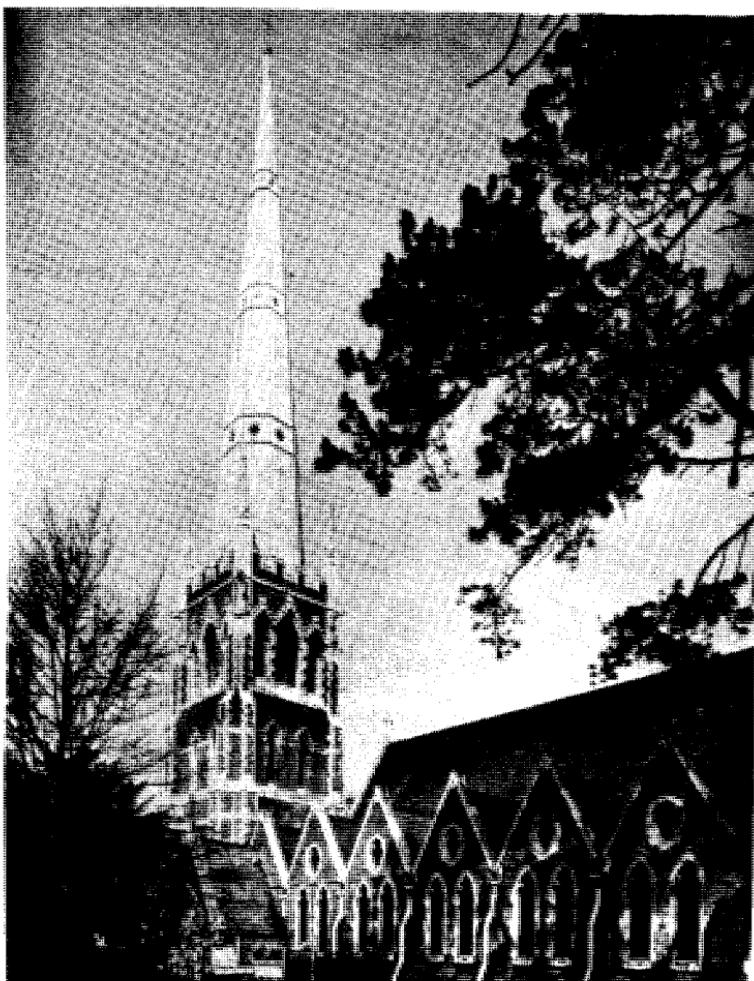


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## SUNDAY SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Holy Communion	Every Sunday	08.00
Holy Communion	On Festivals	12.10
PARISH COMMUNION	Every Sunday	09.30
	On most First Sundays in month also Family & Parade Service	09.30
Parish Breakfast	Every Sunday in Wayside or Church	10.45
SUNDAY SCHOOLS	Every Sunday (except First in month and during holiday periods) in Wayside	
INFANT BAPTISM	After due notice, once a quarter at Parish Communion	09.20
	or on Second Sundays in months	09.30
WELCOME SERVICE	Every Second Sunday in months	15.30
EVENSONG	Every Sunday except Second Sunday during Autumn & Winter	16.30
	during Summer Time	16.30
		18.30

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Towns and villages naturally like to have their names on the map, and to have signposts pointing to them. They like to have definite boundaries known to everybody, and to be regarded as real places, real communities, with a real existence. The people of Rochdale, where I lived as a boy, have recently become convinced that they are the victims of a growing conspiracy to pretend that their town does not exist, and they think that it should be seen by all really to be there. For does it not boast the finest Victorian town-hall in the North-west and the biggest MP in Britain? And was it not the original home of the biggest aspidistra in the world? No longer does it have to defend itself, as it did in my early days, against the charge of being the town with the highest fall of soot per acre in the whole of England (the town always disputed this unenviable distinction, and maintained that even if it were true it was not its own fault, but that soot from neighbouring towns such as Oldham was blown in on prevailing winds and deposited on poor old Rochdale because it was enclosed in a fold of the Pennines). Anyhow, the name of Rochdale has now been removed — apparently on orders from the DOE — from the direction indicators on the M6 and the M26, and Leeds substituted, for reasons no one in the town can fathom. But worse still: on the large-scale map in the new AA book, the name of the town has been deleted altogether, and its place taken by a black blob.

