

# St. John Baptist, Sedlescombe, with St. Mary Magdalene, Whatlington.



**Rector—Rev. W. H. NOBLE, M.A., CANTAB.**

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Choirmen.—Messrs. E. BOXALL, A. J. CORPS, T. E. HYLAND, M. J. GRAVES, and H. G. HYLAND, A. R. JAMES.

Organist.—Mr. A. BALKHAM, F.R.C.O. Verger.—

School Staff.—Mr. A. R. JAMES & Assistant Teachers. Hon. Sec. P.C.C.—Mr. A. J. CORPS.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAYS—Holy Communion, 8 a.m., first Sunday also at 12.0.

Matins, 11 a.m., on third Sunday followed by Choral Communion.

Evensong and Sermon, 6.30.

WEEKDAYS—Holy Communion, 8 a.m., Thursdays or Saints' Days. Matins daily, 8.0  
*For Special Services see Magazine.*

CHILDREN—Sunday Schools, 10 a.m., Asselton House; 2.30 p.m. in Church, first Sunday in the month.

## WHATLINGTON.

Churchwardens.—Sir ALAN MOORE and Mr. A. ROSS TOPPING.

Sidesmen.—Messrs. A. BENGE, R. LAVENDER, W. MARTIN, HENRY HAYDON, SYDNEY CROUCH, A. B. CARTER, W. L. T. LANE. Organist.—Mr. H. G. CHAPMAN.

SUNDAYS—Holy Communion all Sundays at 8 a.m., also on 3rd Sunday at 10 a.m.  
Choral Evensong and Sermon, 6.30 p.m.

Childrens' Sunday School Class, at Hancox, 10.30 a.m.

Notice of Baptisms, etc., should be sent to the Rectory, Sedlescombe, or to Ringlett's.

## RECTOR'S NOTES.

People sometimes want to know how Church fees are regulated, and on whose authority they are fixed: the answer is that under the Ecclesiastical Commissioners (Powers) Measure of 1938, the power of fixing new, or revising existing tables of fees to be payable in respect of Church offices, etc., and the erection of monuments in Churchyards is vested solely in the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. The Commissioners have recently revised the table of fees and have written to the Parochial Church Council of every Parish to decide with the Incumbent if they wish the new table to be adopted in their Parish. If they decide in its favour, the new table will then be made valid under the Commissioners' Seal, and a copy of it will be sent to take the place of the one now in use which hangs in the Church Tower. It will be of interest if I quote the new charges for the two offices which are of most general concern and so enable you to judge if they meet with your approval. The fee for a marriage after Banns will be £1 2s. 0d. and a certificate 2/7. For a Burial in an ordinary grave the fee will be £1, which is exclusive of the charge for grave-digging. A separate fee list for the erection of headstones, curbs, etc. will also be printed on the revised table. It should here be noted that the introduction of stone vases and artificial flowers inscribed with names is not permitted without the sanction of the Incumbent.

In view of the general rise in prices, it must be felt that some increase in fees is desirable, particularly in view of the fact that the already small stipends of the clergy are static and will in most country livings become even smaller with the next change of Incumbents: in the case of the united benefices of Sedlescombe and Whatlington the Rector who succeeds me will have a stipend reduced by £100 per annum. I am inclined to think that Church people are beginning to awake to the inadequate salaries paid to their clergy because many more people of late have bequeathed sums of money to the Church. If only all Churchmen and women would follow their example and not only give adequately week by week towards the maintenance of their Church, but also leave at least a small legacy in their wills, a large proportion of the Church's financial difficulties would disappear, while they themselves would have made at least some return to the Church from which, consciously or unconsciously, they have received so much.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving will be held on the last Sunday in September. There will be celebrations of Holy Communion at 7, 8 and after Matins and a service for children at 2.30. The offerings at all the services will be divided between our local hospitals. We hope that with this early harvest our Farmers and their men may be able to take a fuller part in a thanksgiving which so closely concerns them, and which this year should come spontaneously from the hearts of men who in the early days of the year looked for no such bounty as God has given us in this harvest. Fruits, vegetables, etc. should be sent to the Church by 10 o'clock on the Saturday morning and represent the offerings of thankful hearts and their dedication to God.

### IN MEMORIAM.

We have lately suffered the loss of three staunch members of the Church. Mrs. James Dengage who spent the whole of her life in Sedlescombe, and until affliction overtook her was a constant worshipper at Church; Mr. S. W. Hodgkinson, a recent arrival in Sedlescombe, but a most regular and devout Communicant with a record of more than thirty years as chorister in his former Parish; Mrs. Briggs, who though in delicate health for years faced life with a wonderful courage, and during the war devoted herself to the work of the Red Cross. As an organist she could always be relied on to help and played regularly for the Mothers' Union of which she was a keen member. We pray that God will comfort those who are left behind and grant peace and light perpetual to their loved ones.

