

Account of Purley on Thames

Nellie Hawkins

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Article in Purley Parish News Feb 1981 by Phyllis Fothergill

It is with deep regret that we record the death on 9th Jan 1981 of Mrs Nellie Hawkins, widow of the Revd Harold Hawkins, Rector of this parish from 1961-1969

The death of Nellie Hawkins has come as a sad blow to very many of us both in Pangbourne and Purley; we all loved her and shall feel her loss deeply. I have lost a very dear friend.

Only three weeks before she went into hospital Nellie and I were talking of Christmas in the old "Purley days" when she suddenly said "You have been my friend longer than anyone else around here", which remark has helped us to write these few thoughts.

With Nellie, her church and family always came first. Her faithfulness stayed with her to the end and with her courage carried her through a long and very distressing illness without complaint, and we can only be happy that her suffering is past. We remember her never-failing cheerfulness and sense of fun and are thankful for her life of service, and the great love she gave out. And now she is with her Lord. Our prayer is that she may be granted peace and rest in Him.

Our sympathy is with Joan and David: I am sure all who knew and loved their mother will be praying for them

A Thanksgiving Service in memory of Mrs Hawkins was held at St James The Less, Pangbourne on Friday 16th January 1981.

