

Private Chapel of Bonnyhara
Villa Rosa

Opened for the season 1878-79
by Holy Communion (according to the rite of the
Church of England) on Nov. 1st 1878.

From ~~Adapted~~
Chaplain ~~Rev. J. J. J. J.~~

SUNDAY.	Attendance.		Number of Communicants.	Collections.		
	Morning.	Evening.		Coin	Paper	Spices
Nov 1 st All Saints Day.	8 am.		6	2--	7--	
3 rd 2 nd S. after Trinity.	10.30 am		11	16.75	5--	
10 th 2 ^{1st} " " "	8 am		4	2.50	1--	
" " " "	10.30 am			5.55	3.50	
Dec 17 th 22 nd	10.30		17	5.07	18.50	
24 th 23 rd	8 am		5	2.50	2--	
" " " "	10.30			4.30	15--	
Dec 1 st 1 st Sunday in Advent	10.30		24	5.50	17.50	
8 th 2 nd " " "	8.30		8	2--	7--	
" " " "	10.30			.60	16.50	
15 th 3 rd " " "	10.30			3.65	15.50	
19 th " " "	8.30		4			
21 st S. Thomas.	8.30		7			
22 nd 4 th S. in Advent.	8.30		5	1--	5--	
" " " "	10.30			8.75	18.50	
				Coin	Paper	
				TOTAL	60.17	132.00

1 S. Pe
S. Mat
Ephas
S. Ma
S. Joh
S. M
S. Luk
S. Gra
Phil

Chaplaincy

to ~~W. H. M. D.~~ 186
W. H. M. D. Chaplain at Hampton Court Palace

REMARKS.

Morning

Afternoon

1 S. Peter. i. 16

S. Matt xxii. 11 &c.

Ephes. vi. 19.

S. Matt. xviii. 21. 22 &c.

S. John. vi. 14.

S. Matt. xxi. 9

S. Luke. xxi. 32.

S. Matt. xi. 9.

Phil. iv. 4.

S. Matt. xxii. 13.

S. Matt. xxi. 44.

Phil. i. 3.

S. John. viii. 51.

1. S. John. iii. 2.

Rom. xv. 4.

S. Matt. xi.

No after. Sermon

The Chapel rather cold, + various
compliments made -

The stoves in good working order today
& all comfortable

Nov. 28th £85.47. n. sold to Bank
today

Today the Celebration of H.C. was
at 8.30 -

Notice given out of a weekly celeb. of
H.C. at 8.30 on Thursdays.

as I was too unwell to preach.

Spanish

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Private Chapel - Bodright

From

Officiant ~~Chaplain~~, Rev^d. C. Bieker

SUNDAY.	Attendance.		Number of Communicants.	Collections.		
	Morning.	Evening.		Chaplain's Fund.		Special.
				Coin	Paper	Tr. c. Tr.
2 Dec 25 th Christmas Day . 8-30 am			11	20.-	35.-	31-95-
8 - " " " 10-30			24	11.-	60.-	
1 - 26 th S. Stephen . 8-30			3			
1 - 27 th S. John . " "			3			
2 Dec 28 th St. Innocent " "			5			
1 - 29 th 1 st S. after Christmas 10-30			11	3.60	18.50	
2 - Jan ^y 1 st New Year's Day . 8-30			6			
1 - " " " 10-30			17	9.25	15.50	
1 - 5 th 2 nd S. after Xmas.			18	11.25	24.50	
10 - 6 th Epiphany . 8-30			5			
1 - " " " 10-30			8			
1 - 8 th 1 st S. after Epiphany . 8-30			4			
1 - 12 th " " " 10-30			5	1.00	15.-	
1 - 19 th 2 nd S. after Epiphany . 10-30			28	13.25	47.50	
				7 th 94.65	235.00	
				brought forward 60.17.	132.00	
				<u>Fr. 154.82. Coin</u>	<u>Fr. 367.00</u>	

Private Chapel. Bridgton

From

Officiant ~~Chaplain~~, Rev^d C. Bicknell

SUNDAY.	Attendance.		Number of Communicants.	Collections.			
	Morning.	Evening.		Chaplain's Fund		Special	
				Cash	Paper		
2 Dec 25 th Christmas Day 8:30 am			11	20.-	35.-	31-95-	
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1 - " " " 10:30			8				
1 - 8 th " " " 8:30			14				
1 - 12 th 1 st S. after Epiphany 8:30			5	1.00	15.-		
1 - " " " 10:30				25.30	19.-		
1 - 19 th 2 nd S. after Epiphany 10:30			28	13.25	27.50		
				TOTAL	94.65	235.00	
				brought forward	60.17	132.80	
					72.154.82. Coin	72.367.00	

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Chaplaincy.

to

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M.A.

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Special.

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REMARKS.

Morning

afternoon

S. Luke ii. 10.

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The Offerings in Vtina, Dagen for the Poor, & was sent by me to Signor Carlo Rabassino, to be distributed according to his discretion.

S. Luke ii. 12.

S. Matt i. 21

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Matinis, Sermon & H.C. today at 10.30.

Galatians vi. 9 &c.

S. Matt iv. 19.

Chapel nearly full today. The 1st day of really brilliant weather - calm & cloudless.

