

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. H. Middleton.

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.

Wednesdays (except the 1st Wednesday) 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 E. Henstridge.

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. A. Child, Brook Villa, Burtons Rd., Hampton Hill

Vicar's Letter.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

A lot has happened in the Country and in the parish since last I penned a New Year's Message. Fightings without and fears within the Country have robbed the year of its tranquil movement in time. And yet with dark clouds ever hanging over us there has been seen the silver lining. Steadily, but surely, prosperity seems to be returning to our land. From all accounts unemployment has been decreasing and we are told that there was more money spent at Christmas time than for some time previously which according to experts is a sign of improvement. The celebrations of the King's Jubilee occupied much time during the beginning of the year and besides the spontaneous outburst of loyalty to the Throne it brought a well needed diversion from the gloomy forebodings which the war between Italy and Abyssinia had cast over everybody. We can only hope that the efforts of those who are trying to bring about peace between these belligerent countries will eventually be crowned with success. That it should be possible in this century of the Christian era for a highly civilized Christian Country to stage a war

with all its modern terrors upon a semi-civilized people totally unequipped to meet such an invasion is a slur upon our Christianity. No doubt the instigator will meet his due reward. In the meantime it is for all Christian people to pray and work for the triumph of those principles for which our religion stands by the means of the establishment of which peace and goodwill amongst nations can become an accomplished fact. At home the election of a new parliament or rather the return of the old government to power tends to maintain our hope for steady progress in social reforms which marked their previous tenure of office. The threat of the miners at one time increased our fear for future prosperity. We can only hope that common sense and fair dealing on both sides will prevail. Our sympathies are with the miners who should have a living wage. We, however, who are the consumers pity ourselves because we are always the victims of increased wages. We do not mind sharing equally with those who handle the coal after it leaves the pit head, but to place the whole burden upon the patient consumer seems hardly just or equitable. Nevertheless I hope the miners get fair dealing.

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

Parochially nothing very startling has happened. The Church goes steadily on in its effort to minister to the people although the response to all that is attempted to provide spiritual sustenance seems to be rather meagre. And yet, those who are working for the spiritual good of the community are comforted and encouraged by some return of the bread cast upon the waters. Death has been very busy, especially amongst the older members of the congregation and we missed many familiar faces at the Christmas communions. Last month Miss Golding passed to her rest after a short illness. She was a very interested member of the congregation and always ready to do what she could for her Master and the Church. Mrs. Lush passed to her rest only three weeks after her husband. A very old inhabitant and one who had seen the growth of Church life in this parish from the beginning, she had been a great sufferer for many years, suffering patiently and cheerfully till the last. We also lost another old member of the congregation in the person of Mr. Arthur Cooper. For many years he was a member of St. James's Choir. He was at work only a few days before his death. Our sincerest and deepest sympathy goes out to the relatives of these dear departed souls especially at such a time as this.

And now what of the future? None of us know. One thing we must do and that is to try and allay that fear of the future which is all around us and we can do it in no better way than by spreading that which is the essence of Christianity viz. "love" wherever we may go. St. John tells us that there is no fear in love: but perfect love casteth our fear. Perfect love is God, whose essence is love. And so my message to you all is strive to walk closer with God during the coming year. Our love towards God is shewn by our love towards one another and Jesus gave us an example of what perfect human love is like and how it may

be diffused. A better Christian spirit amongst ourselves will go a long way to disperse those gloomy fears which hang over us just now. May God bless you and give you such health, happiness and prosperity as He knows to be good for you during 1936.

The Carol Service on the Sunday before Christmas was much appreciated by the large congregation present. Mr. Lower and his choir are to be congratulated upon the beautiful rendering of the various carols.

The Christmas Services were well attended. Considering the scarcity of flowers the decorators did their work very effectively. I am grateful to them, to those who sent flowers and to the choir for all they did to make the services so bright.

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

Days of Special Remembrance.

January 1st—The Circumcision of our Lord: Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. January 6th—Feast of the Epiphany: Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. January 25th—Conversion of St. Paul: Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.

Parish Events.

January 4th—Sunday School Treat and Prize Giving to which parents and friends are invited at 6 p.m. January 17th—Mothers' Union Christmas Party. January 10th—Parish Social in Parish Hall 8 p.m., admission price 1/- January 29th—Whist Drive in Parish Hall, 7.45 p.m., price 1/6 including refreshments. January 20th—Finance Committee 8 p.m. Parochial Church Council Meeting, 8.30 p.m. January 23rd—Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 8.15 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Missionary Association.

Intercessions for the work of the Church overseas will be said after the third collect at evensong on Sunday, January 12th.

The profits from the Sale of Work held on December 11th amounted to £30 18s. od., one fifth of this was sent to the Colonial and Continental Church Society and two fifths each to the Church Missionary Society and to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Letters of thanks have been received from all three Societies and the Home Secretary for S.P.G. writes "will you please let the Sale Committee and Stall holders know how exceedingly grateful we are for their continued support, which is of a special value at the present time in the face of the urgent needs and opportunities overseas. We do not yet know how funds will stand at the end of the year, but we are greatly hoping that the much needed forward move will be justified next year."

