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THE VICARAGE,
HAMPTON HILL,
December 1st, 1928.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

It seems hardly possible that it is only a little more than three weeks until Christmas Day. And yet the thought of that great festival should not be allowed to eclipse the solemn season of Advent. Each of the great festivals of the Church is the centre of a sacred season, which begins with a period of serious preparation and ends with one of holy joy. Thus the services for Advent are intended to prepare us for a devout and profitable celebration of Christmas. Let us, then, observe the solemn season fittingly. And although one would not wish to take anything away from the secular celebrations of Christmastide, I would remind you that these are all dependent upon the great fact commemorated by the Church, viz., the Birth of Jesus Christ, the Incarnation of the Son of God. Whatever of joy and merrymaking we may plan, do not let us forget to greet Him Who as on Christmas Day was born in Bethlehem. We shall have the first Holy Communion of Christmas at midnight, beginning the service at 11.45 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The same plan will be followed as last year of having hymns sung by the congregation during the service. The last Celebration will be detached from Matins and will commence as near 12 o'clock as possible. I know that it is an expensive time for flowers, but if the many would send a few each, and those preferably white, we should have sufficient to worthily adorn our House of God.

Our Week of Prayer and Self-Denial was rather better observed than last year. Although the result of self-denial did not bring in the required amount to make up our quota of obligation to the London Diocesan Fund it was quite good.

Last month saw the opening of the new Day Schools, and all are agreed that they are very fine. Mr. Allbless in his speech reminded the parents

and children of the great opportunities for a really good education that all children of to-day had through the advantages of scholarships to secondary schools and trade schools. He pleaded with the parents to let their children stay longer at school, reminding them of the possibility of the school-leaving age being raised to sixteen in the near future. The children look very happy in their new surroundings. Despite the fact that the prospect of a mixed school was looked upon with some fear and trembling by some of the teachers and children, they are settling down to work very well.

I am constantly being asked what we are going to do with the old school buildings. It is too soon to be certain of anything yet, but I hope in next month's Magazine to be able to make a definite statement.

Beginning with the first number of the Magazine for 1929 we are going to insert each month the London Diocesan Leaflet. It is full of interesting matter about the Diocese, and always contains a letter from the Bishop. I do hope it will create a greater interest in diocesan affairs than many parishioners have at present.

With every good wish for a happy and joyous Christmas,

I remain,

Your faithful friend and Vicar,

FREDK. P. P. HARVEY.

INTERCESSIONS.

At 7.30 a.m.—Holy Communion

Mondays: Sunday Schools, Day Schools.

Tuesdays: District Visiting, Mothers' Union, Voluntary Workers in the Church, Cleaners, &c.

Wednesdays: Choir and Services, Parochial Church Council.

Thursdays: Temperance Work, Band of Hope, Crusaders and Adult Branch, C.E.T.S.

Fridays: Church Missions, Home & Over-seas

Saturdays: Church Lads' Brigade, Girl Guides, Girls' Friendly Society.

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IMPORTANT.—Will all those who are responsible for Church Work please send in a full report by the 20th of each month, by so doing it will not only be of great use to our readers, but greatly forward the work of the Church. Applications for Advertisements in the Magazine should be made to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. A. SIMMONS, 7, Oxford Road, Teddington.

We are grateful to our Advertisers for their support of our Magazine, and confidently hope our readers will support them.

Parish Wants.

1. A Parish Hall.
2. A Bier for use in Church at Funerals, approximate cost about £30.
3. Two Urns.

The Vicar may be seen at the Vicarage on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, between the hours of 8.45 and 10 a.m. And on any day, except Mondays, between the hours of 6 and 7 p.m.

CHURCHYARD.—Contributions towards keeping the Churchyard and the graves tidy will be welcomed, and may be sent to Mr. C. H. Evans (Churchwarden), Roseneath, Edward road, Hampton Hill.

Parish News.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—For boys in the Boys' School and for girls in the Girls' School at 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. For infants in the Church Room at 10.30 in the morning and in the Infants' School at 2.30 in the afternoon.

