

## VICAR'S NOTES

We are glad that so many people have been able to be on holiday during July, because of the exceptional weather. It certainly helped us on the occasion of our Fête too, and the gross receipts so far are £217, exactly £30 more than last year. It was a most enjoyable occasion, and the only snag was that so many more people came than were expected that there was not enough food for them all! We are especially sorry that some of those who entertained us so well had to go short.

This year I shall be away from the parish for a shorter period than usual—from August 16th to September 2nd—but I am hoping to be able to take things easily at home for a week before this! While we are away, the Reverend W. S. McCutcheon with his wife and three sons will be living in the Vicarage. Mr. McCutcheon is

a former Precentor of Perth Cathedral, and now Incumbent of two parishes in the Yorkshire Dales. He will be in charge of the Services on the last two Sundays in August, and ready to help with any emergencies during the week, but I know that you will spare him as much as possible, and not bother him with anything that is not really essential. I hope that he and his family will have the happy holiday here that you have always helped my locums to have. I am always glad to hear how highly they speak of your kindness.

Who would think that Mr. Thomas, our respected Reader, was now 80 years old? Few, I think, who see and hear him in church, or on the bowling-green. But he has just had his birthday in a vintage year for octogenarians, and we all join in congratulating him and wishing him well for the years which lie ahead.

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# AROUND THE SPIRE

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## CHOIRMASTER'S NOTES

The Vicar has asked me to write a short note for the August magazine. First, I must thank the Vicar, the Church Council, and the Congregation for the kind welcome extended to me, and also to my wife. We are both very grateful and encouraged.

As regards the music of the Services, there lie ahead many months of inescapably tough work to raise the standard to a really worthy one. I am confident that this can be done, but only with constant, regular practice and performance. This is one of the greatest difficulties of the present day Choirmaster, for modern conditions do not always permit even keen and willing choir-members to attend practices and services as regularly as they themselves would wish. Matins is a particular difficulty with us, and I would be grateful for help from any men who could assist us. It is very rewarding work.

The boys are all very young, most of them only now leaving their Primary Schools. May I appeal to parents of these lads to allow them to continue the good

work? They are a keen lot, and goodness me, how willing they are to try!

The Mothers' Union have offered to learn the Merbecke Setting of the Communion Service, and we hope to get this going in the early Autumn.

Trinity VI (July 17) was the first Sunday with full use of the Psalter Newly Pointed — at the height of a heat wave, too! As we get more used to it, I feel sure you as well as the Choir, will find new and fresh approaches to both Canticles and Psalms.

A final word—of thanks to our own choir-members, and to friends who joined us at the Confirmation Service. The Bishop said that he enjoyed the intelligent singing of the hymns. We've got to live up to that now, and apply it to the whole of the Services. If we work together as a team, it will be possible.

R. E. BOUGOURD.

## CONFIRMATION

### AND PARISH COMMUNION

On July 10th, a beautiful summer morning, the church was full for a Confirmation immediately followed, as in the early days of

the Church, by a general Communion. There were two candidates from St. Mary's, Hampton; all the others had been prepared here—these were: Eric Dorrell, Seymour Harris, Brian Humphreys, David Lowe, Andrew Mills, Brian Moses, Judith Bird, Margaret Bird, Susan Christian, Elizabeth Fielder, Pauline Mackay, Dinah Mills, Lois Morgan, Barbara Rockliffe, Jean Stephens, Patricia Taylor, Susan Brinton, Elizabeth Clarke, Gillian Dunbar, Ann Eburne, Judith Elsdon, Ann Fisher, Linda Hopkins, Rosemary Price, Hilary Sherlock.

Jennifer Bird was unfortunately taken ill on the day before, and her Confirmation has had to be deferred until the Autumn.

In all, 156 people received Communion, including the candidates, whose Christian initiation this completed.

After the Service, many people went across the road to Wayside, where breakfast was served in the house and garden. Volunteers had worked hard during the previous week, cleaning and scrubbing, and now Wayside was brought into parochial use for the first time.

We were glad that the Bishop of Kensington was able to come with us. He first blessed the house and dedicated it to the service of God and His children, and then mingled informally amongst those whom he had just confirmed, their families and friends, and members of the Church Council and Choir.

### THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

On July 24th, the Eve of St. James, a Children's Service was held. This brought to a close the year's work, and there is now a holiday until the new session begins on September 11th. The Infants' Department will, however, not open until October, and parents are asked to take particular note of this fact. The teaching staff of this section of the Sunday School has become much reduced, and it is now necessary to give urgent priority to the recruiting and training of new teachers. We hope that this later opening will give time for the building-up of an adequate staff, and that there will be sufficient teachers to make

a rota-system possible, so that a person who takes on this valuable work does not have to give up every Sunday afternoon.

