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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 the Club Room at 3 p.m.

### Band of Hope.

In the Club Room on Mondays at 6.15 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.

### 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.

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

Tuesdays in the Club Room from 8 to 10.30 p.m. Open to Communicants and intending Confirmees between the ages of 16 and 30 years. Hon. Sec.—Mr. E. Gubbins, 36, Links View Road.

### Mothers' Meeting.

Thursdays in the Club 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 Rd., Hampton Hill

## Vicar's Letter.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

What of the outlook for 1934? As far as our worldly interests are concerned it is favourable. We read that more people are finding work and that there is a brighter prospect for trade and there are many who inform you that they have heard from this one and the other singular instances of improvement "on very good authority" as we say. This is all very encouraging reading and hearing and will no doubt put heart and spirit into people generally. But the thing that concerns us most is the outlook for 1934 from the spiritual and religious point of view. Personally I believe that there is

a spirit of revival about. Despite the forces that openly attack religion and are doing their best to curtail the influences of Christianity in the world, I feel sure that the time is ripe for a forward movement. Young people and especially children are asking for information. They are quite naturally making enquiries from their parents and in many cases the parents, who sad to relate are not so well informed themselves in these matters, are telling their offspring to ask those who at any rate ought to know, viz. the clergy. And further from recent experience it appears that the grown-ups are taking an interest in spiritual matters. I do not say that the prospect in the spiritual realm is as favourable as that in the industrial realm but I do say that it

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is hopeful. The realization of our hopes is a matter for the faithful laity as well as for the clergy. We must all try by practice rather than precept to lead those who at present seem to have lost touch with religion to feel that we have something which they have not got but which makes all the difference to living, something which is much to be desired, but we must always be ready when asked to be able to explain what that something is. And so when wishing one another a bright and prosperous new year let us mean that that brightness and that prosperity may have to do with the soul as well as with the body.

Our Christmas Festival was an exceedingly happy time. Although the Eve of the Festival fell on a Sunday, few, if any, made the mistake of thinking that a Communion on the fourth Sunday in Advent was good enough for their Christmas Communion. The congregations showed an improvement on last year and the collection for the Sick and Poor Fund was the second largest for some years. The Choir rendered their part of the services exceedingly well, the carols on Christmas Eve were much appreciated. The whole of the Christmas music was a credit to the careful and painstaking work of our Organist. I am most grateful to all who sent flowers for the decorations, we had only just enough to go round. Also I would thank the decorators who kindly gave up time on Sunday afternoon to put up their decorations.

You will notice that there are quite a number of Treats coming off during the first week or two of the new year. I always hesitate to ask for funds to carry these treats through with because again and again it is the same generous few who so kindly answer my appeals. Every year I hope that others of the many who could, would do their bit and so the pleasure of entertaining our Sunday School children, the Choir boys and men and the

members of the Band of Hope may be spread over a much larger number of people. I have included the men of the Choir this year because I feel they deserve some practical expression of thanks for their valuable services. In these days when many who have been endowed with a voice look upon the using of that gift in leading the praises of God as too much of a tax upon their time it is a matter for thankfulness that there are a dozen men who will give much time to practice and who can be relied upon to be in their places Sunday after Sunday to help lead the services of worship. And so I have asked you to show your appreciation of their efforts and I shall be grateful for donations small or large towards their Christmas excursion to some place of amusement.

I would ask all who receive notice of the Parochial Church Meeting to take that call very seriously. I want you all to take a real interest in your Church's affairs. We are sometimes inclined to criticize what is done by the Parochial Church Council. Much of this criticism, which is generally adverse criticism, would not occur if the critics were to take the advantage of the opportunity given them at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of gathering information on the work of their representatives on the Council. Also there are some who think they know a more excellent way of doing the things which the Council have to undertake. This annual meeting affords a good opportunity for making suggestions for the better working of the affairs of the parish. Come then, all of you, and let us together consider the well-being of our parish that everything may abound more to the glory of God.

You will notice under the Missionary Association's notes that some lectures have been arranged by the London Diocesan Committee for Adult Religious Education to be given at Twickenham on three very interesting subjects under the heading of "Alternatives to Christianity." It

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will be well worth our time and the fourpenny tram ride to attend these lectures and I hope to see very many from Hampton Hill at St. Mary's, Parish Hall, on the three Thursdays mentioned.

Lent comes rather early this year, Septuagesima falling on the last Sunday in this month. We must look forward to the February issue of the Magazine to give us full information of the various services etc. which are being arranged to help us to spend a profitable lent.

I remain,

Your faithful friend and Vicar,

FREDK. P. P. HARVEY.

