

REGRETFUL RETIREMENT

In the last issue we had an article about the Bishop of Kensington's retirement. He officially retires at the end of October, but I understand that he is using that month for the purpose (which we all dread) of clearing up, and so we say farewell to him as an active and loving Pastor among us on September 30. Now we have heard of the retirement of the Bishop of London, and received a copy of his 'Occasional Paper', in which he explains his reasons. Here are some extracts: 'I shall be seventy on August 19, and have decided that the time has come for me to retire. Since I was appointed to the See of London two years before the passing of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Age Limit) Measure which makes it compulsory for most clergymen to retire at seventy, I could if I wished continue in office indefinitely. But the Church has declared its opinion that seventy is the right age for clergy to retire, and I think it right to accept the implications of this decision. I hope that other clergymen who have reached this age will follow my example. I have had many regrets in coming to this decision It is not easy to contemplate retirement especially when, as in my case, I enjoy good health and strength. But a person is not the best judge of his own effectiveness, and it is not fair on one's friends to expect them to tell one when one is no longer up to the job. It is a good thing to have a fixed date for retirement. It may mean that in rare cases a person has to leave active service before his usefulness is exhausted. Generally speaking, by seventy a person ought to have done his job, and he begins to lose his freshness and initiative. And if he still has some capacity left it can be used in doing some of the many things he always intended to do and has never had the time to do'

Like our two Bishops, I also was born in 1910, and was seventy in January. I am also exempt from the provisions of the Age Limit Measure, but many clergymen equally exempt have retired at the age of 65 or soon after including some of my friends. Others of course have gone on well into the seventies and even the eighties. One has to make one's own decision after serious prayer and thought and considering the advice of others. So Con and I came to the decision a year ago that towards the end of 1980 would be the right time for us to go, and resist the temptation to stay on until March 16, 1981, and complete our thirty years. In the last month we have had to take into account the loving pressure and persuasion of Church Officers and other friends to stay until the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting, but now the Staff and the Standing Committee of the PCC and I have accepted, though with many regrets, that December 1 is the right date to fix for my resigning the benefice, and there has just been time for me to write this announcement for the September magazine to inform the parish as a whole. Strangely enough, this very morning I received a letter from the Diocesan Secretary which for a moment renewed the temptation to stay on longer than I ought. Earlier in the year I had found out from him that London is one of the dioceses which freezes the stipends of clergymen after they reach their seventieth birthday; but he said that if I resigned not later than November 1 he would recommend that I receive the appointed augmentation. Today he says it would be to my advantage to stay on until April 1, when the non-taxable lump sum granted by the Pensions Board on retirement is to be increased by a considerable amount! This might well be to my material benefit, but it would not be for the true welfare of the parish,

which now needs a younger man of physical vigour and spiritual power to lead it in such a way as to take full advantages of all the opportunities for growth and development which will be there in the years ahead.

I need not say what a traumatic experience it will be for Con and myself to leave a community which is so much alive and forward-looking as Hampton Hill, and in which we now have so many friends. There will be all kinds of difficult adjustments to make. We do not intend our retirement to be one long holiday, but hope to find opportunities for the kind of ministry we hope still to be able to render, free from the constant pressures and inescapable demands of parochial responsibility. Meanwhile, it is not good-bye yet. A lot of work still remains to be done, and we will tackle it together in fellowship and shared ministry as we always try to do. It may be that like our Bishop I shall need at least three weeks to take as holiday for all that is involved in what is called 'clearing up', so this may mean cutting to a minimum any parish work after the first week in November – but perhaps more about this next month.

Rupert Brunt

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

The sixth and final article in this series is held over until the next issue because of pressure on space. We hope to develop further some of the themes which have been touched on at our next Parish Quiet Day in St. John's Church, Wimbledon, on Saturday November 8.

LET'S HELP PUT MONEY DOWN THE DRAIN!!

Harvest Festival Offerings, Sunday October 12

At Harvest Festival it is the custom at St. James' to donate the offerings to a particular charity, and this year the Vicar and the PCC kindly agreed for them to be sent to St. Catherine's College in Lesotho.

Some of you will know that I spent 3 months last summer in this small independent Kingdom landlocked within apartheid-stricken S. Africa. My stay included a wonderful fortnight teaching at this African Girls' High School run by the Sisters of the Convent of the Holy Name in the country's capital, Maseru.

