

HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

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.

Band of Hope.

In the Club Room on Mondays at 6.15 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Grange.

Lads' Club.

In Club Rooms, School Road. Mondays and Fridays, 7.15 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Mr. A. T. Basey.

Parochial Church Officer.

Mr. R. H. Alford, "Sarum," Uxbridge Road.

Missionary Association.

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

Mothers' Union.

Monthly Meetings, First Wednesday in each month in the Club Room, 3 p.m., and Quarterly Meetings. Enrolling Member—Mrs. Harvey.

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

Tuesdays in the Club Room from 8 to 10.30 p.m. Open to Communicants and intending Confirmees between the ages of 16 and 30 years. Hon. Sec.—Mr. E. Gubbins, 36, Links View Road.

Mothers' Meeting.

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

Girl Guides.

Fridays in the Club Room, 7—9 p.m. Captain—Miss S. Harvey.

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, Wednesdays and Saturdays, between 8.45 and 9.45 a.m.; and generally on any day except Monday, 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 Rd., Hampton Hill

Vicar's Letter.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

This month we are somewhat taxed for news because so many interesting gatherings took place in January after we had gone to print.

I am sure you will all like to know that the debt on the Parish Hall Building Fund has at last been cleared off. It is something to have accomplished, and I am most grateful to all who have by donations, proceeds of entertainment and other ways helped to raise the necessary money. The clearance of this debt will leave a certain amount of money free for other purposes, it will also enable us to concentrate our efforts on other necessary and pressing things. Nothing is so urgent at the moment as an addition to the Staff. Large houses are being displaced by numbers of smaller ones and month by month the population of the parish is steadily increasing. What troubles me is that I am unable to get round and greet all the new-comers until they have resided for a considerable time in the village and have begun to think that the Church does not care about them. My appeal for 19 subscribers of five pounds is meeting with some success. There are some who think that the amount could be raised more easily if it were spread over a larger number of people.

I shall of course be pleased to receive promises of smaller annual sums and should like such promises to be sent to me at once. Assured of the Stipend of an Assistant Priest or Deacon by the end of March we could look forward to being adequately staffed after the Trinity Ordination.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held too late to include any notice of it in this month's issue. I should however like to thank the members of the 1934 Parochial Church Council for their work during the year. Probably most of them will be serving again for this year and I am sure they will all work hard to accomplish any matters that require particular attention.

There appears to be a steady improvement in the life of the parish as a whole. The congregations at times show an increase though numbers fluctuate. The girls and infants departments of the Sunday School are increasing, we should like to see a proportionate growth in the boys department. There is still the need of a Bible Class for lads to be materialised. I should gladly welcome the offer to undertake this very necessary work.

I cannot think that Hampton Hill is such an unmusical place that it contains no tenors or basses. The wireless has made many who have the gift of a moderate voice shy in exercising it. But

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surely we should not hesitate to use such a gift in singing praises to God by helping in the Choir to lead the singing of the congregation. I am hopeful that some may see the notice further on in this magazine and that the vacancies in our Choir will soon be filled up.

This year there is a longer space between the Christmas Festival and Lent than last. We must not lose sight of the fact that this season of spiritual devotion begins early next month. I am at present busy inviting special preachers to lead us in our meditations and hope to have the list complete before the end of this month. All I want at the moment is for you to bear in mind the approaching Fast of forty days and so order your worldly concerns that you may be free to take full advantage of the opportunities for spiritual uplift.

Death has robbed us of two old members of the congregation during the last month. Miss Chamberlain and Mr. Tozer have passed on to their rest. They both took great interest in parochial matters. We extend to their sorrowing relatives our sincere sympathy.

I remain,

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

Days of Special Remembrance.

February 2nd ; The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. February 25th ; St. Matthias, Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.

Missionary Association.

Intercessions for the work of the Church overseas will be said after the third collect at Evensong on Sunday, February 10th.

