

THE SUMMER FETE

The attendance at the last Committee Meeting was the most representative one there has been, and all organisations attached to the church have shown that they are keen to make this year's Fête both an enjoyable social occasion and also a financial success. It was most encouraging to have a special request from the C.L.B. Company which has only just become attached to our church that their members be allowed to take their place in the effort too.

A great deal depends upon the quantity and quality of goods on the various stalls, and gifts for these will be very welcome. We note that on Tuesday, June 5th, there will be coffee parties arranged by Mrs. Laurie at 63, Park Road (10.30 a.m.—noon, and 7.30-9.0 p.m.) in support of the "Holiday Needs" Stall. This will provide an opportunity for seeing that this particular stall is well stocked with all the things that help a holiday to pass smoothly. Also on Saturday, June 9th, at 2.30 p.m., in the Hall there is to be a Jumble Sale organized as a combined effort by several stall-holders to raise funds to purchase the materials they need. Mrs. Gloyns, 2, Sherwood Road (Tel.: Mol. 7020) will be glad to arrange for the collection of jumble, and to receive and store any gifts at her house. There will doubtless be a number of enterprises such as these during the next few weeks, but for those who wish to contribute directly to a particular stall there will shortly be a list of names and addresses of conveners posted on the church door. These will all be glad to receive gifts and offers of help.

Further details about the Fête itself, to be held in the grounds of Laurel Dene on Saturday, July 7th:

The Right Honourable Lord Hampton, D.S.O., D.L., has kindly accepted our invitation to open the Fête at 3.0 p.m.

There will be a varied programme of entertainment. Those providing this include the Band of

the Twickenham Sea Cadet Corps, the Pupils of Miss Molly Haynes's School of Dancing, and the Teddington Afternoon Townswomen's Guild (who will present a one-act play, "Three Bags Full.").

There will also be performances by the famous professional acrobats, the "Skating Meteors," who have appeared recently on T.V.

Mr. Parslow is preparing an exhibition of Golden Hamsters, and another exhibition arranged by the Thames Valley Model Railway Club will no doubt bring special delight to many small boys—and their fathers!

There will be the usual side-shows, a Children's Corner, riding ponies, a roundabout, and so on, and the Committee is also hoping to arrange a special section of the Children's Corner where young children may be left to play under expert supervision while their parents go round the stalls.

Programmes will be available shortly, and we are very grateful to members of our Scout Group, who have nobly undertaken to call on every house in the parish with them. They will also contain details of the usual Children's Fancy Dress Competition, and how to enter.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

We have had a busy month. It was especially good that we should start with a visit from Mrs. Crabb, the Deanery Presiding Member, at our Branch meeting. Mrs. Crabb spoke to us about the organisation of the Mothers' Union and made what might have been a dull catalogue of offices, departments and committees of our huge movement into a most inspiring address. And we were glad that on the following morning more than the usual two or three members were present at Corporate Communion to offer our work in this parish to God.

Then we had the Diocesan Service at St. Paul's, always a very impressive service because one cannot help being moved by taking part in a service when so many thousands fill to overflowing so

large a Cathedral. The music was lovely and from those who were lucky enough to hear it, I understand that there was a very fine sermon.

The Quiet Afternoon at St. Mary's, Twickenham, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. J. Davies, who gave a most practical and helpful lead for a valuable afternoon.

Our last Joint Meeting with the Young Wives' Group was held on May 16th, when we had a showing of the Film "No Place for Jennifer." We had invited other local groups to join us and had a full hall. The film is some years old now but so very well acted and produced that its age is irrelevant.

In case any of those who saw it felt as I did at the time, that it was rather a case of special pleading, because poor Jennifer seemed so very unlucky in the person of her own mother and the misfortunes that befell her, I would mention that last week I read that over 20,000 children in Great Britain last year shared a similar background to "Jennifer's" and very many of them will not have been lucky enough to have had the care and sympathetic handling that "Jennifer" got.

THE WOLF CUBS

The 40th anniversary of Cubing is being celebrated all over the country between June 18th and June 24th.

Our Pack are making a big effort to collect as much as possible during this week for the **Polio Research Fund**, and in this connection we are holding several events which we hope will be supported, not only by parents and friends, but also by all members of our church.

