

# AROUND THE SPIRE

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people, activities & organisations

## THE VESTRY AND ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

The Vicar spoke highly of the excellent work of the Churchwardens, and their meticulous attention to their duties. After Mr. W. F. Wigginton had been nominated by the Vicar, and confirmed in his appointment by unanimous vote of the whole meeting, the Vicar went on to say:—

“As members of the Church Council know—and the news has perhaps spread further — Mr. Western feels constrained not to offer himself for re-election. The decision has not been an easy one for him to make, or for us to accept, but we understand and appreciate the motives that have led him to decide in this way. On various good grounds he feels he can no longer do full justice to the heavy demands of this office, and as he is one who cannot do anything he undertakes half-heartedly or giving less than his best, he feels it is now time for him to withdraw. He has served for three years without sparing himself, he has set himself the highest standards, and been utterly conscientious in fulfilling them. He has made himself a friend to all, and his wise counsel has been of the greatest possible help to me personally, as well as to the Standing Committee and the whole Council. It is with deep regret and heartfelt gratitude that I face his relinquishment of office, and I am sure that you all feel the same; and therefore, before we pass on to the nomination of a successor, I should like to move from the chair, as an inadequate token of our affection for him and our appreciation of his great services, a hearty vote of thanks.” This was carried with enthusiasm: and then immediately we were in difficulties! The Meeting found it impossible to make a nomination, and accordingly had to be adjourned until after the evening Service on Low Sunday.

The substance of the Vicar's report, and a summary of the accounts and elections, will be given in next month's magazine. The

first part of the report presented by Mr. Forrow on the work of the Church Council since the last Annual Meeting follows:—

## THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Your Council has met nine times during the year under review, including an adjourned meeting. At its first meeting, the Council elected the usual Officers and Committees, and also set up three Commissions on Worship, Education and “The Wider Church.” The Committees and the Commissions have met frequently and in general, the Council has had a very active year. In the knowledge of the extra calls which would be made upon the time of the Council Members sitting on the Commissions, the Council rescinded its previous decision that the Council should meet monthly.

The Council were sorry to lose the services of Miss O. Chamberlin by reason of her leaving the district.

The work of repairing the church has proceeded during the year under the Council through the Renovation Fund Committee. The main work has been the restoration of the beams in the north and south aisles and the making waterproof of the roof. The matter of curing the rising damp in the tower has been postponed and consideration given to the repair and redecoration of the inside of the tower, including the grills. It is hoped that this work will be completed by the summer, to admit of the church clock's being repaired, cleaned and repainted in the autumn of 1955. During the year, members of the Church organised functions at their homes for raising funds for the renovation work and an “At Home” and a Flower Show were also held for this purpose.

Under the guidance of the Council, the Parish News-Team set up a Street Wardens' Service, which is in operation in nearly every street of the parish and is linked up with the Hampton Hill Old People's Welfare Committee.

The Council has occupied itself extensively in the work of the three Commissions previously referred to and whose activities during the year are summarised as follows:—

### **Commission on Worship:**

Introduction of a Parish Communion in place of the Sung Eucharist.

Congregational practices with the object of improving the congregational singing and giving people the opportunity to learn the Merbecke settings, and new chants and tunes.

Encouragement of Baptisms at Morning or Evening Prayer.

Abolition of pew rents (this was put into effect from 31.12.54).

Provision of new hassocks.

Suggestion that congregation sit near front of church.

Congregation to stand at same time as the choir.

Provision of the shorter form of the Prayer Book.

Clearance of old and useless books, etc., from the church and a special cleaning.

The omission of the hymn before the General Confession during Lent.

Altar Servers to be obtained from the Youth Fellowship.

### **Commission on Education:**

The work of this Commission has been largely exploratory — gathering information about the various activities of educational value in the Parish and seeing how far assistance was needed. The Sunday Schools and the Youth Organisations have been specially under review. The need for more properly instructed Sunday School teachers has emerged.

### **Commission on "The Wider Church":**

This Commission has concerned itself with the formation of a Parish Voluntary Service and a Church Badminton Club and with the calling of a meeting of representatives of churches, statutory and other bodies in Hampton Hill, from which an Old People's Welfare Committee has been set up and on which the Church and Council are represented. A special Service of Praise was arranged

for the old folk. The work of the Commission proceeds.

