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What's in the News this Month?

The Institution and Induction of the Revd Paul Davis, M.A., as Rector of Great and Little Bromley.
The Pantomime Group proudly presents
The Little Bromley Car Boot Sale details
The Service Times at Great and Little Bromley Churches.
The Methodist Services for June.
THE GOOD NEWS - Bibles

INDUCTION AND INSTITUTION of the Revd Paul Davis, M.A. to the cure of Great and Little Bromley takes place at St George's Church, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday 19th June, 1985. The Bishop of Colchester, The Rt Revd Dr R.N. Coote, and the Archdeacon of Colchester, The Ven. E. Stroud, will officiate at the Service. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

THE REVD PAUL DAVIS and his family will move into the Rectory on Thursday, 6th June, and, although not officially Rector till 19th June, Mr. and Mrs Davis invite you when passing to knock at the door or ring the bell and then make yourself known to them.

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JAPAN: In one area of Tokyo a slot machine is being used to sell BIBLES and NEW TESTAMENTS. It is in the Ochanomizu Student Christian Centre and it attracts a lot of interest from the large student population. In the first six months over 1,000 copies of the Scripture were sold.

GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP PROUDLY PRESENTS

Two One Act Plays

RED SPY AT NIGHT and THE MONKEY'S PAW

at Great Bromley Village Hall on Friday, 14th June and Saturday, 15th June at 8 pm nightly
(Doors open from 7.30 pm)

TICKETS - £1.50 Tel: Colchester 231067 or 230398

In aid of Little Bromley Church Repairs Fund

A GRAND CAR BOOT SALE at Normans Farm, Little Bromley
on SATURDAY, 29th June, 1985 from 2.30 p.m.

Booking before the day - £3.00 On the Day - £4.00

Bookings taken by Mrs T.M.H.Fairley, Normans Farm, Lt. Bromley Tel: Colchester 230237

Refreshments will be available

Of course you have noted

G A R D E N D A Y

in Great Bromley SUNDAY, 7th JULY

More details will be issued shortly.

SERVICES at St George's Church, Great Bromley, in JUNE .

Date:	Time:	Service:	Server:
2 June			
Trinity S	10.00 am	Family Communion	Robert Harding
9 June	8.00 am	Holy Communion	James Heaney
Trinity 1	10.00 am	Sunday School	
	10.45 am	Morning Prayer	
16th June	10.00 am	Sunday School	
Trinity 2	10.45 am	Family Communion	John Clapham
	3.00 pm	Masonic Thanksgiving Service (Ev.Prayer)	

SERVICES AT St. George's Church contd.

Date:	Time:	Service:	Server:
19th June	8.00pm	Induction and Institution of The Revd Paul Davis, M.A.	
23rd June	8.00 am	Holy Communion	Bill Kempster
Trinity 3	10.00 am	Sunday School	
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
30th June	10.00 am	Sunday School	
Trinity 4	10.45 am	Morning Prayer	
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer	

FLOWER LIST for June - St. George's Church:

2nd June Seven Rivers 9th June Flower Festival
16th June Mrs P. Greenfield 23rd June Mrs E. Sutherland
30th June Mrs P. Simmons

GREAT BROMLEY P.C.C. will meet on Tuesday 11th June at 7.30 pm

SERVICES AT St. Mary's, Little Bromley in June

Date:	Time:	Service:
2 June	9.00 am	Holy Communion Trinity Sunday
9 June	11.00 am	Morning Prayer w.Sermon Trinity]
16 June	9.00 am	Holy Communion Trinity 2
19 June	8.00 pm	See St.George's list above.
23 June	11.00 am	Holy Communion Trinity 3
30 June	9.00 am	Holy Communion Trinity 4

LITTLE BROMLEY P.C.C. will meet on Monday 8 July, at 7.30 pm

Car Boot Meeting at Normans Farm, Little Bromley, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 12 June. Car Boot Sale - Saturday, 29 June 2.30pm

SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCHES, LITTLE BROMLEY, in June

June 2	Revd. L. Holding	Sacrament	11.00 am
June 9	B. Nicholson		11.00 am
June 16	Revd. D. Lang		9.30 am
June 23	Pastor Theobald		11.00 am
June 30	Revd G. Needham	Sacrament	11.00 am

SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCHES, GREAT BROMLEY in June

Burnt Heath:

	10.45 am	6.30 pm
2 June	E. Lansdown	
9 June	Mrs M. Langley	Mrs M. Deanes, (CHS)
16 June	Pastor Theobald	
23 June	Revd F.C. Eden	P. Bingham (CHS)
30 June	A.I. Mounteney	Revd B.H. Norris (CHS)

Balls Green: 11.00 am

2 June Mrs S. Pratt	23 June Miss R. Cronin
9 June G. Shutes	30 June Miss L. Foster
16 June Mrs D. Wade	

OUR THANKS are given to Peter Sauvary, at the "Spread Eagle" who endured a Sponsored Slim, with a consequent loss of girth, and an addition of £130, to date, for St. George's repairs.

Also TO

Great Bromley's Concert Party for a well-remembered event which raised £708.45 "to a piece of parish life" Well done! THANK YOU to all concerned.

WANTED !!

A PEN FRIEND

for an extrovert, middle-aged American lady, member of the Stone family.

ANY OFFERS? Reply to Church Warden Robert Harding

The British and Foreign Bible Society's new building in Swindon will open in the late summer and will house the total Bible Society operation. The Society's valuable Library is now on the move, on permanent loan to Cambridge University. The Society's Librarian and his family are moving to Cambridge where Alan will join the University staff in August and will continue to look after the Scripture Library.

“TELL THEM how much we are thirsting for God's Word” said a lady in the Solomon Islands of the South Pacific when she was informed that although some 3,000 copies of the first ever Bohatana New Testament had been printed the issue was a "sell-out" and she had to wait for a reprint urgently requested from Britain. Some part of the Bible is being translated for the first time into 1,073 languages. How lucky we are in this country.

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FROM THE RECTOR

Although my wife and I have been living in the Rectory for only a very short time, it seems to us as if we have never lived anywhere else. It is such a lovely spacious house with a delightful garden, that we know we shall be very happy here. Already we have met many parishioners who have made us feel very, very, welcome. The longer we are here, the more we travel round Great and Little Bromley, the better we get to know you all, I feel very privileged to have been invited by Wadham College, Oxford, to become your Rector; I hope to be able to serve the parishes for many years.

The arrival of a new Rector can be a very traumatic event - for the man himself there is the problem of being surrounded by many people who will all recognise him whenever they see him but because of the numbers he will be unable to recognise and know them for some time; - for the parishioners there is the problem of seeing a new face in the pulpit and at the Altar who is bound to have new and strange ways. For a while we will all have to face a period of getting used to each other - and learning from each other. I do hope we will all settle down very quickly and face the challenge, together, of proclaiming the Gospel and being the church to the community we all serve.

I know that I will see you Sunday by Sunday as we meet together in the two churches for our regular worship - I also hope to meet you on many other occasions, in local organisations, in your homes, or just walking about the parish. Please do not hesitate to contact me whenever there is need - you will always be made most welcome at the Rectory, which my wife and I hope very much will be at the centre of parish life. We are delighted to be living in this lovely village, we are so happy to find ourselves serving these two parishes - thank you all, for making us feel so welcome and giving us such a good start to our life in the Bromleys.

SERVICES at St George's Church, Great Bromley, in JULY.

Date: Time: Service: Server:

7 July 10.00 am Family Communion Robert Harding

Trinity 5 6.30 pm Evening Prayer

14 July 8.00 am Holy Communion James Heaney

Trinity 6 10.00 am Sunday School

10.45 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

21 July 10.00 am Sunday School

Trinity 7 10.45 am Family Communion John Clapham

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

28 July 8.00 am Holy Communion Bill Kempster

Trinity 8 10.00 am Sunday School .

10.45 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

SERVICES at The Methodist Churches, Great Bromley in July

Burnt Heath:

10.45 am

6.30 pm

7 July K. Turner

14 July Mrs M. Deans R. Chadborn (CHS)

21 July Pastor Theobald -

28 July F. Mellor (C.A.) Revd. B.H. Norris (C.A.)

Balls Green: 11.00 am except as stated.

7 July B. Clow

14 July Revd B.H. Norris (S)

21 July J. Gill and 6.30 p.m. Miss L. Foster

28 July Revd Dr F. Cumbers

THE REVD PAUL LANSLEY:

By the time you read this note Paul Lansley's long stint, first as a "stand-in" for Canon Hugh Picton, before the latter's retirement and then as temporary Priest-in-charge of the benefice, will have ended.

He is taking on the inter-regnum duty at Little Horsham, of which our new Rector has been Vicar for the last four years. On Sunday, 19th July, Paul Lansley was given a cheque from the P.C.C. as a parting presentation - if anyone else would like to make a gift, either to Mrs Greenfield or the Church Wardens, it will be gratefully accepted. It is also agreed to make him a more lasting gift than cash by having written for him, on an appropriate setting and in a befitting manner, the prayer from The Liturgy of St Basil, which he has said in the Vestry at the conclusion of the Holy Communion.

We are most grateful to Paul Lansley for doing all he has done for the parishes, during a long inter-regnum, by his devotion and example. We look forward to hearing, on his return, about the pilgrimage he is going to make through Europe to Greece. We wish him well with the journey, which, now he has given up full-time teaching, he is able to do. He hasn't said he isn't going to "jog" it.

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN DAY, Sunday, 7th July, noon till 7.00 pm

The organisers would like to thank everybody very much for the marvellous response to the questionnaire handed in to every house, for the generous promise of food for teas, contributions to the stalls and for many donations. Everyone will be contacted shortly to arrange for the collection or delivery of contributions and to give more information, to those who have offered to help before the day. In spite of the splendid response, we are still short of help on the actual day. Most of all, we need help with ticket selling and supervision of car-parking. We would like to organise rotas so that no one is stuck on any one job for too long. If you can give us even ONE hour on the 7th July to help with ticket-selling or supervision of car-parking, or at Park Farm where there will be a lot of activity, please ring - ANNE CLAPHAM, u r g e n t l y at 230790

FLOWERS at St George's Church, in July

7th July - Mrs D. Brown 21st July - Mrs M. Bush

14th July - Mrs P. Deere 28th July - Mrs J. Frostick

AN EVENING OF INDIAN MUSIC

St George's Church, Great Bromley Wednesday, 17th July 7.30 pm
Irmrat Khan (sitar) and Shafaat Miadaad (tabla) . '

SERVICES at St. Mary's Church, Little Bromley, in July

Date:	Time:	Service:
7 July	9.00 am	Holy Communion Trinity 5
14 July	11.00 am	Morning Prayer Trinity 6
21 July	9.00 am	Holy Communion Trinity 7
28 July	11.00 am	Morning Prayer Trinity 8

SERVICES at The Methodist Church, Little Bromley in July

Date:	Time:	Preacher/Officiant:
7 July	11.00 am	H. P. Cutting ,
14 July	9.30 am	Revd D. Lang
21 July	11.00 am	M. Tweddle
28 July	11.00 am	S. Rudd

HAMILTON LODGE

THE ANNUAL FETE

SATURDAY, 20th JULY from 2.00 pm

Little Bromley P.C.C. will meet on Monday, 8th July 7.30pm

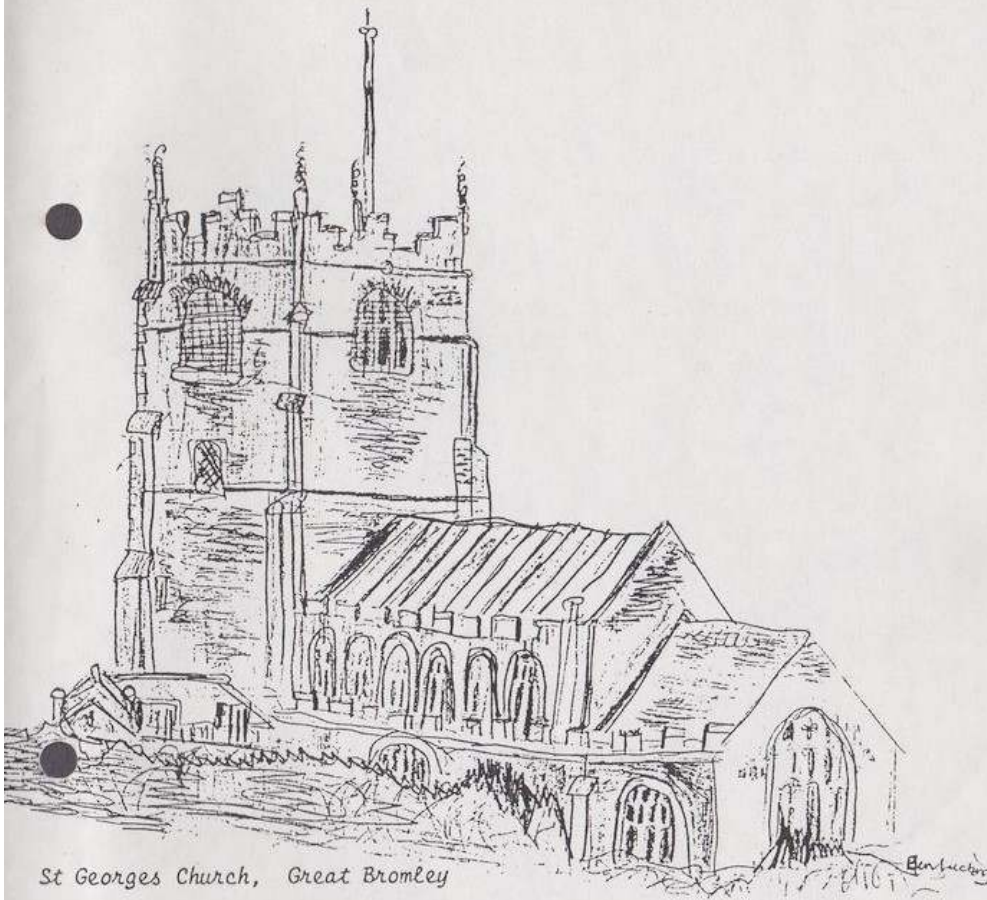
TENDRING SHOW at the Lawford Showground, Saturday 13th July

Great Bromley P.C.C. will meet on Tuesday, 23rd July 7.30pm

Colchester Archdeaconry says goodbye to Bishop Trillo on Monday, 16th September 1985.

Harwich Deanery Synod meets at St George's Church, Gt Bromley, at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 17th September.

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FROM THE RECTOR.

A glance at a map of the Holy Land shows that it contains two seas: a visit there to the seas shows how different they each are. One, the Sea of Galilee is of fresh water and it contains an abundance of fish, its banks are lush with trees and plant life. This sea is fed by the River Jordan which, rising in the hills to the North, flows through the Sea of Galilee and then South into another Sea. This sea is very different from the Sea of Galilee – it contains no fish, no trees, no plant life reaches down to its waters, waters which are saltier than any other ocean in the world. Rightly this sea is called the Dead Sea. Why are these seas so different? They both receive the same waters from the same River Jordan which feeds them both. This is the difference. The Sea of Galilee receives its water and then passes it on. For every drop of water that flows into it, another flows out; the giving and receiving are equal.

The Dead Sea is shrewder it hoards its income jealously. It has no Generous impulse - every drop it receives, it keeps. The Sea of Galilee gives and lives, the Dead Sea gives nothing.

There are two seas in the Holy Land: there are two kinds of people in the world.

Our best wishes go to Mr. John Appleby on his retirement as Headmaster of the Bishop William Ward School, Great Horkesley. John has been the licenced Reader in this parish for many years and we are so glad that this is not a job he is retiring from. We wish him happiness and good health in his retirement and look forward to him continuing his valuable help at Great and Little Bromley for many years.

GARDEN DAY.

What a marvellous occasion this was; the weather was superb and the number of visitors who came to enjoy the church and the village was beyond belief. My heartiest congratulations and thanks go to all who planned this massive operation, especially to Mrs. Ann Clapham whose brainchild it was, and to all who worked so hard in the church and in their gardens to make this such a success. It achieved a remarkable financial result: to date the sum realised stands at £1,790!

One of the many visitors made a Video Film of the gardens which lasts one hour. The gentleman has undertaken to return to Great Bromley in the Autumn to show the film to the garden owners, stall holders and anyone who would like to see it. This will be arranged on a date and place yet to be fixed- details will be announced in next month's magazine.

The Committee who arranged the day wish to thank everybody who helped in any way, and in order to underline their thanks, they invite everybody in the village to a Village Picnic to be held on Sunday, 15th September, from 2.00pm to 5.00pm in the garden of Copley Dene.

The Festival Service on the morning of the Garden Day was an extremely happy occasion. It was a great pleasure to be able to welcome members of the Stone family from California, and to hear such a delightful American voice reading the Epistle at the Parish Communion. The very pleasant surprise we had was to receive a letter of greeting from the Rector and people of the parish of S. George, Laguna Hills, California, and to receive their most generous gift of 100 dollars for the Restoration Fund - a gift from one S. George's church to another.

SUNDAY EVENSONG.

I am most encouraged by the support which is being given to Evensong each Sunday at Great Bromley; I hope that more and more people will find that this is an additional and welcome opportunity to join in the worship of the parish.

Commencing on Sunday, 8th September, Evensong will be sung on the SECOND SUNDAY IN EACH MONTH at S. Mary's, Little Bromley instead of at Great Bromley, when I hope that the choir and congregation of St. Georges will join the people of S. Marys, Little Bromley. Not only will this mean that the lovely parish church at Little Bromley will be used more, but it will also greatly encourage the congregation there. I do hope that this will be well supported.

FUTURE EVENTS- SEPTEMBER.

After a multiplicity of activities in June and July, August is quite a quiet month. However, we get busy again in September! You may like to note these dates:

Tuesday, 3rd - Commencement of School Autumn Term.

Saturday, 7th ~ FLOWER FESTIVAL at S. Marys, Little Bromley.

Sunday, 8th - NATIVITY OF OUR LADY - PATRONAL FESTIVAL OF S. MARYS, LITTLE BROMLEY.

Parish Communion - 10.00 am.

Festal Evensong - 6.30 pm.

Sunday, 15th - Great Bromley Village Picnic, Copley Dene, from 3.00pm to 5.00pm.

Tuesday, 17th - Deanery Synod - S. Georges church - 7.30pm.

Saturday, 21st - The Pantomime Group present, at the Village Hall, a social gathering 'Poets and Pints'.

Thursday, 20th - Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Great Bromley at 7.30pm.

Friday, 27th - School Harvest Thanksgiving - 2.00pm.

Sunday, 29th - HARVEST THANKSGIVING AND FESTIVAL OF S. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

Services at Great Bromley:

8.00am - Holy Communion.

10.45am - Mattins and Sermon.

6.30pm - Festal Evensong and Sermon.

Preacher; The Archdeacon of Colchester - The Venerable E. F. Stroud.

IMRAT KHAN - 17th July 1985.

This was really a Spectacular evening when the church was packed to hear the recital of Indian Music by the Internationally famous Imrat Khan and his son who are both more used to playing in the plush environment of the Festival Hall and the Royal Albert Hall than in a small village church. It was quite clear from the recital that for Imrat, music is not just a form of entertainment, but a means of spreading a philosophy and a way of life. Our most grateful thanks go to him and his family for giving us this wonderful evening without any charge, thus enabling the total receipts to go to the restoration fund. Our thanks also go to Jean and Robert Harding for planning and arranging the evening. The total proceeds from the sale of tickets and the generous contributions made at the concert amounted to £570.

S. GEORGE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The Barn Dance held at Park Farm at the beginning of July and organised by the S. George's School P.T.A. was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended. It raised £233.36 for P.T.A. funds. If you were one of those who attended and enjoyed the dance, or if you missed it this time, perhaps you would like to book the 5th July, 1986, for the next Barn Dance.

Twelve pupils entered the N.E.S.T.A. competition recently held at the Colchester Institute and all were highly commended for their projects and the way in which they responded to the Judges questions. Tim Darby, Mark Hubbard and Ben Lucking shared First Prize in the Mobile Toy section.