S. Matt. ii. 1. 2.

Epiphany. H.C. at 8.30. Matinis. Sermon & H.C. at 10.30. about 15 present.

S. Luke ii. 49.

S. Luke ii. 28-32.

S. Matt xi. 28-30.

S. John ii. 9-11.

Jan 7. 21. 85 N is cold }
+ 220. - is paper } p. into
is 283.15 in gold. } Raab today

Paper

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S. Matt xi. 28-30.

S. John ii. 9-11.

Jan 7. 21. 25' 15" in width } 10 inch
+ 220. - in paper } Road today
is 283.15 in gold.

From

Officiant ~~Chaplain~~, Rev^d. Res^d. C.

SUNDAY.	Attendance.		Number of Communicants.	Collections.		Special.
	Morning.	Evening.		Chaplain's Fund.		
				Coin	Paper	
26 th Jan 23 rd H.C.		8.30	14			
25 th Conversion of St. Paul		8.30	7			
26 th 3 rd S. Epiphany		8.30	6	1.50	9.00	
" " " "		10.30		9.20	13.00	
Feb 7 th 4 th S. Epiph. (Purif: B.V.M)		10.30	28	10.55	28.00	
" 6 th H.C.		8.30	10			
9 th Septuagesima		8.30	10	50.00	13.50	
" " "		10.30	20	29.40	19.00	
13 th		8.30				
16 th Sexagesima		10.30		13.15	30.50	
20 th " "		8.30				
23 rd Quinquagesima		8.30	2		7.00	
" " "		10.30	10	2.35	43.50	
24 th S. Matthias		8.30	5			
26 th Ash Wednesday		10.30	10	1.50	59.50	
27 th " "		8.30	10			
			brought forward		117.65	223.50
			TOTAL		154.82	367.00
			Fr. 272.47		7.590.50	
			Coin		Paper	

Bordighera
Chaplaincy.

to

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Bicknell

Morning afternoon

REMARKS.

1 st John i. 5.	Acts xxvi. 18	Very wet morning & fearful squally - Harmonum captured dreadfully & Mr. Latham kindly volunteered to put it right after the service & worked away at it a long time
1 st Luke ii. 22.	1 st Matt. viii. 33.	

The Rev. Alfred Garney celebrated H.C. at 8.30 today.

Gen i. 1. &c. 1st Matt xx. 16.

1st Luke viii. 5. 1st Matt xxvi. 24.

1st Cor xiii. 13. Acts i. 23 &c.

61.50.

The offertory today was for some special cases of
sickness & distress in Bordighera.

No Communion service - 20 fr. given to Mr. Hamilton
5 fr. - Miss Phelps.

27th - 263.30 in gold p^d into Bank today.

Private Chapel in

From Nov. 1878

Officiant

~~Chaplain~~, Rev^d. C. Brickner

SUNDAY.		Attendance.		Number of Communicants.	Collections.		
		Morning.	Evening.		Chaplain's Fund.		Special.
					Coin	Paper	
March							
2 nd	18 th Sunday in Lent.	8.30		8	1.00	12.00	}
6 th	" "	10.30 8.30		24	14 95	19.50	
9 th	2 nd " "	8.30		12	1.65	27.50	}
	" "	10.30		20	10.85	18.00	
13 th				12			
16 th	3 rd " "	8.30		12	12.10	41.50	}
		10.30		12	9.15	15.	
20 th		8.30		10			
23 rd	4 th -	8.30		12	1.50	45.50	}
		10.30		18	11.40	19.00	
25 th	Lady Day.	8.30		9			
27 th		8.30		8			
30 th	5 th " "	8.30		14	1.50	28.50	}
	" "	10.30		11	16.95	15.50	
April 14 th		8.30		8			
Benefit provided					81.05	142.00	
Total					272.47	590.50	
Total					353.52	832.50	

Bordighera.
~~Chaplaincy.~~

Villa Rosa.

to

1879.

M. A.

Services for Lent.

Sunday.

M. C. 8.30.

Mattins. & H. C. 10.30.

REMARKS Evening 3.

Weekdays

Wed. Service of Hos. &c. & address. 10.30.

Th. H. C. 8.30.

Fridy. Litany &c. 10.30

Morning

Afternoon.

S. Matt. iv. 1

S. Matt. iv. 3.6

The whole Chapel was 1st opened

Wednesday March 5th - very warm & pleasant.

S. Mark xv. 21 &c

S. Mark ix. 29.

Very full today - chairs brought in for the House -

Epl. v. 11

S. Luke xv. 11.

S. Luke xiii.

22.23.24

S. P. John v. 21.

S. John xii. 32.33.

Heb. ix. 14.

Private Chapel

From Nov. 1878

Official Chaplain, Rev. C. Brickner

SUNDAY.	Attendance.		Number of Communicants.	Collections.		
	Morning.	Evening.		Chaplain's Fund.	Special.	
				Corn.	Paper	
6 th Sunday in Lent 8:30			8	1.	34.50	
" " " " 10:30			25	12.20	21.00	
H.C. only this week at 8, average 2: 9 or 10.			31	4.80	150.50	Abus Box
Good Friday 10:30						
Easter Day 8:30 ^{a.m.}			14	5.00	45.50	
" " 10:30			44	20.00	44.00	
14 th Easter Monday 8.						
15 th " Tuesday 8.						
17 th " "						
20 th Low Sunday 8.			7		12.50	
" " 10:30.			24	32.05	18.50	
24 th " 8.			5			
25 th S. Mark 8.			7			
27 th 2 nd S. after Easter 8			6		16.00	
" " 10:30			8	6.25	8.00	
may 1 st SS. Philip & James 8.			10			

bracket forward 353.52 | 832.50.

