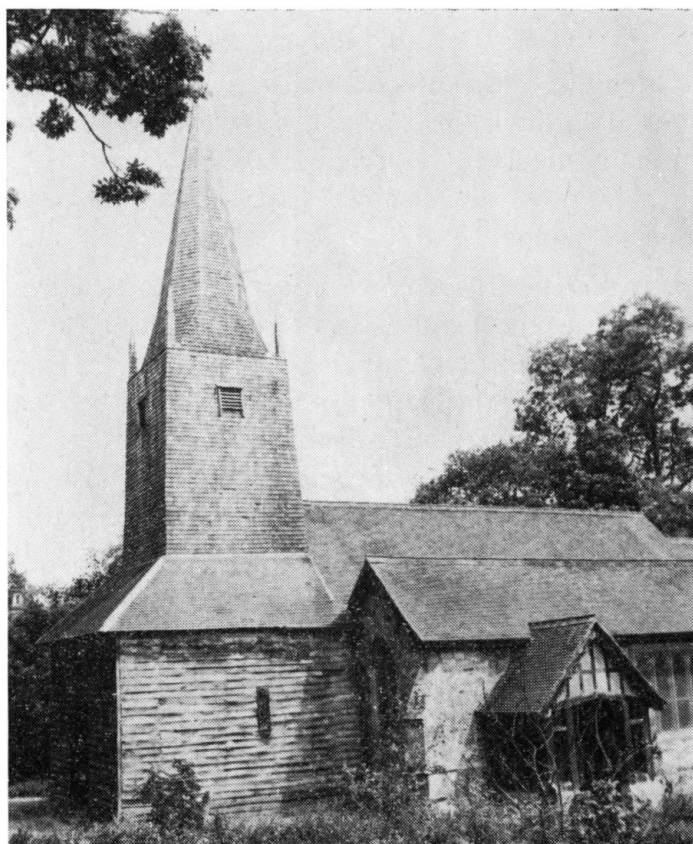

BURSTOW PARISH CHURCH AND JOHN FLAMSTEED



From 1684 to his death in 1719, John Flamsteed, first Astronomer Royal and Director of the Royal Observatory at Greenwich, was perpetual rector of St Bartholomew's Church, Burstow, in Surrey. He and his wife were buried there, and although no stone marks their grave which is somewhere in the chancel, he is commemorated by a new memorial tablet which was placed on the south wall in 1975. However, part of the church is now in a serious state of disrepair and an appeal has been launched for its restoration. Patrick Moore opened the garden fete in 1976 when the dire need of financial aid was emphasized and, at its meeting on May 25, the Council of the Association agreed to donate £25 on the Association's behalf. Nevertheless, readers may well feel like sending some personal contribution to help this church with its astronomical connections, and donations should be sent to the present rector, the Rev. Allan Auckland, Burstow Rectory, Horley, Surrey, RH6 9RG.