The schools rounders rally between Drake and Scott proved an eventful afternoon with matches being played between 1st and 2nd year teams, and 3rd and 4th year teams. Scott were the overall winners and the cup was presented by Mrs. M. Davis, the wife of the Rector.

As we reach the end of another school year, we have to say goodbye to those pupils who leave to go to their Senior Schools. At the final assembly of term, a gift of a dictionary was given to those who are leaving with our best wishes for future success in the years to come. Those leaving are: Damon Lee. Mark Hubbard. Grant Durrell. Matthew Pirie. Rachel Walker. Lee Bowan. Pip Allam. Lucy Richardson Sean Sutton. Tim Darcy. Michael Brown. Martyn Hart. Marina McPherson.

SERVICES - AUGUST, 1985.

S. Georges Great Bromley.

Sunday 4th	TRINITY 9	10.00am Parish Communion 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
Tuesday 6th	THE TRANSFIGURATION	8.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	TRINITY 10	8.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Mattins and Sermon 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
Sunday 18th	TRINITY 11	8.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Parish Communion 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
Saturday 24th	S. BATHOLOMEW	8.00am Holy Communion
Sunday, 25th	TRINITY 12	8.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Mattins and Sermon 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon

S. Marys, Little Bromley.

Sunday, 4th TRINITY 2 9.00am Holy Communion

Sunday, 11th TRINITY 10 11.00am Mattins and Sermon

Sunday, 18th TRINITY II 9.00am Holy Communion

Sunday, 25th TRINITY 12 11.00am Mattins and Sermon.

SERVERS AT GT. BROMLEY.

Sunday, 4th Robert Harding.

Sunday, 11th James Heaney

Sunday, 18th John Clapham

Sunday, 25th Bill Kempster

FLOWERS AT GT. BROMLEY.

August 4th Mrs. Brinkley

August 11th Mrs. Purkiss

August 18th Mrs. Gould

August 29th Mrs. Cobbold

THE MAGAZINE.

We are all most grateful to Mr. John Appleby for his most careful and efficient editing of the magazine for the past months. I hope that he will still, from time to time, contribute to the contents.

I will gladly receive and publish news and notes about any organisation or activity in the villages. Please may I have any material for publication by the second Sunday in each month.

I am hoping to produce a cover illustration each month. This month the cover is a line drawing of S.

Georges, Great Bromley, drawn by Ben Lucking, a pupil at S. Georges Primary School. Next month I hope to feature a picture of St. Marys, Little Bromley.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES.

Little Bromley.

4th August 10.45am - The Revd. L. Holding

11th August 10.45am

18th August 10.45am - Mrs. Carter.

25th August 9.50 am ~ The Revd. D. Lang.

Burnt Heath, Great Bromley.

4th August 10.45am - The Revd. B. Norris.

11th August 10.45am - Mr. D. Green.

6.30pm - Mr. M. Clegg, Cheshire Home. .

18th August - 10.45am - The Revd. Dr. F. Cumbers.

6.30pm - Pastor Theobald, Cheshire Home.

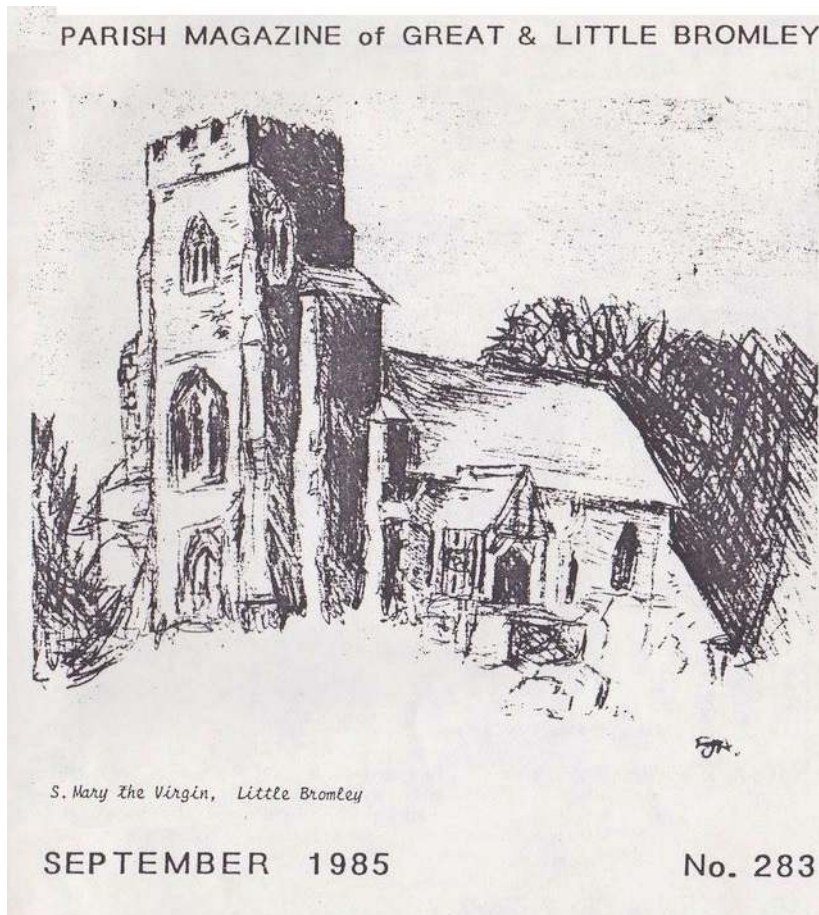
Balls Green, Great Bromley.

4th August 11.00am Mrs. Ruth Lord.

11th August 11.00am - Miss Mary Holford.

18th August 11.00am - Pastor Theobald.

25th August 11.00am - Mr. King.



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The Annual Harvest Thanksgiving this month comes to us as a reminder of how, in this age of technology and electronics, we still rely heavily on the power of God to provide for us those staple necessities without which we could not live. Living as we do in rural Essex the Harvest Thanksgiving must mean more to us than it does to those who have to live in town and city. Around us we can see, especially in a summer of indifferent weather such as this, how much the farmer relies on the power of God to enable him to produce the fruits of the earth. It is so easy to take for granted the availability of the needs of life: all we have to do is to go to the Supermarket, but without the power of God, without the toils of the farmer, all those shelves could be empty. The tragic reports of famine, starvation and drought we receive from Ethiopia and other parts of Africa could be reports of events in this country if our land was not tilled, if the climate and weather were to take a sudden change for the worse. If, in seeing pictures and reports of the starving millions in other parts of the world we could say "there out for the grace of God go I" we would want to have a thank you for the harvest, not once a year, out every day in each year. Daily we pray 'give us this day our daily bread' - daily we receive it. Is not this the very best of reasons for giving thanks to God for his bounties?

It has been most encouraging to receive complimentary comments on the new form of this parish magazine. It is hoped that as time goes on it can contain more and more news about the life of the parishes and the villages. Contributions from any person will be gratefully received. I am discussing at the moment with the Chairman of the Parish Councils the possibility of enlarging it and making it a village magazine which will hopefully be delivered free to every home in Great and Little Bromley.

As 8th September is the Patronal Festival of the Church of S. Mary the Virgin, Little Bromley, the cover picture this month features Little Bromley church. I am very grateful to David Appleby for supplying this lovely line drawing. For the October magazine I would like to have a picture of S. George's C.E. Primary School - if anyone could help by loaning me a drawing of the school (not a photograph) I would be very pleased to use it and return the original to the owner.

DIOCESAN CYCLE RIDE.

This annual event takes place on Saturday, 7th September. The idea is that as many persons as can be persuaded to take part, visit as many churches as possible by cycle, having previously obtained sponsors for each church visited. Help can be given in two ways: either by taking part in the ride itself, or by helping to man the church on this day to welcome the riders and sign sponsor forms as proof of the visit. Mrs. Jean Harding would like to hear from any in Great Bromley who would like to take part and Mr. Bill Walker would like to hear from those in Little Bromley. One half of the proceeds of the sponsorship goes to the parish church of the rider and the other half goes to the Friends of Essex Churches. As both Great and Little Bromley hope to have help from the Friends of Essex Churches for their restoration work on the two Churches, it would be most pleasing if we can help to swell their funds.

WATER SUPPLY - GREAT BROMLEY CHURCH.

For many years now the tap in the churchyard has supplied the needs of church flower arrangers and those who tend the graves. Not everyone knows that the water we have been using has been provided for us free of charge from the water tower belonging to C. J. Pirie and Sons. Now that the old farm buildings of Hall Farm are being cleared away and the site is to be sold, the water which is piped through this area will have to be disconnected.

The P.C.C. has already sent their thanks to Mrs. Pirie and her sons for giving us this free supply for so many years: we are very grateful indeed for their kindness. The Churchwardens are investigating the possibility of having an alternative supply of water from the Anglian Water Board mains, but this of course, will not be free of charge. When our Churchyard tap is turned off in the autumn, and until a new supply is provided, water for the church and churchyard can be obtained from the Rectory.

LITTLE BROMLEY CHURCH

The Patronal Festival, the Feast of the Nativity of S. Mary the Virgin, occurs on Sunday, 8th September. There will be a service of Holy Communion at 9.00am, and Festal Evensong will be sung at 6.30pm, at which the choir of S. Georges will take part. I hope that many members of the congregation of S. Georges will be able to join with us.

Evensong will be sung at Little Bromley on the second Sunday in each month instead of at Great Bromley: the next service will be on Sunday, 15th October, the Harvest Thanksgiving.

It has been found necessary to cancel the proposed Flower Festival planned for 7th -8th September: the P.C.C. will be considering a major fund raising event for 1986. This is of great importance as we have to raise a massive sum of money to put in hand urgent repairs to the church.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - 25th September 1985.

Sign on A120.

A 'Great Bromley' Sign was being erected on the A120 from Harwich by the E.C.C.

Speed Limit.

A604/B1029 Speed limit has been turned down by the E.C.C. as it 'did not meet the required criteria'.

Frating Road Lighting.

By a majority vote it was decided not to install lighting on this road due to the cost (£2,000 installation, £600 per annum running costs).

Post Box - Mary Lane North.

This has been stolen, the G.P.O. were to be asked to replace.

Pathways for Rideway.

Mr. Pound said that T.D.C. were considering six circuits in the Tendring District to encourage this activity.

Playing Field Report

An A. G. M. has been held and Committee elected. Monies in hand to be used to buy more equipment for the field.

Village Identity Signs.

T.D.C. would erect Special signs free to parishes, suggestions would be welcomed by the Council.

Date of next Parish Council Meeting: Thursday, 4rd October, 1985.

THE OASIS.

Over the last few years the village of Great Bromley has undergone a major upheaval with the construction of the A120 right down its middle. Now another major development is being considered by T.D.C. - the building of a hotel complex for 175 beds, restaurant, conference facility, filling station, tourist information centre, exhibition building and possibly a 9-hole golf course and equestrian facility. This will involve the construction of new slip roads for access via the A604. The impact of such a project on our village is therefore, of prime consideration to us all. Before any decision is made on this, we understand that Essex County Council will be holding a public enquiry when we in the village will be given the opportunity to present our views. As soon as this is arranged full notice will be given in the local press, on the public noticeboard and this magazine so that all who are interested may be able to attend.

Len Christo-Doulides.

'POEMS AND PINTS'.

Tickets for this evening of entertainment in the Village Hall arranged by the Pantomime Group are now on sale from members of the Group price £2 each. In addition to the entertainment and dancing, a ploughman's supper will be provided and there will as a licensed bar. Your support for this evening, the proceeds of which will go to the Tower Fund, will be much appreciated.

THE ESSEX CONCERT BAND.

In conjunction with the S. Helena Hospice, a concert is to be given in the Moot Hall, Colchester, by the Essex Concert band on Thursday, 17th October at 7.30pm. The price for admission will be £2, and the proceeds are to be divided between the Hospice Funds and the Great Bromley Tower Fund. Tickets can be obtained from the Hospice Office, 156 High Street (over Cullingfords), The Wivenhoe Bookshop, Mr. Robert Harding, Mr. John Clapham, Mrs. Betty Rowe and the Rector. More details of the programme will be given in the October edition of the magazine.

PANTOMIME GROUP

The important casting meeting for this year's pantomime, Robinson Crusoe, will as held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 1st October at 7.50pm. Will all who wish to take part in this production make sure that they are able to attend.

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB.

One of the results of the most successful Garden Day in July was that some of the people involved met together on 25th July to think about joining together on a regular basis to share their common interest in gardens. It was decided to form the Great Bromley Garden Club, and Mr. H. P. Booty of Church Cottage was elected as Chairman, with Mrs. Sue Lucking of White House, Hilliards Road was appointed Secretary. A series of monthly meetings is planned, each meeting to be held at a member's house.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 29th August at 8.00pm at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Wright, Fen House. All are welcome to this new village venture: please come and support us. More information can be obtained from the Secretary.

BROMLEY BAKES.

Mrs. Betty Rowe, Harris Farm, is still very anxious to receive your favourite recipes to be put together and sold as a village recipe book. It is hoped that this will be available at the Church Christmas Sale, to be held on Saturday, 7th December. As time is getting short for this deadline, if you can help please will you give your recipe (or adapted recipe) to Betty Rowe as soon as possible.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

The details of the services to be held in Great Bromley Parish Church are to be found in the Parish Diary for September. The Little Bromley Harvest Thanksgiving will be held on Sunday, 13th October.

The Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday, 6th October, at Great Bromley Village Hall at 7.00pm. As usual a really splendid meal will be provided for the cost of £2 per person. Please obtain your tickets as soon as possible from members of the Committee.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY.

The Annual Box Opening will commence on Monday, 10th September. Will box holders please deliver their boxes during that week to Mrs. Nancy Kempster, New House Farm, Hall Road, or arrange for them to be collected.

Mrs. Kempster will also be pleased to receive any donations to the work of the Society by anyone who does not have a box, and also to give a box for the oncoming year to anyone who has not previously had one.

GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE PICNIC.

By now a letter inviting residents to a Village Picnic at Copley Dene on Sunday, 15th September, from 3.00 to 5.30pm should have been delivered to every house in the village. As well as tea, there will be some games and competitions for children.

The Competitions will be:

1. Fancy Dress.
2. Fancy Masks.
3. Fancy Hats made from unusual materials.

Any child can enter any or all of the competitions! Please do come and enjoy yourselves. If however, it is a very wet day (and we sincerely hope it will not!) the picnic will have to be cancelled. We are most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. John Clapham and their family for inviting us to Copley Dene and for arranging the afternoon.

WEEKDAY SERVICES GREAT BROMLEY.

Commencing on Wednesday, 4th September, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion each Wednesday evening in the Lady Chapel. Evensong will be said daily (except on Fridays) at 6.00pm. On Saints Days Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7.30am and on Major Festivals there will be a Sung Eucharist at 7.30pm.

The Blessed Sacrament is reserved in Church so that Holy Communion can be taken at any time to the sick and dying and anybody who is housebound. The Rector will be pleased to visit anybody at any time for this purpose. Please ask!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE.

There is always a need for people to take on responsibilities to help the smooth running of the parish and its worship. It would be helpful if members of the parish could offer themselves for the following activities:

a) Lesson Readers. It would be a great help to have a rota of persons to read lessons at both morning and evening services on Sundays. If you feel you would like to help the worship of the church in this way, can you please contact the rector, specifying in particular whether you would like to have your name on a morning or an evening list. We would welcome young and old ladies and gentlemen to help in this way.

b) Servers. At the moment we have four regular servers to assist at Holy Communion. It would be nice to have enough to enable each Sunday Service to have its own server. Please speak to the rector if you would like to consider taking on this responsibility.

c) Church Cleaning. We urgently need one person who would be prepared to undertake on a weekly basis, the cleaning of the Lady Chapel only. Please ask the Rector about this, and he will explain what the task entails.

SUNDAY SCHOOL .

The Sunday School resumes its meetings On Sunday, 1st September at 10.00am, under the leadership of Mrs. Olive Sparling, joining in the Parish Family Communion. All children are invited to attend: the meetings are from 10.00am to 10.45am.

At the service on 1st September prizes will be awarded for good attendance during the past session.

SERVICES - GREAT BROMLEY - September 1985.

Sunday 1st	TRINITY 15	8.00am Holy Communion. 10.00am Family Communion. 6.50pm Evensong and Sermon.
Wed. 4th		7.30pm Holy Communion.
Sunday 8th	TRINITY 14	8.00am Holy Communion. 10.45am Mattins and Seemon. 6.50pm Evensong-Lt. Bromley.
Wed. 11th		7.30pm Holy Communion.
Sunday 15th	TRINITY 15	8.00am Holy Communion. 10.45am Parish Communion. 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon.
Tues. 17th		7.00pm. Synod Eucharist.
Wed. 18th		7.30pm Holy Communion.
Sunday 22nd	TRINITY 16	8.00am Holy Communion. 10.45am Mattins and Sermon. 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon.
Wed. 25th		7.30pm Holy Communion.
Thurs. 26th	HARVEST THANKSGIVING	7.30pm Thanksgiving Service.
Fri. 27th		2.00pm School Harvest Service.
Sunday 29th	S. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS	8.00am Holy Communion. 10.45am Mattins and Sermon. 6.30pm Festal Evensong – The Archdeacon of Colchester.

SERVICES - LITTLE BROMLEY - September 1985.

Sunday 1st	TRINITY 15	9.00am Holy Communion.
Sunday 8th	PATRONAL FESTIVAL	9.00am Holy Communion. 6.30pm Festal Evensong.
Sunday 15th	TRINITY 15	9.00am Holy Communion.
Sunday 22 nd	TRINITY 16	11.00am Mattins and Sermon.
Sunday 29th	S. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS	9.00am Holy Communion.

INDIAN PRAYER.

Great Spirit - grant that I may not criticise my neighbour until I have walked a mile in his Moccasins.

SERVERS - GREAT BROMLEY - September.

Sunday 1st 10.00am Robert Harding.
 Sunday 8th 8.00am James Heaney.
 Sunday 13th 8.00am –
 10.45am John Clapham.
 Sunday 22nd 8.00am Bill Kempster.
 Sunday 29th 8.00am Robert Harding.

FLOWERS - Great Bromley.

Sunday 1st Mrs. J. Wright. .
 Sunday 8th Mrs. O. Sparling.
 Sunday 15th Mrs. J. Warren.
 Sunday 22nd Mrs. P. Wright.
 Sunday 29th Mrs. B. Hall.

HOLY BAPTISM

28th July, 1985 ... James Ashley Thornton. .
 11th August, 1989 ... Mark Daniel Norman.

METHODIST SERVICES - GT AND LT BROMLEY

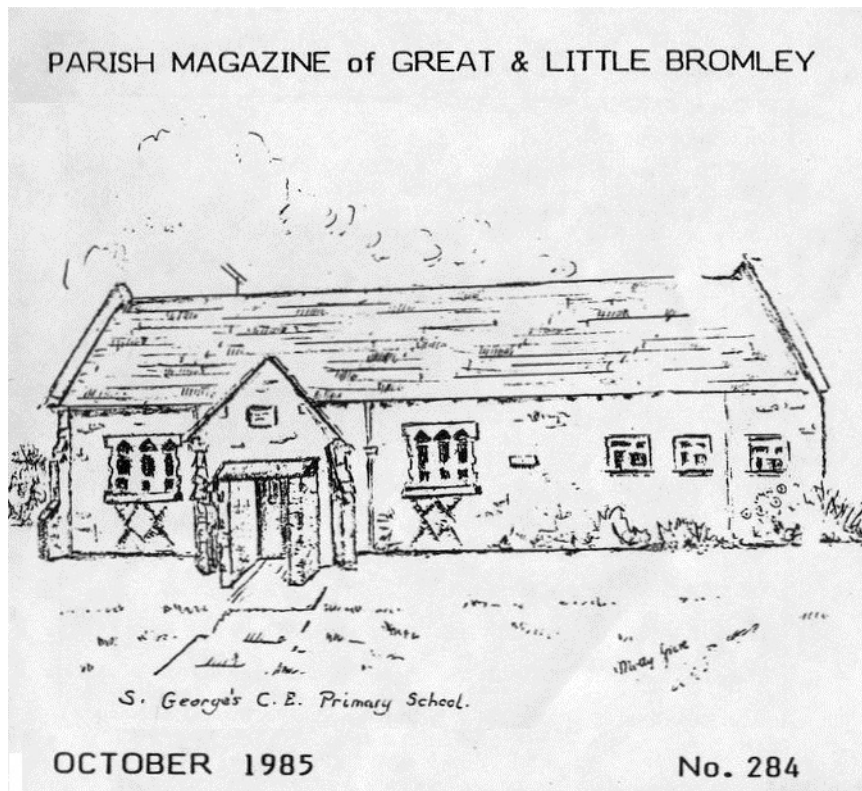
It is regretted that as details of the services at Burnt heath, Balls Green and Little Bromley were not available at the time of the production of this edition they have not been able to be included this month.

