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# St. James's Church, Hampton Hill, Middx.

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### Senior Server

Mr. L. J. Sumner

## CHURCH SERVICES

### Sundays:

8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.

8.45 a.m. (Second Sunday in month). The Parish Communion, with Hymns and Address.

10.0 a.m. (Fourth Sunday in month). Choral Eucharist.

11.0 a.m. Matins and Sermon.

12.15 p.m. (First and Third Sundays in month). Holy Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Holy Baptism is administered on the Fourth Sunday in every month at 4.0 p.m., and at Matins or Evensong once a quarter. Eight days' notice is required.

The Sunday Schools meet at 2.30 p.m.:

Infants (4-7) in Hall. Superintendent: Miss B. Rooney.

Juniors (8-11) in Church. Superintendents: The Vicar and Miss B. Stewart.

Seniors (12-14) in Clubroom. Superintendent: Miss O. Wright.

Rectory Estate Infants' Sunday School (4-8) in Rectory School. Superintendent: Miss J. Western.

### Weekdays:

**Holy Communion:** Tuesdays, 7.0 a.m. Wednesdays, 7.30 a.m. Thursdays, 10.30 a.m. Holy Days (except Wednesdays) 7.0 a.m.

## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

### Mothers' Union & Women's Guild

Meet Wednesdays, 3.30 p.m., as arranged.

**Enrolling Member:** Mrs. Brunt.

### Young Wives' Group

Meet Monday evenings, as arranged.

**Sec.:** Mrs. Childs, 126, Uxbridge Road.

**Church of England Men's Society**  
Meet usually on the second Tuesday of each month 8.0 p.m.

**Sec.:** Mr. F. Sargeant, 24, High Street.

### News-Team Fellowship

Meet usually on the first Tuesday of each month, 8.0 p.m.

**Sec.:** Miss O. M. Chamberlin, 117, Uxbridge Road.

### Scouts

Meet Wednesdays, 7.0 p.m.

**Scoutmaster:** Mr. G. Casey, 89, Connaught Road.

### Wolf Cubs

Meet Mondays, 6.0 p.m.

**Cubmaster:** Mr. S. R. Childs, 126, Uxbridge Road.

### Guides

Meet Fridays, 7.0 p.m.

**Captain:** Miss Campbell, 29, St. James's Avenue.

### Brownies

Meet Thursdays, 6.0 p.m.

**Brown Owl:** Mrs. Pope, 8, Park Road.

### Drama Group

**Sec.:** Mr. C. Tarrant, 31, Anlaby Road, Teddington, Tel. Mol. 4987.

The Parish Halls in School Road, are available for letting, when not required by Church Societies. Applications should be made to the caretakers, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Nightingale, 29, Holly Road, Tel. Mol. 3572, on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 7.0 and 9.0 p.m. or by appointment.

The Vicar may usually be seen without appointment at 9.0 a.m. and 6.0 p.m. Inquiries about Banns, Holy Baptism, etc., should be made to him, and messages about people who are sick or in special need should be sent to him without delay. He is always ready to give spiritual help and counsel to any who require it.

# Vicar's Notes

## THE JANUARY MAGAZINE

With this month's magazine, we are hoping to welcome many new readers, and to incorporate them into the number of our firm and faithful friends. Last year, 400 copies of the magazine were printed each month, an increase of 75 on 1951; this year, we are going to have 500, and we believe that in a month or two every extra copy should have found a home. But even 500 is not good enough for a parish the size of ours, and now the advance has begun we see no reason why it should not go on increasing until at least the 1,000 mark is reached. We hope that our new readers—and our old ones too!—will always find plenty to interest them in our pages. Constructive criticism and suggestions for improvement will always be welcome.

We must forestall one criticism which we are bound to incur this month by saying that the late appearance of the January magazine is always very difficult to avoid, and this year there were the added complications which came with a change from one printing-firm to another. The Hampton Press are now specialising in a different type of work and could not continue to do this kind of printing for us, and so our long connection with them had to come to an end. Our new printers, the Langham Press, have been very helpful, and we feel sure that the high standard of the magazine will be safe in their care, and that this new association will prove as pleasant as the old one has been.

