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

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## CHURCH SERVICES

### Sunday:

8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.

9.0 a.m. (Second & Fourth Sun-  
days in month). Holy Com-  
munion.

11.0 a.m. Mattins and Sermon.

12.15 p.m. (First and Third Sun-  
days). Holy Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Holy Baptism is administered  
after notice on the Fourth Sunday  
at 4.0 p.m.

### Week-days:

**Holy Communion:** Wednesdays  
7.15 a.m.; Holy Days 7.15 a.m. or  
9.0 a.m., as announced; Thursdays  
10.30 a.m.

No collections are taken at Sun-  
day or week-day services. Christian  
Giving envelopes and other offerings  
should be placed in the receptacles  
provided before the service begins—  
also the oblation of bread on the  
paten before the early services of  
Holy Communion on Sundays.

Various arrangements are made  
for Religious Education. Sunday  
Schools and Bible Classes are held  
at 2.30 p.m. in the Church and  
Vestry, at Wayside, and at Rectory  
School. Confirmation Classes for  
adults and young people are  
formed from time to time, and  
Study and Discussion Groups arr-  
anged.

There are Societies and Clubs at-  
tached to the Church, information  
about which may be obtained from  
the Vicar. In addition Parish  
Meetings, open to all, are held from  
time to time, and smaller groups are  
encouraged to meet in people's  
houses in different parts of the  
parish.

## TO READERS OF THE PARISH MAGAZINE

The Vicar is anxious to help you: please make your needs known by  
cutting this out and sending it to him.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

(Please indicate below as required)

I would like you to call when convenient .....

I would like to see you privately .....

I would like to have the magazine delivered .....

I would like my children to attend Sunday School .....

Please tell me about the Christian Giving Scheme .....

The above is sick/in hospital .....

## Vicar's Notes

The standing matter and advertisements for the year will now run from February to January, instead of from January to December. This gives more time to everyone concerned to get things sorted out. As I was revising the standing matter for the new year, I wondered whether all our times are really right. We must not hold them as sacrosanct because this is the pattern we have known for years. The change introduced in the middle of last year, of 9.45 a.m. instead of 2.30 p.m. for the Sunday Schools in church, and at Wayside has worked out very well. It took some weeks for everyone to get used to it; it often meant a scamped breakfast for some of us, and a rush to get to Matins afterwards (sometimes forgetting to put the joint in the oven—with the result that the scamped breakfast was followed by a scratch lunch!) but we are all settling down nicely to it now and getting accustomed to the at-first-unfamiliar routine and the fresh demands it makes. With the success of this change behind us, ought we to consider some others? Many people tell us we should—and in particular, they say the time of Sunday Evensong is all wrong. In the summer, people have not come back from their outings to the sea by 6.30 p.m. and in winter we ought to be able to see the first-rate programmes put out by

the B.B.C. and I.T.V. at 7.0 p.m. These are said to provide excellent talking-points between church-people and non-church-goers during the week, and I can well believe it. How often have I been asked "What did you think of 'Christ in Jeans' or 'The Sixth Deadly Sin,' or whatever it was, last Sunday?"—and then a pause—"Oh, but of course, I don't suppose you were able to see it." No—and many others are in the same position. There is no hope that the T.V. authorities, and especially I.T.V. will ever change their time to a later hour—ought we therefore, to change ours? In the meantime, while we are thinking about this, it is suggested that we should form parish 'Look-Listen' groups to watch these programmes, then discuss them, and afterwards discuss them with as many people as possible throughout the week.

The offerings given at Christmas this year for good causes came to over £50, the largest amount we have ever received at this time. The church was beautifully decorated, and here again some people gave most liberally. It was rather sad that, in contrast to this generous gift, some unauthorised person should choose this time to take several pounds' worth of silver from the 'Altar Flower' box. (The lock, which was found to be insecure, has now been tightened up—and after this experience we shall see that it is much more frequently emptied).

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## AROUND THE SPIRE

being notes and news about  
people, activities & organisation

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### DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

Mrs. T. and Mrs. L. arrive early. And a van load of florist's blooms. They are old hands at this and soon the pulpit and the altar-pedestals begin to blossom under their methodical and careful work. Mr. H. brings barrow-loads of holly—but not one red berry. In the next parish the bushes are covered in red. Surely it couldn't be that ours were cursed by a passing witch? No! Ours were sweeter and the birds chose them first. So that settles that.

Mrs. A. goes off to scour the local markets to procure some holly with berries. But how to fix the string that holds it to the pillars? Ahum, Aha. Ahum again. Miss S. arrives

and proves that to the athletic there is no problem. Miss A. and five Bs come to help. Oh, hold those steps. Oh, mind that wobbly stone. This wood is bending. Don't break a pew. Don't break a neck. Let's break for coffee. And Mrs. A. returns triumphant—a car-load of holly, and berries on every piece.

No time to lose. Where's the string? Pass the scissors. Miss E. sweeps up the bits we drop but we drop them all again. This ivy's grown the wrong way up. More water! Where shall this bunch go? Oh yes, creeper on the side seats. Certainly. That's right. But now it is nearly time to get the lunch and there are still last minute bits of Christmas shopping to do.

