

HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

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 the Club Room at 3 p.m.

Band of Hope.

In the Club Room on Mondays at 6.15 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.

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.

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

Tuesdays in the Club Room from 8 to 10.30 p.m. Open to Communicants and intending Confirmees between the ages of 16 and 30 years. Hon. Sec.—Mr. E. Gubbins, 36, Links View Road.

Mothers' Meeting.

Thursdays in the Club 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 Balden.

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 Rd., Hampton Hill

Vicar's Letter.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

Holy Week and the Easter holidays are responsible for this month's issue of the Magazine being later than usual. This, however, has made it possible to say something about the services while they are fresher in our minds than they would be a month hence.

The Lent Services were fairly well attended. The attendance on the Thursday afternoons was particularly encouraging and Mr. Tipper's addresses were much appreciated. An improvement in the congregations at evensong on Sundays has been noticeable and I hope this will be maintained. I am told that a large number of people were present during the Three Hours' Devotions on Good Friday. There were also quite a number of children and parents at the Lantern Service and a very considerable congregation in the evening. This is all to the good, but I hope that the result of these Lenten efforts will be a steady increase in the general Sunday congregations. The Easter Festival was one of the best and happiest we have had for some years. There were over 350 communicants

and the morning and evening congregations were quite good. The Church was beautifully decorated and I am most grateful to all who sent flowers and to the decorators. It was a kindly thought which prompted the Bride of the day to send her bouquet for use in the decorations. The singing at the services was much appreciated and I noticed a good volume of sound coming from the congregation. For me it was a very happy Easter and numbers of the parishioners have assured me that it was a very happy day for them.

Our thoughts and energies for the next two months will be concentrated on the arrangements for the Fête, which has been fixed for June 27th. The first general meeting will be held on April 4th, but as some of the people will be still away on holiday I shall be glad to hear of any who would like to help us this year either by providing Stalls or helping in the field with the Side Shows. Some original ideas for providing things which will attract the crowd and bring in the money will be much appreciated. As the Fête is earlier than usual it may be possible to have another outdoor function during the season. I have often thought that the Vicarage lawn lends itself to the production of a

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Pastoral Play. Perhaps there is someone in the congregation who would offer to produce such a play during the month of July.

The Church clock has not been behaving itself in its usual correct manner just lately. This is because the wire of the striker has broken and it has been considered a good chance for having the whole clock cleaned before mending the wire. I believe this clock is a benefit to the parish as a whole and I expect there are some who would like to help defray the expense of the cleaning. I shall therefore be most grateful for donations.

I am glad to find that my paragraph concerning the more reverent treatment of the Churchyard in a previous issue of the Magazine has had some effect and I thank you all for your assistance in the matter. It has been proposed that one day in each year the gate into St. James's Avenue shall be locked in order to emphasize the fact that the passage through the Churchyard is not a "right-of-way." Due notice will be given of the day of closing. Until last year the Confirmation took place annually in the summer. I have had several enquiries as to when the next Confirmation will be. This year it will be held in St. James's Church, on Friday, December 7th, and I shall be starting the classes directly after the summer holidays.

I am hoping that at least thirty of us will journey to the Albert Hall, on April 27th, for the Great Annual Meeting of the S.P.G. The great interest of the Meeting this year will be the address by Canon Stacy Waddy who has not long returned from visiting many of the Missionary Stations overseas and who, from first-hand knowledge will be able to stir our enthusiasm to further efforts for this important work of the Church. Surely one of the results of our Easter Festival should be a great increase in Missionary

effort. The fact that we have been proclaiming is that "Jesus lives," and living, He still works and His work is as ever the Preaching of the Gospel through His Church. In the power of the Resurrection Life, let us go forward in the work we at home can do to provide means of carrying the Easter Message to those who have not yet heard it.

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

Days of Special Remembrance.

April 10th, Feast of the Annunciation; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. April 17th, Mother's Union Festival; Holy Communion, 10 a.m., Service at St. Mary's Church, Twickenham, 3 p.m. April 25th, Feast of St. Mark; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.

Missionary Association.

April 23rd to April 28th is the S.P.G. Anniversary Week, full particulars of which will be found on the poster in the Church Porch.

Thirty seats have been booked in the Albert Hall for the meeting on Friday evening April 27th, at 8 p.m., when the Earl of Athlone will take the Chair and the speakers will be the Rev. Canon Stacy Waddy, Secretary of the Society, and the Rev. John E. Levo of Antigua. A motor coach will leave St. James' Church, at 6.30 p.m. Return fare and reserved seat in Hall, price 2/-. Places should be booked as soon as possible on the card which has been put in the Church Porch.

Mothers' Union.

