

# HTSM First World War Monthly Journal

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## **Bandage-rolling parties**

Ladies of the parish were repairing the colours of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalions of the Queen's Regiment, which had been laid up in the Queen's Chapel in December for the duration of the War. Many parcels of warm clothing, as requested on February, had been received but more socks and shirts were needed. These were essential for the troops who were not always properly equipped, especially those who were abroad. It was very common for them to ask their families to send extra clothing.

An all-day working party for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel and the Universities' Mission to Central Africa hospitals was planned. (The two societies merged in 1965 as USPG, now Us.) This seems to have been an annual event when bandages were rolled and other basic equipment produced. In March 1914 three hundred and sixty people from Holy Trinity, St. Mary's and St. Nicholas had attended. Soon their efforts turned to supplies for the Red Cross.

The parish magazine remarked that it was 'a pleasure to note the number of old boys of the Day Schools in the army and navy'. (Holy Trinity & St. Mary's School, then at the junction of Pewley Hill with South Hill.) A list of them was being compiled. Activities at the school and the exam results were frequently mentioned in the magazine.

Albert Johnson died on 12<sup>th</sup> March, aged 24, in France. He was a sapper with the 56<sup>th</sup> Company Royal Engineers. He had gone to Holy Trinity & St. Mary's School, and the Sunday School, and was a member of the Ministering Children's League, whose motto was 'No day without a deed to crown it'. His widowed mother lived in Hill Place. Albert Clark also died. He was a cook's mate on HMS Bulwark. He went to Charlotteville Industrial School, and had been in the Band of Hope at church.

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