In this underdeveloped country there are few educational establishments and in particular a severe lack of High Schools, and those which do exist are run on very tight budgets with inadequate financial resources. Yet despite the sparseness of its furnishings and the lack of much modern equipment taken for granted in our own schools, I found St. Catherine's to be a warm, friendly place as well as a hive of learning. It was a real pleasure to teach in an atmosphere of such unbounded enthusiasm, and the girls' willingness and desire to learn soon dispelled my fears about an undertaking (teaching history and maths) for which I felt decidedly ill-qualified. Every girl was painfully aware of her own good fortune in having secured one of the limited number of places available whilst many others, desperate to learn, continually have to be turned away.

At the moment, as you may have noted from the posters in church, the school faces a serious health problem. The sewage system consists of a number of conservancy tanks and owing to the extension of much-needed dormitory accommodation a further tank is required on the compound. However, because of the lack of vehicles available to empty these tanks, St. Catherine's has been informed that it must link up to the mains drainage at a cost of 15,000 Rand (approx. £8,330) Meanwhile, the inadequate emptying of the existing tanks is

creating a very serious health hazard and the Sisters desperately need this sum to safeguard the health and safety of schoolgirls and Nuns alike, and also to enable the building of the new dormitory to be continued.

I would ask you to give generously to the collection for St. Catherine's on October 12. The Sisters do a wonderful job in providing a much-cherished education for these young girls and I can give a personal assurance that every penny will be greatly appreciated and carefully spent in furthering that end.

Helen Lawrance

N.B. If anyone would like more information about how the money collected will be used I will be only too pleased to attempt to provide it!

A VISITING ARCHDEACON

The Venerable Gerald Ernest, Archdeacon of Mauritius, is at present in England with his wife Jessie. They spent their first week's leave in this parish and were happy to join the congregation of St. James' for the 9.30 service on the Sunday. Archdeacon Ernest has not been in England since he was a student at Mirfield Theological College. This was more than thirty years ago and he was pleased to tell us that Father Tom Stanton was a student there at the same time, but he was a year senior to Gerald. This is Jessie's first visit to England. Indeed it is the first time she has travelled outside the Diocese of Mauritius and the long flight from Mauritius via Seychelles and Bahrain and then on to London Airport must have seemed never-ending to her. Archdeacon Ernest is, of course, noticing many changes since he was last here, but for Jessie it is a completely new experience. It is unusual for us to hear someone saying how big everything is! But then Mauritius is only small, about the size of Surrey. It is a very beautiful island but just a speck in the Indian Ocean well to the east of Madagascar.

After a short holiday in Bournemouth the Archdeacon and his wife are now in Northampton. They are attached to a church which is an ecumenical centre and from here they visit other parishes where Gerald is able to help with officiating or preaching at services. He had hoped to be able to come back to St. James' before he returns to Mauritius in September but he has so many engagements that it seems unlikely that he will be able to come.

In 1977 Archdeacon Ernest had charge of the whole of the Diocese of Mauritius. This was in the sad period after Bishop Emmanuel (their first Mauritian born Bishop) died suddenly only ten weeks after his consecration. It was a year before Bishop Trevor Huddleston, on leaving Stepney, became their next Bishop.

Now Bishop Huddleston is anxious that Gerald should visit a number of Churches in England and see what is happening in a variety of parishes as well as enjoying a well deserved holiday with Jessie. They are certainly seeing the churches and the parish work. What a pity the weather isn't better to increase the enjoyment of their holiday!

Sylvia Boarder

(A number of us from St. James's were privileged to enjoy the wonderful hospitality of Sylvia and Ellen Boarder, and to enjoy much conversation with this very friendly Archdeacon and his wife on the Friday before they came to our church. We hoped that he might have been able to come again and preside and preach at our Eucharist before returning to Mauritius, and are sorry to hear that this is now not possible. — Ed.)

HAMPTON DEANERY SYNOD : A TALK ON RACE RELATIONS

On Thursday, July 10th the Rev. Frank Gill, a West Indian Anglican priest, Vicar of St. Thomas's Church, Kensal Rise, came to talk to the meeting of the Hampton Deanery Synod at St. Stephens', East Twickenham.