OCTOBER MAG

All items for inclusion in the October edition should be handed to the Rector by Sunday, 15th September.

GARDEN DAY:

Look out next month for news about a Video film of the Garden Day on Saturday, 12th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



[Contacts – same as previous issue]

FROM THE RECTOR.

The news we read of confrontations and rioting in towns in this country and even worse situations in South Africa, Northern Ireland and other parts of the world is disturbing and horrific. If it does nothing else it should make us value the peace and serenity we enjoy living in our village communities. Enjoying the Village Picnic at Copley Dene recently I mused upon the feeling of fellowship and real community we enjoy here in the Bromleys. There cannot as many villages where so much activity abounds: where so many of the villagers actually take part in community affairs. An extremely long list could be made of the various organisations, meetings and groups which occur week after week here. I am 'lost in wonder, love and praise' of the support given by the village to the appeal for the restoration work on the church – and this is only one of the activities to be found here. I could also mention the support given to the Cheshire Home, to Hamilton Lodge, the S. Helena Hospice and many others. Where people work and play together it must be for the common good. It must mean that confrontation just cannot exist. We frequently join together for 'activities' - can I ask you to join together for yet another purpose? Sunday by Sunday our church bell calls the village to worship - does it call you? The church building is not just an interesting old monument, but a living home where the people of God gather to acknowledge their dependence on God and to obtain strength and grace to live out their every day lives.

We seek to preserve the church as this living home – and however much we value and need your efforts to keep it standing, we need even more your presence with us to ensure that it remains the sanctuary of peace and prayer that it has been for so many hundreds of years. We owe it to our forefathers who set aside the church as a place of worship to see that it remains that today and will remain in the generations to come. A friendly welcome is waiting all who come: do join us.

HARVEST SUPPER - Saturday, 5th October.

Have you got your tickets for the Harvest Supper yet? They are still available and can be obtained from members of the Committee. After the supper, the Rector will outline a money raising activity for the Restoration Fund which involves the participants being given money - yes, actually being handed a one pound coin! It is so unusual to be given money instead of giving it, that you will want to come to find out all about it - and to take part!

S. MARY'S, LITTLE BROMLEY

Evensong was held in Little Bromley church on the 8th September for the first time for several years, on the occasion of the Patronal Festival. Sunday, 13th October is the Harvest Thanksgiving and again Evensong will be held there at 6.30pm when I am asking the choir and congregation of S. George's to come and take part. There is a very small nucleus of people who come week by week to Little Bromley church for

a morning service - I am sure that more people from the village could join with us. For some time now, we have had no organist or choir. Is there someone in Little Bromley who could help by playing the organ each Sunday morning? We do urgently need music at our services - if you can help, or know someone who might be able to help, can you please contact the Rector?

The church will be decorated for the Harvest Thanksgiving on the afternoon of Friday, 11th October and the morning of Saturday, 12th October - as there is a wedding in the afternoon, the first since 1977, the decoration will have to be completed by noon on Saturday. Help in decorating the church will be greatly appreciated and also gifts of flowers and produce. Please bring them to the church on Friday, 11th October.

A monthly service of Evensong is to be held at Little Bromley on the second Sunday in each month. The 15th October, 10th November and 8th December.

S. GEORGE'S RESTORATION FUND.

Month by month the total of the fund increases and this is due entirely to the efforts and interest of so many people. We are most grateful to the village community for their help and participation in the efforts needed to save our beautiful church. A synopsis of the receipts and expenditure is to be published in this magazine, quarterly: to date the current situation is:

Funds transferred ...	1,500
Garden Day ...	1,763.10
Imrat Khan Concert ...	378.10
Guides Sponsored Litter Collection	143.20
American Gifts ...	2,586.04
Other donations ...	1,520.92
Other Fund Raising Events ..	1,394.81
Interest and Tax refund ...	<u>132.42</u>
	9,418.59
Expenses ...	<u>129.36</u>
Total in Hand .(14th Sept 1985)	£9,289.23

As this fund has been in operation for a little over fifteen months, this is a really splendid result. However, we are a very long way still from the sum needed to put the essential repairs in hand, so it is important that we try to keep up the momentum of effort, and support as many of the appeal events as is possible.

GREAT BROMLEY GIRL GUIDES.

You may remember that in June the Guides decided to hold a sponsored litter collection in aid of the church restoration fund. Over the week-end of 14-16 June a total of 252 lbs. of litter was collected - that is 2¼ cwt! This translated into sponsorship money became £143.20. The Rector and Mrs. Davis recently attended one of the Guide meetings when this sum was presented to him to be given to the church. This is a really splendid effort which is much appreciated by those who are responsible for the restoration appeal fund. Our grateful thanks go to Mrs. Landon who organised the weekend's work, to the Guides who trudged the roads with their dads picking up the litter and not the least, those who so generously sponsored them.

COVER PICTURE

I am most grateful to Miss Molly Grove from Dean, Bishops Maltham, Southampton, for sending me her lovely line drawing of S. George's School which I have used as the cover picture this month. Miss Grove was a pupil herself at the school in the 1930's and remembers her days there with much affection. She sends her greetings and best wishes to all she knew during her time in the village.

S. GEORGE'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL.

A change in the constitution of the school means that, as from the beginning of this term, the number of school governors is to be increased, with representatives of the village taking a larger share in responsibilities for the school. At the moment arrangements for the appointment of new governors are under way.

When elected by the various responsible bodies, there will be two governors appointed from the church, two from among the parents of the school, two appointed by the Education Committee, one teacher governor, the headmistress and the Rector as an ex officio governor, eleven in all. The names of the new governors (and they will probably include those who were formerly governors) will be announced in the November issue of the magazine.

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

The next meeting of the club will be on Thursday, 3rd October at 8.00pm at the Bungalow, Seven Rivers Home, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Chilvers. A talk is being arranged on bulbs, which it is hoped will be

given by Mr. Pearce of Notcutts Nurseries. The meeting is Open to all who are interested. Information about the club can be obtained from Mrs. Sue Lucking, White House, Hilliards Road.

GARDEN DAY VIDEO.

The Video film of the Garden Day is to be shown on Saturday, 12th October at the Village hall starting at 7.30pm. This I know, will as interesting especially to those who, because they were looking after their own gardens, could not see the many others. The entrance fee will be £2.00 and refreshments will be available. The proceeds from the evening will be given to the Restoration Fund.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

After a break for the month of August, the Sunday School reassembled on the 1st September. Prizes were given to a number of pupils to recognise their good attendance: the winners were Michael Brown, Reggie Doyle, Michael Doyle, Mark Leyland, Paul McGuinness, Samantha Leyland, Sarah Lockhart and Tristram Twilley. A Special award was made to Sarah Cameron who now helps with the youngest class and who has been a regular member since the age of four.

Our thanks go to Mrs. Olive Sparling and her helpers for running the Sunday school. This is one of the most important activities of the church, for today's children really are tomorrow's church - and they need as much help and encouragement as we can possibly give. The Sunday School meets on every Sunday at 10.00am.

GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Women's Institute annual Over 60's party is on Wednesday, 7th October in the Village hall at 5.00 for 4.30pm. All eligible Great Bromley residents are very welcome, so do come! Transport can be arranged. Please contact Mrs. Vera Biddis (250506) or Mrs. Beryl Hurst (250578).

DEDHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Exhibitions and maintenance grants for Educational purposes are offered to young people resident in Ardleigh, Bradfield, Great Bromley, Dedham and Stratford S. Mary. Application forms may be obtained from Dennis A. Cockram, 6 Woodlands, Colchester CO4 3JA, Clerk to the Governors. Closing date 15th October 1985.

GREAT BROMLEY AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

This club has enjoyed a successful season and to date have played 22, won 13 and drawn 6 matches. They are having a dinner on the 9th October at the Officer's Club, Colchester, to mark the end of the season and the 65th anniversary of the Club. It is hoped that as many present and past club members as possible will attend. The Club has tried to trace as many past players as they can from their records out, inevitably it has been impossible to locate everybody. They hope that many of them will read this and those wishing to come can obtain details from the Club Secretary, Mr. David Goss on Colchester 44917.

ESSEX CONCERT BAND 17th October

This band is to give a concert of light music in the MOOT HALL, Colchester, on Thursday, 17th October at 7.30pm in aid of the S. Helena Hospice and the S. George's Restoration Fund. Entry is by ticket, £2 each from the Hospice Office or from the Rector, Churchwardens or Mrs. Betty Rowe.

CHRISTMASS SALE

Preparations are now being made for the Christmass Sale which is to be held on Saturday, 7th December, in the Village Hall. This year the proceeds will be given to the Church Restoration Fund. An interesting selection of stalls will provide all sorts of goodies and fun. Please make a note of the date in your diaries. Mrs. Jean Wright will be pleased to receive any offers of help. One of the stalls is to us a Toy Stall which is being run by the Sunday School and Bible Study Group. If you have any toys in reasonable condition which are no longer required could you spare them for their stall? If you can help can you please contact Mrs. Olive Sparling (Tel. 230436).

Between now and the sale, tickets are available for the Grand Draw which will be made at the Sale. Tickets are 5 pence each, 25 pence for each book of 5, and the first prize is to be £50, with a second prize of £20 and a third of £10. Please buy some tickets, and if you can, take some books to sell them to your friends (and enemies!) Mrs. Jean Wright can supply as many books as you can take:

CHRISTMASS CONCERT.

Another advance notice, this time of a concert of Christmass music to be held in church at 7.00pm on Friday, 27th December. More details will be available nearer the time; we are grateful to Mrs. Jean Harding for arranging this. She can give any information you may wish to have about it.

CONFIRMATION

I am hoping to commence a series of meetings shortly for any persons who would like to consider being prepared for confirmation. I expect to be able to ask the Bishop to come to administer confirmation some time during the Spring of next year.

I would like to hear from anyone who would like to think about this; please let me have your names if you are interested. I will then invite you all to an introductory meeting and arrange a suitable time for weekday meetings. If there are any adults who have not been confirmed but who wish to do so now, please come along and I will arrange separate meetings for young persons and adults if it is necessary.

DIOCESAN CYCLE RIDE

Twelve persons from Great Bromley and four from Little Bromley took to the wheel on Saturday, 8th September, to visit as many churches as possible to gain sponsorship money. One of the Great Bromley cyclists visited thirty-two Churches, and another earned over £100 in sponsorship! We wait with excitement to hear of the financial result and the experiences of all those who took part. It was a lovely Saturday with sun and just enough wind to be cooling. Those who took part thoroughly enjoyed the day, meeting cyclists from other parts of the county and enjoying the camaraderie of the road. Among the Churches they visited was the Burnt Heath Methodist Chapel - they were received with a great welcome. Perhaps we can persuade even more to take part in next years ride. One half of the proceeds will come to the church and one half will go to the 'Friends of Essex Churches'

ITEMS IN BRIEF

Hamilton Lodge.

The long planned for extension at Hamilton Lodge, Selbourne Court, is to open for residents early in October. This has come about through the generosity of a large number of donors who have enabled the rooms to be furnished.

Seven Rivers

Work has just commenced on the building of a chapel and physiotherapy room.

SERVICES – GREAT BROMLEY – OCTOBER 1985

Wed 1st		7.50pm Holy Communion
Sun 6th	TRINITY 18	10.00am Family Eucharist and Sunday School 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
Wed 9th		7.30pm Holy Communion
Sun 19th	TRINITY 12	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Sunday School 10.45am Mattins and Sermon 6.30pm Evensong at Little Bromley
Wed. 16th		7.30pm Holy Communion
Fri. 18th	S. LUKE	7.30am Holy Communion
Sun 20th	TRINITY 20	8.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
Sun 27th	TRINITY 21	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Sunday School 10.45am Mattins and Sermon 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
Fri 1st Nov.	ALL SAINTS DAY	7.30am Holy Communion
Sat 2nd Nov	ALL SOULS DAY	7.30am Requiem for all Departed Souls

There will be no weekday Holy Communion services on Wednesday, 23rd October and Wednesday, 30th October

SERVICES - LITTLE BROMLEY - OCTOBER 1985

Sunday, 6 th	TRINITY 18	9.00am Holy Communion
Sunday, 15th	HARVEST THANKSGIVING	9.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Festal Evensong
Sunday, 20th	TRINITY 20	9.00am Holy Communion
Sunday, 27th	TRINITY 21	10.45am Mattins at Great Bromley

SERVERS - GREAT BROMLEY - October.

Sunday 6th 10.00am Robert Harding.
Sunday 15th 8.00am James Heaney.
Sunday 30th 8.00am –
10.45am John Clapham.
Sunday 27th 8.00am Bill Kempster.

FLOWERS - Great Bromley - October

Sunday 1st Mrs. R. Heaney
Sunday 13th Mrs. G. Hines
Sunday 20th Mrs. M. Brown
Sunday 27th Mrs. M. Brown

FLOWERS - Little Bromley - October

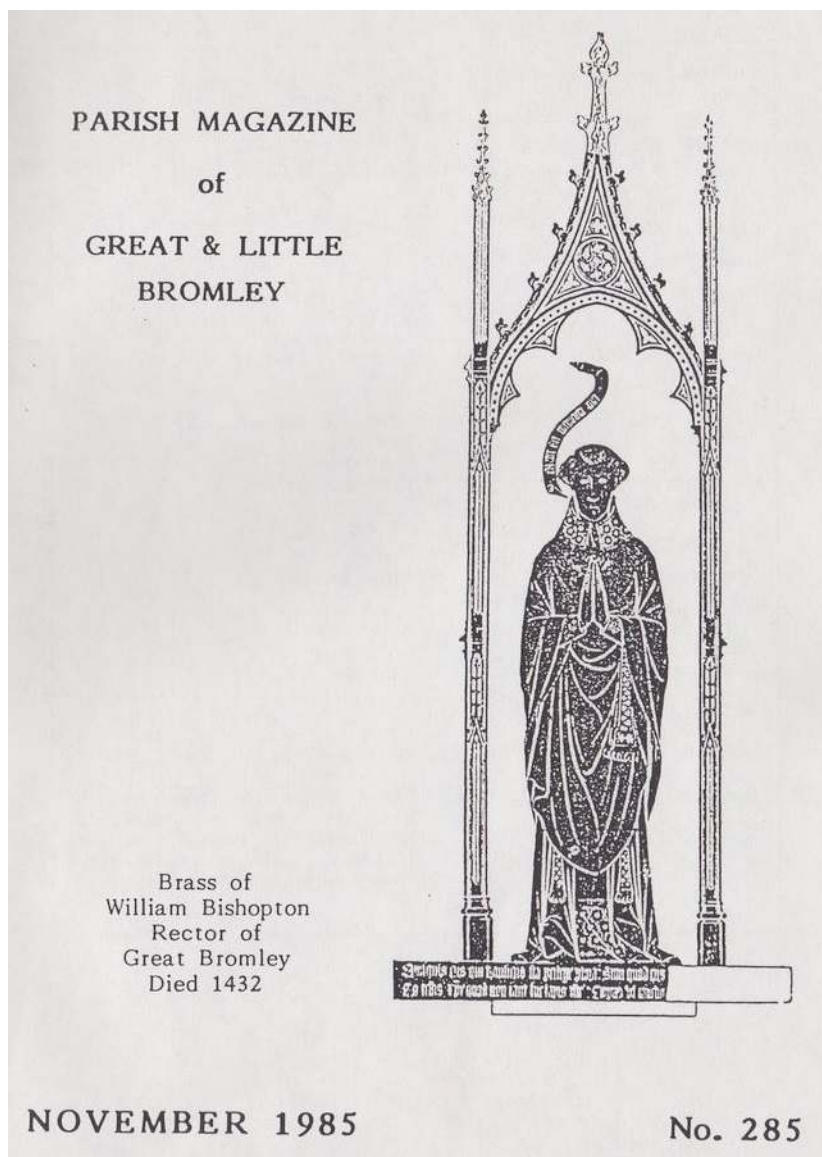
Sunday 1st Mrs. Walker
Sunday 13th HARVEST THANKSGIVING
Sunday 20th Mrs. E. Lennox.
Sunday 27th Mrs. E. Lennox.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES.

Not having received the circuit plans, it is not possible to publish the details of services this month.
I hope we can include this information next month.

STOP PRESS - HARVEST SUPPER

By popular demand, the Harvest Supper WILL include a specially devised musical entertainment in which it is rumoured that the Rector might be persuaded to burst into song!!!



[Contacts – same as previous issue]

FROM THE RECTOR.

Leaves changing colour and falling; nights drawing in quickly; the certain nip in the air; tea around the fire - these all are eloquent reminders that November is with us and the end of the year is in sight. All however, is not gloom, for we know so well that nature sleeps, only to wake in the glory of springtime. The trees looking so bare will in a few months, be covered in their glorious greenery; the gardens which look so sorry will again be a blaze and riot of colour and peace. The apparent death of nature is always followed - and this we look forward to - by a joyous rebirth, a resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead in itself tells us that sorrow and pain are always followed by joy. The ultimate sorrow, the sorrow of death is like the dying of nature in November; it is not the end - a fuller and more glorious life is promised to all at the close of this our earthly journey.

The month commences with All Souls Day when we remember all our departed friends and family - not just with nostalgia and sadness, but with the positive knowledge that they are living in a different sphere and that our prayers for them are just as important as our prayers are for those who are living.

Out of everything that is apparently bad, good comes - that is God's law. Winter is coming - but so is spring and summer; sadness and pain come to each one of us, but out of every sadness, every pain, comes joy and happiness.

REMEMBRANCE DAY - 10th NOVEMBER.

Our annual act of homage, remembrance and prayer for all who gave their lives for the cause of freedom takes place this year on Sunday, 10th November. The Act of Remembrance will take place at Little Bromley church at 10.55am; I hope the congregation of Great Bromley will join us for this service, which has not been held at Little Bromley for many years.

Evensong at Great Bromley at 6.30pm on Remembrance Sunday will include an Act of Remembrance and the reading of the roll Of Honour-

We are asked to be as generous as we can to the Poppy Appeal Fund. There are still thousands of ex-service men, suffering as a result of war, who are cared for by the Poppy Day Fund, who rely on our annual contributions. I do hope you can give as much as you possibly can.

S. GEORGE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The newly appointed Governors of the school are: .

The Rector (ex officio).

Mrs. J. Clapham - P.C.C.Governor.

Mr. R. Gurney - Diocesan Governor.

Mrs. J. Terry - Parish Council Governor.

Mr. N. Lucking - Parish Council Governor.

Mrs. J. Golding - Parent Governor.

Mr. P. Martin - Parent Governor.

Major H. E. Varney - County Council Governor.

Mr. G. F. Kempster - County Council Governor.

Mrs. Tillbrook - Teacher Governor.

Mrs. S. Wilson -- Head Teacher.

TALENT SCHEME.

