

NOTES from PARISH MAGAZINES of 1898 - 1901

1898

St Mary's Convalescent Home was ten years old
Rev. Lake was Assistant Priest

A large Milner Safe was bought by the Churchwardens and friends.

The Horticultural Show was held in the grounds of Birchington Place (Hall)

The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Gloucester preached at Matins, after the Harvest Festival

All Saints Cadet Corps was formed, meeting in the Infants' schoolroom

A Parish Library was formed and appeals for books was made.

The Old Folks Tea was held at the Institute.
Packets of tea and tobacco were given on departure.

1899

Parade of Friendly Societies held on Easter Sunday afternoon.

The Curate was Rev. H.M. Lake M.A.

The Curate received £120 a year

The Verger and sexton received 20s a week

Birchington and Acol had a Soup Kitchen at this time during winter months
See note in 1900

The 1st Battalion the East Kent Regiment The Buffs (Birchington Cadets)
were in Camp at Stonar.

At the Vestry Meeting on 2nd July, it was decided that

- 1.) The Crispe Monument on the South wall of the Vestry be removed to its original position in Quex Chapel.
- 2.) That the Crispe Brass at present on the floor in the Vestry be removed to the wall of Quex Chapel (Margaret Crispe)
- 3.) That the doorway into the Vestry in the South Wall be reopened for use.
- 4.) That steps be taken to obtain a faculty

All Saints Cricket Club was formed. They used the ground in Quex Park.

A new Girls' School was proposed and subscriptions of £382 4s 5d had been received to date. A Bazaar and Garden Fete were to be held in Quex Park for two days in aid of the proposed new Girls' School.

A further £453 4s 2d had been received for the Building Fund.

All Saints Church reported that the Marie Crispe Tablet was now removed to the Quex Chapel. It had been placed in the Vestry in 1865 and Mr Walker added a note which simply asked "Why?"

Also a Brass was taken up from the floor of the Vestry and placed on the wall of Quex Chapel. Several others from the floor of Quex were also placed on Quex Chapel walls.

Quex Chapel Screen was given stained glass panels, made by Messrs Powell & Sons. Mr Cotton of Quex also paid for the private door for the Clergy and the Choir into the Vestry.

BOER WAR - By command of the Queen, the offertories were given to the Lord Mayor's Fund for the sick and Wounded and the Widows and Orphans occasioned by the War in South Africa.

1900 The Archbishop of Canterbury visited All Saints on January 4th to preach in aid of the National School Fund (for the proposed new Girls' school). The collection came to £8 15s 8 ½d

Arrangements were made for services to be held in the Exhibition Building at Minnis Bay Dip on Thursdays at 7pm, for the benefit of the Coast Guards and their families.

Relief of Ladyshith - Thanksgiving Service in All Saints Church.
News was received in Birchington at 11 am on Thursday **1st March** and Thanksgiving service was held at 7 pm that same evening - the church was packed. A Torchlight Procession was held after the service.

12 April - death of Major Morrison Bell in the Isle of Wight -
Special service held in All Saints Church

Vicar, in his last report said that £700 had been given for the new Girls' School

The Soup Kitchen was opened on 22 December 1899 and finished on 2 March 1900

Henry Robinson Charity had received £9 7s 1d and the money was divided between two widows.

The Friend Williamson Charity reported in the parish Magazine it had received 36 19s 4d. 16 widows each received 8s 8 ½ d.

The Crispe Charity Account was printed in the magazine. The rent from the Farm was £70 10s for one year.

Mr and Mrs Score were the Head Master and Head Mistress of the National Schools.

The 1900 Report for the Grand Bazaar and Fete at Quex Park in aid of the Building Fund for the new school was printed. It included a list of the distinguished Patrons. Fete raised £355 18s 6d

£150 was given by Mrs Charles Bell in memory of her brother-in-law, to renovate the church organ.

The Rev. F.B. Molan was the new Curate

1903 A brass tablet to Helen Mabel Trevor Peintre, who died suddenly in her studio at 55 Rue de Cherche Midi, Paris on 3 April 1903. The tablet was given by her sister.

Two new bells were to be hung in the belfry - the gift of Mr Matthews, one of the Churchwardens.