**Days of Special Remembrance.**

January 1st—The Circumcision; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. January 6th—The Epiphany; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. January 25th—Conversion of St. Paul; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

**Mothers' Union.**

The quiet afternoon which was held in December proved very helpful to over thirty members who were present. Mr. Tipper's address was based on the "Call to Renewal" which is going to be sent out to all the members at home and abroad during the first half of this year. The various branches are now preparing for that call, the speakers at the Monthly Meetings of St. James's branch will be leading up to this event. In the meantime the members should be preparing themselves not only by prayer but by a careful examination of their lives to see whether it may not be possible to give religion a more prominent place in their every-day routine of life possibly with a view to more regular and frequent communions and attendance at worship. A parcel of books has been sent from Headquarters; amongst the books and pamphlets are several that will be useful for preparation for the "Call." There are also some very

helpful for Mothers and others of an instructive and interesting nature. These will be on sale at the January meeting and as most of them will cost not more than fourpence they should all be disposed of.

The Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, January 3rd, will take the form of a Christmas Party. Mrs. Harvey hopes that most of the members will be present.

**Treats.**

The first week or two of this month will be occupied in preparing for and carrying through the various Christmas Treats. The Choir boys have selected to go to the Circus at Olympia once again and the Vicar is thankful to say that donations towards this Treat are coming in very satisfactorily. The Sunday School Prize-giving and Treat has been fixed for Friday, January 5th. The Superintendents would be very grateful for gifts of cakes etc. for the tea. Offers of these things should be sent to the Vicar as soon as possible. The next Treat will be for the Band of Hope. The date for that has not been fixed yet. It has been suggested that there may be many in the congregation who would like to show their appreciation of the services rendered by the men of the Choir. The record of attendances at the Sunday Services shows an attendance of 95% each for most of the men during the year. But in addition to the Sunday Services there are hours and hours of practice which only those behind the scenes know anything about. Should this idea appeal to any members of the congregation will they please send their donations to Mr. Lower at the Vicarage, Hampton Hill.

**Missionary Association.**

The net proceeds of the Missionary Sale amounted to £33 10s. 0d. and a cheque for £11 3s. 4d. has been sent to each of the three Societies—S.P.G., C.M.S. and C.C.C.S.

The Secretary of the S.P.G. asks that a special message of thanks should be given to the helpers at the sale for all the hard work which goes to the preparation of such things. Part of his letter runs as follows:—"You will know how very much your help is appreciated at this time for you know of the tremendous difficulties which are facing the Church overseas, and of our hope, through the support of the Church at home, to be able to undo some of the damage that grant reductions must cause. Your help has brought this hope nearer to fulfilment, and we are very grateful to you."

The takings at the various Stalls were as follows:—"Mystery" Stall, £8 14s. 3d., "Oddments," £7 18s. 3½d., Needlework, £5 12s. 4½d., C.C.C.S., £4 2s. od., Cakes, £3 5s. 10d., Teas, £2 13s. 6d., Entrance Money, 15s. 9d., Donations, 8s.

A course of three Public Lectures, arranged by the London Diocesan Committee for Adult Religious Education, will be delivered in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Twickenham, on Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock by the Rev. Canon R. M. Gibson, M.A., Vicar of St. Peter's, Cranley Gardens, on the following subjects:—

"ALTERNATIVES TO CHRISTIANITY."

January 18th—Buddhism. January 25th—Hinduism. February 1st—Mohammedanism.

The Chair at the third Lecture will be taken by the Bishop of Kensington.

It is hoped that all members of the Missionary Association and many others will endeavour to attend these Lectures.

**Acknowledgements.**

Miss S. Harvey, proceeds of Dance to General Fund, £1 10s. 7d.

**Parochial Church Council.**

There will be a meeting of the Parochial Church Council, on Monday, January 15th, at 8.45 p.m. in the Church Room.

**Parochial Church Meeting.**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 18th, 1934, at 8.15 p.m., in the Parish Hall.

This is a Meeting of all whose names are on the Electoral Roll of the Parish. The Roll consists of persons of either sex who are eighteen years of age and upwards and who are baptized and declare that they are members of the Church of England and do not belong to any religious body not in Communion with that Church. No person can be a qualified elector unless resident in the Parish or is entered on the Electoral Roll as a non-resident Elector.

There are nearly three hundred names on the St. James's Roll and it is hoped that a good percentage of electors will be present this year at the Annual Meeting. Those present will elect their representatives to the Parochial Church Council, they will receive a copy of the Electoral roll, the annual report of the proceedings of the Council, a report on financial matters and a report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the Church. From the foregoing it will be seen that it is important for all to be present because they learn what has been done during the past year and also what it is expected to accomplish in the present year. At this meeting questions and suggestions are welcomed. In fact it is the one opportunity in the year when parishioners can show their interest in the well being of their Church.

**BAPTISMS.**

"Made a Member of Christ.

- Nov. 26—Peter Alan Lawrence.
- Dec. 10—Margaret Kathleen Holloway.
- .. 10—Marjorie Patricia Rogers.
- .. 10—Gordon Herbert Rhoades-Brown.
- .. 10—Anthony Allen Bendy.
- .. 10—David William Bendy.

**BURIALS.**

"I am the Resurrection and the Life.

- Dec. 1—Mary Ellen Goodchild, aged 54 years.
- .. 12—Edith Jane Gordon, aged 86 years.
- .. 14—Arthur John Pickford, aged 46 years.