

A CALL TO PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE AND TO STUDY RELATED ISSUES

Believing that God is calling us to pray with new purpose and deeper understanding for peace and justice among all men we invite our fellow believers of all faiths to join in a WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE from 20 - 27 October 1974. The week has been chosen to include United Nations Day, 24 October.

The Week of Prayer for World Peace will be inaugurated on Saturday, 19 October at a service to be held at Westminster Abbey at 3 p.m., when the Archbishop of Canterbury will be the preacher.

We hope this special Week will provide an annual occasion when Christians and members of other faiths may, in the words of the Lambeth Conference, "subject to intense prayer and study their attitude to the issues involved in modern warfare". There will be a need to follow up and surround such prayer with a study of those contemporary problems which lead to conflict: the issues that create injustice, notably world poverty and the denial of human rights; and those factors such as race, colour, political ideology, economic status and language which separate people from one another. As today Christians pray together during January for the deeper unity of the Church, so we now call upon men and women of all faiths to pray in unity for world peace and for the unity of all mankind.

Penitence will need to be an essential feature of this united act of prayer so that we may all of us not only learn from past errors, but also be open to the fresh insights which the unprecedented modern situation demands. We believe that an exceptional spiritual initiative is required so that under divine guidance men and nations may find the will to work together for the common good and a new influence may be brought to bear upon the effort to achieve peace. Thus fresh hope may be offered to a world dominated by violent strife, and moral support may be given to those agencies, governmental and international, which constantly grapple with the day to day tasks of promoting peace and co-operation among the nations.

A Prayer and Study leaflet will be available for individual and corporate use during the Week with particular themes for each day. The Vigil for Racial Harmony on 22/23 October will form part of the Week. We hope that special activities will be arranged during the Week in various parts of the country.

The situation is urgent. Violent conflict within nations and the ever-present threat of war between nations or races pose unprecedented dangers. The delicately interwoven structure of modern society and the contraction of the world by speedy communications have made every part of the globe immediately vulnerable to the effects of any outbreak of violent conflict. But these same factors also offer an unprecedented opportunity to create a quickened sense of human brotherhood. Therein lies the overwhelming need for a Week of Prayer for World Peace.

Signed:

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+ WILFRID WESTALL; GORDON WILSON

(As the next article shows, we have already made plans to observe the Vigil for Racial Harmony in our area, but this Call by an influential group of Christian leaders reached us only in September, and we may not now have time to arrange any 'special activities'. But we could all try to add at least five minutes every day during this week to our own private prayer-time devoted to intercession for the coming of true peace. - Ed.)

THE WIDER CHURCH

The Hampton Council of Churches is being very active in October, and, as Chairman, I would like to call attention to the following happenings to which all are most welcome.

On Tuesday, October 15, after the Annual General Meeting of the Hampton Council of Churches there will be a talk on

"The Work of the World Council of Churches".

This will take place at St. Mary's Church Hall, Hampton at 8 for 8.15 p.m. Our speaker is Dr. Richard Bingle who is a Methodist lay preacher, and who has been in close touch with the World Council of Churches for many years. He was present at the recent meeting in Berlin. We all need to get to know more about this important world-wide body, and this is our opportunity. Please book the date and come.

On Sunday, October 20, the next United Service will take place at the United Reformed Church, Hampton Hill High Street. The special preacher will be the Rev. Neville B. Cryer, M.A., who is the General Director of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The service will begin at 6.45 p.m. and transport will be available from St. James's as usual from 6.20 p.m.

On Wednesday, October 23, an innovation. We are having a service with special emphasis on prayer for racial harmony. This will be held at the Methodist Church, Teddington, at 8 p.m. and will be conducted by the Rev. George Osborn. A Vigil of Prayer for Racial Harmony has been held in recent years on October 23 in many churches, chapels and places of worship throughout the world. This evening of prayer is being observed increasingly year by year. The Hampton Council of Churches and the Teddington Christian Council are combining this year, and a short service of worship and prayer on the theme of Racial Harmony is being planned to which we hope many will come. Asian Christians from a local parish may join us. The service will be followed by a social gathering. Please make this occasion widely known and let me know if transport is needed.

As the local Council of Churches we wish to back up the meeting which will in all probability be organised by the United Nations Association in the area with the Parliamentary Candidates before the election Christians need to think more about their wider responsibilities. The U.N. A., organised a very good meeting before the last election in St. Mary's

Hall, Twickenham. The Candidates were at their ease and said afterwards that they had enjoyed the meeting very much.

Please give this October programme your special support.

Hannah Stanton.

