

HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

PAROCHIAL NOTES.

Churchwardens—Mr. C. E. W. Barrett and Mr. C. A. Child.

Organist—Mr. Bougourd, 214, Stanley Road, Teddington.

Parochial Church Officer.

Mr. S. V. Forrow, 68, Sunnyside Road, Teddington.

Sunday School.

11 a.m. in Club Room, Superintendent—Miss Bennett. Infants in Parish Hall, at 11 a.m. Superintendent—Miss Child. All children assemble in Church at 2.15 p.m. for Children's Service.

Missionary Association.

Meetings as announced. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. C. A. Child.

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 Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society meets in the Club Room, on Thursdays at 8 p.m.
Associate Member—Miss Harvey.

Girl Guides. Captain—Miss Bass.

Brownies. Brown Owl—Miss C. Brown.

Sea Scouts.

"The Venture," Hampton Water Works Group Scout Master—Mr. Elden.

The Vicar may be seen at the Vicarage daily between 8.45 and 9.45 a.m.; and 6.15 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. A. Child, 149, Burtons Road.

Magazine Hon. Secretary—Mrs. C. A. Child.

Magazine Advt. Secretary—Mr. C. A. Child.

Vicar's Letter.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

It is many years since Easter fell as late as it will this year and over twenty-five since we had the full six Sundays after Epiphany. We shall have had six weeks to learn the many lessons of the Epiphany Season by studying the different aspects of the manifestation of God's only begotten Son to the world. From the time when Jesus, God manifest in the flesh, received the adoration of the Gentiles in the persons of the Magi from the East, until the end of the Epiphany Season we have looked back upon God Incarnate in the Man Christ Jesus exhibiting His Power and Glory, gathering a small band of faithful followers and as He went in and out amongst the people preparing for the Establishing of His Kingdom upon Earth in the form of the Church in which are to be gathered those who should become citizens of the Heavenly Kingdom. Nor must we forget that the Epiphany of Jesus was the revelation of the Divine Fatherhood to the world. As far as we are concerned this season which is just ending reminds us of the twofold purpose of Christ's manifestations. Jesus was manifested to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the Sons of God. So we turn our thoughts to Jesus as Saviour and prepare to follow Him as He takes

up the challenge of evil in His temptations in the wilderness and pursues that challenge through His life on earth as the man of sorrows and acquainted with death, until He defeats it upon the cross of calvary and wins for mankind the freedom of the children of God. We must make ready to follow Jesus along the way of Sorrows not forgetting that the grave and gate of death opened upon the Glorious Resurrection for Him and was for us the gate of everlasting life. Our calling is to follow Him along the way of holiness and so in our keeping of Lent while beholding Him bruised, smitten and afflicted for our transgressions we must search our inmost hearts for those transgressions in our own lives which made Him suffer and by a strict period of penitence obtain forgiveness of our sins through His precious Blood and power to help us to progress in the amendment of our lives. This Lenten Fast which we anticipate has a very apt message for the world today. Through this season the nations allied to freedom's cause will be passing through the severest portion of the struggle. We look out upon the successes of our allies in Russia, in the far east and of our own forces in Libya and we thank God for all that has been done to conquer the common foe, the evil in the world. But complete victory may be some distance off

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and even when the Axis forces are vanquished the real struggle for the real victory will have only just begun. The cessation of the clash of arms in the battle-fields will but open the gate to that victory which we have visualised for so long, the victory of freedom. And looked at from any angle you like the Charter of Freedom as enunciated in what has become familiar to us as the Atlantic Charter will be possible of accomplishment only if it is based on Christian verity, which is upon Christ Himself. As we follow Him through His victorious conflict for Freedom, let us remember that that Freedom which He won for us on Calvary is the very Freedom we are hoping for after the war because it is the Liberty of the Sons of God and we are all Sons of God. It is for us to take this Freedom which He offers us and we can do this only by becoming His true and loyal soldiers and servants, by returning to Him and giving ourselves up entirely to His guidance through the Holy Spirit which He has given us. May our Lent be of such a kind this year that with hearts changed and purified we may gather at the Altar on Easter Day to receive the Power of His Resurrection Life and in that Power go forth with Him as our Captain to win the real victory of Freedom for a world now making a desperate effort to destroy the forces of thralldom.

The Clergy of all Denominations in the Borough of Twickenham have decided to hold an Evangelistic effort in all places of Worship in the area from May 23rd to 30th. Each Church is to make its own arrangements for what will virtually be a seven days Mission. I am making some plans and am arranging with a Missioner to come and lead us during those seven days. Certain leaflets will be distributed shortly and further information will be given in next month's issue

of the Magazine. The Mission is to be known by the title of "The Battle for Britain" and its object is to use the Church as Christ's means of drawing men and women unto Him. Directly I receive the preliminary leaflets I shall call a meeting to consider how best to carry out the purpose of the Mission in this Parish.

