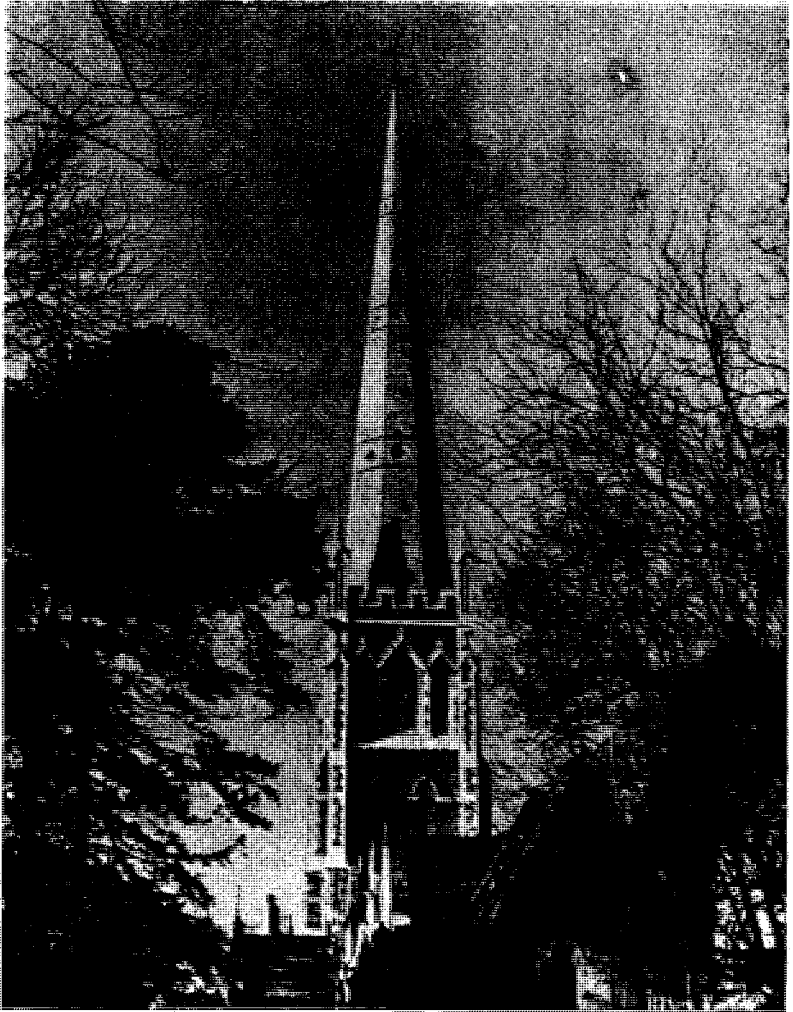


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SUNDAY SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Holy Communion	Every Sunday	8.00 a.m.
Holy Communion	First Sundays in month and		
		Festivals	12.10 p.m.
THE PARISH COMMUNION		Every Sunday	9.30 a.m.
(Followed by Parish Breakfast — coffee and rolls — at Wayside				10.40 a.m.)
Family & Parade Service	Fourth Sundays	9.30 a.m.
Holy Baptism	Fourth Sundays	4.00 p.m.
		(Ten days' notice to be given)		
Evensong	Every Sunday	6.30 p.m.
Young People's Fellowship	Every Sunday in Wayside	8.00 p.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS:				
Nursery and Infants'	Every Sunday except Fourth		
		in Wayside	9.45 a.m.
Junior and Senior	Every Sunday except Fourth		
		in Church	11.00 a.m.
Rectory	Every Sunday in Rectory		
		School	2.30 p.m.

Services are also held frequently in Laurel Dene which members of the congregation are asked to support. Dates given in the body of this magazine. Any alterations to the above pattern which may occur from time to time will also be noted there, as well as details of week-day services and organisations.

