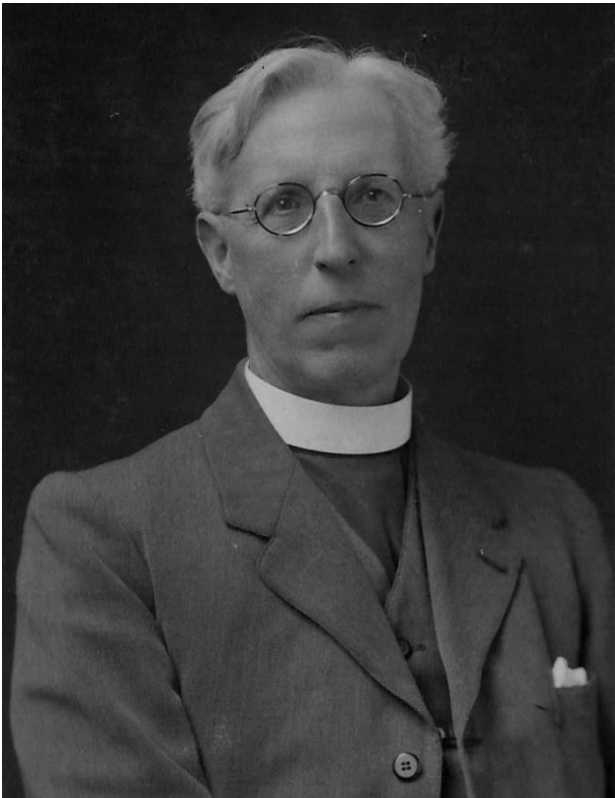


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A Message from our New Rector Rev. H. de V. Watson

You of course all know by this time that All Souls' College Oxford, have chosen me to be your new Rector, though I am afraid it will be the end of June or beginning of July before I can be amongst you. I do most deeply sympathize with you in losing so many friends at the same time, the late Rector's daughters and Mrs Marsham and Mr. and Mrs. Green, all of whom have done so much for many years for the welfare of this Parish. My wife is Kentish by birth and has many relations and friends in the neighbourhood. I hope therefore you will not look upon us as "foreigners" and that I may sign myself,

Your sincere friend

H.de V. Watson

The War

The following individuals have joined His Majesty's Forces since the last notice: Messers. R. T. Betts, W. Crump and R.M. Webster, whom we congratulate on his commission. Harold Payne, Walter Norris, George Parks, and Frederick Parks all serving with the 6th Battalion of the Royal West Kent Regiment landed at Boulogne on the 1st June. They have now joined 12th Division and received their induction at "Plug Street" (Ploegsteert) in the south of the Ypres Salient.

Also now serving at the front is Arthur Sutton, J. Filmer, Lissenden, and H. Harman, May they all be preserved safely and distinguish themselves, as we hear one brave Harrietsham lad has already done, of whom the Parish is proud.

Pound Day for Hospitals

It will interest our readers to know that over 2 cwt. of groceries and other contributions in kind and £2 7s 6d in cash was collected in Harrietsham for the hospitals. This exceeds that of last year and must be very gratifying to those who contributed.

School Treat

On 11th June at 4 o'clock, a farewell tea was given to the children of Harrietsham School by Mrs. Marsham and Misses Marsham before they leave the village. At the tea, the Sunday School and Church History prizes, medals and certificates were awarded to the successful children.