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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,

We have waited a long time, and a cold time, for spring to arrive. It has come now, as I write this; and I hope it will still be here when you read it. It brings us the festival of the Christian Year that has the most chance of finding warmth and sunshine—Whit-Sunday. It seems, on the whole, as though people do not bother so much about the Christian observance of Whitsun as they do about Easter. That is surely wrong. It was certainly all-important that Our Lord rose again from the dead; and it is just as important that, after returning to His heavenly home, He sent to us His Spirit. We could not possibly live our Christian lives without Him. Churchpeople ought to regard the attendance at divine worship and the receiving of Holy Communion at Whitsuntide with the same degree of obligation that they rightly attach to Easter.

To those of you who contributed to the Easter Offerings I would express my grateful thanks.

Yours sincerely,

HERBERT MOORE.

### Maintenance of the Sacred Ministry

By the direction of the Archbishop, the collections on Trinity Sunday, May 20th, will be given to the Central Ordination Candidates' Fund. A pamphlet enclosed with this Magazine gives some facts and matters for consideration on this subject.

### 250th Birthday

The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts (S.P.G. for short) was founded by royal charter in 1701, and thus celebrates its 250th Birthday this year. There are several things happening in connection with this important anniversary. There is to be a team of overseas missionaries visiting this diocese in October, about which details will be given later on. But the matter of the moment is that on **Saturday, June 16th**, which is the Society's actual Birthday, there is to be a Festival Service in Ely Cathedral at 5 p.m., at which the preacher will be the Lord Bishop of Ely. It is hoped that there will be people from very many parishes in the diocese attending this. It is certainly hoped to organise a party from Fenstanton. It would be a great help if all who would like to go would let the Vicar know as soon as possible.

## THE PARISH CHURCH OF HILTON—I

### Early Days

It seems there has not been a church at Hilton quite so far back as at Fenstanton, since there is nothing mentioned about it in the Domesday Book (drawn up in 1086). But there must have been one built soon afterwards, because we know that there was a stone building in Hilton between 1100 and 1200. A small portion of the stone from this old church still exists to-day, in the walling and moulding on each side of the chancel arch. This arch itself is the oldest substantial piece of work in the present church, having been constructed in the twelve-hundreds.

But, in the main, the church as we now have it belongs to two periods. The tower was built just before 1400; and the rest of the church during the next century, perhaps about 1450.

It comes as something of a surprise to learn that Hilton did not become a separate parish until comparatively recent times. There are a large number of small parishes in this rural county, and Hilton is certainly a complete village in itself. But the historical truth of the matter is that for about seven hundred years our church at Hilton was not a parish church at all. The proper name for it was a chapelry to Fen Stanton; that is, a sort of daughter-church under the charge of the vicar of Fen Stanton. Sometimes it was served by priests from Fen Stanton, and sometimes (before the Reformation) it had a separate chaplain appointed to it. It was not until 1873 that Hilton was made into a separate and independent parish. Since that time the parish has on two or three occasions had a vicar who lived in the parish and had no other charge. But generally it has been the case that the parish priest has had a living (and his residence) in the neighbourhood (either Fen Stanton or Papworth St. Agnes), for the simple reason that when Hilton was made into a parish there was not sufficient endowment provided to furnish the priest with a living wage.

(To be continued)

### FENSTANTON

SS. PHILIP and JAMES, App., Tuesday, May 1st.—Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.

ASCENSION DAY, Thursday, May 3rd.—Holy Communion, 7.50 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. Evensong and Sermon, 7.30 p.m.

**WHIT-SUNDAY, May 13th.—**

- 7 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION.
- 10 a.m.—SUNG EUCHARIST.
- 3 p.m.—FAMILY SERVICE.
- 7 p.m.—EVENSONG, SERMON, AND PROCESSION.

MOST HOLY TRINITY, Sunday, May 20th.—Services as usual.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI, Thursday, May 24th.—Holy Communion, 7 a.m. and 9.30 a.m.

**The Bishop's-Appeal Fund**

Our contribution to the Bishop's Appeal for this year is now due. We have £28 to raise; and we hope to raise it by your generous contributions on our **GIFT DAY**, which is to be **Ascension Day, THURSDAY, MAY 3rd.**

The Vicar will be in church to receive your gifts and collecting-boxes from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., when Evensong commences.

**The Mothers' Union**

The last meeting for the season will be on Wednesday, May 9th, at 3 p.m. in church. There will be an address by the Rev. Roger Frith, Rector of Sawtry.

**Plans for the Fete**

We hope to have—and we certainly need to have—a Summer Fete again this year. We need to make some plans for it, and should welcome the co-operation of all well-wishers at a **Meeting of the Congregation**, which will be held in the Church Hall on Monday, May 7th, at 7.30 p.m.

**Parish Registers**

**Holy Baptism**

April 15th.—Angela, daughter of Alois Rudolph and Joan Evelyn Neugebauer.

**Christian Burial**

April 7th.—Rebecca Hardy, aged 73 years.

**Collections**

	£	s.	d.
Good Friday (Church Missions to Jews) ... ..	1	5	5
Easter Day ... ..	10	15	10
Low Sunday ... ..	2	11	3
Easter II ... ..	2	10	10
Easter III ... ..	2	8	10
Easter IV ... ..	2	6	9

From Lent Purses and Lent Services: £5 to S.P.G. and £2-2-0 to S.P.C.K.

From the Sunday School: another 250 pennies for S.P.G. from our Ship.

**HILTON**

**WHIT-SUNDAY, May 13th.—**

- 9 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION.
- 11.15 a.m.—MORNING PRAYER.
- 5.30 p.m.—EVENSONG AND SERMON.

**The Bishop's-Appeal Fund**

Once again we hope to raise our annual contribution of £15 for the Bishop's Appeal by giving the collections of Whit-Sunday to this cause. We hope for your generous support.

**The Annual Meeting**

The following appointments were made: Mr. W. Furniss and Mr. C. G. Britten continue as churchwardens; the Parish Church Council consists of Mrs. G. Britten, Mrs. S. King, Mrs. Leatherdale, Mrs. Pattle, Mrs. See, Mrs. Young, Miss Young, Mr. G. Britten, Mr. S. King, and Mr. Pattle. Mrs. Young was re-appointed as representative on the Diocesan Conference. The sidesmen continue to be Mr. G. Britten, Mr. Neal, Mr. Pattle, and Mr. H. Tyler.

The Accounts showed a balance in hand of £95-4-5. This seems a distinct drop from last year's figure, £130-4-0, but the explanation is that the whole of the Underpinning Repairs have now been paid for.

**The Summer Sale**

The Parish Church Council will meet on Thursday, May 10th, at 7.30 p.m. in the School to arrange plans for the Sale. Members please note.

**Parish Registers**

**Holy Baptism**

April 1st.—Mervyn John, son of David Ronald and Ivy Betty Rossin.

**Collections**

	£	s.	d.
Good Friday ... ..	11	6	
Easter Day ... ..	7	16	3
Low Sunday ... ..		9	3
Easter II ... ..	1	1	0
Easter III ... ..		15	0
Easter IV ... ..	1	0	6

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