TOTAL 434.82 | 1183.00

Chaplaincy: Bordighera,

to June 1879.

MA.

REMARKS.
afternoon.

Morning

Sermons

S. John xii. 12-13.

Monday. Washing disciples' Feet -

Tuesday. Instalⁿ of H.C.

Wednesday. Amongst the garden

Th. Witness and the Smith.

Phil. iii. 1-5 -

Sermon by Rev

R. W. Labet

S. John xi. 25.

No sermon in morning.

Choral mattins

& Evensong

The Services during Holyweek
were H.C. at 8. Daily except

G. Friday: Mattins & address
at 10.30. (except good Friday &
Evensong at 5. (take line no address)

on good Friday { meditation. 8.
Psalms. 10.30
Word. 2-3.45
Evensong. 5.

S. John xx. 19-23.

1 Ep. S. John v. 6 &c.

Sermon by R. W. Labet

S. John ix. 35-38.

S. John x. 14.

From

Chaplain, Rev^d.

SUNDAY.		Attendance.		Number of Communicants.	Collections.		
		Morning.	Evening.		Chaplain's Fund.	Special.	
May 4 th	3 rd S. after Easter.	8.		8	—	18.00	
	" " "	10.30		23.	14.15	13.00	
8 th		8.		6			
10 th		11.30.		8			
11 th	4 th S. after Easter.	8.		8	3.00	11.00	
	" " "	10.30			5.85	11.00	
14 th	S. Amptis.	8.		7.	325. —	49. —	Alms Box.
15 th	" " "			7.			
18 th	5 th S. after Easter.	8.		9	3.50	12.00	
	" " "	10.30			4.20	9.30	
20 th							
22 nd	Ascension Day.			19	56.00	47.00	
25 th	1 st S. after Ascension.			5.	13.70	11.00	Alms Box for Hospital fund.
	" " "	10.30		11.	10.30	13.00	
29 th	June 1 st Whit Sunday.	8.30.		7.	.50	23.50	
				brought forward	434.82	1183.00	
				TOTAL	875.12	1420.50	
					875.12	1420.50	

to

REMARKS.

S. John xvi. 22 .

1 Pet ii. 12 .

Holy Communion today in Chapel for Mr. Adams & Miss - Bp. of Gibraltar came.

S. John xvi. 8 &c. Rom iv. 25.

The offertory offerings today of 400 lire were given to the Hospital fund.

S. John xvi. 23. 24. 1 Cor xv. 35-47.

The litany was said, with Agnus, on the Rogation days at 10.30.

For the Hospital Fund.

S. Mark xvi. 19.

Rev. i. 12 &c. S. John xv. 26-27.

S. John xiv. 16 &c .

61 lire sent to the Parrocchia today for the poor & for the Hospital

fund 58.00 paper.)
69.70 sold }

THE HISTORY OF

All Saints' Church, Bordighera.

The Church of All Saints, Bordighera, has always been considered one of the prettiest of those built by the many colonies of English people along the Riviera, and is quite the centre of interest to the society of this place. The recent additions to the building, and the visit of the Bishop of Gibraltar to dedicate them, have lately brought prominently before our minds the history of the foundation of the church, and it has been thought that a series of short articles on this subject would be of considerable interest to our readers.

In the year 1863 the Hotel d'Angleterre, then the property of Signor Daziano, was first opened. The landlord's wife, (whom the older residents will remember as having, during the last years of her life, kept a pension at Villa Semeria with her sister) was an Englishwoman, who having had the privilege of being brought up at Hursley, under Mr Keble's care, was naturally desirous of making arrangements for Anglican Church services to be held in her hotel. To this end she persuaded the Rev. Henry Sidebotham, then wintering abroad for his health, to undertake to officiate in Bordighera, if there should prove to be enough English visitors to make a congregation. It seems specially fitting that Canon Sidebotham, who thus held the first English Church service which ever took place in Bordighera, on Sunday October 22nd 1863, should also have assisted the Bishop at the consecration service of this latest addition to All Saints' Church on Wednesday, November 28th 1900. Mr Sidebotham spent the greater part

of the winter of 1863-4 at Nice, where he had pupils, so in order to perform his duties at Bordighera he used to come over by diligence for the Sunday, excepting during a few weeks, when a friend of his, the Rev. E. Baines, (Vicar of Yalding) who was staying in Bordighera, undertook the services for him.

The railway between Nice and Ventimiglia it must be remembered, was not opened until 1872, so Mr Sidebotham had to take the long drive of thirty miles each way in a slow and lumbering vehicle, but little superior to those small old-fashioned diligences which now ply between Dolceacqua and Ventimiglia, and up and down most of the valleys. We can thus understand that it was only at the sacrifice of much comfort and convenience that Mr Sidebotham performed regular duty in Bordighera, and the few English who formed the congregation in those days must have been duly grateful to him for his self-denial and kindness.