We in Hampton Hill can readily sympathise with the townspeople of Rochdale, for — as many members of the Hampton Hill Association protested at their last AGM — the Post Office and the Borough Council seem determined to wipe our name off the map (if indeed it has ever been firmly there. I have seen only one map of the area on which it appears at all — most mapmakers have completely ignored it, regarding it as part and parcel of Hampton). The annual Registers of Electors have always used the name as sparingly as possible — so for the last 30 years it has been 'Albert Road, Hampton', 'Burton's Road, Hampton', 'St. James's Road, Hampton'. We do grudgingly get 'High Street, Hampton Hill, Hampton' (to distinguish it from High Street, Hampton — but there is much confusion between the two High Streets, and I have often met people in ours searching for someone who lives in Hampton). But the stretch of road from the traffic-lights down to the hospital has until this year always been divided into three sections: 'Hampton Road, Hampton' (the bit around Laurel Dene); 'Hampton Road, Hampton Hill, Hampton' (the portion around Grove Hill Villas); and 'Hampton Road, Teddington' (the final stretch up to Teddington Hospital). But now in the 1978 Register the Hampton Hill bit has disappeared, to reappear in the Hampton section. So no wonder that there is now a 'KEEP HAMPTON HILL ALIVE' campaign — and we want to back it with all our power. For Hampton Hill has a short but remarkable and distinctive history, and its transition from shanty-town to progressive self-reliant and caring community was achieved without any help — and sometimes in the face of considerable opposition — from the older village of Hampton (though now there is brotherly concord between us!).

But what do we mean when we speak of Hampton Hill? We at St. James's have no doubt on this point: we mean the parish with its boundaries as defined in 1863 — in effect, these were on the north, east and west the boundaries of the old Hampton parish — and later, with small modifications, those of Hampton Urban District Council. The parish was divided from the old parish from which it was split off by a line going through Bushy Park by Upper Lodge, down the middle of Uxbridge Road and then down the middle of Hanworth Road to the boundary of Hanworth itself at Buckingham Road. The old postal district seems to have made the Longford River its southern boundary, but included areas outside the parish to the north, such as Links View Road and Wellington Road. This seems to be mainly the area covered by the HHA, with the addition of some more roads in Teddington such as Oxford Road and Gloucester Road. The Hampton Hill Ward used to cover the whole of the parish with an equal area of Teddington, and the Rivermeads bit of Twickenham. But now some parts have been shorn from it, including the western end of our parish. So there is understandably much confusion. People in Teddington who use our postal address wonder why they are not contacted by representatives of their supposed parish church. People in areas which have always been designated 'Hampton' wander around trying to find their parish church when they want to put up the banns or to contact their vicar about some pressing matter, though we do all we can to get in touch with newcomers and let them know to which parish they belong. I would urge the postal authorities to think again: to re-establish the postal district of Hampton Hill, but this time to make it coincide with the parish, and to make the Teddington postal district accord with the traditional Teddington boundaries. There would have to be some slight adjustments in the Hampton Road area, where the parish boundary obviously follows an old track across which houses have now been built, and we have Bushy Park Gardens (postal address Teddington) in our parish while the houses in Hampton Road immediately to the west are in the parish of SS. Peter & Paul, Teddington, and five or six houses are half in one parish and half in another!

#### ADULT CONFIRMATION GROUP

This is what for convenience we usually call it, but it is a kind of shorthand term. It is a group without any strings attached, and no one is committed in any way in advance, nor can any guarantee be given that belonging to such a group will automatically ensure the receiving of Confirmation in due course. Most people who join such a group would usually have Confirmation in mind: they realise that some preparation for this is required and want to know what is involved. Others may come with a quite open mind, wanting to know what Christianity has to say for itself in this modern secular age before they decide one way or another. Still others may have been confirmed as children, and feel the need of a kind of refresher course: they want to get down to considering the truths of the Christian Faith and the practice of prayer at a deeper level than was possible when they were in their early 'teens. Then we often welcome one or two who have doubts and difficulties they want help in resolving, and what better place than a group like this, which soon develops a spirit of mutual trust and fellowship amongst its members? We would like now to know what demand there is for such a group or groups. We have already had one or two inquiries, and should like to get going early in the New Year. The age-range in mind is 18+ to 80+. I suggest

