

HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

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MY DEAR PEOPLE,

It hardly seems possible that the Christmas Festival is so near and yet in all directions one is conscious of some movement amongst young and old in preparation for the social festivities of the home. Little hands and minds are busy writing letters to Santa Claus instructing him as to the contents of their Christmas stockings, and older people are exercising their ingenuity and scouring the shops to provide novelties for gifts to relations and friends. But what about the Central Figure of this Festival, the one to whom we owe the festival of the home? It is the Festival of the Nativity of the Son of God, the Birthday of Jesus Christ. Are we thinking about the gift we can present to Him on Christmas Day? We need not go far to seek it, the finding of it will not take our thoughts and energies, because the gift that He will value more than anything else is ourselves. Nothing will rejoice His Heart more than the offering of ourselves to Him at our Communions on Christmas Day, or by the children, and those who have not been confirmed, at the other Service of Praise in the morning. Still we need to spend time and thought in preparation of these gifts and the Advent Season is the time for such preparation. Let us use this Solemn Season with its various spiritual opportunities in getting our present ready for Him who was the Babe of Bethlehem and who is our everlasting Saviour and Friend, Jesus Christ. Do this and I am sure you will all have that which is my wish, that you shall have—a very Happy Christmas.

I am writing my letter at the beginning of a week which is to end with the opening of our Parish Hall. It will not be possible to give an account of this great event in this number of the magazine. May

I just say that I hope this new place of gathering will amply fulfil its whole purpose in our parochial life. If it does it must not only be a Hall in which dances and concerts and the like are held, but one in which lectures for young and old are provided, in fact it must stand for the improvement of the mind as well as the enjoyment of the body.

The Boys' Section of the Sunday School will gather in the Parish Hall from the 1st Sunday in Advent, and the meetings of the Band of Hope will in future be held there.

The Festal Evensong of the Choirs of the three Hampton Parishes was a very happy event. The music undertaken was exceedingly well rendered, and did great credit to the three organists. We sometimes forget that our organists and choir-trainers have many difficulties to contend with, and they require our sympathy and encouragement at all times. The large congregation which gathered in St. James's Church for this service must have brought some encouragement to Mr. Russe, Mr. Ridgeway and Mr. F. Cooke. After the service Mrs. Harvey and I had the pleasure of entertaining the members of the choirs, and some friends to some light refreshments and social intercourse. I am sure we were all grateful to Dr. Firminger, for his inspiring and helpful sermon.

I have been told that the numbers of readers of our missionary literature have lately fallen off. In the library, in the Baptistry of the Church, you will find books as interesting and exciting and far more instructive than many of those we are accustomed to borrow from other lending libraries. I hope the applications for books from our missionary library will increase. You will find someone in charge after the morning and evening services. Just now world-problems are much to the fore, and much interesting information may be gathered from the books on India, Africa and China, etc., which will help to a better understanding of these problems.

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The annual scrutiny of the Electoral Roll by the Parochial Church Council will shortly take place. It is important that this Roll should be kept up to date, and this can only be done if all who have attained the age of eighteen will fill up the declaration form and return it to our Parochial Church Officer, Mr. R. H. Alford, Sarum, Uxbridge Road, as soon as possible. These forms may be obtained from me, or from the vergers after any of the services. I have noticed quite a number of new faces in the congregations of late. I do want to know all of you, and shall be greatly obliged if you will send your names and addresses to me.

Hoping that you will all have a very Happy Christmas,

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.

We are grateful to our Advertisers for their support of our Magazine, and confidently hope our readers will support them.

Parish Wants.

1. Donations to the Parish Hall Fund.
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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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—For Boys in St. James's Parish Hall and for Girls in the Club Room, at 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. For Infants in the Church Room, 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Parents may send their young children to the Club Rooms, where Miss Gibbon will call for them and take them with her to the Church Room.

The Teachers will meet at the Vicarage, on Tuesdays, at 8 p.m.

BIBLE CLASS.—A Class for girls over fourteen years of age will be held in the Church Room, at 3 p.m. on Sundays.

LADS' CLUB.—A Club for lads is held in the Club Room, School Road, on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. The subscription is from a penny a night. Members wishing to join should apply to the Hon. Secretary: Mr. Creane.

GIRLS' CLUB.—For the present the Girls' Club will continue to meet in the Church Room on Fridays at 7.45 p.m. Mrs. Franks and Mrs. Glass will welcome new members.

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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, **December 3rd**, at 2.30 p.m.

SAINTS' DAYS.—December 2nd, St. Andrew, Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. and 12. December 22nd (transferred from Sunday, 21st), St. Thomas, Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. December 26th, St. Stephen, Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. and 12. December 27th, St. John, Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. December 28th, Holy Innocents, usual Sunday Services.

CHRISTMAS DAY.—1st Communion of Christmas, December 24th, 11.45 p.m. December 25th, Holy Communion, 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12; Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 4.30 p.m.

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Sale of Work will take place in St. James's Parish Hall on Tuesday, December 2nd, from 3 to 7.30 p.m., admission 3d. Mrs. Norton has kindly consented to open the Sale. There will be no other meeting of the Association in December. The monthly Intercessions will be said after morning service on Sunday, December 14th. The amount collected in S.P.G. boxes for the year ending November 1st, 1930 is £2 7s. 10d. As a result of the Missionary Gift Day the sum of £46 12s. 8d. has been divided between S.P.G. and C.M.S. In addition £4 1s. 0d. was given for Medical Missions and a very large supply of hospital necessities, garments, toys etc.

BAND OF HOPE.—On and after Monday, December 8th, the Band of Hope will meet in the Parish Hall at 6.30 p.m.

THE PARISH HALL.—As the Opening Ceremony will not have taken place before going to print the account of the proceedings must be held over till next month.

