

THE CELEBRATION OF OUR PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Two of the main events of our Patronal Festival on Sunday, July 25 were the Tea Party in the afternoon and the Special Family Service in the evening. Both of these events were attended by more than a hundred people. The Tea Party began at a quarter to five and we were soon enjoying a fine selection of food from sandwiches to creamed cake and ice cream with a full supporting programme of hot tea! The uncertainties of our climate caused an English compromise to be made by the organisers of this Party about its location. The grounds of Wayside are strategically placed between its interior and the Vicarage lawn!

The Tea Party provided a good opportunity for the members of St. James's congregation to meet each other and to welcome to their fellowship those who do not come to our church.

The Tea Party was followed by the Special Family Service in church at six o'clock. This Service was notable for its modern hymn tunes, a spiritual called "Do you know my Lord?" and a short play called "Let's be devils". The combination of these three modernisms in the setting of our Victorian church reminded us of the past, present, and future of our Faith and its challenge to us in our urban environment. For example, the message of the play is to warn us not to lose our tolerance of what is good and not to compromise our conviction of what is bad. Those young people who acted in this play succeeded in conveying this message to me.

Both the Tea Party and the Special Family Service helped to make the Patronal Festival a very happy day.

D.D.

AFTER THE HOLIDAYS—ON WITH THE SHOW!

There is a lull in August, when many of us recuperate after the heavy demands of the past months and prepare to return refreshed to face the strenuous time ahead. But though it may be strenuous, it is very worth-while. Things in the parish start again with a swing and a flourish in September (see "Some Dates to Note"). Choir practices resume on September 3, confirmation classes soon afterwards, and the uniformed organizations after their summer camps begin to meet indoors again. On Sunday September 12 the Sunday Schools re-open, and as this is the beginning of a new school year with fresh courses, it is the best time to enrol—and to find out how interesting and exciting modern methods of teaching the truths of the Faith are. Come along at 11.15 a.m. to Wayside or 2.30 p.m. to Rectory School (Infants 5-7), or to church at 11.00 a.m. (Juniors 7+ -11). Seniors now are catered for by confirmation groups which meet during the week: existing groups cannot take any more members, but new ones will be formed early in 1972.

CHRISTIAN PRESENCE IN SOCIETY

We live in a culture evolved over two thousand years based on Christian principles, but many people are asking "What is the place of Christianity in a society, materialistic and apparently intent on self-destruction?" The following course is organised by the Education Department in conjunction with the Hounslow Council of Churches, at Hounslow Centre of Adult Education, Hounslow Manor School, Holloway Street, Hounslow (off Hounslow High Street), restarting Thursday October 14 at 7.30 p.m.

- Oct. 14 The Christian Presence in a consumer, secular and affluent society.
Lecturer: Mr. R. Hennery, Director C.A.V. Ltd.
- „ 21 The Christian Presence in Management.
Lecturer: Rev. Michael Farrer, I.B.M. Computers Ltd.
- „ 28 The Christian Presence in the Trade Union Movement.
Lecturer: Rev. T. Chapman, Church of England Industrial Council.
- Nov. 4 The Christian Presence in Politics.
Lecturer: The Rt. Hon. Richard Wood, Minister of Overseas Development, H.M. Government.
- „ 11 The Christian Presence in Education.
Lecturer: Mr. Howard Marratt, B.A., B.D., M.TH., Principal Lecturer in R.E., Borough Road College of Education.

Application by post, including fee 63p, to:
The Principal of Adult Education,
Old Town School, School Road,
Hounslow.

Cheques payable to London Borough of Hounslow.

Personal application at enrolment times September 9, 10, 13, 14, 6.30-8.30 p.m., at Hounslow Centre for Adult Education.

ASH-TRAYS

Have you given up smoking? Are there lots of ash-trays about the place? If so, could you spare one or two for use in our Parish Hall? Please contact Mrs. Severn, 979 1954, who will be pleased to collect them from you.

CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS MEDICAL RELIEF IN THE SOUTHERN SUDAN

The Whitsun offerings have amounted to £30, and this is being sent to Dr. Louise Pirouet, who is working in Kampala, Uganda, at Makerere University, and who will see that it is spent on medical necessities for the people in the Southern Sudan.

Dr. Pirouet wrote the other day in great appreciation of the expected gift from St. James's Church, Hampton Hill, and said that our contribution would probably be spent on smallpox vaccine. There are, apparently, two widely separated outbreaks in the Southern Sudan, both quite bad. She and other friends who are in touch with the situation have in fact had to anticipate some of our contribution and go ahead and order, to meet the

urgent demand.

