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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.

## **GLEANINGS FROM MR. GERALD HEATH'S TALK ON EIGHTEENTH CENTURY HAMPTON**

**DID YOU KNOW** that the 1774 Station Road, Hampton, was called Smokey Hill Lane, and that Hampton was composed of many small fields dotted around the owners' houses? There were many picturesque names—Hagbush Shot, Pillory Mead, Up and Down Close, Crab Tree Close and Love Lane Close to name but a few. Then there were the Westfield, The Downs, The Old Field, Fulmar Field, New Field and Warfield, whilst our part of the parish was simply known as The Waste!

The old Work House was called The Cross House and stood just behind where the White Hart (once the Six Bells) is now.

**DID YOU KNOW** that most of this information comes from the Property Manor Books of Hampton Court Baron which used to sit under the Steward or his deputy and with a Jury or Homage of fourteen parishioners?

**DID YOU KNOW** that Eighteenth Century Bell Ringers were kept very busy—they earned their beer—ringing on all sorts of different occasions over and above the call to prayer? For instance, on Gunpowder Plot night, for sundry victories, and "Thanksgiving for the Queen's Delivery" (Poor Anne, fifteen times they rang for these poor babes and none lived to grow up!).

**DID YOU KNOW** that the Duke's Head was once called The Maiden's Head, and that the pleasant residence now known as Compton was, until 1914, The White Horse (you can still see traces of the sign on the side of the house), and before that, in 1770, it was The Londonderry Arms? To stay on the subject of pubs, The World's End was going strong in 1770. I wonder why it was called that—perhaps in those days it was way out on the heath.

**DID YOU KNOW** that many well known people lived in Hampton in the 1770s, and that it was a very fashionable and wealthy residential area? Edward Lovibond, minor Eighteenth Century poet, lived locally. His friend and executor was Capability Brown. Lovibond was a collector of paintings, many of which Walpole subsequently acquired for Strawberry Hill.

Thomas, mainstay of Drury Lane, famous for his portrayal of Sir Peter Teazle in *School for Scandal*, lived in Hampton and was robbed by highwaymen on his way home—probably on The Waste (Hampton Hill!).

(To be Concluded)

### **NEWS FROM AFRICA**

#### **Extracts from Susan Howard's letters from St. Mary's Mission Hospital, Nr. Oshikaugo, Ovamboland, South-West Africa**

The Mission is quite big, rather sprawling, and probably covers about half a square mile. The hospital has five wards—the "kids" is the biggest, with about twelve beds, plus a few patients out on the stoep, and a few wrapped up in blankets in various odd corners. The African nurses are sweet although they

don't understand if they don't want to! They asked Mary and me over to their hostel on the Mission, to have some local beer, "Omuludu"—it's sandy-mud coloured with about half-inch of local sand in the bottom, very murky and has leaves and twigs floating on it.

The Matron and Nancy (who is middle-aged and has been on the mission for years) will do outpatients between them, and I will be left to run inpatients. I've learnt some Kwangama, but it doesn't sound the same as the locals speak! I manage "good morning", "how are you" with the outpatients sometimes and they think that's fine and go off into reams of speech thinking I understand perfectly!

Oshikaugo is about four miles away, there is a post office, a policeman—Mauvel whom we see occasionally, and Sid the customs man, as it's on the Angola border. Apart from this we are quite isolated. Oudangua is, I think, forty miles south, and Oshikato is about sixty miles away, and they've a cinema twice a week.

The food is lovely—plenty of fresh meat, as it comes from Tsumeb weekly, and we keep it in oil-fired refrigerators.

My biggest problem really is getting to know the nurses (which can only come with time) especially as they speak Kwangama amongst themselves. Diagnosis and treatment is also a headache—they have such funny fevers and temperatures, and it is very difficult to tell when a black person is pale and anaemic!

(November) It's just coming into the summer season, and this is the time when it rains—it seems all backwards, and apparently when it rains it comes down in sheets, and the maize begins to shoot up, and everyone is busy ploughing and later reaping. The trouble is everyone here tries to cultivate "greenery" of any sort, and the numerous animals wandering around eat it all—so there is very little green left below goat level, and the low trees look as though they've had a short back and sides.

Last Sunday I did my first trip alone, that is, without another European, or anyone who speaks English! Of course, the Land Rover broke down—I was taking three patients to Oshikati, the State Hospital, sixty-four miles away (there are only two towns in Ovamboland—Oshikati and Oudangua) and luckily I was only two miles from Oshikaugo and the customs post on the Angola border.