The Chaplaincy of Bordighera, thus founded in 1863, was placed under the S. P. G. and Mr Sidebotham was licensed by the then Bishop of Gibraltar, Bishop Trower. The following season, from October 23rd 1864 to April 30th 1865, services were held regularly in the Hotel d'Angleterre, a north room on the ground floor being fitted up specially for the purpose, whereas the salon, (now a large bedroom on the first floor,) had been used the preceding year.

As Mr Sidebotham did not propose to return to Bordighera the following winter, different arrangements were made. During the summer of 1865, M. Lozeron, who had by that time undertaken the management of the Hotel d'Angleterre, was persuaded to with-

Rev. G. F. Whitbone

draw the chaplaincy from the S. P. G. and place it in the hands of the C. G. C. S., who gave forty pounds a year towards the stipend of the chaplain. From this time the services were held in the chapel in M. Lozeron's grounds, kindly lent by him for the purpose. Mr Craig succeeded Mr Sidebotham for the season of 1865 to 1866, but we can find no records here of the names of the chaplains for the two following seasons. In November 1868 the Rev. J. Lacy Hulbert came out as chaplain, and we find amongst his entries in the Church book that during the month of November, and on wet days throughout the season, he held the evening service in the hotel, for the sake of an invalid lady who was unable to get to the chapel. On January 10th 1869 "there was no service in the afternoon, as there was no congregation," and during the whole season, from November 1st to April 25th, the maximum attendance at any of the services was 21. On January 25th the morning service, usually at 10.30, was held at 11 o'clock, "on account of the household being late from an alarm of fire in the night." The total of the offertories for the Chaplain's Fund for the entire season was £14—11—8½. These extracts from the Church book bring us back vividly in mind to the old days when Bordighera, as we now know it, did not exist; when the Strada Romana was a country lane, a mere rough cart track, (the Cornice road along the Marina being the only thoroughfare for carriages); when the hill-sides, now dotted in all directions with villas, slumbered peacefully beneath, the outspread veil of unbroken olive woods, and even the railway was only spoken of as a work of the future which might possibly affect the pro-

sperity of little unknown Bordighera

The season of 1869 - 1870 seems to have been marked by no events of special interest, the services not being begun until December, as there were but two English visitors at Bordighera during November. The congregation on Xmas day that year numbered nine, and on Easter Day eleven. In November 1870, the Rev. J. S. Neuman came out as chaplain but after entering in the Church-Book for four successive Sundays that as there were no English at Bordighera with the exception of the chaplain and his family, no services were held, he at last gave up his post and went away. It must be remembered that this was the year of the Franco-Prussian War, so it was very difficult, if not well nigh impossible to reach the Riviera except by sea, and in those days the comforts and conveniences which we now enjoy on board ship were not thought of, so that a sea journey of eight or ten days was not lightly undertaken by invalids or persons in weak health. The War evidently put an end most effectually to any hope of a season at Bordighera in 1870-1871, and even the following year visitors appear to have been half afraid of coming out, as until December the Chaplain does not seem to have begun his duties at all. The number of visitors increased considerably as the winter went on, and by Easter there was a congregation of 32 at morning service.

The chaplain for the season 1872-73 was the Rev. J. F. T. Crampton, Rector of Aughrim, Ireland, who apparently felt most keenly the want of interest displayed by the congregation in the offertory. The number of people who attended his services was a good deal larger than in preceding years, but the

amount collected for the Chaplain's Fund does not seem to have increased proportionately, in fact it was only £15-6-8 that year against £23-8-6 the year before, so it is not surprising that Mr. Crampton should have entered in the Church-Book a memorandum to his successor advising him to try and get a gentleman to collect after the sermon and to hold a plate at the afternoon service.

Up to October 1873, the services had been held in the chapel in the Hôtel grounds kindly lent by M. Lozeron, but on November 1st the new Chapel of All Saints' was opened, and from that time until the present day has been the only place in Bordighera where the Anglican Church services are held.

An English family had recently arrived in Bordighera and being entranced with the beauty and quiet charm of their surroundings bought land near the Hôtel d'Angleterre, and built themselves a house, Villa Rosa, now the property of Mr Clarence Bicknell. The idea had occurred to them that a chapel in their grounds, with a private chaplain who would live with them, would be a great boon to themselves and also to the English visitors in Bordighera. So during the summer of 1873 the original chapel of All Saints' was built, consisting of the nave as far as the first two windows, an apse, similar to the one we now have, the porch with its charming arches, and the belfry with its lovely little tiled campanile. Appropriateness and simplicity were the wishes of the builders, and a little chapel to resemble as nearly as possible those which we see out in the country was their ideal. An English lady, a friend of the family, drew a rough design for the church, which was worked into a plan by Cav. Gas-

taldi, of Sanremo, in accordance with these views, and no doubt the small building when completed did resemble very nearly those picturesque and charming little chapels which we come upon in unexpected corners by the roadside, on the bare hillside, or on the ridge of some far away mountain range. They have a beauty of their own, though not perhaps of any fine or distinct style of architecture, and there is a charm and a sentiment about these whitewashed, somewhat barnlike little chapels, built so evidently solely for the glory of God, or of their patron saint, far out of sight, and innocent of any claim to the praise of man, or admiration of the travelling tourist. It was a simple and childlike faith which inspired these peasant builders with the desire to raise these structures, in many cases memorials of their gratitude for benefits received, and it would indeed be well if church-builders nowadays undertook their work more in that spirit of reverence and simplicity and with a desire to glorify God, apart from any wish to gratify their personal vanity.

