

Vicar's Notes

WIND AND STORM

What a month August has been! The first three weeks will be of great interest to those who are keen on weather statistics; as July was one of the driest on record, I suppose this August will go down as one of the wettest, and stormiest, ever experienced. Our sympathy goes out to all those in the West Country who have suffered so severely. We can no longer grumble about our own inconveniences and spoilt holidays, when we realise how very much worse things might have been. I have not yet heard how our own church, with its leaking roof and defective rainwater pipes, has stood up to it all, but as the deluges have poured down I have imagined streams flowing through it and hassocks floating about. It may not have been as bad as this, but it cannot have been too pleasant, and the longer this state of affairs continues every shower does some further damage to the fabric. But, we hope that it will not now continue much longer: a few days ago I heard that the licence to enable the necessary external repairs to be carried out—at a total cost not exceeding £600—had been granted, and the builders should be able to start work in September. I very much hope that this figure of £600 will prove adequate to cover all the work that needs to be done, but I rather doubt it. Next spring we shall have to consider the internal work, for

which the amount required will be much greater.

AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

A new series of Confirmation classes will begin as soon as possible in September. There will this year be a Confirmation at our own church at the end of November. I am asking all who hope to be confirmed this year to do their best to be present at Evensong on September 7th, and to stay behind for a little while after the service.

The question of the reorganization of the Sunday Schools, has not yet been fully solved, and there will be a meeting about this early in the month. On September 21st, a new Sunday School for the younger children of the outlying portions of our parish is being opened at Rectory Farm School, under the superintendency of Miss Western. Before this, members of our News-Team Fellowship hope to visit in the district and also hold an open-air meeting.

We hope that all our organizations who want to arrange tables at our first big autumn social event, the Harvest Supper, will let Mr. Sumner know without delay. Also, please everyone—be making plans for the autumn bazaar on November 15th. Bright and original ideas will be very welcome. Now that the work on the church-fabric is shortly due to start, we shall need to raise a good deal of money before the end of the year.

AROUND THE SPIRE

being notes and news about
people, activities & organisations

MOTHERS' UNION

We have just received an invitation from Miss Kingstone, Enrolling member for New Hanworth M.U., inviting us to join with her branch at a Service in the new church of All Saints' and afterwards at tea in their Hall on Thursday,

September 25th, at 3.0 p.m. We can go quite conveniently by 152 'bus from Windmill Road, but if you intend to go please will you let Mrs. Beckett know on or before September 3rd, so that if there are too many of us for the service 'bus we can make other arrangements.

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

The first Annual General Meeting will be in the Hall at 8.0 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17th. This is not our usual day, so if you are unable to come will you please give Mrs. Childs any committee nominations or programme suggestions you wish to make.

We hope members of all our groups will remember the joint Whist drive on Friday evening, September 26th, in the Hall and will bring along friends. (We have already spent some of the proceeds we hope to get.)

C.E.M.S.

With holidays over, we reopen our session meetings on Tuesday, 9th September, at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall with a talk on the Mission work of the Community of the Resurrection illustrated by a film strip. Members of the congregation are cordially invited, and Father Paul Singleton is deputising for Father Claude Lunniss.

On the Saturday morning following, (13th, at 10 a.m.), we are visiting the National Physical Laboratory, and will probably have a few guests from other branches with us.

We shall soon have to decide how to study the special C.E.M.S. instruction Course, for some of us are already interested in the 'News-Team Fellowship' and this will be additional.

Members are invited to send in proposals or suggestions for co-operative work for consideration of the Federation Executive which meets for the first time on 17th September. It asks for your Prayers.

F.H.S.

LAUREL DENE, OPEN DAY

On September 27th, there is an Open Day at Laurel Dene, Old People's Home, and all friends of the Home are welcome. Miss Davey, the Matron tells me that articles made by the residents during the year at their pastime classes are to be on sale; out of the proceeds, the M.C.C.

is repaid for the cost of materials, and the remainder of the profit goes to whoever made the article. At Matron's kind invitation, Mrs. Beckett is providing the teas this year, and profits from these are to go to Church Funds. There are also to be a few side shows.

Mrs. Beckett would be glad of offers of help, gifts of cakes, etc.

THE DRAMA GROUP

The Group is still in urgent need of an electrician who will take charge of the lighting in the production of the three One Act Plays to be produced in November. A Stage Manager is also needed!

If you or any of your friends can possibly help, please get into touch with our Secretary, Mr. Cyril Tarrant, 31, Anlaby Road, Teddington. Molesey 4987.

The first meeting after the holiday is on September 15th at 8 p.m. in the Club Room, School Road. New members very welcome.

A JUNIOR DRAMA GROUP

We are hoping to start a Junior Drama Group for young people of 16 and under.

We plan to hold the first meeting at 7 o'clock at 63, Park Road, Hampton Hill, on Friday, September 19th. Meetings will not always be at this time and place, but at the initial meeting future arrangements will be discussed. At first we shall probably concentrate on play readings.

We want everyone who is interested to come along on the 19th at 7 p.m.

A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Vicar has mentioned in his Notes that a new Sunday School is being started for children from 5 to 8 years of age at the Rectory Farm School on Sunday, September 21st at 2.30 p.m. Miss Western is going to lead this, and four others, Diana Watkins, Angela Tagg, Beatrice Grieg and myself are going to help her. We ask most earnestly for your prayers to be with us as we take on this new piece of work. We want to feel that you are behind us; we feel

confident that you will be, and that we shall be conscious of the support of your prayers.