that as many of us as possible meet on Sunday morning January 21, and after we have had our cup of coffee, hold a short preliminary session at about 11.00 to arrange times and places for future meetings when we can really get down to it in earnest. Sometimes people like to meet in different houses in turn; sometimes it works out better to have one settled base. Some may be so situated that they would prefer to join a group meeting in the morning or afternoon.

Anyhow, if you think that anything written above applies to you or appeals to you, please do your best to come along to the church on the morning of January 21, and we will see where we go from there.

## HOUNSLOW AND DISTRICT WEL-CARE ASSOCIATION

15 Bulstrode Road,  
Hounslow, Middx.

### NEWSLETTER

"What does Welcare do?" seems to be the question being asked by many people, not only outside of the church but church people themselves, even, would you believe, some of the clergy and the Welcare "Parish reps"! It is understandable, however, that in this socially changing society in which we live, people do get confused about the job of social workers, whether it be local authority ones or those like ourselves employed by the church. We at Welcare are constantly having to re-examine what we are doing and whether what we were doing 10-15 years ago is relevant to the needs of our community to-day. One thing hasn't changed, however, and that is that the work of Welcare springs from the Church's caring concern for people in our community. Which leads to a second question asked —

"Is Welcare still just for the unmarried "Mum"?" No, we see ourselves as offering a service to anyone who needs material or practical help and those with social or emotional needs — whether as the result of marital breakdown, or restoration of a failing marriage, children involved, the socially isolated who cannot relate to people for fear or risk of rejection; the powerless whose lives appear to be becoming more and more controlled and directed by our bureaucratic society; the guilt ridden who can find no relief or comfort anywhere. We had an example of this recently with a middle aged gentleman who had a history of failure in all areas of his life and who was in deparate need. He expressed a desire to go to church and look for a solution there, but could not as he felt so "unworthy". One felt glad that one was able to remind him of the words of Jesus when He said "The well have no need of a physician, but they that are sick". However, one cannot underestimate our continuing work with the unmarried mother as there is still a need for this, even though the state are making better provision for them. One area of concern here is the seeming fact that so many teenagers appear to be drifting into pregnancy and also marriage without any clear idea as to what it's all about. Do some perhaps feel, we wonder, if it's not one way of getting away from home and getting re-housed.

**"What do we offer the folks who come?"** The people who are referred to us generally have problems which they are unable to cope with, so we see them in an informal setting to help them to share these problems and hopefully in a one to one relationship these can be resolved. Sometimes the one to one is not the most appropriate method for helping them, so we run a group where they can mix with others in a similar situation as themselves and sometimes too for those who have great difficulties in personal relationships this group can be quite therapeutic. Some of our clients have long term support which can go on for two generations; for others, intense short term help is all they need at that time. We do aim at helping them to develop their own resources so that people can have more control over their lives, and not be constantly controlled by their circumstances. We hope too that in working through one crisis they will be more equipped to deal with any future problems. Also to make full use of the existing community resources. We are not, however, just office based. We are attempting more and more to get out into the community and in our discussions with other local bodies which, of course, includes the Church, discover not only the problems but the needs of people in the area, and hopefully help cater for these. We are interested in people, you and me, with needs, and surely that is everyone at every level. We believe there are stages before crises occur, and that's a stage that also concerns us — the stage before the teenager gets pregnant; before marriage; before marriage breakdown; before the adolescent becomes dilinquent; before the suicide attempt; before the child is battered — and we feel that a lot of these crisis situations can start with needs that are not being met, but in order to be in at that stage we need to be aware of what is going on around us, and that means getting out, listening and watching and being able to act appropriately. One wonders sometimes if crises are not desparate "cries for help" from people who cannot get help otherwise. Another question often asked is "why don't you as Christians work in Social Services?" There are many answers to this one, but one of the advantages of a voluntary agency is the flexibility and room for manoeuvre not always possible in a statutory agency. We have also freedom to experiment with new ideas and methods.

