

# HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

## PAROCHIAL NOTES.

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Mr. E. Beckett, 35, Wellington Road, Hampton Hill

**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—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.

I am writing these on a typical English August holiday morning, with the rain pouring down and the wind howling round. Yesterday, from the cliff-top, on a similar morning, I saw a coastal passenger-steamer come to the assistance of a small motor-boat which could make no progress in the heavy seas, and at the third attempt pass a rope to it, and then proceed to tow it on towards Newhaven and Brighton. The weather forecasts, which were over-pessimistic with regard to the day chosen for our Sunday School outing to this part of the coast, have lately most annoyingly erred on the side of over-optimism. I hope that the former defect may turn out to be true of the fuel-forecasts for the coming winter, which are dismal in the extreme. We are now having to take urgent action to try to insure the minimum amount of coke to keep hall and church from becoming like refrigerators in the winter months, and I hope that we shall be successful. But whatever the weather, whatever the temperature, whatever the state of the church-roof, whatever the economic conditions, whatever the cost of living—however much we may grumble about such things—the life and worship of the Church must continue and increase in its richness and strength . . . . .

One of my holiday duties for many years past has been to prepare the next issue of the parish magazine. I hoped that I might be spared the task this year, but owing to holiday arrangements at the printers, it has become necessary to have this magazine issued either a week earlier or a fortnight later than the date announced last month. I am, however, being spared nearly all the work after all, for Miss Stanton has most kindly stepped into the breach, and I am hoping that despite all the difficulties, it will be possible for this magazine to appear on August 31st, instead of on September 21st.

I was fortunate in being able to arrange—with only a week to spare!—for the Rev. M. J. Cuttill, to come as my locum tenens, so that I could get away after all, and I am sure that you will all have benefitted from his short period of ministry. I am not sure what the latest position with regard to the organ is, and whether the date suggested last month for its formal rededication and return to use—September 9th—is still the most suitable, but this will be announced on our notice-

boards as soon as possible after I come home. I am very sorry that last month I made a mistake with regard to the name to be commemorated—it is, not Emma, but Elizabeth Ellen Gorst.

The Sunday School outing—a fuller account of which I hope may appear elsewhere—was a great success, and I am most grateful to Mr. Beckett and Mr. Sargeant for the time and trouble they gave to organizing it, and to those who gave a total of £3 2s. 6d. towards defraying its cost.

I would also acknowledge with thanks the gift to the Church of a very good invalid wheel-chair from Miss Croydon. This will be kept, when not in use, in the Vicarage garage, but I do not think it will be there very much, as I know there are a number of parishioners who would like to use it from time to time, and if I do not suggest this to them, perhaps they would themselves approach me. The other wheel-chair, which was the private property of Mrs. Harvey, has been given at her express wish to Mrs. Kingsford, but as the latter fortunately does not need it for herself, she would be most pleased to lend it to those who cannot get about as well as she herself is able to do.

**HOLIDAY READING.**—For those who have holidays, or times of leisure, still to come, I should like to commend the following three novels: "Every Man a Penny", by Bruce Marshall, a fascinating story about Paris from 1913 to 1947, the central figure of which is a little French curate, poor, misunderstood, taken advantage of in every possible way by men not fit to brush his boots, yet going on with an unconquerable love; "Arrow to the Heart", a very short novel, most movingly written by a German country-pastor about a German Army chaplain summoned to attend a deserter condemned to death, and the love and wisdom he brings to bear in this terrible situation; "The River Line", by Charles Morgan, about an escape-route operating in occupied Belgium and France for allied airmen and agents, and the friendship men sharing a common peril found as they passed down this line together, and the discussions they had, and the moral and philosophical problems they had to face, and which we should all face too.

## Reports and Announcements

### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

The Council met on July 17th last and were pleased to welcome a member of the congregation as a guest.

The meeting had a splendid send-off with the official announcement of the wonderful gift from Mr. T. Gorst of a sum of £430 for the restoration of the Church organ.

It was reported that a special effort was being made to have the railings for the west end of the Churchyard erected at an early date. Approval was also given for a new organ tuning contract to be signed at the figure of £17 10s. 0d. per annum, and for the money standing to the credit of the "Projector Fund" to be used for the purchase of a film strip projector for the Church and Sunday Schools. Reports from committees and delegates revealed that the increased cost of printing had necessitated the price of the magazine being increased to 4d. a month. A new inset to the Magazine was under review.

The sum of £3 was presented to the Bishop of London in respect of "The People's Offering" for Moral Welfare.

As a means of increasing the contribution from St. James's Church to the Bishop of London's Reconstruction Fund, a suggestion was made for worshippers to collect from non-attending parishioners a penny (or more) a week and to bring it to Church each week.

Thanks were expressed to all members of the Free-will Offering Scheme and an invitation given to all members of the Church to join.

It was stated that the Youth Club had been suspended for the time being, but plans were being made for its later re-opening in a new basis. Reports on the flourishing condition of the Scouts and Cubs were received, and praise was paid to those responsible.

The Vicar announced that he had arranged for pupils from the Lady Eleanor Holles School, to read the Lessons on certain Sunday mornings, and to assist with the collections.

The matter of the Churchyard was further discussed, and the Council agreed to support an application for an omnibus faculty. It was also laid down that no one who was not a Parishioner should be allocated a new grave-space.

It was agreed that part of the legacy bequeathed by the late Mr. H. R. Bradfield should form the basis of a Fabric Fund, an appeal for which should be launched in the Autumn. It was also proposed to hold a Gift Day on 11th December next, the anniversary of the Dedication of the Church.

A preliminary report on the Fete was given and grateful thanks expressed to all those who had helped.

