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PAROCHIAL NOTES.

Sunday School.

10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Boys in Parish Hall. Superintendent—Mr. Lovell. 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.

Communicants' Guild.

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

Parochial Church Officer.

Mr. R. H. Alford, "Sarum," Uxbridge Road.

Missionary Association.

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

Mothers' Union.

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

Mothers' Meeting.

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

Girl Guides.

Fridays in the Club Room, 7-9 p.m. Captain—Miss R. Le Blanc.

Brownies.

Thursdays in Club Room, 5.30-7 p.m. Acting Brown Owl—Miss M. Winter.

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,

It was unfortunate that there was such a difference of opinion as to which Sunday to keep as Armistice Sunday. This difficulty will not occur again for several years and when it does perhaps we shall have settled down to the due observance of the day itself. There seems to be a danger in designating the Sunday before or after as Armistice Sunday that it will become merely an opportunity for raising money for one fund or the other which is supplying the needs of ex-service men or the disabled. Not that these funds are not worthy of fullest support, but rather that

there should be some way, other than at a Church Service, of showing our gratitude to those who through the results of war are unable to get a living or are still suffering mentally and physically. I have heard it said that people are beginning to forget the horrors of 1914-18. Maybe some of the young people cannot enter into the feelings of those who remember the awfulness of those four years of bloodshed and anxiety, but in comparison there are few indeed who do not observe the two minutes silence which is surely the pivot of our remembrance. Any further acts of remembrance should take place on the day itself and I hope the custom of great gatherings of a religious nature in the evening of November 11th will increase. We

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should also try and include some way of bringing home to our young people the terribleness of war. War! This nightmare has become more than a shadowy spectre already, despite the efforts which our country especially is making to bring about peace through a better mutual international understanding. But as long as the first thing one little boy does when provoked by another is to put up his fists, so long will it be difficult to exterminate war. What we must do is to preach, pray for, and try by example to bring about, a better spirit of brotherly love and understanding.

Unfortunately we are obliged to go to print before some of the important events in November take place and so we must leave any remarks we may have to make about them till next month.

The Annual Service at St. Paul's Cathedral when the amounts collected by the various parishes during the Week of Prayer and Self-denial will be presented is to take place on Saturday, December 2nd, at 6 p.m. I have five tickets to distribute amongst any who would like to attend the Service.

I hope that many of you will be present at the Confirmation at the Parish Church, Hampton. Apart from hearing the Bishop of Kensington it is a help to the candidates to know that they are being sustained in what is one of the most solemn moments in their lives by the prayers of those with whom in future they will kneel at the Altar to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

Advent with its message of preparation not only for the Commemoration of the 1st coming of Jesus as Saviour, but also for the 2nd coming of Jesus as King claims our attention for the greater part of this month. It is the beginning of a new Christian year and while we are not forgetful of God's mercy to us as it is brought before us in the year's round of Festival and Fast, we are reminded that it may be ours to stand in His presence ere another

Advent comes and that we should be ready when the call comes.

Some little while ago I was asked how long our Church had been built and whether it would be possible to mark the day of its dedication. On looking back over the Service Registers I found that it was dedicated on December 11th, 1863. As the Church is seventy years old I think it would be fitting to begin to keep our Dedication Festival this year. There are a few in the parish who remember the Church being built and who look upon it as their spiritual home. Others have a great affection for St. James's Church because they were baptized, confirmed and married in it and have had their children baptized and some confirmed and married in it as well. Even if they have ceased to be regular worshippers there are a large number still regard it with affection as their spiritual home. Here then on Sunday evening December 10th and on Monday, December 11th, an opportunity will be given to all to join together in thanking and praising God for His House of Prayer in their midst.

As Christmas Day falls on a Monday this year we shall have the first evensong of the Festival of the Nativity of our Lord on the Sunday evening and the choir will sing some carols after Evensong. The usual midnight celebration will begin at 11.45, it will be choral as last year.

The decorations are a difficulty. The only way out of the difficulty is to have everything ready so that the Church may be clothed in its usual Christmas garb of flowers and holly immediately after the Childrens' Service in the afternoon. No doubt our decorators will keep the time needed for their individual piece of work free and perhaps some will offer their services during the previous week to help make the wreaths for the pillars.

Christmas is the Festival of the Home and while

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many families will be uniting for an annual jolly time, I hope you will all remember the One Great Family of God of which we are all brothers and sisters and come together to offer worship and praise to our Father and to His Son Jesus Christ who as at this time came down from Heaven and was "Incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made Man." The whole joy and happiness of Christmas rests upon the Birth of Jesus Christ our Lord. "O come," then, "Let us adore Him."

May you all have a very happy and joyful Christmas.

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

Days of Special Remembrance.

December 11th—Dedication Festival; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. Evensong and address 8.15 p.m. December 21—St. Thomas; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. December 25—Christmas Day. December 26—St. Stephen; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. December 27th—St. John; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. December 28—Holy Innocents; Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, December 20th, 22nd and 23rd are Ember Days, days appointed for prayers on behalf of those to be ordained to the office of Priest or Deacon. The London ordination is to be held on Sunday, December 17th. Intercession for the 43 men to be ordained to the two offices on that day will be made the week before.

Advent Preachers.