On Wednesday, June 20th, we are holding an "At Home" at Wayside; coffee from 10 a.m.—12 noon, and teas from 3 p.m.—5 p.m. There will also be an exhibition of Cubs' Handiwork.

On Friday, June 22nd, the "Ace Variety Club" of Twickenham are kindly presenting a grand concert in St. James' Hall. Tickets 3/- and 2/-, are obtainable from Mr. S. R. Childs (Akela), Flat 3, Fairlight, 126, Uxbridge Road.

On Saturday, June 23rd, the District Cub Sports will be held at Kennington Manor School, Sun-

bury; there is also a camp fire in the evening.

On Sunday, June 24th, there will be a special service in St. James's Church at 3.30 p.m., when the preacher will be Father Paul Singleton, C.R.

THE CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE

We were glad to welcome members of the Company at their first parade in our church on Sunday, May 13th. They had a march of over a mile each way, which they took in their stride, like veterans, and very smart and alert they looked in their simple but impressive uniforms. We are glad to know that Mr. Geer and Geoffrey Eaton have responded to our call for help, and are giving what time they can to assist Mr. Holt; but there is still plenty of room for more volunteers.

The local Battalion have now asked if they might hold their Annual Colour Parade Service in our church on June 17th at 4.0 p.m., and we have most gladly consented to act as hosts. After the Service the Battalion Colour will be left in our care until next year. It should be an impressive occasion, and an effective reminder of the place this old organisation (it was founded in 1891) still holds in the life of the Church and the Nation.

PERSONALIA

Just before Christmas we welcomed as new members of our congregation Mr. and Mrs. Colbeck Murray and their two sons, who had recently returned to England after many years in Antwerp, and who had found in our church what they had been looking for, though they lived some distance away. It was a sad blow when Mr. Murray died suddenly, just as they were getting settled in their new house. The Anglican Chaplain at Antwerp has now written to me, speaking highly of the good work that Mr. and Mrs. Murray did in the church there.

Several of our faithful have recently left the district, including Mrs. Sandford, a keen member of the Mothers' Union, who with her husband has moved to Worthing, and Mr. and Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Harper senior, who have moved to New Milton on Mr. Harper's retirement from his post of Divisional Education Officer. The two

ladies had been active members of the Mothers' Union, and Mr. Harper was a member of our Church Council, where his wisdom and experience were very valuable. He was given a great send-off by the teachers of his Surrey Division, and received a presentation that showed the high regard in which he was held. We are sorry to learn that at the moment both Mr. Harper and his mother have had a severe set-back in health.

It is with sincere regret that we record the death of Miss Winifred Annie Poley, who at the age of 72 died on the 14th May at her residence, Willowbank, Uxbridge Road, where she had resided for close on seventy years. One who knew her well writes the following tribute to her memory:

Miss Poley was of a very retiring and modest disposition, yet it was her delight in former years to take an active part in much Church work both in and outside the parish. One of her chief interests was gardening, but other of her hobbies included needlework, leatherwork, pewter and basket work, all of which she has exhibited with distinction. It was, however, only in very recent years that she was induced to join the Hampton School of Needlework, and it was after comparatively very brief tuition that she found herself to be in her element.

Her very first attempt at appliqué embroidery resulted in what is perhaps her finest achievement in the realm of art. It consists of a panel five feet long of a mediæval subject representing King Edward III seated at table with his Queen, Philippa of Hainault, and their son, Edward the Black Prince, attended on either side by servers, minstrels and dancing girls. This panel, together with other of her pieces, has been on view during the past week at the Embroidery Exhibition at St. Mary's Hall, Twickenham. Previously it had won three notable distinctions in that it was the chief amongst eight pieces exhibited by the Hampton School in competition for the silver challenge presented by the Embroiderers' Guild Ltd., Hampton, win-

ning the cup in the first year of its presentation, on which occasion Miss Poley had the honour of being presented to the late Queen Mary. Secondly, this same panel won first prize by public ballot at the Festival of Britain Embroidery Exhibition, and thirdly, it won the silver plaque at Olympia in the First International Handicrafts, Home Crafts and Hobbies Exhibition in 1953.

It may be of interest to mention that one of the floral tributes to Miss Poley's memory bore the inscription—"With deepest sympathy of our most brilliant student from the Hampton School of Needlework."

