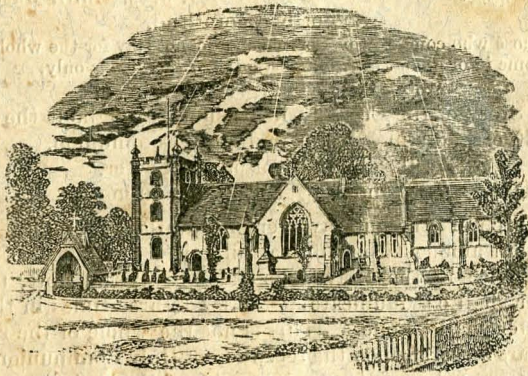


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Baptism.

Mar. 20.—John, son of George and Clara Hurst.

Burial.

Feb. 28.—Charles Tilbury, aged 8 months.

Mar. 23.—John Hurst, aged 2 days.

At Frieth. Feb. 26.—Charlotte Wing, aged 65 years.

Mar. 7.—Harry Deane, aged 19 months.

Elizabeth Leaver, formerly of this Parish, died at Christ Church, New Zealand, on Jan. 1st, aged 71.

Holy Week and Easter.

In the Parish Church, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Holy Communion ... 7.45.

Matins 10.

Evensong and Sermon 7.30. Except Tuesday, 5.

The Sermon on Wednesday will be preached by the Rev. A. Browning, of S. Luke's, Maidenhead.

Good Friday. 8. Litany and Ante-Communion Service.

11.30. Matins.

12 to 3. Meditations on the VII Words from the Cross by Rev. J. E. Smith-Masters, Vicar of Kidmore End.

N.B.—Those who come to this Service and do not stay for the whole should be careful to come in or go out *during the singing of the hymns* only.

7.30. Evensong.

The "Story of the Cross" will be sung throughout the week.

Easter Eve. 8 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion.

7.30. First Evensong of Easter.

Easter Day. 7, 8, and 12. Holy Communion.

The Church of England lays very few duties as binding upon her members, but amongst the rubrical directions at the end of the Communion Service in the Prayer Book is this "And note, that every Parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter shall be one." This is not the whole of the rubric, but all that bears directly upon the reception of Holy Communion. Easter Day is the great day of thanksgiving, *i.e.* of Eucharist, for the assurance of Victory over Evil, and all that this implies. Christians cannot with sincerity and truth thank God for this unless they believe in the Victory, and themselves accept and claim the forgiveness and loosening, or absolution and remission of their sins. Careful preparation should be made during Holy Week by self-examination and confession of sins, so that the Feast may be kept not with "the old leaven or the leaven of malice and wickedness."

Church people should use what help is provided during Holy Week and Good Friday. They will then be more likely to come to Easter Communion with disposition of heart acceptable to Almighty God. The important thing is not so much the act of communicating, as the disposition of the heart and soul with which we come.

Good Friday, it should be remembered (as very often it is not remembered), is the Anniversary of the Crucifixion of Our Lord. It is sheer hypocrisy on the part of Christians to spend it in idleness or pleasure. It is not in any sense a Good Friday to those who make no acknowledgement in sorrow and contrition before God that it was

the sin of the world of which their sins are a part, that caused this tremendous crime to have been enacted on this earth.

Parish Notes.

Due notice will be given of the **Vestry Meeting** for receiving the Churchwardens' Accounts, electing Churchwardens for the coming year, and Churchmen ought to have sufficient interest in the affairs of the Church to attend the Vestry if possible.

Lady Day. A good fall of snow in Spring is said to be very beneficial to the land; it is not advantageous for the keeping of a Dedication Festival. The gale made it quite impossible to do honour to the day by flying the flag. It was very good of our neighbour, the Vicar of Turville, to come in the evening to preach to a not very large congregation a very instructive and helpful sermon upon the Blessed Virgin Mary, drawing out particularly the example of her faith, humility and resignation.

The **Parochial Tea** is arranged for Thursday, April 21st. Mrs. Stanton will be glad to hear from ladies willing to take "tables" as last year. It is to be hoped that the tea may be more widely known and more generally patronised this year, so that none of the ladies may be disappointed that their supply of good things should be greater than the demand. All parishioners are invited. Children in the day and Sunday School are admitted free by ticket which may be had by applying to Mrs. Eyre. The sum of 6d. is charged for other persons, which will go towards the Choir and Church-workers' Annual Outing. Members of the Choir and others will give some music after tea.