VICAR'S NOTES

Inter-Church Co-operation: 1967 begins with a number of opportunities for developing this, of which I hope we shall take full advantage. Unfortunately many of the dates are only just coming in as I write (in early January), too late for much publicity apart from announcements in church. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity provides several occasions for fellowship and united worship and witness on our own doorstep (including a service in the new Roman Catholic church), as well as others further afield, such as the great procession from Trafalgar Square to the Central Hall. This Week will lead naturally into "**The People Next Door**" programme of study and action, in which the churches of Hampton are joining with those of Twickenham. In the matter of local organisation and planning, St. James's was asked to take the lead at the Hampton end, and at the other the lead has come from the enthusiastic Roman Catholics of St. Margaret's, who have more than 70 of their members already enrolled. It is expected that 300 people will attend the introductory session on January 30 and then split up into about thirty groups meeting in private houses all over the area. Our church is supplying five of six group leaders, and I hope that at least fifty more of us will take part. The whole enterprise has great possibilities, and much could come of it. Then in March the Anglican-Methodist Unity Commission is presenting an interim report. This is meant to be studied by all Anglicans and Methodists at the local level, and should be another factor in the growing impetus towards unity.

Other Prospects and Projects: The New Year looks as though it may have much in store for us in other ways as well. It is possible that the new Holy Communion service (a slightly modified form of the one included in the Second Series of Alternative Services) will receive final approval soon after Easter, and we shall have to consider before then whether and when we want to introduce it here. The defects of our present liturgy have often been pointed out, but we tend to overlook them because for us familiarity has bred, not contempt, but affection, and the new order will seem very strange to us at first. In our present rite, the note of penitence outweighs that of praise, and the over-emphasis on the Cross has obscured the joyful primitive exaltation of the triumph of the Resurrection. In the new order, this unbalance has at least been partially corrected, but many think that more radical changes are still needed. Anyhow, the new order is not meant to be a fixed and final rite, beyond the reach of alteration, but an experimental one, and suggestions for improving it will be welcomed when it has been in use for a few years.

Outside the church building, we want to make more effective and helpful our contact with the people who live in the parish, and especially newcomers. We hope that by the end of the year we shall have an area and road wardens' scheme in operation, but this is not something which can be rushed, and in working towards the ideal we have to be realistic about the resources available, and not try to run before we can walk. But we should very soon now be in a position to welcome by a personal visit all new residents within a few days of their arrival, and if we continue to have "At Homes" every two months, they should not have to wait long for an opportunity to get to know other people in the district, and to learn something about the past and present of the community of which they now form a part. All who

came to the last gathering said how very enjoyable and helpful they had found it, and we hope that the same will be said about the one arranged for later this month.

We have also a great deal to do in spreading knowledge of **Project NAIL**, an imaginative outcome of MRI, whereby our diocese is closely linked with the diocese of New York, and dioceses in Africa and India where much creative work is being done, in a fruitful two-way partnership. We also want as many of you as possible—I hope that we shall be able to arrange several coach-parties—to visit the tremendous eye-opening **Exhibition "Task 6"** (another result of MRJ) in Fulham in March. More about all this later.

Finally, while you are making your plans for this year's summer holiday, make sure that you arrange things so that you can also come to what may well be the highlight of our year, the **Parish Weekend** to be held in the very attractive setting of Hildenborough Hall in the Otford Hills of Kent in September. There is room for 68 people, and if you want to be one of the fortunate ones, book your place **now!**

THE MISSIONS TO SEAMEN

Miss Kathleen Pearce spoke to a large gathering in Wayside on Wednesday, November 23, on the world wide work of this Society. She is a fluent speaker, and fired all her hearers with such enthusiasm that after we had seen the Flying Angel flag flying in all parts of the globe (as shown to us on the transparencies which Miss Pearce projected) it was decided to form a branch of The Flying Angel League in the Parish. The object of the F.A.L. is to keep us in more personal contact with the Mission's work. On payment of a yearly sum of 3s. 6d. a member receives copies of the Society's quarterly broadsheet, which gives the latest news of the Mission's work in all parts

Mrs. Milns has consented to act as Secretary, and will be delighted to enrol more members. Over £10 was raised by donations, subscriptions, sale of Christmas goods and F.A.L. badges during the afternoon.

