

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. A. T. Basey.

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, 3 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 S. Harvey.

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 Rd., Hampton Hill

Vicar's Letter.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

We were all deeply grieved to hear that Mr. Downes Elland Norton had "passed on" after what was really only a short illness. He and his family have lived in the village for quite a number of years and during that time they have endeared themselves to all in the parish who composed the old village of Hampton Hill. Mr. Norton was always a keen Churchman and most interested in all that concerned St. James's Church. He was liberal to a degree in his gifts to the Church and in his assistance to the various parochial organisations. There was never a cause which deserved support which he did not help. He was a good friend. There are a large number of us who will miss his real genial friendship. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Norton and family in their heavy bereavement.

While we mourn the loss of our friend we have no regrets as far as he is concerned. I always think that the moment of separation from dear ones must be very sad for those who go, but I believe that the joy and peace and happiness into which they enter disperses the momentary pang

as light disperses darkness, because I feel that freed from the limitations of the earthly bands they are able to come nearer to those whom they have left and to bring them greater comfort in the spirit than they could in the flesh. I believe also that for those who are left behind, while time does not heal their sense of loneliness, there does come a feeling of the nearness of those departed, which is a source of comfort.

Into God's gracious care and keeping we commend the soul of our brother departed!

The Confirmation is in our Church this year. Please pray earnestly for those who are going to be confirmed, that is for those who are about to receive the gift of God's Holy Spirit to strengthen them for the greater Battle of Life into which they are entering. The way of life is harder for young people to-day than it was when many of us were young. There are so many more counter attractions to religion that they need all the prayers and practical help we can give them. I hope there will be a church full of people who do not merely come to see friends or relatives confirmed, nor merely to hear the message from the Bishop, but who themselves will remember their own confirmation day

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and rededicate themselves anew to fight manfully against the world, the flesh and the devil and to serve God more truly than heretofore.

The first Sunday in this month ushers in a new Ecclesiastical year. Without making any solemn resolutions let us all pray that we may be better Christians by the time Advent comes round again than we are at the present moment. We need more earnestness in our spiritual life and its attendant spiritual exercises of Prayer, Bible reading and Worship. A very little thought and determination will make us more regular in our acts of worship and especially in our Communions. I should love to see a larger number at our Choral Eucharist each month. I have been hoping that the time would come when we may have cause to extend this service to twice a month.

With the beginning of the new Christian Year there are one or two things which I have to call your attention to. In the first place on and after Advent Sunday I am going to separate Matins and Sermon from the Holy Communion Service on the first and third Sundays in the month. It will mean a break in the tradition of the parish but I feel sure it will be for the better edification of all and especially the children.

In the next place the Sunday School is re-organised. The children go up into higher classes and as there will be an increase in certain sections of the School we shall need two or three new teachers. Sunday School teaching is a work for God and all we do for Him requires some self-denial. I hope that the spirit of sacrifice of time and leisure for the service of Him who gave Himself for us will revive and that there will be no lack of teachers for our Sunday School in the future.

We are all looking forward to the Christmas Festival. The services you will find elsewhere.

But what of the spirit of Christmas! It is the Festival of the Home, sanctified by the commemoration of the Birth of Him who is for us at this time the Babe of Bethlehem. He gave a rich blessing to Family Life and by what can we show our thankfulness for this better than by the families gathering together in His Houses of Prayer to greet Him with birthday greetings of true worship and birthday offerings of ourselves and families. Let our Christmas Communions and acts of Worship be our chief concern in our preparation for the Festival of Christmas, and then I feel sure we shall be able to enter more happily into the joys of family re-union. It is becoming a common thing to shut the doors of Home and betake ourselves to some Hotel. This will do much harm to family life and does not really make the season a Happy Christmas. The Christ-like spirit is the only thing that brings true happiness at this time and you will find it better at home than in lodgings. I am not a kill-joy but I do want you all to have a really Happy Christmas.

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

Days of Special Remembrance.

December 11th—Dedication Festival; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.; Festal Evensong, 8 p.m.
December 21st—St. Thomas; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. December 26th—St. Stephen: Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. December 27th—St. John; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. December 28th—Holy Innocents; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.

THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL SERVICES.

December 24th—Midnight Eucharist 11.45 p.m.
December 25th—Holy Communion, 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12.10 p.m.; Choral Eucharist, 9.45 a.m.; Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m.

The collections at the Christmas Services will be given to the Sick and Poor Fund.

The Vicar will be grateful for flowers and evergreens, especially berried holly, for the decoration of the Church. They should be sent to the Church on Monday, December 24th, between 9.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Missionary Association.

On the second Sunday in the month, at Matins and Evensong alternately, special prayers for the work of the Church overseas will be said after the third collect. Leaflets will be provided. This will begin at Evensong on December 9th and it is hoped that all members of the Association will endeavour to be present.