The Council have been mindful of the need, since the sale of the Club Rooms, for accommodation, preferably adjacent to the church, for parochial organisations. With this in view, the Council has, through the London Diocesan Fund, purchased the freehold property, Wayside, No. 7, Saint James's Road, Hampton Hill, for parochial use in so far as the ground-floor rooms are concerned and by way of providing an income, the letting of the upstairs rooms following their conversion into three flats (furnished). The suggestion that members of the church be invited to make loans of £25 (free of interest) to assist with the capital payment, is passed to the annual meeting. The land in School Road, which was purchased for a proposed new hall, is now for sale.

The Council are pleased to report that they have been able to continue their unbroken record of paying their full Quota to the London Diocesan Fund, and have also organised the People's Offering on behalf of Moral Welfare.

*(The last part of this report will appear next month.)*

### **EASTER OFFERING**

The Churchwardens wish to take this opportunity to ask parishioners to give generously to the Vicar's Easter Offering. This is the time that appreciation of our Vicar can be shown in a practical way. We should also like to remind those not able to be present on Easter Day to place their offering in the envelopes provided in church prior to Easter.

E. H. WESTERN

W. F. WIGGINGTON

### **"OUR SHOW"**

Last month our Cubs and Scouts put on their first show. This was made up of a dozen simple sketches introduced by a fine opening chorus. These were all short and very witty and were enjoyed by all implicitly. The show ended with the traditional camp-fire singing.

The concert was produced by the S.M. Guv. and was compered by the C.M. Akela, also we had

two excellent back stage boys in Mr. Eyles and Mr. Baker, two Cub parents. The boys took great pleasure in giving the show, and with a little make-up and varied costumes it was wonderful how our Group was transformed into "Old Gardeners" and "Glamorous Dancing Girls."

The Group was very pleased to see so many parents present and hopes you will all attend our Annual General Parents' Meeting at the Parish Hall at 8 o'clock on the 15th of this month.

KIM.

### CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (Waifs and Strays)

The Secretary gratefully acknowledges the following amounts from the Annual Box Opening:—

Mrs. Heather 6/-, Mrs. Wilde 10/-, Mrs. Wetherall £1-1-0, Miss Lush 5/-, Post Office 6/7, Miss Coe 11/3, Hairdressers 4/4, Mrs. Upton 4/1, Vestry Box 8/5, Miss Wright 10/-, Mrs. Stewart 11/4, Mrs. Carter 1/2, Mrs. Burstall 5/-, Mrs. Tozer 4/2, Mrs. Childs £1-5-9, Mrs. Tyler 1/6, Mrs. Atkins 5/-, Miss Smith 1/8, Miss Stewart 6/6, Mrs. Strawson 2/6, Mrs. Beckett 5/10, Mrs. Budd 12/7, Mrs. Bird 5/-.

A letter of thanks from the Society together with receipt can be seen in the Church Porch.

M.J.B.

### SOME DATES TO NOTE

- April 4/6.—Holy Communion daily at 7.15 a.m.  
 April 5.—8.0 p.m. Street Wardens and Parish Prayer-Group (Vestry).  
 April 6.—3.0 p.m. Mothers' Union (Hall). 8.0 p.m. Holy Week Bible Study (Vicarage).  
 April 7.—Maundy Thursday. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. 8.0 p.m. Holy Week Bible Study (Vicarage).  
 April 8.—GOOD FRIDAY.  
 9.0 a.m. Children's Service.  
 10.15 a.m. Matins and Sermon.  
 12.0—3.0 p.m. The Three Hours' Devotion, conducted by the Rev. C. M. Lamb.  
 8.0 p.m. Sacred Music.  
 April 10.—EASTER DAY.  
 Holy Communion 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 a.m., and 12.15 p.m.  
 Matins 11.0 p.m.

- Children's Service 2.30 p.m.  
 Evensong 6.30 p.m.  
 April 12.—10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 April 13.—7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 April 14.—10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.45 p.m. C.E.M.S. Open Meeting for Stewards at Missionary Exhibition (Vicarage).  
 April 15.—8.0 p.m. Scout Group Parents' Meeting (Hall).  
 April 16.—4.0 p.m. Old People's Easter Party (Congregational Hall).  
 April 17.—7.45 p.m. Adjourned Vestry Meeting (Vestry).  
 April 18.—8.0 p.m. Young Wives' Group Committee (Vicarage).  
 April 20.—3.0 p.m. M.U. Committee (Vicarage). 8.0 p.m. Church Council (Vestry).  
 April 23.—2.30 p.m. Jumble Sale (Hall).  
 April 24.—6.30 p.m. Preacher from C.E.Z.M.S.  
 April 25.—St. Mark. Holy Communion 7.15 a.m.  
 April 26/28.—Missionary Exhibition (details elsewhere).  
 April 26.—Coach Party for M.U. Diocesan Festival Service at St. Paul's.  
 April 27.—8.0 p.m. Young Wives' Group (Hall).  
 May 4.—3.0 p.m. M.U. Enrolment Service.  
 May 6.—7.30 p.m. Magazine Distributors. 8.0 p.m. Junior Dept. S.S. Teachers (Vicarage).

