

VISIT OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN
TO THE DIOCESE OF ST. ALBANS.

SUNDAY, JULY, 20th. 1952.

NOTES AND INFORMATION

Her Majesty the Queen will be attended by:
Lady Margaret Hay: Sir Harold Campbell and
Colonel the Hon. Martin Charteris.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

Her Majesty will first visit Hemel Hempstead to lay the foundation stone of St. Barnabas Church, Adeyfield.

Adeyfield is the first neighbourhood to be developed in the New Town by the Hemel Hempstead Development Corporation (See Appendix 2 and last page of the Service Paper).

St. Barnabas Church is the first of the Seven New Churches which come within the Seven Churches Campaign of the Diocese (See Appendix 1).

The Processional Route

Begins at Two Waters where the Queen is expected at 2.55.p.m. (Mr. P. Schwabe, C.O.I. Eastern Region, will arrange for press cars to follow the procession from this point, if this is desired.

The route to Adeyfield Square is by Marlowes, Alexandra Road, Midland Road, Broadfield Road and Longlands.

Decorations

The Hemel Hempstead Borough Council in conjunction with voluntary organisations in the Borough have arranged for the decoration of these streets. Flowers and greenery from gardens all over the town are being used in addition to flags and bunting. Marlowes Arch and the entrance to Gadebridge Park are focal points. The Council has asked every householder to decorate his house, whether it is on the route or not.

Lining the Routes

The streets are being lined by children from:

Gadebridge School:	Heath row School:
Abbots Hill School:	Pixies Hill School.
Highfield Childrens Home:	and
Lockyers Park School:	Catsdell Childrens Home.

Adeyfield Square is being lined by:

The British Legion (Men's and Women's Sections)
The Red Cross.
The Army Cadet Force.
Air Training Corps.
The Boys Brigade.
Boy Scouts, Rovers and Wolf Cubs.
Girl Guides, Rangers and Brownies.
Girl Guards, Life Boys and the Girls Life Brigade.

Old people have been provided by the Mayor with seats at Two Waters and on the Square.

Bands

The Boxmoor Silver Band plays at Two Waters,

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The Salvation Army Band at the junction of High Street with Marlowes, and

The John Dickinson (Apsley) Band plays in the Church enclosure beside the Square.

Arrival at the Square (3.10 p.m.)

When the Queen alights from her car she is met by the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire (The Hon. David Bowes-Lyon) who presents

The High Sheriff (Mr. C.G. Maynard) and
The Mayor and Bailiff of Hemel Hempstead (Alderman H. Christopher)

who presents

The Town Clerk (Mr. C.W.B.T. Kirk)

The Lord Lieutenant then presents

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese (Dr. Michael Gresford-Jones.D.D.)

The Bishop then presents ~~the officiating clergy:~~

The Archdeacon of St. Albans (The Ven. C.S. Cockbill)
The Archdeacon of Bedford (The Ven. D.B. Harris)
The Rev. H.F.T. Blowey - Diocesan Chaplain
The Rural Dean of St. Albans (The Rev. F.G. Brenchley)
The Rural Dean of Berkhamsted (The Rev. H. Spence)
The Vicar of Hemel Hempstead (also Mayor's Chaplain)
(The Rev. A. Malley)

The Bishop also presents the Incumbents of the parishes in which large scale development is already taking place, together with the clergy specially responsible for work in the new districts.

The Rev. P.E. Thomas (Vicar of Leventock Green)
The Rev. P. Stokes (Priest-in-Charge of St. Barnabas, Adeyfield)
The Rev. W. Maddock (Vicar of Boreham Wood)
The Rev. G.H. Waller (working on the L.C.C. Estate at Boreham Wood.)
The Rev. S.E. Woods (Rector of Hatfield)
The Rev. P.E. Sutton (working in the Roe Green Development Area, Hatfield)
The Rev. S. Adams (Curate-in-Charge of the Conventional District of Leagrave, St. Luke)
The Rev. E.R. Brunning (Vicar of Luton, St. Saviour)
The Rev. R.E.D. Johnson (Working on Farley Hill Estate, Luton)
The Rev. J. King (Rector of Stevenage)
The Rev. E.J. Harper (Curate-in-Charge of the Conventional District of St. Andrew, Bedwell, Stevenage.)
The Rev. B.B. Edmonds (Vicar of Oxhey)
The Rev. B.W. Whitworth (working on the Oxhey L.C.C. Estate)
Captain H. Wilbourne, C.A. " " " " " "

followed by

Mr. G.G. Hartwright Diocesan Registrar

and

Mr. Felix J. Lander, F.R.I.B.A. - Architect of St. Barnabas Church.