I'll sweep this aisle; stand back and look before you go. It really looks like Christmas now. I wonder if there will be a Christmas tree again this year? When do they do the crib?

Must go, see you Sunday. Happy Christmas!

### THE MOTHERS' UNION

It is with regret that we record the death, on December 15th, of Mrs. Lucy Wheeler, one of the most faithful members of the Branch. Despite years of ill health, she made her way most regularly to Church services, and to the Branch meetings. Ever willing to help in any way that she could, she will be missed very much indeed.

In September we lost another faithful member, Mrs. Celia Pidgeon, who came from East Twickenham, whenever she was well enough to do so.

Both these ladies set an example of courage and endurance, which should prove an inspiration to the Branch at the commencement of another year.

The meeting on January 4th was led by a choir of ladies whom Mrs. Prentice had brought together. They sang carols, some well-known, and others that were new to us, and Christmas songs, secular and sacred, with vocal and instrumental solos. A richly varied afternoon which we very much enjoyed and appreciated.

### THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP

Arrangements for the Easter holiday at the Lake District are now in full swing, and we are all eagerly looking forward to it.

We have not yet found a mooring place for the boat, but we are following up various suggestions. Unfortunately, the Swedish putty softened and is working out of its place. As the Chief Boat Builder remarked with growl, "Swedish putty's supposed to be waterproof. We ought to sue the firm!" This proves impossible, as our Polite Piggy's tummy is not full enough to stand up to legal costs.

The Polite Piggy was given to us as a Christmas present by Ann Jennings. We decided that, although a regular, fixed subscription is not necessary, the boat will use up a great deal more money than we should have been able to afford under the old system. Thus, the

Polite Piggy will be present at all Sunday evening meetings (when the secretary remembers to bring it!) and will raise his hat to anyone who feeds him.

Some very hard-working mothers are getting together to raise money for us. We should like them to know how much they are appreciated.

I think that most of us have recovered from the Christmas celebrations, the wandering members have returned to the fold and all are now able to walk straight!

We enjoyed Carol-singing very much, and thank all those who listened to us so bravely without showing any signs of pain especially those who fed us. Are all the Parish tone deaf, or just polite? They all seemed very appreciative . . . That is, except the clientele of the Duke of Wellington, to whom we sang 'God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen,' and from whom we had the sole comment "Were yer Carol-singin'? We didn't 'ear yer!" With that rewarding comment, we wish you all a very happy new year.

### STANDING MATTER, ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS

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#### Additions to Advertisements:

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

### SOME DATES TO NOTE

Jan. 23.—8.0 p.m. Christian Unity—Brains Trust and Meeting (Public Hall, Hampton).

Jan. 25.—8.0 p.m. Young Wives' Group (W).

Jan. 29.—All those under 18 years of age intending to be confirmed in 1961 are asked to attend Even-song at 6.30 p.m. and to stay to a short meeting afterwards.

Feb. 1.—3.0 p.m. Mothers' Union (W); 8.0 p.m. Old People's Welfare Committee (School).

Feb. 2.—Purification of B.V.M. Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

Feb. 6.—8.0 p.m. Hampton Council of Churches (Congregational Hall).

Feb. 15.—Ash Wednesday.  
Holy Communion at 7.15 and 10.30 a.m.

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

All matter for the February issue of the Magazine should be sent to the Vicarage not later than Tuesday, January 31. The magazines should be ready within a fortnight after this date, and will be taken round to the distributors on publication.

#### BAPTISM

Dec. 18.—Robert Charles Lockhart McKelvie, 189½ Uxbridge Road.

#### MARRIAGES

Dec. 26.—Victor Hill to Matilda Deacon.

„ 26.—John Sully to Maureen Catherine Rita Atkins.

#### BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

Dec. 18.—Martha Bass, 33, St. James's Avenue (at Mortlake Crematorium).

Dec. 21.—Lucy Wheeler, 92, Uxbridge Road, aged 71 yrs. (at S.W. Middx. Crematorium).

Dec. 22.—Edward Albert Davies, 9, Queen's Road, aged 58 years (at Hampton).

Dec. 30.—Alice Eleanor Marguerietta Gray, 22, Edward Road, aged 78 years.

Jan. 6.—Alice Elizabeth Stanley, 33 Windmill Road, aged 79 years.

„ 17.—Rose Mary Jordan, 28, Chelsea Close, aged 73 years.

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## FROM BEYOND THE SPIRE

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### THE LONDON CONFERENCE OF ANGLICAN STUDENTS

The Conference was held from 2nd to 6th January, consisting of 320 members and delegates from most British universities. The delegates' main purpose was to discuss the formation of a federation of university Anglican Societies. They were in favour, and elected a committee. The organisation will help to link school-leavers with anglican groups in their universities, provide links between the universities, and encourage the growth of groups in the parishes, to take their fair share of the Church's work.

