

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 5th May 1938

MRS. A. GODDEN

St. James' Church has suffered a deep loss in the death at St. James' Vestry on Monday of Mrs. **Annie GODDEN**, at the age of 69. Mrs. GODDEN, who was a native of Ryde, assisted her husband in his work in the church. Mr. GODDEN is the verger, and husband and wife have worked together for 31 years. They first met when they were members of the choir, and they were married in February 1907. There is no family. Mrs. GODDEN was chiefly associated with the work of the Women's Guild, but she took a deep interest in all matters pertaining to church affairs. Although ailing for some time she only took to her bed two weeks ago, and until her death she was looked after with devoted care by her friend, Mrs. CASTLE. Mrs. GODDEN was of quiet disposition, and gathered round her a wide circle of friends, by whom she will be greatly mourned.

The funeral takes place at the church today (Thursday) at 3.30.

Mr. GODDEN and the relatives wish to acknowledge the many tokens and letters of sympathy they have received and to thank Dr. DOLAN and the district nurse for their help and attention.

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 12th May 1938

FUNERAL OF MRS A. GODDEN

The Rev. H. B. WORTHINGTON (incumbent of St. Thomas' Church) conducted the funeral at St. James' Church on Thursday of Mrs. **Annie GODDEN**, whose death on Monday week was reported in our last edition. Mr. J. W. MITCHELL (lay reader) assisted and the service, which was choral, was attended by a large number of sympathisers. The choir led the singing of the hymns "Rock of Ages" and "Abide with Me." Psalm 23 was chanted, and the organist (Mr. H. A. LOWER) played "O rest in the Lord." The minister paid a glowing tribute to Mrs. GODDEN's years of labour in and for the church.

The mourners were: Mr. GODDEN (husband), Mrs. RICKETTS (niece), Mr. W. GATRELL, of South Wales (nephew), and Mr. and Mrs. GRINHAM. Among others present were Messrs. J. H. DOWN, C. S. SPURGEON, C. J. LANDER, A. C. WHITTIER, A. J. BALLARD, A. W. GALE, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. GRACE, Mrs. J. W. PRIDMORE, Mrs. MUNROE, Mr. and Mrs. KERRIDGE, Miss MCCABE, Mrs. WEBB, Mrs. FOWLER, Mrs. BARRINGTON, Miss MOORE, Mrs. WARREN, Miss OSBORN, Mrs. PALMER, and many members of the Women's Guild. The flowers included tributes from the Parochial Church Council and the Women's Guild.

Mr. GODDEN desires to express sincere thanks to the many kind friends for their letters of sympathy, and also for the beautiful flowers sent.
