

**Leslie Ernest Dore**

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**Death of Mr. L. E. Dore**

The death on Tuesday at the age of 66, of Mr. Leslie Ernest Dore, of 4 High Street, has terminated long and valued services to St. Paul's Church, Barton, Newport. Mr. Dore had been organist and choirmaster there for 37 years and prior to that was assistant organist. The elder son of the late Mr. W. W. Dore, of Newport, Mr. Dore was educated at the Grammar School (now King James I Grammar School), and received his musical training from two former well-known organists at the Newport Parish Church, Mr. Harry Cushing and Mr. Jackson. He also received encouragement from a former vicar of St. Paul's, Barton, and accomplished musician, the late Rev. W. H. Nutter, who installed the very fine organ in the church. Mr. Dore therefore had opportunities of playing this organ in his early student days, and had continued that association so long as his health permitted, playing for the last time on Christmas day, although he was then far from well.

His first appointment as organist was at Arreton Parish Church, where he played for eight years during which time he was also assistant organist at St. Paul's Barton. He relinquished the Arreton post in December, 1919 to become organist and choirmaster in his own parish church, and had since, during four vicariates, been most regular and assiduous in his duties. In addition, he had played for services at St. Mary's Hospital for 20 years. He made music his profession and was well-known in the district as a teacher of the organ and piano. He was also a member of the Hampshire Association of Organists and of the I.W. Arts Association.

Mr. Dore was greatly interested in radio and recording. He had for many years owned a tape recorder which he used extensively for church and parochial purposes, having in the early days of radio been a keen amateur constructor. He leaves a widow, with whom much sympathy is expressed. The funeral service takes place tomorrow at St. Paul's Church at 2 p.m.

**VICAR'S TRIBUTE**

The Vicar of St. Paul's (the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley) writes: Mr. Leslie Dore has served the church of St. Paul for 37 years as organist but he has been much more than an organist for he has always been keenly interested in the general life of this church. He has always shown a great personal interest in the members of the choir. He has, on the musical side, placed his services at our disposal ungrudgingly. In short, Mr. Dore's life has been centred in St. Paul's and the organ he has cared for as if it were a human being. Mr. Dore will be very greatly missed in the life of our church.

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**Vicar's Tribute At Funeral Of Mr. L. E. Dore**

Paying eloquent tribute to the memory of Mr. Leslie Ernest Dore, organist of St. Paul's Church, Barton, Newport, for 37 years, the Vicar (the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley) said at the funeral service on Saturday that over that long period their late organist had shared with the vicar of the parish in the ministry of the church. That had been his own feeling during his ten years as vicar. Mr. Dore had been much more than was realised by those who saw him only at choir practice, or playing for the services. His interest in the

members of the choir and their welfare and his sense of vocation had made the task of the vicar much easier. His duties there had been carried out not with any regard to the financial reward, for the stipend of a church organist was very slender and there was so much which carried no financial benefit, but as a rewarding work in building the Kingdom of God. He and Mr. Dore had been in a more intimate relationship because they had shared the experience of ministering to the needs of St. Mary's Hospital, where Mr. Dore not only played for services in the wards but had also been a welcome visitor to the sick, especially the chronic sick, to whom he always spoke words of sympathy and comfort. They gave thanks for a life so truly and devotedly spent in service to his fellows and his Master.

Mr. Dore's surplice rested on the altar during the service, and the cortege was met at the churchyard gate by the robed choir and churchwardens (Messrs. S. F. Moody and C. O. Sprake). Mr. E. H. Abraham (organist and choirmaster at Carisbrooke Church) at the organ played music, including "I know that my Redeemer liveth" and "O, rest in the Lord", and accompanied the hymns "Angel voices ever singing" and "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds", and the chanting of the 23rd Psalm. The service closed with the Nunc Dimittis and the cortege was preceded to the churchyard gate by the choir and churchwardens.

The large congregation included representatives of all parochial activities, the St. Paul's Brotherhood, the Totland and St. Catherine's Wards at St. Mary's Hospital and the Hampshire Organists' Association. The mourners were Mrs. A. B. Dore (widow), Mr. G. W. Dore, M.C. (brother), Mrs. R. J. Dore (sister), Mr. and Mrs. G. Simpson (also representing Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Dore, nephews and nieces), Mrs. M. Brodie, Mr. and Mrs. L. Stroud, Mr. A. L. Dore, Mr. S. Dore, and Mr. J. Wright (cousins), Mr. and Mrs. G. Perrett, Mr. L. Perrett, Miss E. M. Dodsworth, Mr. N. K. Holton and Mr. D. Holton. Miss A. Dore and Mrs. Dollery (aunts) and Mr. R. J. Dore and Mr. C. Wright were prevented from attending.

The interment was at Newport Cemetery, and the many wreaths included those from the Vicar, churchwardens and congregation of St. Paul's; the choir; the Sunday-school; the Bible class; the Mother's Union; Westmont School; and old people of the Rookwood ward, St. Mary's Hospital. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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