So you see that your gift has been enormously valued, and, as you read this, already some of it is being put to use. Dr. Pirouet will write again, I know, and give us more details.

Very many thanks,

H.S.

“FORGET-ME-NOT” CLUB

Our Club members were entertained to tea by the Vicar and Mrs. Brunt on Thursday, July 15; even the weather was kind. We processed, those who could walk, from Windmill Road School to the Vicarage; we were supplied with musical instruments and led by our “Forget-me-not” Poster and a sandwich man advertising our forthcoming Village Fair in September. As we arrived we were met by Mrs. Brunt, the church struck three and our chairman thought the bells were ringing for us. Incidentally the Vicar had thoughtfully opened the church so that some of our members could go up the tower to see the marvellous view, which couldn't have been clearer, the weather was so good.

We had a lovely tea on the lawn (they did us proud), and after we had left the “family” to do the washing up, we played games, skittles, bagatelle, ping-pong balls in tumblers and shuttlecocks in basket. Prizewinners were Mrs. Hanks with a champion score of 285 in bagatelle (only 6 balls!), Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Winchester and Mrs. Francis. Everyone was very appreciative and one old lady said that she had never had such a lovely party. Miss Chris Hockley said “Thank you” on behalf of the Club, and one lady lost her key.

We were so pleased to be invited to the Clarendon Special School on a Tuesday and Wednesday in June, to the Children's Concert. The first item was Peer Gynt in mime, with the villagers, trolls and pirates. Poor Peer Gynt had a rough time, but he came through unscathed. Next, nursery rhymes, a non-stop variety! The costumes were very good (altogether they were marvellous). Finally Pandora's Box. Pandora herself was lovely in white, and the Evil Spirits were horrid in grey! We were happy when Hope came to the rescue.

Just two disappointments. One, not enough of our people turned up (perhaps 1.30 was a difficult time) and two, we didn't win the Raffle, a pair of Hot Pants! The school is trying to raise funds for a swimming pool, which is really important for these children, but first priority is stage lighting so that they can put on more entertainments during the winter.

L.M.

YOUNG WIVES' BADMINTON CLUB

The Badminton Club meets every Wednesday at 2 p.m. in St. James's Hall and welcomes keen new players. The Club had been run successfully for many years, and mothers can bring along their small children. If you are interested, please get in

touch with the Secretary, Mrs. Susan Brunson on 977 6182. The new season starts September 15, 1971.

S.B.

HARVEST SUPPER

The Harvest Supper tickets should by now be available from the Social Committee at 30p each. Tickets are always in great demand for this and are of necessity limited, so act now for Thursday September 30, 7.30 for 8 p.m.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

The session ended with a service in Church at which Mrs. Gostling was admitted to membership. The Vicar gave an inspiring address on Commitment to Ideals and Causes. The meeting then adjourned to Wayside for tea and discussion of arrangements for the outing to Old Alresford on September 14; Christmas cards and the latest literature were on display.

We resume after the holidays on the **second** Wednesday of September, the 8th, with a service in church at 2.30 p.m. Let us have a full attendance of members then, tea will follow in Wayside. Try and bring a friend or a young mother with you, we have much to offer in our society.

Please save your jumble for our jumble sale on September 25.

I.V.R.

HAMPTON HILL OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COMMITTEE

At Hampton Hill Old People's Welfare Fête on Saturday, September 4, at Holly Road Recreation Ground, St. James's have agreed to stock and staff a Cake Stall. This is not a Mothers' Union effort only, it is for everyone in the Parish who can help. Offers of cakes and help to Mrs. Brunt (979 2069) or to Mrs. Rockliffe (977 4909). Please make this a big success.

LOOK out for the St. James's Float at the Fête!

KESWICK CONVENTION

During the week July 10-17 Hazel Gubbins and I attended the Keswick Convention for the first time. This Convention, held in the midst of the beautiful scenery of the Lake District, is a yearly meeting for Christians of all denominations. It takes the form of daily meetings for prayer, praise, and most interesting talks, given by carefully selected speakers. Each morning there is also an hour's Bible study, this year II Peter. For the younger ones (under 30) there are also Youth meetings.

The highlight of the Convention is the Holy Communion, held on the Friday evening. It was a most uplifting experience to see about 7,000 people all taking Communion together. Immediately after the cups had been returned to the platform all participants were asked to shake hands with their neighbours and say "God Bless you". All 7,000 responded at once.

