

## HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

THE VICARAGE,

HAMPTON HILL,

*January 1st, 1927.*

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

A New Year! And what shall my message be at its outset? We have been passing through very dark days and there are few people who have not suffered many anxieties as a consequence of the crisis in the Coal Industry. Black, however, as the outlook was not so many weeks ago, I think the silver lining to the dark cloud is already appearing. And so I bid you start the year 1927 with a spirit of optimism and determination to curtail the enormous waste of time spent in pleasure seeking and to increase the effort towards recovery. Above all I trust that much more thought and time will be devoted to God and the things of God, because I believe that if we put first things, the all important the eternal things first, all other things will take their place in due proportion. May God's blessing rest upon you all and may He prosper the labours of our hands during the coming year!

Our Christmas Festival was a truly happy time. The services were very fairly well attended and the musical portion of them was admirably rendered by the choir. I am most grateful for the beautiful flowers and evergreens which were sent for the decorations and to the decorators who so beautifully adorned the House of God. The collections, which were given to the Sick and Needy Fund, did not amount to as much as last year by some four pounds.

You will find under the Parish News an account of what is termed the "Follow up Conference" in connection with the Missionary School which was held at the end of November last

year. You will notice that we are going to concentrate our efforts for the work of the Church Overseas in a Parochial Missionary Association. Whatever money is raised by the Association will be divided amongst the three Societies which the Parish has been supporting for many years in equal proportion. The far more important work of the Association will be of an educational character. I hope that the result of our enterprise may be a great increase of zeal in carrying out the commission of our Divine Master to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. On the seventeenth of this month we are holding our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This is the yearly gathering of all who have been enrolled on the Electoral Roll. Its purpose is to hear an account of the work done by the Parochial Church Council during the past year and to elect a new Church Council and other officers. A report of the finances of the parish will also be made. I do hope that we shall have a large gathering and that the election to various offices will be much keener than it has been in years past.

We sincerely congratulate the Girl Guides on their great success at their Christmas Bazaar and Jumble Sale. The Company under Captain Dowsett is doing good work and numbers are increasing.

The Sea Scouts are also to be heartily congratulated on the result of their Entertainment, which was held early in December last. This organisation under Scout Master C. Abbott is very popular amongst the boys. The boys meet in the Church Room on Mondays and Fridays, and I am sure Mr. Abbott would extend a very cordial welcome to any visitors who are interested in the work of the Troupe.

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**MISS DOROTHY HEAP, L.R.A.M., L.T.C.L.,** Experienced Teacher desires Pupils—Piano, Singing, Theory and Harmony. Preparation for all Examinations. Apply: 75, Hampton Rd., Upper Teddington.

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The Bible Classes for Girls and Lads are now well established. I hope parents will encourage their young people to attend. Such Classes are a great feature of Church Life in the North. One would like to see the same enthusiasm for knowledge in things that really matter among the people in the South of England.

I remain, your faithful friend and Vicar,  
FREDK. P. P. HARVEY.

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INTERCESSIONS.

At 7.30 a.m.—Holy Communion

*Mondays:* Sunday Schools, Day Schools.

*Tuesdays:* District Visiting, Mothers' Union, Voluntary Workers in the Church, Cleaners, &c.

*Wednesdays:* Choir and Services, Parochial Church Council.

*Thursdays:* Temperance Work, Band of Hope, Crusaders and Adult Branch, C.E.T.S.

*Fridays:* Church Missions, Home & Over-seas

*Saturdays:* Church Lads' Brigade, Girl Guides, Girls' Friendly Society.

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**IMPORTANT.**—Will all those who are responsible for Church Work please send in a full report by the 20th of each month, by so doing it will not only be of great use to our readers, but greatly forward the work of the Church. Applications for Advertisements in the Magazine should be made to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. A. SIMMONS, 7, Oxford Road, Teddington.

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We are grateful to our Advertisers for their support of our Magazine, and confidently hope our readers will support them.

**Parish Wants.**

1. A Litany Desk.
  2. A Parish Hall.
  3. A Bier for use in Church at Funerals, approximate cost about £30.
  4. A Piano for the Infants' School.
  5. A Bath Chair.
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**CHURCHYARD.**—Contributions towards keeping the Churchyard and the graves tidy will be welcomed, and may be sent to Mr. C. H. Evans (Churchwarden), Roseneath, Edward road, Hampton Hill.

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The Vicar may be seen at the Vicarage on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, between the hours of 8.45 and 10 a.m. And on any day, except Mondays, between the hours of 6 and 7 p.m.

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**Parish News.**

**BIBLE CLASSES.**—A Bible Class for Lads is held in the Church Room on Sundays, at 2.30 p.m.

A Bible Class for Girls is held in the Girls' School, on Sundays, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.**—The Company Parades are held on Tuesdays in the Boys' School, for the Juniors at 7.15 p.m., and for the Seniors at 8.15 p.m. A First Aid Class is held in the Church Room on Thursdays, at 8 p.m.

