



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

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays :

8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.0 a.m. (Second & Fourth Sundays
in month). Holy Communion.
11.0 a.m. Matins and Sermon.
12.15 p.m. (First & Third Sundays).
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 Sunday
or week-day services. Christian Giv-
ing 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 9.45 a.m. in the Church and
Wayside, and at 2.30 p.m. at Rectory
School, except on the Fourth Sunday
in the month, when a Family Service
is held in Church at 11.0 a.m. Con-
firmation Classes for adults and
young people are formed from time
to time, and Study, Prayer and Dis-
cussion Groups arranged to meet at
Wayside or in people's houses in
different parts of the parish.

There are various societies and
organisations sponsored by the
Church. The Vicar would be pleased
to supply information about these
and any other matters.

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

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(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

I am sorry that this belated February issue is the first for 1962. But I have strong grounds for hoping that it will be the last for which I shall have to apologise! The whole process of the production and distribution of the magazine is now in process of reorganisation, and as a first step you will be receiving this and all future issues free of charge.

PLANS FOR THE MAGAZINE

We have long-term and short-term ones. The long-term plan includes the free distribution of the magazine to all homes in the parish, and to those outside which have a connection with St. James's. This may not be realised for some years, but we now take a step towards it by making the magazine free to all who are already receiving it, and to all interested in the church who make known their desire to have it—of course, up to the limit of copies printed. In May we intend to increase this number so as to be able to supply more people, but to enable us to estimate how many extra copies we need we should like to have new names sent in as soon as possible. All members of the Pledged Giving Scheme not now receiving the magazine will automatically be added to distributors' lists as quickly as can be arranged. We hope that those who paid in advance for 1961, and were therefore entitled to two 1962 issues (as only ten appeared last year), will not mind having paid for two that are now free! But anyone who may have paid in advance for 1962 before the new policy was made known should ask for the return of his subscription, unless he would like it regarded as a special donation.

Then there are those who receive the magazine by post. Some of these regularly send donations in excess of the cost of the magazine and postage, and we are very grateful to them. Some have already done so for this year, and we hope that they will allow their contributions to stand. But in future, as of obligation, we shall expect our postal subscribers to send us only the amount necessary to cover the cost of envelopes and stamps—say 3/- at present rates.

These forward steps are possible because of the financial success of the magazine in the past, helped by

the loyal support of our advertisers, which has enabled funds to accumulate, and the entirely new financial prospect opening up before us as a result of the Christian Stewardship Campaign last November.

Other problems connected with the magazine are also being tackled. This should be the last one which I have to produce largely or entirely single-handed. From now on I hope to have an editorial board working with me on the preparation of each issue. Then we hope to be able to work out with the printers a schedule by which, within reason, we shall be able to ensure their receiving the copy on a definite date, and they will be in a position to guarantee us a firm date for publication. When this scheme is in full working order, it will mean that no magazine will come out late, and that no issue will ever have to be missed out.

The distribution side of the magazine has also been failing and is now being overhauled. We are very grateful to the few distributors we have, but their numbers are indeed too few to cover the present ground efficiently let alone deal with any expansion. Some have so many magazines to deliver that there is great delay in getting them out, people are inadvertently missed, and there is no time for calling to collect subscriptions—so, in fact, a good many parishioners have already been receiving the magazine free of charge for a year and more! The abolition of the money-side should in itself help greatly to speed up delivery, but we also badly need more distributors and should be glad to hear of volunteers.

STEPS FORWARD

The success of the Christian Stewardship Campaign already referred to, has enabled us to take further forward steps and to plan others in the future. Because of it we have been in a position to write out one of the largest cheques perhaps ever paid at one time in the name of the church—£1010-16-0d. to cover the cost of the work of making good the damage caused by wet and dry rot. The Church Council has also felt free to put in hand preliminary plans for the stripping and reslating of the entire roof of the church and the other repairs necessary to make it sound and rain-proof for years to come. It is

hoped that this work will be carried out during the summer months, at a cost somewhat less than £3000. As soon as that is done we hope to be able to put in hand the other essential work of rewiring and relighting the church. Without the Campaign, both these would have had to be deferred indefinitely. The Church Council has also decided that the help of an assistant curate is an urgent necessity in our rapidly expanding parish—something it has never been possible to consider for more than 20 years, when the last one left, owing to increasing financial burdens that seemed beyond our

strength to meet. But now, as our centenary approaches, we are in good heart for putting our own house in order, and playing a fuller part in the wider work of the Church. We also want to make our own parish a really welcoming and friendly one, in which no newcomers get overlooked, and no one feels outside the fellowship which the Church offers. Those who worked on teams during the Campaign are already doing a great deal towards this, and the Twelfth Night Party which they organised was a delightful expression of that spirit which we want to grow among us.

