

Vicar's Notes

I write at the beginning of the third week in August, and I am very glad that, after all the rain, the Guides have had at least three good days in camp. To have to put up tents in the pouring rain is a far from pleasant experience, and it is fortunate that the Guides were spared this. But we feel sure that, whatever the weather, they would soon have got everything in perfect order. Their camp, when we saw it on Sunday, was a delightful picture, and a model of good and efficient planning.

For some time past the only organisations available for our young people have been the unformed ones, and though these have been increasing in strength and numbers, it has become obvious that other groups are also needed. During the summer we have been experimenting with an informal 'Youth Fellowship,' and it is now clear that it meets a real need. In September, when the Group will be able to have the use of the Hall after the Sunday Evening Service, it will be possible to admit new members. Though it has now been decided to defer application for affiliation to the Anglican Young People's Association, the Group will run largely on A.Y.P.A. lines, taking as much responsibility as possible for its own affairs, planning its own programmes, and maintaining

high standards of worship and service as well as having plenty of fun and games. The minimum age for membership will be 16, and applications to join should be sent in the first instance to one of the Joint Secretaries, Michael Whitton, 55, Burton's Road, who will bring them before the Committee. Later, when we have leadership and accommodation available, we hope to start a Club for the younger ones (11-16) in preparation for this.

Then as well as the young, there are the old. The care of old people is increasingly exercising the minds of thoughtful people. It is obvious that the services provided by the local authorities and the State are not adequate to meet the many needs that exist. We are hoping to be able to provide more Christian care, directly through our Parish Voluntary Service Scheme (many more volunteers are still needed), and indirectly through helping to form an Old People's Welfare Association for this district. The Church Council has sent invitations to a large number of organisations for the Meeting on September 21st; and on the Sunday before we are hoping to have as large a number as possible of the old people themselves worshipping with us at our Evening Service.

(Fuller details of these arrangements are to be found below).

AROUND THE SPIRE

being notes and news about
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MOTHERS' UNION AND YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

As usual the September meeting will be on the SECOND Wednesday of the month, i.e. September 8th, and will be a joint meeting of Branch and Group for an "Open Forum." This year we are asking members of the two committees to tackle the questions from the platform and then hand the matter over for the rest of the members to discuss.

No questions were handed in by members before the end of July. Does this indicate a very satisfactory state of mind for all or just that everyone was too busy preparing for the holidays? If there

are any problems perhaps you would write them down and hand them in at the meeting. They may be anonymous. We hope to arrange a nursery on this afternoon.

At the July Group Meeting Mrs. Brandt came to talk to us about "Flower Arrangement" and gave us a display of many lovely designs and helpful ideas. She recommended that for Church flowers blues and mauves should be avoided because of restricted lighting and that where these colours are usually employed at the outside of a mixed arrangement, their place should be taken in church decoration by white or peach coloured blooms if they are

to be put against walls or a grey background and that much use could be made of yellow, orange and red flowers.

At the September Group Meeting we are very lucky to be having a visit from Mrs. Latey. She is in touch with many Groups and we hope that all our members will be present and will bring with them any of the many friends who ask "What is a Young Wives' Group?"

We hope that all our members will compete in the Flower and Vegetable Show, on September 9th, 10th and 11th.

OLD PEOPLE'S GUEST SERVICE

The Vicar and the members of the Parochial Church Council are looking forward to welcoming the old people of Hampton Hill at a Special Service to be held in Church on Sunday evening, 19th September, at 6.30 o'clock.

Printed invitations will be sent to the old people of whom particulars are known, but all, whether holding invitations or not, are cordially invited to attend the Service.

Everyone in the Parish is asked to make the Service widely known, as it is desired that it shall be as truly representative of the old folk, as possible. Favourite hymns of yesterday and today, will be sung and the theme of the Service will be "Praise." "Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the name of the Lord."

A car service will be available for the infirm. Will anyone who requires a car to get to the Service (or someone on his or her behalf) hand in the name and address at the Vicarage, if possible before the 16th September. Names can, however, be accepted after that day.

OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COMMITTEE

The Parochial Church Council are of the opinion that there is still much to be done for the greater happiness and welfare of the elderly folk in our midst. With this in mind, invitations from the P.C.C. are being extended to all Churches and Organisations in

Hampton Hill, to send representatives to a meeting to be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 21st September, 1954, at 8.0 p.m. Dr. Marjory Warren, Consultant Physician—Geriatric Unit, Deputy Medical Director, West Middlesex Hospital, and others, will address the meeting and a resolution will be put forward on behalf of the P.C.C., that an Old People's Welfare Committee be formed in Hampton Hill, from representatives of the Churches and Organisations.

COFFEE PARTY AND BRING AND BUY STALL

In order to raise money to cover the cost of the printing for the special form of service for the old people, a coffee party and bring and buy (greengroceries and cakes) stall, will be held from 10.30—11.45 and from 3—4.30 at 30, St. James's Road, on Friday, September 3rd, by kind invitation of Mrs. Orton. All are welcome.

RENOVATION FUND

The Flower Show is now going to be held on September 9th, 10th and 11th at the Parish Hall. This date is somewhat earlier than was anticipated in last month's magazine, and as there is not very much time before it, please make the dates widely known among your friends.

There are posters giving particulars about the Show all over the Parish, and wherever there are posters there are also entry forms. Please get your form as soon as possible, or if you have any difficulty, apply to—

Mr. J. E. Lloyd, 106, Park Road, Hampton Hill;
Miss J. E. Bassett, 18, Cranmer Road, Hampton Hill;
Mrs. Orton, 30, St. James's Road, Hampton Hill.

There are competition classes for vegetables, for home-made jam, for flowers, for flower arrangement.

Entry fees for exhibits are 6d.

Entry Forms should be in by September 5th, and exhibits brought to the Parish Hall before 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 9.

This is our first attempt at a Flower Show: let us make it a great success.

The Show will be open to the public:—

Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

Coffee Parties

By the time this magazine is issued there will have been two coffee parties given in aid of the Renovation Fund.

Mrs. Warwick most kindly gave a morning coffee party on Wednesday, August 18th, and the ladies of the Flower Show Committee another on August 25th. This latter party was to help with the printing expenses for the Flower Show.

Our most sincere thanks are due to people who arrange these parties.

A Reminder

Please remember to let Miss Bassett have all your Hedley packet tops by the end of August.

VISITS TO TOWER

Mr. Frank Sergeant is conducting visitors up the tower in the evenings, and is kindly continuing to do this in September. Don't miss this chance. This is in aid of the Renovation Fund.

Tower open at following times:

August:

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings.

Thursday afternoons.

Saturday afternoons, if fine.

September:

Thursday evenings.

Tuesday, Sept. 7th—afternoon.

Saturday afternoons, if fine.

A CRIB SET OF NATIVITY FIGURES

We have all been enchanted, both as adults and as children, by little models of the Nativity. Our ambition is to have one in St. James's, and as beautiful a set as we can afford to buy.

In order to raise money for a set of figures, Mrs. Brown of 38, St. James's Avenue, is most kindly lending her house on Friday, September 17th, for morning coffee and afternoon tea, and there will also be a fruit and vegetable stall.

This was a most popular venture last year, and many people came to buy their week-end vegetables at the stall. Last year it was in aid of the Renovation Fund; this year it is for our future

Crib set and we want everyone interested in this project to come.

ALTAR GUILD

The following ladies are responsible for the flowers on the altar until the end of the year:—

September.—Mrs. Bull.

October.—Mrs. Futter.

November.—Mrs. Bassett.

December.—Mrs. Thompson.

WANTED

One of our parishioners, who is an invalid, and has to keep one leg supported, needs an extending chair for use in the house.

Will anyone who has such a chair to lend, or to give away, please contact Mrs. White, 2, Myrtle Road, or Mr. Brown, Park Place.

SMALL ADVERTISEMENT SERVICE

CLASSES are held for Children on Fridays at St. James' Hall.—Particulars from the Rosemary Andrews School of Dancing, Hampton.

SOME DATES TO NOTE

Sept. 3.—Coffee and Tea Parties, 30, St. James's Avenue, 10.30—11.45, 3—4.30.

Sept. 7.—8.0 p.m. News Team Fellowship (Church).

Sept. 8.—3.0 p.m. Mothers' Union and Young Wives' Group Open Forum (Hall). *PARISH HALL*

Sept. 10 and 11.—Flower Show. Prize-Giving 3.30 p.m. on Saturday.