He talked about race relations chiefly in connection with the Police and with the Church. There is much discussion going on about the "Sus" legislation; the police can and do arrest on suspicion of loitering with intent and the figures of arrests indicate that far more blacks are picked up than whites. The police can approach a group of black youngsters; the young people know that if they disperse and run away it will immediately look suspicious and police-cars will pursue them; if they remain in their group the police may come and take names and ask questions; one abrupt answer like "we're minding our own business", will lead to an argument, the policeman says "come with me", there is resistance and the youngster can immediately be accused with "resisting arrest". Black youth is fed up to the teeth with this legislation. A Parliamentary Special Committee is studying this, and is criticising the "Sus" laws; the police say that this recourse is essential in their crime-control programmes.

The Rev. Frank Gill spoke movingly about the frustration of the black parents; the economic difficulties make the finding of jobs even more difficult, and even without these difficulties there is discrimination; the white school-leaver may get a job at the 3rd or 4th attempt, the black at the 13th or 14th. And there are no jobs. Parents see their youngsters getting out of hand. There is real fear of the SPG, the Special Patrol Group in the Police Force.

Frank Gill urged the Church to contribute to the debate and he accused the Church of having been silent for too long. Church people need to think more imaginatively about the poor and the oppressed. The Church should speak out about the attitudes and performance of the police, and make sure that police trainees are having adequate training in problems of race-relations. There should be an educational drive mounted foremost in church schools and training colleges to advocate more awareness of the difficulties confronting many of our fellow citizens whose skin-colour is different from our own.

Hannah Stanton

ST. JAMES'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL

It gives me great pleasure to respond to the request made to me to contribute an article for The Spire on the occasion of the delightful service we attended on Sunday afternoon, July 27, '80, which was followed by the 'tea party' in the garden with sunshine to add to the enjoyment. The lusty singing in the church of the beautiful hymns and music from the organ was soul inspiring, the reading by Olive and the three addresses by the Vicar, Hannah and David were most expressive and explanatory. All in connection with this particular Festival concerning St. James of St. James's Church, Hampton Hill, which my sisters and I have attended and worshipped in for over thirty years!

I feel sure that the pleasure the congregation experienced this particular year was tinged with regret at the fact that this is the last one that we will have shared with our greatly respected and loved Vicar and his dear wife, Connie, because of their leaving us at the end of this year. I know they will be greatly missed but we must not be selfish and begrudge them their well deserved retirement but wish them well, with God's blessing, and who knows — perhaps we shall welcome them as guests at many another Patronal Festival, D.V.

I am truly sorry that I was unable to join the 'Family Circle' at the end of the service but felt, as a lone 'pew stander', that I had everyone's prayerful wishes which were warmly reciprocated by me in Spirit.

In ending, I am sure all of us extend to the kindly hosts and hostesses our sincere thanks for all the time and labour expended in entertaining us with the refreshing tea and delectable 'eats' which were really enjoyed.

Coral McCarthy

THE YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP OUTING

On Thursday, July 17, the Young Families Group went on a Coach Trip. Starting at 10.30 am from the church, our pleasant careful driver and comfortable coach took us on to the continuation of the M3 up to London where the traffic slowed us down to a crawl. It was an interesting journey taking 1¼ hr. to Hampstead and up through the town where the shops were all bright with 'Sales' notices and the shoppers toiled up the long steep hill with apparent ease, past Jack Straws Castle and the Spanish Inn and so into the car-park for Kenwood House, one-time home of Lord Mansfield.

The gateway was so narrow that I think coaches were not welcome but there was no notice to that effect – our driver did a splendid job with about two inches to spare on either side!

The little children of the party were all able to run about and play ball and – joy of joys – roll down the long sloping grassy bank outside the house down to the lush parkland and then to walk to the lake across which we saw the dais and rostrum for the outdoor concerts which must be fascinating on a fine summer evening. We went down to inspect the white bridge across the corner of the lake but found it was only a facade, but the woods beyond were dense and muddy and good for walking.

I went into the house, which must have been a glorious home in its day, so beautifully proportioned were the rooms. I also visited the exhibition of 17th and 18th century paintings, mostly by Gaspard Dughel.

About half-an-hour before departure most of us drifted to the tea and ice cream cafeteria and then at 2.45 pm we embarked for home, rather a sleepy party. We were fortunate in having only one short light shower of rain.

Thanks are due to Hilde Bucknell for arranging the outing and keeping an eye on us all.

A.T.

THOUGHTS

"To grieve is to grow" the good man said and I pondered! I shrink when I grieve I thought – suffering makes me feel small and alone and I grieve too much ever since, as a little girl, my rabbits, all soft and furry and lovable, would die.

And then the older members of my family one by one, and my friends and even acquaintances during the War – and broken friendships which are a major tragedy and distant friends who fade out – and otherpeople's losses too, they hurt.