AROUND THE SPIRE

being notes and news about
people, activities & organisation

THE YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

At the November meeting we were delighted to welcome a past chairman of our Group, Mrs. Diana Dunkerley, who was a very active member when she lived in Hampton Hill. On this occasion she spoke to us about the Customs and Traditions of Christmas. Mrs. Dunkerley traced for us the origins of the Plum Pudding, of Candles and Yule Logs at Christmas, and told us how Pagan Festivals were "taken over" by early Christians, and became recognised as times of rejoicing and thanksgiving in the Christian Church.

A joint M.U. and Y.W.G. meeting was held on December 14th, when Mrs. Bartlett gave a talk on Local History. Although very few of those present were born locally, everyone found Mrs. Bartlett's description of old Teddington and its residents of absorbing interest, and we were left eager for more.

The annual Children's Party was held at the Parish Hall on the Friday of Christmas week. About sixty children partook of the food and games with great zest, and I think the "Mums," who were organising the games, were even more pleased than the children, when Father Christmas arrived to close the party with his distribution of toys and balloons.

M.S.

There is now a Y.W.G. 'Toddlers Club' which meets on the second and third Wednesdays in each month at 3.0 p.m. in Wayside. These 'Get-togethers' are primarily for the mothers of young children and there-

fore very informal. There is a playpen for crawlers and a story session for the older children. The mothers are then free to exchange ideas and have discussed a number of subjects. Members with babies or young children will be very welcome, and suggestions concerning other activities will be gladly received. J.M.

On February 28th, at the Open Meeting in the Hall, some interesting films will be shown. One—"A Feeling of Rejection"—was referred to in the issue for March last year. It shows how much damage can be caused to a sensitive child by well-meaning parents in an outwardly happy home by actions and attitudes that undermine her trust and confidence, and the battle she has to win through to normal happy living in later life. Others about the Queen, her family and her travels. We hope for a large attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS BLOCKED ?

From time to time a new epic religious film breaks over us. This time it is a remaking of "King of Kings" and as usual the critics are unanimous in damning it entirely. One conceded that Geoffrey Hunter's acting of Christ was sincere and several that background research had been thorough, but all agree that the character and life of our Lord is shown as sentimental, weak or effeminate. We shall go to see for ourselves, but if this is so, then yet another opportunity has been missed of showing to thousands of film goers the "might, majesty and power" proper to our King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Last Sunday an intelligent young child sitting in the pew behind me, asked in a stage whisper, "Why does Jesus wear ponytails?" and I didn't have far to look to see what she meant.

Recently a six-year-old boy was asked a similar question by the four year-old sister he was proudly showing round the church. "Oh, don't you know," he replied, "He wasn't a real man at all!" A sympathetic relative they were with quickly took the opportunity to correct the picture.

But this is not only a children's problem. How do we communicate our faith to the people around us, many of whom, have had no religious education?

If some of these come to our services and find themselves joining in community singing "Moab is my washpot," or "One deep calleth to another because of the noise of the water-pipes" what do they make fit?

"Miserable sinners"—no one tells them that the word is really "pitiable." What impression will our stained glass windows make? What impression will we make? And at the Christmas season they won't need even to come to church to hear our apparent goal, when we "all in white shall wait around." Another version of "pie in the sky?"

It was problems of this kind that bogged us down in the last meeting of the Hampton Council of Churches discussion group. If you feel you could help us out, we should be glad to have you with us at our next meeting. The Vicar or Mrs. Smales, 20, Cranmer Road, will let you know time and place.

The book we are studying is "Burning Coals of Fire," by Violet Welton, published by S.P.C.K. at 5/-. C.H.B.

STANDING MATTER, ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS

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Mrs. L. Mills, 40, Oldfield Road. Tel. Mol. 6626.

Mrs. Mills would be pleased to hear from people willing to arrange flowers on any particular Sunday.

Secretary of Bible Reading Fellowship

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Deanery Well-Care Worker

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SOME DATES TO NOTE

Feb. 19.—8.0 p.m. Ruri-Decanal Conference (St. Mary's Hall, Twickenham). Visitors welcome in the 'Public Gallery.' Speaker: Professor Tasker (one of the translators of the New English Bible)—"The New Testament in new garb after 350 years."

Feb. 21.—8.0 p.m. Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Hall). Presentation of Accounts, Election of Church Council, discussion of General Church Business. It is important that there should be a good attendance.

Feb. 23.—6.45 p.m. Visit to our Choir of Special Commissioner from the Royal School of Church Music.

