

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR APRIL

Most of these are listed under 'Some Dates to Note', and we have not the space to enlarge upon them that we should like. The study of the background and formation of the Old Testament will continue on Sunday evenings as arranged from session to session. The series of studies in St. Mark's Gospel at Seymour Harris's house is being very well-supported, and may continue by popular demand for some weeks after Lent. An augmented choir has been working hard for months preparing to present as worthy a rendering as possible of the cantata 'Olivet to Calvary', which we have not had in our church for twelve years or more. The dramatic readings from 'The Man Born to be King' made a great impact on us all last year, and two more sequences are to be presented this Holy Week and Easter. The Austerity Lunch is now well-established, and the money given will go as usual to Christian Aid. Before this, we shall have had our Annual Parochial Church Meeting—let us really turn out in strength and show that we really mean business! The visit of the Archdeacon was most stimulating, and he has encouraged us to go on, boldly experimenting, and striving to fashion a pattern of life and community that can match up to the challenges and opportunities of the 'seventies.

A THANK YOU FROM ZAMBIA

After Evensong on January 7, Miss Hannah Stanton kindly put the large room in her house at the disposal of those who wanted to hear Clare Brunt's account of the work she does at a Church secondary school in Zambia, and see her slides of life there and in other African countries which she has visited during school holidays. Enough people came to fill a small hall, but room was somehow found for all. There were 'no strings attached' at this pleasant gathering, and it was not intended in any way to be a money-raising affair, but some of Clare's remarks in passing about the poverty of the school and some of its pupils, and the paucity of equipment, resulted in a spontaneous outburst of generosity and good will at the end of the meeting, and over £6 was thrust into her surprised hands. On her return she has passed over the money to the bursar of St. Mark's School, who has expressed warm appreciation and thanks.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

While staying in Teddington from my home in Plymouth, I was privileged to attend the Mothers' Union Carol Concert in Wayside. How extremely kind the members were to me, a stranger; I soon felt I was one with them in their friendly gathering. A programme of well-known carols was interspersed with suitable duets and readings; the pleasant afternoon ended with chats, tea and mince-pies.

J. A. STEER.

THE PRAYER CIRCLE

It is some time since there has been news of this "circle of prayer" which was formed years ago, initially to pray for a much loved friend of the parish, and which has existed quietly ever since. It is not the aim of the circle to meet regularly for prayer (although it did once with great impact to share some of the wonderful experiences of prayer granted, and plans another such meeting in the near future) but to provide a constant link around the parish to pray quietly in one's own home for those in any sort of need; the suffering in body, mind and spirit; those who mourn; those who are adventuring out into unknown spheres of life; those who are uncertain about the best course to take; those who are just anxious without knowing why. The problems facing the world and its people are many and various and here in the parish of St. James's exists a permanent structure of people whose special function is to bring these needs to the caring, all-powerful Father.

There is not one of us who is not in need of prayer. Perhaps YOU as you read this feel "I wish the circle would pray for me or my family or friend". Perhaps YOU are thinking, "This circle is calling ME to join it as yet another link". If so, contact any of the five telephone numbers given below. There are at present about twenty-five members, linked by telephone, to five intermediaries who pass on your messages to their own particular group. Thus a strong force of prayer can be summoned almost immediately. Remember "If you love anyone, your first call is to pray for him (or her)."

The five intermediaries are: M. Orton, 979 5868; V. Rockliffe, 977 4909; H. Stanton, 979 5821; H. Taylor, 979 7042; J. Western, 979 3358.

M.O.

THE CONCERT

The Concert staged in the Hall on March 3 must have been one of the most spectacular, efficient, enjoyable and artistically gifted functions in the history of St. James's social life. Between eighty-five and ninety performers, including five different pianists, were engaged in this mammoth production, not counting a further fifteen or so backroom boys and house-managers. All the acts were rehearsed to the pitch of peak performance—following each other non-stop despite the cramped conditions backstage. The performers had been carefully coached to make the best use of the small stage. They entered our field of vision confidently, performing with considerable verve and aplomb and making their exits gracefully—not easy this, for amateurs.

Surprise followed surprise. Well as I know many of my fellow-parishioners, quite frankly I didn't know they were such a talented lot! One can't, and shouldn't, single out individual performers from such an enormous cast where so much depends on overall effort. Suffice it to say there wasn't one who didn't give of their excellent

best. Obviously the vision of the Social Committee which conceived such a gigantic idea, the faith and sheer hard work which brought it to fruition, the constant effort and thought since the Spring of 1972 come to mind. Flowers were presented to Roma Bridges and Eila Severn in love and appreciation for the hours, days and months of initial preparation, the patience, the hard work and applied skills which they put in to produce such a success. They have asked me to place on record their appreciation of the enthusiasm and hard work of the performers, sustained over such a long period.

Each "act" had its own producer, responsible to the two main producers. All the material, costumes and actions were planned to the Nth degree—nothing was left to chance and didn't the packed Hall enjoy it all! Congratulations and many thanks to everyone concerned.

M.O.

AUSTERITY LUNCH

The Annual Austerity Lunch will be served in Wayside on Wednesday April 18 from noon until 2 p.m. Each year we hope for even more support than we had the previous year. Come along, bring your family and your friends.

As so many M.U. members will be at Wayside that day it has been decided to hold the April meeting of the Branch at 2.30 p.m. This will take the form of a Quiz; non-members will be very welcome to join in this.

