

# HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

## PAROCHIAL NOTES.

**Churchwardens**—Mr. J. N. Cornish and Mr. E. Beckett.

**Organist**—Mr. C. Haydn-Bull, M.I.G.C.M.

**Parochial Church Officer.**

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

### Bible Class.

For Lads and Girls 14 years and over, in the Children's Corner in Church 10 a.m. each Sunday. Conducted by Mr. E. Beckett.

### Sunday School.

Seniors 10 a.m. in Club Room, Superintendent—Miss Phillips. Junior girls 11 a.m. in Club Room; Superintendent—Miss Stewart. Junior boys in Club Room. 11 a.m.; Superintendent—Miss N. R. Harvey. Infants in Parish Hall, 11 a.m.; Superintendent—Miss J. Habes. Children's Service in Church 3 p.m.

### Missionary Association.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Bedford, 1, Seymour Road, Hampton Hill.

### Mothers' Union.

Monthly Meetings. First Wednesday in each month in the Club Room, 3 p.m. and Quarterly Services. Corporate Communion First Wednesday 10 30 a.m. Enrolling Member Mrs. Harvey.

### St. James's Youth Club.

Meetings in the Club Room, on Mondays and Fridays at 7.30 p.m.  
Hon. Sec.: Miss Harvey.

**Girl Guides.** Captain—Miss Cynthia Hayward.

**Brownies.** Brown Owl—Miss C. Brown  
Meetings in the Club Room on Thursdays at 5.30 p.m.

**Sea Scouts**—"The Venture," Hampton Water Works  
Group Scout Master—Mr. A. W. Lewer.

The Vicar may be seen at the Vicarage on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. and on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 6.15 p.m. and 7 p.m.

### Sickness.

The Vicar will be grateful if cases of sickness are reported to him at once.

**District Nurse**—Nurse Smart, 222, Uxbridge Road.

Phone: Molesey 3681

### Churchyard.

Contributions towards the up-keep of the Churchyard will be gratefully received by Mr. E. Beckett, 35, Wellington Road, Hampton Hill.

### Magazine.

Hon. Sec.: Miss Blackmore, 151, Burtons Road, Hampton Hill.

Hon. Advt. Sec.: Mrs. Damon, 125, Burtons Road, Hampton Hill

## Vicar's Letter.

My dear People,

The joy of the Christmas Festival is a thing of the past and yet I cannot just leave it at that. For me, as I hope it was for all who joined with me in adoring and praising God for sending His only begotten Son into the world to bring a message from the Father in Heaven, of peace and goodwill amongst men everywhere, it was a happy time, full of encouragement as we step out into another year, the prospect of which is uncertain. For were we not reminded that God still reigns in the Kingdom of men and that He is with us still to guide us through our difficulties into paths of peace, provided we enter into His ways and walk with Him. It is His rule upon earth that we must all recognise and, through the avenues of prayer and meditation seek His pleasure in all we do. Let our determination at the beginning of this year be to live nearer to God day by day after the example of Him who came into the world not only to save us, but also to reveal God, His love and purpose in Creation and Redemption and to show us the true and only way of living. "Emmanuel" God with us! Let that be our motto for 1948. It will raise our drooping spirits and bring us comfort and strength in our great effort of helping to bring England through its most severe trial.

Reverting to our Christmas Festival, it was noteworthy that the number of communicants showed an increase. I am most grateful to Mr. Bull and the choir for their excellent rendering of the Christmas music. Their singing of the carols on the Sunday evening before Christmas Day was much appreciated and enjoyed by the congregation, as also were their services rendered during the Festival itself. I also would thank those who sent evergreens for the decoration of the Church and those who did the decorating.

And now we must turn our minds to parochial matters. The outstanding events for this month are the New Year's Social and the Annual Church Meeting. I hope the former will be a particularly sociable event. It is an opportunity for those who worship together to get to know one another. A programme to suit the pleasure of young and old has been drawn up, so come along and have a jolly evening.

The Annual Church Meeting should be a date to be kept by all those who have their names upon the Electoral Roll of St. James' Church. Allowing for sickness and other engagements, the attendance at the meeting should be considerable. It is a chance for everyone to show an interest in Church affairs and to raise questions upon subjects concerned with the Services or any Church organisation. One matter that has been brought before me on more than one occasion is the Sunday morning Service. It has been suggested that the time should be changed from eleven o'clock to half-past ten or even ten o'clock. The reason given is that the housewife would be able to attend and then to get home in time to cook the Sunday dinner. There may be other suggestions, such as how to make the service more attractive. I am inclined to think that the enjoyment or otherwise of a Service rests to a large extent with the individual worshipper. You cannot get any comfort and help out of an Act of Worship unless you put your whole self into it. To know one's way about the Prayer Book is a great asset and considerably helps towards a better understanding of prayer and praise in which all are joining. St. Paul says that for a fruitful edification, "I will pray with the Spirit and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the Spirit and I will sing with the understanding also." To follow his advice will bring greater enjoyment and comfort from any service. Other things may occur to you and you have an opportunity of making them known at this Annual Church Meeting.

