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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.

### 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. J. Henstridge, 46, Park Road.

### Missionary Association.

Meetings as announced. Hon. Sec.—The Rev. H. Christian.

### 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,

We are in another Advent Season, at the beginning of another Ecclesiastical year. We start once more the round of Fast and Festival, and we note that, during the first half of the year, as we ponder the incidents connected with the life of Jesus, Our Lord, upon the earth, a time of solemn preparation comes before each great Festival. Advent precedes Christmas; Lent comes before Easter, and Rogationtide before Ascension Day. In Advent then, we pass through a time of preparation for the Festival of the Nativity, the first coming of Christ to the world. There always seems to me to be an added solemnity to this season in the thought that He will come again. When this second Advent will take place nobody knows, although there are those who tell us that such an event will not be long delayed. The prophecies of such who fortell this should not be passed over lightly since they do bestir those who are waiting for His appearing to so prepare themselves that they may be able to face Him when He comes. How many of us are there whose con-

sciences are so void of offence that they could bear the tender though righteous scrutiny of the one Perfect Example of what they might have been through His Grace without flinching? And yet those of us who wear the invisible cross on our foreheads, imprinted there at our Baptism and reception into the congregation of Christ's flock were pledged not to be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ Crucified, manfully to fight under His banner (the Cross) against sin, the world and the devil, and to continue Christ's faithful soldiers and servants unto their lives' end. Have we been always true to our pledge? This surely is a practical question for us to set ourselves to answer especially during this season of warning of the approach of the second coming of Christ. As far as our limited human knowledge goes our meeting with the Saviour is most likely to precede His second Advent to the World. We none of us know the exact moment when we shall be called hence into His presence. As we think of the many familiar faces who have been summoned before Him since this time last year we cannot help but think whose turn it will be next. It may be yours, it may be mine. Have we tried to live our lives

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according to His Holy Will? Or have we merely pleased ourselves? This is the question we must seriously face up to and determine at the beginning of the Church's year to do all we can during the span of life that is left to us to so use the Means of Grace which He has provided that there may not be any doubt in our minds as to our reception when we meet Him face to face. This solemn warning to be prepared has a connection with the Festival of Christmas to which we are all looking forward and for the keeping of which, at any rate from the worldly point of view, we are busily getting ready. Let us however not forget the great spiritual truth connected with this Festival. We commemorate the Birthday of Our Lord, who is called the Prince of Peace.

If there is one thing more than any other that the majority of ordinary people long for at the present time it is peace and goodwill among men of all nations.

Through Him whom we worship as the Babe of Bethlehem, by our loyalty to Him, can we obtain this one longing at the heart of humanity. If however, our desire is to be realized it is for individual Christians to see to it that they are carrying out the desire of their Lord and Saviour that they should "be at peace with one another." As long as the spirit of envy, jealousy, hatred, malice and all uncharitableness is allowed to show itself in the Christians' dealing with each other, so long will it be impossible to reach the goal of universal peace. Surely there is here a subject which may form the basis of our spiritual preparation for our Christmas Communion—to put away from us that evil spirit of uncharitableness and clothe ourselves with the Christian spirit of love. We shall then be able to gather round the Lord's Table as a family from which the spirit of discord has been banished, and we shall realize the true happiness of Christmas,

without which our Christmas greetings to one another are a mockery. And we shall be doing our part to further the cause of peace and goodwill amongst all people of all nations. It is in this sense that I do, from the bottom of my heart, wish you all a very happy Christmas.

You will find the services for the Christmas Festival elsewhere. I shall be very grateful for gifts of flowers and evergreens for the decoration of the Church. I know it is a time when flowers are scarce and expensive, but I feel sure that I can rely on your past generosity to supply sufficient flowers to beautify our House of Prayer.

I hope a large number of the congregation will be present at the Confirmation. It is an opportunity of renewing our own confirmation vow and also of uniting in prayer for those who are taking a serious step in the Way of Life.

You will notice that we are repeating the Carol Service which proved so acceptable to a large congregation last year. The Choir will also sing a few carols after Evensong on the Sunday after Christmas.

We have just reorganised our Sunday School according to the custom at Advent. This year, however, we are unfortunately losing two very valuable teachers. Mr. Lovell is retiring from his position as Superintendent of the Boys' Department and Miss Watts is giving up the superintendency of the Infants' Department. They will both be greatly missed by the children for whom they have given so much time and care and love. I cannot let them go without placing on record how much I have appreciated their excellent work and how deeply grateful I am to them for their many years of loyal co-operation and faithful devotion in the spiritual training of the children, a most important department of the Church's life.

These departures necessitate the reorganisation

of these departments. Several young teachers are beginning their work for Christ, but I want two or three older teachers to take the top classes. I feel sure that these will be forthcoming when they hear of the necessity.

Most of us will be planning some extra pleasures for ourselves at Christmas. Let us try and give others a little extra enjoyment. Many will be giving help to relieve those living in the distressed areas of our land, some will be helping to provide extra Christmas cheer for the children of the Waifs' and Strays' Society, Dr. Barnardo's Homes and such like Institutions. I would also ask you to help to give our Sunday School Children their Christmas Treat and to show your appreciation of the work put in by the members of our choir by helping to give both boys and men an outing during the festive season. Please send your donations to me as soon as possible because we are trying to get these festivities over in the school holidays.

