

HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

PAROCHIAL NOTES.

Vicar—The Rev. R. H. Brunt, B.A., A.K.C., The Vicarage, St. James's Road. Telephone: Molesey 2069

The Vicar may usually be seen without appointment between 9-15 and 10-0 a.m., and 6-45 and 7-15 p.m. Messages about people who are sick or in special need should be sent to him as soon as possible.

Churchwardens—Mr. W. F. Wigginton, 9, Oxford Road Teddington
Mr. E. Beckett, 35, Wellington Road, Hampton Hill

Organist—Mr. C. Haydn-Bull M.I.G.C.M.

Parochial Church Officer.

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

Sunday School.

Held at 11 a.m. every Sunday

In the Parish Hall Infants—Superintendent—Miss B. Rooney.

Boys—Superintendent—Miss O. Wright.

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 Committee.

Hon. Treas.—Miss Cox, 6 Queen's Road, Hampton Hill.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Stanton, 63 Park 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 Thursday 10.30 a.m.

Enrolling Member: Mrs. Brunt.

St. James's Youth Club.

Meetings in the Club Room, on Mondays and Fridays at 7.30 p.m.
Hon. Sec.: Mr. L. J. Sumner.

Girl Guides. Captain—Miss Cynthia Hayward.

Brownies, Brown Owl—Miss D. Proctor.

Meetings in the Club Room on Thursdays at 5.30 p.m.

Scouts. Scout Master: Mr. G. Casey, 89 Connaught Road, Teddington

Cubs Cubmaster: Mr. S. R. Childs, 126, Uxbridge Road, Hampton Hill

District Nurse—Mrs. S. Shaw, 5, Regina Court, Gloucester Road, Teddington

Churchyard.

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

Magazine Committee.

Hon. Treas. and Advt. Sec.: Mrs. H. F. Beckett, 6, Cross St. Hampton Hill.

Hon. Sec.: Miss H. Stanton, 63, Park Road, Hampton Hill.

Vicar's Notes.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES:—I have had a number of enquiries from young people about Confirmation. Most of them seem to be taking the General Certificate at the beginning of June, so I am not proposing to begin classes until after that. The Confirmation itself will be at the end of November. I have also heard from one or two adults, and should be pleased to hear from many more.

SERVICES:— The information given on the magazine cover is not now entirely accurate, and it will be revised as soon as possible. The Church Council are having a preliminary discussion about present arrangements at their meeting on Ascension Day. With regard to week-day services, there are different opinions about the best time for Holy Communion, and I am therefore going to experiment with the following scheme for the next month or two:

Tuesday, 7.0 a.m.

Wednesday, 7.30 a.m.

Thursday, 10.30 a.m.

Saints' Days, 7.0 a.m.

I say Matins and Evensong daily, according to my obligation, but am not always able to do this in church or at regular fixed times. And when I do say the offices in church, I am not able to toll the bell, as I possess no key to the tower!

Some vicars are able to state in their magazine that one specified day a week is their "day-off", and to ask that, as far as possible, there should be no callers or telephone messages on that day. I feel very much the need of this weekly free day, as I have had a period of unbroken strenuousness since last September, and could not have the short holiday after Easter I had hoped. An over-tired priest is of little use in a parish, and I am afraid I have often been this lately. But as meetings and appointments seem to come at the moment for most days in the week, I have to find "time-off" here and there, when I can—so if, when you call, you see me in shirt-sleeves mowing the lawn, don't be too hard on me and say, "He ought to be at work in the study, or out visiting", because there is no five-day week for the parish priest, and he has to snatch his leisure and recreation as opportunity arises.

VISITING:— With regard to this, I have begun to find the same difficulty that I had in my last parish: that is the afternoons, when I am most free, few people

are at home these days. Then in the evenings, there are often meetings or interviews: but if the vicar has time to call, he may break into and break up the family's wireless or television entertainment. But I should like it to be widely known that I am glad to go anywhere, at any time, to see people who want to see me; or alternatively, to have them come to see me at the vicarage or in church. And I shall also go on pegging away at various times to try to get to know as many of you as possible. I am also hoping to acquire shortly a new bicycle, which will help me to get in more effective touch with the outlying parts of this extensive parish.

