

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. Forrow, 68, Sunnyside Road Teddington.

Sunday School.

Held at 11 a.m. every Sunday

In the Parish Hall Infants—Superintendent—Mrs. W. Pooley
Boys—Superintendent—Miss N. Harvey
Girls' Fellowship—Superintendent—Mrs. G. Casey

In the Club Room Senior Girls—Superintendent—Miss R. Phillips
Junior Girls—Superintendent—Miss B. Stewart

Children's Service every Sunday at 3 p.m. in Church

Missionary Association.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Cox, 6, Queen's 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.: Mr. A. W. Miles.

Girl Guides. Captain—Miss Cynthia Hayward.

Brownies. Brown Owl—Miss D. Proctor.
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, Wednesday 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 upkeep 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

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Dear Friends,

In the absence of the Vicar, who is away from the Parish at the time this issue has to go to print, we address a message to you.

Very few will not know of the bereavement which the Vicar has suffered and which is mentioned more fully elsewhere. Do please bear up the whole family in your prayers that they may especially realise the ministry of Our Lord "to comfort them that mourn." Remember too, several others in the district who have recently been separated from those they loved.

Many parishioners have noticed that the Church clock which is usually so dependable has been spasmodic in its workings of recent weeks. This is not due to defective mechanism (though it does need cleaning which will have to be carried out in the not too distant future—contributions towards the cost would be most welcome) but unfortunately Mr. Vickery, who has been winding it, had a serious accident and has been in hospital. We should like to pay tribute to the consistent efforts which he has expended in maintaining it so efficiently, and with our grateful thanks send all good wishes that he will soon be able to resume his daily occupation as well as this service which he does voluntarily. Meantime, Mr. Christie, who formerly did the winding until ill health compelled him to resign, has undertaken to be responsible for this work. Many thanks also to him.

May we also use the medium of this letter to say "thank you" to the life-long member of our Church who has presented the new lych gates which make such an improvement to the Park Road entrance to the Churchyard, and who in so many ways helps and takes interest in our activities. Such support is a great encouragement and much appreciated.

As we write, the nation is in the midst of preparation for the General Election, and by the time you read this we shall know who are the legislature responsible for the government of our country in the coming days. St. Paul wrote to Timothy, "I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made . . . for Kings, and for all that are in authority" . . . —In these momentous days they will have a desperate need of wisdom from on high that according to their decisions . . . —"we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." I Tim. 2, v. 1.

Lord of our life, and God of our salvation,
Star of our night, and hope of ev'ry nation,
Hear and receive Thy Church's supplication.

Lord God Almighty.

Having seen settled this decision which concerns our daily life let us turn our attentions to higher things—those of our spiritual life. What better counsel could be passed to you than that which St. Peter addressed to his Christian friends and which seems appropriate to our thoughts just now. "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure;" 2 Peter 1, v. 10. We must all face the fact that sooner or late we shall receive a summons to appear not before a Speaker's Chair, but the Throne of Judgment on which will be seated the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Those who here below have loved Him and sought to serve Him fully will then serve in His presence eternally. This season of Lent affords another opportunity to prepare ourselves further for that great day. We urge you to use to the utmost these forty days and those special services arranged so that we may know more of our own utter worthlessness and more of His altogether loveliness. Then when we meet Him at Eastertide we shall adore Him with unspeakable joy in His revelation "I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and death." Revelation 1, v. 18.

With all good wishes and kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

EDWARD V. BECKETT }
JAMES N. CORNISH } Churchwardens.

LENT

"Ye that do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for your sins":—Only by a sincere repentance can we hope for or experience the fullness of Easter Joy. It is not only as individuals but as a living Church and a leader among the nations that we can effect a change for the better in the hearts and wills of humanity. Sin is not only a personal failure, for the whole world has failed lamentably, as witness the two Great Wars and the uneasiness in the International outlook. The fanaticism of Communism, with its denial of God, threatens the peace of the world. Can we not in sackcloth and ashes confess our shortcomings, and seek at the Throne of Grace a purification, an uplifting of our fainting

Spirits and the Power and Guidance of the Holy Spirit? If we do not, then the outlook is unthinkable. So let our Services be sincere expressions of our needs and our desire to gather strength and courage for a greater conflict than the world has ever seen since the "Forty days and nights in the Wilderness" and the terrible struggle between the "Saviour of Men" and the dreaded powers of Satan in the "Garden of Gethsemane."

W.T.

DAYS OF SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE

March 5th 2nd Sunday in Lent.
March 12th 3rd Sunday in Lent.
March 19th 4th Sunday in Lent. This is also Mothering Sunday and mothers and fathers are specially invited to come with their children to the Service in Church at 3 p.m.
March 25th Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
March 26th 5th Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday).

