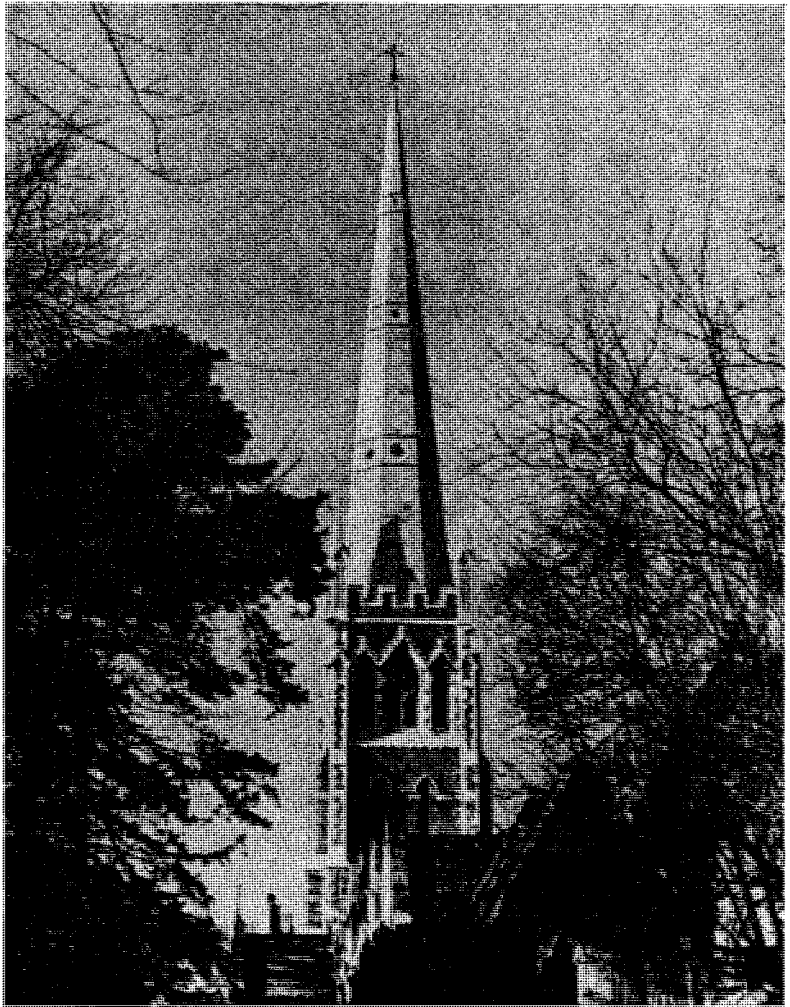


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## SUNDAY SERVICES AND MEETINGS

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:

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.

## BOOK REVIEW

THE TIME IS NOW      Published London SPCK 1971, 45p  
ANGLICAN CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL  
FIRST MEETING LIMURU, KENYA

This small book, only seventy pages including index, list of names, etc., should be read and studied in all Anglican Churches. It should be read with courage and imagination.

From February 23–March 5, 1971, the first meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council took place. A resolution calling the Council into being had been passed at Lambeth 1968, and, for the eleven days, fifty-one representatives of the Anglican Churches throughout the world met in the Conference Centre at Limuru in the hills above Nairobi, in Kenya, in the centre of Africa on the equator.

Each Anglican province has two or three members on the Council, laymen as well as clerics. Representatives of Western countries were in a minority at Limuru, and the balance between members of European and non-European extraction was about even. The youngest delegate to the conference was twenty, the oldest seventy. There were four women among the fifty-one delegates.

The conference divided into four working groups: (1) Unity and Ecumenical affairs; (2) Renewal in Church and Society; (3) Renewal, Order and Organisation; and (4) Mission and Evangelism. Resolutions were brought back to full conference sessions.

Topics discussed with urgency included racism, "this blatant denial of the Christian faith", and the action of the World Council of Churches in allocating special funds to combat racism was approved by an overwhelming majority of votes. There was also overwhelming approval of the Church of England–Methodist union scheme. Another most important question discussed was world development, and in particular the ever-widening gap between rich and poor; the "level of awareness" of people must be raised to realise the dangers inherent in the money-centred systems which dominate Western societies, and to search for guide-lines and solutions to the future of world development attuned to the Christian message. As the World Council of Churches has stated:

"Development should be seen as the process by which both persons and societies come to realise the full potential of human life in a concept of social justice, with an emphasis on self-reliance; economic growth being seen as one of the means for carrying forward this process."

Many other important issues were discussed frankly and courageously at Limuru. Strong opinions were expressed, and delegates must have come away sobered by the weight of the problems confronting the modern world. How can the Council help? A quotation from the last paragraph of the preface

“Breaking New Ground” by the Rev. John Howe, Secretary of the Conference, is valuable in its humility and in its realisation that the direction of the whole effort is in the hands of the Holy Spirit:

“The indications are that the Council has a creative role to play, and may not be too timid to play it. It is not over-confident about itself, or over-optimistic about the kind of world in which we live. Indeed, from the start there was an awareness that the chances of achieving much in the Church, let alone the modern world, were slight. So there was no option but to try to play into the hands of the Holy Spirit. The problem, then, is how to test for what the Spirit wants. We found help here in a suggestion made somewhere by David Jenkins that what you look for are signs of love, holiness, sacrifice, and newness. But the Council does not claim to have seen very clearly.”

