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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.

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

Cub Pack.

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

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 Hill.

Vicar's Letter.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

There was much cause for thankfulness in our Easter Festival. The number of Communicants was quite good, the services were well attended and the Choir rendered their part of the services very nicely. I thank all who sent flowers for the decorations and also the decorators. I am grateful for your kindness to me personally.

And now we look forward to three more of the great Festivals of the Church. Ascension Day, Whit-Sunday and Trinity Sunday all fall within this month of May. I do hope they will all be duly observed. Especially would I draw your attention to Ascension Day and ask that many more of our regular Communicants make an effort to attend one of the Celebrations.

The Easter Vestry was not very well attended. It is true that the only business at the meeting was the election of Churchwardens. But as these are the chief Lay Officers of the Church their election should be of much more interest than it appears to be to the majority of Church people. I am very

glad that Messrs. Evans and Jakeman are serving for another year. We owe a real debt of gratitude to them for their past labours.

I am gradually forming my Confirmation Classes. It would be a real help if God-parents were to carry out the Church's instruction to them and "see that their God-children be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him." One of the great hindrances to the child following the general course of Churchmanship is the attitude taken up by the parents. If only they would back the Clergy up we should not hear so much about the young people drifting away from the Church when they leave the Sunday School. I do hope for more co-operation from parents.

Now that the Churchwardens are bringing to your notice matters of interest month by month I look for an increased interest in parochial affairs. Their contribution this month may be called "An appeal by Laymen to Laypeople." They ask for 400 subscribers to the Assessment Scheme. Considering that the communicants during the Easter Festival numbered 392, it should not be impossible for the scheme to be carried out provided each one

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does his or her share. Let us make this a subject for prayer.

We are still in need of many more helpers for our part in the Missionary Exhibition. I hope for a large addition to our numbers during this month.

The first meeting in preparation for our Annual Fête will be held on Monday, May 11th, in the Parish Hall at 8.30 p.m. Let us try and make this year's effort a greater success than ever. The Bishop of London has promised to come and open the Fête.

I remain,

Your faithful friend and Vicar,

FREDK. P. P. HARVEY.

Special Days of Observance.

May 1st, St. Philip and St. James; Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. May 11th, 12th, and 13th, Rogation Days; services as announced. MAY 14th, ASCENSION DAY; Holy Communion 6 a.m. 7.30 a.m. and 12, Evensong and address 8 p.m. WHITSUNDAY; Holy Communion 6 a.m. 7 a.m. 8 a.m. 10 a.m. and 12. May 27th, 29th, and 30th, Ember Days. TRINITY SUNDAY; Holy Communion 8 a.m.

Missionary Exhibition Handbook.

To Advertisers.

Two thousand copies of an illustrated Handbook to the Exhibition will be issued early in the autumn, and will be sold at 3d. each in the Hampton Deanery—a district which stretches from Staines to Twickenham and includes all the towns and villages near the River.

Advertisements will be interleaved with the reading matter at the following charges—page, 25/-; half page, 15/-; quarter page, 8/-. Miss Jakeman (Walton Lodge, Hampton Hill) will be glad to receive early application for the spaces.

Missionary Association.

Intercessions will be said after morning service on Sunday, May 10th.

The Handbook for the Persian Court may be obtained either from the Vicar or Miss Jakeman.

In preparation for the Missionary Exhibition there will be an Intercession service on Fridays, at 5 p.m. beginning May 8th. Study Circles will be started shortly, notice of which will be given out in Church.

Jumble Sale.

The Annual Jumble Sale was held in the Parish Hall on Friday, April 24th. The total result was £16 7s. 6d. and after paying expenses there was £15 to be divided between the three Funds for which the Sale was held.

The Annual Fete.

The first meeting in preparation for the Fête will be held on Monday, May 11th, in the Parish Hall at 8.30 p.m.

Spring Cleaning.

There are some people who had not started their spring cleaning in time for the Jumble Sale. The Vicar will gladly receive anything that will do for the next Jumble Sale.

Finance.

ASSESSMENT FUND.—This month we wish to give a short account of the objects and history of the Assessment Fund. This scheme was suggested and adopted in many Parishes as a means of replacing the uncertain income received from collections at Church Services by a certain income derived from regular payments by Parishioners and members of the Congregation. Subscribers were asked to estimate the sum they could afford to contribute at fixed intervals of a week, month, quarter or year and to promise this contribution whether or

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no they attended the Church Services. The advantage to Churchwardens and Finance Committees is evident in that they would know in advance the amount that could be at their disposal during the year, and could arrange their expenditure accordingly. It was also hoped that some support would be received from Parishioners who did not attend the Church. In the case of this Parish such people might like to help in the upkeep of the Churchyard, in which their friends and relations have been buried, and they all might well assist in the maintenance of the Church Clock. The sums promised are not published but all contributions are posted in a ledger under an allotted number. The Key to the numbers is known to the Treasurer alone.