And now my dear and lifelong friends are leaving me. So I turned again to "To grieve is to grow". To love, to lose, to suffer is to be alive so who on this earth would try to avoid it? Rather go out and embrace it and then take it to God for comfort. "There are other sorts of losses" the good man said – there is loss of activity, of eyesight, hearing, strength, dexterity and the ability to help others.

I suppose there is as much sadness as joy in life so we must make the most of joy when we have it.

I've often thought of life like a beautiful landscape painting. The plains are the contented pleasant patches and the crags and mountains are the troubles which give shape to the plains and make them more pleasant by comparison. All plains and the picture would lack interest.

Alison Thompson

AROUND THE SPIRE

On Wednesday August 13, one of St. James's best-loved and longest-attending members had her 90th birthday. Miss Laurie Browne celebrated her big day with a quiet 'At Home' when many of her close friends and neighbours called in for a "sherry and piece of birthday cake". There were many good wishes, gifts of flowers, cards (and even a bottle or two!), etc., and amongst them a large card signed by many members of St. James's congregation. She was overheard to say "I feel like the Queen Mother"! We all join together in sending our sincere congratulations and love to her and her two dear sisters, Merlyn Browne and Coral McCarthy. May they all three celebrate many more Happy Birthdays and years attending St. James's.

When we appointed our new organist, Olive Hayward, we knew that she was already committed to being away for five consecutive Sundays in the summer. We wondered whether we would be able to maintain the music in our church during this period, but fortunately our friends Gerry Adams, Ron Daffone and Elizabeth Sharman rallied round, and everything went splendidly, including a very happy and lively gipsy wedding. Ron found time to play on the very day before he and Daphne moved to their new home in Sussex, and he gave us of his best, including some of those lovely and sparkling voluntaries which mean so much to many of us and which we wish that he could have included in his Farewell Recital. The new address of Ron and Daphne is: 4 Briar Close, Yapton, West Sussex BN18 0ES, and their telephone number Yapton 551114.

The Brass Tacks programme on August 11 demonstrated clearly that it is possible to be both a dog-lover and a responsible dog-owner. Unfortunately there are in our community as in those represented in the discussion who are not responsible, whose dogs foul our pavements and are turned loose to make messes in our churchyard. This is a great nuisance, and makes things very unpleasant for those who try to keep their graves tidy, and for all of us when we join in a Mass Attack. A number of people who have suffered from this thoughtlessness and lack of consideration — and often the abusive language of those irresponsible ones when courteously remonstrated with — have asked the PCC to put notices up about this offensive behaviour. But we feel that if we did these would be either defaced or pulled down, or as little observed as the maxims in gold paint which used to be under the lych-gate arch, one of which was 'let no dog enter it or defile it'. We can only hope that some of the people concerned saw the Brass Tacks programme, and resolved to turn over a new leaf — and if we catch anyone allowing a dog to commit a nuisance, we shall politely request him or her to clear it up.

We apologise to our friend Violet for carelessly allowing her name to be transposed into Victor in our last issue. As she said, this is a name of which every Christian would like one day to be worthy — but in the meantime we prefer to keep to our own baptismal one!

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

We need a new Secretary for the BRF group. In fact we have been looking for a new Secretary ever since Paul Brown moved away, two years ago. The job involves distribution of the notes three times a year to the subscribers. At present there are thirteen subscribers. In some churches the BRF Notes are put out in the church for members to collect. The other part of the job is to collect annual subscriptions — £1.20 in 1980 — and make the group payment to headquarters sometime in March. It would be possible for the two jobs to be separated and have two people involved. If you think you could help in any way please tell the Vicar.

Also if there are any readers who think they might like to join the BRF Group for 1981, please would they let the Vicar know before September 30 this year. There are sample copies of the Notes on the bookstall in the Baptistry.

C.H.B.

LADIES' CHOIR – ANNUAL REPORT

We have now come to the end of our year as we take a fairly long summer break. When we resume on September 15 we will be working towards a few Christmas entertainments. Last year we did not start entertaining until about March – from then on we went to as many Old People's Homes as we could manage. Unfortunately we have to disappoint some of our friends as there are not enough available weeks in the year – but we are very pleased to know they want us!! We all thoroughly enjoy our preparation as well as the concerts. If one measures success by the amount of enjoyment given, I would say we had a very successful year, as all fourteen of us get a great deal of pleasure out of our fortnightly meetings and hate to miss them. Any one else wishing to join us would be most welcome.

