

## PERSONALIA

We are very glad to know that Miss Betty Stewart's recovery is now almost complete. For some weeks she has been able to come to church on Thursday mornings, and now she expects to be taking up her work at the hospital in a few days. Soon after Christmas we hope to have the joy of having her back with us at the head of the Junior Sunday School, the Cross-Bearers.

We were concerned to hear about another bad smash, but glad at another amazing escape. Dr. Rodney Bishop and his sister, on a motor-tour of Canada, left the track and drove over a precipice in the Rocky Mountains. The car was a total loss; Rodney's leg was broken, and Anne had a very badly cut eye—but how much worse it might have been! We are very thankful that they came out of it all so lightly. Rodney is now back on the wards, hobbling about on sticks—at the same stage of recovery as Richard Leatherdale in our choir. Anne was able to return to college at the beginning of term with only a few scratches and scars still showing.

The tale of accidents has been a long one this year, so it is pleasant to turn to a happier theme, and send our heartiest felicitations to the secretary of our Church Council, Mrs. Johnson, on her engagement. (Members of the Council who have been receiving notices of meetings rather late now know the reason why!)

Mr. Sargeant's interesting articles have turned our minds back to the past history of our parish at a time when we are arranging the ninety-seventh anniversary of the consecration of our church (December 11th, 1863, was the great day). A striking book which is well-worth getting or giving as a Christmas present—Jack Winslow's autobiography "The Eyelids of the Dawn"—in its early chapters also throws much light on what things were like in this district 60 to 70 years ago. Jack Winslow was born and brought up at Hanworth Rectory, and returned there during the last war after years of service in India. He is now chaplain at Lee Abbey, but still patron of the benefice, and must now be wondering

whom to invite to succeed our good friend Mr. Treanor, who leaves for Hove in the New Year. In his boyhood days, Hanworth was a small quiet village, and the Rectory a comfortable home with three indoor servants, a nurse to look after the children, and a gardener, and leisure to dress for dinner and to sit drinking wine afterwards—everything as different as possible from conditions to-day. The writer remembers our Vicar, Mr. Job, coming from his little 'village' to conduct a service, and to preach. Unfortunately he had struck a rather unfortunate day, for the first lesson appointed for him to read began, 'After this Job opened his mouth and cursed his day . . . !'

We all greatly miss John Mortimore, a member of the Church Council, chairman and leader of the Young People's Fellowship. He is patiently and bravely facing a long series of operations and other forms of treatment to improve the condition of his leg. Our thoughts and prayers are with him.

## THE MOTHERS' UNION

The recent Jumble Sale, organised jointly by Young Wives' and Mothers' Union, proved very successful, especially in view of the fact that similar sales were being held in the neighbourhood.

We look forward to our Carol Service, which will be held in the Small Hall on Wednesday, January 4th, 1961, at 3 p.m. A ladies choir, of which Mrs. Prentice is a member, will be mainly responsible for the programme, but well known Carols in which all may join, will be included. We shall be most grateful for offers of mincepies to be served at this meeting, which we hope will be well attended by our own members, members of Young Wives' Group, and any ladies of the congregation, who are interested.

After that, we look forward to our party on Thursday, January 19th, in the Parish Hall, more details will be given later.

We hope that all our sick members, and we have several at present, will make good progress, and be well enough to enjoy the Christmas Festival.

To all our members we extend good wishes for the Christmas and New Year Seasons.

## THE YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

At our November meeting we had as our speaker, Mrs. Gardner, our Borough Children's Librarian.

Mrs. Gardner began by giving us an all too brief, but fascinating, history of children's literature and went on to recommend books for children of all ages. She had brought copies of many of the books she had mentioned and if the presentation of the books was anything to go by, they certainly looked very attractive and we went away with a few more of our Christmas present problems solved for us.

There will be no December meeting of Young Wives, our next meeting being on January 25th, when we are asking members to bring along their favourite recipe and what is more important, samples for tasting.

At the A.G.M. it was agreed that members should all arrive labelled at our monthly meetings, so that we should get to know one another better. Some of us (including myself) seem to have forgotten about this at the last meeting. Can we do better next time?

Have you all collected your tickets for the Children's Party on Friday, December 30th. These may be obtained from Mrs. Green, 165, High Street, Hampton Hill. Price 1/-. Some of the tickets which have already been issued were wrongly printed Saturday, December 30th. Please note that this should be Friday.

On November 26th, the Young Wives' together with the Mothers' Union held a Jumble Sale. They will share the very gratifying proceeds of £30-10-0. Thanks are due to all helpers for this excellent result.  
P.M.D.

