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PAROCHIAL NOTES.

Sunday School.

10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Boys in Parish Hall. Superintendent—Mr. Lovell. 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.

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. Harvey.

Mothers' Meeting.

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

Girl Guides.

Fridays in the Club Room, 7—9 p.m. Captain—Miss R. Le Blanc.

Brownies.

Thursdays in Club Room, 5.30—7 p.m. Acting Brown Owl—Miss M. Winter.

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.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

It seems hardly credible that we have come to the last month in the year and yet here we are in December, and our eyes and thoughts turned to Christmas and the New Year. Well, we have just one month more in which to "gather up the fragments" from a secular point of view; and I use the "secular" in a sense of being connected with the more mundane things of Church life and work. We shall this month be busy, for example, revising our Electoral Roll, considering what members of the congregation we desire to represent us upon the Parochial Church Council and straining every nerve to balance our accounts. May I once more say how very important it is that all Church people who are worshippers at St. James's Church should have their names placed upon the Electoral Roll. So many hesitate to do this because they imagine that they are thereby taking upon themselves new responsibilities and that more will be expected of them. This is an altogether mistaken idea of what it means to be an Elector in the Parochial Brotherhood. Whether you are on the Roll or not your responsibilities still remain. As a member of the Parish Family we look for you to take a lively interest in all the activities of the Family and to

bear your fair share in keeping everything going in the life of the Church. But as an enrolled member various privileges accrue to you which are not yours otherwise. For example, you are called to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting not only to discuss the affairs of the Parish and to gain an insight of the working of the various organisations, but, what is more important, to elect representatives to the Parochial Church Council. It gives you an added interest in parochial affairs in that you yourself are eligible for election on the Parochial Church Council and the Ruri-decanal Conference, or at least by your vote can bring your influence to bear in regulating parochial life. Do not hesitate any longer to have your name put upon the Electoral Roll. It does not let you in for anything more than you are already pledged to as a baptized member of the Church; on the other hand, you have a definite say in the management of the affairs of your Church, and what is also to be remembered, the representation of the London Diocese in the National Assembly is in proportion to the total number of Electors on the Rolls of the six hundred parishes of the Diocese.

Our Annual Church Meeting will take place early in January next. In the meantime, will you please think very carefully who you would like to represent you on the Parochial Church Council

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during 1933. The Council is composed of twenty four elected members, twelve ladies and twelve gentlemen, together with the Vicar, Churchwardens and representatives on the Ruridecanal Conference who are ex-officio members of the P.C.C. I shall be glad to receive nominations, together with the names of proposers and seconders, on or before Saturday, January 14th. They must be Communicants of full age and their names must be inscribed on the Electoral Roll.

Now I want to draw your attention to a unique experience in the history of the Christian Church in the United Kingdom. Since September, a band of Indian Christians, led by Bishop Bannerji, Assistant Bishop of Lahore, have been here on a Mission. Representing the younger Churches in the Mission Field, they have come to share with the older Churches what they have learned of God through Jesus Christ. We cannot over estimate the importance of such a visit. It should bring about a great change, not only in the mind and thought of the Churches of the West, but in our attitude towards to the work of the Church Overseas. We become no longer givers only, but we are seeking spiritual fellowship with the young daughters of Mother Church. It is therefore a great opportunity not only of receiving from these Indian friends a vision of the Gospel as seen by other eyes, but it will help to convince us that the truth as it is in Jesus Christ is equal to the needs of all races and to every condition of life. I do hope that many of you will try and be present at the United Meeting at the Central Hall, and at the Service in St. Pauls' Cathedral, a notice of both of which gatherings you will find further on.

