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PAROCHIAL NOTES.

Sunday School.

10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Boys in Parish Hall. Superintendent—Mr. Lovell. 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.

Communicants' Guild.

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

Parochial Church Officer.

Mr. R. H. Alford, "Sarum," Uxbridge Road.

Missionary Association.

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

Mothers' Union.

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

Mothers' Meeting.

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

Girl Guides.

Fridays in the Club Room, 7—9 p.m. Captain—Miss R. Le Blanc.

Brownies.

Thursdays in Club Room, 5.30—7 p.m. Acting Brown Owl—Miss M. Winter.

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,

The congregations during Lent and Good Friday were quite good. We were fortunate in having the Rev. A. W. Orr to give the addresses on the Thursdays in Lent. His addresses were most helpful and we are grateful to him for coming. We are also grateful to the Rural Dean for taking the Three Hours Service on Good Friday. There was quite a good congregation at the rendering of Stainer's Crucifixion by the Choir. The Choir acquitted themselves very well and did credit to the amount of time and pains put into the practices by Mr. Lower. Mr. J. Gray sang the bass solos very

nicely. The collection was somewhat disappointing.

Our Easter Festival passed off very happily. The congregations were on the whole good. The Church was beautifully decorated and I am very grateful to the decorators and to all who kindly sent flowers. The Choir showed much improvement in their singing and the voluntary which Mr. Lower played after Evensong was much appreciated by those who stayed to listen.

This month we shall, I hope, mark the Rogation Days leading up, as they do, to Ascension Day. Please take special notice of the Ascension Day Services.

Miss DOROTHY HEAP, L.R.A.M., L.T.C.L., Experienced Teacher desires Pupils—Piano, Singing. Theory and Harmony. Preparation for all Examinations. Apply: 75, Hampton Rd., Upper Teddington

I have this year put a Celebration of the Holy Communion at half-past six in the morning, and I hope this service will be attended by many who have to go to work early in the day.

I am very hopeful that we shall not have to cancel our bus for the Albert Hall this year. It would be a very great pity if after so many years we should not send so small a number as forty-four, as representing the parish, to the S.P.G. Meeting, which from the names of the speakers will be a most interesting evening.

I have been nearly snowed up with requests from various Societies, who are holding their annual general meetings in London during this month, to put notices of these meetings in this month's issue of the Magazine. It would be impossible to give all even a small notice, but I have taken those in which this parish has an interest, viz., The Waifs and Strays Society and the Church of England Temperance Society. We shall be having a sermon on behalf of the C.E.T.S. on Sunday, May 14th in the evening, when the preacher will be the Rev. E. E. Charles, Vicar of Hampton. Considering the work which this Society does in connection with the Police Court Mission alone, it deserves much greater support from Church people.

We are accustomed at this time of the year to be very busy with Confirmation Classes. The Bishop has, however, changed the date of the Confirmation this year from July to December. This is quite a good move and I hope to have large classes of candidates directly the summer holidays are over.

The more I administer the Sacrament of Baptism, the greater is my feeling that there should be a very definite statement as to what should be the qualifications of the God-parents. To begin with, the promises are very solemn, and yet they

are undertaken in most cases in a very light-hearted manner. I wonder how many God-parents do take pains to instruct their God-children in the real nature of the promises they made for them when they were baptized. Then in the exhortation to the God-parents themselves, we press upon them the very serious nature of what they are undertaking. How many of them are really trying themselves to live up to the Baptismal profession—to follow the example of our Saviour Christ—and be made like unto him? If this is not their own ideal in life, is it probable that they will be very anxious to see that their God-children live up to it; and further, the Church tells them to *take care* that their God-children are presented to the Bishop to be confirmed by him. Are they likely to observe this definite instruction when they themselves have not been confirmed, and in many cases, when questioned, say they do not see the need of confirmation? The whole system of God-parents in the Church's Office is a farce and sadly needs reforming. Either the parents should be careful to ask only those who have been confirmed to be God-parents, or there should be a band of regular communicants in every parish who, when need arises, would undertake the duties of a God-parent to these little ones, who in Baptism are not only made Christians, but are solemnly admitted into the Church, in which there are various rules for its members to observe, which rules are not observed on account of the neglect of the God-parents in carrying out duties which before God and the congregation they most solemnly undertake.

I remain,

Your faithful friend and Vicar,

FREDK. P. P. HARVEY.

Days of Special Remembrance.

May 1st—S.S. Philip and James; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. May 22nd—Rogation Day;

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Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. May 23rd—**Rogation Day**; Intercession Service, 8 p.m. May 24th—**Rogation Day**; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.; Matins and Litany, 10.30 a.m. May 25th—**Ascension Day**; Holy Communion, 6.30 a.m., 7.30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Evensong and Sermon 8 p.m.

Missionary Association.

Prayers for the work of the Church Abroad will be said at Morning Service on Sunday, May 14th.

S.P.G. Anniversary Week is being held from May 6th to May 13th. Full particulars may be seen on the poster in the Church porch. The evening meeting at the Albert Hall, on Friday, May 12th promises to be particularly interesting. The subject is "The White Man and the African." The Headmaster of Eton is to take the chair, and the Bishop of Durham and the Rev. H. St. J. T. Evans of Kumasi will be the principal speakers.

Those who wish to join the bus party leaving St. James' Church at 6.30 p.m., must give in their names at once. We cannot secure the bus at 1/6d. a person without at least forty-four passengers. Seats in the Balcony are included in the eighteen pence. Seats in some lower part of the Hall (stalls probably) may be booked for a shilling, making the cost of the expedition altogether half a crown.