ONE-PARENT FAMILIES

On Tuesday September 17 there was held at St. Mary's Church Hall, Hampton, a meeting to discuss the formation of a local association of One-Parent Families - organised for this time only, by the Community Care Group, to find out whether there was a local need for this. That there is indeed a very real need was reflected by the unexpectedly large attendance of concerned parents of both sexes.

The meeting was addressed by Mrs. Bramall, of the National Council for Single Parents, who spoke with great understanding of the wide range of problems facing parents, who for whatever reason, have to cope with bringing up a family single-handed. Representatives from Welcare, the probation service, the Marriage Guidance Council and the local Social Services Department explained how their work brings them into contact with some of these problems, and were available to answer questions. The meeting then got down to the serious business of planning how to start a local organisation; it soon became evident that people had come from quite a wide area and there was anxiety about communication with members. A committee was chosen, to investigate the national association of Gingerbread, and recommend whether to become affiliated with this or to remain independent; they hope to have a second meeting within a month if possible at Wayside, as a fairly central meeting place - with a guest speaker from Gingerbread. We hope that this will become an active and energetic self-help organisation; the next meeting will be advertised locally, but if you know anyone who may be interested in knowing more, they are welcome to ring a committee member, Audrey Moran, at 977 3585 A.P.

THE SECOND FOLK DANCE

After the success of the first folk dance evening earlier this year, Mr. David Nunn was persuaded to run a second one on Saturday, September 21, which we hope he enjoyed as much as did his performers. He had selected an interesting programme of dances with varied formations, rhythms, melodies and speeds. We found ourselves quite a talented band of about 40 dancers who could even begin to appreciate the finer points of courtesy and gracefulness contained in accomplished country dancing. Nevertheless the riddles of the Red River Valley American Square Dance left us thoroughly muddled; we shall need a further session to master such intricacies. On the other hand the Pattecake Polka proved easily managed fun that prepared all participants for the delicious refreshments provided by the Social Committee. - Once again, Thank You Mr. Nunn, for a most enjoyable evening.

H.B.

'TAKE THOU AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THE OFFICE OF A DEACON IN THE CHURCH OF GOD'

Sheffield Cathedral is a pleasing mixture of the old and the new. Some parts of the building have origins in the fifteenth century and others in the twentieth, and they blend well together. This blend in the fabric was reflected in the ordination service on September 22, for with the age and experience of the Bishop of Sheffield there was the vigour and youthfulness of the six young men who were made deacons and the three who were ordained to the priesthood. The deacons, of whom Raymond Draper was one, received their orders at the hands of the Bishop of Doncaster, and the Diocesan Bishop ordained the priests. The Cathedral was packed for the occasion, and although the service lasted nearly two hours, all the time it was absorbing and inspiring. The Reverend A. Graham, Warden of Lincoln Theological College, delivered a forthright and timely sermon on the total aspect of ministry and the nature of the equal involvement of the ordained and lay members. He particularly stressed the importance of prayer - praying for and with one another - and he gave us the lead in emphasising how important it was to ask God for the gifts of wisdom and strength - wisdom to perceive and strength to do - for ourselves, our friends, and particularly the newly-ordained.

At the service, about nineteen of his friends and relations joined Raymond and Gillian for an excellent lunch in their new home, with which they are delighted, the only drawbacks being that it is some way out of the parish and on the small side for the holding of house-meetings. We all wish them well as they begin their new work, and look forward to hearing regularly from them.

A.R.T.

THE TUESDAY CLUB

On January 14, 1969 a meeting was held attended by eighteen ladies, at which it was agreed to form a group under the title of Tuesday Club, its aims being to meet fortnightly to discuss matters of common interest to all age groups.

It was agreed that whilst the club would be non-sectarian, the chairman should be a communicant member of St. James's Church. This proposal was approved by the P.C.C.

Tuesday Club has been successful for over five years and our membership stands at 42 at the present time.

We welcome new members and I am sure that anyone joining us will find a very friendly atmosphere within the group.

Margaret Robinson
Chairman.

TWICKENHAM AND DISTRICT MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

The annual fund-raising bazaar this year will be in the form of a LONDON MARKET, to be held at St. Mary's Hall, Twickenham on Saturday November 2 from 10 a.m. Stalls will be named after well-known streets in London - for example: Pudding Lane (cakes and confectionary); Bond Street (toiletries); Petticoat Lane (clothes); Portobello Road (white elephants); Covent Garden (flowers, plants, vegetables); Hatton Garden

(jewellery); Soho (groceries); Regent Street (Tombola); Leather Lane (toys) Charing Cross Road (books); Young London (children's equipment - volunteer needed to run the stall); King's Road (refreshments - volunteer wanted).

