

Do come to the
ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING
at the
PARISH HALL
on
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21
preceded at 7.30 p.m. by
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
SLIDES OF Y.P.F. HOLIDAYS AND DISPLAY STANDS

MORE NEWS FROM AFRICA

Extracts from letters of Clare Brunt at St. Mark's College, near Choma, Zambia:

"The journey down from Lusaka took three hours, mostly through dry scrub. The last forty miles was on a very bumpy track of a bush road. Now at last I feel I really am in Africa with hippos, monkeys, crocodiles; the colours of the brilliant flowers, the butterflies and the birds. I should think this must be an ornithologist's paradise."

"The villages round are very poor. The school seems to be poor and I was disappointed to find that there are no labs. for agricultural science, and it is very hot—92°F. in the shade—to be working out of doors."

"We have just had 'mocks'. Public exams. are so important to the boys, who all want to go into professions, that they feel very much under pressure. Two boys had hysteria. Some of the others said they had been bewitched and were pushing smouldering twigs up their noses to drive out the evil spirit. One of them was taken off to hospital and the other recovered in a few hours."

"We have moved into our house. It hasn't been lived in for some time. There is no door to my bedroom, the fridg. doesn't work and there is, as yet, no cooker. On the first night cockroaches crawled over my bed and some mice in a chest of drawers steadily gnawed through my soap and indigestion tablets! When the rains came water poured through the hole in the roof and put out the electric lights but electrified the wet walls so that I had to use the rubber handle of my torch to open the front door."

"We now have a cat, Priscilla, who is getting rid of the mice and cockroaches."

"Yesterday I saw my first snake—a five-foot green one curled up in a tree outside the science block. It was a poisonous one and two men climbed up and brought it down alive to send

to the Livingstone Museum.”

“The staff is truly international—Zambian, American, French, Indian, English, etc. We teach in English but many of the new students find it difficult to write or speak and need practice for a week or two. Some of the older ones (18–22) would like to have English pen friends. Can you find a boy or girl who would like to write occasionally?”

“Last week twenty boys were confirmed by Bishop Philoman. He was the first head boy of St. Mark’s. He is now over sixty and very sweet.”

“On Speech Day the parents were very appreciative about the work done at the school. The District Governor came and was most complimentary about the agricultural department.”

After a fantastic journey up to Dar-es-Salaam, Christmas was spent climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, 19,700 feet. “I can quite believe it when they say that climbing Kili you pass through every type of vegetation in Africa.” At the end of the second day’s climbing they reached the Horomoto Hut—“As it was Christmas Eve we decorated it with paper decorations. Someone made a Christmas wreath and we got out some candles. We had a chicken dinner and Christmas pudding and someone managed to give us all a Christmas stocking.. We sang Christmas carols—the guides and porters joined with us and sang carols in Swahili.”

For lack of funds two of them had to “hitch” back to Zambia. “We met some very kind people. At one stage we were dropped at a village in the middle of nowhere and had a long time to wait for the next vehicle to come by. The villagers invited us into their houses—mud huts—and gave us tea and cakes though our conversation was very limited as we had little Swahili. We then had a slow lift for more than 200 miles on an enormous lorry. The Somali driver insisted on providing our food and finding places for us to stay. He introduced us to the fraternity of Somali lorry drivers who were a very kindly crowd. Our next hitch was 800 miles with two lorries in convoy and we earned our keep by shoving boulders under the lorry wheels when they got stuck going up the hills.”

After spending the rest of the holiday at various Agricultural Research stations—“It is good to be back at St. Mark’s and getting on with some plans for next term.”

AN EDWARDIAN EVENING

On Saturday February 20 in a packed Parish Hall, we were entertained by a large cast of local talent to an evening of Old Time Music Hall.

The audience, most of whom had dressed up for the occasion, played their parts admirably, even though Edwardian was taken rather loosely to be circa 1600–1920.

It is hardly fair to pick out individuals, but Jack Ford’s “fairy” was an obvious winner. The slightly passé can-can girls

had been directed to appear exhausted—their acting was truly realistic!

The stars of the evening were obviously the Vicar and Mrs. Brunt, who gave us a brief sketch about the matrimonial trials of a suffragette. Many of the women in the audience must have felt that things had not changed much in sixty years.

It was altogether a rollocking evening. Where else, in these days of inflation, could you get such an excellent entertainment, a couple of glasses of wine and roast beef sandwiches all for the modest sum of 25p?

