

HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

PAROCHIAL NOTES.

Churchwardens—Mr. W. F. Wigginton, 9, Oxford Road, Teddington
Mr. E. Beckett, 35, Wellington Road, Hampton Hill.

Organist—Mr. C. Haydn-Bull, M.I.G.C.M.

Parochial Church Officer.

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

Sunday School.

Held at 11 a.m. every Sunday

In the Parish Hall Infants—Superintendent—Miss B. Rooney.
Boys—Superintendent—Miss O. Wright.
Girls' Fellowship—Superintendent—Mrs. G. Casey

In the Club Room Senior Girls—Superintendent—Miss R. Phillips
Junior Girls—Superintendent—Miss B. Stewart

Children's Service every Sunday at 3 p.m. in Church

Missionary Association.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Cox, 6, Queen's Road, Hampton Hill.

Mothers' Union.

Monthly Meetings, First Wednesday in each month in the Club Room, 3 p.m., and Quarterly Services. Corporate Communion First Wednesday 10.30 a.m.

Enrolling Member (Temporary) Mrs. Beckett.

St. James's Youth Club.

Meetings in the Club Room, on Mondays and Fridays at 7.30 p.m.
Joint Hon. Secs.: Mrs. G. Casey and Mr. J. Sumner.

Girl Guides. Captain—Miss Cynthia Hayward.

Brownies. Brown Owl—Miss D. Proctor.

Meetings in the Club Room on Thursdays at 5.30 p.m.

Sea Scouts—"The Venture." Hampton Water Works
Group Scout Master—Mr. A. W. Lewis.

Scouts. Scout Master: Mr. G. Casey, 20, Windsor Road, Teddington

The Vicar may be seen at the Vicarage on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. and on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 6.15 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sickness.

The Vicar will be grateful if cases of sickness are reported to him at once.

District Nurse—Mrs. S. Shaw, 5, Regina Court, Gloucester Road, Teddington

Churchyard.

Contributions towards the up-keep of the Churchyard will be gratefully received by Mr. E. Beckett, 35, Wellington Road, Hampton Hill.

Magazine.

Hon. Sec. & Advt. Sec.: Mrs. H. F. Beckett, 6 Cross St. Hampton Hill
Editor: Miss H. Stanton, 63, Park Road, Hampton Hill.

MESSAGE FROM OUR FUTURE VICAR.

St. Faith's Vicarage,
Nottingham.

Dear People,

It was kind of your Churchwardens to ask me to write a short message for the January magazine. But it is not a very easy thing to do, when many of those to whom you are writing are still unknown to you. And yet there is one thing that has greatly impressed me as a result of the contacts which I have already had, and that is the loyal and efficient way in which St. James' is now being served, and has been served, in not very easy times. When I have heard these things, I have felt that though I do not know personally all those who are so faithfully maintaining the work and witness of St. James' in the parish, they are people after my own heart, and it will be a joy and privilege to work with them as their vicar.

What exactly will our task be? Well, that is something we shall have to think out together when I am actually with you. Two phrases which have been much used in recent years do help us to see what part of it is—"going to church" and "being the Church". Both are important, but we have in the past often stressed the first and neglected the second. "To be the Church"—that is the primary duty that is laid upon us: really to be in Hampton Hill the fellowship in Christ God wills us to be. To be this in our worship and in our work: to be this in all our planning and playing, in all our thought and action together. This is a very big thing indeed, and all of us have our part to play in working to achieve it.

Yes, we are all very much looking forward to coming to live and work at Hampton Hill. It is perhaps not often that a man comes back as vicar to the church in which he was married! But I think it is a very happy link to have, because it means that the church already has a warm corner in our hearts. We start with this affection for it: it is not something which we have to wait to grow. And my wife, a Londoner born and bred, is coming back to a district in which she spent four happy years. I am not a Londoner by birth, but a Lancastrian (and I must say I think I have been a very

loyal one—the only first-class cricket matches I have seen have always been those in which Lancashire has been engaged!) But Chiswick became my home first before I was eleven, and I have often rowed from Kew to Hampton Court on the river. So we feel we are not coming to strangers in a strange parish, but are in a sense "coming home"—but not to rest, or for a holiday, but to work with you and for you, to the best of our ability and to the utmost of our strength in the service of God.

