

## VICAR'S NOTES

On September 20, the pattern of our morning services will be changed, so that the **PARISH COMMUNION** at 9.30 a.m. becomes central. Matins will in future be a preparation for this, and a thanksgiving for the earlier Communion at 8.0 a.m., and be said at 8.40 a.m.

**The Sunday Schools:** After long consideration, it has been decided that the Infants' Department shall continue as usual at 9.45 a.m. in Wayside. Parents coming to the Parish Communion can leave their children there from 9.20 a.m. onwards, when there will be helpers at hand to look after them — or they can take them with them into church for the first fifteen minutes of the service, and at 9.45 a.m. they will be quietly collected. We should be grateful if parents would kindly let us know which they propose to do. Also, if there are difficulties about getting the children to Wayside at all, and back home again afterwards, it may be possible to devise a system of escorts, if we could be informed of the need several weeks in advance. The Infants' Department cannot at the moment take any more children under five years of age, and it would be very helpful if parents wanting their children to join could arrange for them to be there on the opening day, when the pattern of what is to follow is laid down.

The Junior and Senior Departments will meet in church at 11.0 a.m. This difference in time is unfortunate, but could not be avoided for lack of accommodation nearer than the parish hall. But it has the great advantage of making it possible for older children who wish to do so to attend both Parish Communion and Sunday School, with breakfast in between at Wayside. As at present, children will pass from the Junior Department to the Senior — which for some years now has been known as “the Vicar's Class” — at the same time as they go from primary to secondary day school. This meets for opening worship with the juniors in church, but then proceeds on its own in the vestry, and here preparation for Confirmation and Communion (begun of course in the Junior Department) is the main objective. In the past, some have remained in this class for 3 or 4 years, and it has on occasion grown to enormous size, but in future children will be expected to stay only for one year, and then to attend Parish Communion regularly, receiving their final instruction for Confirmation in week-night classes.

With regard to the children under five, we have not yet been able to make any provision for a creche, but if in due course enough helpers are forthcoming, we may be able to arrange for them to be taken out to play — perhaps in the park in the summer, and in the parish hall in the winter — while their parents are in church.

The Sunday School for the younger children who live at a distance from the church in the Hanworth Road and Rectory Grove area of the parish will continue to meet — as it has for the past twelve years, all the time under the able leadership of Miss Western at 2.30 p.m. in the Rectory School. (N.B. When there is a Family Service in church at 11.0 a.m., none of the Sunday Schools will normally meet).

**Family and Parade Services:** Once a month, usually on the fourth Sunday, there will be the customary Family and Parade Service at 11.0 a.m., but we may adapt it in various ways to make it shorter and simpler, and not always follow the pattern of Matins as in the past. As already stated, on these days there will be no Sunday Schools,

but the Parish Communion will be held as usual. (N.B. There will be no 11.0 a.m. Family Service in September, and the October one will be held on the **first** Sunday, to coincide with the Harvest Festival).

**THE PARISH COMMUNION:** Some people have been asking — “Why this upheaval?” As we have been trying to explain in sermons and other ways during these past months, there is more in all this than just a question of reorganisation and retiming. The Communion or Eucharist is the central act of worship of the Church, the People of God, God’s universal spiritual family, and it should be given the place that is its due. There are many elements in it, and often these get separated, and so we have different types and forms of the same service, stressing this aspect or that. In the Parish Communion all the various parts are brought together as far as is possible in balance and harmony, at a time when most people can attend, and the service becomes the chief service of the day — the divine Liturgy.

There is now an opportunity for people who have stayed away from church for years, perhaps because they found the old pattern unsatisfactory, or for whatever reason, to come back again. No one need feel shy, because there will be many newcomers, and old-comers returning, and we shall all be feeling our way and learning together.

**SO PLEASE REMEMBER: PARISH COMMUNION BEGINS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, AT 9.30 A.M., AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

### **HISTORY SOCIETY**

The work of editing the individual papers handed in by the research teams is well under weigh and enquiries are being initiated as to a suitable publisher. It would be of great help to the publishing committee in assessing the number required to be printed, if everyone intending to buy a copy — or copies — (price about ten shillings each), would let Mrs. Orton, 30, St. James’s Road, Hampton Hill, know of their intentions as soon as possible.