There are still some talents available for anyone who has not received one. The idea is to have a talent for a period of six months on loan and to use it to make more money, returning it, with the profit on our Patronal Festival, S. George's Tide, 23rd April 1986. (See Matthew 25 verses 14-30). If a hundred people take a talent each and increase to £10 we will obtain £1,000 for the Repair Fund! Please ask the Rector for your talent if you have not received one. -

TALENT STALL - CHRISTMAS SALE.

To help those who are using their talents to make beads which they wish to sell, a 'Talent Stall' will Be available at the Christmas Sale on 7th December.

The full sale price will be returned to the producers of goods - please bring items on the day of the sale, priced, together with a note of your name and address so that the money can be paid over to you.'

DIOCESAN CYCLE RIDE.

The total obtained from both parishes for the Diocesan Cycle Ride in September was £433.08. The money is to be sent to the Friends of Essex Churches who will return to the parishes their half-share. S. George's will receive £187.65 and S. Mary's will receive £28.89. Well done everybody - and thank you sponsors for your support.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

On Friday, 27th December, there is to be a concert in church starting at 7.00pm at which Carol Thompson, a folk singer, and a group of her musical friends will provide a short programme of Christmass Music and song in which the congregation will be encouraged to join.

Make a note in your diary - and try to be there - it will be most enjoyable.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC.

A suggestion has been made that next summer we have a Teddy Bears Picnic in the village to raise funds for the church repairs. There will be a meeting to discuss the possibility on Thursday, 14th November at 7.30pm in the Rectory. Please come and help us plan this! We hope to have people who can help us on the skeleton idea and plan a really big occasion. We would hope to have Fancy Dress and other competitions, Bear food stalls, Bear hook stalls, Bears on sale, the appearance of important bears - Pooh, Paddington etc. This sounds such an interesting idea that we really ought to get it off the ground. In the meantime, if you have any ideas, please contact Jean Harding.

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

At the meeting held on 3rd October, 1985, the following matters were discussed.

A120. We are still waiting for Great Bromley to be signposted from the direction of Harwich.

Recreation Field Ditch. This has been inspected and found to be clear. It was decided not to fill it in as it still serves as drainage to the adjoining properties.

Motel Complex. Essex County Council had declined an invitation to speak at a public meeting, but Tendring District Council had been approached and agreed to a meeting as soon as possible. As the District Council have now applied for outline planning permission for this development, the matter is

becoming urgent. This meeting has now been arranged and will take place on Wednesday, 13th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. It is important that as many residents of the village as possible come to the meeting so that a consensus of village opinion can be made.

Magazine. It was agreed to go forward with a village magazine, starting on the 1st January next. The Rector will edit the magazine and arrange its printing.

Lorry Routes. It is hoped that lorries would be routed via the A.120 and A.12 to Harwich and Felixstowe, instead of using minor country roads.

School Governors. Mrs. J. Terry and Mr. N. Lucking were nominated as the Parish Council Governors of S. George's Church of England Primary School.

Accounts. There is a balance in hand of £590 on the Council Accounts.

Next Meeting. This is to be held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 28th November at 7.30pm.

GREAT BROMLEY P.C.C.

The P.C.C. at its recent meeting, accepted with sadness the resignation of Mr. Felix Erith as Treasurer and thanked him warmly for all the time and effort he has put into this office. Mr. John Appleby was elected Treasurer in his place. The meeting made the following decisions:

- (a) To go ahead with the estimates received for installing a water supply in the churchyard.
- (b) To apply for a Faculty to remove three pews from the front of the North Aisle in order to give more room for Sunday School activities.
- (c) To apply for an Archdeacon's Certificate to carry out repairs to the lead work on the roof of the South Aisle.

Mr. R. Gurney and Mrs. J. Clapham were nominated as foundation Governors of S. George's Church of England Primary School. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3rd December at 7.30pm in the Rectory.

CHURCH CLEANING.

As a matter of real urgency some extra help in cleaning the church must be found. Ideally we would like to find a small group of volunteers who could each clean a small part of the church each week. Can anyone who can spare not more than two hours each week please contact the Rector? Unfortunately we are not in a position to offer this as paid employment.

BARN DANCE.

There will be a Barn Dance in Great Bromley Village Hall on Saturday, 9th November, from 8.00pm until midnight. A Prize will be offered to the best 'Worzel Gummidge' fancy dress; the music is to be provided by Derek Green. The tickets, £2.50 each to include supper, can be obtained from members of the Hall Committee. There will be a bar and a raffle. This dance is being held to raise funds for the Village Hall.

MAGAZINE.

As reported in the Parish Council news, we are to go ahead with a village magazine which will be delivered, free of charge, to every house in the villages of Great and Little Bromley. It is hoped that the cost will be defrayed by sponsors agreeing to pay for the cost of one month's issue or sharing the cost with someone else. In the new production we plan to include as much village news and information as possible, together with articles of interest to our rural community. For this to be a success, it is essential that every organisation in the village sends in items for publication.

Any suggestions, comments or ideas for the new magazine will be gladly received by the Rector.

PRIZE COMPETITION.

A prize of £10 is to be awarded to the person who can provide us with a good and catchy name for the new magazine. Please send your entries to the Rector by Sunday, 24th November. The winner will be chosen by the Parish Council at its next meeting on 28th November. Entries should have the name and address of the sender and if still at school, the age of the entrant.

HARVEST SUPPER.

This was an extremely happy and most successful event. A very good meal was enjoyed by over a hundred persons, and this was followed by a 'home grown' entertainment which all who were present agreed was of a very high standard. The event made a profit for Church Funds of £120.50. Thank you everybody for your support.

VIDEO EVENING.

It was a pleasant surprise to learn that one of the many visitors to the Garden Day in July had made a Video Film of all the gardens and the church, and even a more pleasant surprise to be able to see the

result. We are very grateful to Mr. Meakins of Hornchurch who made the film and brought it to show us on 12th October. It was most enjoyable to see the film - and then to chat over coffee to the 'stars' who appeared in it. Our thanks must go to Cheesemans of Colchester who loaned us two television sets for the evening. The evening made a profit of £27.50 which is to be added to the Garden Day total. If you did not see the film, Mr. Henry Fairley has purchased a copy of it and will be willing to show it to any who would like to see it - at a price!

GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP.

Bookings can now be made for the grand pantomime, 'Robinson Crusoe' which will be performed in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 8th January, Thursday, 9th January, Friday, 10th and Saturday, 11th January, 1986.

All performances commence at 7.30pm. Additionally on Saturday, 11th January, there will be a matinee performance at 2.30pm. Tickets will be Adults £1.50 and children 75pence.

BUFFET SUPPER - ADVANCE NOTICE.

Once again a Buffet Supper and Cabaret is to be held on Friday and Saturday, 4th and 5th April, 1986. Tickets can be reserved with Mr. P. Wenden (230613) or Mr. G. Nicholls (251254). As tickets for this event are always in great demand, please reserve your place as soon as possible in order to avoid disappointment.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

A fireworks display and party will take place at the Hare Green Recreation Ground, Great Bromley, on Saturday 2nd November (the Saturday before Guy Fawkes Day) at 6.30pm. Admission is free: prizes will be offered for the Best Guy, the Best Pumpkin Head and the Best Gingerbread. There will be a raffle and hotdogs and refreshments will be on sale.

Half of the proceeds are to be given to the Church Repair Fund.

DISCO ~ SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER.

The School P.T.A. is holding a Disco at the Village Hall on Saturday, 16th November. The tickets are only £2.50 and include a delicious cooked supper! If you like dressing up, the theme is Cowboys and Indians, but if you are shy and retiring, just come in your usual disco togs. Tickets are available from school. Please come and support us, it's usually good value and good fun.

THE POORLANDS AND JACOBS CHARITY.

The charity will be distributed in S. George's church on Wednesday, 1st January, 1986 at 10.00am. All eligible parishioners Can attend to receive their payment or send their usual collector.

J. E. Biddis. Hon. Sec.

SERVICES - NOVEMBER 1985.

GREAT BROMLEY.

Friday, 1st ALL SAINTS DAY 7.30am Holy Communion

Sat. 2nd ALL SOULS DAY 7.30am Requiem for all Departed Souls

Sun. 3rd TRINITY 22 10.00am Family Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon

Wed. 6th 7.30pm Holy Communion

Sun. 10th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Sunday School

10.55am Remembrance Service at Lt. Bromley

6.30pm Evensong and Sermon

Wed. 13th 7.30pm Holy Communion

Sun. 17th TRINITY 24 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Sunday School 10.45am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong and Sermon

Wed. 20th 7.30pm Holy Communion

Sun. 24th SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00AM Sunday School

10.45am Mattins and Sermon 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon

Wed. 27th 7.30pm Holy Communion

Sat. 30th S. ANDREW 7.30am Holy Communion.

LITTLE BROMLEY.

Sun. 3rd TRINITY 22 9.00am Holy Communion

Sun. 10th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10.55am Remembrance Service

Sun. 17th TRINITY 24 9.00am Holy Communion

Sun. 24th SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT 11.00am Mattins

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES.

3rd Nov. 10.45am Mrs. Nicholson Little Bromley

10.45am Mrs. Wade Burnt Heath

11.00am Revd. Robinson Balls Green

10th Nov. 10.45am Mr. Tweddle Little Bromley
10.45am Revd. Robinson Burnt Heath
11.00am Mrs. Wade Balls Green

17th Nov. 9.30am Mr. Turner Little Bromley
10.45am Revd. Eden Burnt Heath
11.00am Revd. Robinson Balls Green

14th Nov. 10.45am Mr. Cackett Little Bromley
10.45am Revd. Bailey Burnt Heath
11.00am Mrs. Longley Balls Green

CHURCH FLOWERS - GREAT BROMLEY.

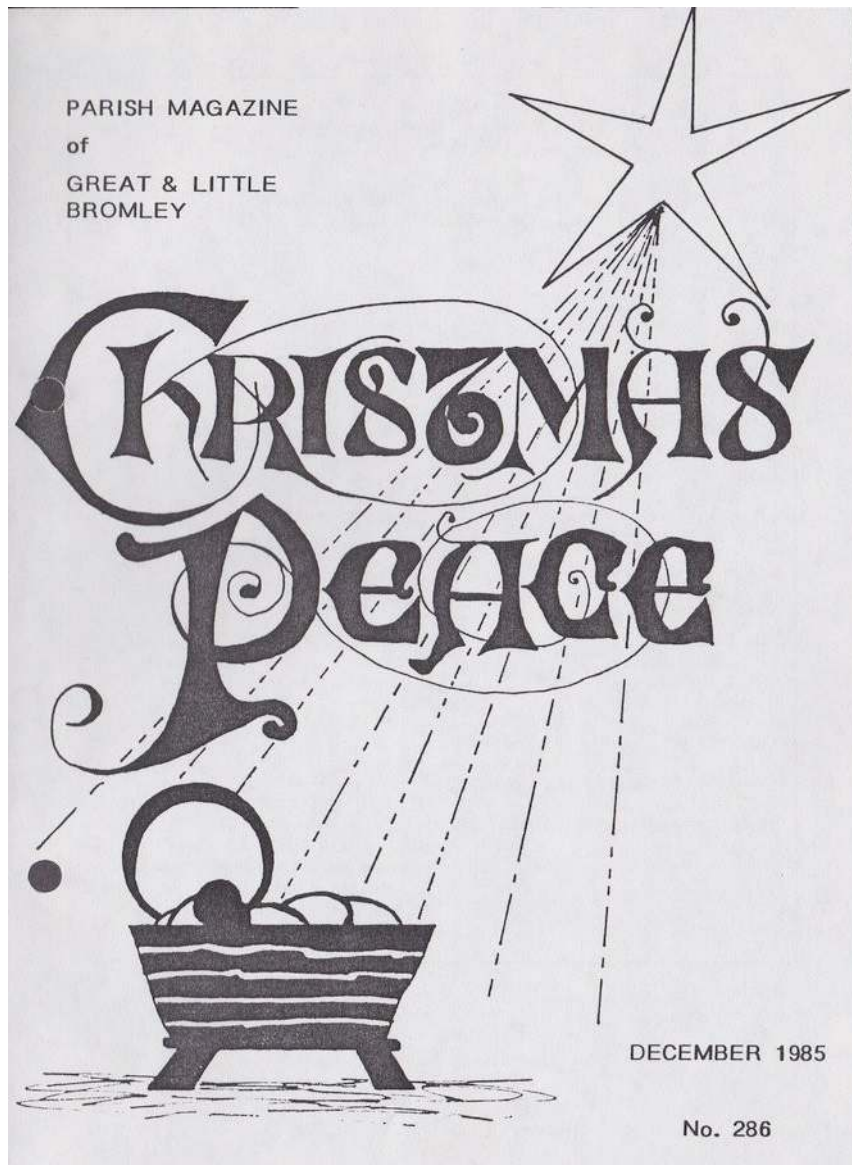
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17th November , Mrs. L. Brown
24th November Mrs. L. Brown

CHURCH FLOWERS - LITTLE BROMLEY.

3rd November Mrs. M. Kent
10th November Mrs. M. Kent
17th November Mrs. M. Rant
24th November Mrs. M. Rant

CHURCH REGISTERS.

Holy Baptism - Great Bromley.
29th September - Casey Ann Mead
Richard Charles Fryer
Holy Matrimony - Little Bromley.
12th October - Richard Martin Swift and Susan Ann Salmon
Burial - Little Bromley. 18th October - Joan Argent



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FROM THE RECTOR.

The seasonal cover to this issue of the magazine, designed and drawn by my daughter Rebecca, is a reminder of the imminence of Christmass. It is difficult - and gets more and more difficult each year - to recognise among the commercial bonanza and pressures of December, that at this festival we recall the birth of an infant in the lowliest and humblest of surroundings, an infant whose life was completely to change the world. One of the principal thoughts at this season, reflecting the words of the angel to the shepherds is Peace and Goodwill. Amidst the hectic activity of preparation, presents, food and decorations, the word 'peace' is often sadly absent. However much we enjoy (and it is right that we do enjoy it) the social and domestic festivities, the heart of Christmass and its principal activity must be in our worshipping of the New Born King when we gather together in church for our Christmass services. This is one of those occasions in the year when all Christians are expected to take part in their religious duties - and it is always pleasing that so very many do. I do hope you will not lose the opportunity to do so this year. The Midnight Mass will be held at Little Bromley church at 11.30am on Christmass Eve, and at Great Bromley there will be Holy Communion at 8.00am with carols, and at 11.45am, with Mattins and Carols at 10.45am. "Come and Adore Him, Christ the New Born King."

CHURCH SERVICES.

Over the past few weeks there has been a considerable drop in attendance at services on Sundays - the congregation seems to have been reduced to a 'faithful few'. It is probably due to the colder weather we are experiencing now. Every effort is made to see that the church is warmed on Sundays and that the services last no longer than an hour.

For those who 'profess and call themselves Christians', and that will include all who read this, worship of God is a duty, and should come as a first priority in our lives. Many are concerned (rightly) about the

threat to Sundays by allowing general trading in shops seven days a week: one way we can make our point quite clear about the need to keep Sunday, the first day of the week, a day of special significance, is to ensure that we are not absent from our pews unless there is a very good reason.

LITTLE BROMLEY.

Early this month each resident in Little Bromley is to receive a letter from the Rector and Churchwardens outlining the difficult situation Little Bromley church finds itself in. The fabric of the church is in a most serious condition, and a vast sum of money is needed to put it in order, a sum which will run into several tens of thousand pounds. Although some of the cost may be defrayed by grants, including a grant from the Friends of Essex Churches, most of the money will have to be found from local sources. Little Bromley church is desperately in need of this financial support from the village, but it is even more in need of regular worshippers who will use it for divine service. For over eight hundred years this lovely little church has been the focus for prayer and worship in the village. It can only remain so if it is supported by the parishioners. In addition to the vast sum needed for its restoration, it must have a regular income to pay for its day to day costs. The responsibility for these costs falls on the worshipping congregation - and this is so small that it is a real burden to the few who do support us.

Without this support, without a faithful congregation it is inevitable that the church will have to be closed. This sad eventuality need not happen if all who are concerned with the church and who wish to see it continuing serving the parish and God will rally to its help.

CHURCH REPAIR FUND.

Our grateful thanks go to all who are continuing to help and support this fund which is growing very steadily. In the past month donations have been received from Miss Bessie Gascoigne who lived at the Old Rectory and took a considerable interest in the parish in the 1950's, and from Mr. and Mrs. David Gibson from Texas, descendants of the Stone family who visited the village earlier this year.

On the 2nd November a Firework Party was held at the recreation Ground and, as a result, the sum of £28, half of the proceeds, has been given to the fund. This is a most generous gesture from the organisers whom we thank very much.

The Fund Committee has made various plans for 1986 and 1987!

On Wednesday 14th May there is to be a coach outing to see the gardens at Wisley. The cost will be £5.50 and seats can be booked with the secretary, Mrs. P. Greenfield now. In June, on Sunday 29th, there is to be a 'Teddy Bears Picnic' at the Cricket Field and Village Hall, to end with a short evening service in the open air. More details of this will be available shortly, but please mark this down in your diaries.

It is also hoped to arrange an Auction Sale in October. These events are in the future - an event to take place this month is the Concert on Friday, 27th December, at 7.00pm in the church when Carol Thompson and some of her musical friends will give a short concert of International Christmas Music and Song. Tickets are available, £2 each. Please support this and bring your guests and family to a celebration you will very much enjoy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meetings are held every Sunday at Great Bromley at 10.00am. On the first Sunday in the month, the children join with the rest of the congregation for a Family Eucharist. It would be very appropriate, if on this Sunday in the month, parents could come along with the children to take part in this service.

For this year (the church's year starts on Advent Sunday, 1st December) the children are to be given a stamp album and each Sunday they attend they will receive a stamp.

We hope that this time next year there will be many books with every empty space filled to show a perfect attendance.

BROMLEY BAKES.

This collection of recipes to which so many of you have contributed will be available from the printers in time for the Christmas Fayre. Do make sure of your copy - the price will be £2 and the profit is going to the Church Repair Fund.

BAND CONCERT - 17th November.

We are most grateful to Betty Rowe for organising this Concert which all who attended enjoyed very much. It made a profit of just over £100 which was divided between the Repair Fund and the S. Helena Hospice. Our particular thanks go to the members of the Essex Concert Band who gave their services free - and of course, thanks to all who attended and supported the venture.

GREAT BROMLEY BROWNIES.

The Brownies have recently tidied up the Brownie Garden around the village sign after the summer flowers died off and have now planted some spring bulbs. Brownies will be having a Church Parade on the 1st December at the Family Service at 10.00am. On 20th November they went to the Cheshire Home to wrap Christmas presents for the residents.

PANTOMIME GROUP.

Do not forget the Christmas Dance, with bar and buffet, to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 21st December, at 8.00pm. There will be a disco provided by Andrew Terry with music to suit all tastes. Tickets are £2 each.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER - in aid of the Church Restoration Fund.

GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL - 2.30pm.

Items of all sorts would be appreciated for the raffle, Tombola and Hoopla and other usual stalls. If you can help in any way, please Contact Mrs. Jean Wright (230663) who can arrange to collect any goods. Please will you return the stubs of the Draw Books and all money collected to Mrs. Wright as soon as possible. Most important of all - Please come along to the Fayre and bring your friends with you.

HOME FOR SUPERANNATED CHRISTMAS CARDS.

Used Christmas cards, calendars, etc., can be put to good use by the local Adult Training Centre for Mentally Handicapped at Little Clacton. You are asked if you would consider giving your cards for this worthwhile purpose. They can be left in church or they can be collected by arrangement with Mr. Richard Gurney (Colchester 230571).

CHURCHYARD.

The mains water supply has now been installed in the churchyard, the tap being situated near the light at the entrance to Church Meadow. We are most grateful to Mr. John Grainger-Brown for meeting the cost of this in full, and also for providing a bench which is to be placed in the churchyard. Both of these generous gifts are in memory of his late sister, Audrey Brown.

Miss Audrey Brown will be remembered as the founder, in 1961, of the Friendship Club and also for three years a President of the Great Bromley Women's Institute.