Yours sincerely,

Rupert H. Brunt.

NOTE: Mr. Brunt writes that the date of his arrival is still uncertain; this depends on when the repairs and decorations to the Vicarage are completed.

It is hoped that we shall be able to make a definite announcement in the February magazine. Ed.

THE REV. A. H. HARPER, B.A.

It was with regret that we learnt that the Rev. A. H. Harper, who has been ministering at St. James' since October 8th, would have to leave us on the 31st December because prior to coming to help here he had undertaken to commence duty elsewhere in the New Year.

During his stay Mr. Harper has done all that he could under the circumstances prevailing to maintain our Services, and his messages have been greatly appreciated. He has also visited in the Parish, and in many ways we shall miss him, but we do want him to know that his ministry has been valued and as he goes to take up work nearer his home we wish him God-speed and prosperity in all he undertakes.

The Rev. L. St. Clair Gower Williams will be coming to us on the 1st and 2nd Sundays in January, and it is expected that he will continue until our new Vicar comes. E.V.B.

DAYS OF SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE.

At the time of going to print it is uncertain what arrangements will be made for the Services during this month, and members of the Congregation are asked to refer to the notice board on the South Door of the Church on which details are posted.

ARTHUR ERNEST COX.

In the passing of Arthur Ernest Cox, the Church and Parish have lost a faithful servant and friend.

During his long residence in the district, he displayed a quiet kindness which endeared him to all who knew him. He was old in service as well as years. He was a member of the Parochial Church Council from 1926 to 1948, when he was compelled to lay aside some of his duties. He served on the Ruri-decanal Conference for a number of years and as a Sidesman until a short time before his death. His ever willingness to work for his Church in its several activities and in keeping the Churchyard tidy, brought forth admiration.

In mourning the loss of a very dear and loyal friend of St. James's Church, there is the certain knowledge that he has now passed to the Higher Service of his Master.

The thoughts and prayers of all go out to Mrs. Cox and her family. May God bless and comfort them.

S.V.J.F.

ASSESSMENT SCHEME.

As we enter 1951, may I extend to all the Subscribers to the Assessment Scheme a very happy New Year, and to offer my grateful thanks for your support to the Church finances during 1950. I ask for your continued support in the coming year.

Your subscriptions are of great value and form an important part of the income of our Church. I wonder if, as one of your New Year resolutions, you would each endeavour to interest a friend in the Assessment Scheme? More subscribers are needed, large or small.

J. N. Cornish.

MOTHERS' UNION.

Dear Mothers,

A very Happy New Year to you all. May each of you find much joy and peace in the days that lie ahead. Will you pray that our Branch of the Mothers' Union may be of real help to the Parish and that at the beginning of a New Year we may each dedicate our lives afresh to His Service. "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before." (Philippians 3 : 13)

The Service on January 3rd, will be held in Church at 3 p.m. and will be conducted by the Rev. L. C. Gillam, L.Th., Vicar of S.S. Michael and George, Fulwell.

Our Christmas Party will be held on January 10th, in the Parish Hall at 6.30. We are to be entertained by the members of Ewell Branch of the M.U., and Col. H. S. Futter is very kindly undertaking the musical part. Many thanks to these friends for their help.

M. J. Beckett (Temp.) Enrolling Member.

MOTHERS' UNION WHIST DRIVE.

Very many thanks for your gift of £1 1s. 0d. to the Scouts Christmas Bazaar and £1 1s. 0d. to Waifs and Strays.

M.B.

SCOUT NOTES.