The Conference as a whole discussed "The Anglican Communion—In the World—In Britain—In the University," and was opened by the Bishop of Kensington on the Monday evening. The speaker was the Bishop of Peterborough.

**The World.** We got down to business the next morning. Bishop Trapp of S.P.G. introduced Canon Wittenbach of C.M.S., who spoke of the largely accidental growth of the Anglican Church outside Britain. Today, we faced many problems. On the world scale we were a minority church. With the rise of nationalism the West was unpopular, and the Church overseas had to express itself in a more specifically national idiom.

Even the name "Anglican" suggested something foreign. Our divisions were weakening our effectiveness. That afternoon the Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney spoke as a member of the Scottish Episcopal Church, entirely separate in organisation and origins from the English Church. He outlined her complicated history, and said that despite her Scottish flavour, she was a part of the Anglican Communion. Perhaps the Asian and African churches could develop similarly on national lines.

**In Britain.** The Bishop of Stepney introduced Dr. Austin Farrer, who outlined developments in the church at the Reformation. He said the Church of England was independent of the Papacy, but preserved apostolic faith and order. It was not "merely New Testament", as some protestant sects had tried to be, but had many valuable developments which had evolved through the ages under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. He could say "here is Christ," and on these factors he based his membership. In the afternoon, the Rector of Woolwich condemned some of the less edifying aspects of church life. We had to develop a "new piety," a sense of real dedication. He likened the church to a prune. It seems that in America, prunes were not popular, so the prune distributors called in some experts to investigate. They

found that the prune reminded people of something shrivelled up, of parental authority, and other unpleasant things. After an intensive promotion campaign, the image of the prune was quite changed, and soon everyone was eating them. The average Englishman had a similar image of the Church, and it was up to us to show him that the Church was not at all like this, that it was something vital, and relevant to his needs.

**In the University.** Three students spoke of what was hapening in their universities and Preb. G. L. Phillips, Chaplain to London University spoke of the work of the chaplaincies in general.

Discussions in groups were held after each lecture, and ranged in scope from the reforms of the parochial system and parson's freehold to the most important aspects of the spiritual life of the Church Societies. All agreed that we should be the Church, and not just another society, and for this reason we said the Eucharist should be our mainstay. In many London Colleges the College Eucharist is a valued feature, and is celebrated in lecture rooms or other convenient places. Many more full-time chaplaincies were needed. London was fortunate, with 4 clergy, some had none while Cambridge had 50. Another great need was for sound doctrine, so that we could be an educated laity. Church Unity was always to the fore. Inter-church contact in some universities was very far advanced, too far, we thought in one case.

Overall the Conference was a great success, and finished on Friday with a Sung Eucharist at the University Church. This was a lesson in congregational worship, and no one present could have remained unmoved. For once we caught a glimpse of what every Eucharist should be, and it was a fitting end to a successful gathering.

S. D. HARRIS.



## SOME PERSONALITIES OF BYGONE DAYS

(concluded)

Another sister of Mrs. Butler married a distinguished soldier who became Lieut.-General Robert William Lowry, C.B. (buried in St. James's Churchyard), while the one sister

most known in the village for her good works, was Alice, who married the first vicar.

Thus the family tree of Sir Henry and Lady Ward connects the first and second vicars of St. James by subsequent marriage, a rather unusual feature of our local history.

Mrs. Fitzwygram survived her husband 31 years, and as the 'Guide Notes' to the Church (issued 6 years ago) state is duly commemorated by one of the Baptistry windows for her valiant part in helping the harassed Church authorities in 1888 when the builders of the Tower were demanding payment, then three months overdue. Many years after her husband's death, Mrs. Fitzwygram walked down the village to collect rents due (as she was the landlord) and this included calling on the "Coffee Tavern" in the High Street kept for a long period by John Player, a retired Station Ticket Inspector from Liverpool Street Terminus, and whose daughter subsequently married Lewin Singleton (of the building firm in the High Street), who became in his last years Sunday School Superintendent and also acting Verger (honorary) during the illness of Mr. Friend (Verger 1934-41).

The 'Coffee Tavern' premises blossomed into the Fitzwygram Working Men's Club and in its heyday with the clientele of the market-garden drivers, had to open at 6.0 a.m. with hot coffee as the men had to be on their way to Covent Garden before 6.30 a.m. This did mean of course that the tavern occupants had to be up at 5.0 a.m. every morning.

One might mention the work of Mrs. Fitzwygram's niece, Eva, who as Mrs. Bligh, helped another sterling worker in the parish, Miss Jane Barnard (see Mosaic of St. James, near the lectern) to organise the 'Fancy Fair' held on the Vicarage grounds on 30 June and 1st July 1891 which raised £260 for the Tower Fund. This ended up with fireworks and was a real 'beano.'

One might end these notes by the reference to Mrs. Fitzwygram's widowhood, for after the Vicar's decease in August 1881, she moved opposite to "Larkfield," where she died in March 1912 within one month of her 73rd birthday anniversary.

F. H. SARGEANT.