GREAT BROMLEY AND FRATING PLAYGROUP.

This is our local Playschool that has plenty of spaces for little boys and girls. It also has a mother and toddler group. It is open every Wednesday morning at Great Bromley Village Hall from 9.30-12.00. After Christmas it will open also on Mondays at the same time. It is hoped that this is a facility that will be well used by the village - you are cordially invited to go along to any of the meetings and see just what is offered.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE.

A Whist drive has been arranged for Friday, 6th December in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. It is in aid of Hall Funds. Please support this if you can.

GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP.

Bookings can now be made for the grand pantomime, 'Robinson Crusoe' which will be performed in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 8th January, Thursday 9th January, Friday 10th and Saturday the 11th January, 1986.

All performances commence at 7.30pm. Additionally on Saturday, 11th January, there will be a matinee performance at 2.30pm. Tickets for adults £1.50pence and children 75pence. From Betty Rowe, Col. 230398.

A CUTTING PROBLEM.

Rector to Churchwarden: I'm afraid that thinking about the sermon when I was shaving, I cut my face.

Churchwarden to Rector: Think more about your face and cut the sermon!

GREAT BROMLEY - SERVICES - DECEMBER 1985.

Sun. 1st ADVENT SUNDAY . 10.00am Family Eucharist

Sun. 8th ADVENT 2 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Sunday School 10.45am Mattins and sermon
6.30pm Evensong and sermon

Sun. 15th ADVENT 3 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Sunday School 10.45am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Evensong and sermon

Tues. 17th 2.00pm School Carol Service

Sat. 21st S. THOMAS 7.30am Holy Communion

Sun. 22nd ADVENT 4 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Sunday School 10.45am Mattins and sermon
6.30pm Service of Lessons and Carols

Wed. 25th CHRISTMASS DAY 8.00am Holy Communion with Carols 10.45am Mattins and sermon
11.45am Holy Communion

Sun. 29th CHRISTMASS 1 8.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Evensong with carols

LITTLE BROMLEY.

Sun. 1st ADVENT SUNDAY 9.00am Holy Communion
Sun. 8th ADVENT 2 11.00am Mattins
Sun. 15th ADVENT 3 9.00am Holy Communion
Sun. 22nd ADVENT 4 11.00am Mattins
Tues 24th CHRISTMASS EVE 11.30pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity
Sun. 29th CHRISTMASS 1 9.00am Holy Communion

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES.

1st Dec. 10.45am Revd. D. Lang Lt. Bromley
10.45 Revd. F. Cumbers Burnt Heath
11.00am Mr. L. Holden Balls Green
8th Dec. 10.45am Revd. C. Moore-Crispin Lt. Bromley
10.45am Mrs. M. Deans Burnt Heath
11.00am Revd. F. Cumbers Balls Green
15th Dec. 10.45am Mr. S. Sadler Lt. Bromley
10.45am Revd. J. Robinson Burnt Heath
11.00am Mr. J. Elkins Balls Green
22nd Dec. 10.45am Mrs. Cutts Lt. Bromley
10.45am Mr. L. Holden Burnt Heath
11.00am Revd. B. Allcott Balls Green
29th Dec. 10.45 Lt. Bromley
10.45am Mr. G. Patterson Burnt Heath
11.00am Mr. D. Carter Balls Green

SERVERS - GREAT BROMLEY.

1st December 10.00am Robert Harding
8th December 8.00am James Heaney
15th December 8.00am
10.45am John Clapham
22nd December 8.00am Bill Kempster
25th December 8.00am John Clapham
29th December 8.00am Robert Harding
10.45am John Clapham

CHURCH REGISTERS.

Holy Baptism.
17th November, 1985 - Laura Louise Rudling.

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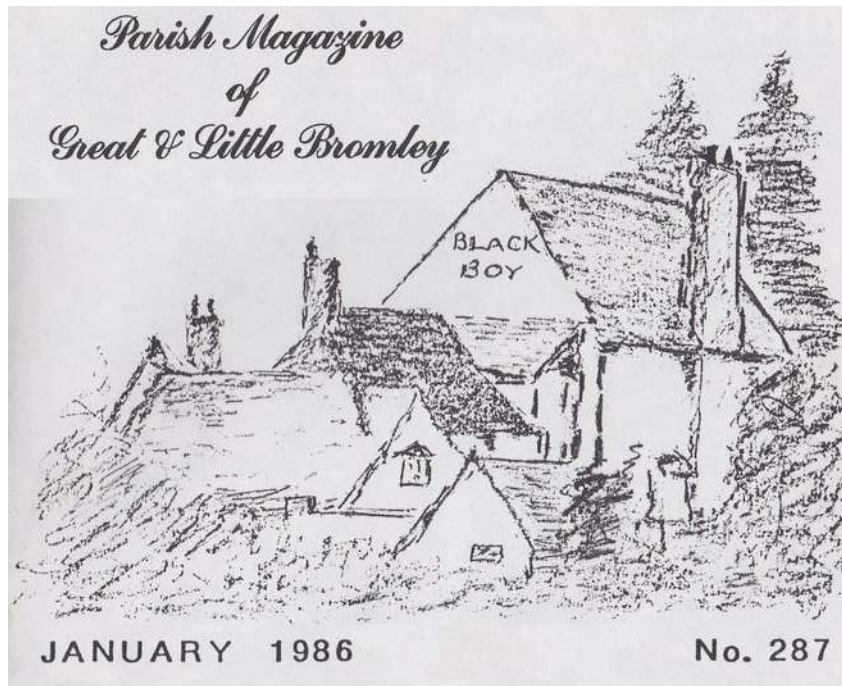
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FROM THE RECTOR.

So we come to the start of another year and are all wondering what it will bring - good or ill, sickness or health, peace or hostility. On reflection we all had this self-same thought twelve months ago, a year before that and a year before that - and so on. What we can be sure is that the new year, as it unfolds, will present to us opportunities to be of service, to do what is right and good, to be positive in our Christian faith.

Rather than looking back and regretting the days and years that are past we must accept the gift of the present and the time to come, and make sure that we make the most of every opportunity as it comes. Somebody once said - Today is the first day of the rest of my life; the Psalmist said - This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. In knowing how to face times yet to come, we can well take heed of some well-known words used by King George VI in his Christmas broadcast in 1939:- I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year 'Give me a light that I may travel safely into the unknown' And he replied 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be better to you than light and safer than a known way.'

The February magazine is due to be published on Sunday, 26th January. Please can I have contributions and items for inclusion by Sunday, 12th January please. News and reports of any village activities will be most welcome.

GREAT BROMLEY CHRISTMAS SALE - 7th DECEMBER.

The so very crowded Village Hall on the afternoon of the Christmas Sale showed how very popular this event is in Great Bromley. All the stalls were loaded with tempting goods, the helpers were more than anxious to sell their wares. As a result of the sale, the magnificent total of £691 has been handed over to the Church Repair Fund. It is marvellous to achieve such a result - our thanks are due to Mrs. Jean Wright for organising the event - to all the stall holders for the work they put in - and to all who came and helped to raise this excellent total.

DIOCESAN CYCLE RIDE.

On a Saturday a long time ago, at least that is how September now appears to be, a gallant company of parishioners of both Great and Little Bromley took to their wheels and cycled round visiting churches. Their sponsorship money was paid over to the Friends of Essex Churches, who have now returned half of the proceeds to the churches of those who took part. I have now received two cheques - one for Great Bromley for the sum of £139.53 and the other for Little Bromley for the sum of £38.89. Our congratulations and thanks go to those whose efforts made this possible. Perhaps even more can take to the road next year when the day for the Cycle Ride comes round again - Saturday, the 6th September.

GREAT BROMLEY CHURCH REPAIR FUND.

As a result of donations received this month, the proceeds of the Cycle Ride and Christmas Sale, the fund now stands in excess of £10,500. This is a marvellous amount to have amassed - congratulations to all concerned in its achieving.

REPORT OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 28th November, 1985.

Parish Magazine. So far only five of the twelve sponsors had been obtained at £65 per issue. More firms would be approached. More names needed for the heading competition. A meeting of all the village interested parties to be arranged for 14th January, 1986.

A120 Sign. The Great Bromley sign from Harwich was to be installed by E.C.C. shortly.

Emergency Plans . A grant had been given toward on-going expenses by ECC to the parish.

Village Hall. The Village Hall was to be decorated, volunteers to help should contact Amanda Rowe, 2 Hall Cottages, Hall Road.

Radiotherapy Centre, Colchester. A letter asking for support to not close the centre was read. It was unanimously agreed to write to the Health Authority and M.P. to oppose the closure.

E.C.C. Listed Building. The E.E.C. would soon be investigating existing and new buildings in the area in order to update the list. The person involved will hold official identification.

Playing Field. £262.20 had been Spent on grass and hedge cutting in 1985.

Oasis Complex. A Public Meeting had been held at the Village Hall with an outline given by Mr. Stewart from the T.D.C. (Head of Planning Services). A vote was taken, eighteen for and thirty-four against. The Parish Council had objected to the planning application.

Next Meeting. Thursday, 16th January, 1986.

EPIPHANY.

Twelfthnight, the Feast of the Epiphany falls this year on Monday, 6th January. On that day, following ancient tradition, the Queen presents in a service at the Chapel Royal, gifts of gold, incense and myrrh, representing the gifts of the three Kings who followed the star to Bethlehem. As Monday is a difficult day for corporate acts of worship, we will observe the Epiphany at the services on Sunday, 5th January. At 10.00am there will be the monthly Family Eucharist, attended by the Sunday School and Brownies, when we shall offer similar gifts ourselves. I do hope in particular, that the parents of the children will join us on this occasion, the last service of Christmass, before we all take down our decorations for another year.

GREAT BROMLEY P.C.C.

At the meeting of the Great Bromley PCC in December, the Treasurer reported that the contribution to the Diocese (the Quota) for 1986 will be £3,148, an increase of exactly £100 over the sum paid in 1985. It was pleasing to hear that we have been able to pay the 1985 quota in full. The assessment for 1986 means that we have to pay £262 each month - or put another way, £60 per week. This of course, is not the only running cost the church has - in order to pay our way we need an income of about £100 per week. One way to help achieve this, the Treasurer told the meeting, would be if more members of the congregation were to covenant their contributions. For a person paying tax at the standard rate, a covenant means that for every £1 paid under covenant, the Inland Revenue will pay us 43 pence. Many people are anxious about covenanting because they think it will affect their personal Income Tax position and they will have to pay more. This is not true - it has no effect whatsoever on one's personal Income Tax liability. The Treasurer is to contact the diocesan Covenant Advisor and invite her to visit us to explain more fully how it works and the benefit it could bring us.

In 1985 we received back from the Inland Revenue, from covenanted payments the sum of £640. If everybody who pays tax were to covenant their regular contributions this sum could very easily be doubled for 1986!

BROMLEY BAKES.

Have you had your copy of 'Bromley Bakes' yet? This is a really excellent selection of recipes all supplied by villagers of Great and Little Bromley - and can be recommended to all. Copies are available from Betty Rowe or the Rector, price £2 per copy. The proceeds are going to the general funds of S. George's church.

GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME.

Although tickets for the annual production of the Pantomime Group, Robinson Crusoe, are selling fast there are still tickets available: please book them as soon as you can. The performances to be held in the Village Hall are on Wednesday, 8th January, Thursday 9th, Friday 10th and Saturday, 11th starting at 8.00pm. There will be a matinee performance on Saturday 11th. The tickets cost £1.50 per person with children's tickets at 75 pence each.

LITTLE BROMLEY P.C.C.

There will be a meeting of Little Bromley Parochial Church Council on Thursday, 30th January at 7.30pm at New House, Little Bromley.

LENT 1986.

As Easter is somewhat earlier this year, we will find ourselves in the season of Lent next month. Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on Wednesday, 12th February, when there will be a Parish Eucharist at 7.30pm in Great Bromley Parish Church.

This year we are asked as a Diocese to study a book entitled 'What on earth is the Church for'. On Wednesday, 19th February, and the following Wednesdays in Lent, the weekly Holy Communion service will be replaced with the service of compline, to be followed by a discussion of some of the issues raised in the book. The Sunday evening addresses at Evensong will present the themes for the weekly discussion. I do hope that this will be well supported as it will give us all the opportunity to look at ourselves and ask ourselves why we are church people.

THE BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD.

We are delighted to welcome the seventh Bishop of Chelmsford, the Right Reverend John Waine who, since 1975, has been Bishop of S. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. His short move across the R. Stour from Suffolk to Essex will take him to his enthronement service at Chelmsford Cathedral when he officially takes up the responsibility for the church in this vast and mixed county of Essex. We wish him a happy and long episcopate with us - and hope that before too long he will be able to honour us with a visit.

THE MAGAZINE.

As is noted in the Parish Council notes, it has not been possible to start the Village Magazine this month as had been originally hoped. The plan now is for the first issue to be made available in March, 1986. For this venture to succeed, we need to have sufficient sponsors, and also it is essential that contributions be received for insertion. In order to explain this, there will be a meeting on Tuesday, 14th January at 7.30pm for representatives of all the organisations and groups in the village and anyone else who is interested. Please do attend this meeting if you think you can help in any way - the more people involved the more successful the venture will be.

In addition to the sponsoring which we hope will pay for the production of the magazine, a page will be reserved for small advertisements and announcements. For a small sum you can advertise any goods you wish to sell, any service you can offer - or announce any of those special family events you wish to share with your neighbours. The Parish Magazine will be published in this present form next month - the PCC would be pleased to have contributions to cover its cost ~ since it has increased in size in the summer, its production cost has not surprisingly, increased too and any help with finding the cost would be much appreciated.

COVER PICTURE.

I am most grateful to Mrs. I. Wilkinson for allowing me to use as the cover this month, her drawing of roofs at the Black Boy corner.

CONFIRMATION.

I know of several persons who would like to be prepared for confirmation in 1986. In order to make arrangements for a course of preparation, would all those who are interested meet me after the Family Eucharist on Sunday, 2nd February. Please let me know if anyone who is interested cannot make that date.

LITTLE BROMLEY.

The monthly evening service will take place at Little Bromley on Sunday, 5th January at 6.30pm, the Feast of the Epiphany. There will be no service of Evensong on that day at Great Bromley. I do hope that this service will be well supported.

At the Little Bromley P.C.C. meeting on the 30th January the response to the recent letter to the parishioners of Little Bromley will be discussed.

GREAT BROMLEY - SERVERS.

5th January 10.00am Robert Harding
12th January 8.00am James Heaney

19th January 8.00am 10.45am John Clapham
26th January 8.00am Bill Kempster

GREAT BROMLEY - FLOWERS.

5th January Mrs. P. Deere
12th January Mrs. M. Bush
19th January Mrs. J. Frostick
26th January Mrs. M. Purkis

CHURCH REGISTERS.

Funeral and Cremation.

9th December - Gladys Kathleen Phylis Thorne ~ aged 68 Great Bromley.

19th December - Sarah Beach - aged 48 - Little Bromley.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

It has not been possible to include details of the Methodist Church services this month as the Rector has not yet received the two circuit plans.

FAREWELL.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leyland would like to express their thanks to all their friends in Great Bromley for their kindness and friendship during the time they lived at the New Bungalow, Seven Rivers Home. They have settled in very happily at their new home, 9 Fairwater Crescent, Alcester, Warwickshire.

SERVICES FOR JANUARY - GREAT BROMLEY.

Wed. 1st 7.30pm Holy Communion

Sun. 5th CHRISTMASS EVE OF EPIPHANY 2 10.00am Family Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong at Little Bromley

Wed. 8th 7.30pm Holy Communion

Sun. 12th EPIPHANY I 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Sunday School 10.45am Mattins and Sermon

6.30pm Evensong and Sermon

Wed. 15th 7.30pm Holy Communion

Sun. 19th EPIPHANY 2 8.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong and Sermon

Wed. 22nd 7.30pm Holy Communion

Sat. 25th S. PAUL 7.30am Holy Communion

Sun. 26th SEPTUAGESIMA 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Sunday School

10.45am Mattins and Sermon 6.30pm Evensong and sermon

Wed. 29th 7.30pm Holy Communion

LITTLE BROMLEY.

Sun. 5th EVE OF EPIPHANY 9.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong and sermon

Sun. 12th EPIPHANY I 11.00am Mattins and sermon

Sun. 19th EPIPHANY 2 9.00am Holy Communion

Sun. 25th SEPTUAGESIMA 11.00am Mattins and sermon

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FROM THE RECTOR.

The season of Lent always seems to come upon us as a surprise, especially when, as in this year, it commences early in February. This year Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent occurs on Wednesday, 12th February. Each year we try to find a particular aspect of our Christian practise to focus upon. Can I suggest that in 1986 we all concentrate on endeavouring to be more methodical in our worship and to endeavour to be present in church at least once each Sunday? As you will see on another page of this issue, Sunday observance is suddenly becoming very much a national issue. Whatever Parliament may, or may not decide, Sunday observance is what sharply differentiates Christians from other people, and for them it should include as a matter of importance, attendance at a church for worship. Worship is not an optional extra - it is the base from which the whole of our Christian living must grow. I am reminded that in a centuries old statement of faith, The Westminster Confession, a sentence reads 'The chief end of man is to worship.'

A church with a very small - or no congregation - is a very sad church, a church which is not fulfilling its very special purpose. A church is not primarily an ancient building to be cherished and admired, but a place where the Christian community gathers to proclaim its allegiance to the living God. The best of all disciplines for us this year will be to return to the practise of weekly regular worship. In addition to the Sunday morning service, Evensong is held each Sunday either at Great or Little Bromley. If it is impossible for anyone to attend on Sunday for any particular reason, there are opportunities for worship during the week. There is a service each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm, and in addition Evensong is said each day, except Friday, in church at 6.00pm. Please do come and join whenever you can.

SERVICES DURING LENT.

The theme for the Sunday morning services during the first five Sundays in Lent will be "What on earth is the Church for."

16th Feb. LENT 1 Why believe in God?

23rd Feb. LENT 2 What did Jesus come for?

2nd March LENT 3 Why did the Church begin?

9th March LENT 4 Mother Church (Mothering Sunday).

16th March LENT 5 Where do we go from here?

On Ash Wednesday there will be a Parish Eucharist at 7.30pm. On the other Wednesdays in Lent, Compline will be said at 7.30pm to be followed by a follow-up address on the previous Sunday's topic. The services for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter will be announced in next month's magazine.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

There will be a meeting of the Great Bromley Parochial Church Council on Tuesday, 4th February at 7.30pm in the Rectory.

FATHER PAUL RICHMOND.

Readers will be sorry to learn that in September, Father Richmond suffered a slight heart attack which meant he had to spend some time in hospital. Whilst he was there his wife, Ruth, became ill on Sunday, 6th October and died in her sleep on the following day. We pray that she may rest in peace and that Father Richmond may be comforted and strengthened in his sadness.

KEEP SUNDAY SPECIAL.

You will all be aware that the Government is shortly to introduce a Bill into the House of Commons which will provide for unlimited Sunday trading. This will mean that Sunday will become as active a day for shopping and trade as Saturday is now. The likelihood of this Bill becoming law has been strengthened by the Government issuing a Three Line Whip on this matter to all Conservative members of the House to force them to vote for this Bill and to ensure its speedy passage onto the Statute Book. The Bill has been already accepted in principle by the House of Lords.

A very strong coalition of opponents to this Bill has been formed calling themselves the 'Keep Sunday Special Campaign', including leaders of all churches, very many retailers, trade unionists, social organisations and Members of Parliament. No one pretends that the present legal position on Sunday trading is satisfactory; no one is suggesting that there should be absolutely no trading at all on a Sunday (most of us will have had, at some time or other to make use of a conveniently open shop on a Sunday). What the campaign is asking for is that the present Bill be looked at again and be re-presented in a form which, while reforming the present chaotic rules, will protect the interests of those employed in the retail trade and will preserve the special nature of Sundays which we so much value in this country.

