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HAMPTON HILL,

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My DEAR PEOPLE,

It was very gratifying to have so much bread, vegetables and fruit sent for the Harvest Thanksgiving. I am very grateful to all who sent these offerings. The congregations were good, and the choir rendered their portion of the services very nicely. The collection was about the same as last year; in fact from year to year it varies very little.

The concert was a great success. Judging from the appreciative audience which filled the Boys' School on October 14th, I am convinced that a really good concert is not wasted on the people of Hampton Hill. I do not think that two such concerts in the season would be any too many, but it does seem a pity that we have not a better hall to ask good artistes to play and sing in, and I hope the day is not far distant when we shall be able to put forth a great effort to furnish the Parish with a suitable parochial hall. Under the circumstances, we do owe to those who come and delight us with their musical talents a very great debt of gratitude. We hope to have a balance in hand from the concert of nearly £9.

How quickly the year goes by! Three annual events of this month tell us that the sands of 1927 have almost run out. The first of these events is Armistice Day—a day for thanksgiving, a day for commemoration, but not a day for vulgar hilarity. It does seem as though the tendency on former occasions has been to transfer the thanksgiving and commemoration to some Sunday near the actual day, instead of keeping November 11th, whatever day of the week it should fall on, in the only way those who still retain any spark of gratitude and affection for those who gave their

lives for their country, and incidentally for us, can keep it. I ask you, therefore, to take special notice of the times of the services under the Parish News, to make a great effort to be present at one of the Celebrations, and to be sure to be in your place at Church for the Service of Commemoration in the evening at 8 o'clock. On the Sunday following there is to be a short service at the Memorial in the Churchyard, and I feel sure that the solemnity of that service will be deeper and more real to those who have kept the day itself as I have suggested.

Once more the Diocese has been called to a Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, and I do hope to make it a week of real prayer. Except on the Sundays, we shall have no preachments at any of the services. The needs of the Diocese as a whole, and our responsibility to do our part in satisfying those needs, will be the two main thoughts running through each succeeding day. It is not for us to pray that God will raise up people to shoulder the responsibilities in our stead, but that we may be fellow-workers with God, by first realising the needs ourselves and then, in the quiet moments of prayer, catching a fresh vision of Him and a new inspiration from Him, which will help us as we seize every opportunity for service in furthering the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this vast Diocese. It is because I want every section of the community in the Parish to have a wider view of the Church's work that I am proposing to ask various organisations to join in intercession and meditation on particular days in the week. The youth of the Parish, e.g., is asked to come on Monday, at 7.30, to think and pray about the adolescens in the Diocese and so on. To make this plan a success, I rely on the young lads and girls over school age to give up a halfan-hour on Monday, the men to do the same on Wednesday and the women on Thursday, etc.

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Lads' Club.—The Club is held in the Boys' School on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Mothers' Meeting.—This Meeting is held on Thursdays in the Church Room, at 2.30 p.m.

Mothers' Union.—The Monthly Meeting will be held in the Church Room on Wednesday, November 2nd, at 2.30 p.m.

SAINTS' DAYS.—November 1st, All Saints, Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. and 12. November 2nd, All Souls, Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. November 30th, St. Andrew, Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. and 12.

COMMUNICANTS' GUILD.—The Monthly Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 8 p.m.

Missionary Association.—The Monthly Intercessions for the Work of the Church Overseas will come immediately after the morning service on Sunday, November 13th. There will be no Monthly Meeting in November, because of the Day of Intercession which is to be held on St. Andrew's Day. On that day, November 30th, besides the two Celebrations, there will be Matins with Intercessions at 10.30 a.m., an afternoon Service of Intercession at 3 p.m., Evensong with Intercessions at 5.30 p.m., and a Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving at 8 p.m. For the rest of the day it is hoped that members of the Missionary Association and others will help to preserve a continuous chain of intercession by each taking one half-hour in Church during the day. A list will be placed in the Church Porch about a fortnight before the day for intending volunteers to sign their names opposite the half-hour in the day which is most convenient to them.

On Advent Sunday, November 27th, the preacher all day will be the Rev. W. F. T. Hamilton, of the Church Missionary Society.

WEEK OF PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL.—All the Parishes in the London Diocese have been called to a Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, from November 13th-20th. As far as this Parish is concerned, the following suggestions are put before the congregation and various parochial orgaisations. The passage of Scripture from which the meditations and prayers at the services during the week will be directed is the tenth chapter of St. Mark's Gospel, verses 46-52. The cry of Bartimæus will represent the cry of humanity to-day, and the attitude of Jesus-"and Jesus stood still" -will illustrate the impossibility of the advancement of Christ's Kingdom until the "Cry" has been heeded and satisfied in the way related in the account of the miracle. On certain days at various hours, one section or another of parochial organisations and congregation will be called together to think and pray about the "Cry" from that particular section of the community in the Londòn Diocese and Overseas which concerns that division especially. On Saturday the Intercessions will be general, and on Sunday "Service," as implied by the words, "And Jesus . . . commanded him to be called, and they called the blind man," will be the subject for thought and prayer. The Self-Denial side of the Week must not be forgotten. For this purpose, envelopes may be obtained from the Vicar or the Verger, in which the pecuniary results of self-denial may be placed and offered up with the offertory on Sunday, November 20th. The order of special Intercession Services for the week are as follows:-