The Sale of Work will be held on Wednesday, December 5th, from 3 to 9 p.m. Admission will be free. The following ladies will be very grateful for gifts for the stalls over which they are presiding. Mrs. Harvey and Miss Foreman, Needlework; Mrs. Isdell-Carpenter, Refreshments; Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Basey, Sixpenny Dip; Mrs. Parsons, Cakes and Jam; Mrs. Grange, Sweets; Miss Jakeman, General M.A. Stall. At 6 p.m. a film of Indian Life will be shown to children, admission 2d, and at 8 p.m. the film will be shown again when a silver collection will be made. Please make a point of coming to the Parish Hall on December 5th to help us to make the 10% increase in our contributions to missions which the Archbishop of Canterbury so earnestly urges every parish to make this year.

Diocesan Notice.

The Annual Diocesan Service of Thanksgiving and Offering will be held in St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, December 1st, at 6 p.m.

Social Events.

The Whist Drive held last month was somewhat spoilt by the weather. There were only 17

tables of players but the company thoroughly enjoyed their evening's entertainment. The prize-winners were: Ladies—1st, Mrs. Read with a score of 202; 2nd, Mrs. Wilcox; 3rd, Miss Cowland; highest scores 1st half, Mrs. Wooding; 2nd half, Miss Lambert; lowest score, Miss Harvey. Gentlemen—1st, Mr. Doncaster; 2nd, Mr. Gill; 3rd, Mrs. Dix; highest scores 1st half, Mrs. Nightingale; 2nd half, Mr. Robinson; lowest score, Miss A. Gardner. The M.C.'s were Mr. F. Nightingale, Mr. Tandy and Mr. Child. The balance handed over to the Finance Committee of the Parochial Church Council was £3 12s. 5d.

On December 14th, it is hoped that a Concert will be given in the Parish Hall, beginning at 8 p.m. The prices of admission will be: 2/- numbered and reserved, 1/- and 6d. Tickets may be obtained from The Vicarage and any member of the Parochial Church Council. Full particulars will appear shortly on bills.

Acknowledgment.

The Treasurers acknowledge with many thanks £4 15s. od. from the Young People's Social Guild for the Parish Hall Fund.

Confirmation.

The Bishop of Kensington will administer Confirmation in St. James's Church on Friday, December 7th, at 8 p.m.

St. James's Lads' Club.

The games contest between our Club, and that of St. Mark's Teddington, took place on Wednesday, November 14th. We must be forgiven for feeling rather pleased with ourselves on account of winning our first encounter by the handsome margin of 32 points against 10 points, losing only two events, viz: Draughts and Whist. However, it is only fair to mention that our visitors were severely handicapped by shortage of numbers, since

extremely unpleasant weather prevented several of their members making the journey to Hampton Hill.

Among those who braved the elements were their Vicar, the Rev. Tanner, accompanied by the the Rev. Chappell, and some six or seven members, who quickly settled down to the real business of the evening, giving us a good game. and proving themselves thorough sportsmen.

The result of the contest was announced by our Chairman, the Vicar, who added a few kind words in honour of the vanquished guests. The Rev. Tanner being unable to stay with us the whole evening, the Rev. Chappell accordingly responded, and thanked us all on behalf of St. Mark's.

Our thanks are due to the ladies in charge of that very important matter of refreshments and they all deserve to be "mentioned in dispatches"—Mesdames F. Nightingale, Thomas, Stanley, Christie and Bishop.

The Committee are now completing the final arrangements for the Sound Film to be shown at the Parish Hall, on Wednesday, November 28th next. This programme of talking pictures is provided by Messrs. W. D. & H. O. Wills, and passed on to us by the London Federation. We are glad to share this privilege with our friends, so we have invited some half dozen local organisations to join us; and owing to the kindness of the Finance Committee, we have been able to arrange that, our own members, and those of visiting Clubs will be able to attend the show free of charge.

We have received from the National Association a copy of "The Boy," a magazine devoted to boy's welfare. I only wish that we had many copies to distribute, so that all might read and appreciate the real aims of the Boy's Club movement. Personally,

after reading the contents, I realise that, as a Club, we have a long way to travel before we can pride ourselves upon having reached anywhere near the goal set up by this fine organisation.

A. T. BASEY, Hon. Sec.

Dedication Festival.

December 11th is the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church. The Vicar hopes to make more of this Festival and has arranged for an Evensong as well as the early morning Celebration of the Holy Communion on the day itself. On the Sunday in the Octave, while not forgetting that it comes in the Advent Season, the Services will be a continuation of the Festival.

The Blind.

On Sunday, December 9th the Rev. W. E. Lloyd will preach on behalf of the Greater London Fund for the Blind and there will be a retiring collection for the Society.

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

Nov. 11—Robert Michael Hankin.

.. 11—Elizabeth Ann Stone.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

Oct. 26—Robert James Gill, aged 63 years.

Nov. 5—Tom Walker Ashworth, aged 54 years.

.. 17—Downes Elland Norton, aged 81 years.