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PAROCHIAL NOTES.

Sunday School.

10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Boys in Parish Hall. Superintendent—Mr. L. Singleton. Girls in Club Room. Superintendent—Miss M. Harvey. Infants in Church Room at 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Superintendent—Miss Watts.

Bible Class.

For Girls on Sundays in Church Room at 3 p.m.

Band of Hope.

In the Club Room on Mondays at 6.30 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Grange.

Lads' Club.

In Club Rooms, School Road, Mondays and Fridays, 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Mr. Creane.

Girls' Club.

In Parish Hall, Mondays, 7.45 to 10 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Franks.

Communicants' Guild.

For Adults. Guild Service and Meeting on Wednesdays before the fourth Sunday at 8 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Miss Lush.

For Juniors. Guild Service and Meeting, second Monday in the month in Church, at 8 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Miss M. Harvey.

Missionary Association.

Meetings as announced. Hon. Sec.—Miss Jakeman.

Mothers' Union.

Monthly Meetings, First Wednesday in each month in the Church Room, 2.30 p.m., and Quarterly Meetings. Enrolling Member—Mrs. Kestin.

Mothers' Meeting.

Thursdays in Church Room, 2.30 p.m. Superintendent—Miss Butler.

Girl Guides.

Fridays in the Club Room, 7.30 p.m. Captain—Miss Looker.

Brownies.

Thursdays in Club Room, 5.45 p.m. Acting Brown Owl—Miss S. Harvey.

Sea Scouts.

Wednesdays in Church Room, 7.30 p.m. Group Scout Master—Mr. Ealden.

Cub Pack.

Wednesdays in Church Room, 5.45 p.m. Cub Master—Miss Newman

The Vicar may be seen at the Vicarage on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, between 8.45 and 9.45 a.m.; and generally on any day except Tuesday, between 6 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. H. Evans, Roseneath, Edward Road, Hampton Hill.

Vicar's Letter.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

We shall soon have the Christmas Festival here. Many have already become busy in preparation for the conventional observance of the festal season. But what about the Spiritual side of the Festival? It is the Birthday of our Saviour. Are we going to be busy preparing the offering that He desires most of all—ourselves, to present to Him at our Communions on Christmas Day? The Advent Season suggests an opportunity for such a preparation. Second only to the solemn Forty Days of Lent this season strikes a note of warning to prepare for the Coming of Jesus. And although that coming is to be at the consummation of all things, our own preparation for that Great Day will certainly be advanced by the due observance of this yearly period with its call to repentance, in anticipation of greeting Him Who once came in human flesh to offer Himself a willing sacrifice for us men and for our salvation. The true joy of Christmas depends upon the way we spend the Advent Season. I hope that you will all try and be more regular in your attendance at Sunday worship during Advent. We are to have

at least two special preachers at the Sunday morning services, The Rev. H. A. Taylor, Vicar of St. Jude's, Herne Hill is preaching on the first Sunday in Advent, and the Rev. H. F. Gaster will be the preacher on the third Sunday. On the Sunday evenings I shall try and put before you some thoughts on what are commonly called "The Four Last Things."

With regard to the Christmas Festival I have given a list of services under a special heading. I shall be very grateful for holly, evergreens and flowers for decorations. Please send them to the Church quite early on the Thursday so that the decorators may be able to get away as soon as possible.

I am glad to be able to report that Mr. Jakeman is still making steady progress towards recovery. He is going to Worthing early in the month for some four or five weeks, a change which I am sure we all hope will prove very beneficial. Mr. L. Singleton has, on account of his health, been obliged to give up his position as the Sunday School Superintendent of the boys' department. He has for several years done a good work amongst the boys, and we all regret that he has been obliged to

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give it up. Fortunately, Mr. Lovell, who has helped in the School for many years, and who has for the last few months taken over the charge of the boy's department during Mr. Singleton's unavoidable absence, has consented to become the new Superintendent. He will take up his new position on Advent Sunday, and he has asked me to appeal for another male teacher. As requested I have inserted a notice concerning a proposal for the Wednesday evenings in Lent 1932. This is merely a suggestion and will require a meeting of the clergy concerned, and if possible an opportunity of knowing the mind of the congregation upon the matter. All may not desire to attend a School of Religious Thought and Practice however devotional in character the services at which the instructions are given. Some also may not be able to walk to All Saints' Church, Hampton if that should become our centre. Not a few, I feel sure, would miss the week-day evening devotional service during Lent. In fact there are many pros and cons to be considered before one pledges one's people to such a new adventure. I shall be able to give further information in the next magazine. In the meantime I shall be glad to hear the opinion of the laity on the matter.