A meeting of the Association will be held in the Club Room on Thursday, February 14th at 8 p.m. The book to be read is "The New Christendom" by the Rev. Edward Shillito. It is an introductory essay to the series of talks on the

work of Christian Missions arranged by the B.B.C. for the fourth Sunday in the month from September to July. The price is fourpence and the Secretary will be glad to receive orders for copies as soon as possible.

Rural Deanery Young People's Committee.

A Conference for workers among young people will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, February 23rd. There will be a service in St. Mary's Church, Twickenham at 3 o'clock to be followed by tea and conference in the new St. Mary's Hall. The price of tea is sixpence per person.

Mothers' Union.

A most successful New Year Party was held in the Parish Hall, on January 11th. The arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. Sandford and the Committee, who are to be congratulated on the excellency of the tea and entertainment which they provided. Among the various items in the programme were songs by Mrs. Pitman and recitations by Mrs. Drew and Mrs. Grieg. These were much appreciated by the audience. The crowning success of the afternoon was a sketch entitled "Sam's Daughter" given by the kind permission of Abel Heywood & Son. Those who took part in this sketch were Mesdames. Parsons, Thomas, Child, Reed, Hutton and Blandford. So well did each do her part that the audience was kept at a pitch of excitement until the real Sam's Daughter was disclosed. There is excellent talent here for further efforts and it is hoped that greater audiences will have the pleasure of being at a future date as well entertained as was that gathered in the Parish Hall on January 11th. Between the items on the programme the company enjoyed games and the whole proceedings were brought to an end with that old fashioned dance which takes little learning, can be graceful and thoroughly enjoyed by all, "Sir Roger De Coverly." A very hearty vote of thanks was given to those who were responsible for the afternoon's entertainment.

The Monthly Meeting will be held in the Club Room on Wednesday, February 6th at 3 p.m.

“The Elijah.”

Mr. Harold Holt is once more presenting the Dramatised version of Mendelssohn's Oratorio “Elijah,” at the Royal Albert Hall from February 11th to February 23rd, at 8 p.m. each evening with two Matinees at 2.30 p.m. The soloists include many well known singers and the proceeds will go to the Funds of the Safer Motherhood Appeal (National Birthday Trust Fund) and St. Dunstan's. For full particulars and the price of seats see the bill in the porch of the Church.

Nativity Play.

Owing to illness the Nativity Play had to be postponed. It will be given in the Parish Hall on Monday, February 4th at 8 p.m. Prices of admission are 2/, 1/- and 6d. The title of the Play is “The Magic Window.” For further particulars see window bills.

The Choir.

There are vacancies for tenors and basses. Mr. Lower will extend a very hearty welcome to gentlemen with these voices on any Friday evening practice at 8.15 p.m.

The boys spent a very enjoyable afternoon at the Olympia Circus and Fun-Fair on January 2nd. Thanks to a nice cheque from Mr. Bradfield and donations from the following other friends of the Choir:—Mr. Ardley, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Constable, Mr. Cox, Miss Foreman, Miss Hawes, Mrs. Hews, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Miss Makepeace, Miss Rogers, Mrs. Smythe, Miss Spurling, Mrs. and Miss Storey, Mrs. Swain.

Owing to the receipt of a generous donation from Captain D. Norton it has been possible to arrange an outing for the men of the Choir. At the time of going to Press they are looking forward to their visit to one of the London Theatres on January 28th.

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

The Annual General Meeting of the Guild was held in the Club Room on January 8th. The following members were elected to serve on the Committee for the year 1935—Messrs. Green, Gubbins, Morrish and Green and the Misses Green, Stevens and Thomas.

The Guild are entertaining a number of elderly people at a party to be held in the Parish Hall on February 1st.

Acknowledgement.

The Treasurers acknowledge with many thanks 16/- for the General Fund from Madame Mottu.

The Parish Magazine.