Many thanks are due to the Social Committee and their helpers for arranging such an enjoyable evening.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP : EVENING SERVICE

There was a large congregation to enjoy this imaginatively conceived and beautifully arranged Service on February 1—and enjoy it they did to judge from the comments I heard.

Nikki Hardy's lovely voice coming out of the shadows, singing the solo "Turn your Eyes upon Jesus" set the reverent scene for the O.T. reading and the prayers. Hazel Gubbins' distinctive singing and skilful guitar-playing of "Can it be True?" was quite beautiful, and Tony Hillier's pleasingly deep baritone blended perfectly. (Hazel is also to be congratulated for stepping in at literally the last moment to lead the prayers, which she did very calmly.) The congregation did justice to "He's got the Whole World in His Hands" and to the lovely chorus of "Just a closer walk with Jesus."

For me the highlight of the Service was Andrew Wood's simple, direct and clear reading of John I, v. 1-5. It was easy for anyone in the know to detect the integrity of Andrew's touch in the presentation of the Service, and in the play "Come Fly With Me"; surely an excellent use of experience gained behind the scenes in the H.G.S. Drama productions. The play was very well cast and the action well presented and performed. The choice we all have between "flying" or remaining "earth-bound" came over very clearly. Very good indeed, I thought, were the quiet, reverent movements of the participants to and from their appointed places, throughout the whole Service.

I left the church very proud of St. James' Y.P.F., and hope that this Service may perhaps be the first of a series.

M.O.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

Miss Hannah Stanton gave us a very interesting talk on her work in Africa at our February meeting, and with the help of slides we were able to picture a little where she worked and lived for a number of years.

On February 22 a number of us witnessed the Admission Service for the new Presiding Member, Mrs. Betty Parnell, at St.

Stephen's Church, Twickenham. We also gave our thanks and bade farewell to Mrs. Brown, who after nine years of office is leaving the diocese shortly and is moving to Dorset.

The Pageant which members of the Mothers' Union Branch are presenting at Evensong on Mothering Sunday is based on the Mothers' Union Prayer. The original idea came from Mrs. Beverley Bannett, Enrolling Member of St. Mary's Mothers' Union, Karori, Wellington, New Zealand. It was first performed on the occasion of the centenary of St. Mary's Church, Karori, in 1966. It has since been performed by a Branch in Cheshire which is linked to the Karori M.U. Branch.

Mrs. Lambert, Chairman of London Diocese M.U. Overseas Department, passed it to me, hoping that our members would perform it at some suitable time—Mothering Sunday seemed the ideal time. Please join us at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday March 21 and learn more about our M.U. ideals.

We are holding a Jumble Sale on Friday April 2 and will be glad of any articles that are unwanted.

Another date to note—on April 7 our annual Austerity Lunch will be served from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in Wayside, the proceeds of which will be sent to Christian Aid; afterwards a film of Oberammergau will be shown.

TUESDAY CLUB

On February 9 Mr. Squires of Squires' Nurseries came and showed us some slides of some gorgeous layouts designed by them for both large and small gardens, many of them containing terraces and walls of various types of stone. Of particular interest, too, were the rockery and water gardens, including one built by three of his men in six hours (husbands take note!). He then ended his talk by answering various queries from members of the audience.

We hope for a good attendance on March 23 when we shall be having a demonstration by Kake Brand on different ways to use their product.

On April 6 we have a Beauty Counsellor coming to give us yet another demonstration, this time on how to make ourselves attractive with the aid of cosmetics.

Mr. Davies, a member of the Molesey Photographic Society, will be our speaker on April 20.

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

In Orme House lived Mrs. Ansell, one of the first to start a girls' school in England, also Thomas Holloway, who engraved the Raphael Cartoons. The Old Grange housed Dr. Griffinhoof, surgeon-apothecary for over sixty years. Nearby lived Theophilus Dillingham, Master of Clare College and Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University. Mr. Coutts of Coutts Bank was living in Hampton in 1778.

Newhouse Farm (known to many as "where Jessie Mathews lived") was once the home of Lord Vere of Hansworth, third son of the first Duke of St. Albans. His son Aubrey became first Duke of St. Albans and lived in St. Alban's House on the river—currently in the news as part of it has tumbled into the road!

In Rosehill (now Hampton Library) lived John Beard, probably the most famous tenor of the Eighteenth Century for whom Handel composed music. (Incidentally, at the first performance of *The Messiah*, George II was so impressed by the Hallelujah Chorus that he stood up, and so started the custom of the audience rising for this piece.)