## OTHER CHANGES

There are other changes taking place too. Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Nightingale are now taking over the job of looking after the parish hall and clubroom. We welcome them with confidence, knowing them well and their high reputation. At the same time we say goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Parkin with real regret. Their valuable services have been much appreciated. Mr. Parkin, who has been appointed caretaker of the new Infants' School in Broad Lane, kept the hall in beautiful condition. Nothing ever seemed to be too much trouble for him, and he

was always most pleasant and courteous in all his dealings with the many people with whom his work brought him into contact. Mr. Nightingale will continue Mr. Parkin's additional job of arranging bookings, but to save him from being harried at all hours of the day and night, the Properties Committee has insisted that he should have certain set times when he is available for this. These are stated inside the cover.

We hope that people will observe them carefully, and not just make bookings in the street and expect him to remember. In the past our caretakers have sometimes been unfairly blamed for not having had the hall open when they had never been explicitly told the time at which people were coming to make ready. We hope that the new arrangement will help to avoid this, and also save the caretakers from unnecessary strain. At the moment, no firm booking for the hall can be taken further ahead than August, as the fair use of the hall by our own societies is under revision, and the future of the clubroom is still uncertain. The Church Council has purchased land in School Road for the building of another small hall, and permission to use the land for this purpose has been given by the County Council, but it is uncertain how soon we shall be allowed to start to build, and then an additional sum of money will have to be raised to cover the cost.

Another change has already been announced—that Miss Phillips is leaving our Sunday School after 17 years' service. Gifts towards her presentation are still coming in, but we should like to close the list by February 15, so send yours in quickly as possible, please.

A further change we must note is that the Bishop's Reconstruction Fund is no longer asking for any more contributions direct from the parishes, except at "Bishop's Services" (Confirmations, etc.) This fund has been kept alive in the parish largely through the untiring efforts of Miss Blackmore, to whom we are most grateful. Altogether I think about £80 has been sent from here, and £560,000 raised from the diocese as a whole and from further afield for the tremendous task of rebuilding the many bombed churches.

days on these permanent fixtures. The Church Council put us in a cable for the main electricity supply to the stage. Then, with the help of the Teddington Theatre Club and the Dramatic Club of the N.P.L. from whom we hired flats, curtains, lights and props, and with the help of many people, we were able to put on our plays.

We all enjoyed the evening—I think I can safely say audience, actors and helpers alike. "The Valiant" was a very moving play about a prisoner on the point of going to his execution, and refusing to the last to reveal his identity, although the audience is let into the secret. "Druid's Ring," a melodrama with an all-women cast followed: we all hoped that the audience was sufficiently amused and horror struck in turn! "A collection will be made" was a riotous farce, and the audience was sent away laughing. We hope everyone was favourably impressed and will be ready to back up our next efforts.

It would have been quite impossible to attempt to give a show of this nature without the guidance and untiring help of our producer, Mrs. Frances Whitton. We owe everything to her inspiring leadership and hard work on our behalf. There were many rehearsals until late at night,—the dress rehearsal went on until 1.30 a.m. Not only did Mrs. Whitton go round collecting scenery and props, but she put up a great deal of it with her own hands. Our most sincere and grateful thanks are due to her.

Many other people were indispensable:— Our three sub-producers, Mrs. Childs, Mrs. Orton and Mrs. Rockliffe, had each coached one of the three plays. The noble work of our stage-manager Mr. Rockliffe has already been mentioned. Mr. Strawson managed the lighting. Mr. Whitton and Miss Dyball helped with make-up. Michael Whitton and Mr. Ken Smith supervised the music and sound effects which were kindly lent to us by Colonel Futter. Gerald Holmes and Alan David scene shifted, and Mr. Elsdon helped on the night. Mrs. Bruce kindly stencilled our programmes.

Again we found, as with the Christmas Play in January last, that everyone was willing and

ready to help, and gave most generously of their time and labour.

We are glad to be able to say that we made a small profit from the evening, after meeting expenses.