Day.	Nov. Section of People.			Time.		
Monday,	14th	Adolescens	•••	•••	7.30	p.m.
Tuesday,	15th	Children	•••	•••	6	p.m.
Wednes.	16th	Men	• •••	• • •	8	p.m.
Thurs.,	17th	Women	•••	• • •	3.30	p.m.
Friday,	18th	Missionary	Associat	ion	8	p.m.
Saturd'y,	19th	General	•••	•••	8	p.m.

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With regard to the self-denial part of the Week, I want you all to strive and raise an extra £50 during the week. It will not require a great effort on your part if everyone responds according to his or ability, but it will mean a great deal to to the Diocesan Funds and to the priests in poor parts of London who rely on the help given them by the Fund to carry on their work amongst those who cannot help themselves.

One other annual event is the Day of Intercession for the Work of the Church Overseas on St. Andrew's Day. The response in the matter of continuous intercession is usually quite good. I should like to see many more at the final service at 8 o'clock in the evening.

This year the Festal Service of the combined Hampton Choirs will be held in our Church. I hope for a full Church on November 15th.

I remain,

Your faithful friend and Vicar,

FREDK. P. P. HARVEY.

INTERCESSIONS.

At 7.30 a.m.—Holy Communion

Mondays: Sunday Schools, Day Schools.

Tuesdays: District Visiting, Mothers' Union, Voluntary Workers in the Church, Cleaners, &c.

Wednesdays: Choir and Services, Parochial Church Council.

Thursdays: Temperance Work, Band of Hope, Crusaders and Adult Branch, C.E.T.S.

Fridays: Church Missions, Home & Over-seas

Saturdays: Church Lads' Brigade, Girl Guides, Girls' Friendly Society.

IMPORTANT.—Will all those who are responsible for Church Work please send in a full report by the 20th of each month, by so doing it will not only be of great use to our readers, but greatly forward the work of the Church. Applications for Advertisements in the Magazine should be made to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. A. Simmons, 7, Oxford Road, Teddington.

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Parish Wants.

- 1. A Litany Desk.
- 2. A Parish Hall.
- 3. A Bier for use in Church at Funerals, approximate cost about £30.
- 4. A Piano for the Infants' School.
- 5. A Flag and Staff for Church Tower.

The Vicar may be seen at the Vicarage on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, between the hours of 8.45 and 10 a.m. And on any day, except Mondays, between the hours of 6 and 7 p.m.

CHURCHYARD.—Contributions towards keeping the Churchyard and the graves tidy will be welcomed, and may be sent to Mr. C. H. Evans (Churchwarden), Roseneath, Edward road, Hampton Hill.

Parish News.

BIBLE CLASSES.—A Class for Girls is held in the Girls' School on Sundays at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

A Class for Lads is held in the Church Room at 2.45 p.m.

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Armistice Day.—November 11th falls on a Friday this year. There will be Celebrations of the Holy Communion at 6.45 a.m., 7.30 a.m. and 12, at all of which those who laid down their lives for their country will be commemorated. At 8 o'clock in the evening there will be a Service of Commemoration. After Matins on Sunday, November 13th, there will be a short service at the War Memorial in the Churchyard, when the Guides and Scouts will place wreaths on the Memorial.

BIBLE LECTURES.—After Evensong on Sunday evenings during the winter months, half-hour Bible Lectures will be given by the Clergy. For the present Mr. Milton is lecturing on St. Paul's Life and Epistles.

Festival Service.—A Musical Service will be held in St. James' Church on Tuesday, November 15th, at 8 p.m. The combined Choirs of St. James', Hampton Hill, St. Mary's and All Saints, Hampton, will render Mendelssohn's "Come, let us sing," and a setting to the Evening Canticles by Stanford in B flat. The preacher will be the Rev. Canon Simpson, D.D., Canon and Precentor of St. Paul's Cathedral. A collection will be

taken and will be divided between the three Churches to help towards defraying the expenses of the service.

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

October 2nd-Thomas Douglas Merryweather.

- ,, 9th-Sybil Mary Brooking.
- oth-Charles Walter Donald Turner.
- ,, 9th-Gloria Ann Patricia Wales.
- , 9th-Jeanne Frances Avery.
- ,, 9th-John Anthony Fewster.
- .. 16th-Zoe Mabel Carter.

MARRIAGES.

"Those whom God hath joined together."

October 14th—George Frederick Wilson and Gladys Ada Feron.

- .. 15th—Lawrence Henry Montague Poulteney and Sybil Henrietta Maxwell.
- ,, 16th—Leonard Arthur Dangerfield and Florence
 May Wright.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."
September 29th—Matilda Lusher, aged 82 years.
October 12th—John Chipperfield, aged 57 years.