Owing to the date of the Annual Festival falling on Palm Sunday the Festival was postponed until

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April 17th, when in addition to the Branch Corporate Communion at 10 o'clock in the morning there will be a Deanery Service at St. Mary's Church, Twickenham, at three o'clock in the afternoon. The Preacher will be the Rev. Canon R. M. Gibson, Vicar of St. Peter's, Cranley Gardens. After Service tea will be served in York House at 6d. a head. It is hoped that a large number of this Branch will be present. The new Banner will be used for the first time.

The Mothers spent a very pleasant afternoon at their Monthly Meeting on April 4th. As a change from the usual speaker Mrs. Sandford kindly arranged a programme of songs and recitations which were much appreciated by those present.

Mrs. Sandford opened the programme by entertaining the audience with a reading concerning a bachelor who, not having received an invitation out for Christmas tried with disastrous results to make himself a Christmas pudding. Mrs. Blandford and Mrs. Hutton sang a duet and some songs and Mrs. Godwin sang a song all of which were much enjoyed by their fellow-members. Mrs. Turner amused the company with two humorous monologues and Miss V. Harvey recited two pieces. The applause which followed the various items showed that the audience enjoyed them. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Sandford and all who had provided the entertainment.

It has been decided to go to Southsea for the Annual Outing on Tuesday, June 12th. Further particulars will be given in the May number of the magazine.

Vicarage Working Party.

The Vicarage Working Party meets at the Vicarage on Fridays, from 2.30—5 p.m. Mrs. Harvey would welcome new members. The energies of the Party are centred on a Stall for

the Annual Fête which has been fixed by the Parochial Church Council to take place on Wednesday, June 27th.

The Choir.

Mr. Lower and the members of the Choir are to be congratulated on their fine rendering of "The Crucifixion" and "The Passion of our Lord." The latter which was the concluding Service on Good Friday is specially worthy of mention because it has not been sung in this Church before. It is the more difficult work of the two and has been in practice for some considerable time. The very pleasing and reverent way in which it was sung did great credit to Mr. Lower's painstaking teaching. It was really a Service and not a performance and the large congregation that was present entered into the devotional side of the service.

We were fortunate in having Mr. René Soames as Tenor Soloist for both works. The fine quality of his voice and the sympathetic singing of his solos, considerably assisted in making the two Cantatas, acts of Worship.

Mr. Jack Gray sang his solos very nicely, his voice has much improved since last year.

Acknowledgments.

The Treasurers acknowledge with many thanks the following gifts for the Parish Hall Fund:—"Friends' use of Phone" 9/4, and Young People's Social Guild £3 6s. od., the proceeds of a Dance.

The Easter Offering to the Vicar amounted this year to £27 16s. 4d.

Young People's Social Guild.

The Guild went for their usual hike on Easter Monday. Members from St. Michael and St. George, Fulwell and from Hanworth joined the party. They had a most enjoyable time.

In Memoriam.

The news of the death of the Rev. J. Laughton was received by many in the parish with grief. Grief that a friend had been taken from us, for Mr. Laughton died in a good old age and full of years. He had had a very full and strenuous life, having spent much of his ministerial life in the Mission Field, where he did most useful work for his Master and his Church. At one time he was an Assistant Priest in this parish and during my first years as Vicar here he gave me considerable help on Sundays. Those of us who knew him well could appreciate his kindly and pleasant nature. He has "passed on" to a well earned rest and will have been welcomed by the Master, whom he served so well with words of loving appreciation. We commend him to the mercy of God.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to Mrs. Laughton in her deep sorrow. F.P.P.H.

Easter Vestry Meeting.

The Easter Vestry Meeting was held in the Church Room, on April 4th; the Vicar was in the chair and there were present about thirty members of the congregation. After thanking the retiring Churchwardens for their work of the past year; the Vicar nominated Mr. C. Jakeman to be his Warden for the ensuing year. Mr. C. H. Evans was unanimously elected to be Peoples' Warden for the sixteenth year in succession.

The Summer Fete.

A General Meeting was held to discuss the Fête immediately after the Vestry Meeting. Mr. F. W. Tandy was appointed General Secretary and Mr. Nightingale Secretary for the Sideshows.

The Fête will be held on Wednesday, June 27th.

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

- Feb. 25—Barbara Elaine Warde.
 .. 25—May Lily Austin.
 .. 25—Anthony Lewis Hanke.
 Mar. 4—Jean Warner.
 .. 11—Patricia Ann Squires.
 .. 11—Catherine Mary Bundy.
 .. 11—Dorothy Janice Bundy.

MARRIAGES.

'Whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.'

- Feb. 28—Herbert Percy Saunders and Gladys Hilda Bonfield.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

- Feb. 23—Charlotte Evangeline Hetherington, aged 81 years.
 .. 24—Walter Thomas Tickner, aged 53 years.
 .. 27—Arthur Brown, aged 84 years.
 Mar. 17—George Frederick Sharpe, aged 75½ years.