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As to the Church generally, there are two events which will be well to the front during the coming year. One is the Lambeth Conference, at which over three hundred Bishops of the Anglican Communion will gather at Lambeth Palace to discuss Church affairs as they affect the world everywhere. The general theme of this Conference is to be "God in His world and the Church," which will provide discussion on such questions as the Christian doctrine of man, the Church and the Modern World, Church unity, and the tradition, responsibilities, ideals, terms of worship and organisation of the Anglican Churches. All subjects which touch Church life in every parish. It will be necessary, therefore, that we take a keen interest in the deliberations of these Anglican Divines when they gather together next July. The other matter is the Diocesan Mission in 1949 about which our Bishop writes in his letter, which you can all read in the December issue of our Parish Magazine. I will write more of this when further details come to hand.

I remain, your faithful friend and Vicar,

Fredk. P. P. Harvey.

### DAYS OF SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE

- Jan. 6th Feast of the Epiphany. Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.
- Jan. 26th Conversion of St. Paul. Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.
- Jan. 25th Septuagesima Sunday. Usual Sunday Services.

### PARISH NEWS.

#### MOTHERS' UNION

January 7th is the Quarterly Day for St. James' Branch of the Mothers' Union. There will be Corporate Communion at 10.30 a.m. and a service at 3 p.m.

The Christmas Party has been arranged for Wednesday, 21st January, in the Club Room.

#### THE NEW YEAR'S SOCIAL

The Parochial New Year's Social will be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, 14th January, at 7.30 p.m. The price of admission is 2/- for adults and 1/- for children under fourteen, including refreshments. From the posters it will be seen that a good programme of songs, etc., and games is being arranged, as well as dancing. Thus all ages are being catered for and it is hoped to have a really good social gathering.

#### BRING AND BUY SALE

This event, held at the Vicarage, was a great success. The gross takings were £26. After paying a bill of 19/6 for printing, there will be a balance of twenty-five pounds and sixpence to divide between the Missionary Societies, which is rather more than last year.

Miss Bedford has been unable to collect the Missionary Boxes. She would be glad if those holding such boxes would leave them at the Vicarage as soon as possible. Miss Bedford very much regrets that she will not be able to continue her work as Hon. Sec. of the Missionary Association. The Vicar is grateful for the work she has done in connection with this important part of the parochial organisation.

### THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Church Meeting has been fixed to take place on 28th January in the Club Room at 8 p.m. The Vestry Meeting, which is held for the purpose of electing the Churchwardens for the year, will be held on the same day at 8 p.m. All parishioners may attend the Vestry Meeting, but only those whose names are on the Electoral Roll are called to the Annual Church Meeting because they alone are entitled to vote when electing the members of the Parochial Church Council and representatives to the Ruri-Decanal Conference. It is important that all who attend the Church should have their names upon the Roll. Those of both sexes of eighteen years and upwards who are Baptized should be enrolled. Only Communicants of twenty-one years and upwards are eligible for election to the Parochial Church Council. The Council consists of twenty-four members, twelve ladies and twelve gentlemen, exclusive of those elected to the Ruridecanal Conference and also the two Churchwardens. All whose names are upon the Electoral Roll may put forward nominees for the Parochial Church Council. Forms of nomination may be obtained from The Parochial Church Officer, the Churchwardens and the sidesmen on duty at the services.

### THE ST. JAMES' YOUTH CLUB

The Billiard table has just been renovated. The Committee would be grateful for a set of balls and some cues. Please send these gifts to the Vicarage.

On Monday, 12th January, the second of the season's Film Shows is to be given in the Parish Hall at 8 p.m. The entertainment is arranged by the Ministry of Information. Admission is free.

### ORGAN RECITALS

Another Organ Recital is being arranged for Sunday, 18th January. It will be held after Evensong at 7.30 p.m. Further details will be given on posters. The collections at these Recitals are earmarked for the Choir Fund. Not only is new music required from time to time, but new robes are badly wanted to replace those which have seen many years of service. Through the great kindness of a member of the Church there are at present ten cassocks for the men and servers on order. Soon there will be need of some new ones for the boys, to say nothing of the surplices. It is towards all these necessary things that the offerings at the Organ Recitals will go.

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**HAMPTON PAROCHIAL CHARITIES**

The Trustees of these Charities will meet on Tuesday, 20th January, 1948, at 8 p.m., at the West Porch of St. Mary the Virgin Church, Hampton to appoint Almspersons of the Charities in respect to premises for married or single person and a small weekly stipend may be payable to such persons appointed by the Trustees. Those eligible are poor persons of either sex and of good character, who have been resident in the Parishes of Hampton or Hampton Hill for not less than five years next preceding the time of their appointment, are not in receipt of Poor Law relief other than medical relief and are not from age, ill health, accident or infirmity hindered from maintaining themselves by their own exertions. Applications for the appointment must be made in the first place in writing to the Trustees or their Clerk at 51 High Street, Hampton, on or before the 17th day of January, 1948, accompanied by a doctor's certificate of suitability, together with testimonials. The name, address, age and

occupation of the applicant must be given. Forms of application may be obtained from the Clerk at 51 High Street, Hampton.

**BAPTISMS**

Nov. 15th (Privately) Andrew Scott Benson.

**MARRIAGES**

Dec. 20th Frederick Charles Robert Miles and Mary Grace Mansell.

**BURIALS**

Nov. 27th Arthur Francis King-Stephens, aged 70 years.  
Dec. 10th Elizabeth Jane Hockley, aged 87 years.  
Dec. 10th Mary Groves, aged 87 years.  
Dec. 15th Ellen Louisa Shail, aged 82 years.  
Dec. 27th Bessie Lambourn, aged 68 years.  
Dec. 30th Anne Jarvis, aged 2 weeks.