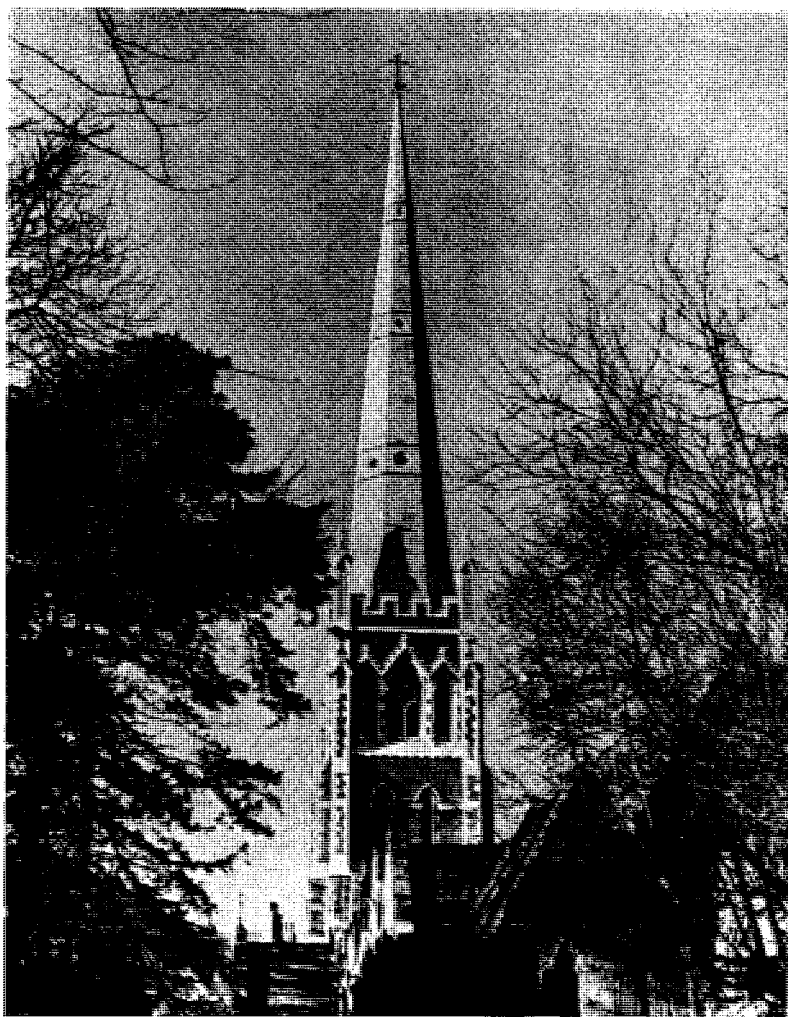


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SUNDAY SERVICES AND MEETINGS

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.
		and at Parish Communion by arrangement (14 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	11.15 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.

EMERGENCY HELP

If you are in difficulties, with no one to turn to, telephone:

977-1602 (from 7.30 a.m. until 12.00 noon)

979 7357 (from noon onwards)

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF STEWARDSHIP

About sixty people pleasantly filled the hall on November 20, and after enjoying the refreshment (allegedly more frugal this year but to the uninitiated equally delicious and plentiful as heretofore) listened with interest to Miss D. Fisher's excellent talk on her work as a Good Samaritan. This culminated in the speaker being handed a cheque for £10 as a practical token of St. James's recognition of the splendid work done by this body. The talk will be reported in a later issue.

The Stewardship report was given this year in the form of questions and answers. Mr. G. I. Robinson was in the Chair, the questioners were Mesdames Childs and Gostling and Messrs. Brittain, Martin Edmonds and Meyer, and the Answering Panel consisted of the Vicar, Mr. Bridges, Mr. Rockliffe and Mrs. Severn.

We were reminded that the concept of 'Stewardship' lies in the acknowledgment that God is the true owner of all we have and are and that we are His stewards in respect of our personalities, time and property, and we render account to God accordingly.

The first Christian Giving Scheme in the parish was in 1957, but in 1961, it was felt that outside help was needed if progress were to be made and so the Wells Organisation was called in. In 1966 the parish adopted the Diocesan Scheme with its more spiritual approach and equal consideration being given to the value of time devoted to service and in worship as to the more material gifts. The P.C.C. makes the most careful plans and efforts to see that St. James's resources are used in the best possible way. By and large, affairs run satisfactorily, but in a forward-looking church aspiration should always outstrip actual achievement.

As for our Income, over the years this has steadily declined. In 1961, 242 families pledged a sum of £10,500 over a period of three years. At the outset of the Diocesan Scheme 166 families pledged and in 1967 the number was 167. This year there are only 110 families in the financial scheme. Over the years, thirty families have moved away from the area. In view of the small numbers the income expectation of £2,900 has been realised this year and this is solely due to the rebate from Income Tax on covenanted money. In 1967 this was £577, the following year £629 and this year £715.