As we go to press, we have received the sad news that Miss Olive Chamberlin had a severe heart attack while visiting friends near her new home in Leicestershire. She and her mother had only just returned after their stay in Hampton Hill, and her nearest relatives were on holiday and could not be contacted. Let us offer the whole situation to God in prayer.

SOME DATES TO NOTE

- June 5.—Coffee Party, 10.30 a.m.—noon, and 7.30—9.0 p.m., at 63, Park Road (in support of "Holiday Needs" Stall). 8.0 p.m. Prayer Group (W).
- June 6.—3.0 p.m. Mothers' Union (W).
- June 7.—8.0 p.m. Fête Committee (Laurel Dene). 8.0 p.m. Old People's Welfare Committee (School).
- June 9.—2.30 p.m. Jumble Sale (Hall) in support of Stalls at Fête.
- June 11.—St. Barnabas. Holy Communion 7.15 a.m.
- June 13.—3.0 p.m. Young Wives' Group 'At Home' to Mothers of babies recently baptized (W). 8.0 p.m. Renovation Committee (W).
- June 17.—4.0 p.m. Church Lads' Brigade: Battalion Annual Colour Parade Service.
- June 20.—Wolf Cubs 'At Home' 10.0 a.m.—noon, 3.0—5.0 p.m. (W).

- June 22.—8.0 p.m. Concert in connection with Cub Week (Hall).
- June 23.—3.0 p.m. O.P.W. Committee Fête (The Wilderness).
- June 24.—St. John Baptist. 3.30 p.m. Cubs' Thanksgiving Service. Preacher: Fr. Paul Singleton, C.R.
- June 26.—8.15 p.m. Church Council (W).
- June 29.—St. Peter. Holy Communion 7.15 a.m. 7.30 p.m. Magazine Distributors (V).

BAPTISMS

- May 6.—Jennifer Mary Blagden, 20, Myrtle Road.
- „ 13.—Rowena Lois Minns, 25, Clonmel Road.
- „ 27.—Andrew Jonathan Smith, 4a, St. James's Road.

BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

- May 3.—John Dodson, 55, Myrtle Road, aged 77 years.
- „ 3.—Harry Valentine Weedon, 35, Windsor Road, aged 85 years.
- „ 4.—Ida Annie Read, 72, Myrtle Road, aged 55 years (at Mortlake Crematorium).
- „ 11.—Daisy Alice Sibley, 56, Wolsey Road, aged 74 years.
- „ 12.—Richard Aubrey Thorpe, 31, Pinewood Avenue, Bournemouth, aged 58 years (Interment of Ashes).
- „ 19.—Winifred Annie Poley, 50, Uxbridge Road, aged 72 years (at Kingston Crematorium).

FROM BEYOND THE SPIRE

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

What it Costs

Have you any idea what it costs people to make a stand for Christ in some parts of the world?

One day not long ago a young girl walked into a Christian meeting in East Africa. She was exhausted and afraid, having fled fifty miles from her home where she had been forced into a marriage with a non-Christian. She pleaded for protection, and asked the Christians to pray for her that God might make plain to her His will for the future.

The son of Muslim parents tells his own story: "After six months of reading the Bible and asking questions, I believed in Jesus and was ready to accept Him as my Saviour. So I presented myself for baptism. When my father heard of this he became very angry and tried to stop me from going to Church. One day he told me that if I wanted to be a Christian I could not stay in his house. I therefore had to leave home and go away. After that I could not even go to school. I found a job in a factory and there I had many persecutions. One night three people came to me with a knife and asked me if I was a Christian.

They told me that unless I denied it, they would kill me; but I didn't, because I knew that Jesus was with me"

Opportunities in Kenya

Life in the new villages of Kenya is a new experience for the Kikuyu, but it provides new opportunities for witness and evangelism. Two C.M.S. missionaries at work in these villages report:

"There are so many new Sunday Schools starting in the new villages; it is a wonderful opportunity when the children are all together, and when the children of non-Christian families join in. Do pray that the Christian families may make use of their opportunities by making friends and bringing their neighbours to the Lord."

"A recent development this year has been a women's Bible Class which we hold every Friday afternoon for the Christian women in the villages. We go to a different village each week. We are praying very much that some of these women may get the vision of going after the crowds of 'lost shep' in their own villages . . ."

Will you, too, pray that the Christians may grasp opportunities of bringing their friends and neighbours to Christ?

(To be continued)