It was announced that the newly formed St. James's branch of the C.E.M.S., would hold its Enrolment Service on 23rd September next, and that a special Missionary Exhibition was being held in Twickenham in November.

**HARVEST ACTIVITIES, 1951.**—This year's Harvest Thanksgiving Service and Supper will be held on Thursday, October 4th. As in previous years we hope to have 12 tables at the Supper. If any persons would care to act as host and hostess and provide a table would they let us have their names. The Social Committee will meet on Thursday, 6th September, at 8 p.m. in the

Parish Hall. All people who are interested in helping with the Supper will be welcome. A small Social will be held after the Supper.

Offers of assistance to be made to Mr. John Sumner, 18, Edward Road.

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE.**—Will members note that the next meeting will be held in the Vestry on Tuesday, 11th September, at 8 p.m. sharp.

**SUMMER FETE, 1951.**—The gross receipts at the Summer Fete amounted to £196 1s. 4d., and the expenses were £79 2s. 4d., leaving a profit of £116 19s. 0d.

Included in this amount is the profit from the Old Time Dance organised by the Peter Pan Social Club for our fete funds. This amounted to £6 for which we are very grateful to the Peter Pan Club. A detailed balance sheet will be posted in the church porch at a later date.

**REPORT ON SUMMER FETE.**—A meeting of the Social Committee and Fete helpers will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday, September 21st, for a full and final report on this year's Fete.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING.**—On August 3rd, members of the Sunday Schools and a good number of parents went to Eastbourne for their summer outing. It was a lovely sunny day. At tea-time the Vicar said he was sorry to announce that we were unable to have jelly, owing to the refrigerator not working, but in spite of no jelly we had a very nice tea, including ice-cream! We returned home at about 9 p.m. after a very enjoyable day.

**ALTAR FLOWERS.**—During September, the flowers on the altar will be provided by Mrs. Bull.

**AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE.**—During the first week in August, I visited the Summer School of the Fellowship of St. Alban and St. Sergius at Abingdon, and want to try to describe something of this unique experience.

The Fellowship aims at promoting understanding between the Anglican and the Orthodox Churches. Throughout the year, meetings are held at 52, Ladbrooke Grove, London W.11; discussions and social evenings bring the members together and talks are given on a variety of subjects:— on the bible, on aspects of both Churches, on ecumenical subjects, on matters of international importance. Every year a Summer Conference is held: members and friends of members come from Britain and from other countries. They meet together, discuss together, play games and enjoy themselves together and worship together.

The visitors were of all ages (ranging from 2 years to about 80 years of age!), and of many nationalities: these included a number of Russian emigrants from Paris, including several most noted theologians and many gay girls and boys: three Lutherans, one a Lutheran pastor, from Germany: two Swedish girls: a Danish theological student; a member of the Dutch Reformed Church; an Anglican Deacon and his wife from the U.S.A.; a visitor from the Lebanon; two from Syria and a girl who is a refugee from Lithuania. It was fascinating talking to them, and learning of their experiences.

Talks were given on a variety of subjects: Father Thornton, of the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, gave absorbing addresses on the inter-relationship

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of the Old and New Testaments. Father Anthony Bloom, spoke of the monastic life in the Orthodox Church. We were told of the new Zoe movement in the Orthodox Church in Greece; of the recent international conference of laymen organised by the Lutheran Church in Germany; of the enormous gathering in July, in Berlin, when hundreds of thousands of representatives of churches, from both the East and West Zones of Germany met, in a vast assembly to worship together and seek God's Will. The Rev. Dr. Eric Mascall spoke of the Sacraments in the Anglican Church. Nicholas Zernov, the founder of the Fellowship was there, also Sonia Zernov his sister: both kept everything alive with their enthusiasm—like flames from which one must catch fire.

There were opportunities for tennis, swimming and games, and concerts in the evenings. There were from between 80-90 people there, and the noise at mealtimes was terrific!

During the few days I was there I heard the very lovely Orthodox Liturgy sung: on two occasions in English which enabled me to accustom myself to the order of the service, and once in Russian, sung by the choir of the Orthodox Church in Paris: listening to this singing was an inexpressibly lovely experience. Our own Choral Eucharist was also very beautifully rendered.

Great joy was had by all, and we left with a much deeper understanding of each other's Churches than we had had before we visited Abingdon, and with a firm resolve to join the Conference again next year.

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## DATES TO NOTE.

- September 4th. 8.0 p.m. C.E.M.S. Meeting.  
September 5th. 3.0 p.m. M.U. Service.  
September 9th. 11.0 a.m. Re-opening and re-dedication of organ.  
September 22nd. 3.0 p.m. M.U. Jumble Sale.  
September 23rd. 6.30 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. Eric Yelverton, D.D. Admission of Members of C.E.M.S.  
October 4th. 7.15 p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving.  
Preacher: The Rev. Neil Nye, Rector of Clapham. 8.30 p.m. Harvest Supper.

## BAPTISMS.

- Aug. 12th. Andrew James Weston, 53, Burton's Road.  
Aug. 25th. Michael Robert Severn, 6A, Oxford Road, Teddington.  
Aug. 26th. Christine Susan Heath, 11, Milton Road, Hampton.  
Aug. 26th. Susan Jeanette Sharpe, 27, Park Road, Hampton Hill.

## MARRIAGES.

- Aug. 4th. Grahame Ralphe Marsden, to Elizabeth Cecilia Culverhouse.  
Aug. 18th. George Edwin Charles Robinson, to Sheila Jean Allen.

## BURIALS.

- Aug. 2nd. Florence Harper, 16, Park Road, Hampton Hill, aged 83 years.  
Aug. 22nd. Raymond James Le Fevre, 62, St. James's Avenue, Hampton Hill, aged 70 years.