The annual bazaar organised by the Troop Committee, was held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, December 9th. Mrs. Cunningham-Howie, who is Guide Commissioner for Hampton, performed the opening ceremony. Stall-holders were the Guides (Miss Campbell), Brownies (Mrs. Pope), Bran Tub (Mrs. Casey), Fancy (Mrs. Beckett and Mrs. Thompson), Fruit and Veg. (Mr. Cornish, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Swatland), Scouts Corner (Mr. Christie and Patrol Leaders). Refreshments were in charge of Mesdames Bowen, Childs and Lucas. The total receipts were £27, which will benefit the Guide and Scout Funds.

In conclusion the Committee wish to thank the many friends, who helped in various ways and made the Bazaar a success.

G.C.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

Very sincere thanks are due to Mr. J. Thompson for providing and erecting the beautiful Christmas Tree which was used for the Children's Toy Service on the 17th December, and then left for the Festival, also to Mrs. Thompson and David for supplying and fixing the lights together with many decorations.

Thank you, too, Children and Adults, for the many gifts which you brought, which we are sure gave much happiness to all who received them when they were afterwards taken to the M.C.C. Homes in the Parish.

With this record of appreciation of service done for the Church we would also say thank you to those kind friends who have sent donations towards the efforts to bring happiness to our Sunday School Scholars and Choirboys in the treats and outings which take place this month. It is not too late if there are others who would like to share in this expense, and contributions should be sent to either of the Churchwardens who will gratefully acknowledge them.

E.V.B.

ALTAR FLOWERS.

During the month of January the Altar Flowers will be provided by Mr. J. N. Cornish and Mrs. M. J. Beckett.

NEWS FROM NEAR AND FAR.

A correspondent has written to me of Arthur Cox and his "humble greatness". I think this describes wonderfully what we all felt about this dear old friend who has been laid to rest this last month. We reverence his memory, and feel the richer for having known him.

Many members of our congregation will know, and others will be very interested to hear, that Father Paul (Ernest George) Singleton is to be professed, and will be received into the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield, Yorkshire, on January 2nd. His relatives are going to the service, and may we also remember in our prayers at that time, Father Paul and five other novices who are being professed with him.

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The parish of St. James', Hampton Hill, is regularly remembered at Mirfield in the Community prayers, and may we in return add our prayers for these newly professed members and their work in this great missionary centre of spiritual devotion.

Ed.

A SONG.

bringing the memory and joy of Christmas to cheer
the New Year.

There's a song in the air!

There's a star in the sky!

There's a Mother's deep prayer,

And a baby's low cry.

And the star rains its fire

While the beautiful sing,

For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King.

A PRAYER AT MORNING

Written by Robert Louis Stevenson at Vailima, Samoa.

"The day returns and brings us the petty round
of irritating concerns and duties. Help us to play
the man. Help us to perform them with laughter and
kind faces. Let cheerfulness abound with industry.
Give us to go blithely on our business all this day.
Bring us to our resting beds, weary and content and
undishonoured, and grant us in the end the gift of
sleep."

R.L.S. had evening family prayers, and often in the morning went to have prayers with the Samoan political prisoners in the prison.

The prison was a place where, Samoans went for petty troubles or political disturbances and learnt agriculture and the useful arts of thatching and weaving their cocoanut bark, cultivating their cocoa, tapioca, etc. There is a five barred gate at the entrance saying, "prisoners must be in at sunset or be locked out!" This they did not want as they had mosquito nets and comfortable beds.

A.S.

MARRIAGES.

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

December 2nd. Harry Dixon and

Mary Elizabeth Carter.

December 16th. Frank James Brough and

Annie Shore.

December 16th. Leonard Arthur Shaw and

Dorothy Kathleen Mary Jarvis.

BURIALS.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

November 30th. Ada Warnett, aged 79.

December 4th. Arthur Ernest Cox, aged 85.

December 8th. Frederick Charles Joyce, aged 75.

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