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#### PAROCHIAL NOTES.

Sunday School.

10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Boys in Parish Hall. Superintendent—Mr. L. Singleton. Girls in Club Room, Superintendent—Miss M. Harvey. Infants in Church Room at 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Superintendent-Miss Watts.

Bible Class.
For Girls on Sundays in Church Room at 3 p.m.

Band of Hope. In the Club Room on Mondays at 6.30 p.m. Hon. Sec.-Mrs. Grange.

Lads' Club. In Club Rooms, School Road, Mondays and Fridays, 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Mr. Creane.

Girls' Club.
In Parish Hall, Mondays, 7.45 to 10 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Franks.

Communicants' Guild.

For Adults. Guild Service and Meeting on Wednesdays before the fourth Sunday at 8 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Miss Lush.

For Juniors. Guild Service and Meeting, second Monday in the month in Church, at 8 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Miss M. Harvey

Missionary Association.
Meetings as announced. Hon. Sec.—Miss Jakeman.

Mothers' Union.

Monthly Meetings, First Wednesday in each month in the Church Room, 2.30 p.m., and Quarterly Meetings. Enrolling Member—Mrs. Kestin.

#### Mothers' Meeting.

Thursdays in Church Room, 2.30 p.m. Superintendent-Miss Butler.

#### Girl Guides.

Fridays in the Club Room, 7.30 p.m. Captain-Miss Looker.

#### Brownies.

Thursdays in Club Room, 5.45 p.m. Acting Brown Owl-Miss S. Harvey.

Sea Scouts.

Group Scout Master-Mr. Wednesdays in Church Room, 7.30 p.m. Ealden.

#### Cub Pack.

Cub Master-Miss Newman. Wednesdays in Church Room, 5.45 p.m.

The Vicar may be seen at the Vicarage on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, between 8.45 and 9.45 a.m.; and generally on any day except Tuesday, between 6 and 7 p.m.

#### Sickness.

The Vicar will be grateful if cases of sickness are reported to him at once.

#### Churchyard.

Contributions towards the up-keep of the Churchyard will be gratefully received by Mr. C. H. Evans, Roseneath, Edward Road, Hampton

# Vicar's Letter.

My DEAR PEOPLE,

I hope you will all have a very happy Easter. I do not mean in the sense that you will merely have a jolly holiday, with beautiful weather and a possible rush to the seaside or plenty of golf, tennis or boating, although I should be the last not to want you to enjoy the brief break in the ordinary daily round. My wish and desire is primarily that you may realize the true joy of Easter Day; the joy which comes to those who in worship and with Alleluias pay devotion and homage to their King, their Saviour and their Friend on this the Anniversary of His Resurrection. A happiness that will be the greater as our Lenten Penitence has been the more real and searching.

I shall be very grateful for flowers for the Easter Decorations. They should be sent to the Church, on Saturday morning between half-past nine and half-past ten.

I also hope that all who make their Communion at St. James's Church will place their names and addresses in the basket in the Church Porch.

is not only helpful in revising the Communicants' Roll but it is useful for visiting purposes.

There is a good deal to interest us in the Parish Notes this month. First of all we are reminded that our annual visit to the Albert Hall in S.P.G. Anniversary Week is at hand. I hope that the fifty-four seats will soon be booked up.

Then there is the Churchwardens' paragraph on Finance. It is good news that the organ is to be relieved of its accumulation of dust. By-the-bye, are there no tenors in Hampton Hill? We shall gladly welcome any into the choir who are willing to give up some of their time in helping to lead the praises of God in His House of Prayer. The suggested experiment with regard to an Assistant Priest is somewhat attractive. The initial difficulty is to secure the right man for one month in every quarter. I am inclined to think that if only all who come to St. James's Church for any service during the year would bear their proper share in the upkeep of the Church, we should be able to have a full time Curate. May I again say how welcome would be the addition of subscribers of large or small sums to the Assessment Scheme.