Miss Pearce has since sent directions for knitting squares for bed covers which are much in demand on barges. (These squares can so easily be made whilst watching T.V.!) **Needles:** Size No. 9. **Wool:** 4 ply, or the equivalent of 2 strands 2 ply of various colours. Knit 98 diagonal 6 inch squares to make one cover for a seaman's bed.

Cast on 2 stitches, increase 1 at the beginning of each row until there are 50 stitches; then decrease 1 stitch at the beginning of each row until 2 stitches remain. Cast off.

Knit 98 such squares of various colours. Join 7 squares with button-hole stitch for the correct width of 3ft. 6in. 14 times; then join these strips for the correct length of 7ft. Button-hole or crochet around the outer edge.

I.V.R.

IN MEMORIAM—AMY ELIZABETH LUSH

We have been hoping for some months to include in the magazine a short account of Miss Lush's life in honour of her eightieth birthday. We now deeply regret that it has to be her obituary. She had often spoken to me most interestingly about the many things she remembered from her past life, and in September I went around with a notebook and asked her to talk freely, so that I could jot down points for a short biographical sketch. She talked in her usual lively way for over an

hour and a half, and many events and experiences long past came vividly into the present again in that little room.

Amy Elizabeth Lush was indeed a remarkable personality, of much-tested strength of character and high principles; a great and lovely soul, nourished and sustained by a deep and unflinching faith in God. She had been closely connected with St. James's all her life. Her father was born at Ivy Lodge in 1854, and as a boy watched the building of our church, and he often spoke about this to his daughter, so that in effect her recollections went back right to the beginning of things here.

Her mother was a countrywoman from Riseley, a village near Bedford, who became sewing-maid and companion to a Mrs. Camm. This lady came from Bedford to Roxberry Lodge in 1875 on account of her son's health: He was advised that he needed higher ground and sandy soil, and apparently coming to Hampton Hill did bring him great benefit, for he soon got better, married, and went to live in Birmingham.

On December 31, 1881, Miss Lush's parents were married, after an engagement lasting for nearly seven years. They lived first in a new house — 20, Seymour Road — where Amy was born in 1886. Mr. Lush was a keen gardener, and was always looking for a house with a larger garden, so the family moved several times (Miss Lush remembers a stay in Burton's Road and another near Fulwell Station). For 2½ years Mr. Lush worked at Hillingdon, erecting 72 greenhouses for William Whiteley. At first he walked the 9 miles each way, but later found a house nearer his work, and so there was another move. Then in January 1895 (the winter the Thames froze over—Miss Lush recalls a long argument between her parents about whether her father should walk her from one bank to the other—her mother, who had a life-long dread of water, won!) they came to 28, Windmill Road, where she was to live for the rest of her life.

As in her later years, so also in her earlier, Amy had severe health troubles to contend with. She was unable to start her education until she was over 7 years old, but once at school she made good progress, and before long had caught up with the other girls of her age. Her mother wanted her to go into the Post Office, but the vicar and the head mistress had their eyes on her as one who had all the makings of a good teacher, and they persuaded Mrs. Lush to change her mind. So Amy became a pupil teacher at the age of 14, and was one for 4 years. She earned a shilling a week for the first 2 years, then two shillings a week for the third and half-a-crown for the fourth. At 18 she became an uncertificated teacher at five shillings a week, and then, after three years of very hard work, teaching in the day-time and attending classes in the evenings and conferences and courses in the holidays, she was certificated.

(To be continued)

PARISH WEEKEND 1967

This is a short note to give you some advance information about the Parish Weekend which will be held at Hildenborough Hall, near Sevenoaks, on September 15, 16 and 17 (actually ending, for those who can stay till then, with breakfast on Monday 18).

It is a superb place, with wonderful views over the surrounding countryside, and everything about it will help to induce that deeper Christian fellowship which these weekends are intended to achieve.

We feel sure that you will enjoy good companionship, and find relaxation and comfort—so please make a note in your diary now.

The cost of the weekend will vary from £3 for a member sharing a small dormitory, to six guineas for a “de luxe” room. This amount includes 10/- registration fee, which can be paid to Mrs. Dawn Harris, 33, Beech Way, Twickenham (Tel. TWI. 6468). Dawn is also ready to receive weekly payments from any one who would like to use the instalment system. She is nearly always to be found at Wayside every week at the Parish Breakfast.

