

HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

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.

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, 7.15 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Mr. A. T. Basey.

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, 3 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 S. Harvey.

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, Wednesdays and Saturdays, between 8.45 and 9.45 a.m.; and generally on any day except Monday, 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,

With the beginning of the month we start a new Christian Year. The season of Advent is only second in matter of solemnity to the forty days fast of Lent. The second coming of Jesus as King and Judge is the theme of the teaching for this season according to the round of doctrine of the Church. It is an expectation of the faithful founded upon the words of our Lord, when He said: "I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." I say to the faithful because to them the thought of judgement will have no terror. It is well, however, that this season with its teaching should be brought to the notice of all, because the opportunities of preparing for His Coming, are open to all. But besides this Great Day of the Lord, as it is called, there are comings of Jesus to individuals. He comes at various crises in our lives and there is one coming which none can escape—that which happens to us all as we pass through the Valley of the Shadow of Death from this world into the

beyond. All must meet Him, whether they want to or not. How necessary then, that all should be prepared.

As well as being a time for considering our state of preparedness for this coming of Christ at the Last Day and to our individual selves, this season of Advent is also intended as a preparation for a devout and profitable celebration of the Christmas Festival. In less than four weeks we shall be kneeling once more in adoration before the manger-crib of the Babe of Bethlehem, thinking of Christ's first coming as Saviour of the World. But, how many of us, in proportion to the number who bear His mark upon their foreheads? It is the Festival of the Home, and yet a great number are planning to leave home and spend their Christmas in crowded Hotels. I know they get a much more exciting and jolly time in those places and with little or no trouble to themselves, and for the lonely and for small families it may be an excellent way of enjoying the Festival. The danger is that some who at home would be thinking of the spiritual significance of the season, when in company of a majority to whom Christmas means only having a jolly time, are too shy to

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show their colours and so Communion are neglected, the Saviour's Birthday put into the background. Now I do hope that you all will have a very happy Christmas wherever you may be and that the real joy of the Feast of the Nativity will add to your happiness.

On Friday, December 6th, the Bishop of Kensington is administering Confirmation at All Saints' Church, Hampton, at 8 o'clock in the evening. Will you please remember in your prayers the Candidates that are to be presented from this Parish?

We have once more reached the time of year for the revision of the Church Electoral Roll. In every parish there is a Roll kept of all who are eligible to attend and vote at the Annual Church Meeting which is held in this parish early in January. Persons entitled to have their names entered upon the Roll are all who are baptized and are members of the Church of England and do not belong to any religious body which is not in communion with the Church of England. They must be resident in the parish or have habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months before enrolment, and they must sign the form of application to be placed on the Roll, which form can be obtained from me or from the Churchwardens, the Parochial Church Officer or the Verger. Now is the time then for having your names placed on the Roll. I ask all and especially newcomers to do this before Christmas. There are some people who refrain from claiming their Church franchise because they imagine it will let them in for something. Believe me, you will be let in for nothing more than you are already let in for by virtue of your Baptism. It does certainly remind you that you are a member of a Society from which you get certain privileges and towards which you

also have certain responsibilities and that so long as you claim the right to any one of those privileges just so long is it your duty to fulfil your responsibilities. Further, you have a right to take an active part in the management of parochial affairs as enrolled members of your Church. If you do not exercise that right then you have no cause to complain when things do not go in the parish as you think they should, and, what is more, the number of lay representatives from the Diocese in the National Church Assembly—the Church's Parliament, is in proportion to the number of persons on the Electoral Rolls of the various parishes in the Diocese. The more Church members that enrol the greater number of lay representatives the Diocese will have in the Church Assembly. It is for all these reasons that I ask you, whose names are not yet inscribed on the Electoral Roll to see that they are placed thereon at once.

You will see elsewhere a notice of our Annual Sale for Foreign Missions. Two new items have been introduced this year, one is a Lantern Lecture for children at six o'clock, and the other is a Missionary Play to be given by members of the Mothers' Union. Last year our Sale was somewhat spoilt by heavy rain. I hope we shall have a fine day, a record crowd and a successful effort for this most important branch of the Church's work.

We shall be holding our Annual Parochial Church Meeting at the beginning of January. At that Meeting we elect a new Parochial Church Council. Nomination Forms should be sent to the Parochial Church Officer not later than the first week in January. Forms may be obtained from me or the Parochial Church Officer, Mr. Alford.

I remain,
Your faithful friend and Vicar,
FREDK. P. P. HARVEY.

Days of Special Remembrance.

1st December—Advent Sunday; usual Sunday Services. 21st December—St. Thomas; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. 26th December—St. Stephen; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. 27th December—St. John; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. 28th December—Holy Innocents; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. 31st December—New Year's Eve; Service, 11.40 p.m.

Christmas Services.

24th December—Midnight Eucharist, 11.45 p.m. 25th December—Holy Communion, 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and after Matins; 9.45 a.m., Choral Eucharist; 11 a.m., Matins and Sermon.

Collections at the Christmas Festival Services will go to the Fund for the Sick and Poor of the Parish. The Vicar will be grateful for flowers and evergreens, especially berried holly, for decorations. They should be sent to the Church on Tuesday, December 24th, between 9.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Missionary Association.