The following will be the preachers at evensong (6.30 p.m.) on the Sundays in Advent:—December 3rd, the Rev. E. E. Charles, Vicar of Hampton. December 10th, the Rev. E. G. K. Roberts, Master of the Choir School, All Saints, Margaret Street. December 17th, Rev. C. R. Brown, Assistant Priest of Feltham.

Dedication Festival.

It is seventy years ago on the eleventh of December since St. James's Church was Dedicated. The 1st evensong of the Dedication Festival will be held on Sunday, December 10th and on Monday, 11th, there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion and evensong with special preacher.

Christmas Festival.

The following are the services for the Christmas Festival:—December 24th, Christmas Eve; 6.30 p.m. 1st evensong of Christmas and Carols. 11.45 p.m., Holy Communion (Choral), 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., Holy Communion, 9.45 a.m., Choral Eucharist, 11 a.m., Matins and Sermon, 12.15 p.m., Holy Communion.

The Vicar will be grateful for flowers and evergreens, especially berried holly, for the decorations. The flowers should be sent to the Church on the Saturday morning, December 23rd, between 9.30 and 10.30. Evergreens and holly might be sent on the Wednesday before December 20th. As the decorations will not be put up until Sunday afternoon after Childrens' Service the Vicar would be glad of offers to help in making and putting the wreathing round the pillars.

The collections on Christmas Day will be given to the Sick and Poor Fund.

Mothers' Union.

In preparation for the "Call to Renewal" a quiet afternoon for members of the Mothers' Union will be held in St. James's Church, on Wednesday, December 13th, from 3 p.m.—5 p.m. The Conductor will be the Rev. E. T. Tipper, Vicar of St. John's, Kensal Green. Non-members are invited to take advantage of this "Quiet Afternoon."

Waifs & Strays.

The Annual opening of the Boxes held for the

DANCING CLASSES FOR CHILDREN are being held at **St. James' Club Room, School Rd., Hampton Hill,**
on Tuesday evenings, 6 to 7.30 p.m. Fee:—1/- each; two sisters, 1/6.
For particulars apply at either Hall, or Miss J. LEGGETT, at 102, Broad Lane, Hampton.

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Waifs and Strays Society took place last month.
The amount collected was £17 12s. od.

A. E. LOVELL, Hon. Collector.

Missionary Association.

The Annual Sale of Work will be held in the Parish Hall, on Wednesday, December 6th, from 3 to 7 p.m. As usual the proceeds will be divided between the Church Missionary Society, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel and the Colonial and Continental Church Society.

We hope that all members of the congregation will make a point of coming, if only for half an hour to have tea, to show their sympathy with Missionary Work in these very difficult times. The Needlework, Cake and C.C.C.S. Stalls will be held as usual. On the "Oddments" Stall please inspect the home-made sweets, nougat, chocolate, etc., in attractive wrappings for "trees" and "stockings." Be sure to patronise the "Mystery" Stall where some wonderful bargains will be found. Mrs. Basey, Mrs. Cogle and Miss Wildish have kindly undertaken to relieve Mrs. Evans of some of the work of collecting, and parcels may be left at 11, Seymour Road.

The amount contributed to S.P.G. General Fund from eight boxes is £2 4s. 9d.

As a result of the Missionary Day in Twickenham, C.M.S. and S.P.G. each received £13 10s. 2d. £7 17s. 8d. was collected at the Lantern Lecture for Western Canada, and £2 10s. 11d. was contributed in the Medical Missions box. We are very grateful to those who sent bags or baskets for the Hampton Hill Stall.

St. James's Young People's Social Guild.

Dr. Walsh gave a very interesting and entertaining talk on his travels in Italy, illustrated by lantern slides taken by the lecturer, to the members of the Guild and their friends on the last Tuesday in

October. As a general rule lectures will be given on some topic or other on the last Tuesdays in each month when the guild will be pleased to welcome visitors. As the Parish Hall is booked for November 28th, the lecture to have been given on that night will be given on the following Tuesday, December 5th, at 8.15 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Mr. Sargeant will be the lecturer.

The Guild wish to remind the young people of the Parish that a new year begins in January and that it is hoped to enroll many new members then. The Guild meets in the Club Room, School Road, on Tuesdays at 8.15 p.m. E. GUBBINS, Hon. Sec.

Confirmation.

The Bishop of Kensington will administer Confirmation at St. Mary's Church, Hampton, on Monday, December 4th, at 8 p.m. Please remember the twenty candidates to be presented from Hampton Hill in your prayers. It is to be desired that quite a number of the congregation in addition to the godparents of these young people will be present. It is a very good thing to renew one's own Confirmation Vow at such a time.

Acknowledgements.

The Treasurers are grateful for the following donations to Church Funds:—Mrs. Bradfield, £1 1s. od.; Whist Drive, £10 12s. 10d.

Congregational Singing.

The next practice for the Congregation will take place after evensong on Sunday, December 31st.

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ.

- Oct. 29—Winifred Mary Sandford.
- " 29—John Vernon Lovell.
- Nov. 5—Sheila Margaret Rivers.
- " 12—Jacqueline Joan Barrett.
- " 19—John Andrews Gamgee.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life.

- Nov. 1—John Dixon, aged 84 years.
- " 7—George Redington, aged 60 years.