The little chapel was completed in the autumn and was opened on All Saints' Day 1873. It held about 70 or 80 people. The C. G. C. S. now withdrew entirely from the management of the chaplaincy, which was left entirely in the hands of the builders of the church, but « kindly granting for the use of the congregation the surplice, books, harmonium, and communion plate which were their property. »

The first chaplain under the new administration was the Rev. Alexander Shaw Page, Vicar of All Saints, Selsley, Gloucester, who rented Casa Rossa, (now occupied by Mr C. H. Lowe,) for the season. The only path to the new

with small emble and come y the or on tain their y fine and ient what evi- or of and raise elling dlike asant these orials ived, arch- their ence e to h to ed in n All t 70 now age- was the ndly ation and heir new nder ley, ssa, for new chapel was through Villa Rosa garden, by the long walk from the Marina which is still used as the main entrance to the house, for neither the Strada Romana, nor any of the roads leading thence from the Marina were in existence at that time. The present carriage-drive from the Via Bischoffsheim is of much more recent date, and at the time of which we are speaking, the olive terraces continued unbroken across the land now occupied by Casa Coraggio, Villa Imperiale, the tennis-courts, and Via Bischoffsheim. All Saints' Chapel stood therefore in the midst of olive groves, beneath which wild flowers grew in abundance, and those who knew Bordighera in those days speak of gathering handsfull and basketsfull of anemones, narcissus, and violets in the same olive groves through which we now walk down to church. Bordighera twenty years ago must indeed have been a paradise, and it is sad to think that increased civilization, and its growing popularity among foreign visitors, should have so deteriorated the place, which was by nature endowed with such wealth of beauty. However though its pristine rural beauty is destroyed, Bordighera can still lay claim to much loveliness, and although in the immediate vicinity the country walks are rapidly diminishing, there are yet many pretty shady paths under the olives, where one can roam at will. The surroundings of the church are indeed somewhat changed by the houses and tennis-courts which have sprung up of late years, but a very little imagination can carry one back to the old days of the years between 1873-1880, and we can perfectly well picture to ourselves the quaint little chapel attached to the large new villa,

and standing far out of sight among the olives.

To return to the Chaplains' book of records, we find that Mr Page began week-day services on Wednesdays and Fridays, as soon as the new chapel was opened, and on March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation, the Bishop of Gibraltar preached on the occasion of his first visitation. A fund for the future enlargement of the church was then started, and offertories were given to it from the very commencement. On April 12th 1874, the first Sunday after Easter, the Chaplain entered in his book that he celebrated the Holy Communion early "at the request of the congregation." This is the first time apparently that any but mid-day celebrations had been held. In February 1876, the Chaplain, the Rev. J. R. Brougham, having to leave unexpectedly, the Rev. Henry Ruck Keene, who was spending the winter on the Riviera for his health, consented to undertake the chaplaincy for the remainder of the season. Mr Keene is thus one of those favoured ones who knew Bordighera in the old days, and his acquaintance with the place during his short chaplaincy so endeared it to him and Mrs Keene, that when his health broke down a few years ago, they made up their minds to return to the spot of which they had such pleasant recollections, and have now been settled at Bellavista, the beautiful villa belonging to Colonel Hill, for some years past.

Mr Clarence Bicknell, the made his first appearance in these parts in the autumn of 1878, when he arrived as Chaplain for the season. We notice that on All Saints' Day "various complaints were made" as the chapel was rather cold, but three weeks later he remarks that "the stoves were in good working order today and all

comfortable." (Evidently it is no new thing for the church to be cold, but *can* it have been as cold in November 1878 as is at Xmas 1900?) During that winter the first addition to All Saints' Chapel was made, and we find an entry stating that "the whole chapel was first opened on Wednesday, March 5th". Several times during that season the chapel had been full to overflowing, and even on the Sunday following March 5th, it was "very full again, and chairs were brought in from the house". This first enlargement consisted of the elongation of the nave, affording accommodation for about thirty more people. The original apse which had been made of wood, with nicely carved pitchpine ornamentation, was then removed eastwards and the wooden partition which had been left in its place from November till March, while the fresh stonework of the walls was drying, was only removed at the last moment, thus throwing the new fabric into the original one.

The Chapel, being private property, and merely lent to the English community for religious purposes, was not consecrated, and until 1883 services were held there under these conditions. In the early part of that year a Meeting of the Congregation was held to consider the question of enlargement, as it had become abundantly clear that owing to the growth of Bordighera as a winter resort of the English, a larger church was necessary. Negotiations were therefore commenced with the builders of the Chapel, as to the possibility of transferring the ownership into the hands of trustees, for the benefit of the English colony in perpetuity. The ladies in question willingly and generously agreed to the plan of vesting the

building in English Ecclesiastical authorities, merely stipulating that an annual sum of £30.0.0 should be paid to them out of the offertories for the benefit of the poor of Bordighera, and that they should have a voice in the appointment of the Chaplain, subject to the approval of the Bishop of Gibraltar. This munificent offer on the part of the owners of the Chapel, was, it is needless to say, gratefully accepted by the Congregation. It is also pleasant to record that the kindly thought on behalf of the Bordighera poor was gracefully acknowledged by the local authorities, who, after a meeting of the Municipal Council passed a resolution empowering the ringing of a bell at the English Church. This privilege was at that time, enjoyed by no other Anglican Church on the Italian Riviera, and the concession is recorded by a brass tablet fixed in the west wall of All Saints' Church.