The Christmas Festival falls on a Sunday this year. I am sure we shall all want to emphasize the spiritual side of the festival this year. It is the Birthday of the Saviour of Mankind. At no time has our Country, yes, and the whole world, needed

a Saviour more than at present. The more the obstacles which keep on turning up to prevent man-made efforts from bringing about mutual good-will amongst nations the greater the need for us to look up to Him whose grace alone is sufficient for all our needs ; and what better time than on the Feast of the Nativity of the Prince of Peace, whose gospel proclaims peace and good-will towards and amongst all men. For thousands of our brethren this Christmas will be bereft of much of the jollity which the world calls jollity, and yet there is always the joy which no man taketh from them, the joy and happiness which radiate our communions, our acts of worship and praise. Is there anything that thrills us at this season so much as kneeling together with the other members of the Great Family to greet our Saviour, to offer Him the only gift we have to offer—ourselves—and to receive from Him the greatest gift He has to give—Himself—to join together in singing the old familiar Christmas Hymns and Carols, and then our adorations and praises over, to greet one another with the Christmas greeting "A Happy Christmas," not in the sense of "I hope you will have a hilarious time with plenty of turkey and plum-pudding, etc." but in its truest sense of "I hope you are happy in the thought of your fellowship with Him whose coming into the world has brought so much happiness to mankind." It is in this sense that I wish you all a very happy Christmas.

I remain,
Your faithful friend and Vicar,
FREDK. P. P. HARVEY.

Days of Special Remembrance.

December 21st—St. Thomas. Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. December 25th—Christmas Day. December 26th—St. Stephen. Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. December 27th—St. John. Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. December 28th—Holy Innocents. Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.

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Christmas Services.

December 24th—Midnight Eucharist (sung by choir), 11.45 p.m. Christmas Day—Holy Communion, 7 a.m. 8 a.m. and 12 noon; Choral Eucharist, 10 a.m.; Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m.; Children's Service, 3 p.m.; Evensong and Carols, 6.30 p.m.

The Vicar will be glad of flowers and evergreens, especially berried holly, for decorations. They should be sent to the Church on Saturday morning between 9.30 and 10 o'clock.

Missionary Association.

Monthly Intercessions will be said after evensong on Sunday, December 11th.

The Annual Sale on behalf of Missions will be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, December 7th from 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Gifts for the Needlework Stall, the Cake Stall, "Oddments," "Mystery Stall" and Refreshments will be very welcome. Mrs. Evans will be very grateful if gifts for the Mystery Stall may be left at Roseneath, Edward Road, by Monday, December 5th at the latest. Please make a point of coming to the Sale and bring your friends too. We hope to be able to send a good contribution from this parish to the Church which the Hampton Deanery is giving to the Diocese of Central Tanganyika. It is hoped to complete the three hundred pounds by Christmas.

Finance.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of donations towards Church Expenses (repairs) from Mrs. Douty, Anonymous, Miss Griffiths.

Presentation to Mr. Russe.

A meeting of subscribers was held in the Parish Hall, on Monday, November 7th, when Mr. Russe was presented with a cheque. Mr. C. H. Evans (Churchwarden) spoke of the years during which Mr. Russe had served as organist, recalling incidents which had occurred during that time, and asked the Vicar to make the Presentation to Mr. Russe on behalf of the subscribers. The Vicar then made

the presentation and expressed his pleasure in so doing. Mr. Russe in thanking the subscribers said that he was most grateful for this tribute of appreciation. He was sorry to have had to resign his position but was forced by advancing age and ill health to take things easy. His work had generally been done in the evenings but he hoped now that he was not allowed to work that he would be able to meet members of the congregation more frequently in social events. He wished the choir every success in the future. About thirty of the subscribers were present at the meeting.

Whist Drive.

A very successful Whist Drive was held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, November 2nd. There were twenty four tables of players. At the conclusion of the Drive, Mrs. Evans distributed the prizes to the following Prize Winners:—Mrs. Marsh, Miss Cox, Miss Jakeman, Mrs. Oliver, Miss S. Harvey, Mr. Oliver, Mr. J. Gray and Mr. Girling. The Net balance which amounted to £13 14s. 6d. was given to the account of the Parochial Church Council.

The Vicar is very grateful to all who organised the Whist Drive and to the following subscribers:—Mrs. Norton, Mrs. H. Mason, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. and Miss Storey, Mr. C. Job, Mr. F. W. Tandy, Mr. Stutchbury and the Lads' Social Club.

Band of Hope.