## THE YOUTH CLUB

We still exist, even though we've not written anything for the Parish Magazine for the last few months. We have been very busy lately.

The Rev. B. L. Treanor, Rector of Hanworth, gave us a most interesting short talk on "Why young people should go to Church"; his approach to the problem was somewhat original but very stimulating. This talk was a useful stepping-stone to the combined Youth Clubs' meeting at St. Mary's Church, Hampton, where we discussed mental health, and decided that religion was the only answer to nervous breakdowns and all nervous illnesses.

We have been running a "Juke Box Jury" at the Club for the last two months (once a month), and even though the records were not always appreciated, the comments from our jury certainly were. The Club thanks Martin Brown for his efforts to tape-record new records.

We organized a dance at All Saints' Hall, Twickenham, and came away with a profit of ten pounds. Our next dance will be on February 11th, 1961—we hope to get 108 people as we did last time.

The Club members should all be looking the most beautiful creatures in Hampton Hill, because now we have had two beauty demonstrations within the last few months which were much appreciated—er—by the boys?

Still, "Christmas is coming and the geese are getting fat," so we hold our last meeting for this year on Friday, 23rd December, and we start next year off with a big bang by a visit to "West Side Story," organized by Pené Allport.

A Happy Christmas to you all, and may Santa bring you all you want.

The Chairman.

(G.H.).

## THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP

The Y.P.F. wishes all a very happy Christmas.

The boat unfortunately could not be launched on Saturday, November 19th as hoped, owing to lack of mooring space. Any suggestions would be gratefully received. It has been "launched" on the compost heap at Wayside which is its winter home.

Another difficulty with our previous arrangements concerns our trip to the Broads. This cannot take place because all available boats were booked. Instead we hope to spend a week in Fallbarrow Hall in the Lake District.

The Y.P.F. will, as usual, be celebrating Christmas by Carol singing on the 22nd and 24th December (collecting food). Those parents who would be willing to aid us in this collection would be much appreciated if they would let their offspring know as soon as possible so that the route can be planned. If other parishioners would like us to come and sing outside their houses, would they please notify any members (results not guaranteed!)

R.M.

## CHRISTMAS IN THE MARKET PLACE

Members of the Young People's Fellowship are preparing to present this play in the Hall on Friday, January 6th, at 7.45 p.m. It is a Nativity play with a difference. Programmes will shortly be available (at a nominal sum) from any Y.P.F. member. It is intended to give half of any profits to a good cause yet to be chosen.

## THE RECTORY SUNDAY SCHOOL

The original aim of the branch of the Sunday School held in the Rectory School was to cater for the 5-8 year old group, for whom the distance to St. James's might be rather too far. For a year or two there were five teachers, and the number of children rose to fifty; but Miss Stanton left the district, and, in due course, so did several other teachers, including Diana Watkins (now Mrs. Olive). For a time one or two gaps were filled, but further removals reduced the numbers to one senior and two junior teachers. These last two, Patricia Stichbury and Mary Taylor, both graduated to being teachers after being in the Sunday School as scholars almost from the time it opened in 1952. Patricia has now moved away and Mary, too, will be giving up teaching after Christmas, and both of these stalwart helpers are a great loss.

In the light of all these changes and the lack of teachers, it will be readily apparent that the expansion which took place during the early days, and included the continuance of some children in a senior class up to the ages of 12 and 13, has been impossible to maintain.

This autumn, after a prolonged summer holiday, the classes re-opened with slightly better numbers of children than last year, due largely to the efforts of some of the parents in contacting families who have recently moved into this neighbourhood. It is very much hoped that Mrs. Harries, who has kindly offered to help as a teacher, when she can, will be with us quite often. There is, however, still plenty of scope for more teachers if anyone is able to give the time on Sunday afternoons from 2.30-3.30 p.m. Unfortunately these times will be seen to differ from those of the other departments of the Sunday School; but after careful consideration, this time still seems

to be the most suitable one for those who attend. Usually on the fourth Sunday in the month some of the children join with the other Sunday School departments for the 11 a.m. Family Service.

The very big difference in ages presents certain difficulties, as the prayers, hymns and other joint activities have to include some features which will be suitable for each of the different age groups. One thing which seems to appeal to all, is learning the books of the Bible, at which even some of the younger ones are quite adept, and which the older ones can already put to practical use when finding the passages for reading during the lesson.

The actual lesson time lasts about 25 minutes, and for the younger children (5-7), as well as Bible stories, this includes plenty of expression work with crayons, plasticine or the individual use of small blackboards. For the older children, the C.S.S.M. series of lessons in the Sunday School Magazine, is in use, and this provides a very good grounding in Christian teaching. It also contains many helpful suggestions for class activities, including tests in quiz form. A very good weekly leaflet is issued in conjunction with the lesson magazine, and it has proved popular with the children.