A.R.T.

THE NEWCOMERS' PARTY

Late in October St. James's was host to a number of comparative newcomers to our area. Our guests came mainly from The Wilderness and Thirlstane House and were entertained to coffee and refreshments followed by some excellent slides of old Hampton and Hampton Hill. We are very grateful indeed to Mr. March and Mr. Anstead for coming and making it such an enjoyable evening, and to all the parishioners who gave so freely of their time to make the evening worthwhile.

It is the Church Council's intention to make every newcomer to our parish feel welcome and to this end ask that if you notice someone moving into your road please visit them and welcome them, or if you prefer let the Vicar, or a Stewardship Committee member know and arrangements will be made for someone to visit them. A useful booklet has now been prepared to help newcomers—it contains some local information, and details of our Church services and various organisations.

A.R.T.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

After a silence of nearly two years we have had two letters from our “Link” Branch in Eastern Nigeria. In addition we have received a cloth (Akwete) for use at our meetings, as a thanksgiving for an increase in active membership in Ife Parish! This beautiful piece of native work was in use for the first time when Mr. Gilder spoke to us of the work of the Borstal Institutions, Detention Centres and Approved Schools in this country. We heard with interest of the efforts made to help delinquent boys and girls to overcome their difficulties, to give them the right sort of training so that they may have the chance to return to the outside world, and become useful citizens. Naturally it is difficult to assess with accuracy the success figure, but this is thought to be about 40%. Mr. Gilder blamed much of the delinquency on the disturbance caused by broken homes, and the fact that many children, “latchkey children,” return home from school to an empty house, because the mother is out working. With no-one to bother about them they soon get into mischief. We were relieved to know that the delinquency rate among women and girls is much less than that for the opposite sex. It was certainly made very clear to us that by following our M.U. principles and endeavouring to “strengthen and uphold Christian family life” we are pursuing the right course.

Finally Mr. Gilder showed pictures of various Borsstals, and exhibited examples of some of the crafts taught to the inmates of these places. Those who serve in any capacity at these establishments are obviously people with a deep sense of purpose.

I.V.R.

THE YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

At our meeting on November 9 we were pleased to welcome Mrs. Joan Whittles who demonstrated cake icing. She brought with her a

cake already partially iced, and then showed us how she put the finishing touches to it. Whilst she was doing this we were selling raffle tickets for the cake, and the lucky winner was able to see her cake professionally decorated. Mrs. Whittles then showed us various types of icing nozzles, demonstrating their uses, and showing how to produce the professional touches with the gadgets available in the shops.

The Annual Children's party was in the Hall on Friday, January 6 at 3 p.m. and all who came thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Our next meeting will be on January 25, at Wayside. We were expecting Mrs. Joy Johnson of "The Gallery" to be there to talk to us about art generally, and about her business venture in the field of art, but as she cannot now manage this date, she will be coming to us in February instead, and we shall bring forward the Film Evening that was planned for this later occasion. J.B.

THE SCOUT GROUP

At the Troop Meeting on Friday, November 11, the presentation of a Long Service Award was made to the Group Scout Leader, Skipper S. R. Childs, who has worked with the Group for over 15 years. Mr. Childs was Akela of the Cub Pack for 10 years, then took over the Warrant of Group Scout Leader on the retirement of Skipper G. Casey. The presentation was made by the District Commissioner, Mr. Derek Stevens, and his wife, who is Assistant District Commissioner for Cubs, was also present.

On the same evening a Coffee Party was being held at Wayside in aid of the Bottle Stall for the Bazaar and it was nice to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Stevens at this Function.

The Cub Parents' Evening was held on November 23 and it was very gratifying to see so many parents present. Thank you for turning out on such a cold night. The evening included a Mime on St. Patrick, a short play called "Baloo," a First-aid Sketch, a Gym Display and a Film Show as well as games. Both parents and boys are to be thanked for their co-operation with a special thank-you to those responsible for refreshments.