The Government may well be able to be persuaded to change its stance on this matter if enough people make their voice heard. There are two ways which we can influence the course of this proposal, both of them very important. One is to sign the petition which the campaign is sending to Parliament - copies are in church and the Rector has further supplies. Please sign this if you feel strongly about it. Another way is to attend a public meeting to be held in the MOOT HALL, COLCHESTER on FRIDAY 12th FEBRUARY AT 8.00pm. One of the speakers will be Sir Anthony Buck our member of Parliament. Meetings such as this have been arranged in almost every constituency in the country to show Members of Parliament the feelings of ordinary people and to attempt to persuade them to use their democratic right to defeat the present proposal.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has commended, and gives his support to the action. Perhaps you may agree that it is part of our Christian discipleship to let our voices be heard and for our numbers to be known when important social topics such as this are being legislated on.

THE BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD.

The Right Reverend John Waine is to be enthroned as the seventh Bishop of Chelmsford in Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, 31st May at 3.00pm. Until that time the Bishop of Colchester continued as Guardian of the Spiritualities of the See.

THE MAGAZINE.

As difficulties have arisen over the obtaining of sponsors for the production of the proposed Village magazine, the start of this venture has had to be delayed until the summer. The meeting to make specific plans for this production will now take place early in March. The details will be announced next month. We sincerely hope that there will be no further problems, and that the long awaited village magazine will become an actual fact before very long.

THE PANTOMIME.

Early in January we all had the opportunity to follow the adventures of Robinson Crusoe, as presented to us by the Pantomime group. Being a new comer to the village and never having seen a Bromley production before, I feel that I am in a strong position to offer the sincerest congratulations on behalf of the village to the Committee and all who were involved in any way in this production. The standard was far higher than I ever imagined, and the production was excellent. I was particularly impressed by the very high standard of the stage effects and lighting, as well of course, as by the interpretation of the roles by the cast. I did not realise that we have so many comedians in the village! I only felt sorry that more people were not able to attend - those who did were treated to a real feast of pantomime - and their appreciation was very real. So many people were involved in it that it is not possible to mention anyone by name - so - WELL DONE EVERYBODY. I look forward very much to next January and another dip into the realms of phantasy and fun.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC.

The plans for this event are now well advanced - the date is SUNDAY 29th JUNE and the place will be THE SEVEN RIVERS HOME. We are most grateful to the Management Committee of the Home for allowing us the use of their lovely grounds. All sorts of Teddy Bear activities will take place. Of course there will be a picnic, also there will be competitions of all sorts, a Teddy Bear Hospital, the visit of some very well known bears, and lots of other exciting events. Look out for more information about this month by month. Jean Harding (230425) can answer any questions about this - and she will gladly receive offers of help.

USED CHRISTMAS CARDS.

Mr. Richard Gurney would like to thank all those who have given him their used cards for his work with the mentally handicapped. They will all be put to good use. He will still gladly receive any more.

REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLLS AND ANNUAL MEETINGS.

Each year we are bound by law to revise the Electoral Rolls of the parishes. This year the Rolls of the two parishes will be revised, starting on Sunday, 2nd March and finishing on Sunday, 16th March, 1986. The new rolls will be published on Sunday 23rd March. A person may have his or her name entered on the roll if he or she is resident in the parish, over the age of sixteen, and a baptised member of the Church of England. A non-resident may have his or her name entered on the roll if he or she habitually attends worship in the parish church and has done so for a period of at least six months. Application forms for inclusion on the roll will be available in both churches during the period of revision, or from the Rector. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the parish of Great Bromley will take place on Tuesday, 1st April at 7.30pm in Great Bromley Church. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the parish of Little Bromley will take place on Tuesday, 8th April at 7.30pm in Lt. Bromley church.

GREAT BROMLEY BROWNIES.

On 18th December eleven Brownies went carol singing and raised £20.77p for the Church Restoration Fund, also the sum of £22 was given to the fund from the Brownie Open Evening. Carols were sung in Mary Lane South and the Meadow Close area. Four Brownies have passed interest badges: Helen and Stacy have passed the jester badge and Elizabeth and Eleanor have passed the toy maker badge. On Sunday, 2nd February, the Brownies will be holding a Church Parade at the morning service at 10.00am, and on 22nd February with Brownies all over the world, they will be taking part in "Thinking Day".

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB.

A Christmas social was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wright on 17th December. Carols were sung and two lighthearted quizzes were enjoyed followed by supper. Our thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Wright for a most enjoyable evening. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 30th January at the home of Mrs. Pru Simons, Michaelmas House, Great Bromley when the subject will be her vineyard.

WHIST DRIVE.

Following the successful Drive held just before Christmas, another Whist Drive will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 13th February, in aid of the Village Hall Funds. This will be the first of monthly Whist Drives to be held on the second Thursday of each month.

GARDEN DAY VIDEO.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fairley will hold two showings of the Garden Day Video on Tuesday, 11th February, and Monday 7th at their home, Park Farm. There will be an entrance fee of £1 which will include some refreshments! This is another opportunity to see again that lovely day last July. The proceeds of the evenings will go to the Talent Fund.

RESTORATION FUND.

The extremely good news of the Restoration Fund is that at the moment we now have in hand the sum of £12,696. This shows an increase of £3,406 on the total reported in September last. Our most grateful thanks go to all who have contributed so generously to the funds. The Video Evening in October raised £27.50 the half-share in the Band Concert raised £65.79, the Poets and Pints evening arranged by the Pantomime group raised £150. We received a donation of £28 from the Village Bonfire Party. In November the Rector was invited to knock over a pile of pennies in the Spread Eagle which the licensee, Peter Sauvary, had organised. The sum given from this event was £135.75. In September the sponsored cycle ride produced £159.23, the Brownies gave us £42.92 from their carol singing and parents evening. From the highly successful Christmas bazaar so ably organised by Jean Wright we received the magnificent sum of £705. The Christmas Concert in church raised £154.75. In addition to these events we received £1,098.54 from local donations and £165.47 from donations from the U.S.A.

Our most grateful thanks go to all who have organised these events and worked so hard to produce such splendid results. Our thanks also go of course, to all who have supported all these activities. We hope soon to have good news of our application for a state grant from English Heritage for the restoration work, and when this comes we hope to be able to make a start on the most pressing part of the work. The accounts for the year of the fund are now in the process of being produced, and when audited they will be made available to anyone who may wish to see them.

GREAT BROMLEY AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB.

At the A.G.M. held on 19th November, the Chairman thanked the retiring Captain, John Taylor, for leading the team so successfully for the past three seasons and the Committee for their hard work and support. The following officers were elected:

President:	R. K. Hayward	Chairman:	B. Wright
Treasurer:	J. Wilde	Secretary:	D. Goss
Fixtures Sec:	N. Rowe	Vice Captain:	J. Taylor
Captain:	W. Kempster		
Match Manager:	M. Thorpe		

Committee: T. Biscoe, P. Brinkley, A. Wright, Mrs. G. Hayward was elected Vice President.

The Club are repeating the successful tour of last season when they will again play matches between 24th May and 27th, starting with Oakham and finishing with Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.

The club has accepted an invitation to play in the Royal Lancaster Indoor Cricket League.

It is planned to hold the Annual Dinner in October 1986. The 100 Club is steadily building up and we are thirty-two short of our first 100 members. James Wild (230679) will be pleased to enrol any who may wish to become members.

November winners: G. Thorpe, G. Kempster, Miss J. Pirie.

December winners: Mrs. M. Pirie, J. Hodge, Mrs. B. Goss.

The club are hoping to repeat the success of the past season and anticipate being able to field similar teams to last year. They would be pleased to welcome potential new members and would especially like to see more young players from the area.

GREAT BROMLEY - SERVERS.

2nd February 10.00am Robert Harding

9th February 8.00am James Heaney

12th February 7.30pm Robert Harding (ASH WEDNESDAY)

16th February 8.00am 10.45am John Clapham

23rd February 8.00am Bill Kempster

GREAT BROMLEY - CHURCH FLOWERS.

2nd February Mrs. P. Deere

9th February Mrs. Y. Cobbold

NO FLOWERS DURING LENT.

CHURCH REGISTERS.

Burial of Ashes.

2nd January ... Sarah Beach, aged 48.

Funeral Service and Burial.

13th January - .. Sidney Charles Edis, aged 79.

MARCH MAGAZINE.

Please may I receive any items of news or articles for inclusion in the March issue of the magazine by Sunday, 9th February. It is hoped to publish the March edition on Sunday, 22nd February.

SERVICES AND MEETINGS - FEBRUARY - GREAT BROMLEY.

Sun. 2nd CANDLEMASS (Sexagesima) 10.00am Family Eucharist and Childrens Pageant

Tues. 4th 7.30pm PCC - Rectory

Wed. 5th 7.30pm Holy Communion 8.00pm Repair Committee, Copley Dene

Sun . 9th QUINQUAGESIMA 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Sunday School

10.45am Mattins and sermon 6.30pm Evensong and sermon

Wed. 12th ASH WEDNESDAY 7.30pm Parish Eucharist

Sun. 16th LENT 1 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Sunday School 10.45am Parish Eucharist

3.00pm Holy Baptism 6.30pm Evensong and sermon

Wed. 19th 7.30pm Compline and address

Sun. 23rd LENT 2 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Sunday School 10.45am Mattins and sermon

6.30pm Evensong and sermon

Wed. 26th , 7.30pm Compline and address.

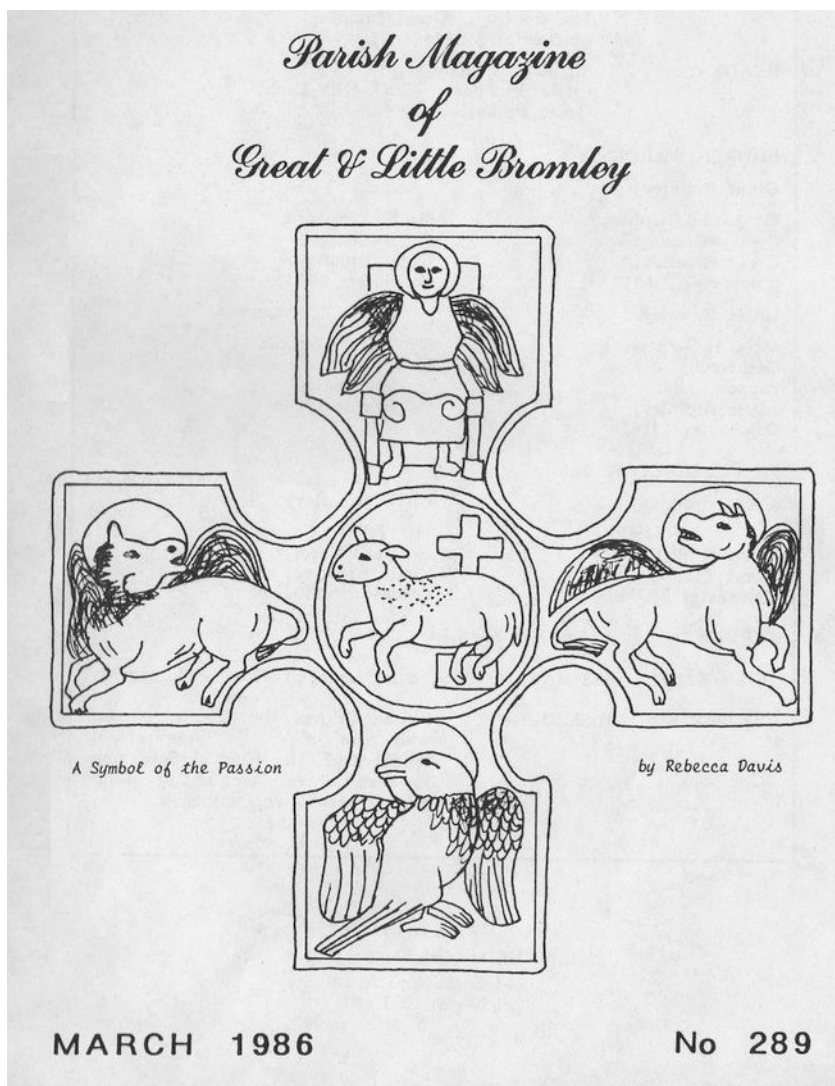
SERVICES - FEBRUARY- LITTLE BROMLEY.

Sun. 2nd CANDLEMASS 9.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong and sermon

Sun. 9th QUINGUAGESIMA 11.00am Mattins and sermon

Sun. 16th LENT 1 9.00am Holy Communion

Sun. 23rd LENT 2 11.00am Mattins and sermon



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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.

Holy Week, the most solemn week of the Church's year commences on Palm Sunday, when Christ's entry into Jerusalem is commemorated. The name, Palm Sunday, derives from the branches of palm waved in triumph by the excited crowds in Jerusalem and from the palm crosses which are, by tradition, given to those who take part in worship on that day. At both Great and Little Bromley the main service on Palm Sunday will be a Eucharist preceded by the blessing of palms and a solemn procession.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Holy week there will be celebrations of Holy Communion at 7.30pm each evening in Great Bromley church.

Maundy Thursday is the start of a continuous observance of the last events in Jesus' life, which culminates in the joyful celebration of His Resurrection on Easter Day. The title, Maundy, is derived from a Latin word, *mandatum* (English equivalent - mandate) which is the first word of an ancient anthem which used to be sung on this day - 'A new commandment (mandate) I give unto you.' This day is of course, the day on which Jesus gathered His disciples together to have a meal - the Last Supper. Because of this our worship on that day will be a re-enactment of that occasion in a Parish Eucharist. The service begins on a note of joy: the altar and the vestments are white as we celebrate the Institution of the Eucharist on the day before Jesus was crucified. That meal we know, ended in Judas Iscariot going away to betray Jesus, and Jesus and His disciples going to the Garden of Gethsemane to watch and pray before the arrival of the soldiers to arrest Him. As we come to the close of the service there is no end, no final blessing, for the service continues on the next day. As we depart the altar hangings and cloths are removed leaving the church stark and bare while we are invited to spend a short time 'watching' in another place, in the Lady Chapel, just as Jesus watched in another place from the upper room where the Last Supper took place.

Good Friday is the day of dereliction - we gather in the bare church to pray, to ponder and to share in the Holy Communion, using Bread and Wine which were consecrated at the previous night's service and kept overnight in a Special place of safety. This is a reminder that the service of Good Friday is part of the long

act of worship which begins on Maundy Thursday and finishes only on Easter Day. As on Thursday there is no final blessing to this act of worship. This, the liturgy of Good Friday, will be celebrated in Great Bromley church at 10.00am. In the afternoon from 2-3pm there will be a devotional service at Little Bromley to mark the last hour Jesus spent on the Cross.

Holy Saturday (incorrectly called Easter Saturday – that is the Saturday after Easter, not before) is the day when the church rests and is still to mark the time that the body of Jesus lay in the tomb. But the joy of Easter is soon with us - and this begins in the evening of Holy Saturday at the Service of Light when the great Easter Candle is blessed and lit and the solemn proclamation of the Resurrection is made. The climax of Easter is the Eucharist when we sing to rejoice and proclaim that 'He is risen, Alleluiah'. On Easter Day there is to be one Eucharist at each church, at Little Bromley at 8.30am and at Great Bromley when there will be a Family Eucharist at 10.00am with the distribution of Easter eggs to the children.

The times of the services are:

Sun. 23rd March PALM SUNDAY 9.00am Holy Communion LB
10.45am Holy Communion and Blessing of palms GB 6.30pm Evensong GB

Mon. 24th March)

Tues. 25th March) 7.30pm Holy Communion GB

Wed. 26th March) '

Thurs. 27th March MAUNDY THURSDAY 7.30pm Sung Eucharist, Altar Stripping and Watch GB

Fri. 28th March GOOD FRIDAY 10.00am Liturgy and Communion GB

2.00pm Devotional Service LB

Sat. 29th March 8.00pm Service of Light GB

Sun. 30th March EASTER DAY 8.30am Holy Communion LB

10.00am Family Eucharist GB 6.30pm Festal Evensong GB

HAMILTON LODGE.

The residents of Hamilton Lodge, with children of the Sunday School and the Brownies, will present a service of Readings and Music entitled 'Were you there' in the Lodge Chapel on Good Friday evening at 7.30pm.

EASTER FLOWERS.

The church will be open for decoration on Holy Saturday, 29th March. Help and gifts of flowers will be very much appreciated. As is our custom you are invited to donate to the cost of Easter lilies in memory of your departed family and friends. If you would like to contribute, Mrs. Marjorie West will receive money and make arrangements to obtain them.

FLOWERS, PAINTINGS AND MUSIC FOR EASTER.

In addition to the usual flower decorations in church for Easter there is also to be a unique exhibition of prints and paintings for sale by the well known local artist, Glyn Thomas. There is a strong likelihood that some studies of Great Bromley will be among the exhibits. They will be on show on Easter Sunday and on Easter Monday. Volunteers will be needed to watch the church while the exhibition is on. We will be most grateful if a number of persons could give up an hour or so on either of these days to help in this way. There is a list at the back of the church where names can be written. PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN.

On the evening of Easter Monday, 31st March, there is to be another concert in church 'An Hour of Baroque Music'. The concert will include music by Monteverdi and Purcell and some Madrigals with voices, harpsichord and other instruments. This promises to be a delightful evening. The concert commences at 7.30pm and the tickets cost £2.50 each - children under ten will be admitted free. Tickets can be obtained from the Post Office, the Rector or from Jean Harding.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC - SUNDAY 29th JUNE.

Plans are now well advanced for this event. Many prominent bears have been invited and will be coming. Teddy bears and bear-related items are being made in the village for the stalls, and offers of contributions towards the picnic will be gratefully received. Please let Mrs. Greenfield (tel 230888) or Mrs. Hatt (251455) know if you can help. At the moment we are wanting help to provide tea, butter, eggs, flour, milk etc.

STOP PRESS!! News has just arrived that Mike Young, the creator of Super Ted AND SUPER TED HIMSELF are coming to the picnic and will present the prizes.

CONFIRMATION.

A small group of persons from the parish are meeting to prepare for Confirmation at the Rectory on Mondays at 5.30pm. Anyone else who might care to join them will be very welcome.

The Bishop of Colchester will be coming to S. George's church to administer Confirmation on Tuesday 29th April at 8.00pm. I hope that as many of the congregation as possible will be able to be with them on that evening to support them as they embark on their lives as adult members of the church.

S. MARY THE VIRGIN, LITTLE BROMLEY.

Readers from both of our villages will know of the problems we have with maintaining the fabric of this ancient church and supporting the worship. On Thursday, 13th March, the Archdeacon of Colchester is to attend a joint meeting of both Parochial Church Councils to try to find a solution to this problem which has been with us for many years.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS.

The Annual Meetings will take place at Great Bromley on Tuesday, 1st April, at 8.00pm in S. George's and at Little Bromley on Tuesday, 8th April, at 8.00pm in S. Marys. At both meetings Churchwardens for the parishes are to be elected as well as members of the Parochial Church Councils and Sidesmen. The Annual Accounts of both parishes are to be presented and reports made on the activities of the churches and the P.C.Cs in the past year, as well as reports on the state of the buildings. All members of the Electoral Rolls can attend their respective parish meetings. I do hope that as many as possible will be able to come. This is the opportunity when persons who are not members of P.C.Cs can ask questions about parish affairs and make suggestions for the future.

EVENTS IN AID OF THE REPAIR FUND 1986.

The Repair Fund has asked that the following events for the present year may be made widely known:

4th and 5th April - Buffet supper and cabaret

14th May - Coach outing to Wisley.

14th June - Flower Festival

29th June - Teddy Bears Picnic

6th September - Sponsored Diocesan Cycle Ride.

20th September - Beat the Bounds of the Parish with the Rector.

Details of these events will be published in more detail nearer the events, but if you would like to go on the outing to Wisley, please book your seat as soon as possible with Mrs. Greenfield (230888). The price for the trip, to include the coach fare and entrance to Wisley Gardens, is £5.50 pence.

