

HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

PAROCHIAL NOTES.

Churchwardens—Mr. C. E. W. Barrett and Mr. C. A. Child.

Organist—Mr. Bougourd, 214, Stanley Road, Teddington.

Parochial Church Officer.

Mr. S. V. Forrow, 68, Sunnyside Road, Teddington.

Sunday School.

11 a.m. in Club Room, Superintendent—Miss Bennett. Infants in Parish Hall, at 11 a.m. Superintendent—Miss Child. All children assemble in Church at 2.15 p.m. for Children's Service.

Missionary Association.

Meetings as announced. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. C. A. Child.

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 Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society

meets in the Club Room, on Thursdays at 8 p.m.

Associate Member—Miss Harvey.

Girl Guides. Captain—Miss Bass.

Brownies. Brown Owl—Miss C. Brown.

Sea Scouts.

"The Venture," Hampton Water Works Group Scout Master—Mr. Ealden.

The Vicar may be seen at the Vicarage daily between 8.45 and 9.45 a.m.; and 6.15 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, 149, Burtons Road.

Magazine Hon. Secretary—Mrs. C. A. Child.

Magazine Advt. Secretary—Mr. C. A. Child.

Vicar's Letter.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

By the time you receive your copies of this month's Magazine we shall be nearing what is termed Mid-Lent Sunday. The Fourth Sunday in Lent is also called "Refreshment Sunday," probably from the subject of the Gospel for the Day which is the feeding of the five thousand in the wilderness by Jesus and teaches us to look up in our Lenten fast to Christ as the true Bread of Life, on whom our spiritual sustenance depends. Another name given to this Sunday and revived in this land is "Mothering Sunday." This last name is thought to have originated in the custom of visiting the Mother Church of the Diocese and making offerings at the High Altar. In some parts of England it was usual for servants and apprentices living from home to visit their parents on this day and taking presents for them, which more often than not took the form of Mothering-cakes. Of late, Churches up and down the Country have substituted for the usual Children's Service what has become known as The Service of the Family. We hope to have such a Service on Sunday, 4th April, at 3 p.m. It is not possible to send invitations to all parents in the parish, but I do through this medium extend a very hearty invitation to all who can to come and bring their

children. Just now it is important that there should be a rededication of families and family life to God. Mr. Churchill, in his latest Broadcast, reminded us that "religion has been a rock in the life and character of the British people upon which they have built their hopes and cast their cares," and he said that "this fundamental element must never be taken from our schools." Since the life and character of each generation is begun and laid in the home it seems to me that it is necessary that the "rock" of religion must be firmly planted in all home life if the child is to benefit from the further religious education in school life. Most parents have been dedicated to God in Baptism and they have brought their children to be baptized, thus dedicating them also to God. What more appropriate way of calling to remembrance that their religious or spiritual life began at Baptism and that the Spiritual Rock which is to be the Bene and Esse of family life is Christ into whose Body, the Church, the whole family was grafted in that Sacrament, than by attending the Service of the Family in their Parish Church each Mothering Sunday. It is not only a reminder that the whole family belongs to God, but it is an opportunity for an annual renewal of their pledge to continue to be God's faithful soldiers and servants all their

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lives. Let the motto for all families be—"As for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

During the coming weeks we are drawing ever nearer to the Holiest Day of all for Christians, Good Friday. The day when we should all gather together at the foot of the Cross of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to realize what God has done for our souls and their salvation. Good Friday proclaims the Love of God in action in that while we were yet sinners He in the Person of Jesus Christ died for us, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends," and Jesus continued "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." So let as many of us as can draw near to the Saviour hanging upon the Cross during those precious and yet awful three hours there to contemplate in deep humility the sins and short comings which caused the Son of God to suffer for us men and in true gratitude to God for so loving us as to Give His Only Begotten Son to suffer and to die in propitiation for us. A Lent spent as near as possible to Jesus ending in our Watch at His Cross is a fitting prelude to a joyful Easter Day when at our Communion and other acts of Worship we meet Him, our Risen Lord, and claim the Power of His Resurrection as the motive for all future living. May you all realize the true joy of Easter Day.

Now a few words about our Evangelistic Campaign to be held in this Parish as in all other parts of the Borough of Twickenham during the week beginning on 23rd of May and ending on 30th May. You will note elsewhere that I have been fortunate in obtaining the assistance of a Missioner of considerable experience. I would commend him and our effort to your prayers and I hope that we shall all seize this opportunity for strengthening our spiritual lives and coming back

ever closer to God and the things of God. Please try and turn up to the preliminary meeting on 8th April, and then let us work hard together in prayers and service to make this effort a real spiritual revival.

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

Days of Special Remembrance.

