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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, Burttons Rd., Hampton Hill

Vicar's Letter.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

The majority of holiday-makers will have returned to "the trivial round, the common task," refreshed, I hope, from their change and the better able to cope with the duties and trials that lie before them. Let us all take an early opportunity of going to God's House to return thanks for our holiday. I have had a very restful time and return to you restored to health and hoping to vigorously tackle the work waiting to be done. I cannot, however, but sympathize with those who have not had a holiday and I hope the day will come when all and especially wives and mothers will have a period of rest from their arduous duties. Year by year increasing numbers in the slums of our great city are sent away for a change by one holiday fund or another but there are thousands who do not come within the range of these funds who are equally in need of a rest from their life-long drudgery. May something be done for such as these in the near future.

It is interesting to come in contact with other fellow-beings and to hear from them their opinions on one topic or another. At the house I have

been staying about sixteen per cent. went to one place of worship or another. One of them got into conversation with me on the subject of Churchgoing. His opinion of the slackness in Churchgoing was that the majority of people generally go with the crowd. On Monday morning when people return to their work, the question asked by companions in office, shop and factory is, what have you done during the week-end? Which implies how have you enjoyed your golf, or your motor trip, your cycle outing, in fact all you have done to enjoy yourselves and most people would not like their companions to know that they spent their Sunday or any part of it at Church. It is not doing what the crowd does and would, therefore, not be popular. This is all very well, but I am inclined to think that if all who did attend worship sometime on Sunday were to make the fact known, although it may bring ridicule for a time, it would probably be an incentive to others to do the same. I believe that Churchgoers, though in the minority, could do a wonderful work for the Master in their places of business, if only they had the courage. I hope during this autumn and winter to see our congregation increase. When you consider the numbers of new

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people in Hampton Hill, more than a hundred in some places where two or three years ago there were none, it is only to be expected that there will be a certain increase in the congregation. Also among the hundreds of newcomers there must be some who have taken a decided interest in the affairs of their Church. They may be waiting for the Vicar to call. He will pay them a visit as soon as possible, but in the meantime what a pleasure it would be to me if such people would introduce themselves to me and offer to do something. Sunday School Teachers, helpers in the Lads' Club and Young Peoples' Social Guild, Choirmen and boys for the Choir who can read and have a musical ear and are ten years old and upwards, District Visitors, Magazine Distributors, are all wanted. Do not wait to be asked, come and offer yourselves.

For some time I have been thinking about the week-day services. Up till now I have been certain of being able to have an early celebration on three mornings in the week. Now, unless some faithful souls come along it will be doubtful if I can continue these services. Surely there are some who could come at half past seven in the morning! Then there is the Litany on Wednesdays and Fridays and Evensong on certain days in the week. In a parish of our size there should be two or three who could spare the time to come to these services. May I hope for improvement in these services? The only practical answer to this question is your presence.

As the confirmation is at our own Church this year I hope for a large number of candidates. The number of young mothers who bring their babies to be baptised and are not themselves confirmed astonishes me. They think that they are too old now and in many cases they blame their mothers for not sending them to the classes when they were

about fourteen years old. Mothers please note this! I hope to have some of the young mothers and perhaps fathers this year. If the day and times of classes, given elsewhere, are not suitable I shall be glad to fix classes to suite your convenience as far as I possibly can. I have written at length about finance in the parish notes. Here I would remind all who are by Baptism members of the Church of their definite responsibility to keep their Church supplied with money to pay their bills for them, though they may be only very casual churchgoers. Your place in Church is always ready for you, the Church is cleaned, warmed and lighted and services are provided for you. It is therefore up to you to bear the expense. Mr. Tandy has very kindly undertaken the duties of Hon. Secretary to the Assessment Scheme in the place of Miss Jakeman.

I must now say a word about the Church clock. A great number of parishioners owe the Church clock a real debt of gratitude. But for it they may often have lost their train to town. For years Mr. Jakeman and his father before him have undertaken the care of the clock. We are grateful to Mr. Jakeman for seeing that the clock keeps such good time. Mr. Jakeman is to be succeeded by Mr. Lock. I am most grateful to Mr. Lock for undertaking this piece of Church work.

Our Social Committee will be meeting soon to arrange events for the Autumn. Last season the Whist Drives and Dances did not prove as successful as they should have done. This year they may try and find some other entertainment besides the "Socials." Suggestions will always be welcomed, please send them to me.

I remain,
Your faithful friend and Vicar,

FREDK. P. P. HARVEY.

Days of Special Remembrance.

September 16th, 18th, 19th—Ember Days.
September 21st—St. Matthew; Holy Communion,
7.30 a.m. September 29th—St. Michael and All
Angels; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.

Missionary Association.

Intercessions for the work of the Church overseas
will be said after the third collect at Matins on
Sunday, September 13th.