Gifts or promises of gifts and help would be welcomed by Mrs. D Collie (979 1752 and 948 2787).

HATTON GARDEN COFFEE MORNING

Mrs. Margery Orton will be responsible for Hatton Garden (!!) and invites you to partake of coffee and refreshment at 30 St. James's Road on October 24, 10.30 - 12. She will be most grateful for any bits of costume jewellery (of course - real diamonds, emeralds and rubies for which you no longer have any use will not be refused!) so bring them along. If you haven't any, then come along just the same and enjoy the company and leave a donation towards the good work the Association accomplishes. The money is needed for various projects, including a weekly Sunday coach service to Horton and Longrove Hospitals for relatives and friends of patients; a home for people who are able to leave hospital but lack accommodation, as well as a weekly club which is held to offer support to those who through mental illness or loneliness are in need of friendship.

M.O.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

Most of what I had intended to write for this issue of The Spire has been much better said by Rachel Nugee, our Diocesan President, writing for the inset of the Journal. So please may I just commend her article to you? And before you pass your Journal on for waste-paper recycling, after perhaps lending it to a friend or two, please cut out and keep the copy of the new M.U. prayer that the Editor (our Mrs. Rockliffe) has thoughtfully had printed there, because under the present economy drive it is unlikely that other copies will become available.

Mothers' Union activity is by charter, so to speak, centred on everything that may affect the FAMILY. This means a very wide range of interest, as is confirmed by a glance at any issue of the M.U. News: there are extracts from Hansard; details of Play Centre training; aspects of retirement, etc. Branches are always being encouraged to take part in local community affairs.

Now it so happens that for the last one hundred and eleven years local social enterprise has been undertaken or instigated by the Church and, since its inception seventy-seven years ago, the M.U. Branch has taken its part along with other members of the Parish. Nowadays it is also carried out on an even larger scale by Rotarians and Community Care Associations and by the statutory Social Services. This is how it should be. I think nevertheless, that there still is a particular job for the M.U. Branch to be doing, and I should like to suggest that each member looks again at the 'Objects' - 1973 Edition - and thinks out how best these can be implemented and then brings her ideas to the A.G.M. in November when perhaps some direction for our next step should emerge.

C.H.B.

THE HAMPTON HILL OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COMMITTEE

At the time of going to press 40 of our Hampton Hill old people are just completing a subsidized holiday at Bracklesham Bay Holiday Camp. We hope they have had a happy time.

Our Carnival & Fair on September 7 was a bit of a nightmare. The weather was so bad, that on Friday evening we decided that, even if the wind dropped, and the rain stopped, it would be better to use the Hall rather than the recreation ground. Only 4 of the promised dozen floats turned up and they had much trouble with their decorations. The Brownies, who came 1st with their flower garden, seemed to manage better than the others - the wind blew! The Community Care Group who came 2nd had great difficulty in attaching their posters, which were home-made and very good; the Forget-me-not Club wrestled with their clothes' line at their Chinese Laundry, and the Whitton Queen's Coach top broke off on the Railway Bridge - the wind blew! Luckily it didn't blow the top on to the line. The Kingston Sea Cadets' Band - they seemed quite unruffled - led what was left of the procession around the village and back to the Hall where the fair was in progress. We are sorry we had to cancel the Staines Silver Band - the Hall was rather crowded and we were afraid for the roof. The children's fancy dress and decorated cycles were very well done. 1st White Rabbit; cycles - 1st Airplane. We had a new look this year - various local charities were allowed to furnish a stall and keep the proceeds. The reason for this was that this year we have been lucky with our finances. Mr. Nunn has given us over £200 from his newspaper collection for which we are very grateful. Also we have had a legacy of £2,300 and now feel we are in a position to give some financial help to the Day Centre, £500 now and £10 a week for one year. We hope the Day Centre will be opened later this year.

On July 18 when the Forget-me-not Club spent the afternoon in the Vicarage garden, the weather was completely different, and after tea all the guests found great pleasure in the various games and competitions devised by the Vicar and Mrs. Brunt.

SAINT JAMES TIDE

"Suffer the little children to come unto me". Thus spoke Our Lord and on Sunday 22 July these words were aptly brought to mind when at our Patron Saint's Day Service, some of the children of the parish gave sequences in the life of Saint James in dance and mime. A very tasteful well designed and reverent entertainment which was thoroughly enjoyable. We were treated to Our Lord's beckoning the disciples from their fishing, shown them exercising the healing powers they were given (even the 'sick' were most realistic!) and so on until the final execution of Saint James and the converted informer, by the sword. Thank you to all the dancers and arrangers.