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Bouquet

On her way to the Platform the Queen is presented with a bouquet by

Lorna Humphries and
Lester Pritchard

both aged five. Their fathers are the two quasi wardens of the Church in Adeyfield, which now worships in the Longlands Estate Hut, and in the garage chapel of St. Faith beside the house of the Priest-in-Charge. The Adeyfield Garden and Allotments Association are providing the bouquet made with flowers from the gardens of Adeyfield people.

The Service (see Service Papers)

The Queen is accompanied on the platform by

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese
The Rev. H.F.T. Blowey (Diocesan Chaplain)
Mr. G.G. Hartwright (Diocesan Registrar)
The Archdeacon of Bedford
The Archdeacon of St. Albans
The Rev. P. Stokes

Attendant Clergy

In addition to the clergy from the New Districts clergy from the two deaneries of Berkhamsted and St. Albans are in attendance.

At the laying of the foundations stone, the Queen is presented with a silver trowel and a mallet by the Architect (Mr. Felix J. Lander, F.R.I.B.A.) and Foremen C. Wallis, F. Horney and W. Christopher of Messrs. C. Misikin & Sons Ltd. the builders of the Church assist in the work.

At the conclusion of the Service the Queen will sign the first entry in the Register of St. Barnabas Church and also the Visitors' Books of the Hemel Hempstead Borough Council and the Hemel Hempstead Development Corporation. On view on the platform will be drawings of the exterior and interior of the Church and of Adeyfield Square, as they will appear when completed. (A description of the Church is in Appendix 1)

Further Presentations

After Her Majesty leaves the platform the following are presented to her at the edge of the Square.

By the Mayor of Hemel Hempstead:

Alderman J. Stone.
" H.M.R. Fletcher
" E.W. Carter
" H.V. Daniels
" A.W. Mayo

The Rt. Hon. Viscountess Davidson, D.B.E. (Member
of Parliament for the Hemel Hempstead Division)
Mr. A. L. Wood, (Borough Treasurer)
Mr. A. H. Turner (Borough Engineer)
Dr. M. Gross (Medical Officer of Health)
Mr. H. W. Wells (Chairman of the Hemel Hempstead
Development Corporation)

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By the Chairman of the Development Corporation

Sir Reginald Wilson	}	Board Members
Alderman W.H.Ryde		
Alderman T.H. Simmons, J.P.		
Captain Sir Thomas Halsey Bart,		
D.S.O., D.L., J.P., R.N.		

Mr. W.O. Hart, C.M.G. (General Manager)
 Mr. H.K. Ablett, F.R.I.B.A., M.T.P.I., (Chief Architect)
 Mr. W.T. Clegg, F.R.I.C.S. (Chief Estates Officer)
 Mr. J.W. Henderson, B.Sc., A.M.I.C.E., M.I.MUN.E.,
 A.M.T.P.I., (Chief Engineer)
 Mr. E. Overstall, B.Com., A.C.A., F.I.M.T.A., (Chief
 Finance Officer)
 Mr. G. Brooke Taylor, (Public Relations Officer)

The Guests

The Guests include:

The Mayors and Town Clerks of other Hertfordshire Boroughs:
namely:

The Mayor and Mayoress of Watford (Alderman & Mrs. L.C. Johnson)
 The Town Clerk of Watford (Mr. A.N. Schofield) and Mrs. Schofield.
 The Mayor and Mayoress of St. Albans (Alderman H. Christopher and Mrs. Christopher)
 The Mayor and Mayoress of Hertford (Councillor & Mrs. D.O. Hale)

Civic representatives of the areas from which people are coming to live in the New Town, namely:

His Worship the Mayor of Acton (Alderman A.S. Parkes) and Mrs. Parkes
 The Town Clerk of Acton, (Mr. H.C. Lockyer) and Mrs. Lockyer
 His Worship the Mayor of Hendon, (Alderman S.R.C. Sumpter) and Mrs. Sumpter
 His Worship the Mayor of Wembley (Alderman R. Ormsby-Taylor) and Mrs. Ormsby-Taylor
 The Town Clerk of Wembley (Mr. K. Tansley) and Mrs. Tansley
 Her Worship the Mayor of Willesden (Alderman Mrs. E. Williams, J.P. and the Mayoress (Mrs. E. Wood)
 The Town Clerk of Willesden (Mr. R.S. Forster) and Mrs. Forster
 The Chairman of the London County Council (Mr. Edwin Bayliss) and Mrs. Bayliss
 The Deputy Clerk of the London County Council, Mr. G.T. Randall and Mrs. Randall.
 The Chairman of the Harrow U.D.C. (Councillor C.E. Jordan) and Mrs. Jordan.
 Deputy Clerk of Harrow U.D.C. (Mr. D.H. Pritchard) and Mrs. Pritchard.