At the Ruri-decanal Conference held last month, Mr. Manford, the S.P.G. Diocesan Organising Secretary gave an interesting talk on the "Follow-up" of the Missionary Exhibition. There were several suggestions made as to what might be done to keep alive the enthusiasm aroused at the Exhibition. In this parish we have our Missionary Sale of Work for this month and then I hope to get the Missionary Association together to map out a course for next year. In the interval I look to see a greater interest in the Missionary Library in the Baptistry. Surely one of the results of the Exhibition should be the whetting of our appetites for further knowledge of the heathen peoples and the work that is

being done to bring the love of God into their lives. For the time being Miss Hawes and my daughter will be on duty at the Library after morning and evening service to give out books to those who would like to have them.

The second Sunday in Advent is called Bible Sunday from the Collect for the day. Bible reading is not a habit with the majority of Church people. Why not try and revive the regular daily reading of a portion of the scriptures? The Bible Reading Fellowship book of Daily Readings and Notes is a very useful aid to such a revival. Copies of this book may be obtained from the Library in the Baptistry, price one penny each.

Several young people in the congregation have asked whether it would be possible to have a Young People's Social Guild for both sexes in the Parish. I am to meet the originators of the idea during the month and hope to have some definite suggestions to put before you in the January Magazine.

With very best wishes for a truly joyous and happy Christmas,

I remain,

Your faithful friend and Vicar,

FREDK. P. P. HARVEY.

Days for Special Remembrance.

December 21st, St. Thomas; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. December 26th, St. Stephen; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. and 12. December 27th, St. John; usual Sunday Services. December 28th, Holy Innocents; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. December 31st, Watchnight Service, 11.45 p.m.

Christmas Day Services.

December 24th, 11.45 p.m., 1st Communion of Christmas. December 25th, Holy Communion, 7 a.m., 8 a.m.; Choral Eucharist, 9.45 a.m.;

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Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m.; Holy Communion, 12.15. Collections on Christmas Day will be given to the Sick and Poor Fund.

Flowers, Holly and Evergreens for decorations will be gratefully received at the Church on Thursday, December 24th between 9.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Missionary Association.

The monthly Intercessions will be said after morning service, on Sunday, December 13th. The Annual Sale will be held in the Parish Hall, on Wednesday, December 2nd, from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Admission 3d.; Tea 9d. Stalls for cakes, garments, fancy goods, "oddments." Come and try your luck at the Mystery Stall—good value for your money. The work of the Church overseas is expanding, and ever in need of increased support both in money and in prayer from the Church at Home. The amount collected in the S.P.G. boxes for the year ending November 1st was £2 9s. od., a slight increase on the amount of the year before. Miss Jakeman will be glad to hear from any who wish to begin the New Year well by taking a Missionary Box or by subscribing to a Missionary Magazine.

Parish Social.

A large gathering of parishioners was entertained at the Parish Hall, on November 4th. Besides the dancing there were musical items which were much appreciated, especially by the non-dancers. Grateful thanks are due to Mr. Alford who arranged the musical and dance programme, to Mr. Greening and his band for giving their services, to Miss Stephens and Miss Watford for their songs and to the Ladies Committee who undertook the catering. From the proceeds of the refreshments and the two guessing competitions, the sum of £5 11s. 3d. was handed over to the Parish Hall Fund.

Sunday School.

