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CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays:

8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.0 a.m. (Second & Fourth Sun-
days in month). Holy Com-
munion.
11.0 a.m. Matins and Sermon.
12.15 p.m. (First and Third Sun-
days). Holy Communion.
6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Holy Baptism is administered
after notice on the Fourth Sunday
at 4.0 p.m., and at Matins or Even-
song once a quarter.

Weekdays:

Holy Communion: Wednesdays
7.15 a.m.; Holy Days 7.15 a.m. or
9.0 a.m., as announced; Thursdays
10.30 a.m.

No collections are taken at Sun-
day or week-day Services except at
Easter and Christmas. Christian
Giving envelopes and other offerings
should be placed in the receptacles
provided before the Service begins—
also the Oblation of Bread on the
paten before the early Services of
Holy Communion on Sundays.

Various arrangements are made
for Religious Education. Sunday
Schools and Bible Classes are held
at 2.30 p.m. in the Church and
Vestry, at Wayside, and at Rectory
School. Confirmation Classes for
adults and young people are
formed from time to time, and
Study and Discussion Groups arr-
anged.

There are a number of clubs and
societies attached to the Church,
officially or unofficially. These in-
clude branches of the Church of
England Men's Society (at the
moment in abeyance) and the
Mothers' Union; Young Wives'
Group; Prayer Group; Drama
Group; Young People's Fellowship;
Scouts and Cubs, Guides and
Brownies, and a company of the
Church Lads' Brigade. In addition,
Parish Meetings, open to all, are
held frequently, and smaller groups
are encouraged to meet in people's
houses in different parts of the
parish.

In many of the streets in the
parish there is a representative of
the Church (displaying the sign of
the Spire) from whom the full in-
formation which it is not possible
to provide here may be obtained,
or direct approach may be made to
the Vicar.

The Vicar may usually be seen
without appointment at 9.30 a.m.
and 7.30 p.m., and by appointment
at other times. Arrangements
about Baptisms, Marriages, etc.,
should be made with him, and
messages (preferably in writing)
about people who are sick or in
special need should be sent to him
without delay.

He is always ready to help with
any spiritual or personal matter,
and to give pastoral counsel.

AROUND THE SPIRE

being notes and news about
people, activities & organisations

THE PUBLICATION OF THE MAGAZINE

Every January, a good proportion of the magazine is set up and then printed off for the whole year. If this were not done, the cost of producing the magazine would be prohibitive. But, of course, it has its disadvantages. Some of the standing matter becomes out-of-date after a few months. There are changes in personnel and addresses; this year we know that many of the telephone numbers of our advertisers will be altered when the new Teddington Lock exchange comes into operation. In this latter case, we assume that telephone operators will be as helpful as they usually are, and for a few months at least put people calling the old numbers through to the right ones. Important corrections to the standing matter will be given from time to time in the body of the magazine.

As we start the New Year on the right financial side (unlike most parish magazines, which have to be heavily subsidised), we express gratitude to the continued support given by our advertisers—in many cases for year after year—which alone makes this possible. We hope that our readers will in turn consider them when in need of the wares and services which they offer.

Every year we hope that it will be possible to get all the standing matter together and ready early in December, so that the magazines can appear to time in January. But again and again, with the best will of all concerned, and much hard work on the part of Mrs. Mills, this dream vanishes. Unexpected difficulties as well as the expected ones always arise. Then, once the material has been gathered and shaped, the setting up cannot be done at short notice; time as well as skill is required. So we are really lucky if the January magazine appears in January at all. But it will—just!—this year, and we go on hoping that next year things will run more smoothly, the unexpected difficulties will not be so many, and everything be ready for an early start.

But January is not the only month with problems. Nearly every issue involves a nightmare for the editor. There is either too much copy or too little; there is the constant working against time to get everything ready—much midnight oil is burnt, and many midnight miles cycled. And then, when time seems to have been defeated, there is still the unexpected hazard that can cause delay. That snags at the printers' end arise only occasionally and that when they do every effort is made to overcome them, is a tribute to their fine co-operation and the concern which they feel to produce a good job on time.

The schedule we shall work to for this year is given below. It would be helpful if distributors would note these dates in their diaries, so that they need not be informed unless for any reason a change has to be made. Similarly, those good people who supply us with news-items from the organisations—please try to get any copy in before the last day, if you can. We are grateful to those who help in both these ways—supplying news for the magazine and delivering the finished article to the homes of the parish. It is also a great help to the Vicar that the magazines are now regularly collected from the printers by a kind member of the Church Council in her car, and he no longer has to cycle back with them in his rucksack.