They still have witchdoctors here—and a lot of patients are quite ill when they come to hospital as they have been to the witchdoctors first, and have been given pills, potions, herbs and called on the spirits, and have charged them tremendous fees, although they're half dead before they come to the hospital.

Tuesday was the end of term for the students, and they had a service of "Nine Lessons and Carols"—all in Kwangama—but

mostly the same tunes as we know—it was quite lovely. Eileen and I were determined to sing the last one “O Come all ye Faithful” in English—but were stared at by all and sundry. We were sitting on the floor, as is quite often the case if you’re late, there are so few benches. They seemed to have ten verses, so when we ran out of the ones we knew we started from the beginning again! This time there were only a few dogs in the congregation but quite a few babies being breast-fed, and others eating bread! Still, it was the true spirit of Christmas.

### **THE MOTHERS’ UNION**

At the December meeting we welcomed visitors from the Congregational Church, St. Mary’s, Hampton, and from our own Parish. Mrs. Mary Bean, assisted by her husband, the Rev. Douglas Bean, a Minor Canon of St. Paul’s Cathedral, gave us a foretaste of Christmas in a poetry and song recital. Husband and wife joined in singing carols both ancient and modern—with guitar accompaniment by Mr. Bean. Mrs. Bean sang solos, and read appropriate poems in a clear, unaffected voice. All present agreed that we could have listened for an even longer time to this accomplished and sincere pair.

On Friday, January 15, we shall be joining in the Wave of Prayer from 3.15–3.30 p.m., during which time we shall be remembering especially our Linked Diocese of Sierra Leone.

On Monday, January 25, the Overseas Meeting will be held in the Assembly Hall, Mary Sumner House, from 10.45 a.m.–2.30 p.m. Mrs. Varah, the new Central President, will speak on her visits to Sierra Leone and to Nigeria in the August of last year. (It may not be generally known that Mrs. Varah has attended services in our church on several occasions when she was visiting Mrs. Leach, who until recently was living in Miss Stanton’s house.) Those who go to this meeting are asked to take sandwiches, coffee will be provided. After the lunch break Sister Felicity, C.R., will give an illustrated talk on “The work of an Anglican Women’s Community in South Africa”. Mrs. Lambert would like to see as many members present as possible, their friends too; both speakers will have much to tell us. Do try to come, it is not meant for Overseas Representatives only.

Mrs. Betty Parnell, of St. Stephen’s, East Twickenham, has been appointed as the new Deanery Presiding Member, and will be admitted to that Office at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, February 22, at St. Stephen’s Church. This service will take the place of the annual Deanery Festival this year, so please make a note of the date in your diary. We should like to see a large number from this Branch present. It is hoped to have a social gathering afterwards at which a presentation to Mrs. Marjorie Brown, the much loved retiring D.P.M., will be made. Mrs. Minall, of All Saints’, Hampton, is my successor as Deanery Secretary; both Mrs. Brown and myself have served for nine years in our respective offices.

I.V.R.

## **TUESDAY CLUB**

At our last meeting on December 8 we had a very pleasant evening when Lady Connor demonstrated for us various Christmas arrangements. She also gave us many useful ideas and showed us how to make our own paper flowers. I am sure that some very glamorous efforts adorned our tables at Christmas time.

On January 12 we should have opened with a social evening, with plenty of fun and games, not to mention good things to eat and drink.

Mrs. Krishna will be our speaker on January 26, her talk will be about the life of a middle-class Indian woman.

On February 9, a member of the staff of Squires' Garden Centre will be giving us a talk illustrated with slides.

M.R.

## **THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP**

Christmas time for Y.P.F. means the annual festive event of Carol Singing on Christmas Eve, starting at Laurel Dene at 6.15 and ending at the Church for the Midnight Service.

It also means preparations commencing in earnest for our annual Easter holiday, which this year takes us to the wild Welsh coast of Pembrokeshire. Funds are required, so have your jumble ready for us in February!

We still meet every Sunday and also on Friday evening (when we are designing and installing a mural) so if any young people would like to join us, please come along to Wayside at eight o'clock, and you will be made very welcome.

M.C.E.

## **PARISH CAROLS**

Under the heading "To Cheer Them Up", the Richmond and Twickenham Times says "Members of St. James' Church brought some Christmas cheer to the parish when they went Carol Singing around the area on Tuesday night—the aim was not to collect money, but to wish a merry Christmas to the parish."