At this Service on July 24th, Diocesan Certificates were presented to those children who had passed the examination held in May. Those successful were:—

**Senior:** 2nd Class—Marion Young; 3rd Class—Penelope Allport, Pat Langley.

**Upper Junior (9-11 years):** 2nd Class—Ruth Mills; 3rd Class—James West, Patricia Stitchbury, Kathleen Higgins, Elizabeth Tucker, Jennifer Holt, Elizabeth Lamb, Margaret Gunns, Michael Somerville, Rosalind Brunt, Robin Ford, Ann Cox, Gillian Mounsey, Patricia Saunders, Mary Taylor, Joyce West, Anne Worsley, Susan Clarke, C. Rogers, Wendy Allport, Carolyn Green, Dianne Pestridge, Michael Sanders, Elizabeth Winter, Richard Cook, Stuart Rayner, Vivian Langley.

**Lower Junior (7-8 years):** 1st Class with Distinction—Ann Harper; 1st Class—Mervyn Snook, Susan Willmott, Margaret Bartlett; 2nd Class—Jacqueline Stitchbury, Susan Wainwright, Angela Parker; 3rd Class—Shirley Moses, David Jennings, Doreen Field, Andrew Long, Clare Brunt, Carolyn Day, Susan Kilby.

### THE SCOUT GROUP

Congratulations to the Cub Pack for gaining third place in the district sports at Denmead. The Troop have held two week-end camps at Hanworth, organised by the Scoutmaster. It will not be possible to hold a summer camp this year, but instead other week-end camps will take place.

The collection of waste-paper and jam-jars realised over £4 for the Wayside fund. The Scouts will be collecting more of this material at the beginning of each month, and if you would like to help the above fund, please ring MOL 7041 or MOL 2640.

Don't forget to come along to the Penny Party, in aid of the Scout and Guide building fund, at Wayside on September 10th.

### THE FLOWER SHOW

Active preparations are now being made for this, and we hope that it will be an even bigger suc-

cess than last year's pioneer effort. On Thursday, September 1st, the exhibits will be arranged and judged, and the Show will be open to the public on Friday and Saturday. There will be classes for flowers, fruit, vegetables, and preserves. There will also be the competitions—such as flower arrangement and children's poses—which were so popular last year. The McDougall's Cake Competition, usually run in connection with the Autumn Fair, will this year be incorporated into the Show. Recipes may be obtained from Miss Bassett, 18, Cranmer Road, or (before August 16th), from the Vicarage.

Entry forms for all classes can be obtained from Mr. Hawkins, 7, Burton's Road; Mr. Wigginton, 9, Oxford Road, and Mr. Ward, 11, Cranmer Road. They should be returned as soon as possible, and in any case not later than August 28th. In the case of any difficulty, the Organising Secretary, Miss Bassett, should be contacted.

The Show will be followed by a Dance from 8.0 to 11.45 p.m. on the Saturday, with Ken Taylor and his Band. The whole proceeds of both Show and Dance will be given to the Renovation Fund—so rally round, everybody!

### THE DRAMA GROUP

The expenses of every production of the Group are made heavy by the lack of properties and scenery, which have to be hired. The Group has now decided to raise funds to enable it to buy its own, and thus save these recurring costs. One way in which everybody can help is by saving knitted woollen rags, old white wool blankets and woollen underwear; it doesn't matter how torn these are, they fetch good money. If you have any, please inform Miss Bassett, 18, Cranmer Road, Tel.: Mol. 4576; or Miss Tarrant, 31, Anlaby Road, Tel.: Mol. 4987; and they will arrange to collect them.

Members of the Group are sorry to learn that their President, Mrs. Rockcliffe, is to have an operation in the early autumn, and that this will mean that they will be without her enthusiastic leadership and skilful direction for some

months. But it is hoped that it will still be possible for the Group to carry out the plans for next winter already announced.

### AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER ARRANGEMENTS

After August 7th, the only week-day Service until the second week in September will be at 7.15 a.m. on St. Bartholomew's Day, Wednesday, August 24th.

The Sunday Schools meeting in the church and at Rectory School will re-open on Sunday, September 11th. The Infants' Department will remain closed until October 9th, when there will be a Harvest Thanksgiving Service for all children in church.

Sunday Services will be as usual.