In this Parish the scheme has not been a success to such a degree that the omission of collections at Church Services could be entertained, because it did not receive the whole hearted support of each individual member of the Congregation. The table below gives the number of subscribers and the sum received each year from 1923, and in the top line is given the promises received on a canvass of the Parish in the previous year.

Year.	Number of		Amount	
1922	Subscribers		£ s. d.	
Promised.	...	164	...	402 8 2
1923	...	150	...	330 6 11
1924	...	111	...	302 8 0
1925	...	87	...	218 19 9
1926	...	79	...	185 11 0
1927	...	73	...	156 9 8
1928	...	66	...	162 17 8
1929	...	60	...	155 16 6
1930	...	55	...	142 11 6

Since it has not been possible to dispense with Church Collections the Fund has become a Free-will Offering Fund, and the chief support of the Church and Services is largely received from a

small number who contribute both to collections and the Fund.

The falling off in numbers and amount for the last few years has been due to the death or removal of subscribers and we earnestly ask new-comers to the Parish to join the Fund to make up for the loss caused in this manner. Forms for subscribers can be obtained from the Vicar or Churchwardens and the ledger is exposed for examination by subscribers on the first Sunday in each month in the Church Porch.

We believe that the original Assessment Scheme deserves support and perhaps at some future time it will receive the unanimous approval without which it cannot be a success. We want about 400 subscribers promising about £700 per annum to cover all expenses including the stipend of an Assistant Priest. At the present time we invite the generous minded to join it as a Freewill Offering Fund and to raise the income from this source to £200.

The Churchwardens.

Parish Hall.

BUILDING FUND.—Previously acknowledged, £229 3s. 2d. Lent Savings (2) £1 12s. 6d. Total, £230 15s. 8d.

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

Confirmation Classes.

For Lads in the Church Vestry on Mondays at 7.50 p.m.

For Girls in the Church Vestry on Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

The Vicar will gladly arrange classes for any who cannot attend on these days.

Lads Club

The Lads Club is closed for the summer months. It will reopen again early in September. Mr. Creane and his committee are to be congratulated on the successful season just ended. Much thanks is due to them for all they do to provide amusement for the members of the Club.

The Archdeacon's Visitation.

The Archdeacon of Middlesex will visit this Parish on Monday, June 1st, at 7.45 p.m. The object of this Visitation is "Encouragement and Good Order." The Visitation will take place in the Church. The Archdeacon will be accompanied by the Rural Dean and he will cite the Clergy to attend. The Churchwardens and the Secretary of the Parochial Church Council will be invited to attend. The Archdeacon also wants the Sidesmen, members of the Parochial Church Council, Sunday School Superintendants and Church-workers and members of the Congregation to be present. The Visitation will open with a short Office to be taken by the Vicar. As this event is of such rare occurrence in these days the Vicar hopes that there will be a large number present on June 1st.

The Church of England Waifs' and Strays' Society.

This Society—one of the greatest of the Church's Home Mission organisations—will celebrate its Jubilee this month. Founded by Mr. (now Prebendary) Edward Rulolf in 1881, the Society has 110 Homes (including 3 in Canada) with a family of 4,800 children and young people in training. In the 50 years the Society has cared for over 35,000 children.

To celebrate this great event, a Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving will be held in St. Paul's Cathedral, on Tuesday, May 12th, at 7 p.m.,

when the preacher will be the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. On Thursday, May 14th, at 2.30 p.m., there will be a Pageant of Childhood at the Albert Hall. Tickets for the Pageant, which are numbered and reserved, can be obtained for the nominal sum of 2/6 each, from the Rev. A. J. Westcott, D.D., Old Town Hall, S.E. 11.

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

- April 12th—Harry John Austin.
" 12th—Barbara Edith Carter.
" 12th—Henry Leonard Ashwell.
" 12th—Alan Jack Greening.
" 26th—Eric Sidney Fielding.
" 26th—Lilian Rose Shore.

MARRIAGES.

"Those whom God hath joined together."

- April 5th—Ernest William Stone and Violet Rose Powney.
" 6th—Edward Stanley Gray and Lilian Bertha Cook.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

- March 30th—Sarah Marie Evans, aged 75 years.
April 1st—William Alfred Sherwood, aged 65 years.
" 16th—John Ridge, aged 81 years.