RECIPE

At the Parish Christmas Party, I was delighted by quite a few people asking how the Crab Dip was made, so thought perhaps a small space could be found in the Spire for the recipe.

Creamy Crab Dip

- ¼ pt. double dairy cream, lightly whipped.
- 1 small pot crab fish paste (1½ oz. size).
- ¼ teas. salt.
- a little cayenne pepper.
- 2 teas. tomato ketchup.
- pink colouring.

Add salt, cayenne pepper and tomato ketchup to crab paste, mix well together, then carefully stir in whipped cream. If necessary, add a drop of cochineal for a good pink colour. Serve with crisps plain or salt and vinegar.

D.P.T.

**SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS—YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER
1972**

(Subject to Audit and approval by Church Council)

1971	General Fund—Income		1972
2,114	Pledged Giving	3,052	
343	Other Giving	338	
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761	Refund of Income Tax on Deeds of Covenant		868
451	Other Income		375
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£3,669			£4,633

Payments

Repairs and Maintenance:

	Spire and Tower	630	
	General	302	
428		<hr/>	932
277	Heat, Light and Insurance		328
630	Vicar, Organist, Chonr, etc.		699
—	Organ rebuilding. On account		1,900
444	Diocesan Quota		476
494	Donations to Charities		508
80	Parish Magazine Subsidy		100
441	Other expenses		608
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£2,794			£5,551

Wayside Account

390	Rental Income and Sundry Receipts		380
239	Less Outgoings		236
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£151	Nett Income		£144

Magazine Account

348	Income from advertisements		282
80	Subsidy from General Fund		100
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428			382
439	Production costs (11 months only)		428
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£11	Deficit		£46

Parish Hall Account	
Income from letting and sundry receipts	1,106
Less running costs	446
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Less renovation costs	697
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Deficit	£37
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PARISH HALL

It is now one year since the redecoration of the Hall was completed and while we are fortunate in having the services of an excellent cleaner wear and tear inevitably takes a toll.

The Management Committee propose to carry out a spring clean during the weekend of 28-29 April and any help that can be afforded during this time will be greatly appreciated.

Refreshments will be provided on a lavish scale during the weekend to sustain the workers!

Please come and assist in the work and enjoy yourself.

BAPTISM

February

25 Johanna Marie Gale, 4 Taylors Close.

MARRIAGES

March

10 Gtoffrey James Sykes to Angela Jane Ward.

Barry William Reynolds to Patricia Ann Cowper.

BURIALS

February

15 Emma Shaw, 12 Fitz Wygram Close, aged 87 years (at Twickenham Cemetery).

March

6 Annette Elizabeth Paice, 78 Park Road, aged 84 years (at Teddington Cemetery).

8 Robert Anthony Riches, 24 Parkside, aged 24 years.

SOME DATES TO NOTE

March

- 27 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion, Series 3 (and every weekday in Lent except Monday and Saturday); 8.00 p.m. Tuesday Club (W); 8.00 p.m. Social Committee (18 St. James's Road); 8.00 p.m. Committee of Hampton and Sunbury Council of Churches (Hampton Hill United Reformed Church).
- 29 8.00 p.m. Film, 'Calling Mission Control' (St. Mary's Hall, Hampton).

April

- 1 Afternoon tea at Wayside at 5.15 p.m., followed by a special form of Family Service for Mothering Sunday at 6.00 p.m.
- 2 10.30 a.m. Editorial Board (Vicarage); 8.00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study: St. Mark's Gospel (33 Beech Way).
- 5 Film, 'Rebellion' (St. Mary's Hall).
- 6 8.00 p.m. Liturgical Committee (68 Park Road).
- 11 8.00 p.m. ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (Hall).
- 12 8.00 p.m. Film, 'The Man in My Skin' (St. Mary's Hall).
- 15 PALM SUNDAY. Sunday Services as usual, except that instead of Evensong the cantata 'Olivet to Calvary' will be sung by an augmented choir. Palm crosses made by African Christians will be distributed at all services. Baptisms today instead of fourth Sunday.
- 16 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion; 10.30 a.m. Editorial Board (63 Park Road); 8.00 p.m. Bible Study: St. Mark's Gospel (33 Beech Way).
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- 19 MAUNDY THURSDAY. 7.30 p.m. Parish Communion, followed by a dramatic reading of the Good Friday sequence 'The King of Sorrows', from the play-cycle 'The Man Born to be King' by Dorothy Sayers, and concluding with an Agape meal (hot-cross buns and coffee). Our friends from the United Reformed Church will be joining us.
- 20 GOOD FRIDAY. Children's Service at 10.00 a.m.; The Three Hours Devotion from 12.00 noon until 3.00 p.m. (All offerings in church today for the work of the Church overseas). 3.30 p.m. United Open-air Service in the forecourt of the Hampton Hill United Reformed Church.
- 21 9.30 a.m. onwards: Decoration of the church for Easter; gifts of flowers and help in arranging them will be much appreciated.
- 22 EASTER DAY. Holy Communion 7.00, 8.00 a.m. and 12.10 p.m. Parish and Family Communion 9.30 a.m. Children's Service 11.15 a.m. Evensong, with dramatic reading of Dorothy Sayers' Easter sequence 'The King Comes to His Own', at 6.30 p.m.