

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK May 13 - 18 1974

The focus this year will be an employment and development of appropriate technology; and Community Care in the field of Health.

Christian Aid last year had a total income of £3,120,000 of which over half -£1,830,000- was raised in Christian Aid week and half that came from house-to-house collections. Thus, volunteer collectors like the faithful St. James's team produced a quarter of Christian Aid's revenue for the year - financing a quarter of Christian Aid's work of relief and development round the world.

70% of collections go to special areas of need and 30% into general funds to be at the disposal of The Christian Aid Board for allocation wherever the need is greatest, and remember - all the year round, every year, 20% of the world's people have plenty to eat; 65% are always hungry and 15% are actually starving.

When you're thinking how hard things are getting here - remember the other 80% and be generous!

M.O.

THE PARISH HALL

In spite of regular cleaning and attention the hall is showing signs of intensive use over the past year and the Hall Committee have set aside the week-end of 18 - 19 May to spring-clean the interior and generally make good the inevitable blemishes that have arisen.

Your help in carrying out the work will be most welcome and you may be assured that at almost any time appropriate refreshment will be available.

We hope to see you.

D.L.

CHURCHYARD MASS ATTACK

As you read this, the grass in the churchyard will be inexorably overtaking the efforts of the "regulars" to keep it under control, and so once again we make our annual appeal to the able-bodied of the parish to help with the summer "mass attack".

This year it will be from 15 - 22 June, and any time which you can spare, no matter how short, during that week, will be greatly appreciated. Sharp shears and a rake are the best tools to bring if you have them (clearly labelled with your name!) although we can provide equipment for those without: apart from these, plus refreshments on the Saturdays, we can only offer toil and sweat (no blood or tears we hope!) and the hope that with good weather, we can equal last year's clearance of the whole churchyard.

J.W.G.

WASTE PAPER COLLECTION

The first paper collection took place on April 6th outside the church in fine weather. Collectors were out even before 8.30 a.m. and in the end we had a lorry loaded with 5.7 tons of newspaper and magazines. As we were completing the loading up, the local press arrived to take our photograph. Paper was still arriving after 11 a.m. when the driver was covering up the load and we would ask people to come early next time, as we do not want to store paper in church property.

About £68 is expected from the sale of the paper and this money will be handed over to Hampton Hill Old People's Welfare Committee. The next collection date is May 18 so please keep saving your paper. If we can raise 7 tons we are offered an extra £2 per ton.

Many thanks to all who have helped to make this project a success.
D.E.N.

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One evening towards the end of March, four rather nervous parishioners from St. James's made their way to the United Reformed Church in response to an invitation to compete in a quiz.

It would not be said that we were actually selected to represent St. James's - the fact was that a large proportion of the parish were otherwise occupied on an outing to the Ideal Home Exhibition.

We were warmly greeted on our arrival, and after refreshments the arrangements for the quiz began. St. James's team were all presented with yellow flowers to wear - the home team were identified by pink flowers. Then disaster - the first round was spelling - we had not a speler amongst us, at the end of the round we were 9 - 2 down. Well can you spel SEPTAGENARIAN - EPICACUANA - BRONTASAURUS? (you look up the dictionary - we've proved that we can't). Somehow our luck changed, and with a minimum of knowledge and a few inspired guesses about gardening, cooking, current news, and our apparent ability to recognise various objects photographed from impossible angles, we gradually regained our shattered confidence, and at the end of the evening, to our amazement, we had WUN - admittedly by only two marks. VICTRY FOR ST. JAMS, and thanks to the United Reformed Church for a most enjoyable evening.

P.Y.

FETE AT LAUREL DENE Saturday May 25

Again this year the Scout Group are holding a Fete in the grounds of Laurel Dene on the Spring Bank Holiday Saturday. There will be numerous Stalls, Side Shows, and Entertainments, also Refreshments. Come along and enjoy a pleasant afternoon.

S.R.C.

THE CHURCH CLOCK

Some time ago we reported the theft of the hands from the north dial of the clock of St. James's Church, Hampton Hill and any passer-by may see that they have not been replaced.