Ministry of Housing and Local Government

Mr. J.H. Forshaw (Chief Architect) and Mrs. Forshaw
 Mr. H. Heady (Assistant Secretary) and Mrs. Heady

The Chairman and General Managers of other New Towns.

Sir Thomas Bennett, C.B.E. F.R.I.B.A. (Chairman: Stevenage Development Corporation) and Lady Bennett
 Major-General A.C. Duff, C.B., O.B.E., M.C. (General Manager: Stevenage Development Corporation and Mrs. Duff.

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Mr. R.S.Gosling (Chairman: Welwyn Development Corporation)
 and Mrs. Gosling
 Mr. J.E.McComb, D.F.C., (General Manager: Welwyn Development
 Corporation) and Mrs. McComb
 Mr. W.E.Adams (General Manager: Harlow Development
 Corporation) and Mrs. Adams

Many Hemel Hempstead residents are also present, together with industrialists, consultants and contractors responsible for building up the New Town. Local cultural and social organisations are also represented.

The congregation of the Church at Adeyfield are present and representatives from each parish in the Deaneries of St. Albans and Berkhamsted, since Adeyfield lies in parishes within these two Deaneries.

The children of St. Faiths Sunday School are in a special enclosure.

The Hemel Hempstead Development Corporation have been responsible for the provision and erection of all enclosures and the platform.

The Stewards have been provided from Staff of the Hemel Hempstead Development Corporation and Hemel Hempstead Borough Council, and from the social organisations of Adeyfield.

The Orders of Service used by the Queen, the Bishop, the Mayor of Hemel Hempstead and the Chairman of the Development Corporation, hand bound in leather have been presented by Messrs. John Dickinson & Ltd. of Apsley Mills, Hemel Hempstead, together with the Service Register.

TOUR OF THE NEW TOWN

Her Majesty enters her car accompanied by the Chairman of the Development Corporation and proceeds on a tour of the new town. The route being as follows:-

Leave square for Longlands, St. Albans Road, travel along St. Albans Road, to Leys Road, Peacecroft Road, Bennetts Road, St. Albans Road, Longlands, Homefield Road, (inspect house)* Homefield Road, Windmill Road, Adeyfield Road, To Great Road, Hobletts Road, Ellingham Road, Windmore Drive, Highfield Lane, High St.Green, Swallow Dale, Mayland Ave., Woodlane End. Masons Road, New Park Drive, Leverstock Green Road, to Leverstock Green Village Hall.

The four official press cars parked in Adeyfield Square will be at the disposal of the accredited press party to follow the tour. Guides will be provided.

Arrival at Boundary

At Leverstock Green the Chairman of the Development Corporation will take leave of the Queen.

* It is expected that the Queen will visit the first four tenants who are:-

Mr. J.Ellerby	(who previously lived in Harrow)	No.4.
" B.Adams	{ " " " " Wembley	No.6
" R.Fee	{ " " " " Willesden	No.8
" S.G.Neal	{ W W W Acton	No.10.

ST. ALBANS

The streets in St. Albans which have been decorated are St. Michael's street (for which a committee has been organised under the direction of the Rev. A. C. MacInnes and Mr. H. Hesketh Pritchard), Fishpool Street, Romeland, George Street (under the direction of a Committee formed by Alderman R. E. Holdham) High Street, Chequers Street and St. Peter's Street. Members of the St. Albans and District Chamber of Commerce have decorated premises along the route. The City Engineer and Surveyor has provided lines of bunting, and has arranged for the West Door of the Cathedral to be decorated with banks of flowers.

The route will be lined by:

St. Albans School Combined Cadet Force
Sea Cadets
Girls Nautical Training Corps
4th Herts Cadet Battalion
Air Training Corps
British Red Cross Society
Civil Defence Corps
Women's Voluntary Services
Boy Scouts,
Girl Guides
Girls' Life Brigade
Boys' Brigade.

Members of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade and Nursing Division will be on duty, manning posts at:

St. Michael's Church Room, Kingsbury Manor, Lower Red Lion Alley, Miskins Yard, Abbey Institute, Spicer Street, Abbey Orchard, and the Brigade Hut in London Road.

Floral decorations on the West Green have been arranged by ladies working under Mrs. H. P. Jameson, who are grateful for gifts of flowers from:

Messrs. Ryder & Son Ltd.,
Sear and Carter,
D. W. Simmons & Son,
Vogue
Floral Gardens
Maddox Ltd.