**"Where does the Church bit come in?"** That's an excellent question and we're delighted when people ask it — if the Church is fulfilling Christ's mission to "feed the poor", "bind up the broken heart", etc., then one cannot deny that the Church will always have a duty here if we are participating in Christ's mission. Also, when one looks back one can see the role that the Church has played in pioneering many of the great social reforms which the state is now providing for but surely one of our roles now is to look at the new problems in our society and continue this pioneering role. The recent inauguration of the Social Responsibility Committee could be a step towards this. We feel there is still tremendous needs in society for Christianity to be seen as the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world", one preventing decay and the other bringing fulfillment, and hopefully as Christian social workers we can add both of these ingredients to our work. We are grateful for the help that we do receive and look forward to this continuing, not only financially and materially, but especially need your prayers to enable us to represent the church as a caring community effectively. Most of the parishes have reps who are there to pick up and pass on any ideas, etc., which you may have about our work, and of course we are always open to seeing people in the office.

Liz Lawson    Phyllis Aylward    Vivien Rayski    Shirley McLeish  
(Received 8 December 1978)

## HAVE A LITTLE READ

Books have become very expensive and leisure time very scarce. For many years the church has had a bookstall stocked and kept by Jean Western who is always ready to get books for us, often at short notice. For the last three years the M.U. bookstall has supplied M.U. publications — mostly pamphlets on something of moment and relevant to the objects. But not many are sold and most have a limited life of immediacy, so the Branch has now decided that the books might be more widely used if, instead of offering them for sale, we offered them for reading. It will still be possible to purchase copies for those who want to possess them, but the bookstall will have copies belonging to the Branch but which we hope other members of the congregation will also feel free to look at and read. Many of the publications can be read in a few minutes, and it was thought that people might like to do this before or after services; perhaps for a few minutes when, having chatted with neighbours over coffee, there is still no need to hurry away. If anyone decides to borrow a book and take it away, we ask them to say so in the note-book provided, as we sometimes need a particular copy for a meeting or discussion group and would want to know where they were.

The most recent M.U. book, "Choosing Marriage", received a great deal of publicity when it first appeared — at least one national newspaper has since apologised for the mis-quotations it then made — and is a book we are glad about. This is a book for anyone contemplating a church marriage but, as the Vicar says, the time when they come to put in the Banns is scarcely a suitable one for this kind of consideration and reading. The best thing would have been to read it long before. Sets of copies have already been supplied to sixth forms of a number of schools and this is probably about right. There are copies to read or to buy (50p) on the M.U. bookstall.

"Fidelity", a small pamphlet (30p) is a very different work. This is a print of the address given by Lady Oppenheimer at the first 'Mary Sumner Annual Lecture' last year. It is a philosophical and erudite contribution to the subject of faithfulness in marriage and would be useful reading for those who are trying to understand the intricacies of the Christian marriage position. This is not light reading.

C.H.B.

## THE CHRISTMAS GIFT

It is very comforting when one is downcast or in trouble to seek out a friend of infinite experience to confide in and rely on and, in time, to come to a deeper relationship and understanding with because of shared experience. The apostle Paul is one such friend. Out of his own knowledge and experience of our universal Friend and Father he says to us:

"The Lord is near; have no anxiety, but in everything make your requests known to God in prayer and petition, with thanksgiving. Then the peace of God which is beyond our utmost understanding, will keep guard over your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus."

And having given his advice he goes on further to strengthen the listener by his understanding of the very circumstances which have brought him to him to seek advice and comfort and strength.

"For I have learned", he says, "to find resources in myself whatever my circumstances. I know what it is to be brought low, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have been very thoroughly initiated into the human lot with all its ups and downs — fullness and hunger, plenty and want. I have strength for anything through Him who gives me power".