BIBLE CLASS.—A Class for Girls over fourteen years of age meets in the Girls' School on Sundays at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

LADS' CLUB.—The Club is open on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. for lads over fourteen

years of age. Members' subscription is from a penny a week. Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Creane, School Road.

MOTHERS' UNION.—The Monthly Meeting will be held in the Church Room on Wednesday, December 5th, at 2.30 p.m.

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TEACHERS' PREPARATION CLASS will be held on Fridays in the month at 8 p.m.

SAINTS' DAYS.—St. Thomas, December 21st; St. Stephen, December 26th; St. John, December 27th; Holy Innocents, December 28th. Holy Communion will be celebrated on these days at 7.30 a.m. and 12.

CHRISTMAS DAY.—Holy Communion 11.45 p.m. (December 24th), 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12. Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m.

The collections on Christmas Day will be given to the Sick and Poor Fund.

Gifts of flowers and evergreens for decorations will be gratefully received. They should be sent to the Church on Monday, December 24th, between 9.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

COMMUNICANTS' GUILD.—The Monthly Service and Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 19th. All Communicants are welcomed, as this will be the Preparation Service for Christmas Communions.

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—The Monthly Meeting of the Missionary Association will be held in the Vestry at 8 p.m., on Friday, December 17th. Chapters 5 and 6 of "Our Church's Youngest Daughter" will form the subject under discussion.

The Monthly Intercession Service will be taken after Evensong on Sunday, December 9th.

CHOIR BOYS' TREAT.—For several years the boys of the choir have been taken to some place of amusement at Christmas time. Last year they

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spent a very happy afternoon at the circus at Olympia. It is hoped that it will be possible to take them to some place of amusement this year. To this end, the many kind friends who have so generously helped in past years, and others who have come to the Church during this year, are asked to send donations to the Vicar as soon as possible. It is best, if possible, to have this treat during the school holidays; and to ensure good seats at any entertainment during the Christmas holidays it is necessary to book the seats early in the month.

OCTOBER CONCERT.—The concert held on October 26th was a great success financially and from the point of view of an entertainment. It was one of the best concerts given in Hampton Hill, and the promoters were fortunate in securing such good talent. After paying expenses the sum of £7 13s. 10d. was handed over to the Churchwardens' Account. The following is the statement of proceeds and expenses:—

	£	s.	d.
Tickets sold	16	13	6
Money taken at door	0	16	0
Sale of Programmes	0	14	10
Sale of Chocolates	0	10	0
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	£18	14	4
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Hire of Piano	1	10	0
Hire of Chairs	1	13	0
Printing	1	12	6
Caretaker	0	15	0
Room	0	5	0
Artists' Fees	5	5	0
Balance to P.C.C.	7	13	10
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	£18	14	4

THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL.—It is the time for bringing the Electoral Roll of this Parish up to date. The importance of having the names of all qualified persons entered in the Roll is emphasised by the Bishop in a letter lately sent to the

Incumbents of Parishes in the London Diocese. The Bishop says: "The next election to the House of Laity of the Church Assembly, which will take place in 1930 and govern the representation until 1935, will be based upon the number of electors on the Rolls of the respective Dioceses in 1929. In order to secure an adequate representation of the Diocese of London, I must stress the importance of your making every endeavour to include upon your Roll all those who are entitled to be registered as electors. Bearing in mind that the issue will be decided by the numbers on the Roll presented at your Annual Parochial Church Meeting, you will understand the pressing need of giving your attention to this matter without delay. Owing to the meagre character of the Rolls in this Diocese as presented in 1925, the representation of the Diocese of London in the present House of Laity has been admittedly inadequate. In order that this situation may be radically changed, and the Diocese obtain a representation proportionate to its importance, I hope that every possible step will be taken to achieve a result which you, equally with myself, would desire."

In view of this appeal from the Bishop, the Vicar would ask all who have not yet filled up and signed a form of declaration, to lose no time in obtaining, filling up and returning the necessary form. It may be asked: What are the qualifications of electors? They are as follows: 1, They are to be 18 years of age and upwards. 2, They are to be baptised members of the Church of England who do not belong to any religious body not in communion with it. 3, They are to be resident in the Parish, or, if non-resident, to have worshipped for one year in the Parish where their names are enrolled. Forms of declaration may be obtained from the Vicar, the Parochial Church Officer (Mr. Basey, 11, Seymour Road) and the Verger, in Church.

