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PAROCHIAL NOTES.

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Organist—Mr. Bougourd, 214, Stanley Road, Teddington.

Parochial Church Officer.

Mr. S. V. Forrow, 68, Sunnyside Road, Teddington.

Sunday School.

11 a.m. in Club Room, Superintendent—Miss Bennett. Infants in Parish Hall, at 11 a.m. Superintendent—Miss Child. All children assemble in Church at 2.15 p.m. for Children's Service.

Missionary Association.

Meetings as announced. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. C. A. Child.

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 Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society meets in the Club Room, on Thursdays at 8 p.m. Associate Member—Miss Harvey.

Girl Guides. Captain—Miss Bass.

Brownies. Brown Owl—Miss C. Brown.

Sea Scouts—"The Venture," Hampton Water Works Group Scout Master—Mr. Ealden.

The Vicar may be seen at the Vicarage daily between 8.45 and 9.45 a.m.; and 6.15 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, 149, Burtons Road.

Magazine Hon. Secretary—Mrs. C. A. Child.

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Vicar's Letter.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

Now that the Evangelistic Campaign is over a few remarks about it may not be out of place although nearly a month has gone by since it took place. I am sure that it was worth while because some two or three hundred people took the opportunity of attending the meetings and services. For these the addresses given by Mr. Crowson were spiritually stimulating and created much individual searching-of-heart concerning the attitude of the professing Christian towards God and those things which have to do with Eternal Life. I think we all felt that religion was suffering from a sort of smug complacency with which even the regular worshipper tends to adorn him or herself as with a cloak of spiritual respectability. That even the more devout Christian may be ignoring God came as a shock to some, especially to those who pin their expectation of justification on good works rather than on Faith. This is of course the survival of an age long difference of opinion which had its origin in the teaching of St. Paul and St. James on justification. Thus St. Paul writes, "a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law," and again "a man is not justified by the works of the Law but by the

faith of Jesus Christ": St. James writes "ye see then how that by works a man is justified and not by faith only." That word "only" is important because it takes faith for granted. Turning to the Articles of Religion at the end of our Book of Common Prayer you will note the Church's teaching concerning "Justification" in articles eleven, twelve and thirteen. There we are given to understand that "we are accounted righteous before God only for the merit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ by Faith and not for our works and deservings." It is this that our Missioner was emphasizing. He was stressing the importance of Jesus Christ as man's desperate need and of sin in man when we face up to the greatest problem we have to deal with, viz., ourselves in relation to Jesus our Saviour. In fact his whole teaching contained a very refreshing survey of the old Gospel Message of Salvation through Jesus Christ and of our need of that New Life which is the first step in our way of Salvation. We were indeed led to get back to real and simple faith in Jesus Christ and Him Crucified and the necessity of being sure that we have been "born again" into "an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you" through the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ "who

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according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again into a lively hope by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." To put it very simply the burden of the week's teaching was that the need of today is not more but better Christians. And this does not shut out completely the need of good works, but they must be viewed in their right perspective. Looking again at the Articles of Religion we see that in the twelfth Article the Church teaches "that good works which are the fruits of Faith and follow after Justification, cannot put away our sins and endure the severity of God's Judgement; yet are they pleasing and acceptable to God in Christ and do spring of necessity of a true and lively Faith; insomuch that by them a lively Faith may be as evidently known as a tree discerned by the fruit." St. Paul was not forgetful of the necessity of spiritual fruit-bearing on the part of believers in Christ, for he gives us a list of those fruits by which all who are born of the spirit are recognised. It is by the manifestation of these works that our Faith is proved as to what kind it is. Faith in the Person of Jesus our Saviour, in His all-atoning Grace acting through the Holy Spirit upon the Christian believer is most important. It needs, however, the acceptance and use of all means of Grace by the believer in order that he or she may become a new man in Christ Jesus.

The result of our Mission will be shown in the course of time, the seed was sown and it remains for us to pray and work that it may bring forth fruit abundantly.

You will notice under Parish Notes that I want to make much more of our Patronal Festival than we have done of late. It used to be especially marked by social events such as the Fête, etc. The war has made this impossible, but that will be for the best if we concern ourselves with the

better keeping of our Festival in a spiritual manner. I have been fortunate in securing the Chaplain at Hampton Court Palace as the preacher at Evensong on St. James's Day, and I hope to get someone to come and address the gathering of Church-workers on the Wednesday in the octave of the Festival. Another important Sunday is July 18th, when we shall be thinking of the Missionary work of the Church, particularly as it concerns the Church Missionary Society. The collections at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. will be given to the Society. As a congregation we need to become much more Missionary-minded and so I hope that great numbers will come and hear the Rev. H. E. J. Biggs.