We must chronicle with great regret the departure of **Mr. and Mrs. Muirhead** from "The Cottage." It would be quite impossible to enumerate all the matters for which the Church in the Parish has been indebted to them. Mr. Muirhead for sometime undertook the office of Choirmaster, but was obliged to relinquish it in consequence of his eyesight. Our readers will understand the labour this work cost him when they know that he had to learn by heart in daylight all the music that would be required for practice. There is evidenece of his beautiful penmanship in the copy of the inscriptions on the bells which he had framed and presented to the ringers to hang in the belfry. It has been hung in the lower part of the tower in order that others beside the ringers may have the pleasure of seeing it. He was much interested in the inscriptions and other memorials of antiquity in the Church. Had it not been for the bad condition of his eyes in the summer he would have touched up the inscription and coats of arms on the Sandys monument in the Sanctuary, which are in some danger of becoming unrecognisable. He drew out, a little while ago, at the Rector's request, a very artistic design for a new cover for the magazine, which we may hope some day to be able to get printed.

Of Mrs. Muirhead's value to the parish we might say in the words of Quarles' inscription on the Doyley monument "Go aske the poor"; or better "Go aske the Parson, aske the poor." When Mr. and Mrs. Wetherall left, Mrs. Muirhead most kindly undertook the work of the Saving's Bank and the Clubs. The parishioners who are helped by the Clubs know well enough how much they have to thank her for the trouble she has taken in this way, but she did much more than this to prove herself a true friend to her poorer neighbours. The cottagers in Skirmett and the valley generally knew that in Mrs. Muirhead they had a true friend to whom they could always turn for hearty

sympathy and kindly straightforward advice. This appreciation was happily expressed by presentations at the Mother's meetings. At Hambleton the gift consisted of a pair of handsome cut glass scent bottles, with silver mount; at Skirmett of an egg stand. We wish them health and happiness in their home at Haseley, and as Haseley is not more than 16 miles from Hambleton we may hope to see them here from time to time.

Frieth.

As soon as it grows warmer, mothers will be sending their little ones for the first time to school. It is the wish of the Rector and the School Managers that those who live midway between Frieth and Hambleton should send the children here, because Hambleton School is very full, and we have the same number of teachers on the staff, and fewer children. Besides, it would save the little ones a weary climb uphill.

MEDMENHAM.

BURIAL. March 22nd.—Paul Nibbs, aged 89 years.

The death of Paul Nibbs causes grief and sorrow to everyone who knows Medmenham intimately. The disposition of the man was so genial, kind and friendly, his good sense so strong, his industry so persistent that we have really seen in him how beautiful and peaceful and edifying old age may be. It was most touching to observe the large number of friends and fellow workmen who attended at his funeral.

The 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge was marked in our Church Services on March 13th. There is no Society which has done more sound work for the Church, and for which Churchmen ought to be more thankful.

PAROCHIAL FUND ACCOUNTS FOR 1897.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Oxford University Chest	3	3	0	Deficiency (see Magazine			
Rev. James Spowart	1	0	0	April, 1897)	16	14	8
Lady Donaldson and family	10	0	0	School Accounts as presented			
Mrs. Marnder	2	2	0	to H.M. Inspector	77	3	2
H. E. Kearley, Esq., M.P.	10	0	0	Supplementary Accounts			
Government Grant	14	3	6	owing to change of			
Fee Grant	9	10	0	Governess	7	14	0
Rev. W. Hill	1	1	0	Diocesan Inspection	0	5	0
Drawing Grant	1	0	0	Church Expenses	14	10	8
J. White, Esq.	1	1	0	Alms to the Poor	10	6	5
By Offerories & Church Box	65	19	10	Clothing Club	0	18	6
Deficiency	17	7	10	Organ and Choir	7	8	3
				Marlow Horticultural Society			
				(2 years)	1	0	0
				Books, Stationery, &c.	0	7	6
	£136	8	2		£136	8	2

Last year was an especially severe one in regard to School expenses and to this cause we must look for the reason of the continued deficiency. The Church collections reached the large sum of £91 19s. 10d., of which £26 was given to the Church Improvement Fund. There were also collected in the Church the following sums:—For Indian Famine Relief, £2 5s.; Reading and Marlow Hospitals, £3 3s. 2d.; Pastoral Letter, £1 0s. 6d.; S.P.G., £1 6s. 6d. Total, £7 15s. 2d.