It is impossible to put all that I felt into one short article,

but throughout the week I had a wonderful sense of peace and Christian fellowship, and to me it was a real milestone.

G.M.G.

THE SCOUT GROUP

After two postponements we at last managed to hold the A.G.M. on June 18, a very bad choice weatherwise.

This year we broke away from our usual procedure and held a Parents' Evening and A.G.M. combined, hoping to interest more parents.

The Cub-Scouts put on a play, followed by a Gym Display by the Scouts. The Vicar then opened the Meeting with a prayer, followed by a short talk on the year's working by the G.S.L. He was happy to report a good year for the Group, our Scout Troop now numbers 30 boys, all but two having gone up from the Cub-Scouts. Many week-end Camps have been held on The Triangle and some good work put in towards clearing the site. In July they hope to Camp at Kingsdown near Deal.

As usual the Cub-Scout Section is up to its full strength with a waiting list. They have had a busy year with weekly football matches, swimming Badge Sessions, etc., and for the 3rd year running have gained 1st place in the District Sports. They really have put Hampton Hill on the map.

No doubt many parents and friends remember the jolly day spent at Pilgrims' Fort last summer and are looking forward to visiting this year's Camp at Artington near Godalming.

The boys by their efforts in Sponsored Walks and 'Job Week' have made considerable contributions to our Camp Funds, also to "Save the Children Fund" and Hampton and Hampton Hill Old People's Welfare Associations.

Our Mini-bus must now be quite well known in "the Village" and has proved invaluable in transporting the boys to Camp, followed matches, swimming galas, etc.

The G.S.L. stressed the amount of time given by the Scouters for the benefit of the boys. Unfortunately, owing to his leaving the district, Michael Wood was lost to the Cub-Scout Section last year, and now we have to say goodbye to Kim, who has proved such a help with the Troop. Our best wishes go to Norman and his family in their new home at Shanklin.

After refreshments slides were shown of the various Camps held, causing much hilarity, altogether an A.G.M. of more action and less speeches, reports by the Scouters and Treasurer and Secretary having been circulated during the evening.

S.R.C.

SOME DATES TO NOTE

September

- 4 2.30 p.m. Old People's Fair and Fête (Holly Road Recreation Ground).
- 5 5.15 p.m. St. James's leads service at Laurel Dene.
- 7 10.30 a.m. Editorial Board (30 St. James's Road); 8.15 p.m. Adult Confirmation Group (17 Chelsea Close).
- 8 2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union service in church, followed by tea in Wayside; 8.00 p.m. Parochial Church Council (W).
- 9 8.00 p.m. Stewardship Committee (106 Park Road).
- 10 2.00 p.m. "Keep-Fit" sessions begin again in Hall; 8.00 p.m. Liturgical Committee (68 Park Road).
- 11 9.00 a.m. Old People leave for their fortnight's holiday at Broadstairs.
- 12 All departments of our Sunday Schools reopen: 11.00, 11.15 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
- 13 8.15 p.m. Properties Committee (81 Park Road).
- 14 9.30 a.m. Coach leaves for outing to Old Alresford (Fare 55p—for further information contact Mrs. Bellingham 979 3737); 7.00 p.m. Junior Confirmation Group resumes weekly meetings (Vestry); 8.00 p.m. Tuesday Club (W); 8.15 p.m. Meditation Group (Vicarage).
- 21 Sr. Matthew's Day: Holy Communion at 10.00 a.m.; 8.00 p.m. Social Committee (19 St. James's Road).
- 22 2.30 p.m. Nursing Association Trustees' Meeting (Vicarage).
- 25 2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union: Jumble Sale (Hall).
- 26 HARVEST FESTIVAL: Sunday arrangements as usual on fourth Sunday. The church will be decorated on Friday morning, September 24, and gifts of fruit, flowers, vegetables and tinned produce, and help in arranging them, will be very welcome from 9.15 a.m. onwards.
- 29 Michaelmas: Holy Communion at 10.00 a.m.
- 30 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. HARVEST SUPPER AND ENTERTAINMENT (Hall).

BAPTISMS

July

- 25 Sharon Tracy Andrews, 229 Uxbridge Road.
Iain Duncan Roy Mitchell, 15 Park Road.

August

- 1 Colin James Bucknell, 75 St. James's Avenue.

MARRIAGES

July

- 17 Peter Thomas Holden to Sheila Ann White.
- 24 Kevin King to Jane Margaret Portway.