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## SS. Peter and Paul, Fenstanton.

SUNDAY SERVICES :- 8 a.m. Holy Communion  
10 a.m. Sung Eucharist.  
3 p.m. Sunday School.  
7 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

WEEKDAYS :- Holy Communion at 7 a.m. as announced; on Greater  
Saints Days also at 9.30 a.m.

MOTHERS' UNION :- Meeting the second Wednesday in each month at 3 p.m.

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## S. Mary Magdalene, Hilton

SUNDAY SERVICES :- 9 a.m. Holy Communion  
11.15 a.m. Children's Service  
5.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

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Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals by arrangement with the Vicar

My Dear People,

Owing to holidays, the copy for this issue has to go to press very early in August; too early, in fact, for us to know when the harvest is likely to be gathered in. In any case, it does not seem probable that we shall want Harvest Thanksgiving celebrations during September, because the work will still be going on.

We shall leave our Harvest Festival, therefore, until the start of October. The exact details will be announced nearer the time.

I shall be away the last week of August and the first week of September. In case of need, please get in touch with one of the Churchwardens.

Yours sincerely,

HERBERT MOORE.

### NEWS AT FIRST HAND

The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel is celebrating its 250th Birthday this year, as many of you know. One of the most important operations in connection with it is the visit, which is going to be paid, starting this autumn, to every diocese in England by an Overseas' Team. Here are a few facts about the Team's visit to this diocese of Ely.

The Team is to arrive in this country in the early part of October; and for a week there will be a Meeting each evening in a different part of Huntingdonshire. It rather looks as though the most convenient Meeting for us will be the one at Huntingdon on Monday, October 8th. We hope to take a good party in on that evening, for it is a rather unusual occasion.

The point is that generally, when one hears about the work of the Church overseas, one hears it from a missionary who is home again on leave. But this time there is a difference. We are to hear from nationals, that is people who belong to the country concerned. For example, in this Team there will be three priests to whom England is quite a foreign (though we hope not unfriendly) country. One is Arch-

deacon of Rangoon, in Burma (he was imprisoned and tortured by the Japanese during their occupation); one comes from the diocese of Lucknow, in India, where he is the Parish Priest of a Cathedral; and the other, who was ordained priest quite recently, belongs to the diocese of Accra (on the Gold Coast of Africa).

Further details will be given next month about the Meeting. This is a preliminary warning, to keep the date, October 8th, clear if you possibly can.

## THE PARISH CHURCH OF HILTON

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#### Monuments

It is not necessary to give a detailed list of all the monuments in the church. Some consist of windows, others of inscriptions on slabs; they can easily be inspected by the visitor. But there are a few items of particular interest, which ought to be mentioned.

In the nave aisle (normally covered by matting) there is the outline of a brass figure, which represents a memorial to a priest. It dates back to the 15th century, and therefore relates to someone who ministered there soon after the present building was completed.

There is also a floor slab to Robert Walpole, who died in 1699 at the age of 100. He must have been quite a character; for it was very unusual in those days to live anything as long at that. Also he must have seen a good many changes in his lifetime. He was born under Queen Elizabeth, and William and Mary were on the throne when he died. So he lived during five reigns (not to mention the dictatorship of Lord Proctor Cromwell).

There are floor slabs in memory of quite a number of members of the Peck family, who died during the seventeen hundreds. There are descendants of this family living in the United States now, who from time to time make enquiries about various of their ancestors, as recorded in the church registers.

## FENSTANTON

S. MATTHEW, Ap. Ev., Friday, September 21st.—9.30 a.m., Holy Communion.

S. MICHAEL and ALL ANGELS, Saturday, September 29th.—8 a.m., Holy Communion.

### The Mothers' Union

The branch will begin the new session with a meeting in the Church Hall on Wednesday, September 12th, at 3 p.m. After the Office, there will be the Annual General Meeting.

### Parish Registers

#### Holy Baptism

August 5th.—Glen, son of William Alexander and Vera Louise Bailey.

August 5th.—David Charles, son of John Henry and Isabel Phyllis Hodge.

#### Collections

	£	s.	d.
Trinity X ... ..	2	9	9
Trinity XI ... ..	2	17	3
Sunday School: 250 pennies for the S.P.G., bringing the fourth flag for our Ship.			

£5-4-1 for the Church of England Children's Society.

## HILTON

**Sunday Services:** On Sunday, September 2nd, there will be no celebration of Holy Communion; Evensong and Sermon at 5.30 p.m. as usual.

The Children's Services will begin again on Sunday, September 16th, at 11.45 a.m.

### Parish Registers

#### Holy Baptism

August 12th.—Susan, daughter of Edward Sidney and Patricia King.

#### Collections

	s.	d.
Trinity X	13	6
Trinity XI	16	8

In this connection, it is worth mentioning the age of the registers. We have a volume, recording baptisms, marriages, and burials, which dates from 1558. In the earlier years, some of the entries are difficult to read; but on the whole it is in a good state of preservation.

One name that occurs many times in the register during the first hundred years of the entries is that of Sparrow. The Sparrow family occupied Park Farm (the house on the Green now, alas, in ruins), and were evidently people of importance in Hilton. They were also Royalists (not everyone in the County was in support of Cromwell's rebellion); and the Royal Coat of Arms of King Charles I, which hangs over the Chancel Arch was originally painted on the wall of a first-floor room in Park Villa, probably in the year 1632. We are indebted to the same family for the Maze on the Green, which William Sparrow had cut in 1660.

*(To be continued.)*

## MORAL WELFARE

The Diocesan Association for Moral Welfare Work, as in past years, asks again for our practical demonstration of support for its work. The three workers (one in each Archdeaconry) find as many problems as ever, in which advice, help, and action are needed. There are unhappy homes, families in danger of being broken up, and children who come into the world with the terrible disadvantage of having no real home or family life. In these cases, as well as in various other ways, the Moral Welfare organisation finds a great deal to do, both for the children and the parents (sometimes sinning, sometimes sinned against). Above all, the Association strives to show what Christian charity is, and what the Christian ideal of marriage really means.

Following our custom, there will be an opportunity of giving alms for the Association on **Sunday, September 16th**. At Fenstanton, there will be retiring collections; and at Hilton the normal collections will be given to this work.

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