M.O.

### **THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

In his “Notes” in the July magazine the Vicar wrote of our Patronal Festival as “a great opportunity for worship and fellowship,” and so it proved. At Evensong the church was as full as at any of the major festivals, and choir and congregation sang lustily as the Dean of Westminster, escorted by the Churchwardens, entered at the South porch, and came in procession to the chancel.

An unusual note came when the sidesmen were seen, during the second hymn, opening (apparently for the first time in years) the gable windows to provide more air.

Considerable food for thought came from the sermon given by the Dean; who, outlining the hierarchy of the Christian Church, through Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and lay people, made clear the interdependence of all members, at all levels, of the Church.

After the service came the now customary gathering on the Vicarage lawn, where over 150 of us were served with excellent refreshments by a devoted band of ladies. The Dean entered into many conversations, some not entirely serious, but all distinguished by such an easy good-fellowship that when at last he made his Jaguar-borne exit it was as if an old friend was leaving.

The weather could not have been more kind; and not least in our hearts, as we walked home in the dusk, were feelings of deep gratitude to those, too numerous to name, who assisted Mrs. Brunt with the catering and other arrangements; and helped to make this such a memorable occasion.

J.G.

## THE YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

The speaker at our June meeting was Mrs. Pulanayagan, who was born in Ceylon, but is now a resident of Richmond, where her husband is a Church of England curate. Making a delightful picture in her lovely sari and native jewellery, she gave us what must have been a very comprehensive survey of life in Ceylon. She told us of the language difficulties, although there is a high standard of literacy, and explained how some churches have three separate services in English, Tamil and Sinhalese, whilst others have joint services with three priests to lead the prayers in the three languages. There are great differences in town and country living. In the country the women work hard in the fields and the staple diet is rice, but this is not so in the towns. At the close of her talk Mrs. Pulanayagan explained to us the different ways in which a sari can be worn, but I doubt if any of us would get it right the first time.

In July, we decided to have an informal meeting, and comments on the year's programme were invited, and some good suggestions for future meetings were made. Later, we spent half an hour in church, where Mr. Dafforne and the senior members of the choir played and sang for us the music to be used in the new Family Communion Service. Afterwards the choir joined us at Wayside for refreshments.

It has been requested that the Toddlers' Club should meet again at Wayside, and the first meeting will be at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1. This is intended for Young Wives with children under school age, who feel the need for a cup of tea and a chat outside their own homes. Friendships have resulted from previous sessions, and the children learn to mix, too. If you are not a Y.W. member, but would like to come along, please do so. Mrs. Rickwood, of 50, Ringwood Way, Hampton Hill, is organising these meetings, so if you would like to know more about it, just phone her at Molesey 5011.

And now on to our evening meetings. We open once more, with a Service in Church, followed by a get-together at Wayside. If you have a neighbour who might like to come — bring her along. The time 8 p.m., the date, Wednesday, September 30.

On Wednesday, September 23, a demonstration has been arranged for us at the Seaboard Showrooms, York Street, Twickenham, we meet there at 7.45 p.m. to learn about, "Automation in the Home." Further information from Ruth Allan, 56, St. James's Road, 'Phone Mol. 1069.

M.S.

## THE MOTHERS' UNION

The new session will open with a service in church on Wednesday, September 9. This will be followed by tea at Wayside. (Please note that our first meeting is on the **second** Wednesday of September).

Your committee decided that it would be better to hold extra meetings in the months before Christmas, as usually the attendance is not affected by bad weather until early in the New Year. When you receive the joint programme of M.U. and Y.W. meetings you will note

that some of these have been arranged for Thursday afternoons in the hope that those who are unable to attend on Wednesdays may be able to join us then.

I hope you will all feel refreshed by your holidays, wherever and however these have been spent. Do not forget to bring along your gifts to the Bring and Buy Sale on Thursday, September 17.

Offers for helping at the Overseas Sale on October 6 and 7—preparing, serving refreshments and washing up—will be very welcome. Please let me have your names by September 19.