Mr. Rockliffe was asked to explain once more **WHAT IS A COVENANT?** If a person paying the standard rate of tax undertakes to give from his income a fixed amount for 7 years this will be treated for tax purposes as the income of the **recipient** and taxed at the appropriate rate. A Parochial Church Council is exempt from paying income tax and therefore can recover from Inland Revenue the tax the donor has paid on his contribution. With the standard rate of tax at 8s. 3d. in the £1 a person paying tax at that rate has to earn £1 in order to give away 11s. 9d. (the other 8s. 3d. having gone to Inland Revenue). If he signs a Deed of Covenant for 11s. 9d. in favour of his P.C.C. the P.C.C. reclaims the 8s. 3d. In other words—Donor earns £1 out of which 11s. 9d. goes to P.C.C. and 8s. 3d. to I.R., who refund this amount to P.C.C.—therefore P.C.C. receives the full £1. **SIMPLE AND VERY EFFECTIVE!**

How binding is a Covenant? It usually automatically terminates on the donor's death and if the donor moves to another parish he can instruct the P.C.C. to transfer the whole or part, including recovered tax, to another P.C.C. The only form to be filled in is the initial deed

and a yearly certificate of Deduction of Income tax sent to him by the treasurer. Payment by Banker's Order in appropriate cases lessens the trouble to the donor still further.

What is being done to bring in more people? This is the constant care of the Stewardship Committee. A larger poster in the church explains that we are a stewardship church and the ideal way is to have New Members' Parties when stewardship is explained to those having shown sufficient interest, and then families are visited to discuss the form of their pledge. Of late there have been insufficient new members for parties and so individual approach has been made. **In spite of everything the church authorities do, participation or non-participation is in exact ratio to the will of the individual.**

Why do we need money over and above the bare sum needed to keep the material church running? The Church has duties wider than its own congregation, i.e., in our parish, diocese, country and overseas. St. James's is one of the churches which regularly pay their Diocesan Quota (this goes to help survival of churches poorer than we are and without this money they could not continue to exist). In 1968 out of our total income of £3,145 the D.Q. was £406. As we of St. James' remember that the Church operates in a needy world we respect the charge laid upon us by Christ its founder and we give to charity. We are part of a family and thus share with our poorer brethren. This does not mean that individuals should not retain enough to give to charities of their own choosing but on their behalf it is fitting that some of their donation should go to help fulfil their church's obligation. Besides, we all know that we sometimes intend to give and then we forget! St. James's does not forget and most of its members are glad that an increasing share of our income is going to charity and we are, in our small way an inspiration to other churches to go and do likewise.

We do not run fêtes as at the outset we promised that the donor's giving should suffice and it would be wrong to expect him to give, over and above what he has pledged, to further demands. There is, of course, nothing against private individuals running functions for their particular charities which people can support or not as they freely choose. Social functions are run by the Social Committee to give pleasure and to promote good fellowship. They are non-profit-making and should a profit be made it is put towards a better "do" at the next function. (For example, the Fireworks Party is a service to the Parish at large which it obviously very much enjoys. A little reflection should make it obvious that at the prices charged no cash benefit can accrue to St. James's — only the goodwill of the parish).

To join the Stewardship Scheme, approach any member of the Stewardship Committee and arrange a visit and complete a Promise Card. Those for financial giving and for the giving of Time and Talents are similar. Money is given either in the weekly envelopes of which every member receives a year's supply or by Banker's Order. Only two people will ever know the amount of your financial pledge — the visitor and the Recorder. No one else knows. Every member is given a number and even the Vicar does not know to whom the numbers apply. If the circumstances of the donors change and they wish to alter their pledge they should, ideally, apply to their original visitor or else to a Stewardship Committee member or the Recorder, Mr. Rockliffe.

The Time and Talents Scheme is the means of assuring that there

is an opportunity for everyone to offer what they are good at (as well as time for prayer and worship). If you have a particular skill or just a desire to help join this scheme and do what you are suitable for and enjoy doing it. Contact Stewardship Committee or Mrs. Orton, Recorder. Poster sites are always needed and people willing to draw posters, caterers, helpers with social functions, choir members, servers. The Scouts and Guides are desperate for help as are the Sunday Schools and the Churchyard Guardians. People willing to act as distributors over a small area are urgently needed and people willing to give one hour per month on a Friday morning to dust the church. St. James's is literally calling out for your help. It may be that you have offered and not been called upon. There are some aspects of Time and Talents for which there have been little demand. In some cases it has not been found practicable to make use of the help offered—in other words—the labour involved in contacting the help is much greater than the job itself.