This report must either have made a stern parent aware of the precise nature of the strange new trophy over his son's bed or possibly awakened the thief to sentiments of fear or conscience, since the hands were returned - left on the church door-step in a brown paper parcel by night. The Parochial Church Council has just had an estimate for making good this stupid piece of thoughtless vandalism, and it is a big one. The wrenching

away of the hands badly damaged the intricate drive-mechanism of the entire clock and to pay for the erection of scaffolding to give access to the clock tower, the supplying of new hands (the old ones are too damaged to be of any use) and for repair of the damaged mechanism £190 will have to be found. At the same time, we want to take advantage of the scaffolding to have the clock repainted and regilded, and also to have the winding - mechanism converted from manual operation to electric power-drive., bringing the total amount required to something like £1,850

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP : HOLIDAY 1974

What was this yellow van parked outside Wayside? Who were this bunch of extroverts loading it up? No, it was not the M.U.'s annual outing - it was none other than Y.P.F. setting out on their holiday to the desolation of Yorkshire to hunt the legendry "Friars of the Sack". Unable to get any response from the populace of Neasden as to the whereabouts of the Friars, even though people had been encouraged by shouts of "Control Yourself and Discipline and Bondage:" Sleazy Ryder (the van) took us further North. At Ilkley the local Vicar was accosted and asked as to the whereabouts of the infamous order. However, he had obviously been intimidated and would reveal nothing. It was in Swaledale that our first clue came. An old sack was found lying by the river and on the other bank disappearing into the trees was its occupant; we gave chase, the river being crossed not without mishap, although two or more intrepid members crossed an obviously booby-trapped bridge. But we were too late, the chase ended in a narrow gorge. Not disheartened we took part in a favourite Y.P.F. pastime - mud slinging and water splashing accompanied with many "Whoops,Whoops" from a certain member of our party. Exploration of Malham and Bowland Forest revealed nothing, even though there was a cloggie (dance) in a peat bog. Some of the more rugged members reached such heights as Ingleborough and Pen-i-ghent but although there was more evidence of the Friars, none was actually seen. The holiday was coming to a dose, one last attempt was made to capture a Friar, when a few of us went up to the Cow and Calf rocks at midnight. Suddenly there was a wild yodel and there was one! Caught with our trousers down we turned defence into attack and made a successful capture. The object of the holiday had been fulfilled.

I would like to thank all those who made the Holiday possible and Martin Edmonds for driving Sleazy Ryder so well.

Ian Fisher.

THE JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

In March 1973 we began meeting at Wayside at 9.20 a.m., and then going to Church to join in the last part of the Parish Communion Service. The earlier time has proved most successful. Our numbers have increased and the children attend more regularly, although there is still a drop in attendance after the fourth Sunday in the month, when there is a break in routine for the Family and Parade Service.

We have continued to use the "Alive in God's World" themes and these have been much enjoyed. After the summer holidays, we began working on "Meeting Places", and studied all the different places where people meet. We explored the idea that God is concerned with all that happens in our shops, places where we work, in our homes, on our journeys as well as where we meet to worship

Him. We gradually built up a model of Hampton Hill, which we used in our Christmas Service to remind us that the Nativity story is also linked with our everyday life.

Now we are doing "Something to celebrate" and we are thinking about all the different types of celebrations we have for religious, family and national occasions. It is much more interesting to learn about Baptism and Confirmation in this context than the old fashioned way of a straight forward series of lessons on each subject. We have enjoyed celebrating a communal birthday party, and what fun we had eating our chocolate birthday cake at 10.30 a.m. after Parish Communion! The project ended with our Easter Day Service in Church at 11.15 a.m.

Betty Stewart.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST. JAMES'S

From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, eight days, and in and around St. James's Church there was much activity.

The Palm Sunday Family Communion Service was well attended; and in the evening the choir with other singers joining them gave a beautiful rendering of the cantata 'The Last Supper' by Eric Thiman.

On the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings there were quiet celebrations of Holy Communion, and on Maundy Thursday we were happy that our neighbours from the United Reformed Church were able to join us for the evening Parish Communion, in celebration of the Last Supper in the Upper Room in Jerusalem prior to the events of the arrest, trial and crucifixion of our Lord. The evening started with dramatic readings and songs, very impressive, and the themes led well on to the service commemorating the New Covenant. Our fellowship was warmly renewed after the service with buns and coffee.

The Mothers' Union Austerity Lunch took place at Wayside on the Wednesday a lot of work had been put into it and there was a good and enthusiastic turnout in support of it. £18 was collected for Christian Aid.

At 10 a.m. on Good Friday there was a children's service in church, and from 12.00 - 3.00 the Three Hours Service took place; this was divided into half hours, and the theme was "The Captain of our Salvation". Four members from the two study groups which had been meeting during Lent to study "Salvation" helped the vicar and took four half hours between them.

It was a rush to get down by 3.30 to the United Service in the open air down outside the Super-Market; this service was attended by about 50 people and incorporated a dramatic and most telling sequence:

Who Killed the King?

Guard: I said the Guard
When they gave me the word
I hoisted him high
And left him to die;
I killed the King.

Who gave the orders?