Issue	Last Date for Copy	Day & Date of Publication
JAN.	—	Fri., Jan. 30
FEB.	Feb 6	Tues, Feb. 17
MAR.	Feb 27	Tues., Mar 10
APR.	Mar 20	Fri., Apr. 3
MAY	Apr. 21	Fri., May 1
JUNE	May 19	Fri., May 29
JULY	June 16	Fri., June 26
AUG.	July 14	Fri., July 24
SEPT.	Aug. 10	Thur., Aug, 20
OCT.	Sept. 15	Fri., Sept. 25
NOV.	Oct. 20	Fri., Oct. 30
DEC.	Nov. 17	Fri., Nov. 27
1960		
JAN.	Dec. 29	Jan. 8 or 15

CONFIRMATION 1959

There will be a Confirmation in this Church, followed by Parish Communion, on Sunday, July 5th, at 9.0 a.m. Already the names of twenty intending candidates have been received, and it is hoped to start classes of preparation in February. As well as classes, regular attendance at worship in Church is also, of course, an essential part of preparation. Any others thinking of confirmation should let the Vicar know without delay, as it is very difficult to fit people in once classes have started. It is hoped to have a group for older candidates (any age from 19 to 90!) and as many classes for younger ones as are needed according to numbers and age-range.

CHURCH CENTENARY

To mark this occasion in 1963, the Vicar would like to see, amongst other things, the production of a history of this Church and parish. To help towards this, he suggests that people whose memory goes back 50 years or more, and who can go far further back by remembering what their parents or grandparents told them, might consider using leisure moments to jot down these first-hand and second-hand reminiscences. It would be most helpful if people who have old parish magazines and old newspaper cuttings, photographs and other records, would carefully preserve them or make their whereabouts known. We should be able in time to gather a large amount of interesting material—the 'Hampton Hill—Past, Present & Future' exhibition opened our eyes to much hitherto unknown and in danger of being lost.

GAINS AND LOSSES

The first year of the Christian Giving Scheme produced £875, and in addition there is another £50 to come by return of income-tax as a result of covenants. This, with other direct giving (full amount not yet known), means that our church, perhaps for the first time, approached (note the word 'approached' not attained) an adequate income, and began to be able to give in a systematic way outside the parish. Expenses were heavy too, and will become heavier—

severe and unsuspected out-breaks of dry-rot in the vestry and Wayside came to light, and there is evidence that much will be needed to put and keep our buildings in good order. In the face of this great advance, it has been disquieting to notice expressions of hostility to Christian Giving, some of it based on misunderstanding, some perhaps on prejudice, but this apparently happens everywhere when such a step forward is made.

Another disquieting feature has been that a number of envelopes placed on the plate have never reached the vestry—the amount lost in this way has been about £5, and there is, of course, no check on the possible loss of money not contained in envelopes. The loss of a number of small articles both from Wayside and the Parish Hall has been noted. It may be that we have amongst us a person, or persons, with a strong 'shoplifting' urge, and we may have to consider whether some of our present methods do not put too much, temptation in their way.

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN

The Secretary thanks most sincerely those who gave to the above Society during the recent collection, and a special word of thanks to the Collectors. The sum of £28-6-0 was forwarded to the Society and a letter of thanks and official receipt is posted in Church Porch.

M.J.B.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

A Carol Service was held in the Parish Hall at 3 p.m. on January 7th and a New Year Supper Party at the Hall on January 28th.

The speaker at the February meeting will be Mrs. Charles, the new Deanery Presiding member and will be at Wayside.

The Bring and Buy Sale was a very happy event and realised £18-5-0. This money will go towards a new carpet which we hope to purchase for the Chancel and other functions will be arranged for this object.

Your Enrolling Members wishes you all every blessing in the New Year.

M.G.B.

THE YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

Our speaker at our November meeting was the Rev. B. Treanor, Rector of Hanworth, who gave us a most interesting and exciting talk about his adventures among the Indian tribes in South America. In fact, so interested were we that for once we were reluctant to stop for our usual 'cup of tea!' We hope we shall have the pleasure of a return visit from Mr. Treanor, so that he may continue the story of his adventures.

On December 4th a small party of us—selected by ballot—had the privilege of attending a Council Meeting at York House as guests of the Mayor of Twickenham. We spent a very interesting and entertaining evening, and we were all grateful for the opportunity of witnessing at first hand the conduct of local government affairs. Our thanks go to Mrs. Sanders for arranging this for us. M.F.

P.S.—There will not be a discussion Group in February. The next one will be on March 18th. We are arranging a jumble sale to be held at the Hall at 2.30 on Saturday, February 7th and would be pleased to receive merchandise. If you wish us to collect it, please will you tell Mrs. Harding, 84, Park Road. Mol. 3052.

THE SCOUT GROUP

On Wednesday, 7th January, the cub pack held their Annual Xmas Party, after which not many cubs wanted any supper.

During the evening they were entertained by Mr. G. Harding who gave an interesting display of magic but I don't think all his tricks quite fooled the cubs.

Then it was the cubs turn to entertain their parents, with cub A. Fisher taking the lead, they gave a short play entitled 'The Prehistoric Pack.' Great credit must be given to the Cub Master and Mrs. Childs for all the hard work they put in during rehearsals for throughout the whole play not one boy needed prompting.

It's hoped that Mr. R. Bishop has now recovered his breath after dashing up and down his light-house. This sketch was greatly enjoyed by all present.

We must congratulate Cubs S. Buck and P. Harnier on obtaining their swimming badges.

Our December Bingo was a great success from which another useful sum was added to the Building Fund.