Mothers' Union.

The Monthly Meeting will be held in the Club Room on Wednesday, May 3rd, at 2.30 p.m.

It has been arranged to have the annual outing on Tuesday, June 20th. The place chosen this year is Clacton.

Jumble Sale.

The Annual Jumble Sale will be held on Friday, May 26th. The proceeds will be divided as in former years, between the Nurse Fund, Church Funds and Missions Overseas. In due course residents will

receive a post card addressed to the Vicar. All who have goods to contribute are asked to fill in their name and address and say definitely what day and time they would like the cart to call to collect the goods.

Easter Vestry.

The Easter Vestry was held in the Parish Hall, on Thursday, April 20th, when a small number of parishioners attended to elect the People's Warden for the ensuing year. The Vicar said that Mr. Franks had consented to serve as his Warden for the next twelve months. Mr. Evans was elected People's Warden.

Annual Fete.

The date for the Annual Fête has been fixed for Wednesday, July 12th. Mr. Newman has kindly agreed to act as General Secretary. He has undertaken the management of both sections of the Fête including the arrangement of the Side Shows in the field. The Vicar would be glad of suggestions for making this Annual Parochial gathering more attractive.

Waifs and Strays Society.

The 52nd Anniversary Meeting of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society will be held in the Church House, Westminster, on Thursday, May 11th, at 3 p.m. The Bishop of London will be in the Chair and the speakers will include the Bishop of Chelmsford and the Rt. Hon. Sir. A. S. T. Griffith-Boscawen. The Marchioness of Carisbrooke will be present to receive purses from a large number of children in the Diocese who are working on behalf of their less fortunate brothers and sisters. Admission to the meeting is free and tickets may be obtained from the Clergy or from the Secretary of the Society, Old Town Hall, Kennington, S.E. 11.

Church of England Temperance Society.

The Annual Demonstration will be held at the

Northern Polytechnic, Holloway Road, on Tuesday, May 16th, at 8 p.m. The speakers will include the Bishop of London and the Rev. H. Carter. From 7.30—8 p.m. there will be singing by United Choirs. The programme will also include a display of Maypole Dancing and Team Skipping by children and a distribution of prizes.

Admission is free but there are a certain number of reserved seats at 1/- each. Tickets may be obtained from the Rev. H. Pearson, 27, Gordon Square, W.C.

Acknowledgements.

The Finance Committee wish to acknowledge with many thanks the following:—to Parish Hall from Sale of White Elephants, 17s. 6d.; to General Fund, Mr. Bland, £2 2s. od.; Proceeds of Entertainments, per Social Committee, £10.; to Churchyard Fund, Mr. Irving, £1.

St. James's Young People's Social Guild.

On March 31st, the Guild at the request of the Rector of Hanworth, organised a Concert in aid of S. Dunstan's Home for the Blind. The programme consisted of items given by a band of performers known as the Tennessee Girls. Unfortunately the Concert was not such a financial success as could have been desired owing to the poor support given by the public. Those who did patronize the entertainment thoroughly enjoyed the fine display of dancing, singing and sleight of hand which was given by a troupe consisting mainly of children. Probably if it had been known that the artists were mostly children the audience would have been larger. The financial result of the entertainment was a net balance of £2 7s. 3d. which has been sent to St. Dunstan's.

The usual Hike took place on Easter Monday. Eighteen members left Hampton Hill soon after eight o'clock and took train to Dorking. From

there they walked to Abinger Hammer and thence over Hackhurst Downs and Ranmore Common to Great Bookham. Here a somewhat uproarious tea was partaken at the Old Crown Hotel. From thence the party walked to Leatherhead and thence home. It is noticeable that non-hikers who join in one of the Hikes invariably become enthusiasts.

The Guild hopes shortly to be able to hold its meetings in the Vicarage Field, when tennis and cricket etc., will again be in full swing.

New members will be heartily welcomed. The age limit is from 16—30 years of age. Prospective members must be confirmed or willing to become candidates for the next Confirmation.

L. W. STEVENS, Hon. Sec.

Lads' Club.

The Lads' Club is closed until the beginning of September. The season has been one of the most successful as far as numbers are concerned. To Mr. Creane and his Committee a very great debt of gratitude is due for their interest in the lads and their amusement on two evenings in the week.

Concert.

An Evening Concert is to be given in the Parish Hall, on Saturday, 6th May, by Pupils of Miss Dorothy Heap, assisted by Mr. Alford's School Orchestra and other friends. The proceeds will be given to the Star and Garter Home for disabled Sailors and Soldiers. Prices of admission 1/6d. and 1/-

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

April 23—Arthur Thomas Hughes.

MARRIAGES.

"Those whom God hath joined together."

April 15—William Everdine Seton Murthwaith and Dorothy Annie Bonfield.

.. 15—Stanley George Edwin Harris and Doris Hilda Martin.

.. 16—Albert Sydney Turner and Annie Myra Moore.

.. 17—George Edward Warner and Mary Constance Farmer.

.. 24—Leonard John Stenbridge and Edna Millicent Keddie.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

April 4—Elizabeth Jackson, aged 69 years.

.. 6—Denis Vincent Ovington Jones, aged 79 years.

.. 6—Arthur John Piller, aged 59 years.

.. 13—Edward A. S. White, aged 48 years.

.. 13—Sidney Harry Rivers, aged 42 years.