I should like to express my thanks to all those who have sent me old spectacles in response to my appeal for the Missionary Optical Service. Over a hundred pairs have been received, many of them from people far removed from the parish.

All members extend their sympathy to Mrs. Spooner and Mrs. White, both of whom were recently bereaved by the loss of their husbands; we were also very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Allport's husband.

Mrs. Wilcox is now installed at Percy House and would welcome visits from Hampton Hill friends, any time is visiting time with the exception of mealtimes. Mrs. Ashworth is in Hampton Hospital at the time of writing and we wish her well.

A joyful note sounded on August 12, when Mrs. Hillyer celebrated her 90th birthday with a very happy party at her home. During the afternoon she entertained her guests by playing a pianoforte solo and reciting a short monologue! Those of us who were present are hoping that we shall be invited to her centenary celebration. We also wonder whether we shall prove to be so versatile if we reach ninety years of age!

I.V.R.

## THE CHURCHYARD

A number of people have offered to look after one or more of the neglected graves in the Churchyard. This work will go a long way towards improving the appearance of the Churchyard and Mr. Leatherdale will be glad to hear from anyone who is willing to give a few hours now and then to look after a grave.

In order that the work may be allocated in a systematic manner, a plan has been prepared of the graves in the older part of the Churchyard. However, personal preferences will be catered for as far as possible.

D.W.L.

(Editorial comment: Thank you Dennis Leatherdale for the many hours of work you have put in drawing up the plan).

## 1st HAMPTON HILL GUIDES

August 1 saw 13 Guides leave Hampton Hill at 11.20 a.m. in a removal van. We were on our way to Blackland Farm, near East Grinstead, for the Company's summer camp. The other two Guides joined us on Sunday after family holidays. Of the 15 not more than one had spent a week in a Guide camp, however by the end of the week we could see that there were several very good prospective campers in the Company.

The majority of the Company decided to go to Communion on Sunday morning and the rest attended an interdenominational evening service. Both services were held with the other companies camping at Blacklands, in the barn, and were very enjoyable.

The cause of a great deal of "cackling" among the Guiders (not fully appreciated by the Guides) was the presence of a Canadian Sea Ranger who could see the funny side of everything. None of us had met Janet before the camp, but she fitted in very well and made an able assistant to "Mokawa" a Land Ranger who was the M.O. They were rather disappointed not to have any "real" casualties, but made the most of the gnat bites (swelling to enormous sizes), blisters ("Ye ought also to wash one another's feet") and odd scratches.

Wednesday was, as far as the Guides were concerned, the highlight of the week. The Guiders "deserted" to a neighbouring camp at 5.30 a.m. (was it really worth going to bed at 12.30 a.m.?) under the mistaken impression that no-one knew where they were, and left the Guides to "struggle" for themselves. Breakfast was ready at least an hour before time, and inspection for which the Guiders returned at 11 a.m. was one of the best of the week. This led us to believe that we were entirely dispensable and we proved this by remaining in bed for breakfast on Thursday morning. Early morning coffee was not appreciated as much as it should have been as we were not properly awake and Janet turned over just at the wrong moment, which resulted in a hair-washing session that afternoon.

The three patrols set out on a "wide game" on Wednesday afternoon but no one completed it, though they had fun following a trail through the woods and along the stream.

Guiders are not the only odd people who get up at crack of dawn — the bird watchers of the company visited the nearby reservoir before breakfast on Thursday and were pleased with the results.

The Q.M. "Mole," an ex-Cadet, did a great deal of hard work, as all Q.M's. do, working out menus, ordering food, nipping into East Grinstead for those odd bits forgotten or otherwise unaccounted for and, normally, supervised the cooking. We all ate well, both at scheduled meals and those eaten at odd hours — such as Barbara Plumbley's birthday party, held in the mess tent (a large saggy ex-army bell — the "saggy" was put down to the slope of the field) at midnight on Thursday.

Final campfire included a Fancy Dress — it was amazing what was produced with so little with which to produce it.