On the day I wrote this article I didn't feel up to much when I woke. In fact I felt rather ill. I had slept badly and felt tense and over anxious as I sat up in bed and opened the New English Bible at random, and there were the words I have just quoted, underlined because of their deep significance to me; underlined because of their particular truth in the light of my own experience. I thought I would write them down to give to a friend who I know is going through a time of great loneliness and pain and who yet is finding out gradually the efficacy and truth of Paul's advice; and then the thought came to me to write them out for The Spire in the hope that somebody else in the need of a gift of special comfort at this time may see them and be comforted and strengthened and renewed all over again or blessedly, led to seek in real earnest the comfort and strength that truly is to be found in Jesus.

"Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy-laden", He tells us, "And I will refresh you". This is a promise, an assertion from one who cannot lie; and in like manner: "Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you, for everyone that seeketh, findeth, and to everyone that knocketh, it shall be opened".

At Christmas we go to enormous pains to find appropriate gifts for our families and friends. We write lists, spend hours planning and thinking; we scour the shops, we seek here and there and often, after all our trouble, we have a feeling that we have bought something they don't really need. We open our own parcels and often, when all the pretty wrappings are off we are left with a strange feeling of anti-climax with our presents. Everyone has spent such a lot of time to celebrate something about which there has been little time to think — the birth of one who gives us a new quality of life with His presence.

What better gift could you have at Christmastide than, having sought and having knocked, to find the infant Jesus either reborn or newly born in you, to live and grow in you to your own glory and to His.

M.O.

#### VIEWS FROM THE PEW

- 1) When people are trying to persuade the authorities or the public to spend money in some good cause, the most convincing argument often seems to be deemed to be a financial one: the present deplorable condition costs the Health Service or the Social Services, and therefore the tax-payer, so many pounds a year. If something was done about it, some of this money could be saved. I think it is very sad that money speaks to people so much more than a social evil or an incurable disease with all the suffering these cause.
- 2) During the prayers I would like to have a short silence between the various sections for private prayer.

#### A CHRISTMAS LESSON

Last year we did not really enjoy Christmas. We were in Rome and had expected a particularly memorable occasion. Apart from the unique experience of a papal mass at St. Peter's everything else was disappointing, and in fact Christmas Day itself was a real disaster. Through a series of unfortunate and stupid circumstances we had to miss the long awaited Christmas Dinner which had been arranged for all the members of Roger's course and their families. Instead we found ourselves sitting quite alone in a totally empty, rather mediocre, restaurant in front of a strange meal of turkey with a tough cold salad. I could hardly eat, and we felt miserable for the rest of the day.

Afterwards I felt ashamed. It was Christmas; the happiest day in the Christian year. We were celebrating God's great mercy in sending us a Saviour. Christmas Joy -- I had professed it in the morning during the service at St.

Peter's ... and yet because our own personal comforts were not what we had expected, all joy went out of Christmas. It was quite shattering. Did I like Christmas just because of its trimmings? Did the message mean so little to me?

Since then things have moved into perspective. It is unfortunately true that the Good News of Jesus's coming very often finds a closed door because we are full of worries. But God is patient — He keeps knocking.

However — Christmas is really not as enjoyable as it can be without its trimmings. Our many traditions make it the happy family occasion it usually is. Personally I would not like to spend Christmas on a cruise to the Canary Islands for example, because home and the kind of cold weather we have here, just belong. Traditional foods are looked forward to all year. Decorations are put up with loving care. The smell of the Christmas tree is just beautiful. In Rome we had no television, radio or record-player. However dreadful I find it if "Hulk turns green for Christmas", they do turn out some lovely programmes, and without Christmas music and stories the festive season is that much poorer. In Rome we saw hardly any decorations in the streets or shop windows — three cheers for our own beautiful High Street here in Hampton Hill. We had very inadequate cooking-facilities, which meant no delicious baking or cooking aromas drifting through the house. Carol-singing, school-concerts, pantomimes, the family gathering together — all these things we missed last year. We certainly are glad to spend a "proper" Christmas at home this year.

H.B.

### THE CHURCHYARD

1979 could be the year in which we at long last are in a position to tidy up the Churchyard.

For some time now I have been discussing with the Manpower Services Commission the possibility of employing up to six young people between the ages of 19 - 24 on a project of work in the Churchyard. The scheme is to provide the young people who would otherwise be unemployed with some "WORK EXPERIENCE", and is financed by the Government.

