

# AROUND THE SPIRE

being notes and news about  
people, activities & organisations

## CLOCK APPEAL

At the moment of going to press the amount collected or sent in direct is just over £70. We are grateful to the few who have given large donations and the many who have given small ones to bring this happy result about. The Church Council is now considering the next step to take. The work we want to carry out on the clock and dials is estimated to cost £104, but may cost more if certain parts are found to be defective and have to be replaced. But in addition to this there is the problem of the crumbling mortar inside the tower, which penetrates into the mechanism of the clock, and ought to be put right first—but to do this properly might increase the expense very considerably. We are taking the best advice we can get on the matter, and in any case hope to get the hands working again before long.

## "EVERYMAN"

This old morality play was presented with enthusiasm and vigour in our church on Ash Wednesday, and at the Teddington Methodist Church the following evening. The cast wished to be anonymous, though some names did leak out in the local press. They were a very happy fellowship from four local churches, including our own, and among them were one Anglican vicar (it is now no secret that he was ours!) and three Free Church Ministers. The Play has a real sting and challenge in it, and this was appreciated by actors and audience alike. The presentation in our church would not have been possible without the arduous and highly-technical work of Mr. Rockliffe in arranging the stage and the lighting. He devoted more than three days of well-earned leave to this, and overcame obstacles that would have daunted most people.

As well as the happy co-operation of the cast under the splendid leadership of Mrs. Eustace—a fellowship which we hope will continue and produce other such plays in the future—it was good to know that the large congregation was composed of members of all the local churches.

## THE MOTHERS' UNION

At the Service in church on March 5th Mr. Bishop spoke about the invitation which Christ addresses to us all. There was tea at Wayside after the Service.

### Dates: to remember:

March 25th: **Lady Day.** World-Wide Day of Corporate Communion for **all** members (Services here at 7.15 and 10.30 a.m.); **also** Deanery Festival Service at All Saints' Church, Campbell Road, Twickenham, at 3 p.m. (Banner Bearer and Attendants 2 p.m. for rehearsal).

April 2nd. M.U. Meeting in Parish Hall 3 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. George (Leader of the Deanery M.U. Prayer Group).

## THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP

Arrangements for March and April are as follows:—

Sunday evenings at 8 p.m.:—

Mar. 9th. Speaker: Mr. Whiteley.

March 16th. Practical Topic.

March 23rd. Problem Box opened.

March 30th. Parents' Evening (Open Meeting).

April 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.—Studies.

Other activities include:—

Table Tennis at Wayside on Friday March 7th, 21st, and April 18th.

March 18th. Games Evening at the Parish Hall.

March 9th and 23rd. Services at Laurel Dene.

April 6th, 8 a.m. Communion Breakfast.

All young people are welcome to our activities.

## OFFERINGS IN CHURCH

### February 1956:

F.W.O.	...	...	£10	14	0
Collections	...	...	£21	14	1
Total	...	...	£32	8	1
Weekly Average	...	...	£8	2	0

### February 1957:

F.W.O.	...	...	£13	18	0
Collections	...	...	£23	10	4
Total	...	...	£37	8	4
Weekly Average	...	...	£9	7	1

## February 1958:

Christian Giving Scheme ... ..	£80	19	1
Money on Plates ... ..	£21	2	6
Total ... ..	£102	1	7
Weekly Average ... ..	£25	10	5

The offerings (including sales of sixpenny programmes) at the presentation of the Morality Play "Everyman" in church on Ash Wednesday amounted to £18-10-0. Of this, £2-0-0 was allocated to our church to defray costs of heating, lighting, etc., during rehearsals, and this is included in the "Money on Plates" item above; £6-10-0 was used for other expenses, leaving £10-0-0 for disposal by the Hampton Council of Churches.

### SOME DATES TO NOTE

- March 16.—2.30 p.m. Mothering Sunday Family Service. Collection for Dr. Barnardo's Homes.
- March 18.—8.0 p.m. Garden Party Committee (Laurel Dene).  
8.0 p.m. Scout Group Committee (W).
- March 19.—7.30 p.m. Film Evening sponsored by Mothers' Union (H).
- March 24.—8.0 p.m. Parish Meeting Advisory Committee (192, Uxbridge Road).
- March 25.—The Annunciation. 7.15 and 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 3.0 p.m. Mothers' Union Deanery Service at All Saints', Twickenham..
- March 26.—8.0 p.m. Young Wives' Group (H).
- March 30.—Palm Sunday.  
Holy Week begins.  
Palm Crosses at all Services.  
8.0 p.m. Young People's Fellowship Open Evening (W).
- March 31.—9.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
- Apr 1.—7.15 a.m. Holy Communion. 8.0 p.m. Prayer Group: Meditation for Holy Week (Vestry).
- Apr. 2.—7.15 a.m. Holy Communion. 3.0 p.m. Mothers' Union (H).
- April 3.—10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
8.0 p.m. Compline and Bible Study (Vestry).
- April 4.—Good Friday.  
10.0 a.m. Children's Service.  
12.0—3.0 p.m. The Three Hours' Devotion, including Matins, Litany, Ante-Communion and Evensong.

