

The New Incumbent

The living of Durrington being traditionally a perpetual curacy, the incumbent (the Rev. Frederick Hugh Phillips, M. A.) was introduced instead of inducted on Sunday afternoon by the Archdeacon of Sarum. Miss Marjorie Smith was at the organ. The Archdeacon read the Bishop's licence, and the new incumbent, with the church wardens (Mr. Percy Ranger and Mr. A. G. Smith), then visited the various parts of the church, verses of the hymn, "We love the place, O, God" being sung. After the Archdeacon had given the new incumbent his blessing, evensong was held, and the Archdeacon preached the sermon. He said the life of the parish depended upon the wholehearted co-operation of the people with their parish priest. There were, he said, many opportunities for the advancement of God's Kingdom in Durrington, and he was convinced that the people and their new incumbent would support one another faithfully. The Rev. F. H. Phillips was educated at Felsted School, at Pembroke College, Oxford, and at Ely Theological College. He was curate of St. Giles, Reading and then Vicar of Ogbourne St. George, where he remained for 6½ years. He married Miss Vera Hony in 1928, and they have two children.

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