Pilate: I Pilate, his judge,
Though I bore him no grudge
When they shouted so loud-
I gave in to the crowd,
And I gave the orders.

Who yelled for his blood?
People: We, the crowd in the street,
Who had kneeled at his feet
But we tired of him soon,
And the priests called the tune,
So we called for his blood.

and so on through 12 verses, with different speakers taking the different parts throughout.

On Holy Saturday the church was decorated, surely more beautifully than it has ever been done before. So much care and loving attention was given to it, and everyone felt most grateful for, and uplifted by this combined effort: the flowers were those of spring and early summer, a real wonder and beauty and a sure symbol of new life.

An innovation was the meditation and preparation for the Easter Communion, conducted by members of the Lent group on prayer; this was held between 8 and 9 p.m., and there was peace and stillness in this holy hour which I for one hope very much will be repeated in subsequent years.

Many people had taken part in the events during the seven days terminating with Holy Saturday. And all had looked forward to the wonder of Easter Day, the Festival of the Resurrection; and all came together in numbers to have great joy on this day, and to join in the affirmation.

"It is true: The Lord has risen: alleluia"

Hannah Stanton.

FRIENDS OF LAUREL DENE

This group was formed at a meeting attended by 17 people on March 18, and the next meeting on April 22 set it thoroughly on its feet. The object is to support in every possible way the good work that is being done at Laurel Dene, and to put into effect new ideas to help make the lives of the residents easier and brighter. Further information will gladly be given by the secretary, Mr. R. Oliver (977 3082).

SUNDAY EVENINGS

There has been much discussion over the past months about how we can make the best use of our Sunday evenings, and a number of very fruitful experiments have been tried. After worship, we have more time and opportunity than in the morning to go into some important subject in depth, to hear experts and people with greater knowledge than ours, and to question them. Also, there is opportunity for experimenting with new forms of worship, and giving greater place to music, drama and dance.

During the next three months, with the full approval of the Church Council, we shall again be having some special features on various occasions. These will be mentioned under 'Dates to Note' in this magazine, and also listed on the posters and handbills which will shortly be available. As soon as we get a sufficient supply of the necessary booklets, it has also been decided to introduce the Second Series (Revised) form of Evening Prayer for an experimental period. This, amongst other slight changes, allows a greater variety in canticles, and also provides a shorter alternative form which can be used when we want to give more time to meeting afterwards.

ACTIVITIES FOR LADIES

The Mothers' Union have sponsored the start of an afternoon choir, open to any ladies in the Parish. We meet on the second and fourth Thursday afternoons of each month, in Wayside, at 2.15 p.m.

If you like to sing, do come along and join us. This has been started because we have been asked to entertain the old people on several occasions, and also for the sheer love of singing.

Young Mums may bring their infants if they wish, although we don't promise they will enjoy the experience!

We are trying to 'beg borrow or steal' music, so if you have any ladies two or three part songs you are prepared to give or loan, please contact Mrs. Young 979-5629.

If you prefer a more active way of passing your leisure time, there is the ladies' Keep Fit in the Hall on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. where we enjoy one hour of bending, stretching, twisting and turning, and in general moving every part of our bodies.

If you are in doubt as to whether or not this is for you, you would be welcome at any session, just to look us over. We charge 50p to join and 10p per session. Occasional visitors welcome at 20p per session.

We follow the Eileen Fowler method which is suitable for all ages and we keep up to date with new ideas by regularly attending her Leaders' Training Sessions in London.

SECOND PERSON SINGULAR

Someone said to me recently 'I very much like Series 3 - except for one thing. I can't feel happy or comfortable about addressing God as 'you' '. Most of us have had, or still have, a similar difficulty, and there has been a suggestion that Series 3 should be revised in this one particular - keeping the same words, but with 'thee' and 'thou' restored. But would this really be the best course? By long usage, 'thee' and 'thou' may seem sacred words to us, but they were not so to Cranmer and the fathers of our English Prayer-Books. The ordinary forms of address to a friend or neighbour were 'thee', 'thou' and 'thine'. We still, of course, retain this way of speaking to another human being in the wedding service - 'I take thee to my wedded wife', 'With this ring I thee wed'. So the suggestion that only the old second person singular makes for majesty and mystery cannot really be justified, because it was not when first used an exclusively high-and-holy form of address at all: and until modern times the Quakers and other groups used it as their normal address to fellow-members of their society. I myself believe that before long few of us will want to revert to the obsolete second person singular whether in speaking to God or man. But there is bound to be some confusion until our hymnals are revised - it is perplexing and inconsistent to be saying 'you' in our praying and 'thou' in our singing! The difficulty is that 'thee' is hopelessly imbedded in verse. In many hymns it could easily be changed to 'you' without any sacrifice of beauty or sense. In other cases such a change would sound all wrong. Pick out some hymns and try this yourself! There are many good new hymns about, but they

are scattered over a wide range of books, and there is urgent need to bring them together inside one cover.