One of the high lights of the evening was the presentation of a Shield to the Group by Mrs. Moses in memory of her husband. We were pleased to see Guv and a number of his Scouts present on this occasion. AKELA.

Please note new address:—

Mr. & Mrs. M. J. Childs,
678, Hanworth Road, Hounslow.
(Twickenham Green 7458).

G.S.M.

SOME DATES TO NOTE

(N.B. A few events which will have already happened owing to the late date of publication of this issue are included here for purpose of record).

- Jan. 4.—2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union Christmas Carol Party (W).
- „ 6.—The Epiphany: 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion; 3.0 p.m. Young Wives' Group—Children's Christmas Party (H).
- „ 7.—7.45 p.m. Parish Christmas Fancy Dress Party (H).
- „ 8.—Young people's "Sponsored Walk" from Hampton to Guildford (25 miles), organised by the Junior Section of the Council of Churches in support of "FEED THE MINDS."

- 9.—8.0 p.m. Stewardship Committee (106, Park Road).
- 11.—8.0 p.m. Drama Group (W); 8.0 p.m. Old People's Welfare Committee (School).
- 13.—10.30 a.m. Editorial Board & Magazine Committee (52, Park Road); 8.0 p.m. Choir Party (W); MRI Group (Vestry).
- 14.—10.30 a.m. Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer (Church).
- 15.—9.30 a.m. Parish Communion and Publick Baptism.
- 16.—8.0 p.m. Hampton Council of Churches: Quarterly Meeting of Committee (All Saints' Hall).
- 17.—7.30 p.m. Inter-Church Meeting and Social Gathering: "Scripture in the everyday life of the modern Christian" (St. Mary's College, Waldegrave Road).
- 18.—WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGINS: 8.0 p.m. Short United Service (Bible Readings and Hymns) in the new Roman Catholic Church of St. Francis, Wellington Road, followed by an ecumenical social gathering in the Hall in Princes Road.
- 21.—2.30 p.m. Old People's Christmas Party (H).
- 22.—3.0 p.m. Procession of United Witness assemble in Trafalgar Square; 5.15 p.m. Members of Young People's Fellowship leads service at Laurel Dene; 8.0 p.m. United Service sponsored by the Hampton Council of Churches in the Congregational Church — Preacher: The Vicar of All Saints'.
- 25.—The Conversion of St. Paul: 9.0 a.m. Holy Communion; 8.0 p.m. Young Wives' Group: Film Evening (W).
- 26.—6.15 p.m. Diocesan Stewardship Sunday Review (Church House, Westminster); 8.0 p.m. "At Home" for newcomers to the parish (W). By invitation.
- 29.—5.15 p.m. St. James's leads service at Laurel Dene.
- 30.—Mothers' Union Overseas Meeting 11.0 a.m. — 3.15 p.m. in Mary Sumner House; THE PEOPLE NEXT DOOR: 8.0 p.m. Introductory Session (St. Mary's Hall, Twickenham).
- Feb. 2.—Candlemas: 9.0 a.m. Holy Communion; 4.30 p.m. Children's Service.
- 6.—2.45 p.m. Film about the Women's World Day of Prayer (Methodist Hall).
- 8.—Ash Wednesday; 7.15 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion; 2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union Service.
- 10-12.—LEE ABBEY WEEKEND at High Leigh — "The Church for others."
- 10.—WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Services in the Congregational Church at 3.0 & 8.0 p.m.
- Mar. 10-21.—EXHIBITION "TASK 6" (St. Matthew Church, Fulham).
- 15.—7.45 p.m. ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (H).
- Sept. 15-18.—PARISH WEEKEND (Hildenborough Hall).

BAPTISM

- Jan. 1.—William Robert Tipper, 16, Bushy Park Gardens.

BURIAL & CREMATIONS

- Dec. 12.—Catherine Mary Van-den-Biggelaar, 149, High Street, aged 55 years (at S.W. Middlesex Crematorium).
- 23.—Amy Elizabeth Lush, 28, Windmill Road, aged 80 years.
- Jan. 4.—James Nuttall Cornish, 58, St. James's Road, aged 65 years (at S.W. Middlesex Crematorium).