We are very grateful to Mr. Stevens, the Schoolkeeper, for looking after the hymn books and other items of equipment, and for making us feel welcome in spite of the Sunday School taking place on a day when it would otherwise not be necessary to open the school premises.

H.J.W.

## STANDING MATTER ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS

### Magazine Secretary :

Mr. C. W. Smith, 9, Carlisle Road, Hampton. Tel.: Mol. 1956.

### Organist and Choirmaster :

Mr. C. G. Welling, A.R.C.O., R.A.M.C., 16, Clive Road, Twickenham. Tel.: Pop. 5958.

### Addition to Advertisement :

Messrs. E. & B. Horne, 143, Uxbridge Road, are now on the 'phone: Mol. 2744.

## SOME DATES TO NOTE

Dec. 24-25.—

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Communion at 11.45 p.m.  
(Midnight Eucharist) 8.0 a.m., 9.0

a.m., 12.15 p.m. Matins (Family Service) at 11.0 a.m.; Evensong and Carols 6.30 p.m.

Dec. 26.—St. Stephen.  
Holy Communion at 9.0 a.m.

Dec. 27.—St. John.  
Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

Dec. 28.—The Innocents' Day.  
Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.  
Sunday Schol visit to Pantomime, 1.45 p.m.

Dec. 30.—3.0 p.m. Young Wives' Group: Children's Party.

Jan. 1.—The Circumcision.  
6.30 p.m. Festival of Lessons and Carols.

Jan. 4.—3.0 p.m. Mothers' Union Carol Service (Small Hall).

Jan. 6.—The Epiphany.  
Holy Communion at 7.15 and 10.30 a.m. Nativity Play: "Christmas in the Market Place," to be presented in the Hall by members of the Y.P.F. at 7.45 p.m.

Jan. 7.—7.45 p.m. Parish Christmas Party (Hall).

Jan. 19.—Mothers' Union Party(Hall).

Jan. 22.—6.30 p.m. United Service, sponsored by Hampton Council of Churches at the Methodist Church, Percy Road.  
Evensong (said only) in this Church at 5.30 p.m.

Jan. 27.—All those intending to be confirmed in 1961 are asked to attend Evensong at 6.30 p.m. and to stay to a short meeting afterwards.

Feb. 26.—6.30 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. B. A. J. Durden, of the Church of England Children's Society. Films will be shown after the service at Wayside.

All matter for the January issue of the Magazine should be sent to the Vicarage not later than Monday, January 2. The Magazines should be ready towards the end of the following week, and will be taken round to the distributors on publication.

### BAPTISMS

- Nov. 27.—Jacqueline Susan Allcock, 10, Rectory Grove.  
,, 27.—Mark Shilton Barlow, 22, Cranmer Road.  
,, 27.—Elaine Margaret Green, 39, Burtons Road.  
,, 27.—Clifford John Healey, 7, Eastbank Road.  
,, 27.—Rodney Simon Hodges, 19, St. James's Road.  
,, 27.—Jennifer Anne Kempson, 89, Hampson Road.  
,, 27.—Susan Karen Lane, 3, Hartland Road.  
,, 27.—Denise Charlotte Rogers, 5, St. James's Road.

### BURIALS & CREMATION

- Nov. 23.—Alfred Stephen Martin, 41, Myrtle Road, aged 42 years.  
Dec. 1.—Emma Taylor, 104, Uxbridge Road, aged 83 years.  
,, 8.—Minnie Elizabeth Mitchell, Laurel Dene, aged 79 yrs. (at S.W. Middx. Crematorium).

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## FROM BEYOND THE SPIRE

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### • TWICKENHAM CRUSE CLUB

Are there any widows who feel lonely, unable to cope with life, in need of sympathy or advice of any kind or would like the companionship of other widows?

There is now a club called the Twickenham Cruse Club which has been especially formed to give practical help and advice to widows.

Visits from Cruse Club counsellors can be readily arranged wherever you live. These visitors know the special needs of those who have suffered bereavement and will do all they can to help.

Queries about pensions, legal difficulties, housing problems, help concerning the children, worry over ail-

ments, depression or financial straits—all the special burdens of a widow are recognised and treated sympathetically and in strictest confidence. No charity is given but advice about all available assistance is often useful.

If you would like to meet other widows, there is a weekly evening meeting or an afternoon meeting can be arranged.

Let the Vicar know if you would like this club to help you.

### SOME PERSONALITIES OF BYGONE DAYS

(The concluding portion of this article has as again had to be held over owing to pressure of space).