Newcomers' Parties have been run for a number of years and are part of St. James's Social Services. We try to make contact with everyone moving into our parish. They are given a Welcome Booklet setting out local facilities and are invited to partake of Refreshments and to see slides and hear a talk on the History of Hampton Hill. The idea is to make them feel welcome, help them to feel at home and to give them opportunity to meet other newcomers—often their near neighbours with whom it is pleasant to hear them striking up friendships. There is no charge, it is just a service willingly provided by a caring Church.

So much for the Review—it is always much more interesting to participate in than to read about. If on reading this you are tempted to join in, if you haven't already, yield to that temptation and become a closer member of the family of St. James than you are already. The gain will be yours both in the good you achieve and in the closer ties you form with your fellows and with your God.

M.O.

TUESDAY CLUB

We have a very interesting programme arranged for the New Year. Our first meeting after the Christmas Holiday will be on January 13 when Mrs. Gwen Champniss will be speaking to us about her life in journalism. We can also look forward to such speakers as Mrs. B. Harris our Mayoress, Mr. R. Salmons and Mrs. J. Gerrard.

HAMPTON HILL OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COMMITTEE

It is with regret that we have to report that Mr. Thomson, our Rhyming Minutes Secretary, died suddenly at his home on November 24. We, at the Forget-me-not Club, will miss him very much.

St. James's Mothers' Union entertained us on Thursday, December 4, to a non-stop Variety Performance. One of our "regulars" was heard to say "Mothers' Union?—they are more like Young Wives!" Thank you very much M.U. for a pleasant afternoon.

L.M.

WHIST DRIVE—WAYSIDE DECEMBER 2

St. James's first Whist Drive for many years proved to be an hilarious and noisy occasion at which good will was more in evidence

than skill perhaps but Mrs. Valerie Maddox, Mrs. Eila Severn and Mr. Bussey took prizes for their high scores, closely followed by Mrs. Coley, whilst Mr. Jack Gostling ended up a good-natured "Booby." Mr. Dennis Leatherdale was an efficient Master of Ceremonies over the seven full tables.

The Social Committee have decided to run another Drive on February 4. Don't stay away because you do not know how to play. Learners wearing L plates will feel quite at home amongst the many novices and Ladies wearing "Gentlemen" labels! Most of those present professed a cheerful ignorance of the finer points of the game but everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly—even the gentleman whose king I trumped!

M.O.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PARTY

This will be held on January 10, 1970 and will be a "Wild West" one—come and enjoy the fun for all the family. Tickets are 5/- for adults 3/6 for children under 14.

The Social Committee would welcome gifts of unwanted cutlery to help catering for "plate meals." Contact Mrs. Severn please.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

I hope no one imagines that because there has been no M.U. report of late that the Branch has ceased to function!

In October we tried the experiment of holding an evening Jumble Sale which proved very successful and added over £17 to our funds. We depend on the money obtained from these efforts to subsidise members' subscriptions, to pay the general expenses of the Branch and to provide money for the various funds to which we subscribe. We are most grateful to all those who helped us in any way. Both Welfare and the Children's Society benefitted from some of the good "left-overs."

Mrs. Page's talk on her work as a Health Visitor was most stimulating and provoked some lively discussion. We were all interested in the talks our speaker had given to senior pupils in Girls' Schools, and the questions these had inspired.

On November 11 several members attended the M.U. Overseas Sale in Church House, and helped on the Overseas Stall—always a very busy place as the goods displayed on it are many and varied, coming as they do from all parts of the world. In 1970, London Diocese will be responsible for staffing and stocking a stall—"Housewives' Choice." Usually London members are committed to staffing the Overseas Stall, or to providing lunches and teas. Over £7800 was raised by the two day sale, and all of this will be needed for the coming year's work Overseas.

Our A.G.M. was postponed until December, and as no elections are due until November 1970, consisted of reports from the Secretary, Mrs. Bellingham, and Treasurer, Mrs. Young; Mrs. Edmonds reported a small balance in the Tea Fund which she administers. The following day we entertained members of the Forget-Me-Not-Club with song, dance and story. We had great fun rehearsing all the items, and were glad that the audience was so appreciative. We shall be giving a repeat performance in Wayside on Wednesday, January 7, so come along to

the M.U. party, and enjoy the traditional hot mince-pies.

Please make an effort to come to Church on Tuesday, January 13, when from 2.30 — 2.45 p.m. we shall be joining in the Wave of Prayer for the Diocese of Sierra Leone with which our own Diocese is linked; if you are prevented by illness from joining us, please use the Overseas prayers during that quarter-hour.