Feb. 24.—8.0 p.m. Beetle Drive, arranged by Social Committee (W).

Feb. 28.—8.0 p.m. Film Evening, arranged by Young Wives' Group (H).

Mar. 7.—Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion 7.15 and 10.30 a.m.

Mothers' Union Service 2.30 p.m. (Followed by A.G.M. at Wayside).

Mar. 9.—Women's World Day of Prayer. Special Services at the Congregational Church, High St., at 8.0 p.m.

Mar. 15.—8.0 p.m. Joint M.U. and Y.W.G. Meeting — "Mothering Sunday." Speaker: The Rev. Elsie Chamberlain (W).

BAPTISMS

Oct. 22.—Carol Anne and Deborah Lynn Shackleton, 10 Holly Road.

„ 29.—Clive Neil Freemanale, 18 Myrtle Road.

„ 29.—Rosemary Josephine Oliver, Gardener's House, Laurel Dene.

- Nov. 26.—John Herbert Baker, 2,
New Broadway.
- „ 26.—Sally Ann Sibley Campbell,
77, Holly Bush Lane.
- „ 26.—Stephen Clifford Marsh,
27, Molesey Road.
- „ 26.—Timothy Matthew Page,
41, Burton's Road.
- Dec. 17.—David Brough Hale, 40,
Ringwood Way.
- „ 17.—Karen Elizabeth Lee, 7,
Wolsey Road.
- „ 17.—Adrian Clive Raymond
Vincent, 158, Uxbridge
Road.
- Jan. 28.—Malcolm John Anthony,
52, Ringwood Way.
- „ 28.—Peta Kay Frow, Beech-
croft, Fieldcommon Lane,
Walton-on-Thames.
- „ 28.—Melanie Elizabeth Greig,
78, Hounslow Road, Han-
worth.
- „ 28.—Neil Roderick McNab, 32
Burtons Road.

BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

- Dec. 11.—Daisy Ethel Jayes, 1 Upper
Lodge, Bushy Park, aged
52 years (at S.W. Middx.
Crematorium).
- „ 11.—Lucy Mabel Cook, 149,
Hanworth Road, aged 64
years (at Hampton).
- „ 13.—Terry Michael Densley,
47, Bishop's Grove, aged
14 years (at S.W. Middx.
Crematorium).
- „ 20.—Mary Jane Harmsworth,
143, Hampton Road, aged
89 years (at Teddington).
- Jan. 3.—Cecil Leslie Feron, 39,
Park Road, aged 57 years
(at S.W. Middx. Crema-
torium).
- „ 9.—Mary Ellen Johnson, 18,
Gloucester Road, Tedding-
ton, aged 79 years (at
Putney Vale).
- „ 12.—Hannah Trotter, late of
188, Uxbridge Road, aged
93 years.
- „ 18.—Rose Robinson, late of 6,
Holly Road, aged 83 yrs.
- Feb. 2.—John William Murray, 60,
St. James's Avenue, aged
73 years.

FROM BEYOND THE SPIRE

MEDICAL WORK IN THE VILLAGES IN KASHMIR

Kashmir; land of enchantment, sometimes called the Switzerland of the East. The loveliness of this country of rivers and lakes, of meadows and forests, of valleys mountains and glaciers, is world-famous. Returning there by air a C.M.S. missionary doctor wrote: "There was a great deal of snow on the ranges, both those above which we were flying and those ringing the horizon. When we reached the Srinagar Valley, the fields thousands of feet below us looked like pieces of a giant jig-saw puzzle, as some were coloured brilliant yellow by the flowering mustard, while others were sombre brown, ploughed, but not yet sown."

The winter is long and cold in this Valley, one of the loveliest of them all. Often the roads are blocked with snow until the spring comes. But when it does, it is breath-takingly beautiful. The summer capital of Kashmir is the town of Srinagar.

Just a few miles away from the town is Rainawari Hospital—a little

general hospital, ministering to the many needy ones around. There is a steady stream of patients; the midwifery work is particularly heavy and the ante-natal clinics well attended.

And in that same valley of Srinagar, some forty miles up the tumbling river Jhelum, is Anantnag hospital. This is specially for women and children, and there is extensive outreach work into the surrounding villages.

"One sees in every changing light and season the beauty and loveliness of God's creation here," to quote a C.M.S. missionary nurse "from the mornings when the countryside is still bright with dew to the golden sunsets; and from the early Spring days to the first snow fall when the far roads are blocked for the winter." All the beauty seems to contrast so greatly to the great need of the people, both spiritual and physical. We see so many patients who have been ill for so long, the weak children, and the pale weary ante-natals, and the nursing mothers."

(to be concluded)