To all readers—watch out for our posters announcing our Jumble Sale on March 6th at St. James's Hall. All articles of jumble will be gratefully received, so please turn out your cupboards and let us know and we will gladly collect.

Dates to Remember

- Feb. 3rd—Group Committee (Way-side).
- Mar. 6th—Jumble Sale (St. James's Hall).
- Apr. 11th—Annual General Meeting (St. James's Hall). All scout and cub parents are asked to attend this meeting.
- June 6th—It is hoped to hold another Garden Party at Laurel Dene. More details at a later date.

A. R. COOK.

SOME DATES TO NOTE

- Feb. 2.—Presentation of Christ in the Temple.
Holy Communion at 7.15 a.m. : 7.30 p.m. Ruridecanal Conference at St. Mary's Hall, Twickenham.
- Feb. 3.—8.0 p.m. Weekly rehearsals of 'The Vigil' begin. (This week at the Methodist Church, Percy Road).
- Feb. 4.—3.0 p.m. Mothers' Union. Speaker: Mrs. Charles (W).
- Feb. 6.—8.0 p.m. Church Council (Vestry).
- Feb. 7.—2.30 p.m. Jumble Sale organised by Y.W.G. (H).
- Feb. 11.—Ash Wednesday.
Holy Communion at 7.15 and 10.30 a.m. Short evening service at 8.0 p.m. followed by informal meeting.
- Feb. 13.—Women's World Day of Prayer.
United Service in Congregational Church at 8.0 p.m.
- Feb. 18.—8.0 p.m. Short Lenten Service, followed by informal discussion in Vestry.
- Feb. 24.—St. Matthias.
Holy Communion at 7.15 a.m.
- Feb. 25.—8.0 p.m. Lenten Service and discussion (Vestry).
8.0 p.m. Young Wives' Group. Speaker: Dr. Maddison (W).

BAPTISMS

- Jan. 4.—Christine Anita Robinson, St. Clare Bungalow, Uxbridge Road.
,, 4.—Jessica Louise Giles, 17, Cranmor Road.
,, 25.—David Gareth Beggs, 49, Longford Close.
,, 25.—Sheila Lesley Ingram, 27, Longford Close.
,, 25.—Debra Anne Neesham, 96, St. James's Avenue.

CONFIRMATION

At All Saints' Church, Isleworth, by the Bishop of Kensington, on November 26.—Elizabeth Tucker.

BURIALS

- Dec. 10.—Anne Jane Wales, 14, High Street, aged 84 yrs., (at Hampton).
,, 11.—Isaac William Summerell, 83, Uxbridge Road, aged 75 years.
,, 15.—Annie Mary Durnford, 4, Queen's Road, Feltham, aged 70 years.
Jan. 13.—Nellie Beatrice Guyott, 249, Hanworth Road, aged 80 years (at Hampton).
,, 20.—Annie Caroline Lencock, 4c, Windmill Road, aged 75 years.

FROM BEYOND THE SPIRE

THE WITNESS OF THE CHIEF

"While travelling by African bus a short time ago," writes a C.M.S. missionary nurse at a hospital in Kenya, East Africa, "I was greeted by a local chief who had been a patient in the hospital a few weeks before. He was profuse in his thanks for the treatment he had received. 'I have written to the Provincial Commissioner,' he informed me, 'and I have told him of the good treatment I received and of your kindness while I was in hospital.'"

"I pointed out to him that it was not really our goodness, but the Lord Jesus working amongst us. 'That is just what I told the Provincial Commissioner,' replied the chief. 'I said that patients need more than medicine for their bodies and that I for one was healed by prayer.' He added: 'Before I became ill, I was drinking heavily, but I saw that it was a sin while I was in hospital, and have not touched it since.'"

"Will you join in praying that this man, with his great opportunities of influence, may continue to prove a good witness to his new-found faith?"

WHAT ONE CAN DO

From Japan comes a story from a C.M.S. missionary of what one keen Japanese is doing to serve his Lord.

"He lives in a little village; until three years ago, he was the only Christian there. Then he started a Sunday School, and so gathered the

children round him. Now one evening a week he holds a meeting which is open to anyone—the children always come too. Once a month one of the clergy goes out to the village to lend a hand, but otherwise he carries on himself.

"Last year he decided to issue a weekly paper, which he could distribute to friends and acquaintances; he collects suitable material, duplicates the paper himself, and the children help to take it to the houses around. In all these ways, he is helping to spread the Gospel in the district, giving all his spare time, and much of his money to this work."

THE COST OF SAVING MARRIAGES

Broken homes are costing the nation £21,500,000 a year, says the report of the National Marriage Guidance Council.

Children in public care cost £15,700,000; children in approved schools, £3,250,000; youths in Borstal, £1,500,000; and legal aid for divorce costs £1,000,000. Against this, only £5,250,000 is spent on preventing broken homes, of which marriage guidance work receives some £33,000—but, of course, many of the clergy do this work as part of their pastoral ministry.

THE TEA WE DRINK

The people of Britain drink 3,360 million gallons of tea between them in one year—an average of five and three quarter cups per head every day.