

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. H. Middleton.

Parochial Church Officer.

Mr. J. Henstridge, 46, Park 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.

Wednesdays (except the 1st Wednesday) in the Club Room, 2.3 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 E. Henstridge.

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. A. Child, Brook Villa, Burtons Rd., Hampton Hill

Vicar's Letter.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

The fashion of keeping Lent changes with the changing religious habits of the times. And yet it seems to me that in the busy rush and turmoil of life to-day there is all the more reason to be thankful for the opportunities of the quiet times provided by the Churches for the soul's refreshment. To take no notice of the Lenten fast, to pay no attention to its call to repentance and self-discipline is to impoverish our soul. We all need such periods of pause and self-recollection. There are a great many who do practise self-denial during these forty days, who make little use of the extra Church services which are given them to help them in the way of penitence. I have tried to give you opportunities for hearing the old story of Jesus and His Love from other lips than mine and I do hope you will come and hear the messages of the various clergy who are coming to give them. If for some the days and times are not convenient, what about more frequent communions during Lent, especially during the Week? Additional acts of worship and devotion should have the first place in the mapping

out of our time for spiritual refreshment. The great need of the world to-day is God and He will surely reveal Himself to those who seek Him and what better place to try to find Him than in the atmosphere of His Presence in His House of Prayer. Many try other avenues than those which His Church through the guiding of His Holy Spirit puts in their way, extra periods of devotion at home or reading some prescribed book. And yet when all is said and done there is no better way than by regularly meeting together with the brethren at Church. The strength and influence of the early Christian Church lay in the daily meeting together of the first Christians for prayer, instruction by the Apostles and the breaking of the Bread, or Holy Communion. Apart then from the strengthening of our own spiritual life such a season as we have just entered is useful for the strengthening of Church life, which is one of the things most necessary to-day. You will find notices of services and preachers for Lent elsewhere in the Magazine; I commend them to your prayerful and serious consideration.

At the end of January we held the Annual Church Meeting. I wish more of those, whose names are

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on the Electoral Roll, would show a keener interest in the affairs of their Church. It would put more heart into all who try to work for their Church and who try to manage affairs in the Church and parish for you. I know it may be taken as a great compliment to the workers that you are satisfied with everything they do for you and with the way the affairs of the parish are managed. But still we should very much like to see many more at these Annual gatherings. Part of the business of that meeting was to elect the Parochial Church Council and the Sidesmen for this year. Quite a representative Council was elected and I am sure it will do its work well. The Council met early last month and chose its various officers and committees. We were sorry that Mr. Alford who has served the Church well for many years as the Parochial Officer felt obliged, through stress of work, not to seek re-election. I thank him for all he has done and am glad to know that he will still help in the capacity of a Councillor. We are fortunate in securing the services of Mr. J. Henstridge as Parochial Officer. He has for a long time been an active and valuable worker in the parish from which he comes and we are fortunate to have one in such a responsible position who has had good experience in the management of Church affairs. It is also gratifying to me that Mr. and Miss Jake-man have consented to continue to give their valuable assistance as councillors and in other capacities until their departure from the parish. Of the committees elected I would say a word about two. The Churchyard Committee has long been a very useful and efficient, though small body. They have power to add to their number and I do hope they will find a ready response from others to help in keeping the Churchyard tidy. Funds do not allow of more paid labour in the Churchyard than at present and so until subscriptions greatly increase we have to rely on the good services of

voluntary workers. The Social Committee has tried to provide amusement for the parishioners and their efforts have met with fairly good support. Their Socials have become very popular and are always well attended. The Whist Drives did not prove so attractive as they should have done and yet they anticipate giving other drives in the future. There are two events to come before the end of the present season. One is the Easter Social and the other is a dance in May, both of which will no doubt draw their respective patrons. The Finance Committee have spent long time and effort in trying to accommodate those who have asked for an additional tap in the Churchyard and the Metropolitan Water Board have given them most useful help especially as to the cost of such enterprise. It is with much regret that I and the Committee have to tell you the expense is much too great for us to undertake at present. In fact without a very considerable increase in subscriptions, in lieu, of a Burial Rate, the cost is absolutely prohibitive.

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

Days of Special Remembrance.

March 25th—The Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Holy Communion, 7 30 a.m. March 4th, 6th, 7th—Ember Days. Days appointed for prayers for those to be ordained on Sunday, March 8th.

Lent Arrangements.

The following are the Preachers for the Sundays in Lent during this month:—IN THE MORNINGS—March 15th, Rev. H. F. Gaster; March 29th, Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane. IN THE EVENINGS—March 1st, Rev. A. M. Johnson; March 8th, Rev. C. A. De Tong; March 15th, Rev. C. E. G. Parry. Okeden; March 22nd, Rev. C. Millington; March

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29th, Rev. W. Eldridge. The Rev. G. W. Elcock will conduct the Wednesday evening services at 8 p.m., beginning March 4th. The Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith will conduct the Thursday afternoon services at 3.15 p.m. Lent Savings Boxes for either S.P.G. or C.E.T.S. may be obtained from Miss Jakeman, Mr. Lovell, the Vicar or the Verger.

Missionary Association.

Intercessions for the work of the Church overseas will be said after the third collect at evensong on Sunday, March 8th.

