religiously and zealously observed—

At Inkpen we shall keep it on S Andrew's Day, which is Monday, November 30th, and the Rector will be glad of the names of persons who will take a period of 20 minutes in the Church.

CONFIRMATION.

A Confirmation will be held at Kintbury on March 3rd. The Rector will be glad to know of persons who wish to be prepared.

SUBJECTS FOR INTERCESSION.

The Bishop gives in the Diocesan Magazine the following as special matter for prayer this month.

1. That through the winter months, the spirit of courage and prayer, may be maintained in the nation.
2. That God will have mercy upon unhappy Belgium.
3. That our minds may be brought into harmony with God's purposes through the War.
4. That we may have discernment to pray for our enemies according to our Lord's command.
5. For the troops in camps or billets and the places where they may be billeted.

"THE REVELATION OCCASIONED BY THE WAR."

We to-day seemed to see in Germany a nation dominated by a military caste, indoctrinated by a false philosophy, and giving itself over to be possessed by the spirit of militarism, knitting it with a strange sort of blasphemy—its religion degrading the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, the impartial Father of all men and nations, into a German War God—the most horrible instance of idolatry that at any rate had ever fallen under his cognizance. If Germany fell in this war we should recognise the Divine judgement upon insolence. But we should be indeed short-sighted if we let ourselves think that all we had to do was to crush Germany, or that all the world was suffering from was the insolence and idolatry of Germany.

The world was suffering from something far more widespread than the German Empire. We were face to face with nothing less than a breakdown in a certain idea and hope of civilisation, which was associated with the liberal and industrial movement of the last century. There was to be an inevitable and glorious progress of humanity, in which science, commerce and education were to be the main instruments, and which was to be crowned with universal peace. Older prophets, like Thomas Carlyle, expressed their contempt for the shallowness of the prevailing ideals, and during this century we had been becoming more and more doubtful of their value, until at the present moment we were witnessing their downfall.

He hoped all the churches of the world would wake up to the fact that there was a new spirit of fellowship abroad, and would rise to meet it. The whole cause of human sorrows was the fact that men could not serve God and mammon.