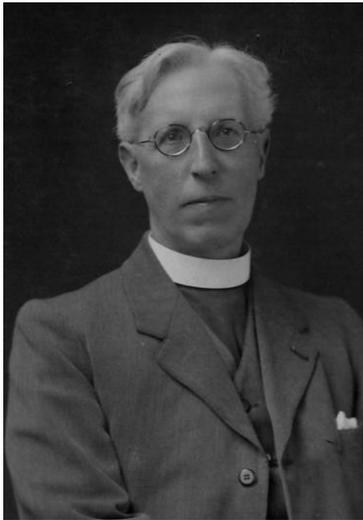


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News from December 1916



Message form the Rector Rev. H de Watson

Christmas - It is inexpressibly sad that Christmas should come again and that there should be no prospect of an end to the world-war.

As a nation we are bound to fight on till a peace that is just and lasting is assured, but in the meantime it is the bounden duty of us who remain at home to share in some measure the sacrifice that are made on our behalf, and to do our little best to repair the ravages of war. On Christmas Day the collections will be given to the "Kitchener National Memorial Fund" for disabled officers and men of the Navy and Army. Before Christmas Church envelopes will be distributed, issued by the "National Committee for Relief in Belgium" and as we sit at our dinner tables on Christmas Day we are asked to think of the suffering children of Belgium and place in these envelopes a contribution for their relief. The envelopes should be brought to Church on the Sunday after Christmas and placed in a box provided for the purpose.

News from Kent County Council

Kent County Council has voted in favour of the proposal that Prisoners of War should be put to work of national importance repairing and maintaining roads in Kent.

At the last count in November 2016. 79,329 people have been interned in British Camps including 29,511 civilians. One camp in Dartford has over 3,700 prisoners. With so many men away at the front, this action will provide a useful measure to fill the labour shortage. Prisoners who work will be paid a daily rate of 1½p and receive an extra 1,300 calories of food rations per day.

The Children's Christmas Party

The Christmas Party for the children of the Catechism and Kindergarten was held in the School on Holy Innocents' Day. After tea the children went out into the playground for a while and returned to find a beautifully decorated and lighted Christmas Tree and a present for each one. The cost was defrayed by subscriptions from several kind friends in the parish. The Day School broke up for Christmas holiday on Tuesday 21st December, when by the kindness of Mrs. Buckingham, each child was presented with a new sixpence. Hearty cheers were given for Mrs Buckingham who unfortunately, was not herself able to be present, as she had gone to Bath to spend Christmas with Mrs. Rudge.