The Chapel was formally transferred, by deed, to the Bishop of London, in trust for the congregation of Bordighera, on June 13th 1883, the legal transactions taking place in England. A couple of months previously the enlargement of the chapel had been decided upon and immediately after the building was handed over to the trustees, work was commenced. On All Saints' day 1883 the church was reopened after enlargement, and was consecrated by the Bishop of Gibraltar. The additions to the Church this time consisted of new transepts, the removal of the apse again further eastwards and the erection of a new vestry on the north side. This brings the church into the condition in which it remained until the alterations last summer of which there is no need to speak in this article as the Church Committee have

during the life-time of the minute book of the Church Committee. see Mrs Walker's letter in

issued, and are again issuing, circulars on the subject.

A serious question concerning the burial of English people arose in 1882 as the ground which the commune was obliged by law to provide for the purpose was nearly filled. Mr C. H. Lowe, an English gentleman long resident in Bordighera and a warden of the church, came forward when he heard of the difficulty, and generously purchased the required land, with the consent of the commune which ceded rights of burial, since confirmed, to the foreign colony of Bordighera. Towards the close of 1894 it was determined to buy some additional land for the cemetery, and a sufficiently large piece of ground to last for fifty years to come was purchased by the Church Committee.

In 1889 the parsonage was purchased by the congregation as a permanent residence for the Chaplain, the liberality of one or two donors going far towards providing the sum required.

For some time past the organ in the church had been in a very unsatisfactory condition and in April 1894 a new electro-pneumatic organ was purchased. The funds needed for this purpose amounted to between £300 and £400, and were raised by subscription chiefly by the efforts of Mrs George MacDonald, who had most kindly acted as organist for some time previously.

As will be seen from the list of chaplains below Mr Barnett arrived in 1889, and has been in office here ever since. It may be of interest to notice the gradual growth of the congregation in All Saint's Church: from the early years, so a list of the number of the Congregation and of communicants on Christmas Day will be also inserted wherever it has been obtainable.

List of English Chaplains in Bordighera.

- Appointed by S.P.G.
- 1863-4 Rev. Henry Sidebotham and Rev. E. Baines.
- 1864-5 Rev. Henry Sidebotham.—
- Appointed by C.C.C.S.
- 1865-6 Rev. Henry Craig
- 1866-7 (~~not known~~) *Rev. G. F. Whitborne.*
- 1867-8 (~~not known~~) *Rev. G. F. Whitborne.*
- 1868-9 Rev. J. Lacy Hulbert.
- 1869-70 » Frederick Jarvis.
- 1870-1 » J. S. Neumann came, but there being no English visitors services were not held.
- 1871-2 » J. Hart Burges, D.D.
- 1872-3 » John F. T. Crampton.—
- 1873-4 » Alexander Shaw Page.
- 1874-5 » Arthur Allen.
- 1875-6 » J. R. Brougham (To 6 February '76)
- 1876 » H. R. Keene. (From 20 Feb. to end of Season).
- 1876-7 » Charles Cubitt.
- 1877-8 » P. C. Wodehouse.
- 1878-9 » C. Bicknell.
- 1880-1 » C. E. F. Stafford.
- 1881-2 » C. E. F. Stafford.
- 1882-6 » Canon Scarth. Rev. Jameson, Asst. Chaplain.
- 1886-8 » T. W. Carr.
- 1888-9 » De Lancey West, D.D.
- 1889-1900 » Arthur T. Barnett.

