

# HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

## PAROCHIAL NOTES.

### Sunday School.

10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Boys in Parish Hall. Superintendent—Mr. L. Singleton. Girls in Club Room. Superintendent—Miss M. Harvey. Infants in Church Room at 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Superintendent—Miss Watts.

### Bible Class.

For Girls on Sundays in Church Room at 3 p.m.

### Band of Hope.

In the Club Room on Mondays at 6.30 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Grange.

### Lads' Club.

In Club Rooms, School Road, Mondays and Fridays, 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Mr. Creane.

### Girls' Club.

In Parish Hall, Mondays, 7.45 to 10 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Franks.

### Communicants' Guild.

For Adults. Guild Service and Meeting on Wednesdays before the fourth Sunday at 8 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Miss Lush.

For Juniors. Guild Service and Meeting, second Monday in the month in Church, at 8 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Miss M. Harvey.

### Missionary Association.

Meetings as announced. Hon. Sec.—Miss Jakeman.

### Mothers' Union.

Monthly Meetings, First Wednesday in each month in the Church Room, 2.30 p.m., and Quarterly Meetings. Enrolling Member—Mrs. Kestin.

### Mothers' Meeting.

Thursdays in Church Room, 2.30 p.m. Superintendent—Miss Butler.

### Girl Guides.

Fridays in the Club Room, 7.30 p.m. Captain—Miss Looker.

### Brownies.

Thursdays in Club Room, 5.45 p.m. Acting Brown Owl—Miss S. Harvey.

### Sea Scouts.

Wednesdays in Church Room, 7.30 p.m. Group Scout Master—Mr. Ealden.

### Cub Pack.

Wednesdays in Church Room, 5.45 p.m. Cub Master—Miss Newman

The Vicar may be seen at the Vicarage on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, between 8.45 and 9.45 a.m.; and generally on any day except Tuesday, between 6 and 7 p.m.

### Sickness.

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

### Churchyard.

Contributions towards the up-keep of the Churchyard will be gratefully received by Mr. C. H. Evans, Roseneath, Edward Road, Hampton Hill.

## Vicar's Letter.

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MY DEAR PEOPLE,

We enter upon another year with a sense of grave anxiety for the future, not only of our own land but of the world at large. There is hardly a country which is not suffering financial difficulties. How they are to overcome their present embarrassments is largely a matter for the governments assisted by experts in finance. But even they will be able to accomplish very little unless their work is undertaken in a spirit of mutual trust and goodwill as between the nations concerned. Each must work for the good of all, and this will require an amount of national self-sacrifice. As has been well said, we must "get together or perish together." The settlement of this international problem is possible if each nation has the "will" to find a way out of the present entanglement. Are England, France, Germany and America sincere in their desire for a definite straightening out of the financial chaos? If they are I believe a way will be found. It seems to me that the real effects of the war are only just beginning to be felt. As for England, she has a difficult domestic problem to solve with regard to India. It may be the thorniest problem of all for us to

solve and it will certainly require all the patience and courage that those in authority can muster to bring about a real and lasting settlement. Then there is China. The Manchurian affair is the most difficult that has come under the perview of the League of Nations. Should the League be able to settle the differences between China and Japan, and stop hostilities in the affected area, it will not only have established a record for arbitration, but will have given to the world a sure proof of the necessity for its existence.

All these disturbing elements show clearly the need for peace, brotherhood, co-operation and unity between men of different nations, languages and colours. The Christmas message which is one of peace and goodwill could not have sounded at a more opportune moment, and I believe that any real hope of the settlement of all these questions must have as its foundation—Christianity. The Christian Church has once again a wonderful opportunity for giving a definite lead to the world. Throughout the Country on the first Sunday in the New Year Christians of all denominations will have as their key note in their acts of worship—"Peace." The mind of the Church in her praise, prayer and devotion will be attuned to peace, and if hundreds could turn their attention to a whole

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day of prayer for this country in its hour of crisis at the last election, thousands will no doubt throng all the Churches in the land on Sunday, January 3rd, and the following days to invoke the guidance and help of God in the attempt to bring about universal peace. But this effort must not be a one day or one week matter. It must be sustained as long as negotiations, conferences and conversations between the parties concerned are going on and long after. It must be a real turning to God, a true repentance. If only the Churches, which stand for organised religion, will do their part, I believe the laity will respond and thus a new spirit of brotherhood will be created. Although anxious let us be hopeful.

Our Christmas Festival was a time of great joy. The congregations were up to the average. The Church was tastefully decorated and I am grateful to all who sent flowers, etc., for the decorations. To the decorators I offer my thanks for their work in beautifying the Church. Our sympathy was with Mr. Russe who on account of an attack of bronchitis was unable to be with us at Christmas. We hope he will soon be quite well again. Miss Lush very kindly officiated at the Organ and we are grateful to her for her able help.

This month various treats are taking place. The choir boys go to the Circus on January 5th, and we anticipate a really jolly time for them at Olympia. On the eighth of January the Sunday School Children will have their prize giving and treat. They start the evening with a tea and I shall be most grateful for gifts of cakes, etc. towards the "spread." Later on the Band of Hope are being entertained to tea and a Christmas Tree.

It is a common expression that "time flies." The truth of such an expression is born in upon us this year by the fact that we shall hardly be

out of the Christmas Festival before we shall be solemnly called to prepare for the due observance of Lent. Septuagesima Sunday falls on the fourth Sunday in January. In the meantime we shall have our Annual Parochial Church Meeting at which the Parochial Church Council to serve for 1932 will be elected, and we shall also elect representatives to the Ruri-decanal Conference. I would emphasize the importance of this meeting and urge all whose names are on the Electoral Roll to be present.