The Annual Service of the St. James's Band of Hope was held in Church on Monday, November 7th, when the following received medals:—Boys—1st year: Reggie Deeks, John Deeks, Bertie Jordan, Claude Proctor, Alfred Tidy. 2nd year:—Sidney Mansell, Robert Oliver, Eric Howard, Bertram Diston, Laurie Honey. 3rd year:—Donald Proctor, Ernie Mansell. 4th year:—Albert Oliver. 5th year:—Reggie Singleton, Willie Proctor, Charley New. 8th year:—Leslie Singleton. Girls—1st year:—Betty Deeks, Edna Budd, Joyce Parfitt, Ruby Chitson. 2nd year:—Eileen Drew,

Peggy Shaw, Edna Howard. 3rd year:—Mary Mansell. 4th year:—Zena Gray, Olive Gray, Elsie Howard, Marie White.

Leslie Singleton achieved a noteworthy record as a member of the Band of Hope for eight years.

Mothers' Union.

The Monthly Meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held in the Church Room on Wednesday, DECEMBER 14th, at 2.30 p.m. Commencing in January 1933, the Monthly Meetings will be held in the Club Room, School Road.

St. James's Young People's Social Guild.

The Guild is holding a Dance in the Parish Hall on Saturday, December 3rd, from 8 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. The price is 1/6 each. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the Guild. They should be purchased before the day of the dance as there is a Lucky Ticket Prize. A very interesting Lantern Lecture on "A Ramble through South Africa," was given by Mr. C. C. Titterton to the members and their friends on Tuesday, November 22nd. The fact that Mr. Titterton was himself born, and had lived many years in South Africa and could therefore talk about the slides from personal experience, gave an added interest to the lecture. At the conclusion, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Lecturer and also to the High Commissioner of South Africa for the loan of the slides.

The Guild hope to send a parcel of books, toys, etc., for Christmas gifts to some poor parish in the London Diocese. Any such gifts will be gladly welcomed and should be sent to the Vicarage on or before Saturday, December 17th.

With this month the first full year's work of the Guild comes to an end. All who have participated in the activities, whether in the Club Room, in the Vicarage Field, or in the various beauty spots of Surrey, will testify to the very pleasant times they have had. Next year will begin with the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, January 3rd 1933, in the Club Room at 8.15 p.m. when the Committee and Officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Nominations for the Committee, with the names of proposers and seconders, should be sent to the Vicar on or before Saturday, December 31st next.

Parish Social Committee.

The Parish Social Committee are holding their next Dance in the Parish Hall, on Saturday, December 17th, from 7.30 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. This is to be a Carnival Dance, and the prices of tickets are two shillings for single, and three shillings and six pence for double (lady and gentleman). The proceeds of these dances are given to the Parochial Fund. It is hoped that all the dancers of the parish and their friends will be present. Tickets may be obtained from the Hon. Sec. Mr. L. Rivers, 27 Windmill Road, or from any member of the Committee.

The Choir.

Mr. Lower will gladly welcome two tenors and an alto into the Choir, also boys from ten years of age who can read. The full practice is on Thursdays at 8.15 p.m., for boys 7.30 p.m. The Vicar hopes to be able to give the boys their usual Christmas outing and he will be grateful for donations as early as possible in the month.

Advent Preachers.

The Rev. S. S. Rogers, Vicar of Ashford, will preach on the 2nd Sunday in Advent, December 4th at 6.30 p.m. The preacher on the 3rd Sunday in Advent, December 11th at 6.30 p.m. will be the Rev. A. E. Saul, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Twickenham.

Mission of Fellowship from India.

A United Meeting to welcome the Missioners under the leadership of Bishop Bannerji, Assistant Bishop of Lahore, will be held in the Central Hall, Westminster, on Friday, December 9th, at 7 p.m. The Archbishop of Canterbury will be in the Chair, and addresses will be given by the Missioners.

The final Service in connection with their visit to London will be held in St Paul's Cathedral, on Monday, December 12th, at 6 p.m.

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

- Nov. 6th—Margaret Amy Swaby.
- .. 13th—Ronald George Brian Keet.
- .. 13th—Audrey Evelyn Testa.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life.

- Nov. 14th—John Surman Wells, aged 68 years.
- .. 24th—Minnie Gertrude White, aged 45 years.
- .. 24th—Harriet Mary Royce, aged 52 years.