E.V.S.

AUTUMN ACTIVITIES

After the summer break, the Ladies' Choir will meet again on Monday September 15 at 2.30 pm in the vestry. Several of our members will still be on holiday at this time, so any new members would be very welcome. We already have one booking for December, and hope to sing at various Homes for the Elderly during the year. We meet once a fortnight, and if you enjoy singing please come and join us.

If lung exercises do not appeal to you – how about exercising the rest of you? Can you pass the shop-window test? Have you ever caught a glimpse of yourself slouching home from the supermarket? Don't be depressed – it is never too late to join Keep Fit and learn to straighten up and tone up your muscles. A good bearing can make you look and feel younger. Keep Fit classes are held in the Hall every Tuesday at 2 pm. Term starts September 9, but you may join after that date if it is inconvenient. Exercises are to music and are suitable for all ages. Be brave – come and join us!

P.Y.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

We are holding our Deanery gathering this year on Wednesday, October 29, at All Saints' Church Hampton. We are combining a Deanery Service at 12 o'clock with an Overseas Talk by Mrs. Mollie Nichols (London Diocesan Overseas Chairwoman) to follow. You are asked to bring your own packed lunch (coffee will be provided). There will be a Bring & Buy Stall in the afternoon, the profit from which will be the Deanery's contribution to the Overseas Fund.

D.E.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

On one of the few sunny afternoons in July, Doris Childs and I attended a Garden Party in aid of the Church of England Children's Society. It was held in the extensive grounds of the Hurlingham Club at Putney, alongside the river. All around us games of bowls and croquet were being played, but in the centre under some trees, stalls were laid out each run by a different local committee. The quality of the goods was exceptionally high but it was difficult at times to see what was on offer because of the large number of people. There was a talk in the ballroom on the 'Physic Gardens of Chelsea' made by the Society for showing to organisations. Later still there was to be a dancing display but unfortunately we did not feel able to stay long enough to see it. A cup of tea and a cake, plus a well deserved sit down while we listened to the Metropolitan Brass Band concluded a very pleasant afternoon.

The following evening the Annual Box Opening was held in our house, Alan and Ruth doing the important job of counting the money, and the boys all helping with selling various items, opening the door and handing round refreshments etc. With one or two boxes still to be opened the final result will be around £90 which is an excellent amount. Thank you to all the Boxholders and especially those that came and brought their boxes and supported the stalls. I have recently lost a few boxholders and am always looking for new people particularly among the younger people grateful for their own small, happy children. If anyone would like a box please ask me anytime

Helen Taylor

SOCIAL COMMITTEE — CARNIVAL SEPTEMBER 20

St. James's Social Committee need your help on Saturday September 20 when they will be decorating a lorry for the Carnival Procession. Please bring useful things like hammers, nails, string, wire and coloured paper to St. James's Road at 9.30 am. Our theme is 'A Century at St. James's 1880 - 1980', with appropriate costumes.

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R.L.B.

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ST. JAMES'S WOMEN'S TUESDAY CLUB

During our past year, attendances at the Club meetings have been good and members have enjoyed talks and demonstrations on many subjects, also the coach trip to Outwood Mill was a great success. The year ended, as usual, with a Supper which our members seem to have greatly appreciated.

The programme planned for the new session is varied, and includes a speaker from the R.N.L.I. and a lecturer from the Dairy Council and a 'Cheese Tasting'. Please see list below for other attractions.

New members and visitors are always welcome. The subscription is only 50p per annum and meetings commence at 8 pm at Wayside, St. James Road, Hampton Hill. We also warmly welcome, of course, our regulars.

Tues. Sept. 16 Recipes and Bring & Buy Auction

Tues. Sept. 30 Mr. Richard Wilson, Slide-Talk on the Lifeboat Service RNLI

Tues. Oct. 14 Talk on Fire Prevention

Friday Oct. 17 Evening Outing to Royal Albert Hall Orchestral Concert

Tues. Oct. 28 National Dairy Council Talk & Cheese Tasting

Tues. Nov. 11 Mrs. Carswell Talk on 'District Nursing'

Tues. Nov. 25 Mr. Keith Betton Local Representative for the RSP Birds

Tues. Dec. 9 Christmas Social

YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP – AUTUMN PREVIEW

The Young Families Group starts its new term on September 11. As usual we meet every Thursday morning in Wayside from 10.30 till 12 o'clock. Every 2nd and 4th Thursday there will be a coffee morning, and on 1st and 3rd Thursdays we will also have some added attraction in the form of short talks, films, visits etc., all aimed at subjects of special interest to young mothers.