In 1743 Thomas Arne, a Hampton resident for fourteen years, composed a Trio, part of which became the National Anthem. His first wife, by the way, was Lady Frances Waldegrave, and he was exceedingly wealthy.

In *The Cedars* (now Garrick House) lived the Countess of Pembroke, a famous beauty and bedchamber lady to Queen Charlotte. George III, in one of his fits of mental aberration, was convinced that he was married to this lady, much to her embarrassment.

Hampton Court House was built by the Earl of Halifax for his mistress Mary Ann Faulkner, as was the famous grotto described by Garrick as "So rare, so elegant, so bright, it dazzles as it charms the sight."

David Garrick, most famous of the Hampton residents, was initially on friendly terms with Walpole, who was very impressed by the actor's idea of building a Temple to Shakespeare by the riverside. These two gentlemen "went off each other." later on, possibly through mutual jealousy Garrick arranged a festival to Shakespeare at Stratford, of which Walpole spoke most slightly.

The Twickenham Local History Society are publishing much of the very interesting information which has resulted from all their researches and there are many booklets which can be acquired. Mr. Heath has done a great deal of research and abstracting. His map of Eighteenth Century Hampton is amazingly full of detail, and more information is constantly being added. He is bringing Garrick's Hampton alive. Who more fitted to ask the question, "Did you know . . . ?" and also to supply the answer.

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SOME DATES TO NOTE

March

- 21 Mothering Sunday: 6.30 p.m. Family Service and Pageant, arranged and led by members of the Mothers' Union.
- 22 10.30 a.m. Editorial Board (21 St. James's Road).
- 23 8.00 p.m. Tuesday Club (W).
- 25 The Annunciation: 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion, followed by admission of new members to the Mothers' Union; 8.00 p.m.

- Forum on Faith 5: "After Death . . . ?" (St. Mary's Hall, Hampton).
- 26 8.00 p.m. Liturgical Committee (68 Park Road).
- 28 5.15 p.m. Members of Young People's Fellowship lead service at Laurel Dene.
- 30 8.00 p.m. Third meeting of the Lent series on Prayer and the Spiritual Life, led by Sister Audrey (W).

April

- 1 8.00 p.m. Forum on Faith 6 (last meeting in series): "What about me . . . ?" (St. Mary's Hall, Hampton).
- 2 7.30 p.m. Mothers' Union: Jumble Sale (Hall).
- 3 3.00 p.m. Old People's Party (Hall).
- 4 PALM SUNDAY (Palm crosses, made in three mud villages in the diocese of Masasi in Tanzania, where the income for each mud hut is about £15 a year, will be distributed at all services); 5.15 p.m. Members of the congregation lead service at Laurel Dene.
- 5-6-7-8 HOLY WEEK: Holy Communion daily at 10.00 a.m.; Evening devotional meetings as arranged on March 30.
- 6 8.00 p.m. Tuesday Club (W).
- 7 12.00-2.00 p.m. Austerity Lunch, followed by film of Oberammergau. All proceeds for Christian Aid (W).
- 9 GOOD FRIDAY: 10.00 a.m. Children's Service; 12.00 to 3.00 p.m. The Three Hours' Devotion: "Why did Jesus die . . . and what does this mean for us?"; 3.30 p.m. United Open-air Service on Wensleydale Road triangle.
- 10 9.00 a.m. onwards: Decoration of the church for Easter: gifts of flowers and help in arranging them welcomed.
- 11 EASTER DAY: Holy Communion at 7.00 a.m., 8.00 a.m., and 12.15 p.m.; Parish Communion at 9.30 a.m., followed by the usual light refreshments at Wayside; Evensong at 6.30 p.m.
- 20 8.00 p.m. Tuesday Club (W).
- 21 8.15 p.m. ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING, preceded by social gathering from 7.30 p.m. (Hall).
- 28 7.45 p.m. Newcomers' Party—by invitation (Hall).

BAPTISM

February

- 28 John Stephen Cook, 103 Uxbridge Road.

MARRIAGE

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- 13 Robin Frank Dales to Stella Lois Horwood.

BURIALS

March

- 1 Florence Mary Ladbrook, 38 Cross Street, aged 89 years.
- 2 Maud Clark, 119b High Street, Teddington, aged 81 years.
Nellie Clara Shorto, 14 Edward Road, aged 79 years.