Mrs. Lewis of 26, St. James's Road, has kindly undertaken the Secretariship of the Church Missionary Society section of the Parochial Missionary Association. She hopes to get in touch with subscribers and box-holders early in this month and will welcome new subscribers and box-holders. The Ladies Association in connection with the Colonial and Continental Church Society is at present without a local Secretary. The Vicar would be glad of an offer from somebody interested in this branch of Empire Mission work. The Parochial Missionary Association in its effort to create interest in and to help on the work of the Church overseas has for many years supported the two main Missionary Societies of the Church viz. the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel and the Church Missionary Society. The Colonial and Continental Church Society was at one time detached from the ordinary Parochial organisations, but for some few years the Parochial Missionary Association has included it in any share of monies raised, the reason for this being that it is a Society the primary object of which is to look after those who go from the Motherland to the Colonies.

The Parish Magazine.

At the beginning of a fresh year it may be useful to give the list of Magazine Distributors. They are:—Mrs. Blandford, Miss Butler, Mrs. Child, Mrs. Creasy, Miss Foreman, Mrs. Grange, Mrs. Hillyer, Mrs. Parsons, Miss Payne, Mrs. Read, Mrs. Reynolds, Miss Warne and Mrs. Wiggins. Miss Jakeman is very grateful for two offers of help which were made in reply to the appeal in last month's magazine but she will be glad to hear of still more who will take part in this valuable bit of Church work.

We are very grateful to all the advertisers, without whose help it would be impossible to carry on the Magazine in its present form. We hope that all our readers in return will give them a share of their custom.

Parochial Church Meeting.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday, January 23rd at 8.15 p.m. Any parishioner who is interested in Church affairs is welcome to attend that meeting, but only those whose names are entered upon the Electoral Roll may record their votes. At that meeting besides the reception from the Council of a copy of the Electoral Roll revised to date those present will hear a report on the Council's work for the past year, and will be presented with the Audited Accounts to December 31st, 1935 and a report upon the fabric etc. of the Church. The meeting will also elect the Parochial Church Council for 1936 and if necessary, representatives to the Ruridecanal Conference. Any matter of parochial or general Church interest may be discussed by the meeting. With three hundred names on the Electoral Roll there should be a far larger gathering than is generally present. There will probably be some of the existing Councillors who will not seek re-election. All candidates at elections of lay representatives by the Annual Meeting must be nominated and

seconded by persons whose names are entered on the Electoral Roll. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Vicar, the Churchwardens and the Verger. They should be returned to the Vicar on or before Monday, January 20th.

Treats.

The Vicar has not yet received sufficient donations to cover expenses of all the treats. He will be glad to receive further subscriptions as soon as possible.

Social Events.

According to the programme of events sent to all in the parish last September there are still five to look forward to. Three of these take place before Lent and two during this month. First of all the New Year's Social takes place on Friday, January 10th. These Socials have become so popular that the Social Committee anticipate a bumper crowd. Again members of the Mother's Union have promised a turn in the programme.

The last Whist Drive was disappointing, but it is hoped that the one fixed for Wednesday, January 29th will make up for the previous one. The smallness of the price, which includes refreshments, should be a guarantee for quite a number of players. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the Parochial Church Council and they are all anxious to make a great success of this event.

Cub Pack.

Miss Newman has been obliged to give up the post of Cub Mistress. For many years now some member of the family has been connected with the Cubs or Guides and the present Cub Mistress has held the post for some years and done excellent work amongst the boys. She has not spared herself in any way in the cause of the Pack and it is with regret that those interested heard of her retirement. The Vicar and Group Scout Master are most grateful to her for all she has done for the Pack.

Miss E. Henstridge, who has had experience amongst boys in very poor London parishes, has kindly taken Miss Newman's place.

The Pack meets in the Church Room on Wednesdays about six o'clock. Those who belong to the Cub Pack are at a certain age eligible for transfer to the Sea Scouts, who are to be congratulated on their fine Headquarters which is being constructed out of the hull of an old barge. It will be a spacious ship when completed.

The Guides.

The 1st Hampton Hill Company went out carolling on the Monday before Christmas. It was a night not conducive to the spending of any length of time in the open but this band of singers visited many houses and were able, from their effort, to send 26/- to the fund for Blind Babies. At all the houses visited the girls received a warm welcome and hospitality. Their one regret was that the weather conditions limited their sphere of activity.

The Captain wishes to bring to the notice of parents that there is room in the Company for a few more recruits, they should present themselves at the Club Room, School Road, on a Friday evening at half-past seven.

BAPTISMS.

- "Made a Member of Christ."
 Nov. 24—Robert Francis Hutchison Peel.
 „ 29—Sylvia Elizabeth Overtin.
 Dec. 1—Kathleen Alfruda Hitchcock.
 „ 29—Derek Richards Heard.
 „ 29—Arthur Anthony Lovell.

BURIALS.

- "I am the Resurrection and the Life."
 Nov. 27—Thomas Edward Nightingale, aged 69 years.
 Dec. 4—Sarah Lush, aged 78 years.
 „ 9—Alice Marian Golding, aged 79 years.
 „ 13—Arthur Cooper, aged 70 years.
 „ 13—Cecil Leonard Gianella, aged 48 years.
 „ 24—Ada Margaret Foot, aged 61 years.