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

Days of Special Remembrance.

- July 18th—C.M.S. Sunday.
July 22nd—St. Mary Magdeline. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.
July 25th—St. James. Patronal Festival. Usual Sunday Services.

PARISH NOTES.

Mothers' Union.

Wednesday, July 7th, is the St. James's Branch Quarterly Day. There will be Corporate Communion at 10.30 a.m. and a service in the afternoon at 3.15.

C.M.S. Sunday.

The Church Missionary Society has chosen Sunday, 18th July, to send a Deputation to give some account of the work of the Society in other parts of the world. The Rev. H. E. J. Biggs is coming and will preach at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

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as well as give an address to the children at 3 p.m. He has had a good deal of experience in the Mission Field. For some five years he worked as a lay missionary in Persia. After his Ordination in 1929 he went back to Iran for a further period of service. He was transferred to the Egyptian Mission in 1937 where he remained until he came home on furlough not very long ago.

The Church of England Men's Society.

A Men's Meeting has been arranged by the above Society to be held in the Central Hall, Westminster, on Saturday, 10th July, at 3 p.m. Bishop Bernard Heywood will be the Chairman and the Speakers will include the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rt. Hon. S. M. Bruce (High Commissioner for Australia), Lord Elton and Lt.-Gen. W. G. S. Dobbie. Such names as these are themselves a sufficient attraction, but considering how few signs there are of any big spiritual movement amongst men within the Churches and in particular our own Church of England, although there may be an increasing interest in the Christian religion, such a platform of speakers headed by Dr. Temple should assure a full Hall. Facing the problems of the future the religious situation is a very pressing one and while all Christian church-people must be giving much prayer and thought to all that is entailed, the rallying of our manhood and a re-awakening of a real Christian outlook is of supreme importance.

Unfortunately the Vicar will be unable to attend the meeting as there is a wedding on that day, but he hopes the Parish will be represented. Admission is free, but reserved tickets at 1/- each will guarantee a seat in the best part of the Hall. The Vicar will gladly apply for tickets if any wanting them will let him know as soon as possible.

Summer Treats.

Last year it was thought well to do without a Summer Treat for the Sunday School children. This year the Teachers are trying to organise one.

They have not yet definitely decided what form it shall take, but whatever entertainment is provided will need the kind financial assistance of the many friends who are ever ready to help where the children are concerned. One thing necessary will be as good a tea as it is possible to provide under present conditions. The Vicar will be grateful for donations and offers of cakes, etc. Subscriptions should be sent within the next three weeks and it would be useful to know what goods for the tea we may expect at the same time.

The Choir boys are also hoping that they will not be forgotten. Of course they will not, because you will all see to it that there is a sufficient amount given to provide for this well earned outing.

Patronal Festival.

St. James's Day falls on a Sunday this year. As July 25th is the last Sunday in the month, there will be a Choral Eucharist as well as the eight o'clock Holy Communion. The Preacher at Evensong (6.30 p.m.) will be the Rev. Lewis Verey, Chaplain of the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace. During the week the Holy Communion will be celebrated on Wednesday, 28th July, at 7.30 a.m., and on Friday, 30th July, at 7 a.m. The special "intention" at the Wednesday Celebration will be the Parish and its organisations. On Friday the "intention" will be for those in the Forces who have gone from this Parish, both men and women. On Wednesday, 28th July, there will be a service in Church for Church workers at 7.30 p.m., after which the Vicar and Mrs. Harvey hoped to welcome those present into the Vicarage garden for light refreshments and a chat.

Salvage!

The Government have decided to hold a Book Recovery and Salvage Drive in the County of Middlesex from 26th June to 10th July. The Vicar has been asked to draw the attention of all in Hampton Hill Parish to this effort for increasing the quantity of salvage that is required for war

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purposes. Shipping space for the conveying of men and materials directly connected with the prosecution of war strategy will be in greater demand than ever. Let all be busy removing all redundant books from their libraries and collecting every bit of scrap in house and garden and have a great store ready by the time the collection is made. Two hundred and fifty thousand volumes are wanted. In order to save time and trouble at the various depots, books useful for reading by those in H.M. Forces or Prisoners of War Camps should be tied up in a special parcel.

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

- June 2—Charles David Lee Hogbin.
June 13—Alfred John Curtis.
June 13—Margaret Dorothy Pearce
June 13—Josephine Brewer.

MARRIAGE.

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"

- June 19—Harold William George Lucas and
Peggy Viola Mary Watson.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

- May 27—Albert Edward Seymour, aged 66 years.
June 15—Emilie Ann Kemp, aged 82 years.