GARDEN CLUB.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Simons kindly entertained us at their home on Thursday, 30th January. The subject was their vineyard and a tasting of wine which was enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 27th February at 8.00pm at the Willows, Frating Road, at the invitation of Major and Mrs. Varney. The subject will be tree pruning.

COFFEE EVENING.

There will be a coffee evening at the Rectory on Tuesday, 15th April, to raise some funds for the Flower Festival to be held in June. In order to have a final opportunity to increase the talents before they are due to be returned, there will be the chance to have a bring-and-buy sale of Talent goods at this event. More details in the April magazine.

MAGAZINE.

Please make a note of a meeting of representatives of all the village organisations and anyone else who may like to come along to discuss the proposed village magazine. The meeting will be on Tuesday, 11th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP.

The Annual General Meeting of the Pantomime Group will take place on Monday, 10th March at 7.30pm in the Billiard Room of the Village Hall. All are welcome but only pantomime group members may vote.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

The Annual Women's World Day of Prayer service will take place at Burnt Heath Methodist Church on Friday, 7th March at 7.30pm. All women are cordially invited to this interdenominational service.

GREAT BROMLEY AND FRATING PLAYGROUP.

A Thrift Stall is being held every Wednesday morning from 10.00am until 12 noon during the playgroup meeting in the Village Hall when good second-hand clothes can be bought and sold. If you have anything that you would like to sell please put a price on it and bring it along. 20% of the proceeds will be taken towards the Playgroup funds. Do come along and have a look.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The annual Sunday School party was held on January 18th when thirty children were entertained by games and a splendid tea. Each child was given a gift to take home. Our sincere thanks go to all who contributed food for the tea and especially to Mrs. Nancy Kempster who organised the work in the kitchen. The parish is deeply appreciative of the work of Mrs. Olive Sparling who not only organised the party, but who is also responsible for the children's work in our church. For those who are too old For Sunday

School there is a Bible Study Group which meets on Thursday afternoons at Mrs. Sparling's house, Greenacres, Briar Road, Great Bromley at 4.00pm. This is a very informal meeting which attempts to talk about questions of faith and life as they arise. New members are always welcome. Mrs. Sparling will be pleased to welcome anyone to the meeting or to talk about it to anyone who might be interested. Please telephone for information – Great Bromley 230436.

INTER-CHURCH FOOTBALL FOR CHILDREN;

For the second year running Sporting U's are arranging a Five-a-side Football competition between local churches on Saturday, 22nd March, starting at 10.00am at Layer Road Football Ground. We hope to enter a team from Great Bromley. Last year our team came second and raised almost £85 for charity. This year all the proceeds go to the International Famine Relief Appeal. Families and friends are warmly invited to support. If you have some time on that day please try to attend to encourage our youngsters.

MR. FRED SKEET.

On a very cold afternoon in February a large congregation gathered in the church for the funeral of Fred Skeet. He was a member of an old Great Bromley family and he was born in the village. Like many, he attended the Village School and was, from his childhood, associated very closely with our church. He will be remembered by many for his milk round which he ran for many years until ill health and the loss of his dear wife forced him to give it up. A very cheerful gentleman, he was always particularly fond of children. We pray that he may rest in peace. Our sympathy goes to his family, especially to his sister Ivy. Instead of flowers, donations were requested for the church, and over £100 has been received. His sister has most generously agreed that the money be put aside to help pay for an Aumbry in which the Sacrament can be kept in church for taking to the ill and housebound members of the congregation. Thank you everyone who gave gifts in Fred's memory to make this possible.

GREAT BROMLEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

Some of the matters discussed at the February meeting are as follows:

Roof repairs - the tender for the repairs to the roof, to replace the stolen lead, which was given by Mr. Sergeant has been accepted, and the work should be put in hand by the summer.

A Mothering Sunday service will be held on 9th March at 10.45am and the children of the Sunday School and their parents are to be invited. Posies of flowers will be distributed to mothers.

Hymn Books - it was agreed to order sufficient copies of a new hymn book for use in the church. The book is 'the New English Hymnal' published last month. The new book will provide all the old hymns we use and also a selection of new and well known hymns not found in Hymns Ancient and Modern.

Church Cleaning - we are still looking for volunteers to take over the cleaning of the church. We would like to obtain a team of persons who could share the work by taking over the cleaning for one week a month. Although ladies traditionally do this work there seems to be no reason why gentlemen could not help in this way. We do need to deal with this urgently. If anyone could volunteer to help we would be very pleased. Please contact the Rector. If we cannot obtain the services of volunteers we will have to employ someone to do this task - and this will mean that the expense of running the church will increase and we will have to find extra money to pay for it.

Harvest Thanksgiving - the Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held on Thursday, 25th September and Sunday, 28th September. The Harvest Supper will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday, 4th October.

SERVERS - GREAT BROMLEY.

2nd March 10.00am Robert Harding.

9th March 8.00am James Heaney.

16th March 10.45am John Clapham.

23rd March 8.00am Bill Kempster.

10.45am Robert Harding.

30th March 10.00am John Clapham.

REGISTERS.

Holy Baptism - 9th February - Michelle Louise Foot.

Holy Matrimony - 1st February ~ Penny Sweeting and Richard Carter.

Holy Burial - 6th February - Frederick Herbert Skeet.

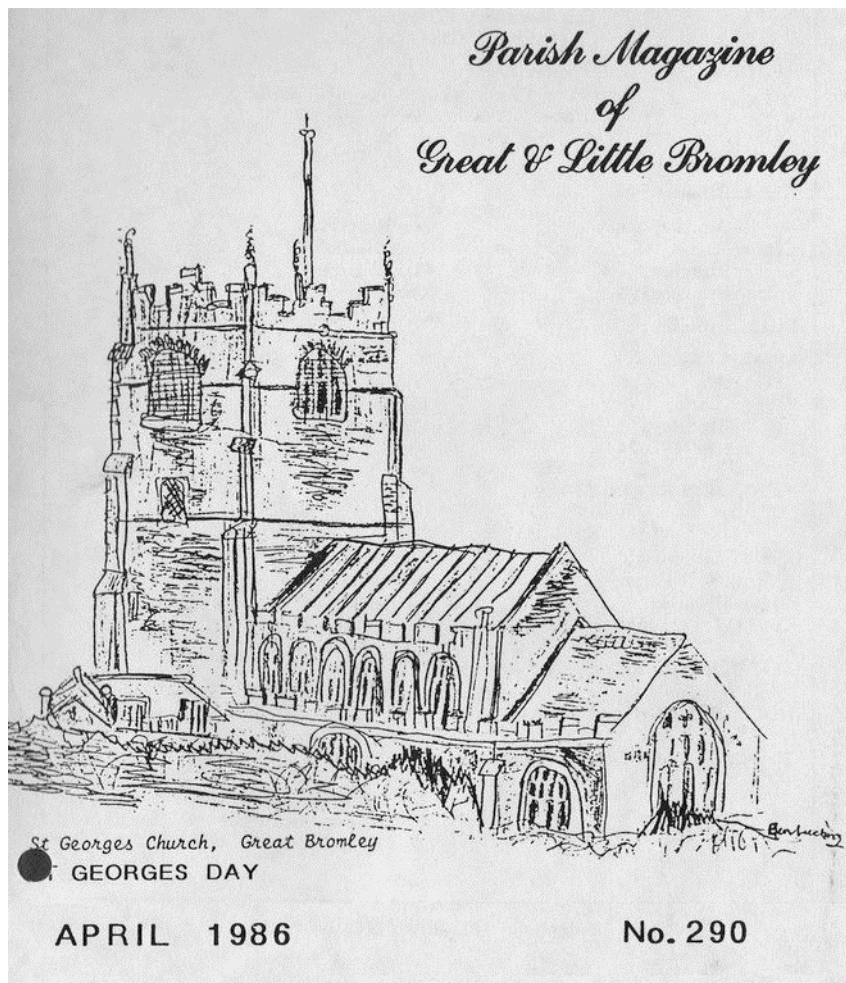
DIARY - GREAT BROMLEY - MARCH.

Sun. 2nd	LENT 3	10.00am Family Eucharist
Mon. 3rd		5.30pm Confirmation Class .
Wed. 5th		7.30pm Compline and address
Thurs. 6th		7.30pm PCC meeting-Rectory '
Sun. 9th	LENT 4	8.00am Holy Communion
	MOTHERING	10.45am Family Service
	SUNDAY	6.30pm Evensong and sermon
Mon 10th		5.30pm Confirmation Class .
Wed. 12th		7.30pm Compline and address
Thurs. 13th		8.00pm PCC - School
Sun. 16th	LENT 5	8.00am Holy Communion
	PASSION	10.45am Parish Eucharist
	SUNDAY	6.30pm Evensong and sermon
Mon. 17th		5.30pm Confirmation Class
Tues. 18 th		7.30pm Flower Festival meeting- Rectory
Wed. 19th		7.30pm Compline and address
Sun. 23rd	PALM SUNDAY	8.00am Holy Communion
		10.45am Blessing of Palms and Parish Eucharist
		6.30pm Evensong and sermon

For services for Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter, please see the special list.

DIARY - LITTLE BROMLEY - MARCH. .

Sun. 2nd	LENT 3	9.00am Holy Communion
		3.00pm Holy Baptism
		6.30pm Sung Evensong and sermon
Sun. 9th	MOTHERING SUNDAY	Joint Parish service - Great Bromley
Thurs. 13th		8.00pm PCC meeting - School
Sun. 16th	LENT 5	9.00am Holy Communion
Sun. 23rd	PALM SUNDAY	9.00am Holy Communion
Sun. 30th	EASTER DAY	8.30am Holy Communion



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SPECIAL EVENTS - APRIL, 1986.

A number of events have been arranged for this month which I commend to you and hope will be well supported.

BUFFET SUPPER AND CONCERT - Friday 4th, and Saturday 5th in the Village Hall in aid of restoration funds.

COFFEE EVENING - Tuesday, 15th April in the Rectory to raise funds for the Flower Festival. Entrance will be 30 pence to include coffee and biscuits. There will be a Bring-and-Buy stall and competition. There will also be a final opportunity to sell 'talent goods' at a Talent Stall.

S. GEORGE'S DAY - Wednesday, 23rd April. To celebrate the day of our Patronal Saint, S. George, there will be a Parish Eucharist at 7.30pm at which a sermon will be preached by Brother Johnathan of the Community of the Resurrection. The service will be followed by a party at the Rectory. On the following day Brother Johnathan will be visiting the school to talk to the pupils.

At the S. George's Day service, or at the services on the following Sunday, I will be pleased to receive the talent pounds and the profit you have made for this project. It would be helpful if the money could be placed in an envelope marked with your name and a brief outline of the way you achieved the total. Please place the envelope on the offertory at the back of the church so that they can all be brought up to be offered on the altar at the Offertory.

CONFIRMATION - The Bishop of Colchester is coming to a service of Confirmation and First Communion for the small group of persons who are at the moment preparing for this day. Please do support them in your prayers and by coming to welcome them as Communicant members of the church at their Confirmation. The Confirmation will take place in S. George's Church on Tuesday, 29th April at 8.00pm.

VILLAGE MAGAZINE.

The long awaited village magazine is well on its way to production. A small committee has now been formed to help the editor (the Rector) to get it off the ground; enough sponsors have been found to enable us to produce it at least until 1987. To start, it is to be a bi-monthly production - the first issue will be published on 1st June, the next on 1st August, and thereafter every other month. Our hope is that it may be possible to make it a monthly magazine before very long. Mrs. Lorna Brown has agreed to act as distribution manager, Mr. Len Christodoulides has agreed to act as Treasurer and Sponsorship Manager

and the W.I. have agreed to be responsible for folding and stapling. Mrs. Meriel Davis is to be the typist. The magazine is to be delivered free of charge to every house in Great and Little Bromley. Our aim is to have a very readable and interesting magazine which will reflect and report on the many activities of our two villages. In order that this happens, it is essential that reports are submitted for publication.

ALL organisations are asked to appoint one member to be the 'reporter' and that person is asked to send in written reports suitable for publication by the first Sunday of the month prior to publication.

Organisations are also asked to supply the editor with a note about the time and dates of their regular meetings so that this may be listed as a regular piece of information in the magazine.

PLEASE DO SUPPORT THIS VENTURE!

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB.

Major and Mrs. Varney kindly entertained members at their home on 27th February. The speaker was Mr. Peter Wenden who talked on the pruning of apple and pear trees. The next meeting will be on 27th March at the home of Mrs. Jean Wright, Broadlands, S. George's Close. Mr. Martin Cowan from Poplar Nurseries, Marks Tey, will be the speaker.

S. MARY'S LITTLE BROMLEY.

The date of the Annual Parochial Meeting for the Parish of Little Bromley has had to be postponed. It will now take place on Tuesday, 22nd April at 7.30pm in Little Bromley Church. On 13th March the Archdeacon of Colchester attended a special joint meeting of the P.C.C.'s of Little and Great Bromley to discuss the future of S. Mary's and the parish of Little Bromley. Following a very useful discussion, it was decided to call a public meeting in Little Bromley church to which all the residents of the village will be invited. The meeting is to be on Wednesday, 9th April at 8.00pm. The joint meeting has recommended that the Parishes of Great and Little Bromley be joined to form the United Parish of the Bromley and that S. Mary's, Little Bromley, become a Chapel of Base. This would mean that the two parishes would become one, with only one P.C.C. and one team of Church Officers. This would mean that services need only be held in Little Bromley when the P.C.C. decide, but that the church would be available for funerals, weddings and baptisms as at present. Although there would be only one set of accounts for the two churches, we would be able to maintain restoration funds separately for each church.

S. GEORGE'S GREAT BROMLEY.

At the recent meeting of the P.C.C. it was reported that English Heritage, the Department of State that gives grants for the maintenance of old buildings, has informed us that they cannot at the moment, give a grant for the restoration of our church. However, our application for a grant is to be presented at their next grant awarding meeting in April.

S. GEORGE'S CHURCH - ANNUAL ACCOUNTS.

At the Annual Meeting to be held on 1st April, the Treasurer of the P.C.C. will be presenting the annual accounts for 1985 which will show that in the past year, after paying for all our expenditure, there was a modest excess of income over expenditure. One of the tasks of the Treasurer is to prepare a forecast for the present year, the Budget. The projected figures for 1986 are as follows:

Clergy Expenses	£1,000
Diocesan Quota	3,148
Heating/Lighting	1,250
Churchyard	500
Church maintenance	500
Altar requisites	100
Church Music	500 (including new Hymn Books)
Magazine	420
Donations	35
Insurance	586
Sunday School, etc.	<u>200</u>
	<u>£8,239</u>

Income is estimated: .

Collections/Donations	£3,000
Covenants/Tax recovered	2,000
Interest	600
Fees	300
Flower Festival	200
	<u>£6,100</u>
Needed from other sources	2,139 .
	<u>£8,239</u>

In order to pay the Diocesan Quota we need a weekly income of £60.54, to pay the Insurance we need weekly £11.57, to pay for heating and lighting we need £24.03 a week.

In order just to pay for these three items we need £94.83 per week. At the moment our weekly income (church collections) amount to between £50 and £70 a Sunday.

One of the answers to our problem would be for more parishioners to Covenant their giving. Any person who pays Income Tax at the standard rate can covenant their giving which means that the Treasury returns to the church 43 pence for every £1 promised. This does not affect any persons personal Income Tax liability. If the whole of the projected £3,000 church collections were to be covenanted it would turn it into £4,290. All that is necessary is for persons to complete a simple covenant form and then each year to certify that the money has actually been given.

The Treasurer, John Appleby, can supply all the information and the necessary forms. Please contact him (Colchester 271458) if you think that you could take part. There is no minimum amount which must be covenanted, it can be as little as 50pence or £1 a week.

S. CATHARINE'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.

Gillian Cummins, a member of our choir and formerly a member of the College Choir, arranged for the choir of her former college to visit us and to sing one of our services. The result was that on Passion Sunday, 16th March, we were privileged to have with us this most talented choir of members of Cambridge University. They sang the service to a setting by Taverner and included motets by Purcell, Weelkes and Byrd. It is interesting to realise that the service composed by Taverner was almost exactly the same age as our church, it being composed in the 14th century. We were all delighted by the beautiful music and we hope very much, that they may be able to make a return visit some time. Our most grateful thanks go to them for making the journey from Cambridge to be with us, and to Gillian for making the arrangements.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC.

MORE NEWS OF THIS FORTHCOMING EVENT!

Weekly working parties have been held making and stuffing teddies and toys. The meetings will stop for Easter, but please do contact Jill Frostick on Colchester 230263 if you have ideas for handicrafts etc. Bears of all sizes are being made for the stalls and the tombola, the King of them all having been given by a parishioner as the first prize in the lucky programme draw.

If you are still making marmalade please do put some by for the Paddington Bear Homemade Bread and Marmalade Stall. Will all who can, donate supplies for the catering or gifts for the two Tombola Stalls; one for grown-ups and the other for children. Please ring Jean Harding on Colchester 230425, or any other committee member with offers and enquiries.

Latest Stop Press: There will be an ascent of a Hot Air Balloon, weather permitting. No details yet of whether or not one of the Bears will be able to make the ascent.

THE BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD.

The new Bishop, The Right Reverend John Waine, is to be enthroned at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, 31st May at 2.30pm. As only a limited number of people can be accommodated in the Cathedral, the Bishop is to attend a number of meetings throughout the Diocese so he can meet as many people as possible and to give the opportunity to many people to see him. He will attend a meeting for the people of our Deanery and the Deanery of S. Osyth on Tuesday, 24th June at S. Paul's church, Clacton-on-Sea, at 8.00pm. More details of this will be announced in May.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

The annual Spring Sale of the Friendship Club will be held in THE VILLAGE HALL on SATURDAY, 19th APRIL at 2.30. There will be all the usual stalls and entertainments. Any offers of goods for the stalls will be very welcome. Please contact Mrs. Vera Biddis if you can help in any way. PLEASE support this sale by coming along and joining in.

GREAT BROMLEY GUIDES.

The first meeting of the year was held on 17th January and 'activity wear' was the rule in the Guide Hut in the very cold weather. Games and activities through the term have followed an international theme, leading up to a special evening on 21st February of Patrol Displays on China and Italy, together with the appropriate food (always popular!). On Saturday, the 22nd February five Guides and our young leaders attended the District Thinking Day celebrations at Dedham.

GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

On Wednesday, 9th April at Brundells Farm, Great Bromley, the W.I. is holding a Coffee Evening and Auction Sale. Entrance will be 25pence which includes coffee and biscuits. All the proceeds will go to W.I. funds. All will be welcome. Mrs. Pippa Hardy can supply any further information.

OUTING TO WISLEY.

The outing to Wisley to see the beautiful gardens has been arranged for WEDNESDAY, 14th MAY. The price, to include the coach fare and entry to the gardens, is £.50.

Please book your seats with Mrs. Pauline Greenfield, 7 Spring Hill Close (230888) as soon as possible. This will be a most enjoyable day and we look forward to taking a large number from the village with us.

SEVEN RIVERS HOME.

After a great deal of planning, the new wing of the Home has now been completed. It includes a Physiotherapy Room, a Chapel and other ancillary spaces. It is to be officially opened on Saturday, 17th May, by Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, the founder of the Cheshire Homes, and the Chapel, to be known as 'The Chapel of the Holy Spirit', is to be dedicated by the Bishop of Colchester on the same afternoon.

As a mark of our interest in, and concern for the Residents and the Home, the Flower Festival to be held in church on the weekend of the Cheshire Home Fete, 14th, 15th and 16th June, is to have a theme 'Cheshire Homes' when the arrangements will portray the names and countries of some of the Cheshire Homes all over the world.

THE PARISH OF ELMSTEAD MARKET.

We are delighted to learn that a new vicar has been appointed to the parish of S. Anne's, Elmstead Market, one of our neighbours. The new vicar is the Reverend Ronald Smith, at present vicar of S. George's, Harold Hill, Romford. He is to be instituted during May. We send him our good wishes as he comes into our Deanery and hope to get to know him when he comes to live 'next door' to us.

CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

I recently received a copy of the Parish Magazine of S. George's, Laguna Hills, California. I read with interest that their parish budget for 1986 amounts to \$278,800 (£188,888!). The magazine also included these lines:

A lot of Christians are like wheel barrows - no good unless pushed. Some are like balloons - full of wind and ready to blow up, but some are like a good watch - open face, pure gold, quietly busy and full of good works.

DIARY - GREAT BROMLEY - APRIL.

Tues. 1st 7.30pm Annual Meeting and Elections - Church
Fri; 4th 7.30pm Buffet Supper and Cabaret - Village Hall
Sat. 5th 7.30pm Buffet Supper and Cabaret - Village Hall
Sun. 6th EASTER 1 10.00am Family Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong
Mon. 7th ANNUNCIATION 7.30am Holy Eucharist
OF B.V.M.
Sun. 13th EASTER 2 8.00am Holy Eucharist 10.00am Sunday School
10.45am Mattins and sermon 6.30pm Evensong
Tues. 15th 7.30pm Coffee Evening -Rectory
Thurs. 17th 7.30pm P.C.C. - Rectory
Sun. 20th EASTER 3 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Sunday School
10.45am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong
Wed. 23rd S. GEORGE 7.30pm Patronal Festival and Parish Eucharist
Fri. 25th S. MARK 7.30am Holy Communion
Sun. 27th EASTER 4 8.00am Holy Communion
PATRONAL 10.00am Sunday School
WEEKEND 10.45am Parish Eucharist and Baptism
6.30pm Evensong
Tues. 29th 8.00pm Confirmation and First Communion

DIARY - LITTLE BROMLEY - APRIL.

Sun. 6th EASTER 1 9.00am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
Wed. 9th 8.00pm Public Meeting - Church
Sun. 13th EASTER 2 11.00am Mattins and sermon
Sun. 20th EASTER 3 9.00am Holy Communion
Tues. 22nd 7.30pm Annual Meeting and Elections
Sun. 27th EASTER 4 11.00am Mattins and sermon

SERVERS - GREAT BROMLEY.

Sun. 6th 10.00am Robert Harding

Sun. 13th 8.00am James Heaney

Sun. 20th 8.00am

10:45am John Clapham

Wed. 23rd 7.30pm Robert Harding (Patronal Festival)

Sun. 27th 8.00am Bill Kempster

Tues. 29th 8.00pm (Confirmation)

FLOWERS - GREAT BROMLEY.

Sun. 6th Mrs. J. Wright

Sun. 13th Mrs. O. Sparling

Sun. 20th Mrs. June Willgress

Sun. 27th Mrs. P. Wright

CHURCH REGISTERS.

Blessing of Marriage.

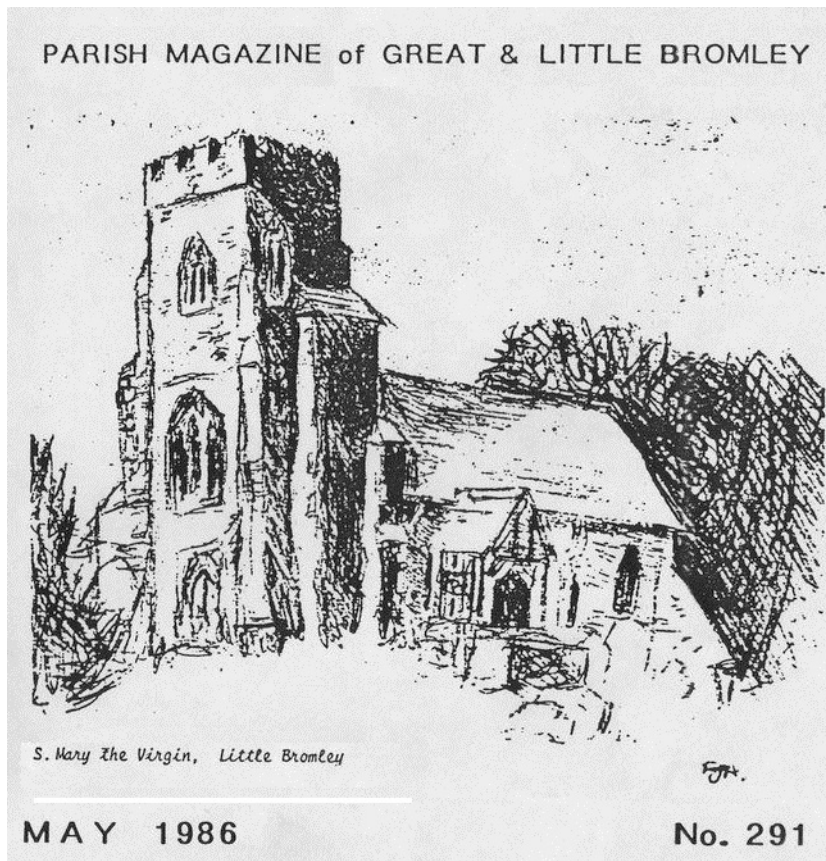
Mar. 29th Bevan Willgress and June Warren.

The Faithful Departed.

Mar. 6th Sidney Dick Watts ~ burial in churchyard

Mar. 10th Frances Elbourne - cremation at Weeley

Mar. 1st George Austin Clark Cockle - cremation at Colchester



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SERVICES: See Monthly List.

HOLY BAPTISM AND MARRIAGES To be arranged with the Rector.

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Please inform the Rector of any who are sick, in hospital or housebound. The Blessed sacrament is always available to be taken to any person who wishes it.

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S. MARY THE VIRGIN - LITTLE BROMLEY.

A public meeting, addressed by the Archdeacon of Colchester, recently discussed the future of S. Mary's church. It was clear from the opinions expressed that any suggestion of closure would be fiercely opposed in the village but, in order for it to remain open, a great deal of effort has to be put in to raise funds for the repair and restoration of the building, as well as a lot more support for the worshipping life of the church. A Restoration Committee was set up whose immediate task is to seek ways of raising the very large sum needed to put the building into good order.

Already action has been taken: Mrs. Elspeth Knott of Payne's Lane is running in the London Marathon on the 20th April and she has asked for sponsorship. The sum raised is being given to the Restoration Fund in order to get it off to a flying start. It is most encouraging to be able to report this. A further meeting was held on 19th April at which the Restoration Fund was officially set up. Mr. R. Knott (393787) was elected Chairman, Mrs. Marilyn Bainbridge was appointed Secretary and Mr. P. Oliphant agreed to act as Treasurer. At a further meeting a programme of events to raise funds will be planned. It is most pleasing to welcome this initiative and to thank those who have agreed to work for the church in this way. It is hoped that their efforts will be supported and that the future life in the village of S. Mary's church will be assured.

S. GEORGE THE MARTYR - GREAT BROMLEY.

At the Annual Meeting held on 1st April Mr. John Clapham and Mr. Robert Harding were re-elected as Churchwardens. Members of the Parochial Church Council, also elected, were Mesdames P. Greenfield, L. Brown, B. Rowe, M. Bush, M. Davis, A. Fairley, Miss F. Orman, Messrs. R. Brinkley, P. Rowe, J. Watts and Major J. Heaney. The Rector, Churchwardens, Mrs. O. Sparling and Mr. J. Appleby, lay members of the Deanery Synod, are all ex-officio members of the council.

The following members of the church were appointed as Sidesmen: Messrs. G. Kempster, P. Rowe, R. Brinkley, E. Ellis, J. Regan, H. Fairley, Major Heaney and Mesdames B. Rowe and F. Orman.

VILLAGES MAGAZINE.

On 1st June the first issue of the new village magazine, to be called 'The Bromley Messenger', will be published, and delivered free of charge to every house in both the villages of Great and Little Bromley. As was stated in last month's Parish Magazine, it is to be a bi-monthly publication, the next issue being available on 1st August. It is planned that each issue will carry a full list of all the organisations in the villages and reports and news of their activities. The magazine can only be a success if material is submitted for publication - any articles or notices must be given to the Editor by the first Sunday of the month preceding publication. In the case of the first issue, information must arrive by Monday, 5th May, at the latest.

Space will be available each month for small advertisements and notices, for which a small charge will be made. It is also hoped to be able to publish readers letters; if you have any issue you would like to give a public airing in the Messenger, please address your letters to the Editor who will, if possible, include your comments and views in the magazine. Other ideas which we hope to develop over the first few issues will be to have a Children's section and Puzzles and Competitions. The Rector has agreed to act as editor, and he is to be assisted by a small editorial committee consisting of Mrs. L. Brown, Mrs. Pippa Hardy and Mr. L. Christoulides who is to be Treasurer and to whom all enquiries about finance should be made. The magazine is to be published by the Parish Council. It will be a success - please support it in any way that you can.

FESTIVALS IN MAY.

ROGATION SUNDAY, 4th May.

This is the Sunday set apart for hundreds of years for the asking of God's blessings on the crops of the field and the labours of man's hands. This year, as it is the first Sunday of the month when we have our Family Eucharist, we plan to have an open-air Eucharist together with the blessing of crops at Harris Farm, at the kind invitation of Peter and Betty Rowe. This will be a joint service for both parishes. Do please make a real effort to attend.

ASCENSION DAY, THURSDAY, 8th MAY.

The last event in Our Lord's life was when he finally parted from His disciples and ascended into Heaven. In years gone by, this was a holiday and a great religious festival. Sadly it is a day which is greatly neglected today - but it has as much significance and is as important as Christmass. There will be a Parish Eucharist (sung) in the evening at 7.30pm.

WHITSUNDAY, 18th MAY.

Until quite recently this was always the Bank Holiday weekend. Now that it is no longer a holiday, it still remains the day when we can celebrate the beginning of the Christian Church. It is known nowadays very often, as the Feast of Pentecost, to remind us of the day when the disciples were gathered together when the Holy Spirit came upon them and they became changed men, bold enough to be able to go out into the world to obey the command of our Lord, 'to preach the Gospel to all men'. It really is the birthday of the church and will be celebrated by special services.

TRINITY SUNDAY, 25th MAY.

First celebrated in the 12th century in England when Thomas Beckett was Archbishop of Canterbury, this festival is commemorating the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC - SUNDAY 29th JUNE AT 1.30pm.

News has reached the U.S.A. of the Picnic, and one of the Stone family has sent twelve beautifully hand-made bears for our event. Meantime, each Wednesday any helpers will be welcomed at Jackie Terry's house between 9.30am and 5.00pm to help in the preparations. Even if you cannot sew, you can stuff bears. There is plenty to do. Please ring Jackie on 230490 to confirm that you can come. Urgently required now are offers of eggs, butter, sugar, milk etc. for the picnic. Also we would like to have home-made cakes, bread, biscuits etc. which can be made from now on and stored in freezers. Please ring Mrs. Greenfield (230988) or Mrs. Hatt 251455 with offers, and arrangements for collection will be made nearer the date. Every little helps. Also wanted will be gifts for the children's and adults' tombolas. Discarded toys in good condition would be welcomed for the children, as well as the usual adults goodies. Please ring Mary Bush (230095) or Ann Steggal (230529)

Latest news is that SPOTTYMAN will be accompanying SUPERTED! Also the publishers, Methuen are providing Winnie the Pooh balloons for the balloon race. Let us hope that they soar above the Hundred-acre Wood!

WERE YOU THERE? - HAMILTON LODGE, GOOD FRIDAY.

The small chapel of Hamilton Lodge was crowded on Good Friday evening for a service of readings and music entitled 'Were you there?' It was based around negro spirituals, familiar and unfamiliar, sorrowful and joyful, in which the residents were joined by the Brownies, Peter and Paul Simons and Mr. S. West. Interspersed between these songs were short readings narrating the events of Holy Week read by the children of the Sunday School under the guidance of Mrs. Olive Sparling. In all it was a most enjoyable and meaningful event for everyone, and, on behalf of the Lodge I would like to thank all our visitors for their hard work and thoughtful participation.

Gillian Cummins.

EASTER MONDAY.

The weather over Easter may have been stormy and changeable, but all was harmony inside S. Georges on Easter Monday when the weekend celebrations came to a close with a concert of music. This was given by Stephen Smith and his group of singers, together with some young instrumentalists from the East Bergholt Music School. These young people, some of whom had not performed in public before, gave an assured and pleasing account of the Allegro from Beethoven's Quintet in C which was greatly appreciated by the audience.

The programme had opened with the full ensemble in Purcell's Bell Anthem, Rejoice in the Lord, and this was followed by three soloists giving a group of songs by the same composer. Next we enjoyed hearing some well-known madrigals, and the Quintet movement was followed by two songs by Mendelssohn and one by Handel - a rousing bass solo. The concert ended with the whole ensemble giving a splendid rendering of Monteverdi's 'Beatus Vir', Blessed is the Man; how appropriate these words are, for we are indeed fortunate to have this wonderful heritage of music, enthusiastic people to perform it for us, and a beautiful church in which such concerts can take place. The flowers, art and music expressing the joyfulness of the Easter Festival gave great pleasure to many. Our thanks go to Robert and Jean Harding for promoting this event which raised £300 for the Restoration Fund.

Jill Frostick.

THANKS.

We acknowledge with thanks, the gift of a Weeping Cherry tree planted in the churchyard in memory of the late Mr. Frederick Brand.

GARDEN CLUB.

The guest Speaker at the March meeting was Mr. Martin Cowan from Poplar Nurseries, Marks Tey, who gave a very interesting talk on hanging baskets which all the members thoroughly enjoyed. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 24th April, at Dean Brothers Garden Centre, Harwich Road, Great Bromley starting at 8 pm. The Club meets on the last Thursday in each month.

LOCAL HISTORY RECORDER SCHEME.

This scheme which is arranged by the Essex Archeological and Historical Congress exists to record local happenings and finds of historic interest - i.e. such as digging up a gold torque whilst planting the potatoes. Mrs. Irene Wilkinson, 11 Meadow Close (250287) is the local recorder and she would be pleased to receive any information about finds and events which might be of historical value.

HAMILTON LODGE.

On Sunday, 13th April, the residents were delighted to welcome Mr. Bobby Robson, the England Football Team Manager, who came to officially open Selbourne Court. When the Selbourne Court project was commencing, Mr. Robson came to lay the foundation stone, so he was delighted to see what had been planned come into fruition.

SEVEN RIVERS HOME.

On Saturday, 17th May, many visitors are expected to meet at the Home to greet Group Captain Leonard Cheshire when he comes to open the new wing recently completed. On the same afternoon the Bishop of Colchester will be joined by other clergy for the dedication of the Chapel of the Holy Spirit which is part of the extension.

The annual Cheshire Garden Fete is to be held in the grounds on Saturday, 14th June. This is always a date to look forward to in the calendar of Great Bromley events. The Flower Festival in S. George's church held on the same weekend as the Fete, this year is to have as its theme, Cheshire Homes in this country and abroad.

GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP.

The Pantomime Group is presenting two short plays, 'Murder Play' and 'Nudes in Waning Light' at the Village Hall on Friday and Saturday, 13th and 14th June at .7.30pm. Tickets, which will be limited, will cost £1.50 and can be obtained from group members. An URGENT appeal is being made by the group. A pianist and musical director is required from September this year. If any one can help, or knows of anyone who might be able to help, please contact Mrs. B. Rowe Honorary Secretary, telephone 230398.

MRS. IVY RADFORD.

The very large congregation at Burnt Heath Methodist Church at the funeral of Mrs. Radford witnessed to the very high esteem in which she was held in the village. For many years she had been one of the most loyal and faithful supporters of Burnt Heath Methodist church, and was the Communion Steward. Her very lively Christian faith sustained and supported her in her final illness and last days which she spent in the loving care of the staff of S. Helena's Hospice. The funeral service was conducted by the Revd. John Robinson. She will be lovingly remembered by many for a very long time. We send our sincerest feelings of sympathy to her husband Ron and her family in their loss, and uphold Ivy and them in our prayers.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S NEWS.

5-a-side football - it rained on Saturday, 22nd March, but the boys of the Sunday School were undeterred and eagerly waiting outside the church to be collected at 9.00am. Only five teams entered the competition this year and our boys enjoyed the games despite the cold and damp. If enthusiasm could have ensured first place, Great Bromley Sunday School team would have carried home the shield. However, their combined efforts prevented and scored many goals, and against some formidable opponents, were placed third with seven points. Well done Reggie (Captain), Daniel, Michael, Martin and Nicholas. It must be added that Daniel came in at the last to replace Paul, who although eager to play, was unwell! If anyone would like to contribute to our offering to the International Famine Relief Fund to which the sponsor money of the event is given, would they kindly give their offerings to Mrs. Sparling.

Result:	S. Teresa's R.C.	1 st	12 points
	W. Bergholt Methodist	2 nd	9 points
	Great Bromley	3 rd	7 points
	Lion Walk U.R.C.	4 th	5 points
	All Saints & S. Cedds	5 th	0 points

MAY DANCE.

The Great Bromley Pantomime Group and the Colchester Military Museum are jointly holding a May Dance in the Village Hall on Saturday, 3rd May from 8 to 12pm. Dancing will be to John Welhams Sound. Tickets, price . £3 each, can be obtained from Nigel Rowe (231067). There will be a buffet bar.

OUTING TO WISLEY.

There is still time to book your seat to visit the beautiful gardens at Wisley, the Royal Horticultural Society's gardens near Leatherhead, Surrey. The cost of the outing, to include the coach fare and entrance, is £5.50 - please contact Mrs. Pauline Greenfield.

GREAT BROMLEY GUIDES AND BROWNIES.

An open evening was held in the Guide Hut on 21st March when judging took place for the Queen and Princesses for the Carnival in June. The Carnival Queen chosen was Sarah Cameron. Bring-and-Buy, talent stalls, a raffle and competitions raised over £65 for S. George's church. Thank you all who supported this event.

DIARY - GREAT BROMLEY - MAY 1986.

Thurs. 1st	SS PHILIP AND JAMES	7.30am Holy Communion 7.30pm P.C.C. ~ Rectory
Sun. 4th	ROGATION SUNDAY	10.00am Family Eucharist & Blessing of crops - Harris Farm. 6.30pm Evensong and sermon
Tues. 6th		7.30pm Flower Festival Meeting.
Thurs. 8th	ASCENSION DAY	7.30pm Parish Eucharist
Sun. 11th	SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Sunday School 10.45am Mattins and sermon 6.30pm Evensong and sermon
Wed. 14th		Outing-Misley
Sat. 17th		3.00pm Dedication of Seven Rivers Chapel
Sun. 18th	WHITSUNDAY	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Sunday School 10.45am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong and sermon
Thurs. 22nd		7.30pm Harvest Supper meeting.
Sun. 26th	TRINITY SUNDAY	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Sunday School 10.45am Mattins and sermon 6.30pm Evensong and sermon
Thurs. 29th	CORPUS CHRISTI	7.30pm Holy Communion

DIARY - LITTLE BROMLEY ~ MAY 1986.

Sun. 4th	ROGATION SUNDAY	10.00am Family Eucharist & Blessing of crops -Harris Farm 6.30pm Evensong
Sun. 11th		11.00am Mattins
Sun. 18th	WHITSUNDAY	9.00am Holy Communion
Sun. 25th	TRINITY SUNDAY	11.00am Mattins

SERVERS - GREAT BROMLEY.

May 4th 10.00am Robert Harding
May 11th 8.00am James Heaney
May 18th 10.45am John Clapham
May 25th 8.00am Bill Kempster

FLOWERS - GREAT BROMLEY.

May 4th Mrs. B. Hall
May 11th Mrs. R. Heaney
May 18th Mrs. G. Hines
May 25th Mrs. P. Greenfield.

METHODIST SERVICES - LITTLE BROMLEY.

May 4th 10.45am Mr. B. D. Nicholson
May 11th 9.30am The Revd. D. Lang
May 18th 10.45am
May 25th 10.45am Mr. M. J. Tweddle