

The Hampton Hill Parish Magazine.

AUGUST, 1892.

OFFERTORIES.

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Sunday,	June	26th.—Hampton Deanery Church Society	3	18	5
„	July	3rd.—General Fund.....	4	4	10
„	„	10th.—General Fund.....	3	16	6
„	„	17th.—General Fund.....	3	10	5

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EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

July 5.—Geoffrey Wyndham Wadham.	July 10.—Reginald Albert John
„ 10.—James Alfred Jennings.	William Johnson.
„ 10.—Wilfred Percy Uffman.	„ 16.—Celia Hunter Cooper.
„ 10.—Barbara Isabel Dorothy Milne.	„ 16.—Samuel Smith.

MARRIAGE.

June 28.—John Charles Bourne and Inez Roe.

BURIALS.

June 25.—John Grimault Wilkinson, 46 years.
„ 25.—John Henry Durnford, 23 months.
„ 30.—John Panell Voller, 16 months.
July 2.—Margery Rose Tollman, 3 months.
„ 2.—Henry Thomas Salmon, 66 years.
„ 5.—Mary Bennett, 68 years.

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HYMNS FOR AUGUST.

M. 199, Tu. 225. W. 254. Th. 224. F. 105. Sa. 192. August 7, 8th after Trinity, 179 | 276, 279 | 277, 12, 306. M. 166. Tu. 189. W. 205. Th. 217. F. 200. Sa. 169. August 14, 9th after Trinity, 6, 265, 271 | 281, 291 | 193, 13, 223. M. 225. Tu. 268. W. 267. Th. 161. F. 246. Sa. 277. August 21, 10th after Trinity, 317 | 297, 261 | 245, 525, 23. M. 264. Tu. 207. W. 210. Th. 257. F. 297. Sa. 222. August 28, 11th after Trinity. 2, 236, 224 | 573, 473, 339 | 278, 266, 633. M. 225. Tu. 274. W. 215.

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Our Flower Show.—Notwithstanding some drawbacks, our Show, which was held this year in the Vicarage Grounds, may be pronounced to have proved one of the best and most successful we have had. We were disappointed in our hope that H.R.H. Princess Frederica of Hanover would be present to distribute the Prizes. Unfortunately, her return to England was fixed for too late a date to admit of her coming. Then the weather was most threatening, and a heavy gloomy sky was maintained throughout the day. Doubtless some of our friends from a distance were afraid to venture, and, in consequence, the attendance was rather thin during the earlier hours of the afternoon. As time went on things mended, and up to eight o'clock there

was an almost continuous flow of fresh visitors into the field, which at last was fairly crowded. The Show itself was excellent, and the tents were arranged and set out to the best advantage. The large tent at the head of the field was quite a picture, being filled with excellent plants and groups, especially the splendid foliage plants which took the first prize for hot-house productions. There were four very pretty groups made up of choice specimens of various kinds of plants, which did great credit to the gardeners who produced them. Perhaps the most popular part of the exhibition was the tent which contained the table and other decorations, and the cut flowers. This was excessively pretty, and certainly in general effect, and we believe too in excellence of detail, surpassed any of our previous efforts. The dinner tables stretched across the entrance of the tent, and backed up by the central staging, which was covered from end to end with, all of them, most tasteful arrangement of flowers, presented a most pleasing *coup d'oeil*. On the side tables were excellent specimens of roses and other flowers, some very fine fruit, and for a local effort, a first-rate display of comb honey. Last, but not least in interest, was the smaller tent containing the more substantial, but most necessary, productions of our gardens, the vegetables. It always seems a surprise to see these picked exhibits, such long pods of peas, such potatoes, and onions and other vegetables; and we must not omit the highly ornamental and at the same time excellent tomatoes. In this tent, too, the centre table was nearly covered with nature's own beauty in the shape of wild flowers gathered and arranged by the willing hands of our little ones. We trust that thus the seeds of horticulture were being sown in many a little heart, and that it may grow up and develop itself in a truly elevating taste for gardens and flowers. We must not omit a word with regard to the prize giving which we hope proved itself a success as to its arrangement. The tent in which this ceremony was performed was thoroughly opened out, so that all that went on might be seen. A barrier was erected at a convenient distance, which by spreading out the spectators into a more extended line, enabled all who wished to see. Seats were provided within for those who were prepared to spend the not exorbitant sum of 2d., for this luxury; and free access for the prize takers was secured by planting the Secretary's and Treasurer's offices immediately in front of the platform, thus shutting out the view at that point, and, in consequence, removing all crowd from the entrance for the prize takers which was left between them. In front of the platform was a small space roped off, where the prize takers waited their turn, the ladies sitting, and the others standing, and in this way all passed off in orderly fashion. We must say a word or two also about the Cottage Garden competitions, which occupy a most important part of the programme of the Society. It is a pity that the gardens cannot be seen and compared by those who visit the Show. Their produce, indeed, tells its tale when it is staged in the show, but it would greatly increase the interest if the neat well cultivated plots of kitchen garden, and the charming beauty of the cottage flowers could be seen and compared just as they are in our village. We can only say that during our rounds from time to time that there is evidence that our Society is doing a good work in developing more and more a true taste for gardening, and that there are evidences of skill which you would hardly expect from those who are not professionals. The