#### Some other Dates to note:

- Sept. 2—11.0 a.m.—9.0 p.m. Flower Show (Hall).
- Sept. 3—9.10 a.m. C.E.M.S. Trip to Winchester. 11.0 a.m.—6.0 p.m. Flower Show (Hall). Presentation of Prizes 3.30 p.m. 8.0—11.45 p.m. Dance. Admission 3/- (in support of Renovation Fund).
- Sept. 5—7.45 p.m. Drama Group Re-open.
- Sept. 6—8.0 p.m. Sunday School Teachers (Vicarage). N.B.—Street-Wardens' Meeting postponed until October.
- Sept. 7—3.0 p.m. Mothers' Union Service.
- Sept. 8—8.0 p.m. Men's Society (Vicarage).
- Sept. 9—7.30 p.m. Magazine Distributors' Meeting (Vicarage).
- Sept. 10—3.0 p.m. Scout Group "Penny Party" (Wayside).
- Sept. 15—8.15 p.m. Church Council (Vestry).
- Oct. 6—7.15 p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving. Preacher: The Reverend John Davies, Vicar of Twickenham. 8.40 p.m. Harvest Supper (Hall).
- Nov. 19—3.0 p.m. Autumn Fair (Hall).
- Dec. 11—Dedication Festival and Gift Day. 6.30 p.m. Preacher: The Reverend R. L. Roberts (General Secretary, Church of England Men's Society).

### BAPTISMS

June 30—Seymour David Harris, Brian Antony Moses, Elizabeth Harding Clarke, Hilary Ann Sherlock (all of riper years).

## MARRIAGES

July 7—Bernard Leith Nightingale to Sheila Anne Mary Back.

July 30—Allan John Butler to Sheila Keen.

## BURIALS

July 8—Reginald Edwin Shepherd, 10, Westbank Road, aged 75 yrs.

July 15—Ernest Arthur Bishop, 57, Wolsey Road, aged 46 years (at Teddington).

July 26—Stanley Charles Wright, 38, Uxbridge Road, aged 67 years (at Twickenham).

July 26—Edward James Pellett, Islington, N.7, aged 64 years (at Hampton).

July 29—Ellen Elizabeth Savage, 22, Grove Lane, Kingston, aged 71 years.

## STANDING MATTER

For reasons of convenience and economy, the standing matter on the front of the magazine, like the advertisements, has to be set up for a number of months at a time. Alterations and additions are bound to occur from time to time, and some of the standing matter inevitably becomes out of date. Such changes will be mentioned here until they can be included in their right place.

Here are two:

**Organist and Choirmaster:** Mr. R. E. Bougourd, 214, Stanley Road, Teddington. Tel.: Mol. 3342.

**Secretary of Wayside Committee:** Mrs. Bird, 37, Uxbridge Road. Tel.: Mol. 3667. All application for use of rooms at Wayside should be made to her.

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# FROM BEYOND THE SPIRE

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## THE CHURCH OVERSEAS DEFEATING MAU MAU

Courageous Kikuyu Christians who have suffered at the hands of Mau Mau are continuing boldly to witness to their Lord. A C.M.S. missionary in Kenya writes:

"It is Saturday, and in this great Church are gathered no fewer than 2,000 Kikuyu who have come to hear the Word of God. In the front of the Church are seated eight Kikuyu Christians, all of whom have experienced what it means to face death for their Lord; among them are a builder, a housewife, an evangelist, a school-master and one or two ministers. This is no isolated occurrence, but one of the regular Conventions through which Kikuyu Christians are winning their people for Christ. Of the one hundred who stood up at the end of this week-end and professed allegiance to Christ for the first time, the majority had until recently been Mau Mau supporters. Please pray for these Conventions."

## LET'S DO IT NOW

At a school in Uganda three African schoolgirls were helping to prepare the food in the kitchen. "God is very good to give us all these things, isn't He?" said one. "Yes, He is; we really ought to

love Him more, oughtn't we?" said the second. "We have heard often enough that He wants the service of our whole lives; why don't we give our lives to Him? Let's do it now," said the third. Together they knelt among the banana peelings and gave themselves to Christ. They are now witnessing to their friends and others have been converted.

## ENCOURAGING NEWS FROM PAKISTAN

"I was greatly encouraged by the eagerness of the Muslim men and women to listen to the Gospel," writes one who has been engaged in literacy and evangelistic work in Pakistan recently. "In one town we preached in the bazaar and then invited the people to come to the Church compound. Among the crowd who came there were between three and four hundred Muslims who listened attentively to the story of God's provision of salvation through His Son."

"In another district the women climbed on to the roof of a house in order to hear the Gospel. The load was too great, and the roof collapsed! Fortunately no one was hurt. Such eagerness has made me decide to open a small Bible Depot in that area. Please pray for this venture."