Our first problem is to find an experienced "SUPERVISOR" preferably someone who has been engaged upon gardening, land-scaping or building work and who has the ability to "LEAD" a small team of completely untrained people, with tact and patience.

The work involves the clearing and levelling of areas of the Churchyard so that rotary or cylinder mowers can be used, removing undergrowth, scrub, and saplings - cutting back hedges and remaking paths. It is hoped that work could start in March and last for about six months. Rates of pay and conditions of work would be in accordance with local agreements.

It is considered that the post of Supervisor might suit a recently retired person and if you know of anyone who would be interested please contact me at 36 St. James's Road or telephone 979 2426.

G.I. Robinson

### CHEMISTS' ADDITIONAL DUTY ROTA

#### January

- 14      Boots, 66 Broad Street, Teddington.
- 21      D.R. Thomas, 113 Stanley Road, Teddington.
- 28      H. Hall, 62 High Street, Hampton Hill.

#### February

- 4      E. Moss, 14 Broad Street, Teddington.
- 11      F.G. Martin, 28B Priory Road, Hampton.

## SEASONAL PUZZLE

Here's a little puzzle to get your brains working again after those days of over-indulgence. First solve the individual clues, then write down the particular letter of the word as indicated in brackets. When re-arranged the twelve letters will spell out an important announcement from the editorial staff:

His birth was at Christmas	(2)
They came down at Christmas	(1)
God's Christmas gift to the world was made through Her	(4)
Kept a Baby warm at Christmas	(2)
Shortly after Christmas a family went there	(3)
The family lived uneventfully in this town for some twelve years	(5)
They followed the star at Christams	(2)
Watched their flocks at Christmas	(4)
It was discovered at Christmas	(1)
He led a donkey at Christmas	(5)
The family stayed there until he had died	(2)
Here	(6)

## DEDICATION FESTIVAL 1978

To commemorate in twenty minutes a period of history spanning 115 years is no easy task, but for the Welcome Service on December 10 our own historian, Margery Orton, wrote and produced a dramatic presentation which more than met that challenge. She concentrated on the early years of the existence of St. James's Church in Hampton Hill, but to her audience it was made to feel as only yesterday. To a large extent this was due to the wealth of feeling and realism put into their parts by all the characters involved. It was quite enthralling to listen to and watch.

The early years of our history were dominated by its first vicar, a quite outstanding character — the Rev. Fitzroy John Fitz Wygram, who throughout was ably supported by the young wife who subsequently became his widow, because unfortunately Mr. Fitz Wygram died at the early age of 54.

As the presentation so clearly demonstrated, there is no doubt that not only St. James's but also a large part of Hampton Hill owes a large debt to Mr. and Mrs. Fitz Wygram. Almost every aspect of village life benefitted from his shrewd analysis and apt solution, and even today many activities still bear witness to his work and generosity.

Of course, to us, the church building stands as a wonderful monument to him. It has been described as "a barn of a church in a wilderness of a and as "the ugliest church in Middlesex"; but to us who know and support it it is "a thing of beauty and a joy forever". As someone once said — "beauty is in the eye of the beholder", and that is why we all see it and love it in a different way. But however we know it we all feel some of its history whenever we are in it.

Throughout its history St. James's Church has been blessed by its choice of incumbents. They all seem to have had the same sense of devotion to the church and the people as Mr. Fitz Wygram did, and this has enabled us to inherit, and in due course to pass on, a building and community which is the richer for their having been there. In this respect, in my humble opinion, Rupert and Connie Brunt have already more than matched their illustrious predecessors. Long may they continue to do so.

In conclusion I would record the thanks of all those fortunate enough to be there to Margery, Connie, Rupert, Ron, Hannah, Michael, Alan, Bill and Dick, for a splendid presentation.

H.E.S.

## WASTE PAPER COLLECTION

We were pleased to hear that a local wine-shop is using paper bags made from re-cycled paper bearing the slogan "Re-cycled paper saves trees, saves pollution, saves on the balance of payments".