The Old School Bell.

The Secretary of the Universities Mission to
Central Africa writes as follows.—“Please will you
convey to the Parochial Church Council our very
grateful thanks for the bell, which has reached us
safely and is being despatched to the diocese of
Masasi.

The Bishop appealed for two second hand bells,
for the Churches at his Stations of MNYAMBE and
MCHAURN, and I am afraid that we cannot tell to
which station the Bishop will decide to send your
bell. Both these stations are in the midst of large
and growing districts and the Bishop and the
christians of the district will be most thankful for
such a gift.”

Sunday School.

The Sunday School in its three departments
opened after the holidays on August 29th. The
real and important part of the Sunday School work
is done in the morning. The boys and girls
departments meet at 10 o'clock at the Parish Hall
and Club Room respectively and it is then that the
instruction is given by the teachers. Parents are
asked to try to make a point of sending their
children to the morning School. In the afternoon
the children meet at 2.30 and are taken to Church
for the Children's Service. The Infants meet at
10.30 in the morning and at 2.30 in the afternoon

at the Church Room in St. James's Road. Miss
Watts would give a hearty welcome to two young
girls, preferably such as have been confirmed, to
help her in the morning and afternoon.

Mothers' Union.

The monthly meeting will be held in the Club
Room on Wednesday, September 2nd at 3
o'clock.

The Lads' Club.

The Lads' Club will be opened early in Septem-
ber at a date to be advertised. The Committee
wish to remind those who were members last
season and those who look forward to joining the
Club that the age for admission is now 16 years.
This means that lads from 14 years to 16 years are
at present not catered for. The Vicar hopes to be
able to have a branch of the club for them. This,
however, will entail a much larger committee with
a special Hon Secretary for the junior lads. Any
who are willing to help should give their names to
the Vicar during the first week in September.
When it is possible to make a beginning for the
junior lads the date and time will be duly announ-
ced.

The Young Peoples' Social Guild.

It would be well to remind some present mem-
bers and those who are anticipating joining the
Guild that one of the conditions of membership is
that the member shall be confirmed or willing to be
a candidate for the next confirmation. The Guild
is essentially for the young people, lads and girls,
who are regular worshippers at the Church. The
Vicar looks to the Guild to furnish a supply of
Sunday School Teachers, Servers, Choirmen,
Sidesmen and Parochial Church Councillors. In
fact to be able to fill up gaps in the various
parochial organisations as they occur. The Vicar

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would welcome a Leader for the Guild who would keep in touch with the members and organise their social evenings.

The Assessment Scheme.

Owing to the departure of Mr. Jakeman from the district, Mr. Tandy is at present acting as Treasurer of this scheme.

As many are aware the Parochial Church Council are to a large extent dependent on the Assessment Scheme or free-will offering scheme to help them to balance their accounts. The Sunday collections do not amount to sufficient to pay all bills neither does the balance from the Fetê entirely meet the deficit. It is necessary not only to maintain the amount received from the Assessment Scheme but to increase it. The Assessment Scheme provides a way for those who are not regular attenders at worship and for those who as Church people have a right to use the Church for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals to fulfil their responsibility to their Church. Those who join the scheme are asked to promise so much a year to be paid weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually. They should send their names and addresses together with the amount they will give to **Mr. F. Tandy, 73, Hampton Road, Teddington**, and he will send them envelopes in which to place their offerings which should either be returned to him or put in the box provided for the purpose and placed at the west end of the Church. It is hoped that in the near future there will be many new subscribers to the Assessment Scheme.

Confirmation.

The Bishop of Kensington will administer Confirmation in St. James' Church on Friday, December 4th, at 8 p.m. The Vicar will be holding the first class for intending candidates on Friday, September 11th, at 8 p.m. in the Church. If this

day is not convenient to any will they please call and see him or send in their names before the day. God parents and parents will be welcomed to the first class.

Churchyard.

In the April issue of the Magazine, an appeal was made for subscriptions to defray the cost of additional taps in the Churchyard. Up-to-date 33/6 has been received for this object and it is hoped that further subscriptions will be received shortly. These subscriptions, when sufficient in amount, will be used at the discretion of the Committee for providing an additional tap or taps. It is regretted that the cost of one suggested tap was quoted previously as £70 instead of £20.

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

- July 26—Margaret Butcher.
,, 26—Ethel Rose Huddy.
,, 26—Heather Kay Dawn Vale.
Aug. 9—Mollie Rose Sprent.

MARRIAGES.

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

- Aug. 2—Ernest Muirhead and Nora Beatrice Frampton.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

- July 22—Henry Brock, aged 82 years.
,, 23—Ellen Bessie Shepherd, aged 49 years.
Aug. 21—Jane Chapman, aged 80 years.