

The Sign

not ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

OCTOBER, 1914.

ST. MICHAEL'S

INKPEN, HUNGERFORD.

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Church Officers.

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THE SEXTON.
Mr. JAMES ROLFE, Lower Spray, Inkpen.

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.

Sept. 27th. Nelson, son of Nelson and Dora Black,
Great Common, Dealer.

BURIALS.

Sept. 7th. Winifred Jane Tucker, Inkpen, aged 10 months.
 „ 12th. Sarah Annetts, Inkpen, aged 77 years.
 „ 26th. Elias Buckeridge, Inkpen, aged 77 years.

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL.

Sunday, September 20th was the Thanksgiving for the Harvest. The S.P.G. were unable to send us the Preacher announced in last month's Magazine, but they provided a more than efficient substitute, in the Rev. C. Graham Gardner, who has given 20 years of Missionary Work to Japan.

No one who heard his very varied addresses could fail to be interested in the Study of the people; the difficulty of the position or impressed by the depth of the Faith required to support the venture. Some natural fear had been felt that the numerous claims made on all classes of people by the War, might cause the collections for Missionary Work to fall off, but we are glad to say that the amount given was £8 2s. 1½d. against £6 5s. 3d. last year, which was a very satisfactory increase. There have been during the past month many more frequent celebrations of Holy Communion each week than is our usual custom, and this may soften down our disappointment that the number of persons present at seven o'clock shewed a considerable falling off when compared with last year, nor were those whom we missed persons who can often attend upon a week-day. It may be that some of us do not quite yet understand how, as the name Eucharist implies, the Holy Communion is the great Christian sacrifice of "Praise and Thanksgiving" and attendance at It is therefore a "bounden duty and service," required of every person who really desires to make such an occasion a Thanksgiving Day. In this year when so much depended on the successful ingathering of the Harvest and when we were blessed with such favourable weather, we are sorry that there should have been the slightest suggestion of indifference or carelessness.

The numbers at S. Gabriel's were slightly in excess of last year, and at 10 o'clock exactly the same.

THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL.

S. Michael's Day was radiantly beautiful. The children came in good numbers to help sing the Eucharist, at half-past seven, and were quiet and devout. The Rev. A. E. Allen was kind enough to come out from Hungerford to preach in the evening, and gave us much helpful instruction on Angels.

WAR LECTURE.

Col. Keen gave a most instructive address on the "Causes of the War," at the Council School, on September 9th, tracing the lines of policy of the different Continental Countries for the last fifty years, and making clear the absolute impossibility for England to have stood aside, not only for her honour, but also for her very existence as an Empire.

The Rector wishes to compile a Roll of Honour of Inkpen Soldiers and Sailors, and would be glad to have the Christian and Surname, rank and regiment of every person born or resident in Inkpen, who has joined the colours, whether they are at home or abroad.

THE POLICE RESERVE.

The Police Reserve have accomplished a good deal of their Elementary Drill: and are organised into five sections between which the sixty-six miles of roads in the Parish are fairly completely allotted. With the retirement of the German forces from the north of France, the probability of an alien rising in England is more remote, but the protection of property and food stuff is very important, and another fifteen or twenty persons are wanted to make our sections complete. No active duty is required or even permitted without the request of the Chief Constable, but should occasion arise it is important that a sufficient number of men should be available to prevent the duties being too burdensome for persons also to carry out their ordinary duties.

PERSONALIA.

In the death of Mr. Elias Buckeridge we have lost a representative of one of the oldest families in Inkpen, and a parishioner who had taken his full share of official duties, which he fulfilled with great conscientiousness and regularity till his health failed him some few months ago.

The departure of Mrs. Goodhart from "Willows" is a very real loss to the Parish, as well as to many local charitable organisations. As Chairwoman of our Nursing Association she was both generous in her support and unremitting in her attention. We shall miss her in very many ways, but our best of wishes will go with her for the future.