During 1978 we have raised just over £600 from the Waste Paper Collection. On Friday December 8 at a meeting of the collectors the following allocation of money was agreed:-

Friends of Laurel Dene for a Ripple Bed	£50
Old People's Welfare Committee towards Christmas presents	£50
Community Care Group Coffee Shop Project for equipment	£50
Friends of Maddison Clinic for a Flexiform Cabinet	£125
St. Francis de Sales Charities Group towards a portable kidney machine	£200
This amounts to £475 and the rest of the money will be kept in reserve.	

We would like to thank all those who have helped us to make the collection such a worthwhile job and we look forward to another successful year in 1979.

DEN and JAN

## AROUND THE SPIRE

After a long wait Roy Brooks has been admitted to hospital for his hip operation. We all offer our prayers for his speedy and successful recovery.

We welcome Mrs. Lewis back to Hampton Hill after her exciting and brave venture 'down under' where she spent two months with her cousin in Melbourne.

Congratulations to Alan Taylor who has recently taken up a new post in Blackburn and will be spending most of the week in his flat in Preston. He will be greatly missed during mid-week especially by the Questers -- and Burton's Road won't seem quite the same of an evening without its inveterate jogger. We wish him great success and satisfaction in his new job.

Congratulations also to Mr. & Mrs. Adams on the arrival of a baby daughter, Harriet Jane, born last month. Mr. Gerry Adams is, of course, our very much appreciated assistant organist.

Our sympathies go out to Gill Gostling and Peter Nunn who have both recently sustained very uncomfortable and unfortunate injuries from road accidents. We are very thankful that neither was too seriously hurt and so managed to return to work relatively quickly.

## YOUNG FAMILIES' GROUP

Programme: (meetings in Wayside, 10.30 – 12 noon)

### January

- 4 Pram Service and Party (in Church)
- 18 "Fostering" Talk by Avon Pailthorpe

### February

- 1 "Any Questions" with Monica Morrison, Health Visitor and Mother of two young children
- 15 "Eating can be Good for You" Film by the Milk Marketing Board

### March

- 1 Bring and Buy of Nearly New Children's Clothes
- 15 Talk with Slides by NAWCH (National Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital)
- 29 Patchwork – Practical demonstration by Carole Tappin

### April

- 5 Fun with Easter Eggs

## OTHER DATES TO NOTE

### January

- 13 19.15 Parish Christmas Party (Hall)  
14 17.15 Senior members of St. James's lead the service at Laurel Dene  
15 10.30 Editorial Board (75 St. James's Avenue)  
16 20.00 Prayer Meeting (75 Burton's Road)  
17 19.15 Holy Communion  
18-25: WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY  
21 After the Parish Communion, short meeting for those who would like to join an Adult Confirmation Group.  
N.B. No Service this Sunday at 16.30, but at 18.45 a UNITED SERVICE in our church (as part of the observance of the Week of Prayer) at which the preacher will be a distinguished Methodist minister, the Reverend Dr. John Chamberlayne, Superintendent of the Whitechapel Mission. After this service, light refreshments will be served in the south aisle, and we will have the opportunity of meeting our friends from other churches.  
23 20.00 Parochial Church Council (Vestry); Tuesday Club — 'Anti-Vivisection' (W)  
25 19.15 CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL: 19.15 Holy Communion  
30 20.00 Prayer Meeting (75 Burton's Road)  
31 (Observed as THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST) 19.15 Holy Communion

### February

- 1 19.30 The Bishop of London speaks to representatives from parishes in the Kensington Area about the Lambeth Conference (Holy Trinity, Brompton)  
6 20.00 Tuesday Club: Keep Fit Session (W); Committee of Hampton Council of Churches (St. Mary's Hall)  
7 14.30 Mothers' Union: Branch Meeting (W)  
19.15 Holy Communion  
8 20.00 Properites Committee (19 St. James's Road)  
13 20.00 Prayer Meeting (75 Burton's Road)

Young People's organisations continue to meet as arranged, and the Catechumenate every Wednesday and Saturday evening.

## BAPTISMS

### December

- 10 Tracey Louise Sutton, 40 Wordsworth Road  
William Peter Thomas-Ferrand, 11 St. James's Avenue

## MARRIAGES

### December

- 9 Terry Dyer to Pauline Janet Wright  
Brian Arnold Alexander to Susan Pauline Cavanagh