- 4.25 p.m. Procession of Witness leaves the Church for Open-Air Service in Carlisle Park at 5 p.m.
- April 6.—EASTER DAY.  
7.0, 8.0, 9.0 a.m. and 12.15 p.m. Holy Communion.  
11.0 a.m. Matins.  
2.30 p.m. Children's Service.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- April 7.—9.0 a.m. Holy Communion.  
April 8.—9.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
- April 11.—7.30 p.m. Magazines should be ready (V).
- April 12.—7.45 p.m. Easter Parish Party (H).
- April 17.—8.0 p.m. Parish Meeting (W).
- April 21.—8.0 p.m. Hampton Council of Churches (Congregational Hall).
- N.B.—Confirmation Classes continue to meet weekly as arranged, and during Lent there is Bible Study every Thursday at 8.0 p.m. in the Vestry.

### BAPTISMS

- Feb. 23.—Neal Vincent Alderton, 8, Hampton Road.  
.. 23.—Richard Elmes, 4, School Road Avenue.

### MARRIAGE

- Mar. 1.—Michael John Welch to Shirley Frances Randall.

### BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

- Jan. 27.—Ellen Louisa Blackman, 14, Myrtle Road, aged 73 years (at Twickenham).  
.. 29.—Alice Culver, 8, Holly Road, aged 77 years.
- Feb. 5.—Herbert Taylor, 22, Myrtle Road, aged 76 years (at Hampton).  
.. 5.—George Henry Wright, 153, Uxbridge Road, aged 79 years (at Teddington).  
.. 11.—Wilfred Henderson, 35, Cranmer Road, aged 55 years (at S.W. Middx. Crematorium).  
.. 27.—Norah Fewtrell Withers, 46, St. James's Avenue, aged 69 years.  
.. 28.—Ernest Deacon Howe, 121a, Uxbridge Road, aged 87 years.
- Mar. 5.—Marion Diana Elizabeth Hannan, 12, Lindsay Road, aged 87 years (at S.W. Middx. Crematorium).  
.. 7.—Annie Susan Beckett, 4, Cross Street, aged 89 yrs.

# FROM BEYOND THE SPIRE

## "THE CHRISTIAN CHALLENGE IN A CHANGING WORLD"

We wish to draw the attention of our readers to the fact that the Layman Trust Society has been asked to hold a National Rally at the Royal Albert Hall on Ascension Day—May 15th, 1958. This Rally is being organised entirely by lay men and women of all Christian denominations.

Speakers will direct attention towards the emerging Christian Challenge in:—

**Human Relations** (includng Home, Education, Youth).

**Government** (both National and Local).

**International Justice and Race Relations.**

**Industry.**

**The Nuclear Age.**

Among the Speakers who will address the meeting are:—

**Mr. George Goyder.**

**Father Trevor Huddleston, C.R.**

**The Rt. Hon. the Lord Pakenham, P.C.**

**Miss Manuella Sykes.**

**Mr. John Wren-Lewis.**

Leaflets giving details of this Meeting will be found in the Church, and tickets, 2/-, will shortly be available.

Further information will be given at the April Parish Meeting.

## CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid is constructive in that resources are concentrated on programmes which restore to refugees and other oppressed people the basic requirements of life which they have lost or never had. Christian Aid is inter-denominational in that it comes from people of many Churches and of none, and is received by people of many faiths and of none.

Here are a few glimpses of what is being done:—

### Migration

During the six-year period 1952-57 almost 100,000 refugees and migrants from countries all over the world have been helped by the Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service of the World Council of Churches to start life again in more than 40 different countries.

During 1957 28,146 refugees (10,208 Hungarians) were moved to

new countries and settled there by Inter-Church Aid. The largest receiving country was the United States who accepted 12,385. For the third year in succession Australia was second as a receiving country, taking 6,773 of which 1,508 were Hungarians. Nearly 4,000 Hungarians found new homes in Canada and an additional 1,364 were subsequently moved there by Inter-Church Aid to be re-united with their families or as individually sponsored cases. During the same period 1,472 refugees (650 of them Hungarians) were moved to Latin American countries where they are being re-settled by the Churches.