If you yourself have a new baby or a toddler, or if you know anybody who does, please come along or tell your friends about the Young Families Group. You will meet new friends and new ideas and you can share all those problems which worry mums with small children (Share the joys as well, though!). It is true, a burden shared is half as heavy. For our exact programme see next issue.

Now we would, however, draw your attention to a few very special events:

Thurs. Oct. 9 10.30 in Church

Harvest Pram Service and Baptismal Roll Party

Everybody welcome; mothers of babies who were baptised during the past year by special invitation

Thurs. Oct. 16 10.30 in Wayside

"Harvest Thoughts" – Christian Aid Film, Frugal Lunch

Proceeds to Christian Aid

Open to the general public, watch posters for details

Wed. Nov. 5 6 pm in Hannah Stanton's garden Firework Party

Everybody welcome, details later

BIBLE PUZZLE SOLUTION

1. Saul
2. Amos
3. Lot
4. Abraham
5. Ezekiel
6. Corinthians

NB: No prizes this time.
Maybe because we did not give you a telephone number.
Sorry. We'll do better next time.

CHEMISTS' ADDITIONAL DUTY ROTA

September	14	E. & R. Kirby, 53 High Street, Teddington
	21	Boots, 59 Broad Street, Teddington
	28	D.R. Thomas, 113 Stanley Road, Teddington
October	5	H. Hall, 62 High Street, Hampton Hill
	12	E. Moss, 14 Broad Street, Teddington
	19	G.E. Martin, 28B Priory Road, Hampton

SOME MORE DATES TO NOTE

September

- 14 0920 Sunday School reopens at Wayside; 16.30 Welcome Service. Offerings for Mother Theresa's Missionary Sisters of Charity, a film about whose work will be shown during the service.
- 15 10.30 Editorial Board (30 St. James's Road);
14.30 Ladies' Choir beings its sessions (Vestry)
- 16 14.30 Adult Confirmation Group begins again (19 Fairlight).
20.00 Prayer Meeting (75 Burton's Road)
- 17 20.00 Stewardship Committee (106 Park Road)
- 18 19.15 Holy Communion; 20.00 Koinonia meetings begin again in the south aisle: they will continue weekly until October 23, but on October 9 & 16 the meeting may have to be transferred to another evening because of other parish commitments
- 20 Carnival Day
- 21 SAINT MATTHEW'S DAY: Sunday arrangements as usual, with the addition of a service at Laurel Dene at 17.15
- 24 20.00 Wayside Monday Centre Management Group (60 St. James's Avenue)
- 25 19.15 Holy Communion
- 27 Paper Day: Dedication of the new church SS. Peter & Paul, Teddington
- 29 MICHAELMAS: 19.15 Holy Communion
- 30 20.00 The Bishop of Kensington's Farewell Eucharist (Holy Trinity, Brompton)

October

- 1 14.30 Mothers' Union Meeting: 'English Churches' (W)
- 2 20.00 Properties Committee (81 Park Road)
- 9 19.15 Holy Communion; 20.00 Parochial Church Council (W)
- 12 HARVEST FESTIVAL: 08.00 Holy Communion: 09.30 Parish and Family Communion and Parade Service, followed by the usual light Parish Breakfast; 12.00 Ploughman's Harvest Lunch (Parish Hall); 16.30 instead of the planned Welcome Service, Evensong. Offerings for the St. Catherine's College Appeal
- 14 20.00 Hampton Council of Churches: AGM (Methodist Church, Percy Road)
- 16 20.00 Wayside Monday Centre Helpers: AGM (W)

November

- 8 Parish Quiet Day

BAPTISM

August

- 10 Kevin Barry Bromley, 39 Cranmer Road

MARRIAGES

August

- 16 James John Cooper to Jeannie Smith
- 23 Graham Stanley Kirk to Christine Margaret Hill

CREMATIONS AND BURIAL

July

- 30 Lily Isobel Porter, 5 Myrtle Road, aged 79 years
(at South West Middlesex Crematorium)

August

- 28 Emily Florence Goodchild, 184 Hanworth Road, aged 70 years
(at South West Middlesex Crematorium)

September

- 1 Joan Waltham, 1 Sherwood Road, aged 60 years (at Teddington Cemetery)