### BAPTISMS

- Mar. 13.—Kim Rathborn, 70, Hampton Road.  
 „ 20.—Rachel Sheila Brown, 38, St. James's Avenue.

### MARRIAGES

- Mar. 5.—Roy Douglas Alan Higgins to Janet Dorothy Elizabeth Earl.  
 „ 5.—Willis William Robert Coleman to Pamela Eve Watson.  
 „ 12.—Raymond Nelson Harris to Phyllis Kathleen Bullock.  
 „ 26.—Desmond Leonard George Noah to Margaret Beryl Jones.  
 „ 26.—John Phillip Cull to Patricia Eileen Nichols.  
 „ 26.—John David Kenneth Christie to Pauline Start.

## BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

- Mar. 14.—Margaret Elizabeth Wale, 50, Windmill Rd., aged 79 years (at Kingston).  
" 15.—Alice Rose Peters, The Chalet, Chambery Nurseries, aged 49 years.

- Mar. 16.—Esther Watford, 147, Burton's Road, aged 81 years.  
" 21.—Eva Mary Howard, 25, Windmill Road, aged 73 years.  
" 28.—John Denbow, 171, High Street, aged 71 years (at Twickenham).

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# FROM BEYOND THE SPIRE

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## "ADVENTURES BY LAND AND SEA"

### In this Mid-Twentieth Century

We hear a lot these days about the present being a second Elizabethan Era. What is hoped from the acceptance of this idea no one seems to know. The two periods are very different. One characteristic, however, of the first Elizabethan age was that of adventure, and an almost insatiable desire to sail beyond the point reached by the other man. This is also true of this age, to explode bigger and better bombs, to travel faster than any one else, either on land or in the air, to reach out to the planets by space ships—and what for? We may well ask. How much better off are we? Have we learned to live better and happier lives? That is the crucial question.

Now an Exhibition under the title "Adventures by Land and Sea" is going to be held in **St. Mary's Church Hall, Twickenham, from the 26th to 28th April, 1955.** This will tell the story of adventures, not just simply for getting one better than someone else, but adventures with a purpose, a Divine purpose, an aim, a part of a World Plan. Yes, doing something that is abundantly worthwhile. It will tell of ships that sail to little-known islands, of cars that cross unfrequented countries, of people who pioneer new ideas which may affect our whole life in this new Elizabethan Era.

These are adventures with God and for God. You will see that there are adventures to be had in this second Elizabethan age just as thrilling and important as those of the first. Come and see the Exhibition—maybe you will find out that you have a part in this great adventure. Maybe you can have some share in moulding

the World in this mid-twentieth century, and so prevent the World drifting on to troublous times. So please book the dates — **26th to 28th April**, and come along—bring a friend, preferably someone who is not interested in Church. There will be exhibits of great interest for all to see—films—talks—and above all—good fellowship.

### SOME DETAILS:—

#### Open from

3 p.m. — 9.30 p.m. each day  
PUBLIC MEETINGS  
at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

#### Tuesday—26th:

3 p.m. Chairman: The Mayor of Twickenham, Councillor H. F. Inkpen, J.P. Speaker: The Right Revd. S. Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough.

8 p.m. Chairman: Alderman C. E. Hastings. Speaker: The Revd. S. Linton, formerly Chaplain in Helsinki.

#### Wednesday—27th:

3 p.m. Chairman: The Revd. Prebendary H. Harris, The Rural Dean. Speaker: The Revd. J. M. W. Adam, Home Sec. of the Church Assembly Overseas Council.

8 p.m. Chairman: Mr. R. Gresham Cooke, C.B.E., M.P. Speaker: The Revd. Canon A. Rogers, Vicar of Hampstead.

#### Thursday—28th:

3 p.m. Chairman: The Revd. J. Davies, Vicar of Twickenham. Speaker: The Revd. W. F. Morley, Education Secretary of the Church Assembly Overseas Council.

8 p.m. Chairman: The Rev. C. M. Lamb, Vicar of St. Mark's, Teddington. Speaker: The Revd. Father W. O. Fitch, S.S.J.E.

#### Admission by Programme:

Adults 6d.; Children 3d.

Please display a poster in your window, and come to the Exhibition and bring your friends.