H.M.S.

### THE CRIB

I wonder how many of you have had a good look at our crib? If not, it is worth a moment's attention. We think it truly lovely for the figures have dignity as well as realistic interest. The artist who moulded these made casts, for the models are to be seen in a Kingston church and in another nearby.

Seventeen years ago, the purchase of crib figures was suggested. Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Brown organized a subscription and went to buy these. Money was short in those days, and Dorothy Brown organized coffee parties to raise the money. Mr. Leonard Melville made the stable of wood.

How many of us remember the Browns? They lived in St. James's Avenue for about three or four years, as he was over here for post-graduate study. He is now Professor of Psychology in Wellington, New Zealand. Laurie and Dorothy certainly made their mark in our parish. They were examples of Christian neighbours to young and old, and hard workers for the Church in things practical and spiritual. Last year the Browns returned one weekend while on a brief visit to London. We hope they and their ever-growing family will come and see us again; meanwhile we are grateful to them for the happy idea.

D.M.

### “WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS”

On Tuesday, 21 December a record number of carol singers set off from St. James's Church, and proceeded on their tuneful way around the Parish. Under the skilful musical direction of Mr. Ron Dafforne, over sixty enthusiastic members, all in good heart and voice, sang the well-loved Carols in the true spirit of Christmas.

An exceptionally mild evening (with no competition from

Heathrow!) added to the enjoyment of all, and in no way detracted from the welcome traditional refreshment provided to the singers at Wayside on the conclusion of their efforts.

A.M.

### **THE BEETLE DRIVE**

The Beetle Drive was thoroughly enjoyed by all who played. Not being a game of skill we were playing on equal terms! Apart from dropping the dice there were few hazards in the game. We were very lucky as nearly all the nine prizes were given to us and we thank the donor very much. Fun though it was, it seems more people would prefer Whist—even St. James's way!

E.S.

### **THE PARISH HALL**

The renovation of the Parish Hall is continuing and many favourable comments have been received on the improvements that have already been achieved. Some of the work has, perforce, to be carried out by professional firms, but in order to keep costs as low as possible as many jobs are being done by voluntary labour.

The next, and we hope final, large job is the decoration of the small hall which will be started on the weekend of January 15 and 16 and on succeeding weekends. Help on this project will be greatly appreciated and anyone willing to give assistance is invited to contact Mr. Leatherdale or Mr. Gostling.

### **BADMINTON**

Owing to the infrequency of the available Saturday mornings in the hall, the junior and beginners' badminton will in future be held on most Saturday evenings from 6.00 p.m. If you are interested in learning to play or in fact helping others to learn, please contact Mrs. Severn, 979 1954. The only qualification is that you are over eleven years old and keen to play badminton.

### **HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"**

On Sunday December 12 we saw one of those special events with which our Evensong is occasionally highlighted, when an augmented choir gave us some extracts from Handel's "Messiah". This splendid work was performed as part of the service, and it fitted perfectly into place in our parish church instead of the more usual concert hall. Shirley Dafforne and Mr. J. Gostling performed the difficult and beautiful solo parts with apparent effortless ease; and the senior choir, augmented by members of the congregation, splendidly rendered the glorious choral music.

The whole performance reflected the hard work which Mr. Dafforne and the choir must have put into many weeks of

rehearsal, and we should like to congratulate them on it, to thank them, and to ask if we may hope for more such works in the future.

A.P.

### **THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

We have in the church a Book of Remembrance similar to those used in the crematoriums, in which the names of those whose ashes are interred in the Garden of Rest in the churchyard can be entered; also, it is generally felt the name of anyone who has been closely associated with St. James's Church may be entered in the book.

Will anyone who wishes to perpetuate the memory of a loved one in this way contact either the Vicar or Mrs. S. R. Childs, 2b Seymour Road, 979 9054.

### **COFFEE AND TODDLERS' CLUB**

Mothers with small children meet in Wayside for coffee and a chat from 10.30 to 12 noon on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. If you would like companionship and the opportunity for your toddler to play with others, why don't you go along and join them?

### **NOTE ON DANCING IN WORSHIP**

This was in use to a limited extent in medieval times, as the late Sir Ninian Comper pointed out re the dancing boys of both Seville and Salisbury cathedrals, where by papal authority they were classified as honorary canons. At a certain point in the mass, they preceded the ritual (singing) choir and danced up the steps of the sanctuary, it being noted that Salisbury was never monastic. Whether dancing boys were in use at St. Paul's is not certain, but we do know that at festival times (as elsewhere) the clergy and choir wore garlands of flowers round their necks. Against this, the playing of ball games and use of the building as a market was condemned by a fourteenth century bishop, whose prohibition read out at St. Paul's Cross (outside the building) included the matter of barbers shaving men on Sundays, which today seems rather amusing.