I.V.R.

THE BOOKSTALL

The bookstall continues to do business in a modest way, but the system of recording the sales has not proved to be very satisfactory. In future we would ask purchasers to write the name of the book which they have bought and the date in a notebook which will be provided on the bookstall-table, and to put the money in the appropriate section of the box on the wall opposite.

THE BISHOP WAND SCHOOL

After years of discussion and planning, and months of building, our Church Secondary School has opened. On September 9 180 boys and girls were admitted in 4 first forms and 2 second forms. At a memorable Service the same afternoon the Bishop of Kensington hallowed the School, dedicating it to the glory of God and to the service of the children.

The Bishop Wand School has splendid new buildings and spacious grounds and is a stone's-throw from Upper Halliford Station, on the Shepperton Line, as well as close to a number of bus routes. It is, of course, designed particularly as a "follow-on" to the excellent Church Primary Schools in the Deaneries of Hampton and Staines, although, naturally, children from other schools will be eligible.

There can be few better equipped schools in the country. The School seems to have every educational aid: the staff are well qualified and experienced: the academic staff are, naturally, graduates (the majority of them of Cambridge University!).

The Bishop Wand School offers full Secondary Education for the whole ability range, from 11 to 18 years: there are 5 and 7 year courses which will lead to O and A level and University entrance standard. It is gratifying to see that Church parents whose children have passed the "11-plus" have sent them to the Bishop Wand School; they know that the education they will receive is academically as good as that available in any local school, and they value highly the additional benefits of a Christian foundation.

The School does, indeed, aim to provide education which is Christian in principle and practice. Its purpose is to enable every child to develop his or her potential to the full, within, and for, a community where each individual matters. The standards that the School shows, and expects, in work and behaviour are naturally of the highest, and the co-operation of parents is sought in ensuring that home and school present a uniform front over these matters.

The Headmaster and staff believe that education is a partnership of home, Church and school, and close links between parents, clergy and teachers are being fostered.

There were something like 300 applicants for 120 first-form places for September 1969. But although the numbers wishing to come will

probably increase yearly, the Governors are very anxious that prior consideration should be given to the children of practising Christian families. We hope that the School will soon be accepted by all Church people as first choice for their children's second stage of education.

Our prayers and good wishes go with the School, its Headmaster and its staff in these early days. May it grow in stature and effectiveness; through the Children it trains, may it serve both nation and Church, and thus serve God Himself.

(If you would like your child considered for a place at the School, you should write to the Headmaster, Mr. D. G. Jones, M.A., at the School, (Layton's Lane, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex), asking for an application form).

LOCAL CHEMISTS' OUT-OF-HOURS DISPENSING SERVICE

Week Beginning:

- Jan. 4.—H. Hall, 62, High Street, Hampton Hill.
- „ 11.—F. G. Martin, 28B, Priory Road, Hampton.
- „ 18.—Mrs. C. T. Lea, 193, High Street, Hampton Hill.
- „ 25.—F. G. Martin, 3, Station Approach, Hampton.

SOME DATES TO NOTE

- Jan. 6.—The Epiphany: Holy Communion at 9.00 a.m.
- „ 7.—2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union: Entertainment and Party (W).
- „ 9.—10.30 a.m. Editorial Board (34, Burton's Road).
- „ 10.—7.45 p.m. Parish Christmas—'Wild West'—Party (Hall).
- „ 12.—8.00 p.m. Committee of Hampton Council of Churches (80, Ormond Avenue).
- „ 13.—2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union: Wave of Prayer; 8.00 p.m. Tuesday Club (W).
- „ 14.—8.00 p.m. Parochial Church Council (W.).
- „ 18-25.—WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
(Local events will be detailed on leaflet shortly available: amongst them two united services—one at the church of St. Michael and St. George, Fulwell, on Wednesday, January 21, at 8.00 p.m., when the Vicar of St. Mary's Twickenham, will preach, and the other in our church on the Thursday, when the Methodist minister, the Reverend Peter Mundy, will preach, and the striking Christian Aid film "The Vicious Spiral" will be shown).
- „ 19.—8.15 p.m. Properties Committee (36, St. James's Road).
- „ 26.—The Conversion of St. Paul: Holy Communion at 9.00 a.m.: Mothers' Union Overseas Meeting begins at 10.45 a.m. at Mary Sumner House.
- „ 27.—8.00 p.m. Liturgical Committee (90, Ormond Drive); 8.00 p.m. Tuesday Club (W.).
- „ 28.—2.30 p.m. Magazine Committee (34, Burton's Road); Stewardship Committee (106, Park Road).

BAPTISM

On November 30:

Fleur Goram, 83, Park Road.