H.S.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS

Mrs. Chamberlain celebrated her 92nd birthday on Tuesday, August 27th. We have great pleasure in expressing our best wishes to her for her continued health and happiness.

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTOR

Mr. Harry Beckett now feels that he has time to undertake more distributing of magazines. We are very glad indeed of this. Mr. Beckett has the enthusiasm of a pioneer, and is very good at contacting new people, and getting them interested in taking the magazine. It was sad when he felt that he might have to give up this work or cut it down considerably; now we are all tremendously pleased and relieved to hear that he feels able to continue again.

We hope the circulation of the magazine will continue to rise.

NOTES BY THE WAY

During my stay in Ashford Hospital I was very much touched by the many enquiries after my health from friends and parishioners. I was particularly pleased to see both the Vicar and Mr. E. V. Beckett, each of whom came twice to visit me; unfortunately on the Vicar's first visit I was too ill to see him. Mr. Sergeant and Mr. Forrow both wrote to me giving me Parish news. I enjoyed receiving their letters very much. The Scout Troop sent me fruit and flowers, a very kind gesture indeed which I much appreciated.

I want to express my gratitude to all for the many kindnesses shewn and for remembering me in their prayers when I was so ill.

Apropos of the above I wonder if it is generally known what a wonderful work the Doctors and Nurses at our Hospitals perform, they seem to have the welfare of the patient very close to them and nothing seems too much trouble, truly a very noble service.

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Most of us are returning from our holidays, and getting back to the humdrum of normal life again. We, in Hampton Hill, must not forget those who have suffered in the disaster at Lynmouth. Situated as we are, we could hardly imagine a happening such as that occurring here, we have a lot to be very thankful for indeed. I notice that one or two Twickenham people had narrow escapes.

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When in North Wales recently I was very interested in the little chapel of St. Trillo. This chapel is about the size of a small garden shed, it holds six people and is situated on the beach at Rhos-on-Sea.

It is centuries old and is built over the well of St. Trillo, there are stained glass windows, that over the altar containing a picture of St. Trillo, the patron Saint of Fishermen. Holy Communion is celebrated there every Friday.

J.N.C.

A PRAYER

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy Peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is dying that we are born to eternal life.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI.

SOME DATES TO NOTE

September 2nd.—8.0 p.m. News-team Fellowship (at Vicarage.)

Sept. 3rd.—2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union Meeting. (In Hall). Speaker: Miss Agnes Stops.

Sept. 4th.—8.0 p.m. Sunday School Teachers' Meeting (Vicarage).

Sept. 7th.—Sunday Schools re-open.

6.30 p.m. Evensong: Confirmation Candidates asked to be present.

Sept. 9th.—8.0 p.m. The Men's Society: "The Community of the Resurrection and its Work" (In Hall).

Sept. 13th.—Men's Society: Visit to the National Physical Laboratory.

Sept. 15th.—8.0 p.m. The Drama Group. (Club Room).

Sept. 17th.—8.0 p.m. Young Wives' Group: Annual General Meeting. (In Hall).

Sept. 18th.—8.0 p.m. Bishop of Kurunagala, Ceylon, speaks at St Mary's Hall, Twickenham.

Sept. 20th.—2.45 p.m. News-team Fellowships—Rally at Whitton.

Sept. 21st.—2.30 p.m. Sunday School opens in Rectory Farm School (For children aged 5 to 8 years).

Sept. 23rd.—8.0 p.m. Mothers' Union Committee. (Vicarage).

Sept. 24th.—3.0 p.m. M.U. Choir-practice. (In Church).

8.0 p.m. Properties' Committee. (At 9 Park Road).

Sept. 25th.—3.0 p.m. Mothers' Union visits All Saints', Hanworth.

7.30 p.m. Young Wives' Group, Dressmaking class begins. (Windmill Road School).

Sept. 26th.—7.15 p.m. Magazines Ready: Distributors' Meeting.

7.30 p.m. Women's Guild and Young Wives' Group Whist Drive. (In Hall).

Sept. 27th.—3.0 p.m. Sale of Work at Laurel Dene.

Sept. 29th.—St. Michael and All Angels. Holy Communion 7.0 a.m.

8.0 p.m. Young Wives' Group. (In Club Room).

Oct. 2nd.—Harvest Thanksgiving and Supper.

Nov. 15th.—Autumn Bazaar.

Nov. 20th.—8.0 p.m. Confirmation at St. James's Church.

BAPTISMS

July 27th.—Brian Leslie Saunders, 2, Grove Hill Villas, Hampton Road, Hampton Hill.

July 27th.—Raymond Jason Saunders, 2, Grove Hill Villas, Hampton Road, Hampton Hill.

July 27th.—Carol Dorothy Southon, 17, Cranmer Road.

July 27th.—Graham David Heaford, 81, Meadway, Whitton.

July 27th.—John Timothy Tal-ent, 43, Hampton Road, Teddington.

July 27th.—Robert Gerard Mack-habes, Meadowside, Albert Road.

Aug. 10th.—Ian Stewart Kirk-wood, 86, Stanley Road, Teddington.

Aug. 10th.—William Dennett Kirkwood, 86, Stanley Road, Ted.

Aug. 10th.—Ruth Dorothy Minall, 32, Princes Road, Teddington.

Aug. 24th.—Marilyn Frances Gill, 12a, Sandy Lane, Teddington.

MARRIAGE

Aug. 23rd.—Lawrence Albert Darling, to Jean Daphne Kent.

BURIAL

Aug. 5th.—Phyllis May Blake, 13, Holly Road, aged 58.