Sept. 10.—8.0 p.m. Sunday School Teachers' Meeting (Vicarage).

Sept. 12.—2.30 p.m. Sunday Schools re-open. 8.0 p.m. P.C.C. Commission on Worship (38, St. James's Avenue). 8.0 p.m. Youth Club (Hall).

Sept. 13.—8.0 p.m. P.C.C. Commission on Education (Vicarage).

Sept. 15.—6.45 p.m. M.U. Theatre Outing.

Sept. 17.—Vegetable and Fruit Stall, 38, St. James's Avenue, 10.30—12.30 and 3.30—5

Sept. 19.—6.30 p.m. Evening Service: Special Welcome to all Old People.

Sept. 20.—8.0 p.m. Windmill Road Schools. Drama Group.

Sept. 21.—St. Matthew. 7.0 p.m. Holy Communion. 8.0 p.m. Y.W.G. Committee (4, Ormond Drive). 8.0 p.m. Meeting to discuss the Welfare of Old People (Hall).

Sept. 22.—Mothers' Union: 2.45 p.m. Prayer Group (Baptistery), 3.0 p.m. Committee (Vestry).

Sept. 26.—8.0 p.m. P.C.C. Commission on Worship (38, St. James's Avenue).

Sept. 29.—St. Michael. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.45 p.m. Young Wives' Group. Speaker: Mrs. Latey (Hall).

Sept. 30.—7.0 p.m. Diocesan Jubilee Service (St. Paul's).

Oct. 1.—7.30 p.m. Magazine Distributors (Vicarage).

Oct. 7.—7.15 p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving. Preacher: The Rev. Prebendary H. Harris, Rural Dean. 8.30 p.m. Harvest Supper (Hall).

BAPTISMS

July 25.—Janice Mears, 60, Windmill Road.

Aug. 14.—David Andrew Hodge, 4B, St. James's Road.

MARRIAGES

July 24.—Sydney Edward Hayes to Beryl Card.

Aug. 21.—Myles McCarthy to Nora Kathleen Smith.

BURIAL

July 28.—Edward Thomas Davey, 13, Edward Road, aged 73 years (at Twickenham).

FROM BEYOND THE SPIRE

(These are the concluding paragraphs of the article Hampton Hill—Athens Return 1954, which appeared in the August issue.)

We drove north through Greece again, waving to Mount Olympus. We picked up George, a Jugoslavian tortoise, and brought him home with us. We skirted Albania and the Iron Curtain seemed very near. Gertie climbed fantastic mountains and rattled down the other sides until we reached the Adriatic at Kotor. We came up the lovely Dalmatian coast through districts of grey rocky limestone with pink and scarlet flowering shrubs among the rocks. We saw Dubrovnik and Split.

Italy had more traffic, rush and advertisements than we had been used to for weeks, and Switzerland we passed through in the rain with little anxious groups of people watching the rivers and streams rising and flooding the roads. France and the English Channel brought us home again, and as Gertie drove up Park Road, Hampton Hill, we gave her a pat on the back. H.S.

THE DIOCESE OF LONDON

3. The Reformed Church

In 1559 the new Prayer Book was issued and Elizabeth I ordered

a Royal Visitation, in the course of which just over half of the 800 clergy in the diocese took the Oath of Supremacy. In the minds of many the Reformation had not gone far enough, and London became a hotbed of Protestant recusants. There were frequent petitions to the Queen to alter the prayer-book in a puritan direction, and many of the clergy were party to these. Elizabeth would not give way, and early in the 17th century there was a reaction in favour of solemnity and ritual owing to the influence of Bishops Bancroft, Mountaigne, and Laud. St. Paul's, which was rapidly becoming ruinous, was undergoing restoration, when in 1640 rioting broke out in the Cathedral in demonstration against episcopacy. Two years later the Cathedral was stripped of its ornaments, and other churches suffered soon after. Loyal clergy (and most of them were loyal) were driven out, imprisoned, or reduced to utmost penury for holding to their beliefs. In spite of this, there were still churches in the diocese where, in spite of severe penalties, the Prayer Book continued in use. The Cathedral became partly a Preaching-House and partly a cavalry barrack.

(To be continued)