

## Vicar's Notes

The monthly date of publication of this magazine started to get later last summer, owing first to pressure of work and then to holidays. I hoped to be able to catch up again before the end of the year, but this proved impossible. Then in the last two months there has been further delay as a result of the work involved in the resetting of the standing matter and the advertisements for the next year, and the printing of them off in advance for the next twelve issues. Before this final stage is reached, some advertisers like to see their handiwork in proof, and may then introduce various modifications or improvements; others leave the whole business of checking and proof-correcting to us, and of these one or two in their haste make such mistakes as putting their own telephone numbers down incorrectly! The errors that are spotted are then corrected and the type set up again. But there is always the fear that some may have been overlooked; this usually happens every other year, and, true to form, it has oc-

curred again this time. A mistake made by the printers—a simple transposition of letters—was not noticed by anyone until the whole section had actually been run off for the whole year. Then it was seen, and it could have been put right—but this would have involved still further delay, and also a cost of about £12 for plates, printing and paper. We therefore decided to go ahead, with our apologies to the advertiser concerned. It is strange how this error now sticks out like a sore thumb, as the saying is, whereas not long before it had passed various scrutinising eyes completely unperceived; and we may find it is not the only one! Despite the fallibility of this process, it takes up a good deal of time. So there seemed no chance of catching up in the normal way, and we therefore decided to produce with speed a late February issue (this is it), reduced in local matter, and to follow it by a complete issue for March a week or ten days later—thus getting back nearly to the right time once more. This then is the explanation for the empty spaces in this issue, for which we ask your indulgence.

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## AROUND THE SPIRE

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### THE YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

At our January meeting we all brought our favourite recipes, and some of the more industrious among us brought along some tasty samples which were very much enjoyed by the rest of us.

We were sorry to hear that our Chairman, Mrs. Eila Severn was unwell and hope that she'll soon be well again—meanwhile our Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Audrey McNab carried on with the proceedings.

We also arranged for our Annual visit to the Ideal Homes Exhibition to be on Monday the 13th of March, so will anyone who requires tickets please contact Mrs. Eileen Nutley, 10, Park Road, MOL. 4533. Tickets 5/- inclusive (coach and entrance fee).

On the Friday after Christmas we held a Party for the children, at which they all seemed to have a lovely time.

We would like to thank the numerous helpers who combined with the committee to run the party, they worked extremely hard, and did

a wonderful job—especially the ladies who spent such a long time dashing in and out the “dusty blue-bells” with the children!

We would also like to extend our thanks to Mrs. Prentice who so kindly played the piano for the games and sang us some lovely songs.

The climax of course was Father Christmas himself—it was a joy to see the children's faces. Thank you Father Christmas, and also our thanks to the ladies who prepared the tables, blew up the balloons, and did all the odd chores—in fact, thanks to everyone concerned who made the party such a success.

E.T.N.

### THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP

The highlight of January for the Young People's Fellowship was the play “Christmas in the Market Place” which was very successful. We have received many high compliments, for which we feel very grateful although we think that a very high proportion of the pleasant comments be-

long to Mrs. Stevens, who did a great deal of work as producer, and battling against our mistakes and lack of common sense, won the day. We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Stevens for all that they have done for us concerning the play, and also Anne Swindale and Janet who made the caravan and with Barbara and Susan Howard provided refreshments. We made enough money to be able to send a cheque for ten pounds to the Saint Mary's Hospital Extension Fund, thanks to all of you who supported us so generously, whether you were able to be there or not.

It is not only the members of the Fellowship who have been busy making money (no, not forgeries). Three of the mothers: Mrs. Swindale, Mrs. Salisbury and Mrs. Harries, got together to put on a Coffee Party for the Y.P.F. parents and any other people who wanted to come. This was very successful as over eleven pounds was raised. We are very grateful to these three very hard-working ladies.

The United Service was very pleasant, and the meeting for the youth of the area, led by Mr. Parkinson was interesting, although the fact that the Queen does not worship Buddha in the Buddhist areas of

India was rather off the point of Church Unity!

The next Y.P.F. expedition will probably be to see "Pure Hell at Saint Trinian's." You may well ask "Why go to the cinema to see such goings on?"

R.M.

**Small Advt.**—Have you a pram you would like to sell? If so, please ring Mrs. Major, Molesey 6783.

### SOME DATES TO NOTE

Feb. 27.—8.0 p.m. Adult Confirmation Group (Vestry).

Mar. 1.—3.0 p.m. Mothers' Union Annual General Meeting (W).

7.30 p.m. Coach Party leaves for film "The Crowning Experience," at the Warner Theatre. (For tickets apply to Mr. Mellor, 52, St. James's Road).

Mar. 2.—8.0 p.m. Church Council (Vestry).

Mar. 16.—8.0 p.m. Annual Parochial Church Meeting (W).

Mar. 21 & 22.—8.0 p.m. A modern Passion Play, "Christ in the Concrete City," will be presented in Church by members of the Hampton Council of Churches' Drama Group.