The World Council of Churches' Refugee Service office in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, closed on January 25th, marking the end of one of the most successful operations in refugee history. When the Austrian-Hungarian border was virtually sealed off from refugees during the Hungarian revolution about 19,000 fled to Yugoslavia. By the end of 1957 only 1,500 were left and the camps were completely emptied by the end of January.

### Integration

The World Council of Churches' Trade School in Spittal, begun in 1953, is an answer to one of the most pressing problems of the large refugee community in Austria. It provides for some of the many children who need to be taken out of the camps and assisted to prepare themselves for a career. The W.C.C. acquired a large barrack as living accommodation and a former stable as a workshop. A refugee engineer was appointed Director. To-day there are more than 70 boys and girls learning metalwork, carpentry, the use of machine tools, sewing and domestic science at the Trade School which is officially recognised by the Austrian Government. When they graduate the students receive the Government matriculation certificate as a recognition of proficiency.

The W.C.C. Trade School at Spittal not only provides a gateway to independence for refugee children but its existence is a reminder to Austria's huge refugee population that the Churches care. With further support from Christians in this

and other countries it could be expanded still further to give a training to those who now go without. Present support from Churches in different parts of the world enable the school to be maintained and for old machines to be replaced as they wear out.

### GERMANY

In 1945 Mr. and Mrs. Scheunemann found a 16-month-old baby boy apparently abandoned in the streets of East Berlin. The couple took him in, nursed him and became his foster-parents. Three years later they managed to trace the child's mother who, with three other children, was living in difficult circumstances and said she didn't want him back. In 1949 the Scheunemanns escaped with the boy, Manfred, to West Berlin but were told they couldn't adopt him because there was no death certificate for his father who, as a German soldier in Russia, had been reported missing, presumed dead, in 1944.

In 1954 Manfred was told that the Scheunemanns were not his real parents and he was sent to visit his mother. He found her over-burdened with work, with neither time nor room for him, so he returned to his foster-parents.

In 1956 the Scheunemanns emigrated to the U.S.A. but because Manfred was not legally their son he could not accompany them. Hoping to be able to send for him later the foster-parents left him with Mrs. Scheunemann's brother.

The U.S.A. have now introduced a new law which provides for using the 18,000 visas for refugees still unissued after the termination of the United States' Refugee Relief Act. The World Council of Churches' Refugee Service have secured the first visa under the new law for one of their 5,000 waiting refugees — Manfred.

So Manfred, now 15, goes to America to be re-united with the only family he has ever known—in Morristown, Pennsylvania, where a member Church of the World Council is acting as sponsors for the family.

### GREAT BRITAIN

The Greenwich (London) Council of Churches intends to make a big impact on the general public during Christian Aid Week. Their plans include a Town Hall mass meeting

under the chairmanship of the Mayor, and a procession of tableaux mounted on 15 lorries each depicting one of the major areas of need in the world. Each lorry will represent the work of one church within the Greenwich Council of Churches. The Inspector of Police responsible for marshalling civic processions in the borough is giving advice in the planning of this project, and it was his suggestion that each lorry should display the name of a church so that the procession is a demonstration of unity.

In Hampton we have decided this year not to have a combined effort by the churches, because last year's one was so poorly supported.

This year each church is going to do what it can in its own area to draw attention to the great need, and to try to win support for the work of relief. A small committee of the Church Council has been formed to make plans, and it would welcome suggestions and offers of help. The matter will also be discussed at the Parish Meeting on April 17th. Christian Aid Week this year is from May 12th to 17th.

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY LOYAL TO HER LORD

"One of our greatest joys in the past few months has been to see the conversion of a young Muslim girl," writes a C.M.S. missionary working in a hospital in West Africa. "As the result of hearing the Gospel while a patient here she returned to her home and openly witnessed to her faith in Jesus Christ. She has met with much opposition and has been beaten and threatened, but to all this persecution her answer has been: 'Nothing you do can make any difference, because now I belong to Jesus and even if I die, I'll go to Him.' Her parents have now accepted the fact that she has rejected Islam and acknowledged Jesus as the Son of God, but because of the disgrace that she brought to the family, they will have nothing more to do with her.

"Another Christian has become her guardian and she has already become a pupil at a Bible School. This is the first time she has had an opportunity of learning to read and write. Do please join in praying that she may really grow up in Christ, and be used to bring others into His Kingdom."