So I tend to agree with Rosamund Essex, who wrote in the Church Times recently: "The introduction of 'you' was a bold step which should have been taken years ago. Now that we are getting used to it, do not let us go back to being archaic, obsolete and olde-worlde"

PARISH OUTING

Have you obtained your tickets for the parish outing on Saturday June 8 yet? We will leave the church at 10 a.m. and proceed to Guildford where you may visit the cathedral if you so wish. We will then have a picnic lunch and afterwards go by boat from Guildford to Godalming where the coach will pick us up again and we shall be back at the church about 5 p.m. Tickets are £1 for children of 16 and under; £1.50 for adults this includes food for the day.

SOME DATES TO NOTE

MAY

13 - 19 CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

13 10.30 A.M. Editorial Board (21 St. James's Road); 7.30 P.M.

Mothers' Union Diocesan Festival Service in St. Paul's Cathedral

(Coach leaves top of Links View Road at 6.00 P.M. Names to Mrs. Brunt)

15 7.30 A.M. Holy Communion; Scout Group Coffee Parties: Morning 10.00 to 12.00; Evening 7.30 to 10.00 P.M. 8.15 P.M. Meeting about COMMUNITY CARE AND SELF-HELP (Hall)

16 Mothers' Union Theatre Outing to Guildford. (All seats taken, but names for waiting-list should be given to Mrs. Young) 2.30 P.M. Garden Party at All Saints' Hampton, in support of 'Feed the Minds'

17 8.00 P.M. ORGAN RECITAL, followed by refreshments in church.

18 8.30 - 11.00 A.M. WASTE-PAPER COLLECTION.

19 6.30 P.M. Shortened Evening Service, followed by reports from those who attended the Conference on PRAYER, refreshments and discussion.

Tuesday Club: Miss M. Hall speaks on 'Marketing' (W)

22 NEWCOMERS' PARTY - by invitation (If you know of anyone who has recently come to the parish and who has not received an invitation by May 12 please inform Mrs. Leatherdale 979 6999)

23 ASCENSION DAY: Holy Communion 9.00 A.M. (in St. Annes's Chapel, L.E.H.S.) and 7.45 P.M. (in church); 8.30 P.M. Parochial Church Council (W)

25 3.00 P.M. Scout Group: Spring Fete at Laurel Dene.

JUNE

2 WHITSUNDAY: Sunday services as usual. Evensong will be followed by refreshments and a short study, with questions and discussion, on the work and activity of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church today. All offerings will be for good causes to be decided upon by the Church Council and announced later.

3 MONDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK: 7.30 A.M. Holy Communion

4 TUESDAY IN WHISUN WEEK 7.30 A.M. Holy Communion; 8.00 P.M.

Tuesday Club: A.G.M. (W); Deanery Synod (All Saints', Twickenham).

5 2.30 P.M. Mothers' Union Branch Meeting (W)

8 10.00 A.M. Coach leaves for PARISH OUTING to Guildford and

Godalming

- 9 TRINITY SUNDAY: Sunday services as usual, but shortened Evening Service with special preacher on the new feature in missionary work - 'Intermediate Technology' - followed by refreshments and discussion
- 12 7.30 P.M. 80th Anniversary of St. Mary's Mothers' Union Branch Twickenham. If you would like to attend, please let Mrs. Brunt know.
- 15 - 22 MASS ATTACK WEEK IN THE CHURCHYARD

DEANERY INTERCESSION LIST

Week beginning

May

- 12 All Saints, Twickenham
- 19 Holy Trinity, Twickenham
- 26 St. James, Hampton Hill

June

- 2 St. Alban with St. Mary, Teddington
- 9 St. Augustine of Canterbury, Whitton

St. James's is also prayed for at all services in St. Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday, May 15.

MARRIAGES

March

- 30 Barry Andrew McCormack to Catherine Ann Heberd

April

- 22 Geoffrey Shaun Kestle to Janice Elizabeth Greening

BURIALS & CREMATION

April

- 11 Edna May Wakeman, 85 High Street, aged 60 years (at Hampton Cemetery)
- 23 Blodwen Margaret Holmes, 115 Uxbridge Road, aged 77 years (at the South-West Middlesex Crematorium).
- 23 Emily Tollman, 70 Prior's Walk, Three Bridges, Crawley, aged 79 years (interment of ashes in family grave).