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HAMPTON HILL DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION.
—The Annual Meeting of the General Committee of the District Nursing Association was held at the Vicarage on Thursday, November 15th, when the report and statement of accounts were submitted and accepted by the meeting, with much grateful thanks to the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer. A glance at the visits paid and the patients' payments is sufficient evidence of the good work done and the appreciation of that work by the patients. It should also be an incentive to those who are blessed with good health to give generous support to the funds of the Association. An increase in subscriptions during 1929 would be most gratefully welcomed by all concerned.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.—A Council Meeting will be held in the Church Room on Tuesday, December 18th, at 8.15 p.m.

MUSIC FOR DECEMBER.

2nd—M., Anthem, "Hearken unto me," *Sullivan*.

9th—E., Anthem, "It is high time to awake," *Barnby*.

23rd—M., 10 a.m., Choral Celebration.

E., Anthem, "It came upon the midnight clear."
Carols.

25th—M., Te Deum, *Tours* in F.

Anthem, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem,"
Hopkins.

30th—M., Te Deum, *Tours* in F.

E., Anthem, "O Zion, that bringest good tidings," *Stainer*.

HAMPTON HILL C.E. SCHOOL (Girls' Department).—The Prize-giving was held on Wednesday, October 31st. Several parents and friends were present. The children opened the proceedings with a programme of songs and recitations, all of which were very creditably rendered. Mrs. Harvey distributed the prizes and certificates. The following is a list of prize-winners:—

Prizes for Religious Knowledge. — Gladys Wooding, Phyllis Jennings, Joan Chaney, Hilda Carter, Connie Makepeace, Beatrice Hayden, Mary Davis, Gladys Tapsell, Hilda Young, Ivy Higgins.

Prizes for General Improvement.—Doris Higgins, Joan Ives, Marjorie Dunn, Aileen Tomkins, Freda Carter, Muriel Randell, Ivy Higgins.

For Arithmetic.—Lily Archer, Beatrice Newcombe, Grace Frampton, Vera Tagg, Hilda Clegg, Margery Walker, May Baigent.

For Composition.—Phyllis Dodson, Winnie Byford, Ada Belby, Ada Brook, Joan Wells, Lily Skinner, Mary Davis

For Needlework.—Lily Hayden, Marjorie Cadwell, Phyllis Young, Elsie Phillips, Alice Newman, Marjorie Surman, Catherine Lane.

For Good Conduct.—Edith Tandy.

Most Popular Girl in the School.—Lily Skinner.

Certificates gained for Swimming during 1927.—Edna Vale, $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile and $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile; Alice Chandler, $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile; Lily Skinner, $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile; Doris Whitta, $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile; Grace Goodlake, 3 lengths; Elsie Chandler, 2 lengths; Dorothy Armes, 2 lengths; Muriel Randell, 1 length; Madeline Metcalf, 1 length; Edna Dunn, 1 length; Lily Skinner, 1 length; Doris Whitta, 1 length; Vera Martin, 3 widths; Ellen Lewcock, 2 widths.

CAROL SERVICE.—At Evensong on Sunday, December 23rd, the Choir will sing several Christmas carols.

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

October 28th—Joyce Beatrice Martha Merryweather.

„ 28th—Doreen May Carter.

„ 28th—Jean Margaret Nicholson.

„ 28th—Yvonne Mary Olive.

Nov. 25th—Peter John Hearn.

MARRIAGES.

"Those whom God hath joined together."

October 27th—Herbert Edward Dorrell and Elsie May Batten.

November 3rd—Walter Henry Hutchins and Ethel May Redington.

„ 18th—Edgar Arthur Loveridge and Florence Ellen Ilsley.

„ 25th—Mercer William Davies and Ivy Violet Claydon.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

October 29th—Joseph Riley, aged 62 years.

„ 29th—Agnes Winifred Ebrall, aged 80 years.

Nov. 8th—Alfred Henry Vanner, aged 65 years.