Incidentally, some Spanish bishops were against the use of dancers at Seville, and rather than have incorrect variation and interpretation, parish churches were not granted the privilege.

F. H. Sargeant.

Note: Mr. Sargeant was very active in our Church in the fifties, and keenly interested in local and Church history; he now lives in retirement in Somerset.

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Consider these quotations:

"Men **must** choose to be governed by God or they condemn themselves to be ruled by tyrants."

William Penn.

“Our Glorious Revolution will never succeed until the myth of God is removed from the mind of Man.”

Lenin.

“When men change, the structure of Society changes. And when the structure of Society changes, men change. Both go together and both are necessary.”

Hans Boeckler in “To every Communist”.

“The Draft Charter of Children’s Rights has now become an authentic finished product . . . it also asserts that permissiveness is consistent with the extension of civil liberties and that religious instruction for infants of five should be discontinued if the infants don’t like it . . . To have suggested a few years ago that cultural subversion of the type described actually existed would have been to invite scorn, ridicule, and contempt. To assert it today is to state nothing more than the obvious and commonplace.

“The whole army of psychological warfare has been cleverly used by the new cultural élite to convince the mass public that to oppose their distorted notion of freedom is to be guilty of reaction, repression, and censorship.

“If a vociferous minority is determined to secure the ‘ozification’ of society in general and children in particular it will require a determined response from an informed public to prevent it from doing so.”

Daily Telegraph, December 1971.

Apathy is the sleeping partner of evil. To be apathetic when danger threatens is to crucify Christ. Every one of us has a mind and tongue to use for the God we have knowledge of. Let us use them so that through us the Truth of God will be re-asserted in the Mind of Man.

M.O.

## CONFIRMATION DECEMBER 12

A note about this, and the names of those confirmed, are held over until the next issue because of pressure on space.

## LENT COURSE 1972

The “Forum on Faith” series last year aroused so much interest and was so strongly supported—the attendance on each Thursday evening was never less than 120—that the Hampton and Sunbury Council of Churches has now arranged another for this Lent, on practical issues such as the Christian and the Family, Work, Money, Violence, etc., with eminent speakers to introduce each topic. The first meeting will be on Thursday, February 17, 8.00 p.m. in St. Mary’s Hall, Hampton. Full details of the course will be found on the yellow leaflet enclosed in this magazine: as it may not be possible to arrange a house-to-house distribution, please make them known to friends and neighbours who may not receive The Spire.

## CHRISTIAN AID

There was a splendid response at the services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and £43 was given: to this amount the £30 granted by the Church Council from Stewardship giving was added, and a cheque for £73 sent off to help Christian Aid to carry out its great work of relief and reconstruction in the needy areas of the world.

### SOME DATES TO NOTE

January

- 18-25 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: Main local events—Friday January 21: 7.30 p.m. Evening Mass at St. Francis de Sales, followed by Social Gathering in the Hall at 8.15 p.m.; Sunday January 23: 6.45 p.m. United Service in St. James's (Preacher: The Reverend A. E. Hunter, Minister of Hampton Hill Congregational Church), followed by light refreshments to be served in the church.
- 24 8.00 p.m. Liturgical Committee (68 Park Road); 8.15 p.m. Properties Committee (18 St. James's Road).
- 25 CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL: 7.30 a.m. (**not** 10.00 a.m., as work on the organ should have begun) Holy Communion; 10.30 a.m. Editorial Board (21 St. James's Road); 8.00 p.m. Hampton and Sunbury Council of Churches: Committee Meeting (W).
- 26 8.00 p.m. Stewardship Committee (106 Park Road).
- 28 8.00 p.m. House Group for Prayer, Study and Discussion (47 St. James's Road).
- 30 5.15 p.m. YPF lead service at Laurel Bank.

February

- 1 8.00 p.m. Tuesday Club (W).
- 2 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLE-MAS): 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion; 8.00 p.m. House Group (venue to be arranged).
- 4 8.00 p.m. Liturgical Committee (68 Park Road).
- 6 5.15 p.m. St. James's leads service at Laurel Dene.
- 7 8.00 p.m. Stewardship Conference (Church House, S.W.1.).
- 11 8.00 p.m. House Group (47 St. James's Road).
- 16 ASH WEDNESDAY: 2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union Service (W); 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion. 8.15 p.m. Holy Communion.
- 17 8.00 p.m. First Meeting of Lent Course: The Reverend Kenneth Greet (Secretary of the Methodist Conference) speaks on "The Christian and the Family" (St. Mary's Hall, Hampton).

### BAPTISMS

December

- 19 Graeme Burrows Yell, 80 Ormond Drive.
- 26 Nicola Suzanne Kibble, 81 Burton's Road.

### BURIAL

December

- 20 Richard Curson, 72 Ormond Drive, aged 80 years.