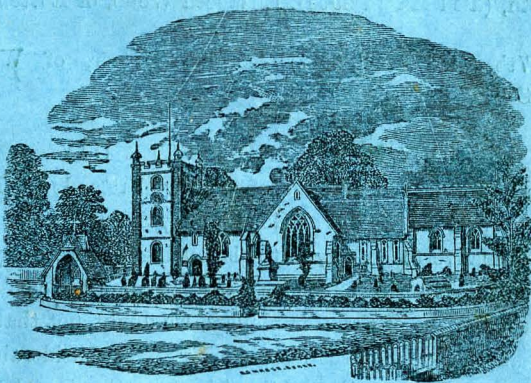


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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

April 5th, (born Jan. 14th), Emily Julia, daughter of the Rev. F. H. and Mrs. Slocock.

Same day, (born Feb. 19th), Marina Julia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stretch, of Kensington.

Same day, (born Feb. 17th), Ella Amelia, daughter of Thomas and Georgiana Barlow, of Parmoor.

April 12th, (born Feb. 20th), Cecil Collier, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. West, of Frieth.

April 19th, (born Oct. 9th, 1873), George Osmund, son of Mr. and Mrs. Underhill, of New Cross, London.

Same day, (born March 18th), Agnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, of Millend.

April 25th, (born April 6th), (privately), Jonah, twin son of John and Mary Kingsley, of Southbrook.

April 26th, (born March 25th), Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Toovey, of Shogmoor.

BURIALS.

April 4th, (died March 29th), Elizabeth Webb, of Rottenrow, aged 44 years.

April 27th, (died April 21st) Georgina Turner, of Woodbridge, Suffolk, aged 29 years.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER DAY.

The Daily Services at Hambleden were well attended. There were not so many persons present on Good Friday morning as we have seen. If, through inadvertence, any of the labouring men were kept at work, as has been alleged, till 12 o'clock instead of 10 o'clock, and this should meet the eye of their employers, we doubt not that they will take care another year to rectify the error. A considerable number of persons availed themselves of the Afternoon Services, but we have not as yet reached the point, which is desirable to attain, when all the Parishioners shall feel that on that Solemn Day the Parish Church is the place where they must spend in meditation and prayer the hours of our Lord's bitter sufferings for us.

Easter Day was a joyful day. So large a number of Communicants probably has never been known to communicate in one day in the Parish. At Hambleden there were at 7.30 a.m., 43; at mid-day, 73. At Frieth at 8 a.m. there were 46; at mid-day, 22; making a total of 184. On the following Sunday there were 13 in addition at Skirmett. Let us thank God and take courage.

THE ROGATION DAYS AND ASCENSION DAY.

Ascension Day falls on May 14th. There will be the usual Services on that great Holy Day, viz., Holy Communion at 5 a.m. for those who are obliged to be busy in the middle of the day; full Morning Service with Sermon and second celebration of Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.; full Evening Service with Sermon at 7 p.m.

On the Rogation Days, which are the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Ascension Day, there will be short Special Services, as there were last year. On Monday the subject will be "God's Blessing on the Growing Crops;" on Tuesday, "Missions: both Home and Foreign;" on Wednesday, "The Spiritual Improvement of our own Parish."

THE DIOCESAN PRIZE SCHEME.

The examination is to be held on May 8th. Boys and girls from Hambleton and from Frieth will attend the examination at Great Marlow as in former years.

THE BLANKETS.

The Blankets furnished by W. H. Smith, Esq., and lent out for the winter months, must all be brought back to the Rectory, clean, on or before May 20th.

TESTIMONIAL TO THE REV. F. H. SLOCOCK.

It has been well known to our readers, though no special mention was made of the fact in our pages, that Mr. and Mrs. Slocock were to leave Frieth at Easter, and to remove to the Parish and Curacy of Bray, in Berkshire. As the time of their actual departure drew nigh, their friends at and about Frieth, among whom Mr. Slocock has ministered for three years and a half, determined to express to him their kind feeling towards him, and to give him a substantial remembrance of the happy time which he had spent among them. Energetic spirits canvassed the neighbourhood for contributions, and met with a ready and glad acquiescence. Money never was collected with greater ease or greater good-will. The result was a handsome tea tray or salver, on which a suitable inscription will be engraved. Mr. Slocock went round to all the houses tendering his hearty thanks for the kindness thus manifested towards him.

We congratulate the Parish on the progress of the grand work of filling up the pits by the roadside at Frieth. We hope that as the work is *slow* it is also *sure*. When completed the advantage gained will be great.

Nurse Bush has been for three weeks in constant attendance on the wife of John Kingsley, of Southbrook and her twin boys. The poor woman's life has been in most imminent danger, and if it had not been for the unremitting attention spent upon her by the nurse, her own mother, the next door neighbour, and her medical man, she could hardly have struggled through.

Hambleden is about to sustain a serious loss in the departure of Mr. Leaver and his family next month for New Zealand. While we wish them every possible success, we cannot but express our own sincere regret at their leaving us. We cannot afford to lose persons of their high character, neighbourly kindness, and general usefulness. Wherever they go may the Good Lord go with them !

Medmenham Corner.

BIRTHS.

March 18th, Mrs. Jos. Shirvell, of a daughter.

April 6th, Mrs. G. Mason, of a daughter.

The observance of Lent, and especially of the Holy Week, has been encouraging, if we may judge by the attendance at Church on week days. We have every reason to believe that people are finding the solemn season of the Church as needful to them as the more joyous.

Easter Day, as was right, called large congregations to the Church. The Early Celebration was better attended than last year. 36 persons in all communicated during the day. The Services went heartily. We are sure the choir tried their best to make the singing helpful and acceptable. No trouble was grudged or pains spared to render the decorations instructive and tasteful.

The usual Vestry Meetings have been held. *The First* on March 25th for Parish business, at which Messrs. Thomas Dorrell and John Franklin were nominated Overseers of the Poor ; Mr. Philip Hobbs appointed Surveyor of the Highways ; Joseph Bird and Joseph Lowe named as eligible to serve the office of constable ; and a highway rate of 6d. in the pound allowed to the Surveyor. *The Second* on April 7th (Tuesday in Easter week), for business connected with the Church, at which the Church-wardens' accounts were produced, examined, and approved, shewing a balance in hand ; Mr. William Hobbs re-elected Church-warden for the Vicar and Mr. Philip Hobbs for the Parish, and agreed that a subscription be asked for when required by the Church-wardens.

May 11th, 12th, and 13th, are Rogation Days, or Days of Prayer, for God's blessing, among other things, upon the seed lately cast into the ground. There will be Evening Service at 8 o'clock each day when the ancient homily will be read in parts.

May 14th is Holy Thursday, or Ascension Day. Morning Service will be at 11 a.m., after which the Holy Communion will be celebrated. The Evening Service will be at 8 o'clock.