The contributions to S.P.G. for the year 1935 amount to £29 11s. 3d. a few shillings less than the year before. Boxes, £6 8s. 7d; Sales, £13 18s. 8d; Church Collection, £4 2s. 0d; Donations, £5 2s. 0d.

There will be a Lantern talk on some part of the Mission Field in the Parish Hall, on Friday, March 27th, at 8 p.m. Further announcements will be made by posters on the Church Notice Board and elsewhere.

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

The Hampton Hill branch of the N.S.P.C.C. has just been transferred from the Richmond and District Branch to the Kingston-upon-Thames and District Branch.

Any one knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or of an ailing or cripple child who might be benefited by treatment, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of great kindness by communicating at once with the Branch Hon. Secretary at the local office;—101, Douglas Road, Tolworth, Surbiton. All further steps will be taken by the Society.

Mothers' Union.

The Quarterly Day is fixed for Wednesday, March 4th. There will be a Corporate Communion at 10.30 a.m. and a Service in Church, at 3.15 p.m. After the Service, tea will be served in the Club Room.

The Mothers' Union Annual Festival has been transferred from March 25th to Thursday, March 26th. On that day there will be a Corporate Communion for the St. James's Branch, at 11 o'clock and in the afternoon the Annual Deanery Service will be held at St. Mary's Church, Twickenham, at 3 o'clock. It has been suggested that a Quiet Afternoon should be held on one of the Thursdays in this month, but in view of the fact that this would interfere with the Lent Course, it is proposed to have the Quiet Afternoon for this Branch later on in the year.

Work among Children and Young People.

All who visited the Children's and Young Peoples' Exhibition at Twickenham last month were very much interested in everything they heard and saw. The Address given by the Bishop of Kensington was particularly inspiring and encouraging. He stressed the importance of the Sunday School, and while praising and thanking the teachers for their wonderful work for the children, said that it was a whole-life job. The teachers from this parish were interested in the Stall which exhibited many ways of doing expression work, especially in the Infants' Department. As the Diocesan Council for Youth are willing to give practical help in individual parishes, it may be possible at some future date to secure the services of some lady to help re-organise St. James's Sunday School on modern lines. The Sunday School is at present well staffed and the number of scholars is steadily growing, but the teachers would no doubt welcome

suggestions for improvement from one of varied experience.

The Annual Church Meeting.

The number of Electors attending the Annual Church Meeting was rather disappointing. There are about three hundred names on the Electoral Roll and there were less than fifty at the meeting. The various reports were submitted and received by the members present. The Vicar thanked the Parochial Church Council of 1935 for their work and also many others who had done good work for the Church and Parish during the year. He pointed out that while the Parochial Church Council's Account showed a substantial balance it could not be said to have balanced its Budget until it included the stipend for an Assistant Curate. The Parochial Church Council for 1936 was elected and included Mrs. Child, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Isdell-Carpenter, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Nightingale, Miss M. Harvey, Miss Hawes, Miss Henstridge, Miss Hews, Miss Jakeman. Messrs. Alford, Ardley, Cowee, Cox, Garrett, Girling, Henstridge, Jakeman, Lovell, Nightingale, Rivers, Watkins. The Male members of the Council were elected as the Sidesmen of the Church for the year.

Parochial Church Council.

At the first meeting of the Council Mr. J. Henstridge was elected Parochial Church Officer. The Finance Committee for the year consists of Messrs. Child, Henstridge, Jakeman, Tandy and Watkins. Owing to the fact that Mr. Jakeman will be leaving the parish some time this year and that the Parish Hall is entirely free from its original building debt it has been thought expedient to have a Parish Hall Committee of Management. This Committee will consist of two permanent members, the two Churchwardens and one representative elected annually by the Parochial Church Council. The representative for this year is Mr. F. Nightingale.

Messrs. Child, Cox and Garrett are the members of the Churchyard Committee. They have power to co-opt others and it is hoped that some of the parishioners will be willing to give assistance in keeping the grass down etc.

The Council suggested a date for the Annual Fête but as it is found that the date chosen will clash with another big event in the neighbourhood they are re-considering the matter.

Parochial Social Committee.

The Committee held a Whist Drive on February 19th. There were eleven tables. It is hoped that there will be a balance in hand of just over a £1. Mrs. Sporing gave away the prizes. The Vicar thanked all who had given refreshments and assisted in making the evening a very pleasant one.

The next Social Event will be the Easter Social to be held on Wednesday, April 22nd, at 8 p.m. Tickets including refreshments are price 1/- each.

Curate's Stipend.

Last year the Vicar appealed for nineteen promises of five pounds each to make up the first £100 of the stipend for a full time Curate. So far ten have given this promise and a few others the promise of smaller sums. Some of these paid their subscriptions for last year. The total received was £21 12s. od. It was agreed that the amount in hand might be used for extra clerical assistance on Sundays. The sum used for this purpose was £6 14s. od., leaving a balance in hand of £14 18s. od.

The Vicar would be most grateful if nine others would come forward with offers of five pounds per annum. This would make possible the securing of an Assistant Curate in the near future.

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

Feb. 9—Shirley Jean Clarke.

„ 23—Joan Heather Allwork.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

Jan. 28—Florence Emily Beatrice Watson, aged 60 years.

„ 29 - Maria Elizabeth Gale, aged 78 years.

Feb. 20—Susannah Powter, aged 78 years.

„ 24—John William Parry, aged 71 years.