### SCHOOL CHILDREN'S MILK.

In face of the restriction in milk supply parents may be glad to know that the usual milk supplied to the children in term time can be extended to the holidays, provided that the children fetch it themselves and drink it on the school premises, and that the parents give notice that they wish their children to have it and that they will call for it without fail each day. The scheme is sponsored by the Education Authority and milk only supplied if these rules are strictly adhered to. In order to save the teachers, who are on holiday, the names of children who will call for milk should be sent to the Rector who may find it necessary to call for volunteers to distribute the milk at the school. In no case will a child be allowed to take the bottle of milk away.



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## CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL.

We are now in a position to publish the balance sheet of the War Memorial as it concerns the renovating of the organ. The small balance will be kept in hand towards the cost of the brass tablet to be affixed to the organ. The addition of the new names to the old memorial has been paid for by an anonymous donor.

### RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Per subscriptions acknowledged in the Magazine ... ..	172	16	8
Received since ... ..	4	11	6
Organ Recital for the Electric Blower	6	18	4
Refund for the old pipes of flautina stop ... ..	2	0	0
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	£186	6	6

### EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Arthur Richardson's Account:			
Discus Organ Blower ... ..	64	0	8
New clarinet stop to great organ...	56	0	0
Cleaning and fitting with 184 tin slides to pipes ... ..	46	0	0
Balanced swell pedal ... ..	16	0	0
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	182	0	0
Balance in hand ... ..	4	6	6
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	£186	6	6

## CHURCH REGISTERS.

### HOLY BAPTISM.

Aug. 10th—Lynne Angela Castell.

### BURIALS.

July 9th—Naomi Dengate, aged 78 years.

Aug. 21st—Sydney Wedgwood Hodgkinson, aged 76 years.

Aug. 23rd—Sarah Black Briggs, aged 66 years.

### HYMNS TO BE SUNG IN CHURCH.

September 14th—15th after Trinity.

M. : 534 200 355 239.  
E. : 296 675 243 692 25.

September 21st.—16th after Trinity.

M. : 520 221 214.  
E. : 199 536 180 191 13.

September 28th—17th after Trinity.

M. : 381 383 388 386.  
E. : 382 384 379 383 16.

October 6th—18th after Trinity.

M. : 190 676 202.  
E. : 282 544 164 679 22.

## FREEWILL OFFERING FUND.

We acknowledge with thanks money received under the following number:—8.

## WHATLINGTON NOTES.

**Burials.** Aug. 21st—Mary Elizabeth Draper, aged 89 years.

**Further Notes** transcribed from Records in the British Museum, by Mr. V. J. Torr:—

1785. The Hours on a New Dial set up in 1776 against ye Steeple are from  $\frac{1}{2}$  before 6, to  $\frac{1}{4}$  after 5. So ye South Wall of ye Church declines somewhat to ye East.

In ye Church Yard, West of ye Steeple is a Stone Monument in ye face of which is:

Here lyeth Buried the Remains of Mr. Wm. Theobald, Mary his Wife, and William his Son, who haveing accidentally killed a most Beloved Virgin by a Pistol Shot, who pined away with grief. They died in the year of our Salvation 1689, 1705, 1719.

*Commission of John Bishop of Chichester. 4 Sept., 1686. Whatlington.*

Church, Chancel, Parsonage house and barne, in sufficient repair. Wanting at Whatlington a Common Prayer Book, a book of Homilies, Canons and Articles, but promised to be procured. The Churchyard also wants fencing, but promised to be done. There is also one bell broke.

It is common knowledge now that Hastings is making an effort to swallow Battle and half its R. District into the Borough. It seems unlikely that it will succeed in the face of the strong opposition aroused. Inclusion in the Borough will not bring houses or water a day nearer and we neither want to help Hastings to pay its rates nor do we want the Borough to take over our roads. The roads in the Borough are no credit to it, whereas those still controlled by the County Council are as good as can be found anywhere.

Our sympathy goes out to Mr. Cundy over his serious fall in London, which resulted in concussion and the fracture of several ribs, but are glad to report that he is now making steady, if slow, progress.

The Harvest Thanksgiving in Whatlington Church has been fixed for Sunday, September 28th. Holy Communion will be at 7 and 8 a.m. and Evensong and Sermon at 6.30.

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