At the beginning of another Ecclesiastical year the classes in the departments of the Sunday School are being reformed. The number of scholars has increased during the past twelve months, which means that at least one more class in the boys' and girls' departments must be formed. Two new teachers are therefore required. The Vicar would be glad to hear from anyone who would undertake this work. Miss Watts is getting quite a number of infants in her department on Sunday mornings at half-past ten. She would also be glad of more help.

Choir Boys' Treat.

The Vicar hopes to be able to take the boys to the Circus at Olympia again this Christmas. He would be glad to receive donations towards the expense of the outing as soon as possible.

Mothers' Union.

At the Quarterly Meeting held last month, Mrs. Nelson-Walker gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on the Cinema to the members of the Mothers' Union. She showed how very useful the cinema could be from an educational point of view. Mrs. Walker also stressed the importance of mothers knowing what films their children were going to see and said that such a body as the Mothers' Union could have an influence on the kind of film shown in a neighbourhood. The next monthly meeting will be held in the Church Room, on Wednesday, December 9th, at 2.30 p.m. It has been suggested that there should be a banner for the branch and to this end an American Tea is being organised by the members which will take place towards the end of January.

Carol Service.

The Christmas Carol Service will be given on the Sunday after Christmas, December 27th.

Evensong will be shortened and will be followed by a programme of Carols which will include some old favourites for the congregation to join in.

In Anticipation of Lent.

Under the auspices of the Adult Religious Education Committee of the Diocese of London, a School of Religious Thought and Practice will be held in three centres in the Deanery of Hampton on five evenings during Lent 1932. On Wednesdays—commencing on Ash Wednesday—at Twickenham (St. Mary's) and at Hampton (All Saints'). The teachers appointed by the Committee are: for Twickenham Centre, the Rev. E. W. Sara; for Hampton Centre, the Rev. Eric Hamilton. A syllabus of the instructions is being prepared and will be circulated in due course. The subjects will be: (1) What do you mean by God? (2) How does God Act? (3) The Theory of Prayer. (4) A Lesson on Prayer Methods. (5) The Pattern Prayer. Questions for "Group Discussion," which it is hoped will take place each week in the various parishes taking part, will also be issued with the syllabus. Further details will be given in our January issue. Meanwhile the prayers of all Church People in the Deanery are desired that this novel effort may be abundantly blessed of God.

Electoral Roll.

This is the month for revising the Electoral Roll of the Parish in preparation for the Annual Election of the Parochial Church Council in January. There are many of the congregation whose names are not on the Roll. Will they please ask for a form of Application for Enrolment, fill it in and return it to the Vicar or to Mr. Alford, "Sarum," Uxbridge Road, at once or place it in the box in the Church labelled "Claims of Electors." It is important that your names should be enrolled because it brings you

into closer touch with the parochial life and also because the number of representatives of the Parish in the Ruri-decanal Conference and of the Rural Deanery in the Diocesan Conference depends upon the number on the Parochial Electoral Roll.

Finance.

The Financial Year ends on the 31st of December. The Finance Committee will shortly be drawing up the Parochial Budget for 1932. It is common knowledge that the parochial expenses for the year are not entirely met out of Church collections, and that the Committee rely on the Assessment Scheme to balance their Budget. They therefore invite new subscribers for 1932. Promises of subscriptions to be made weekly, monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or annually will be gratefully accepted before the end of the month. These promises should be sent to Mr. C. H. Evans, Roseneath, Edward Road. Promise forms may be obtained from the Vicar or Mr. Evans.

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

Oct. 25th—Joan Margaret Helyer.

Nov. 8th—Patricia Mary Highmore.

MARRIAGE.

"Those whom God hath joined together."

Oct. 31st—George William Fenner and Doris Josephine Schofield.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

Oct. 27th—Elizabeth Mary Gregory, aged 49 years.

.. 27th—Lilley Mary Harcourt, aged 52 years.

Nov. 4th—Anna Johanna Fredrica Stanton, aged 53 years.

.. 5th—Elizabeth Jane Taylor, aged 69 years.

.. 6th—Louisa Harper, aged 81 years.

.. 9th—John Lusher, aged 85 years.

.. 19th—Frederick John Branchett, aged 80 years.