We were to have had further information from the Adult Religious Education Committee in time for this month's issue of the magazine. It has not yet come to hand. The Vicars concerned have met and we have decided to have two meetings in Hampton Parish Church, two in this Church and one at All Saints', Hampton, leaving Ash Wednesday and the Wednesday in Holy Week out of the programme. All other information will be given next month.

The first meeting of the Young Peoples' Social Guild will be held early in the month. The object of the guild is to draw young communicants, and those who are anticipating becoming communicants in the very near future, together for social intercourse. In its programme for the season lectures and talks of a serious, as well as of an educational nature will be included. It will supply a want which has been felt by young people for a considerable time.

I remain,

Your faithful friend and Vicar,

FREDK. P. P. HARVEY.

#### **Days for Special Remembrance.**

January 1st, The Circumcision; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. and 12. January 6th, The

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Epiphany; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. and 12;  
Evensong, 8 p.m. January 25th, Conversion of  
St. Paul; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.

**Missionary Association.**

The **Monthly Intercessions** for the work of the Church Overseas will be said after Evensong on Sunday, January 10th. The Rural Dean has asked that the following letter should be printed in the magazines of the parishes concerned:—

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The Balance Sheet which is sent out with this will be found to be very satisfactory. We have returned to the Guarantors any money which they had sent in and when all expenses have been paid there will be a balance of over £170 to be handed over to the Missionary Societies, a very gratifying achievement. We owe very much to our Hon. Treasurers for this valuable statement and for their untiring work. It will be our unanimous desire to put on record how much the success of the Exhibition was due to the energy and enthusiasm of our Hon. General Secretary and his co-adjutors in their various ministries, under the able direction of Mr. A. J. Batchelor.

In the parishes I hope that it will be understood that we wish through this letter to give very grateful thanks to those who brought their willing offerings of their time and gifts either in the Entertainments and Plays or in the Refreshment Department, or as Stewards during that memorable week. Their unflinching devotion was a great strength and will remain as a pleasant memory to give confidence for future efforts. The preparations, made in the parishes in the months before the Exhibition, brought all the helpers together in the spirit of happy co-operation, and was the secret of its success.

Thanking God, let us go forward:—(1) By Prayer, especially in our Missionary Associations

and Intercession Services. (2) By Study of Missionary Magazines and Books. (3) By regular giving, e.g. through Missionary Boxes. (4) By giving ourselves to work for the Church in the ordinary ways, as the voice of God calls us, realising that His Kingdom at home or overseas is all one. With new vision and living faith let us go forward.

Yours sincerely,

W. P. COLE SHEANE.

The Monthly Meeting of the Association will be held in the Parish Hall, on Thursday, January 21st, at 8 p.m. It is hoped that all members and friends will attend.

Sunday, January 24th is to be S.P.G. Sunday. The Society is sending a Deputation who will preach at all the Services, and the collections will be given to the Society.

**Young Peoples' Social Guild.**

A meeting to inaugurate the Guild will be held in the Club Room, on Tuesday, January 5th, at 8 p.m. All young people of both sexes who are communicants, or intend becoming candidates for the Confirmation in June next, will be heartily welcomed.

**Finance.**

The Vicar's appeal for new subscribers to the Assessment Scheme is slowly bearing fruit. The subscriptions range from threepence a week upwards. A large increase of subscribers of moderate sums between now and the Parochial Church Meeting would be of considerable value to the Finance Committee which will deal with the money matters of the Church for 1932.

**Electoral Roll.**

There is about another week left for the enrolment of new electors on the Parochial Electoral

Roll. Some fifty forms were taken on the Sunday of distribution and so far only ten have been returned. Will the others please send their forms in at once.

### Mothers' Union.

The Monthly Meeting will be held in the Church Room, on Wednesday, January 6th, at 2.30 p.m. The members are anxious to have a banner. In order to raise the necessary funds for the purchase of a banner the members are holding an American Tea in the Parish Hall, on Tuesday, January 19th. The members are asked to bring some article of the value of sixpence and to purchase one or more such articles and to pay for their tea. They hope that many of their friends will come and do the same. Proceedings will commence at 2.30 p.m. and during the afternoon some kind friends are going to give a concert.

### Guides' and Scouts' Church Parades.

The Guides and Scouts have their Church Parade on the fourth Sunday in the month. In future definite consideration will be given to these bodies of young people in preparing the service for the morning; and the Vicar hopes to secure some special preachers on these Sunday mornings.

### Parochial Church Meeting.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall, on Thursday, January 28th, at 8 p.m. All members of the congregation whose names are on the Electoral Roll are invited to attend. At this meeting a report on the work of the Parochial Church Council for 1931 will be given and a statement of the financial position will be made.

### BAPTISMS.

- "Made a Member of Christ."  
Nov. 29th—Roy Alborn Pattison.  
Dec. 1st—Deric William Lewcock.  
,, 13th—Barbara Elizabeth Webb.  
,, 13th—Shelach Kathleen Brown.  
,, 23rd—Bernard Reed Townsend.  
,, 27th—Donald Robert Greening.

### MARRIAGE.

- "Those whom God hath joined together."  
Dec. 5th—James Pratt and Margaret Mary Ellen Lee.

### BURIALS.

- "I am the Resurrection and the Life."  
Dec. 1st—Harriet Heghell, aged 83 years.  
,, 9th—Alfred Hart, aged 81 years.  
,, 15th—Charles Mark Cox, aged 23 years.  
,, 23rd—Emily Taylor, aged 61 years.  
,, 24th—Horace Alfred Gray, aged 78 years.