Intercessions for the work of the Church Overseas will be said after the third collect at Mattins, on Sunday, December 8th.

The sum of £6 8s. 7d. has been collected in the S.P.G. Missionary Boxes for the year ending November 1st, 1935.

Missionary Sale.

The Annual Missionary Sale will be held in the Parish Hall, on Wednesday, December 11th, from 3 to 8 p.m. There will be Stalls for needlework, cakes, sweets and "oddments"; a Sixpenny Dip and Teas. Please come and support this effort on behalf of the work of the Church Overseas. Gifts for the Sixpenny Dip will be gratefully received by Mrs. Child, Brook Villa, Burton's

Road. If it is more convenient they may be left at Walton Lodge, St. James's Road.

At 6 p.m. there will be a short Magic Lantern Talk for children, admission one penny; a collection will be made from the adults present. At 7 p.m., members of the Mothers' Union will present a Missionary Play.

The Parish Magazine.

More distributors of the Magazine are urgently needed and Miss Jakeman will be glad to receive offers of help as soon as possible so that everything may be in order for the New Year.

The Magazine is published on the last Saturday of the month and distributors are asked to take round their copies as early as possible in the following week.

Mothers' Union.

The Monthly Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4th, at 3 p.m., in the Club Room.

The Churchyard.

Since last month no further donations towards the provision of another tap have been received. The inclement weather has not to any extent lessened the need of an extra supply of water as there are any number of flower vases which constantly need filling with water. Donations will therefore be still gratefully received.

The abnormal rains made the east path almost impassable at times. It is good news to know that the Committee have received an offer for making a really good job of this path which they have most gratefully accepted.

A Carol Service.

There will be a Carol Service on Sunday, December 22nd, at 6.30 p.m. The Service is adapted from a form in use in many parish Churches and

will include many carols which the congregation can sing. Evensong will be said at 6 o'clock on this evening.

Christmas Treats.

The Vicar will be most grateful for donations towards the various Christmas Treats. For the Sunday School Treat, offers of things to provide the tea for the children will be most acceptable. Gifts of money will be devoted specially to the outings for the boys and men of the Choir. Thus members of the congregation have an opportunity of showing their appreciation of the services rendered by the Choir. The Vicar would be glad if these donations were sent to him as soon as possible because he would like to give the boys their treat during their short Christmas holidays.

The P.C.C. Social Committee.

The first of a series of Whist Drives was held on the first Wednesday in last month. The effort was a little disappointing, a balance of only tenpence going to the funds. There were twelve tables of players. The prize-winners were:—Ladies—1st, Mrs. E. Sporing; 2nd, Mrs. Marshall; 3rd, Miss Gamlin; 1st half, Mrs. Gardiner; 2nd half, Miss Wildish; Consolation Prize, Mrs. Kestin. Gents'—1st, Mrs. Vickery; 2nd, Mrs. Wiggins; 3rd, The Vicar; 1st half, Mr. Friend; 2nd half, Mr Stevens; Consolation Prize, Mr. Oliver.

The next Drive of the series will be held on Wednesday, December 4th, at 7.45 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The tickets are 1/6 each, including refreshments. They may be obtained from any member of the Social Committee.

The Young People's Social Guild.

The Guild held a Dance on Saturday, October 26th, which was a great success. Mr. A. Nightingale acted as M.C. The Clarendon Dance Band was in attendance. A most enjoyable evening was the result.

The Choir.

The gentlemen of the Choir organised a very successful Dance last month. The balance from the takings amounted to about seven pounds. This sum is placed to the credit of a fund managed by the gentlemen of the Choir for paying a Tenor voice. The Committee wish to thank Mr. Harvey, Miss Harvey, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Child, Mrs. Simonds, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Leslie Rivers, Mrs. Friend and Mrs. Christie for managing refreshments and all who gave towards the refreshments in money or kind.

Waifs' and Strays' Boxes.

The Vicar would be glad if those who hold boxes for the Waifs' and Strays' Society would send them to the Vicarage for opening as soon as possible.

Children's Corner.

It is hoped to be able to dedicate the Children's Corner at the Afternoon Service on the Sunday in the octave of the Dedication Festival, December 15th. Certain pieces of furniture will still be required, such as chairs and a bookcase. Miss Marjorie Harvey would be grateful for offers to supply these or donations towards them.

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

- Oct. 27—Marian Greening.
- .. 27—Barbara Eileen Turner.
- .. 27—Maureen Olive Hawkins.
- .. 27—Monica Ann Skarjon.
- .. 27—Peter Algenon Skarjon.
- .. 30—Colin Neil Lockyear.
- Nov. 10—David James Brooks.

MARRIAGES.

"Whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

- Oct. 29—Arthur Vincent Hart and Marjorie Lilian Bailey.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

- Nov. 4—Mary Jane Wiggins, aged 70 years.
- .. 12—Soren Revsgaard Randrup, aged 59 years.
- .. 13—Joseph Lush, aged 81 years.
- .. 14—William Henry Stephens, aged 50 years.