THE CLOCK:— When this stopped at ten minutes to eleven on a recent Sunday morning (incidentally making a number of people late for the service!), it brought home to us how much we have come to rely on it, and how much we miss its pleasant chiming when it cannot be heard. We are grateful to Mr. Christie for the time and attention he gives to maintaining it in such excellent condition. He tells me that he is quite able and willing to carry on with his good work, and if on occasion he does not feel up to the heavy job of rewinding, he has two sons to fall back on for help. He is grateful to those who have enquired about this, and have also offered to help with the bell-ringing. At the moment he is teaching Leslie Sargeant the art, and when he is proficient, and Michael Futter also available, we shall have as many ringers as we need.

Reports

THE HAMPTON RURAL DEANERY:— Owing to lack of representative support, the Deanery Youth Festival planned for April 26th, 27th and 28th, has had to be withdrawn. St. James' Sunday School and Brownies were to have presented two missionary plays which will now be produced for the benefit of the parish, on May 16th, at 7.30 p.m.

The next two Deanery Conferences fall on 23rd April and 2nd July, the latter being the last for the Deanery in its present form. From 1st September, the Bishop of London has authorised 3 divisions to be set up as an experiment for a period of 12 months: this is an attempt to relieve the arduous task of Deanery officials trying to cover the 35 parishes at present constituting the Hampton Deanery.

THE DIOCESE:— The Lord Bishop has appointed the new Bishop of Willesden to be chairman of the re-

constituted Settlements Committee which lapsed in 1947. The new committee, at its first meeting in Stepney, decided to meet in turn at the various settlements whose interests it has to study and watch. Our Mr. Sargeant, is privileged to be an elected delegate from the Diocesan Conference on this Committee.

It is reported that there are quite a number of entries from Sunday Schools for the fairly new Diocesan Sunday School Examinations, being held at the end of May. This year the exams. have been thrown open to all parishes in the Diocese.

Diocesan Youth is being cared for by holding a Conference at Fulham Palace on Saturday afternoon, 30th June, (tickets including tea, 2/-) and by a Summer School at Lyme Regis at which adults, both cleric and lay, are invited to attend, in the second week, from August 4th to August 11th inclusive.

A. Boys' Camp is again being run at Hawkshill Camp, Walmer, for London boys between ages of 12 and 18.

Early application for all last three events or engagements is advisable.

THE COMMUNITY OF THE RESURRECTION, one of the vigorous Religious Orders in the Church of England, with its Mother House at Mirfield, in Yorkshire, holds two meetings every year in the London area for those interested in its work. This year they are on May 7th, at 3.0 p.m., at Mary Sumner House, and 7.0 p.m. at the Hoare Memorial Hall, Church House. Two members of the Community, Father Timothy Stanton and Father Paul Singleton, have their homes in this parish, and are well-known to many of us. The latter celebrated Holy Communion in our church on St. George's Day.

VESTRY AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS:— It was pleasing to see an increase in the attendance at these important meetings. The Vicar's appointment of Mr. W. F. Wigginton as his Warden, was confirmed and the meeting elected Mr. E. V. Beckett as People's Warden.

The Electoral Roll, containing 310 names was duly presented and accepted and the Annual Report on the Council's work during the year was adopted.

Explanations of the audited accounts were given and in adopting the accounts, thanks were expressed to the Hon. Treasurers and Auditors.

The report on the fabric of the Church revealed that a great deal of work was required to be done and the launching of an appeal for funds was suggested. Special thanks were recorded to all who had helped to beautify the Church and to keep it clean.

In his report on the work of the Church during the past year, Mr. Beckett thanked all who had taken part in the life of the Church and he expressed the hope that with our new leader, we should go forward. The Vicar then addressed the meeting with his hopes for the future.

The vacancy on the Ruri-decanal Conference was filled by the election of Miss H. Stanton, and the following were either elected or re-elected to the Council:— Mrs. M. Bassett, Mrs. E. Beckett, Miss Phillips, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Wiggins and Mr. H. Beckett and Mr.

P. Cowee.

The meeting next concerned itself with the election of sidesmen and unanimously agreed to the Bishop of London's Fund being kept open in the Parish. It was hoped that a greater interest in this Fund would be shown in the future and that everyone would endeavour to contribute at least one penny a week.

The meeting expressed its thanks to the members of the Choir and listened with interest to a report given by Mr. Sargeant on the work of the Ruri-decanal Conference.