Between forty and fifty people of all ages made up the party and a goodly sound was produced. This year we had a large banner which read "St. James' wishes you a Merry Christmas". This was manfully carried the whole evening by two choir boys. We sang first at Taylor Close where the people stood at their windows to listen, thence to Chelsea Close, Vincent Close, Fitzwygram Close, Fairlight, the Old People's Home in Uxbridge Road, and then back to Wayside for the traditional hot coffee and mince pies.

For the writer, Christmas really begins with this simple service to the parish—it was particularly nice this year to be joined by the Y.P.F. and by several newcomers to our village.

M.O.

## WHIST DRIVE

Having nothing else to do, I decided that I would go along with other members of my family to St. James's Whist Drive. I was rather apprehensive at first, having no idea how to play the game, let alone understand the complicated procedure of moving up or down a table according to whether one was a winner or loser! However, after the initial game played under guidance—whist was soon proved to be a friendly, sociable game, very much enjoyed, it seems, by all who attended—and there was a wide variety of ages there.

We were served with coffee and light snacks at about half way, and continued playing until we were stopped to total our score cards. It was a pleasant surprise to see some people receive prizes—and they were given to both winners and losers, and since I fell somewhere in the middle I too felt I had managed quite well—a cunning piece of handling by the organisers that rounded off a very pleasant evening.

## EDWARDIAN EVENING

On February 20 there is to be an Edwardian (Victorian if you prefer) Evening in the Parish Hall; price, including appropriate refreshments, will be 5s. Men, turn up your collars and put on a cravat, ladies, a long skirt, school boater, flounces and tulle and you will all look the part! Come and join in the Old Time Fun; entertainment will be provided from within the parish. Tickets from all members of the Social Committee.

## KEEP FIT

Make a New Year's Resolution! Be exercised! Be trim! Be fit! BE DETERMINED! Incidentally, be entertained! and join the other would-be (and some jolly well are!) sylphs, who meet in the Parish Hall on Friday afternoons at 2 p.m.

## SOME DATES TO NOTE

January

- 15 3.15 p.m. Mothers' Union: Wave of Prayer (church).
- 17 5.15 p.m. St. James's leads service at Laurel Dene.
- 18 to 25 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.
- 19 7.00 p.m. Junior Confirmation Group begins weekly meetings again (Vestry).
- 20 8.00 Parochial Church Council (W).
- 22 7.30 p.m. Mass with prayers for unity at the Church of St. Francis, followed by ecumenical social evening in the hall, with special speaker.
- 24 No evening Service at St. James's: we are invited to a UNITED SERVICE at the CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH at 7.00 p.m.
- 25 THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL. 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Editorial Board (25 St. James's Road). 10.45 a.m. Mothers' Union Overseas Meeting (Mary Sumner

- House). 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. Deanery Synod (St. Mary's Hall, Twickenham). 8.15 p.m. Properties Committee (151 Uxbridge Road).
- 26 8.00 p.m. Tuesday Club: Speaker—Mrs. Krishna (W). 8.00 p.m. Hampton Council of Churches (All Saints' Church Porch).
- 27 6.30 and 8.15 p.m. Diocesan Stewardship Meetings (Church House, Westminster).

#### February

- 2 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLE-MAS). 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion. (Possibility of Children's Service and Tea in the afternoon being discussed.)
- 9 8.00 p.m. Tuesday Club (W).
- 20 8.00 p.m. Edwardian Evening (Hall).
- 21 6.30 p.m. Members of the Young People's Fellowship lead the Evening Service.

### BAPTISMS

#### December

- 21 Mark Andrew Campbell, 16 Eastbank Road.  
Susan Ann Campbell, 16 Eastbank Road.  
Daniel Joseph Steel, 191a Uxbridge Road.

### MARRIAGE

#### November

- 21 Frank Charles Moore to Veronica Lilian Irwin.

### BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

#### November

- 10 Leonard Easton, 1 Fairlight, Uxbridge, aged 73 years (at Hampton Cemetery).
- 13 Elsie Maria Draper, 6 Willowbrook, St. James' Road, aged 81 years.
- 20 Maude Mary Moorey, 40 Edward Road, aged 73 years (at Kingston Crematorium).
- 26 Helen Winifred Slade, 8 Sherwood Road, aged 69 years (at South-west Middlesex Crematorium).

#### December

- 11 Ada Mary Perkins, Laurel Dene, aged 80 years (at Teddington Cemetery).
- 31 William Charles Eustace Kilby, 7 Rectory Grove, aged 62 years (at Twickenham Cemetery).

#### January

- 1 Frederick Charles Baldwin, 4 Willowbrook (at South-west Middlesex Crematorium).