We are very grateful to our Advertisers without whose help the Magazine could not be maintained in its present form. It is hoped that in return our readers will give them a share of their custom.

St. James's Lads' Club.

There is a scarcity of Club news this month. Our activities were curtailed by the festivities of Christmas, but our members are gradually returning to take the pleasures of Club life seriously, or gladly perhaps it would be better to say!

We are happy to welcome three new members and hope they will settle down comfortably with their new chums.

To retrace our steps; at the social evening held just before Christmas, (I gave a few details in my last report), the Committee were delighted to welcome Mrs. Parsons, and I know the lucky lads who won prizes were very glad to accept them at her hands. The prize winners were Messrs. Blasdell, L. Humphrey, Fletcher and Walker, the last named carrying off the surprise prize.

Please let me rivet your attention to the January concert. The Committee are very anxious to see the Parish Hall filled on the 30th inst. You will be well entertained, plus the satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting a good cause and helping us to meet our many expenses. The Posters will give you all particulars.

Mr. H. E. Clements, whom you all know, has kindly presented a number of books to the Club. I am anxious to develop a Club Library, so if friends would be good enough to cast an eye upon their book shelves to see if there are any volumes they are willing to part with, and providing they are suitable for Club use, I shall be glad to receive them at 8, Albert Road.

The Wednesday and Saturday football teams have had a very enjoyable first-half season. Good luck to them, and we all hope they have some jolly good games to come.

Your tickets please, for January 30th Concert! Thank You !!

A. T. BASEY, Hon. Sec.

Book for Lent.

The Drama of the Eucharist, by Canon Stacy Waddy, is the S.P.G. book for Lent this year. This is a very striking and fresh study of the Book of the Revelation in which Canon Waddy sees the first worship-book of the Christian Church, and from it draws most valuable thoughts for the enrichment of our own eucharistic worship. It is essentially missionary, as the great visions of the book of Revelation are. We are confident that many will find quite new inspiration for their own devotional life and for their corporate worship in this little book. It is illustrated with pictures, sketches and a plan. Price in stiff paper binding 1/- (by post 1/2d.)

S.P.G. Anniversary Week.

The dates long ago chosen for the S.P.G. Anniversary Week this year fall upon the days when the King's Silver Jubilee is to be celebrated ;

the Monday of that week is the day on which the great service of thanksgiving is to be held in St. Paul's Cathedral. Anxious consideration was given to the question whether our Anniversary meetings should be postponed, but it would have been almost impossible to find another date. The programme will, then, be carried through as fully as possible, and our President hopes to be with us as usual at the Annual S.P.G. Service in St. Paul's and the afternoon Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 8th. The Albert Hall demonstration will be held on the evening of Friday, May 10th, and other gatherings of the usual kind will be arranged.

Compulsion a Good Thing.

A WELL-KNOWN divine recently declared that life insurance is the best form of thrift because it is fortified with an excellent amount of compulsion. Most people wish to be thrifty, but find it difficult to resist the temptation to spend when opportunity knocks at the door. The renewal notice adds to the powers of resistance.

For himself, he takes particular pride in his insurances because he has the satisfaction of feeling that after he dies his ideas will go on, that the causes he fought for during life will be endowed. He praises the practice of taking out policies for the benefit of charitable and other institutions.

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

- Dec. 23—James Percival George Dallamore.
Jan. 13—Reginald James Higgins.
.. 13—Brian John Spink.

MARRIAGES.

"Whom God hath Joined together let no man put asunder."

- Dec. 23—Frederick Lucas and Jane Evelyn May Jarvis.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

- Dec. 22—Arthur James Stevens, aged 66 years.
.. 28—Cecil Charles Frank Smith, aged 34 years.
Jan. 1—George Edward Fountain, aged 63 years.
.. 21—Ellen Amelia Vincent, aged 59 years.
.. 21—William Henry Tozer, aged 77 years.
.. 23—Emily Francis Chamberlain, aged 77 years.