

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION GARNERED FROM PAPERS PASSED TO ME FROM
THOMAS WORMALD'S FAMILY (C/W FOR 30YRS UNTIL 2014)**

Register of Collections started in 1947 - 1956

1954 – a list of 26 people on the Electoral Roll

Delivery note from M.D.Field of Corpusty – 3cwts large coke in 3 sacks and
1cwt of coals in one sack
£1 6s and 2d

1947 – weekly services; collections mostly ranging from 3s/5d to 9s/9d
Some collections went to Cromer Hospital, Children's Society and ex
Service Welfare as well as to the Choir Fund

1949 May – choir restarted.

June – Great Yarmouth outing

Nov/Dec – Christmas Bazaar made £22/ 4s

1950 – weekly services continue. Average collections 7s to 9s

1951 – 2 donations to Cathedral Fund. Choir paid so still in existence.

- Collections going up 8s to 11s

1952 - February Sale of Work raised £16

- April – augmentation of benefices

- May – glass put in chancel; 25th May Coat of Arms put on wall.

- November – Mrs Scarfe was paid 18/4d for cleaning

- children's stamps were bought for £1.7.8d

1953 - January- Christmas music played with flutes, violins, oboe and viola

- collections averaging between £9 and £15 at the weekly services

- September – Quota paid. £3.10/-

- October – Fete raised £13.10/-

- November – Ex-Services Welfare collection £1.5/-

- December – Lamp dedicated

1954 – weekly services continue at 10a.m., 1130a.m. and 6.30pm

- Collections from 6/- to £1.7/1d

1955 – Feb 20th – no service because of a blizzard

- May church sale raised £11.5/-

- Still supporting Children's Society and Ex Service Welfare and
Bishop's Fund

- Paying the organist; money donated in the Alms box throughout this
time

1956 – Services continue to be weekly.

Extract from the Parish Magazine, February 1874

PLUMSTEAD-CUM-MATLASKE On Tuesday December 30th, the Parish Church of Plumstead was re-opened for Divine worship after having been closed since last July. The restoration, which has been most thorough and complete, was indeed much needed, the church having been entirely neglected and allowed to fall into a very dilapidated and unsafe state and in fact, more resembled a barn than a place set apart for Christian worship. The reading desk, pulpit and roof were entirely worm eaten and rotten, and in many places when touched crumbled away to dust. The West window was blocked up and so was part of the East and one of the North windows. The rest had mullions of painted wood, which inside were covered with a luxuriant growth of fungi, owing to the damp; and for the same reason, the walls and floor were streaked with green and various colours! Many of the pews were of the old-fashioned type, square and high, and it was only too evident that scarcely anything had been done for many years to beautify or even keep in decent repair the House of God. The Perpendicular style in which the church was originally built has been well maintained throughout the restoration, the work of which was entrusted to Mr. Chapman of Hanworth, and to whom we cannot give too much praise for the effective and thoroughly workmanlike way he has carried it out. The pitch of the roof, which is entirely new, has been raised 5 feet, and it is covered outside with pattern tiles. Inside it is of stained deal, the principals of the chancel being carved and having angels at each extremity. The beautiful stone corbels at the entrance of the chancel are the gift of Mr. Chapman, and were executed by Mr. Minns of Norwich. The angel on the North side, representing St. Michael, the patron Saint of the church, fighting the devil, and that on the South side, St. Gabriel with a scroll and trumpet. The whole of the chancel is re-seated in oak, and the pulpit (which has been placed on the North side), reading desk, lectern, and font cover, as well as the girders of the tower floor are made with the same wood. The effect of the pulpit is particularly good, the panels being exquisitely carved, the spandrels consisting of oak leaves and acorns, nuts, hops, ivy etc, and has a stone base and steps. The reading desk and ends of the choir seats being carved to correspond with the pulpit. All the windows are entirely new and filled with Cathedral glass, that at the East having 3 lights and handsome tracery above. The West window is the gift of John Hales esq., and is executed by Mr. Searles of Holt, the coloured dogtooth border adding much to the effect of the tower. The inside of the church was formerly nearly 3 feet below the level of the churchyard; now the floor has been raised more than a foot throughout to what was found to be its original level. A step has been made into the chancel,

and the earth cleared away outside so that we may hope in future to find it less damp. The floor of the church and chancel is laid with red and black Staffordshire tiles, while inside the altar rails it is composed of small pattern tiles from Maw's potteries. Whilst scraping the whitewash off the walls, the remains of what is supposed to have been an Easter sepulchre was found, only the groined stone top with a little of the colouring being entire. It has now been converted into a credence table and let into the North wall inside the rails. We must not forget to mention the beautifully illuminated Tables of Commandments in oak frames, which are placed on either side of the East window, and also the very handsome kneeling mats for communicants, cushion for the sedilia, and many other pieces of needlework which so brighten up the chancel, and are the work of many kind friends. The service on the opening day began at 11 o'clock with the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers". The Canticles, Glorias and the Psalms and Kyries being chanted as usual, and hymns 320 & 244 in Hymns Ancient and Modern were also sung. The first part of the service was read by the Rector, Rev A. J. Richards, and the latter half by Rev. J. Wilson, Rector of Town Barningham. The lessons were read by Rev E. Brumell Rector of Holt, and the Rev. J. R. Fielden, Rector of Baconsthorpe. The Rev J. Dolphin, Rural Dean, read the Communion service and the most eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. J. B. Pearson, Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, from the first 5 verses of the 33rd Psalm. Afterwards the Holy Communion was administered to a considerable number of people, and the proceeds of the offertory, inclusive of 2 cheques of £100 each amounted to £218 8s. 10d. The church was quite full, there being many visitors besides numbers of the parishioners, both of Plumstead and Matlaske.

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The following handsome gifts were placed in the church on Easter Day. A silver flagon, large Bible bound in Morocco, brass alms dish and 2 crimson velvet bags for alms embroidered with gold.

Now that the new wall is completed on the south side of Plumstead churchyard, we believe we have only to appeal to our parishioners to assist in putting down the habit of scribbling, which has so long existed amongst the children when loitering round the churchyard gates.