From this account of the plays we think that the importance of non-actors will be very evident. We want actors and non-actors to join our group. We meet alternate Monday evenings at 8 p.m. in the Clubroom. Our next meeting is on Friday January 9, but after this we resume meetings on Monday evenings, from January 19. We are planning a full programme for 1953.

On Thursday, January 29, we are arranging a theatre party to "The River Line" by Charles Morgan, an intensely interesting play, based on events which occurred on an escape-route in occupied France, and the effects these events have on the participants after the war. The coach will start from the church at 6.15, and the cost of ticket and transport is 8/6. Please get into touch with our Secretary, Cyril Tarrant, 31, Anlaby Road, Teddington, Mol. 4987, as soon as possible.

We hope also during January to visit John Gielgud's production of Richard II at the Lyric theatre, Hammersmith.

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of the characters; but it can, and does, change a whole family and those connected with this family. The play was absorbing, and had a great deal of action and scope

for very varied acting in it. We were pleased that Miss Bridget Rooney from St. James's was among the very talented cast.

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## AROUND THE SPIRE

being notes and news about  
people, activities & organisations

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### AUTUMN FAIR

The Autumn Fair which was held in the Parish Hall and Club room on November 15th was a new venture which proved to be a very great success, bringing into our funds for Church expenses the splendid sum of £70. This was all the more praiseworthy following on our record profit at the Summer Fete which after all was not many months before. Our most grateful thanks are due to the Scouts, Guides and Brownies who very kindly gave up their Annual Bazaar to support the Parish one, and threw themselves wholeheartedly into it. We have also to thank Matron of Laurel Dene for having made for us the very attractive stall covers.

There was a large gathering present when Mrs. Brunt opened the Fair at 3 o'clock and business was brisk at all the Stalls and Sideshows until closing time. Three entirely different Film shows delighted children and others in the Club room, and Music was supplied by Mr. Futter, always so very generous in his support on such occasions. The day finished with a very pleasant Social Evening, with a Dancing Display by the pupils of Mrs. Ena Holdaway, and various games and competitions. This was ably organised by Mr. J. Sumner who also acted as M.C. Also we must not forget the band of Ladies who so tirelessly worked on the teas and refreshments during the afternoon and evening and of course all those responsible for the Stalls and Sideshows. Altogether and a very successful afternoon and evening. W.F.W.

### MOTHERS' UNION, WOMEN'S GUILD

The choir visited West Middlesex Hospital in December and sang carols in several wards. Some of their carols were recorded and they were able to hear the recordings before leaving the hospital.

On December 31st the Guild held a Carol Service in church and a collection of £1 13s. 0d. was sent to the C. of E. Children's Society.

The "Morning Coffee" party and sale raised £4 9s. 4d. for the district's special effort.

Later this month Miss Chamberlin's working party will commence.

We are having a separate account for our efforts for the Renovation Fund.

### YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

The dressmaking class begins again on Thursday January 15, at 7.30 p.m. at Windmill Road School. There will be room for new members.

We have often discussed the vexed question of "Children and the Cinema." At our January 26 meeting Mrs. Hopkinson, who has a special knowledge of this subject, will come to speak about it.

We should like to invite anyone in the parish who is interested to take the opportunity to come to the meeting. As Mrs. Hopkinson has a long journey to come to us, we will try to start as soon as possible after 8.0 p.m. but don't stay away because you can't be there in time!

Our Renovation Fund is well on the way with £2 from Mrs. Weston's jam-jar collection and £1 1s. 0d. from Mrs. Taylor's fire screen.

### THE DRAMA GROUP

When I last wrote for the magazine we were all very despondent over the difficulties to be overcome before we would be able to put on our evening of Three One Act Plays on November 28.

Although we could hire a certain amount of equipment, it was anticipated that we would have to spend a lot of money on permanent equipment; e.g., a batten on which to suspend lights, brackets etc. Mr. Rockliffe came forward to help and worked for nights and

days on these permanent fixtures. The Church Council put us in a cable for the main electricity supply to the stage. Then, with the help of the Teddington Theatre Club and the Dramatic Club of the N.P.L. from whom we hired flats, curtains, lights and props, and with the help of many people, we were able to put on our plays.

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