success of the day was much enhanced by the music performed by our local Band, and in the evening many found additional enjoyment in the pleasures of a dance. Unfortunately for this part of the programme rain came on, and at about 8.30 p.m., all were obliged to disperse.

Temperance.—In consequence, we believe, of the pressure caused by the elections, it was found impossible to procure a speaker for the open-air Temperance Meeting which it had been proposed to hold in the Vicarage Grounds, and, consequently it fell through.

Athletics and Sports.—It is arranged that the usual Annual Meeting of the Institute Club shall take place in Miss Deacon's field, on the Wednesday after Bank Holiday. Fine weather is all that is wanted to make this gathering a success.

St. Peter's Day, 1892.—Some few of us joined in the early service at 7.30 a.m., when there was morning prayer and Holy Communion, as is our custom on all Festival Days. There had been a heavy and lasting storm through a large portion of the previous night; terrific thunder and incessant lightning lasting many hours, but the morning had broken quietly, and though somewhat cold for the time of the year, there was the promise of fine weather. In accordance with a long arranged plan, our Communicants' Class was this year to have a day's outing in lieu of the usual summer gathering in the Vicarage gardens. We were assembled to the number of about 40 at the side of the river at the Hampton landing stage at the time appointed for our start on a trip to Windsor and back. Owing to the storm of the previous night there had been some delay in getting the steam launch ready, and she did not get up to Hampton till an hour after the appointed time, so we did not leave before nearly eleven o'clock. This temporary delay, however, had not damped the spirits of our party. All seemed bright happy and enjoying that which was to some of them the novel sensation of gliding swiftly upon the smooth waters of the river, and admiring the charming scenery of its pretty banks. No more completely happy picture of life could well be drawn than was contained in the little steam launch on that eventful morning. We had reached Shepperton, and whilst rising in the waters of the lock, this bright scene of life was suddenly altered, and we were all of us face to face with death. One of our party, to whom we were giving a passage only to this very spot, was suddenly taken from us—from apparent health and strength and spirit into the still silence of death. After an hour spent in doing all we could for him who had passed from us, sadly and silently we returned to convey his body once more to his home. So passed St. Peter's day. Although this event is well known to most of our friends and neighbours, yet we would say a word in the pages of our magazine, for has not God spoken to us all? Never have those words which are so familiar to us in the burial service, "In the midst of life we are in death," appeared more vividly true than they were to us on that day. God grant that we may learn the lesson taught. The day must come, it may not be far distant, when each one of us will be called to stand before God, face to face with the Almighty. Whether it follow lingering weeks of sickness, or whether it come upon us suddenly, may we each one of us be found ready for that solemn hour! Live always then, as you would be found living when the day of death shall come!

CHURCH CALENDAR

FOR

AUGUST, 1892.

1	M	
2	Tu	
3	W	
4	Th	
5	F	
6	S	
7	S	8th after Trinity. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
8	M	
9	Tu	
10	W	
11	Th	
12	F	
13	S	
14	S	9th after Trinity. Celebration, 8 a.m. Baptisms, 3.30 p.m.
15	M	
16	Tu	
17	W	
18	Th	
19	F	
20	S	
21	S	10th after Trinity. Celebrations, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
22	M	
23	Tu	
24	W	<i>S. Bartholomew.</i> Celebration, 10 a.m.
25	Th	Provident Club, Vicarage, 10.30 a.m.
26	F	
27	S	
28	S	11th after Trinity. Celebration, 8 a.m., Children's Service, 3.30 p.m.
29	M	
30	Tu	
31	W	

WEEK-DAY SERVICES.

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 5.30 p.m.
 Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.