It was pleasing to see the numbers in church and the very happy atmosphere at the tea afterwards served in the churchyard under a beautiful blue sky.

May we say thank you to the organisers of the afternoon together

with the helpers and thank you once again to the children. Perhaps we should also say thank you to Saint James for making this possible.

P.B-C

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We have great need for Shorthand/typists, both for senior and junior positions, including a Committee Clerk.

People with skill in writing or experience of journalism may be useful in the Editorial Department.

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Retired people who can offer part-time service can sometimes be placed; but our main need is for active and energetic people who can work full-time.

Enquiries please to:- Appointment and Training Secretary.

AUGMENTED CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS

The Service of Carols by Candlelight held for the first time last year in the early evening of Christmas Day is planned again for this year, as it proved to be enjoyable and surprisingly well supported. Practices will begin on Friday November 1 at 8.00 p.m. and thereafter at fortnightly intervals, and any friends who would like to augment the choir for this Service are warmly invited to attend.

R.J.C.D.

SOME DATES TO NOTE

October

- 12 2.30 P.M. Mothers' Union: Jumble Sale (Hall); 8.00 P.M. Concert in aid of Church's Housing Trust (Barnes Methodist Church).
- 13 9.20 A.M. Junior Department of Sunday School reopens (W)
- 14 10.30 A.M. Editorial Board (21 St. James's Road); 8.00 P.M. Stewardship Committee (106 Park Road).
- 15 10.15 A.M. Deanery Chapter meets at Wayside; 7.30 P.M. A.G.M. of the Hampton Council of Churches, followed at 8.00 P.M. by an open meeting - 'The Work of the World Council of Churches' (St. Mary's Hall, Hampton).
- 16 8.00 P.M. Deanery Synod (St. Mary's Hall, Hampton).
- 17 7.45 P.M. HARVEST SUPPER & ENTERTAINMENT - postponed from October 10 because of the election (Hall).
- 18 SAINT LUKE'S DAY: Holy Communion at 7.30 A.M.
- 20-27 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE
- 20 No evening service here, but cars available from 6.20 P.M. onwards to provide transport to the UNITED SERVICE beginning at 6.45 P.M. in the HAMPTON HILL REFORMED CHURCH.
- 21 8.00 P.M. Properties Committee (151 Uxbridge Road)

- 22 8.00 P.M. Tuesday Club: Miss Pring speaks about Australia (W) 8.00 P.M. Liturgical Committee (63 Park Road).
- 23 DAY OF PRAYER FOR RACIAL HARMONY: 7.30 A.M. Holy Communion; 8.00 P.M. Special Vigil at Teddington Methodist Church.
- 24 10.30 A.M. Coffee Morning (30 St James's Road)
- 27 6.30 P.M. Members of Y.P.F. lead special form of Evening Prayer
- 28 SS. SIMON & JUDE 7.30 A.M. Holy Communion
- 29 8.00 P.M. Training Session and Discussion Evening for all concerned in the Wayside Project and their friends (W)

November

- 1 ALL SAINTS' DAY: 7.30 A.M. Holy Communion; 8.00 P.M. First meeting of augmented choir to prepare Christmas music (Vestry)
- 2 10.00 A.M. Mental Health Association: Bazaar and London Market (St. Mary's Hall, Twickenham); 6.00 P.M. PARISH FIREWORKS PARTY - admission by ticket only (Laurel Dene)
- 3 6.30 P.M. Instead of Evensong, a striking film telling the story of the way in which new life and hope came to a declining and despairing parish - 'FOLLOWING THE SPIRIT' - will be shown.
- 5 6.30 P.M. Tuesday Club: Theatre Outing
- 6 2.30 P.M. Mothers' Union: A.G.M. (W)
- 9 8.30 - 10.30 A.M. Waste-paper collection
- 16 8.00 P.M. Edwardian Evening and Concert (Hall)

During this period, Confirmation Groups will meet as arranged: also the Prayer Meeting and the Contacts Group will continue as nearly as possible at fortnightly intervals - details will be announced in church and on notice boards.

BAPTISMS

September

- 23 Steven Barnes, 13 Vincent Row
Graham Michael Kyne, 30 Ringwood Way
Emma Jane Page, 8 Laurel Road.

MARRIAGES

September

- 7 Christopher Richard Gardner to Carol Audrey Shailer
- 14 Richard Alan Brooks to Anne Carol Warwick.

BURIALS & CREMATION

September

- 5 Winifred Alice Shepherd, 23 St. James's Avenue, aged 76 years
- 12 Ethel Eliza Daldorph, Laurel Dene, aged 85 years (at Kingston Crematorium)
- 18 Emily Blackall, Laurel Dene, aged 86 years.