Arrival

On arrival at the West Gate of the Cathedral and Abbey Church, the Queen is received by

The Lord Lieutenant, who presents

The Mayor of St. Albans (Alderman C. W. Bird, M. B. E.)
The Chairman of the Hertfordshire County Council
(Brigadier E. H. L. Beddington, C. M. G., D. S. O., M. C.)
The Clerk of the County Council (Mr. A. N. Moon)
The Chief Constable of Hertfordshire (Lt. Col. A. F. Wilcox, C. B. E.)

The Mayor then presents:

The Mayoress (Mrs. C. W. Bird)
The Town Clerk (Mr. W. B. Murgatroyd) and
Miss M. A. Wix (Freeman of the City)
Alderman J. Baum, J. P.,
Alderman R. G. Thompson,
Alderman R. E. Holdham
Alderman Arthur Blitt
Alderman J. M. Donaldson

The City Treasurer (Mr.E.A.Utting)
The City Engineer & Surveyor (Mr.A.S.Moody)
The Medical Officer of Health (Dr.J.C.Sleigh)

The Queen then proceeds to the West Door of the Cathedral where the Lord Lieutenant presents the Bishop.

The Bishop then presents the Dean (The Very Reverend C.C. Thickenesse), who presents the members of the principal Chapter:

The Very Reverend the Lord Bishop of Bedford
The Venerable the Archdeacon of St.Albans,
The Venerable the Archdeacon of Bedford
The Reverend Canon C.E.Hudson (Canon Residentiary)
The Sub-Dean (The Reverend Canon D.R.Feaver).

Her Majesty then proceeds to the Royal Marquee for tea, during which other presentations may be made.

The Guests

Amongst the guests present will be:

The Lords Lieutenant of Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire
with the Hon.Mrs.David Bowes Lyon and Mrs.Daltry Part
The High Sheriffs of Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire
with Mrs. C.G.Maynard and Mrs.A.T.Worbeys.
The Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury
Viscount and Viscountess Alexander
Viscount and Viscountess Davidson
The Earl of Verulam
The Mayors and Mayoresses of all Boroughs in Hertfordshire
and Bedfordshire
The Chairmen of the County Councils of Hertfordshire and
Bedfordshire with Mrs. B.M.L.Beddington and Lady Mander.
Mr. C.L.Henderson, Q.C. and Mrs.Henderson
Aldermen, Councillors and Officials of the City of St.Albans
and of the Borough of Hemel Hempstead
Members of the Hemel Hempstead Development Corporation and
Chief Officials.
The Chairmen and General Managers of other New Towns in
Hertfordshire.

Visit to the Abbey

Tea being over, the Dean will conduct the Queen to inspect the Cathedral and Abbey Church. The Dean will present Mr.J.T Watkins (Lay Canon and Church Warden) to act as guide. After her inspection of the Abbey, the Queen will retire to the Deanery and is expected to regain the West Green of the Cathedral by the south path, so that she may enter the Abbey by the West Door, after the general company of guests.

Evensong

The cloth of gold covering the desk before the Queen's seat was used at the Coronation of Queen Victoria in Westminster Abbey on June 28. 1838. It afterwards became the property of the Reverend Lord John Thynne, sub-dean of Westminster then acting for the Dean and, by him presented to the Church of St.Mary at Haynes (in the Diocese of St.Albans) to be used as an Altar Cloth.

The prayer book which the Queen will use, and which is a gift to her by the Abbey, contains the names of the new reign in the prayers for the Royal Family. It is an Oxford University

Press bound in blue levant leather with the arms of the Abbey stamped on the cover in gold. The Queen will be invited to sign a duplicate copy given by Canon Webb-Bowen for the Dean's Stall.

All arrangements for the visit of Her Majesty to both Hemel Hempstead and St. Albans have been co-ordinated by the Diocesan Secretary, working in close co-operation with the authorities concerned.

THE DIOCESE OF SAINT ALBANS

THE TASK AHEAD.

The Church of Saint Barnabas at Areyfield is the first of seven new church buildings for which the Diocese of Saint Albans is endeavouring to make provision in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of its formation. To this end it is seeking to raise £75,000 by the Seven Churches Campaign.

The total amount received (representing cash in hand and the amount which it is estimated will result as covenanted subscriptions mature) is £51,254. Contributions from the parishes, from personal subscribers and industrial firms are coming in day by day.