- April 4th—Mothering Sunday. Service of the Family 3 p.m.
- April 18th—Palm Sunday.
- April 23rd—Good Friday.
- April 25th—Easter Day.
- April 26th—Monday in Easter Week. Holy Communion 8 a.m.
- April 27th—Tuesday in Easter Week. Holy Communion 11 a.m.

Holy Week and Easter.

- April 19th, Monday—Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Service and Address 8 p.m.
- April 20th, Tuesday—Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Preparation Service for Easter Communion 8 p.m.
- April 21st, Wednesday—Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Lantern Service 8 p.m.
- April 22nd, Maundy Thursday—Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Service and Address 3.15 p.m.
- April 23rd, **Good Friday**—Litany and Anti-Communion 8 a.m. Matins and Address 10.30 a.m. Three Hours' Meditations 12.3 p.m., conducted by Rev. P. G. Godfrey, Vicar of Feltham.
- April 24th, Saturday—Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.
- April 25th, **Easter Day**—Holy Communion 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and after Matins. Choral Eucharist 9.45 a.m. Matins and Sermon 11 a.m.

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Children's Service 3 p.m. Evensong and Sermon 6.30 p.m.

Flowers may be scarce and very expensive. This will limit the decoration of the Church for Easter. The Vicar would gratefully welcome donations for the purpose of flowers or definite promises to send flowers on or before Monday, 19th April.

Please Note—Children's Service is now at 3 p.m. Evensong at 6.30 p.m.

PARISH NOTES.

Mothers' Union.

The Monthly Meeting will be held in the Club Room, on Wednesday, 7th April, at 3 p.m. Mrs. W. H. Trebble will give the talk.

Easter Vestry.

The Easter Vestry sitting with the Parochial Church Meeting will meet on Wednesday, 28th April, in the Club Room, at 8 p.m. The business before the Meeting will be the election of Churchwardens for the year.

Church Army.

Don't forget the **Church Army Flag Day, Saturday, 17th April.** Be sure you all have your Flag on that day.

The Missions to Seamen.

An opportunity will occur on Tuesday, 13th April, of showing our appreciation of the gallant seamen who risk their lives every day in order to bring us our food. Six Seamen's Societies are combining to hold a Flag Day on the date mentioned above. It is the kind of work everyone will want to help—to send outfits in the rescue ships and tugs; to place a Testament and Prayer and Hymn Book with the emergency rations in the life-boats; to provide hostels and clubs for

the Seamen wherever they come ashore; to comfort and encourage them in their individual need; to help those they leave behind. It is a work your Congregation will want to aid. They can meet a very special need by selling flags on April 13th. Please ask for volunteers.

(Signed) Esther E. Alexander,
President Flag Day Committee

Anyone willing to help please give name to the Vicar.

Hampton Deanery Moral Welfare Association.

This year the Annual Meeting will be held not as on the last two occasions in a garden but in the Church Hall of St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Wednesday, 5th of May, at 3 p.m. The Vicar of St. Francis, Isleworth, would remind readers that these Meetings are more than pleasant afternoons and he hopes that no one will be hindered from attending this Meeting because there will not be a beautiful garden and the June sun to accompany the business. The speaker will be Miss Ena Steel, lecturer to the Moral Welfare Council and there will be a report of the work done in the Hampton Deanery. All present supporters are invited to attend and to bring some new friends who may become supporters. Cards of invitation are being sent to the Vicar some time in April to distribute to those who apply to him for them.

Evangelistic Campaign.

The Vicar is pleased to be able to announce further progress in preparation for the part this Parish will take in the Evangelistic Campaign, promoted by the Twickenham Christian Council to take place from the 23rd—30th of May. He has secured the help of the Rev. C. S. Crowson, Vicar of Neasden-cum-Kingsbury, who has had much experience in Home Mission Work. He has

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asked the Vicar to arrange a meeting of the members of the P.C.C. and other parishioners who are interested in the prospect of a real evangelistic effort in this Parish for **Thursday, 8th April**, in the **Club Room, at 8 p.m.** At that meeting Mr. Crowson will put his plans before those present and go into details of operation with a view to enrolling as many as can spare the time to co-operate in preparing the parish for its eight-day Mission. The Vicar looks forward to a large gathering on April 8th.

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

- Feb. 28—David Michael Surman.
Mar. 7—David Ian Wood.
Mar. 14—Malcolm James Wilson.
Mar. 14—Thomas William O'Reilly.
Mar. 14—Barry Rolandi Jardine.
Mar. 14—David Allen.
Mar. 14—Michael Macdonald Blackburn.
Mar. 14—Brenda Irene Marie Jameson.

MARRIAGE.

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"

- Mar. 6—John Henry Killham Cullander and Gloria Taylor.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

- Mar. 1—Henrietta Palmer, aged 82 years.
Mar. 6—John Gerard Habes, aged 53 years.
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