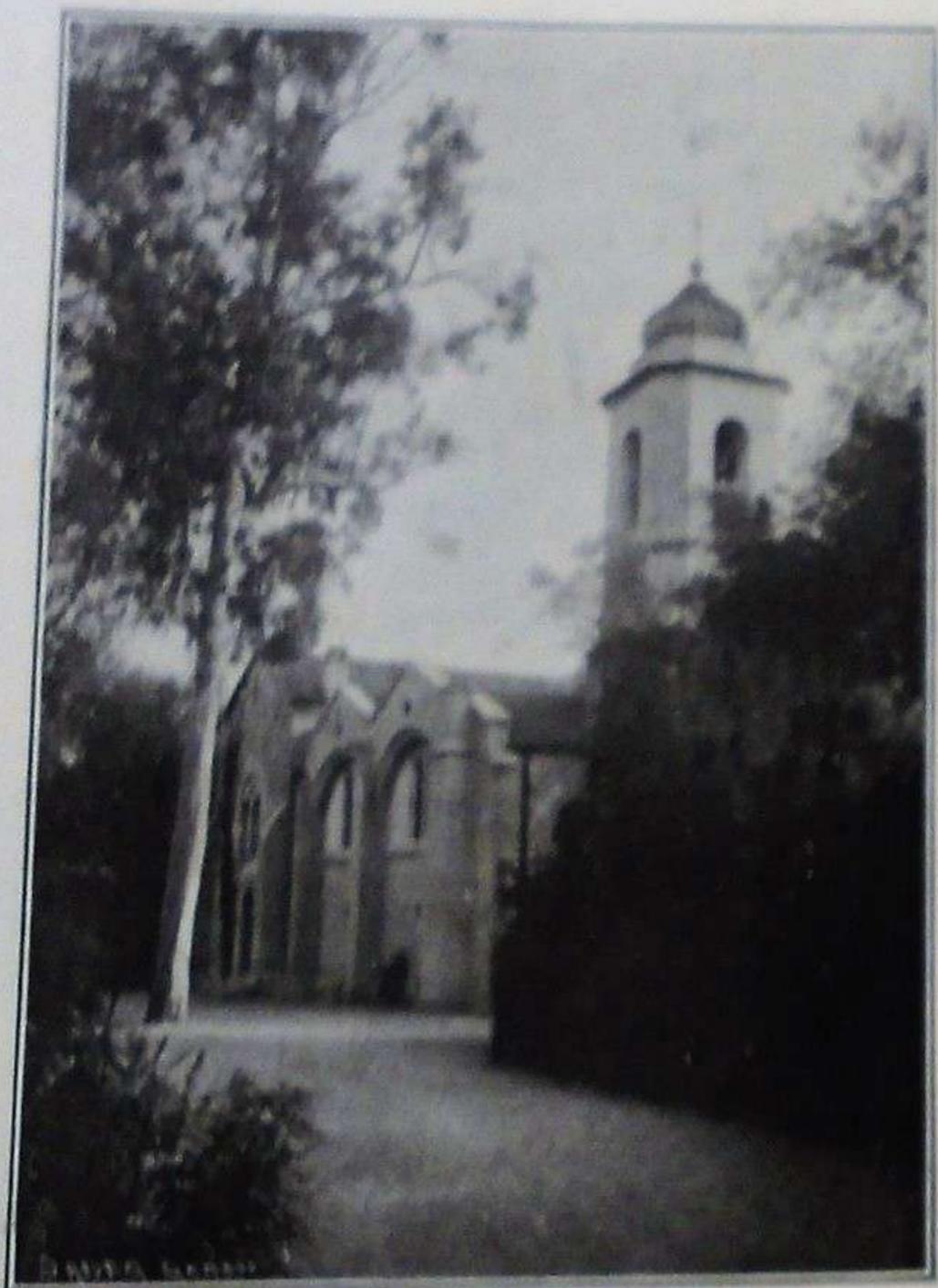
Attendance on Christmas Day.

Year	Congregation at morning service	Communicants
1868	7	—
1869	9	—
1870	—	—
1871	7	—
1872	9	—
1873	33	—
1874	31	—
1875	40	24
1876	48	26
1877	27	16

REGISTER OF SERVICES, CLERGY, SERMONS,

Year	Number of Clergy	Number of Sermons	READER, PREACHER, CELEBRANT.	SUBJECT OF ADDRESS.
1878	—	35		
1879	72	51		
1880	—	52		
1881	abt. 163	100		
1882	not given	—		
1883	»	—		
1884	»	—		
1885	»	—		
1886	187	136		
1887	118	90		
1888	140	146		
1889	150	132		
1890	138	97		
1891	167	107		
1892	223	146		
1893	185	142		
1894	191	137		
1895	230	182		
1896	260	176		
1897	221	157		
1898	192	160		
1899	not given	209		
1900		190		
1901		185		
1902		184		
1903		202		
1904		198		
1905		165		
1906		215		
1907		211		
1908		192		
1909		167		
1910		178		
1911		164		
1912		178		
1913		168		
1914	(War)	52		
1915	(War)	48		
1916	(War)	48		
			<i>Communicants</i>	
			<i>on Xmas Day</i>	
			1917.	100 (War).
			1918	125 (War).
			1919	98.
			1920	137.
			1921	297.
			1922	369.
			1923	360.
			1924	369.
			1925	433.
			1926	372
			1927	330
			1928	290.
			1929	284.
			1930	

BORDIGHERA: ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



All Saints' Church, Bordighera.

The first hotel in Bordighera, the 'Angleterre,' was opened in 1863. The landlord's wife was English, and she persuaded the Rev. Henry Sidebotham, then wintering at Nice for his health, to drive over and take Sunday services in the hotel. In those days the railway between Nice and Ventimiglia was only contemplated, so that Mr. Sidebotham had each week fifty miles to drive in a slow and lumbering *diligence*, to minister to a handful of English people. This, however, will cause no surprise to those who knew him later as Canon Sidebotham of St. John's, Mentone, for to his death, in 1900, he displayed the same "infinite capacity for taking pains." The

chaplaincy thus founded was placed under the S. P. G., Dr. Trower being the Bishop of Gibraltar.

After having held the chaplaincy for two winters Mr. Sidebotham was unable to return, and during the summer of 1865 the new landlord of the Hotel Angleterre, M. Logeron, was persuaded to withdraw the chaplaincy from the S. P. G. and to place it in the hands of the C. C. C. S., which promised 40 *l.* a year towards the stipend of the chaplain. From this time the services were held in a tiny chapel belonging to M. Logeron.