Donations to the Parish Hall Fund to November 22nd, 1930—

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged ...	187	19	4
Miss Jakeman (2nd donation) ...	5	0	0
Mrs. Cogle ...	0	10	0
Mr., Mrs. and Miss Lush ...	0	10	0
Mrs. and the late Mr. Daines ...	1	0	0
Miss Watts ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Groves ...	0	2	6
C. G. Girling Esq. ...	1	1	0
Miss Golding ...	0	5	0
The Misses Lambert ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Budd ...	0	1	0
Miss Coe ...	0	2	0
Mrs. Cowee and Mr. P. Cowee ...	0	10	6
Mr. and Mrs. Isdell-Carpenter ...	2	2	0
The Misses Wildish ...	0	5	0
Mrs. and Miss P. Golding ...	0	5	0
Mr. and Mrs. Hart ...	0	2	0
Mr. and Mrs. Lewin Singleton ...	0	2	6
Miss Irene Singleton ...	0	2	0
Mrs. Hetherington ...	5	0	0
Miss Watts ...	0	1	0
Mrs. Player ...	0	5	0
	£207	5	10

SPECIAL PREACHERS.—The Rev. E. E. Saul, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Twickenham, will preach on Sunday, December 7th, at Evensong. The Rev. C. H. Welti, of St. Martin's, Twickenham, will preach at Evensong on December 14th.

GIRL GUIDES.—The 1st Hampton Hill Company will give an Entertainment in the Parish Hall, on Wednesday, December 3rd, at 7.45 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from the Captain, Miss Looker, or any of the Guides.

SEA SCOUTS.—The 1st Hampton Hill Sea Scouts will hold a Dance in the Parish Hall, on Saturday, December 6th, at 8 p.m. Single Ticket 2/-; Double Ticket 3/6. Tickets can be obtained from members of the Troop and the Scoutmaster 16, Gloucester Road, Hampton.

CHOIR BOYS.—The Vicar hopes to be able to give the boys their usual Christmas Treat during the school holidays, and will be grateful for donations which should be sent as soon as possible.

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ST. JAMES'S GARDEN FETE, 1930,

Side Shows Balance Sheet.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Advance from Church Funds ...				10	0	0
Side Shows—						
Hoopla	4	16	7			
Fortune Telling	3	2	0			
Post Office	4	0	6			
Raffle for Lady's Handbag ...	2	12	0			
House	5	17	6½			
Diddleum	3	17	2½			
Happy House	4	14	1½			
Sale of Gnomes	0	12	10			
Chinese Laundry	1	5	4			
Coconuts	3	13	3			
Aces	2	19	7			
Goldfish and Klondyke	3	12	2			
Bowling for live Pig	5	12	0			
Roll 'em on	2	15	1			
Squares	2	1	4½			
Cross Word Darts	1	19	0			
Diving Tank	0	13	8			
Fish Pond	2	3	0			
Bureau de Change	1	7	2			
Hit the Spot	1	16	3			
Bashi Bozouk	1	14	5½			
Children's Exhibition	2	14	9			
				65	19	10½
Sale of Chocolates and Cigarettes				0	16	6
Sale of Stock				0	2	10
Surplus Stock				3	5	5
Sale of Coconuts				0	8	2
Change unused				1	15	0
				£82	7	9½

CHOIRS' FESTAL EVENSONG.—The three choirs of the Hampton District numbering between seventy and eighty voices held their Fourth Annual Festival Service at St. James's Church, on the 25th of last month. Amongst the music rendered was the Anthem "God came from Teman," by Steggall, the evening Canticles set to music by Smart and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus," the choirs sang this music exceedingly well and did great credit to the organists under whose careful tuition they had been trained. Dr. Firminger, of Hampton Court Palace, gave an interesting and suggestive sermon. Although the weather was uncertain, the congregation was quite a good one.

EXPENSES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Refund to Church Funds				10	0	0
Purchase of Prizes—						
S. Brown & Son (as per bill) ...	7	3	9			
S. Brown & Son (Carriage) ...	0	2	7			
Houndsditch Warehousing Co., included in purchases of Hamp- ton Flower Show	0	4	0			
Turner Bros. for Chocolates and Cigarettes (S. or R.)	3	10	5			
Mrs. Scrimshire for Chinese Laundry on Sale or Return ...	0	6	0			
				11	6	9
M. Smith & Son, 150 Coconuts (as per bill)				1	14	1
Royal Aquarium & Goldfish Co. C. Nielson & Son, hire of properties				2	1	6
				1	11	2
Cash Prizes—						
Post Office	0	10	0			
Klondyke	0	10	0			
Diving Tank (2 half-crowns won)	0	5	0			
				1	5	0
Change Advanced to Side Shows				7	10	0
Sundries				0	16	4½
Loss on sale of surplus stock ...				0	5	5
				£86	10	8½
				45	17	6
				£82	7	9½

BALANCE

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF MAGAZINE.—The Vicar regrets that he is unable at present to announce a successor to the late Mr. H. A. Simmons, but he hopes to have filled the vacancy before the next issue goes to print.

CAROLS.—A selection of Christmas Carols will be sung by the Choir after Evensong, on Sunday, December 21st.

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

Nov. 23rd—Beryl Winifred Jarvis.

.. 23rd—Jean Doreen Sprent.

MARRIAGES.

"Those whom God hath joined together."

Oct. 26th—Harold Weedon and Emmie Ada Warnett.

Nov. 8th—Charles Clifford Short and Clara Nellie Hutchins.

Nov. 22nd—Frank Henry Hughes and Doris Mary Batten.

BURIAL.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

Nov. 12th—Florence Mary Rivers, aged 24 years.