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Confirmation Season is here once more. I would earnestly ask God-parents to fulfil their obligation to their God-children. "Ye are to take care that this child be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him, so soon as he can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the ten Commandments, and be further instructed in the Church-Catechism set forth for that purpose." This was the final admonition to you when your particular God-child was Baptized. What have you done or are you going to do in the matter? I am looking forward to meeting the Candidates in Church soon after Easter. Please see to it that your special child is among those present.

We shall be making arrangements for our Annual Fête very shortly. There may be some who would like to have a share in this work and who may have original suggestions to make. If you will send your names and addresses to me I will see that you are called to the first General Meeting.

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

# Special Days to Observe.

April 6th, Monday in Easter Week; Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. and 12. April 7th, Tuesday in Easter Week; Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. April 25th, St. Mark; Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.

# Holy Week and Easter Day Services.

April 1st, Wednesday, 8 p.m., the Choir will render Stainer's "Crucifixion." Collection for the Choir Fund.

April 2nd, Maundy Thursday, Service and Address, 3 15 p.m.

April 3rd, Good Friday. 8 am., Litany and Ante-Communion; 10.30 a.m., Matins and Sermon; 12—3 p.m., Three Hours' Devotions conducted by Rev. Fredk. Jones; 8 p.m., Lantern Service in Church.

EASTER DAY, Holy Communion, 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12. Other Services as usual.

## Missionary Association.

Monthly Intercessions will be said after Evensong on Sunday, April 12th.

April 25th to May 2nd is S.P.G. Anniversary Week; full details of the services and meetings will be found in the Church Porch. The Meeting in the Church House on Thursday, the 30th, at 2.30 p.m. is particularly interesting.

On Friday, May 1st, a bus will leave the Church at 6.30 p.m. for the Albert Hall Meeting, at 8 p.m. The return fare, including a reserved seat in the Hall, is only eighteenpence. Those who hope to join the party are asked to put their names as soon as possible on the card in the Church Porch.

MISSIONARY EXHIBITION.—No doubt the extremely cold weather and the amount of sickness in the Parish accounted for the poor attendance at the Preliminary Meeting on March 5th. We earnestly hope that every member of the congregation who has not had them, will ask for a promise-sheet and a prayer-card. October may seem a very long way off, but the preparation for an Exhibition is quite as important as the Exhibition itself; and we are all called to study and to pray. The subject for this Parish is "Moslem Lands, particularly Persia." Some half dozen books are in circulation at present but there are others dealing with Islam in the Library and we hope good use will be made of them. Many more offers of help are needed as Court Stewards, General Stewards

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and helpers with Refreshments. It is suggested that invalids, who are unable to give active help, may like to join a prayer-circle, and if so, they are asked to send their names to the Vicar. From time to time special Intercession Notes will be sent out by the Rev. H. E. McLeod who has been appointed Intercession Secretary for the Exhibition.

M.A.J.

## Easter Vestry.

The Easter Vestry Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall (School Road), at 8.15 p.m., on Wednesday, April 8th.

#### Jumble Sale.

The Annual Jumble Sale will be held in the St. James's Parish Hall on Friday, April 24th. It will open at half-past two and only those who have obtained tickets beforehand will be admitted up to three o'clock. The proceeds of the Sale will be divided between the District Nursing Association, the Parish Hall Fund and the Missionary Association. The price of admission is twopence and tickets may be obtained from the District Visitors, Nurse Harvey, the Vicar and Mr. Hallt. At this time of the year most people are busy with Spring Cleaning and are getting rid of many things for which they have no use. Do not throw anything away, but send a post card to the Vicarage and the cart will call on Wednesday, April 22nd, between two o'clock and five o'clock for everything you have to give. If it would be more convenient to be rid of it before that date please send it to the Vicarage.

