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Charity work

The death of Canon Grant was noted. He had been rector from 1895 to 1907.

The National Mission for Repentance and Hope was noted, and the Saving for Victory appeal.

An all-day working party was to be held for bandages.

£46 -10s 6d had been donated to the Rest Hut fund.

There were three deaths: Sgt. George Smith of the 7th Bn Border Regiment on the Western Front; Capt. Robert Hebbert of the Indian Medical Service in Mesopotamia and 2nd Lt. Eric Finlay of the Devonshire Regiment, also in Mesopotamia. Sgt. Smith was christened in St. Mary's. His parents ran a pub in Tunsgate. He had a wife, Emily, living in South Street (the part of Sydneham Road beginning at Tunsgate). He had served in South Africa. He is buried in Dikesbusch New Military Cemetery.

Hebbert was born in India, the son of a man in the Indian Civil Service. After their parents' early deaths Robert and his two sisters lived with their mother's parents in Waterden Road. Her father had been Deputy Surgeon General to the Indian Army. After his death the family moved to West Road. Robert studied medicine and in 1906 was commissioned into the Indian Medical Service. He died of fever at Basra. He left a wife and daughter who moved to Hampstead. Robert's sister had married and lived in Guildford.

Eric Finlay was the son of a Scot who had been in the Indian Civil Service, and retired to Guildford. Eric was born in India. He went to Eton and Cambridge and entered the Indian Civil Service in 1914, but joined up in August 1914. He served in India and Mesopotamia, dying of wounds from the siege of Kut. His brother was killed three months later. Their sister Dorothy did not marry, and attended Holy Trinity until her death in 1986.

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