

HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

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,

Before this month's Magazine reaches you I shall be home again and, I am thankful to say, quite restored to health. Margate air and complete rest have done wonders for me. I would recommend any who suffer from jaded nerves and are overwrought by reason of the complexity of present day life, to spend a time at Margate, and they could not do better than stay at the house I stayed at, the address of which I shall be only too pleased to give to enquirers.

Well, I have had a month away and during some of that time I have been thinking about many things concerning parochial life in general and our own parish life in particular. I have visited many of the Churches round here and in most cases have got in touch with workers in the parishes. Of one thing I am convinced and it is that success in working a parish depends to a large extent upon having a sufficient staff. Experience has of course taught me that one man cannot go on for an unlimited period doing the work which would keep two men well employed; and from knowledge gained while I have been away I find that the first call on the people, after in some cases having

to provide part of the Vicar's stipend, is the provision of stipend for the Assistant Curate. Now you will all agree that we need an Assistant Curate. But you will ask how can we raise the necessary stipend? I am confident that it can be done, even while paying off certain debts and keeping our Quota to the Diocesan Fund paid. First of all it is possible to add considerably to our list of contributors. Less than one-fifth of our Communicants are members of the Assessment Scheme, while in some of the parishes which have come under my notice about four-fifths have joined the scheme of giving anything from two-pence to five shillings a week, besides giving to the Sunday collections. Our first effort then must be an increase in subscribers, and then it is possible to raise quite a considerable sum by means of entertainments in our Parish Hall. For this we need, as they have in other places, a Social Committee drawn in the first instance from the Parochial Church Council. There are other stunts about which I have heard something, but let us all join together in placing the two main efforts on a sound footing without further loss of time. Then we shall not only pay our way and meet extraordinary expenses which must turn up from time to time, but we shall also have sufficient

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to pay an Assistant Curate. This will mean efficiency in the work of the parish and will prevent me going through such a mental and physical strain as that which I have lately experienced. I feel certain that you will all do your very best and I commend the matter to your earnest prayer and thought.

And now as to the present. Many have asked me why I have all the week-day services and have suggested that I cut some out. We have been all called to further effort in the Way of Renewal of the Spiritual Life, and in connection with this an increase in Devotion and Prayer has been advocated. And yet you suggest that I should curtail the opportunities for furthering that which is advocated. May I suggest that it is possible for many more to use these week-day services and make them more than worth while. Our Lord said "where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." If His presence is assured in the midst of so few, that is worth while. With a larger number it is surely more than worth while. On medical advice I am having only three early Celebrations a week for a time and I do earnestly ask many more to join us at these services and at the Matins and Litany on Wednesdays and Fridays. It does help one when one sees that one's people are making an effort to make more use of the means of Grace, because it is an indication of additional spiritual life and power in the parish. I am most grateful and I think the parish owes a debt of gratitude as well to Mr. Jakeman for very kindly arranging for Clerical Ministrations in the parish on Sundays and during the week while I have been away, and I would couple Miss Jakeman with her brother in my gratitude for giving hospitality to Mr. Christian. Our thanks are due also to Mr. and Mrs. Franks for hospitality to Mr. Bell at Whitsuntide. I hear that the arrangements for the Fête are well

in hand, though as to actual details I am a stranger. I do thank all who are exercising themselves in this matter and I am quite sure that this annual event will prove a great success.

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

Days of Special Remembrance.

June 11th, St. Barnabas; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. June 24th, St. John the Baptist; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. and 12. June 29th, St. Peter; Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. and 12.

Confirmation.

The Bishop of London will administer Confirmation at All Saint's Church, Hampton, on Thursday, June 30th, at 8 p.m. Prayers are asked for the Candidates and specially for those from this parish.

Mothers' Union.

The Monthly Meeting will be held in the Church Room on Wednesday, June 1st, at 2.30 p.m. The Annual outing has been fixed for Tuesday, June 14th—the place is Southsea. The price for members is 7/6 each and for non-members 8/- including a meat tea. Applications should be made to Mrs. Harvey at the Vicarage.

Finance.

There is no good news from the Finance Committee this month since its funds are still too small to meet current liabilities. The Committee have to meet the expense of engaging Clerical Assistance to carry on the services during the Vicar's illness and we suggest that those who wish to make a practical expression of their sympathy with the Vicar on this occasion might try and subscribe a little towards meeting this expense.

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We still require much more support especially through the Assessment or Freewill Offering Fund because the collections at Church services are much below the average so far this year. This is of course accounted for by the unfortunate series of wet Sundays which we have experienced. We foresee that it will be necessary to call on the Proceeds of the St. James's Fête to help towards meeting the Church expenses instead of putting the whole proceeds towards the liquidation of the Parish Hall debt as we wished. Please therefore help to make the Fête a record one.

We have to acknowledge a special gift towards the P.C.C. Funds from Mr. R. H. Alford and also a contribution from our Bishop towards clerical assistance during the Vicar's illness.