#### Finance.

(a) Organ Repairs.—The urgent matter of the cleaning and repair of the organ was discussed at the last meeting of the P.C.C. and it was decided to carry out the necessary work if it was found to be possible to spread the payments over a period of three years, in order to avoid making

- a special appeal for the purpose. The unpaid portion of the cost will be shown as a debit in the Annual Accounts. Messrs. Henry Willis & Sons, Ltd., have agreed to such terms charging the very moderate sum of £4 for the accommodation, so that the total cost will be £130 instead of £126. The work will be put in hand as soon as possible.
- (b) Assistant Clergy Fund.—In the estimated expenses for 1931 published last month no provision was made for clerical assistance to the Vicar. Owing to the primary call on the Parish for funds to liquidate the loans to the Parish Hall Building Fund it is quite out of the question at the moment to attempt to raise the sum, £250 per annum for the stipend of an assistant Priest. The Assistant Clergy Fund has in the past received most support when it was kept separate from the other Church expenses. Under these circumstances in one year only has the sum raised reached £160 even when our former Churchwarden, Mr. Elliott gave his undivided attention to collecting a large number of small subscriptions. To raise £250 will therefore require the equally energetic action of a small band of devoted collectors. This however, is a matter for the future and we have had to consider some means of meeting the matter as a temporary measure for the next year or two.

The Finance Committee have had £100 in hand at the end of each year for the last two years, and last year it suggested that the Vicar should draw on this sum for assistance as required. The sum used however amounted to but £29 and since this sum was covered by income the nest egg of £100 is still intact. We have now suggested that the Vicar shall endeavour to obtain the service of a full time Assistant Priest for fourse parate periods of one month each during the year. One such period will of course coincide with the Vicar's

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annual holiday. During the other three periods, the Vicar will to some degree have all the assistance a permanently appointed assistant will give him. This scheme has been approved by the Finance Committee and agreed to by the Vicar.

Now we want to make it clear that this arrangement can only last for one year unless that £100 is replaced by increased collections, free-will offerings or special donations. We would urge any readers who have promised their help towards the expense of an Assistant Priest to give that assistance now under this temporary arrangement. If it is found that the £100 can be raised by increased collections and free-will offerings the Finance Committee will be able to contribute £100 annually from the P.C.C. account, leaving but £150 to be raised by an Assistant Curate Fund when the time is ripe to start this fund again.

The weakness of the temporary scheme is that one month is a short time for an Assistant Priest to settle down to work in a Parish and here the Congregation can do a great deal in helping him to settle down quickly and give of his best during his short period of office.

The Churchwardens.

Hon. Treasurer.

## The Churchyard.

We are grateful to the following for their donations towards the upkeep of the Churchyard.

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#### Parish Hall.

Building Fund.—Previously acknowledged, £229 3s. 2d. There have been no donations received since the last issue of the Magazine, but an anonymous donor has paid off £25 of the loan from the Bank.

Applications for use of the Parish Hall should be made on the form provided. Forms can be be obtained from and should be returned to Mr. C. Hallt, Warwick Villa, Windmill Road.

## Sunday School.

A Sunday School Library has been started and there is an eager demand by the boys and girls for the story books. Miss M. Harvey would be grateful for gifts of books as soon as possible in order that the supply may equal the demand. Parcels should be sent to the Vicarage.

#### Confirmation.

The Vicar would be glad to meet all intending candidates for confirmation on Tuesday, April 14th, in the Church at 8 o'clock. The confirmation this year is to be held at Hampton Wick at the end of June.

## Lost and Found.

A bag and a purse, both containing money, were found in the Church some time ago. They will be restored to the owners on application to the Vicar. A correct description of the articles lost and the money contained in them will be necessary.

#### BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

Mar. 8th-Jack Paines.

,, 22nd -Audrey Josephine Underwood.

#### MARRIAGES.

"Those whom God hath joined together."

Feb. 28th—Cornelis Boekee and Eileen Sigrid Thyra Watkins.

#### BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

Feb. 27th—Charles James Howard, aged 62 years. Mar. 5th—John Alfred Carver, aged 78 years.

,, 10th—William Percy Storby Poultin, aged 58 years.