Mention was made of the Summer Fete to be held at Laurel Dene on 7th July, and of the need for more helpers.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL met twice during April and were pleased to welcome the Vicar to the meeting held on 2nd April. The main business of the meeting was the approval of the Accounts for presentation to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

At the meeting held on 12th April, the first meeting of the new Council, Officers, delegates and committees were appointed as follows:— Hon. Treasurers: Messrs. E. V. Beckett and W. F. Wigginton; Parochial Officer: Mr. S. V. J. Farrow; P.C.C. representative to the Finance Committee: Mrs. S. Futter; Property Committee: Mr. L. J. Sumner (Hon. Secretary) Mr. J. N. Cornish (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs. Rooney and Mrs. Thompson and Messrs. Cowee, Jarvis and Nightingale; Missionary and Evangelistic Committee: Miss H. Stanton (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. Bassett, Mrs. E. Beckett, Mr. Sargeant and Mr. Thomas; Magazine Committee: Mr. and Mrs. H. Beckett, Mrs. Rooney, Mr. Sargeant and Miss Stanton; "People's Offering" (Moral Welfare): Organiser: Mrs. E. Farrow; Bishop of London's Reconstruction Fund: Mr. C. Barrett; Freewill Offering Scheme: Mr. J. N. Cornish; Social Committee: Mr. L. J. Sumner (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. Bassett, Mrs. E. Beckett, Mr. H. Beckett, Mr. and Mrs. Casey, Mr. Cowee, Mrs. Farrow, Mrs. Futter, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Nightingale, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Wiggins; Parochial Youth Officer: Mrs. G. Casey.

The following were co-opted on to the P.C.C. for the ensuing year: Mr. C. Barrett, Mrs. H. Beckett, Mr. S. R. Childs and Mrs. Lucas.

THE ORGAN is now being dismantled, and for about six weeks we shall have to sing to the accompaniment of a piano which has been kindly lent. Mr. Bull will play selected works of the great Masters before and after each service.

Donations for the Renovation Fund during April: Collecting Box 15/3d., Mrs. Richens 10/-, Mr. Christie 5/-, Anon. 10/-.

As many gifts as possible during May please! Owing to pressure on space, many reports have unavoidably been held over. — Ed.

BAPTISMS:

Mar. 25th. Lynne Carol Deer, 56, Windmill Road.

Mar. 25th. Karen Maria Dorothy Smith, 18, Lindsay Road.

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Mar. 25th. John Alan Stanbrook, R.A.F. Station, Debden, Essex.

Apr. 8th. Janet Brown, 12, Roy Grove.

MARRIAGES.

Mar. 26th. William Henry Sandys to Mary Edith King.

Mar. 31st. Robert Kessen to Eileen Greene.

Mar. 31st. Anthony John Soar to

Cecilia Gladys Wellsman.

Apr. 7th. John Edward Lloyd to

Norah Raymond Harvey.

BURIALS.

Mar. 28th. Eleanor Smith, 62, Uxbridge Road, aged 76 years.

Mar. 30th. Percival John Jordan, 21, Cross Street, aged 61 years.

Mar. 31st. Annie Elizabeth Croydon, 15, Cranmer Road, aged 85 years.

Apr. 2nd. Alice Shillingford, of Chelmsford, aged 80 years.

Apr. 3rd. Florence Mary Moxham, 27, King's Road, aged 55 years.

Apr. 3rd. Daisy Frances Jenkins, Laurel Dene, aged 49 years.

Apr. 5th. Thomas William Coote, 17, Park Road, aged 75 years.

Apr. 7th. William James Hulford, 96, St. James's Avenue, aged 73 years.

Apr. 9th. Emma Pavitt, 16, Wish Road, Hove, aged 90 years.

Apr. 11th. Mary Elizabeth Fisher, 184, Norbury Avenue, Thornton Heath, aged 78 years.

Apr. 19th. Charles Hamilton Evans, 3, Edward Road, aged 81 years.

Apr. 19th. Eliza Ann Girling, 1, Links View Road, aged 88 years.

DATES TO NOTE.

May 3rd. Ascension Day, Holy Communion, 7.0 and 10.30 a.m. Evening Service, 7.45 p.m. Church Council, 8.30 p.m.

May 6th. Empire Youth Sunday.

May 7th. Community of the Resurrection. Meeting.

May 8th. Mothers' Union. Diocesan Festival Service at St. Paul's.

May 13th. Whit Sunday. Holy Communion, 7.0 and 8.0 a.m. Other services as usual.

May 14th. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m.

May 15th. Holy Communion, 7.0 a.m.

May 16th. Missionary Plays in the Parish Hall, 7.30 p.m. Admission 1/-.

May 20th. Trinity Sunday.

May 23rd. Magazine Copy due in.

June 1st. 7.0 p.m. Magazines ready: Distributors' Meeting.

ALTAR FLOWERS.

Miss Mason will be arranging these in May.