The strike on Saturday went smoothly and we loaded the lorry and left for home, sorry to be leaving, but glad to be going home to a good bath and a really comfortable bed.

Finally a cry from the heart of one whose very tolerant parents do not feel that orange boxes, tea chests and biscuit tins enhance the dining room — has anyone even a small space in a garage or shed where some of our meagre, but to us, precious, camp equipment could be stored please?  
R.M.

### BAPTISM

July 19.—Andrew Charles Jackson, Flat B, Oxford, Anlaby Road, Teddington.

### MARRIAGES

Aug. 10.—Peter Lewis Cheney to Margaret Mary Cox.  
„ 22.—John Pascal Kane to Sylvia Anne Bishop.

## BURIALS AND CREMATION

- July 20.—Harry Humphrey, 93, High Street, aged 88 years (at Hampton Cemetery).  
 „ 28.—Elizabeth Charlotte Mason, 57, Uxbridge Road, aged 88 years.  
 „ 29.—Herbert Shipley Job, 51, Hampton Road, aged 81 years (at Mortlake Crematorium, followed by interment of ashes in the churchyard on July 31).  
 Aug. 15.—Frederick Muckle, 154, Windermere Road, Kendal, formerly of 1, School Road, aged 78 years.

### SOME DATES TO NOTE

- Sept. 3.—8.0 p.m. Youth Club Management Committee (Vestry).  
 „ 4.—8.0 p.m. Commission on Worship's Working Party (Vestry).  
 „ 6.—Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity: Holy Communion at 8.0 a.m. and 12.15 p.m.: Matins 11.0 a.m.: Evensong 6.30 p.m.  
 „ 8.—10.30 a.m. Editorial Board (52, Park Road).  
 „ 9.—2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union Service.  
 „ 10.—8.0 p.m. Council of Social Service (York House).  
 „ 11.—7.30 p.m. Youth Club re-opens (School); 8.0 p.m. **PARISH COMMUNION PREPARATION AND REHEARSAL** (in church).  
 „ 13.—Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity: Holy Communion at 8.0 and 9.0 a.m.; Matins 11.0 a.m.; Evensong 6.30 p.m.  
 „ 14.—8.15 p.m. Centenary Committee (30, St James's Road).  
 „ 17.—8.0 pm. B.-P. Guild (Hall).  
 „ 18.—8.0 p.m. **PARISH COMMUNION PREPARATION AND REHEARSAL**.  
 „ 20.—Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity: Holy Communion at 8.0 a.m.; Matins 8.40 a.m.; **PARISH COMMUNION 9.30 a.m.**; Infants' Sunday School 9.45 a.m. (Wayside); Parish Breakfast 10.40 a.m. (Wayside); Junior and Senior Sunday School 11.0 a.m. (in church); Rectory Sunday School 2.30 p.m. (in Rectory School); Evensong 6.30 p.m.  
 „ 21.—St. Matthew's Day: Holy Communion at 9.0 a.m.  
 „ 24.—8.0 p.m. Scout Group: Wine and Cheese Party (Hall).  
 „ 25.—8.0 pm. Church Council (W).  
 „ 27.—Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity: Services and other arrangements as last Sunday, including **PARISH COMMUNION at 9.30 a.m.** and Breakfast afterwards at 10.40 a.m., with the addition of Holy Baptism at 4.0 p.m.  
 „ 29.—St. Michael and All Angels: Holy Communion at 9.0 a.m.  
 „ 30.—8.0 p.m. Young Wives' Group: Service in church at 8.0 p.m., followed by a Reception at Wayside.  
 Oct. 1.—7.15 p.m. **HARVEST THANKSGIVING EVENSONG**: Preacher—The Rural Dean, the Reverend Francis Bale; 8.30 p.m. Harvest Supper and Entertainment (Hall: Admission by ticket only).  
 „ 4.—Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity — Continuation of **HARVEST FESTIVAL**: Holy Communion at 8.0 a.m. and 12.15 p.m.; **PARISH COMMUNION 9.30 a.m.**, followed by Breakfast at 10.40 a.m.; no Sunday Schools; **FAMILY HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE 11.0 a.m.**; Evensong 6.30 p.m.