I remain your faithful friend and Vicar,

FREDK. P. P. HARVEY.

The Calendar.

Feb. 2nd—Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.

Feb. 21st—Septuagesima.

Feb. 24th—St. Matthias. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.

PARISH NOTES.

Mothers' Union.

The Monthly Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3rd February, at 3 p.m. in the Club Room. Mr. T. Sanders is coming to talk to the members on the work of the Church Army with special reference as to what this great Church Society is doing in its war-work.

The Christmas Treats.

By now the choir boys have almost forgotten the very enjoyable time they spent at the Wimbledon Theatre where they saw the pantomime entitled "Dick Whittington and his Cat." It was a really good "Show" and judging by their laughter the boys had a jolly afternoon. After the theatre the party had tea before making their way home. The Sunday School children spent a very happy evening on the last Wednesday in the year at the Parish Hall. It was wonderful the tea the youngsters sat down to at five o'clock. After tea there was an hour's conjuring entertainment to

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which quite a number of the parents came. The last hour was devoted to the distribution of the prizes by Miss D. E. Harvey, the Vicar's elder sister. When the prizes had been given Miss Harvey, in a short address, congratulated the Church on having such a nice number of Sunday School scholars. She also told the children that they were fortunate in having so many young teachers to care for them. The children and parents thoroughly enjoyed the party judging by their tremendous clapping and cheering at the close. The Vicar is most grateful to all who helped to make these treats so successful either through their donations and gifts of food, etc., or by what they did. Mrs. Child, Mrs. Moakson and Mrs. Stanley very kindly helped the teachers to get the tea ready and to serve it. Donations were received from:—Miss Bennett, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Hews, Mrs. Kingsford, Mr. Neave, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. and Miss Swain and two anonymous donors.

Hampton Parochial Charities.

Appointment of Almspersons.

The Trustees of these Charities give notice that they will on **Tuesday, the 16th day of February, 1943,** meet at the West Porch of St. Mary the Virgin Church, Hampton, at 8 p.m. to appoint **two** Almspersons of the Charities. Poor persons of either sex and of good character, married or single who have been resident in the Parish of Hampton for not less than five years at the time of appointment, who are not at the time in receipt of Poor Law relief other than medical relief, and who from age, ill-health, accident or infirmity are unable to maintain themselves by their own exertions are eligible for the appointment. Preference will be given to those who have shown reasonable providence and where claims are other-

wise equal, to those who have been longest resident in the said Parish. **Applications** must be made in writing to the Trustees or their Clerk, at 51, High Street, Hampton, **on or before the 13th February, 1943.** Every applicant must state his or her name, address, age and occupation and must produce sufficient testimonials and other evidence of his or her qualification for appointment and attend in person if required to do so.

Forms of Application may be obtained from **Mr. J. Evelyn Moxon,** Clerk to the Trustees, at **51, High Street, Hampton.**

The Church Army.

The Church Army's War Work is the Church's own endeavour to meet the tremendously important need for providing adequate facilities for the men and women of the Services. Within the limits of its financial resources the Society is meeting increasing demands for Recreation Huts and Centres, Men's and Women's Clubs and Hostels and Mobile and Station Canteens. The Mobile Canteens meet the needs of many isolated units and serve 300,000 men per week. The various Static units serve another half-million weekly. On the Civilian Front, Mobile Canteens have been of the greatest comfort to thousands in the blitzed cities and towns. Abroad, the Church Army has centres in Eritrea, Libyan Desert, Egypt, Palestine, Cyprus, Damascus and India. The Society also has Canteens, Clubs and Hostels all over Great Britain. In order to help keep this great work going and to meet the increasing calls upon it the Church Army is having a Flag Day on **Saturday, 17th April,** and it is hoped that this effort will be liberally supported in all the Parishes. Hampton Hill Parish has been asked to organise a Depot and the Vicar will be glad to have names of those willing to sell flags as soon as possible.

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BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

- Jan. 10—Susan Valerie Cox.
Jan. 24—Jacqueline Tonie Allcock.

MARRIAGES.

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"

- Dec. 26—Frank Ernest Pearce and Mollie Grace Thompson.
Dec. 26—Ronald Bernard Skinner and
Evelyn Florence Wiggins.
Dec. 26—William Arthur Douglas Richardson and
Mary Kathleen Lott.
Jan. 3—Bertram Charles Gunter and
Doris Pamela Manning.
Jan. 16—Alan Mason and Eileen Lilian Twogood.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

- Jan. 4—Hester Tubb Belcher, aged 86 years.
Jan. 12—Edgar Mobbs Robey, aged 72 years.
Jan. 20—Charles George Girling, aged 82 years.