Jumble Sale.

Mrs. Isdell-Carpenter is to be congratulated on the result of the Jumble Sale which realized £16 12s. 3d. This will be allocated to various funds when the Vicar returns.

St. James's Fete.

Mr. Newman, the General Secretary, has matters well in hand for the Fête on July 6th. We are pleased to announce that Lady Blaker the wife of our member of Parliament will open the Fête and we are sure that all Parishioners who can manage it will be present to welcome her on this her first visit.

The stall holders will be as follows:—

Pound Stall	...	Mrs. Evans, Miss Jakeman and Miss Swain.
Needlework	...	Vicarage Working Party.
Fruit & Flowers	...	
Toys & Sweets	...	Miss Stutchbury.
Fancy Stall	...	St. Mary's College.
Band of Hope Stall	...	Mrs. Grange.
Ice Creams	...	Mrs. Job.

Refreshments ... Mrs. Wheatley and her band of helpers.

The Side-show sub-committee will meet shortly to complete their arrangements. Mr. Humphrey has kindly promised to provide the pig.

We are unable to obtain a Mullard Van to provide the music and must not complain since we have been favoured in two successive years. The operators regret that they cannot come because they enjoy this Fête as much as anyone but since one van will be in Gloucester and the other in Glasgow during that week they are too far off to help us. We are endeavouring to obtain similar provision elsewhere.

Young Peoples' Social Guild.

Further to last month's announcement the Young Peoples' Social Guild herewith publish the Balance Sheet of their Dance held on 23rd April, 1932, at the Parish Hall. One half of the gross profit of £12 8s. 10d. goes to the Parish Hall Fund, and one half to the Guild's Funds.

DANCE BALANCE SHEET.

	£	s.	d.
Sale of Tickets—			
Previous to Dance	...	5	3 6
At Door	7	6 0
Profit on Refreshments	...	1	15 0
Cloakroom Charges	...	1	2 0
Raffle on Box of Chocolates	...	0	19 0
	£16	5	6
	£	s.	d.
Band	...	2	2 0
Printing	...	0	14 0
Prizes	...	0	9 9
Sundries	...	0	10 10½
Gross Profit	...	12	8 10½
	£16	5	6

DIVISION OF PROFIT.

	£	s.	d.
To Guild Fund	...	6	4 5½
To Parish Hall Fund	...	6	4 5
	£12	8	10½

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On Whit-Monday the Guild organised a hiking party. They took the train to Epsom, and from there walked to Boxhill for lunch. After lunch the party walked to Great Bookham where they had tea at "Ye Olde Crown," and then on to Leatherhead. The party numbered twenty-four.

On 24th May, Empire Day, a party of twenty-one went by charabanc to Windsor. An invitation from the Rural Dean had been received to attend a Special Service for Youth at St. George's Chapel.

The Guild is taking an active part in the affairs of the parish. Some of the members have volunteered to help with the collection for the Forty-five Churches Fund, and also to help with the Side-Shows at the Fête on July 6th.

Contributions to S.P.G. for the year 1931.

	£	s.	d.
Church Collections	5	12	1
Mrs. Norton	1	1	0
Mrs. H. T. Mason	0	10	0
Miss Jakeman	2	2	0
Anon.	0	11	9
Boxes (seven)	2	9	0
Jumble Sale	1	2	8
Parochial Church Council	1	0	0
Mothers' Meeting	1	0	0
Sale of Work (a third)	13	0	0
Mothers' Meeting for Ramnad	2	0	0
M.A.J. for Western Australia	1	1	0
	£31	9	6

"The Forty-Five Churches Fund."

The authorised collectors have been distributing during the past few days the introductory Letter of Appeal from the Diocesan. During the week June 3rd to 10th inclusive they will leave a pamphlet in which are set forth answers to objections and questions, and also an envelope in

which you are asked to place your contribution. These will be called for at the end of the week. It is hoped that parishioners will give as liberally as they can in gratitude for the fine church we have here, a possession at present lacking in many large thickly populated districts of Greater London.

If by any chance you do not receive an envelope, the organiser for the parish will be pleased to send you one or to receive your contribution direct. His address is Mr. F. H. Sargeant, 38, Walpole Road, Teddington.

Missionary Association.

Monthly Intercessions will be said after morning service on Sunday, June 12th.

The next meeting will be held in the Parish Hall, on Thursday, June 16th, at 8 p.m. Chapter IV. of "Treasure of Africa" should be read before then. Please note that the date has been changed on account of the Diocesan Missionary Service in St. Paul's on June 9th.

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

May 1st—Jean Madeline Watson.

„ 1st—Michael David Crisp.

„ 1st—Derek William Davies.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

May 4th—Kate Chaplin, aged 71 years.

May 6th—Jonathan Weekes, aged 63 years.

May 17th—Charlotte Dorathea Wootton, aged 83 yrs.

Stop Press.

Music at the Fête will be provided by Messrs. Philips Lamps, Ltd.