**LADS' CLUB.**—The Club is open on Wednesday evenings in the Boys' School, from 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. The minimum subscription is one penny per week. Intending members must be nominated by an existing member.

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**MOTHERS' UNION.**—The Monthly Meeting will be held in the Church Room on Wednesday, January 5th, at 2.30 p.m.

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**BAND OF HOPE.**—The Band of Hope meets in the Boys' School every Monday evening at 6 o'clock.

**SAINTS' DAYS.**—January 1st, Feast of the Circumcision, Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. and 12. January 6th, Feast of the Epiphany, Holy Communion, 7 a.m. 8 a.m. and 12. Evensong and Address, 8 p.m. January 25th, Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. and 12.

**GIRL GUIDES.**—The First Hampton Hill Girl Guide Company held a very successful Christmas Bazaar and Jumble Sale in the Boys' School, Hampton Hill, on Friday, December 17th, it was organised entirely by the Guides, who worked most loyally to ensure success. The proceeds which are over £13 are going to the Company Camp Funds.

The Company wishes to thank all those who so kindly helped with their time and gifts and those who patronised the bazaar so liberally.

After the last Church Parade Miss W. Newman was presented with a beautiful cut-glass Scent Spray as a mark of appreciation for her services during the four years that she was Captain of the First Hampton Hill Girl Guides. Company Leader Wales, said on behalf of the girls, how sorry they were to lose their Captain, with whom they had been very happy.

The Company have been very fortunate in having Miss Dowsett, who was a Lieutenant in the Company, to succeed Miss Newman.

**MISSIONARY SCHOOL.**—The Missionary School held in the Church Room from 26th November to 3rd December was a decided success. The average attendance more than fulfilled our expectations and the lectures were much appreciated. The appropriate atmosphere was created at the outset by the Rev. R. L. Currey in an admirable paper entitled "God and the World To-day." After enumerating and tracing the development of the diverse factors which have contributed to the unique and perplexing World situation with which we are confronted to-day, the lecturer proceeded to adduce evidence of the new spirit of enquiry into the claims of Christianity which is now abroad, and to urge the necessity of a drastic application of the ethics of the Gospel to the internal and external affairs of the Christian nations of the West in order to demonstrate before the World the practical, as well as the preceptive character of the religion of Christ. In the course of the week 48 books and pamphlets were sold to the value of £3 10s. 2d. The splendid attendance at the "Follow-up Conference" held on 17th December in the Vestry under the Chairmanship of the Vicar, bore testimony to the fact that the School had achieved its purpose. Mr. Milton proposed, and Mr. Basey seconded the resolution "That this meeting shall form itself into a Missionary Association," which was carried unanimously. Miss Jakeman was unanimously elected, and consented to act as Secretary to the Association. The meeting then discussed methods of procedure. It was decided that a short monthly Intercession Service for Foreign Missions should be held on the second Sunday after Matins and Evensong alternately, to commence on the second Sunday in January after Matins. A "Study Circle" was arranged to meet monthly on the Friday previous to the second Sunday, in the Church Room at 8 p.m. The first meeting will

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be held on Friday, 11th February, when we hope to begin a study of Mr. Basil Matthew's book "The Clash of Colour." Finally it was agreed to instal a Missionary Lending Library in Church. This will be brought into existence as soon as possible in the New Year and the Misses Gray and Piper have kindly consented to act as Librarians. Books will be loaned for one month at a time at the rate of two pence per volume, but may be changed weekly before or after Matins and Evensong. Gifts of volumes towards the establishment of this library will be gratefully received by the Vicar and Mr. Milton.

The Association at present comprises some thirty members, but we sincerely hope that many more members of the congregation will join us with the New Year. Names and addresses should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Miss Jakeman, "Larkfield," S. James' Road, Hampton Hill. There is neither admission fee nor subscription.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT.**—The annual Prize-giving and Treat will be held in the Boys' School on Saturday, January 8th. The teachers are arranging to give the children tea at 5 o'clock. They have given and obtained from their friends

the greater part of the food. They would, however, be grateful if some kind friends would give some cakes; these should be sent to the Vicarage as early as possible on Saturday morning.

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING.**—The Annual Meeting will be held in the Church Room on Monday, January 17th, at 8.15 p.m.

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BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

December 12—Derek Frederick Manning.

„ 12—William Leslie Parker.

„ 12—John Grenville Card.

„ 26—Margaret Evelyn Amy Susan Wintle.

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MARRIAGES.

"Those whom God hath joined together."

Dec. 25—Herbert Leslie Peddel-Warde and Mabel Maude Robinson.

„ 27—John Henry Rixon and Rose Minnie Reed.

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BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

December 17—Felix Parrott, aged 86 years.

„ 22—Gwendolen Dempster, aged 24 years.

„ 24—George Lawrence, aged 54 years.

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