Our Annual Sale of Work for Overseas Missions is close at hand. I hope to see a large number present during the afternoon and evening so that the amounts we send to the three Societies we support may be up to the average. The Missionary Societies are all asking for additional financial support in order that the Christian Army may advance into the dark places of heathenism. Our Lord has asked His Church to preach the gospel to all people. As long as there are any who have not heard the message of the Love of God the Church is pledged to be faithful to her commission. May the hands of those who are doing this work on our behalf never be tied through lack of support.

Just now we are busy buying Christmas gifts for our relations and friends. There may be some who would like to give a Christmas present to the Church. We are in need of fair linen for the altar service and we badly need one or two new altar hangings, especially a green one.

Miss Swain has very kindly offered new china for the Parish Hall. We are most grateful to her for her generous gift.

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

#### Days of Special Remembrance.

December 16th, 18th and 19th—Ember Days.  
December 21st—St. Thomas; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. December 25th—Christmas Day.  
December 26th—St. Stephen; Holy Communion, 8 a.m. December 27th—St. John, usual Sunday Services. December 28th—Holy Innocents; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.

#### Christmas Services.

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

The Collections on Christmas Day will be given to the Sick and Poor Fund

The Vicar will be grateful for gifts of flowers and evergreens, especially berried holly for the decorations. The holly should be sent to the Church on Wednesday, December 23rd, and the flowers on Thursday, December 24th any time before 11 a.m.

#### Carol Service.

On Sunday, December 20th, Evensong will be said at 6 p.m. and at 6.30 p.m. there will be a Carol Service. This Service, like the one last year, will consist of readings from the Bible connected with the Christmas Story, interspersed with Carols, in some of which the congregation will be asked to join.

#### Preachers for Advent.

On December 6th, the Archdeacon of Middlesex will preach at 11 a.m.

The preacher at Evensong on Sunday, 13th December will be The Rev. W. P. Godfrey, Vicar of Feltham.

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### Confirmation.

Unfortunately the Bishop of Kensington has been unavoidably prevented from coming to St. James's Church for the Confirmation this year. Bishop Crotty, Vicar of St. Pancras, will administer Confirmation on Friday, December 4th, at 8.15 p.m. Your prayers are asked for the candidates and especially for those being presented from this parish.

### Missionary Sale of Work.

The Annual Sale of Work for Missions Overseas will be held in the Parish Hall, on Wednesday, December 9th, from 3 p.m.—8 p.m. There will be stalls of needlework, cakes, sweets and oddments, a Sixpenny Dip and Teas at 9d. per head. At 6 p.m. a talk on some part of the Mission Field will be given illustrated by lantern slides. At 7 p.m., the elder girls of the Sunday School will give a Missionary play. A collection will be taken after both these events. It is hoped that large numbers will come and support this effort on behalf of the Church in its Work Overseas. Gifts for the Dip will be gratefully received by Mrs. Child, Brook Villa, Burtons Road and for other stalls by Mrs. Harvey, at the Vicarage, before the Sale and at the Parish Hall on the day of the Sale.

### Christmas Treats.

The Vicar hopes to be able to give the Choir boys and men their usual Christmas outings and the children of the Sunday School their Christmas Treat. He will most gratefully receive donations toward the expenses of these Christmas Entertainments and hopes that all donors will send their donations as soon as possible.

### Sunday School.

For many years Mr. Lovell has been connected with the boys' department of the Sunday School, as teacher and latterly as Superintendent. Owing to advancing years he has asked to be relieved of the responsibility of Superintendent as from the first Sunday in Advent. The great thanks of all, children, parents and congregation are due to Mr. Lovell for his good work with the boys.

On account of pressure of business, Miss Watts is giving up her work as Superintendent of the Infants' Department. She has had the care of the little ones for many years. Her work has been much appreciated by all concerned and by none more than the parents.

There are one hundred and sixty-five children in the Sunday School at present. A few more teachers are urgently needed for the boys. The Vicar will be grateful for offers to help in this very important work of feeding Christs' lambs with the "Bread of Life."

### Whist Drive.

A very pleasant evening at Whist was spent by a gathering of forty-four people in the Club Room last month. The Drive was organised by the Social Committee to get a sum of money with which to furnish one of the Stalls at the Missionary Sale of Work. The promoters are to be congratulated on the success of their effort. They wish to thank all who gave prizes and cakes, etc., towards the refreshments. It is hoped to repeat these Whist Drives at periods in the future.

### Parish Nurse Association.

A very successful Bridge afternoon was organised by the Committee. Mr. and Mrs. Faraker very kindly lent their house for the occasion. There were sixty-eight players and a few visitors all of whom pronounced the afternoon to have been most enjoyable. The proceeds, about ten pounds, will go to the Association. At the conclusion of the afternoon a very sincere and hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Faraker for so kindly lending their house and going to no end of trouble in order to make the effort a success. The Committee also wish to thank many generous friends who by their gifts of prizes, etc., greatly assisted in the production of such an excellent result.

### BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."  
Nov. 8—Gerald Alfred George.  
.. 8—Ronald William Brown.

### MARRIAGES.

"Whom God hath Joined together let no man put asunder."  
Oct. 31—Jesse Julian Mander Brock and Florence Violet Miles.  
Nov. 7—William Thomas Tickner and Jean Neave Allan.

### BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."  
Nov. 5—Bessie Pearce, aged 61 years  
.. 18—Lucy Lipscombe, aged 85 years.  
.. 19—Julia Brock, aged 80 years.