The congregations appear to have been sparse, for in November 1868 we find an entry in the Church Book to the effect that the evening service was held in the hotel for the sake of an invalid lady who could not face the weather! During the whole of the season 1868-9 the congregation never seems to have exceeded 21, and the total offertories for the Chaplain's Fund amounted only to 14 *l.* 11 *s.* 8 *d.* Those were the days when the Strada Romana was a mere country lane, and when the ground now occupied by hotels and villas was an unbroken tract of olive groves. The railway from Nice to Ventimiglia was not opened until 1872.

The season 1870-1, owing to the Franco-German war, must have proved a disappointing one to the chaplain, for, after entering in the Church records that there was no congregation on four successive Sundays, he seems to have betaken himself where his services were more in request.

In 1873 M. Logeron's little chapel gave place to the beginning of the present church of All Saints. Mrs. Fanshawe and her daughter built the Villa Rosa, and, in its grounds, the present campanile and two-thirds of the present nave. The little building, holding about eighty people, was opened on All Saints' Day 1873, the C. C. C. S. withdrawing entirely from the management of the chaplaincy and leaving it in the hands of Mrs. Fanshawe and her daughter.

On the Feast of the Annunciation, 1874, the Bishop of Gibraltar (Dr. Sandford) preached on the occasion of his first visitation, and a fund was then started for the future enlargement of the church. The Church records tell us that on April 12, 1874, "at the request of the congregation", the chaplain gave an early celebration of the Holy Communion, this being apparently a thing unknown in the earlier days of the chaplaincy. During the winter of 1878-9 the first addition to the church was made, consisting of an elongation of the nave, and affording accommodation for about thirty more people. The original apse was moved eastwards to where the pulpit now stands.

Until 1883 the church was private property, lent to the English congregation for religious purposes by the owners of the Villa Rosa, but in the early part of that year a meeting of the worshippers was held to consider the question of a second enlargement, and the transfer of the church into the hands of trustees who should hold it in perpetuity for the benefit of the congregation. It was finally agreed by the owners to hand over the building to the Bishop of Lon-



All Saints' Church, Bordighera.

don, acting for the Bishop of Gibraltar, on condition that during the lifetime of Mrs. Fanshawe's daughter (Mrs. Walker) an annual sum of 30 £. should be paid to her for the benefit of the poor of Bordighera. This was acknowledged by the Municipal Council, which passed a resolution empowering the ringing of a church bell, a privilege then enjoyed by no other Anglican church on the Italian Riviera. The transfer of the property to the Bishop of London was made in June 1883.

On All Saints' Day of that year the church was reopened after its second enlargement, and was consecrated by the Bishop of Gibraltar. The additions consisted of the removal of the apse again further eastwards, and the building of transepts, with a vestry on the north

side. This work was made possible by the energy and the generosity of the late Mr. C. H. Lowe, who, until the time of his death, in 1909, was the prime mover in everything that concerned the good of the church.

The enlarged building could accommodate about 320 people, but in 1899 it was found inadequate, and the congregation, led by the two churchwardens, the late Mr. C. H. Lowe and the late Earl of Strathmore, determined to embark on a third enlargement. Considerably over 2000 *l.* was collected for the building and a necessary addition to the church garden. This last enlargement comprised the addition of aisles, an organ chamber and a new vestry, and accommodation was thus provided for about 450 people. The dedication by the Bishop took place on November 28, 1900, when Bordighera's first chaplain, the late Canon Henry Sidebotham, acted as Bishop's chaplain.

In 1889 a parsonage house was purchased, at a cost of 1700 *l.*, Mr. C. H. Lowe providing half the money, and it may be noted here that, some seven years earlier, the same gentleman presented the British colony with a cemetery, which he vested, with the rest of the Church property, in the Bishop of London. To celebrate the late Queen Victoria's jubilee, Mr. Lowe also presented to the church a site and 250 *l.* towards the erection of the Victoria Hall, the rest of the cost being provided by subscription. This large hall will prove increasingly useful to the English church and colony as years go on.

The following is the list of chaplains who have served All Saints' Church: 1863-5, the Rev. Henry Sidebotham; 1865-6, the Rev. Henry Craig; 1866-8, the Rev. G. H. Whidborne; 1868-9, the Rev. J. Lacy Hulbert; 1869-70, the Rev. F. Jarvis; 1870-1, the Rev. J. S. Neumann; 1871-2, the Rev. E. H. Burges, D. D.; 1872-3, the Rev. John F. T. Crampton; 1873-4, the Rev. A. S. Page; 1874-5, the Rev. A. Allen; 1875-6, the Revs. J. R. Brougham and H. R. Keene; 1876-7, the Rev. C. Cubitt; 1877-8, the Rev. P. C. Woodhouse; 1878-9, the Rev. C. Bicknall; 1880-2, the Rev. C. E. F. Stafford; 1882-6, the Revs. Canon Scarth and King Jameson; 1886-8, the Rev. T. W. Carr; 1888-9, the Rev. De Lancey West, D. D.; 1889, the Rev. Canon Arthur T. Barnett, the present chaplain.

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