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR LENT

The Rev. C. J. E. Peshall, C.B.E., D.S.O., will continue his ministry and will be preaching at morning and evening services each Sunday during the month.

On each Wednesday evening there will be a service with address at 8 p.m.

On Thursday afternoons at 3.15 p.m. there will be a service with address, to be taken by Rev. J. B. Davis, Assistant Curate of St. Mary's, Twickenham.

Offerings at the week-day services will be given towards Moral Welfare Work in the Deanery.

On Fridays, at 8 p.m., at St. Mary's Church, Hampton, the Rev. Marcus Donovan will conduct a series of services of instruction, similar to those held during the Mission to London. Full details of these services are given in the posters displayed on the Church notice boards.

In Memoriam

MARGARET GERTRUDE MARIAH HARVEY

Known affectionately as "Peggy" to a wide circle of friends and many parishioners, it was with a profound sense of loss that all heard of the home call of the eldest daughter of our Vicar and Mrs. Harvey on the 6th February. The constantly cheerful and brave way in which she faced her illness through extremely trying months during the past two years must have inspired all who came into contact with her.

In years gone by she had taken a keen interest in many parochial activities, notably the Girls Friendly Society, and of more recent years the Youth Club which she started. It was her delight to participate in social functions which were held, and her smiling greeting on all occasions will be sorely missed, but most of all by her parents and family.

To them we extend our sincere sympathy and prayerful wishes that in their sadness they may experience a new and unspeakable revelation of the God of All Comfort, whilst "we bless Thy Holy Name for Thy servants departed this life in Thy Faith and Fear".

PARISH NEWS.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Annual Deanery Festival Service will be held at St. Alban's Church, Teddington, on Friday, 24th March, at 3 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. Preb. H. Harris, M.A., the Rural Dean.

SCOUTS

Our Troop affairs are steadily going forward. Mr. Casey reports that numbers are growing and steady progress is being made. Look out for news of a Jumble Sale later on to replenish funds. We want a Trek Cart and Camping Gear.

J.N.C.

YOUTH CLUB

I attended a meeting of the club recently and was impressed by the excellent type of Youth in our Club. The Church as a body should take more interest in its Youth Club and I appeal to all to give it greater support. More members are wanted, and those interested please communicate with Mr. Sumner or myself. We expect to arrange an Easter Ramble, and a programme is being drawn up for the Summer which should please all members.

Any small or large contributions towards the expenses of the Summer programme will be appreciated.

J.N.C.

THE CHOIR

The Organist and Choirmaster will be pleased to interview boys between the ages of 8 and 12 years, with a view to filling vacancies. They will receive a first class training in the theory of music and voice production, apart from being of valuable service to the Church. It is also intended to augment the choir for the singing of the cantata "Olivet to Calvary" on Good Friday. Any who are able to offer their services in this way will be heartily welcomed; tenors and sopranos are particularly needed. Practices are held in Church on Fridays at 8 p.m.

C.H.B.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting which had been arranged for 15th February, were unavoidably postponed on account of the Vicar's absence. Amended arrangements for these meetings will be made as soon as practicable, and notice will be given in Church and on the notice boards.

WAR MEMORIAL AND CHILD MEMORIAL FUNDS

The Parochial Church Council has now decided to close the Child Memorial Fund and to provide a seat, with a suitable commemorative tablet, to be placed on the lawn on the south side of the Church. It is felt that this is the best way in which the parish can mark its appreciation of the splendid work carried out by Mr. Child for the Church in this place.

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The question of the War Memorial Fund will be raised at the Annual Parochial Meeting, when it is hoped that a final decision will be reached as to the form which the Memorial should take, having regard to the sum available. Any practical suggestions in this connection will be welcomed at the meeting.

SUMMER FETE

It is hoped that the Summer Fete will be held this year on the first Saturday in July, as has been the custom for many years. The Fete is an important social function in the life of the parish and it also provides an income which is essential in helping to meet our financial needs. Such a Fete, however, requires very careful preparation and planning, and it is therefore intended to hold a preliminary meeting in the Vestry on Tuesday, 7th March, at 8 p.m., in order to discuss some of the arrangements. All those who have helped in previous years and any others who

may be interested are therefore asked to attend this meeting. Please come along and help to make this year's effort a great success. Further announcements about the Fete will be made later.

INCOME FOR JANUARY

Collections for Church Expenses £18 18s. 3d.
Free-Will Offering Scheme £27 7s. 11d. (including some annual contributions).

BURIALS

- Feb. 1st Mabel Kither, 75 years.
- Feb. 1st Edith Amy Hunt, 77 years.
- Feb. 4th Elizabeth Amelia Cullen, 75 years.
- Feb. 9th Margaret Gertrude Mariah Harvey, 42 years.
- Feb. 10th William Moore, 57 years.
- Feb. 15th Lucy Ann Aldridge, 91 years.

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