Newcomers to the Diocese

These seven new churches are planned as a thank-offering for the past and a pledge for the future; they are but a first instalment of the programme for finding clergy to minister to, and churches to build up the faith of, the people who are crowding into the two counties of Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.

Already 4,000 newcomers are housed in the Areyfield and Bennetts End neighbourhoods of Hemel Hempstead; over 40,000 are expected as the Development Corporation's plans mature in 1958. The "new towns" of Stevenage and Hatfield will provide homes for another 53,000 people. Vast housing estates are being built by the London County Council at Boreham Wood, and also at Oxhey Place where over 15,000 people are already housed.

The Church in this country faces everywhere new claims in days of rising costs. The problem of due provision for the Ministry and of the supply of candidates for Holy Orders calls everywhere for new imagination and generosity - and this must be the first charge on all church people. The maintenance, repair and reconstruction of ancient parish churches and church schools strain the resources of the Church throughout the country. But the Diocese of St. Albans, more perhaps than any other, faces a task which will need all the initiative and

enthusiasm which can be given to work for the Kingdom of God.

All those who are seeking to fulfil it are greatly encouraged by the desire of Her Majesty the Queen to visit the Diocese and to lay the foundation stone of the new church at Adeyfield.

The Plan of the Church

St. Barnabas Church has been designed by Mr. Felix J. Lander, F.R.I.B.A. The complete scheme comprises a church to seat just over 300, church hall and parsonage house. The house will be built some time in the future but the hall only if it is found there is a need for it. The church is planned so as to provide as far as possible an unobstructed view of the altar and, although the width is approximately the same as the length of the nave, the effect of length is obtained by having the roof of the aisles at a lower level, so that the nave and sanctuary together form a long rectangle.

It is intended that the choir and organ (when the latter can be afforded) should be accommodated in a gallery at the west end. Underneath the front of the gallery there will be a sliding folding partition; this portion of the Church can thus be cut off and used for services when there is likely to be a small congregation and an altar is provided in a recess on the south side. This will save heating the whole of the Church on week-days.

The buildings will be of yellowish bricks to conform with those used nearby. The first portion of the Church to be built will be the nave and sanctuary, including the gallery at the west end, and one largish room to be used as a vestry. There will be a temporary porch and temporary walls filling the openings left for the future aisles. It will seat 150 to 160 people.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF ADEYFIELD

Adeyfield is the first of the new town neighbourhoods to be built, and will eventually have a population of about 9,500. There are now about 3,500 new residents, most of them from north-west London - and about 1,500 who were in the area before the New Town was designated in March, 1947.

The movement of large numbers of people to a new district, and in a short space of time, raises many problems, principally of a social nature. Ample proof of the desire to establish a thriving community is the fact that there are now nearly 25 social organisations, all of which are active even if in some cases membership is small. To co-ordinate the activities of these societies and to help to solve some of the social problems in the area, the Adeyfield Neighbourhood Council was established early this year.

THE PHYSICAL BACKGROUND

Adeyfield Square, where the Church of St. Barnabas is being built, will eventually comprise 25 shops (among them a Branch Post Office, Grocer, greengrocer, newsagent, ironmonger, shoe repairer, confectioner, hairdresser, restaurant and dairy, and cooperative stores) a public house, and an assembly hall to seat 300. To the south of the Square will stretch many acres of playing fields, including tennis courts, gardens and a children's playground.

Adjoining these playing fields will be the new Secondary Modern School, for 480 children, which will be open in about three months. Primary education is provided in the established Maylands School, where about 600 children can be accommodated.

INDUSTRIAL ACHIEVEMENT

The seven factories, built or building, will provide sufficient employment for nearly 5,000 workers, and when fully developed approximately half of the new industrial development of Hemel Hempstead will be complete. With the factory just round the corner, none of the new workers has more than a short cycle ride or a few minutes walk to reach their factories, and in this way, an appreciable saving is made in family budgets.

SOME FIGURES

Population of existing town of Hemel Hempstead - 22,000
New town when completed - 60,000

The residential areas will consist mainly of six neighbourhoods situated on the high ground east and west of the Gade Valley in which the old town is situated.

<u>Neighbourhood</u>	<u>Estimated Population</u>
Adeyfield	10,750
Apsley & Bennetts End	15,420
Boxmoor	6,690
Chaulden	5,470
Warners End	6,090
Highfield	6,240
Leverstock Green	2,290.

Main surface water and foul sewers have been constructed by the Development Corporation and the Colne Valley Sewerage Board, from Kings Langley up to Two Waters.

The Borough Council as Water Authority is constructing a 3 million gallon reservoir in Adeyfield, and a second will be built in the western neighbourhood.