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THE VICARAGE,  
HAMPTON HILL,  
*April 1st, 1929.*

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

I have noticed that a considerable number of people have been present at Church on the occasion of certain funerals, who rarely, if ever, join in the usual Sunday worship; I have also noticed that on the Sundays after a funeral the mourners, many of whom have rarely been seen at the ordinary worship of the Church, attend one or other of the Sunday services. And the question has been constantly coming to my mind—Why do not these people regularly worship God in His House of Prayer? Surely they do not attend Church on these sad occasions merely because they want to show respect to the family of the departed, or because it is customary to be present at Divine Service on the Sunday following the laying to rest of a departed relative. Frankly, I do not believe that these are the only motives which prompt such visits to Church. I believe that deep down in the heart there is a sense of comradeship, of brotherhood—that family feeling of all who are admitted into the great family of the One Father—and that in the one case it is the brotherly or sisterly sympathy for the brethren in sorrow that brings people to Church for funerals and that in the other case it is the desire for the sympathy of the brethren, not necessarily expressed but felt, that draws mourners to the Father's House after bereavement. I believe also that in many cases a firm resolve is made in the hearing of Our Father to be present in the future at the weekly family gatherings in His House: resolutions which are broken, and in the reason for the breaking of these resolutions we may find an answer to my original question. It is of course the easiest thing to fall back into the old ruck, and so one reason may be that the

influence of the world, the flesh and the devil is much stronger than the godly motions which have been stirred in the heart. But as far as mourners are concerned, I think the reason is that they do not find that sense of sympathy which they naturally seek among their brethren in the congregation. Our religion and our worship is too individualistic, and hence that cold, unreal, unsympathetic atmosphere which pervades our acts of worship—an atmosphere which tends to repel rather than to draw these sorrowful ones once more into the family circle. If all regular worshippers could realise what it means when they say "Our Father," and bring back something of the family feeling or sense of Christian brotherhood into their worship, I believe a large number of these sorrow-stricken brethren would be permanently attached to the congregation.

Do not for a moment think that I leave out the clergy in speaking of the congregation. They are the leaders of the worship, and they to a large degree create the atmosphere of worship. And so we, with the other members of the congregation, must endeavour to spread abroad that more real, warmer, more sympathetic atmosphere in our acts of worship.

Now there is hardly a house in the parish which has escaped sickness during the late spell of severe weather. In most cases the sick one has been restored to health, while in many the vacant chair proclaims the fatal termination of the malady. I would suggest that we set aside the last Sunday in April as a day of reverent remembrance of those departed and of glad thanksgiving for those who have recovered. These will form our special intentions at the Holy Communions, and at the other services we shall have special prayers of remembrance and thanksgiving. If there are any who would wish publicly to thank God for restora-

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tion to health, will they please send me their names, stating which service they propose attending.

On account of Holy Week, the Feast of the Annunciation was transferred to April 9th. The Annual Festival of the Mothers' Union coincides with this feast day. I hope, therefore, that all our members will make their Communion at the Corporate Celebration at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Miss Jakeman is ready to book seats in the 'bus for the S.P.G. Meeting at the Albert Hall. We have been promised more favourable seats in the Hall this year. We generally have little difficulty in filling the 46 seats in the 'bus, but we should like to have them booked at once in case we should require a second 'bus this year.

We need to make a great effort to have the necessary alterations made to convert the old boys' school into a suitable and worthy Parish Hall before the autumn. I hope by next month to be able to announce that the plans have been passed and that the work will be set in hand at once. In the meantime I appeal for donations, large and small, towards the cost of the work.

A certain number of people interested in our Churchyard have undertaken to make that part of it near the water-tap more tidy than it has been. I hope that all others will co-operate in keeping it in order by putting dead flowers and broken jars into the receptacle provided, and not leaving them lying about on the ground. We can employ a gardener only once a week: all other work which makes for neatness and beauty must be done voluntarily.

I am thankful to be able to announce that my appeal for someone to manage a Girls' Club has at last met with success. Mrs. Franks has very kindly offered herself for the work. I hope to

be able to give full details in a very short time. Mrs. Franks will need help in the management of the club, and would gladly receive offers of assistance at once.

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.

**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.

**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.

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**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 Feast of the Annunciation was transferred from March 25th to April 9th, because the former date came in Holy Week. The Corporate Communion which is generally part of the Annual Festival of the Mothers' Union on this day will therefore be on April 9th, at 10 o'clock. The Annual Deanery Service will be held on Thursday, April 11th, at St. Mary's Church, Twickenham, at 3 p.m. The Preacher will be Bishop S. M. Taylor. On April 24th, the Parochial Branch will keep its Quarterly day. There will be a Corporate Communion at 10 a.m. and a Service at 3.30 p.m. After service, Mrs. Campling, late of Brisbane, Australia, will address the Mothers in the Church Room.

**MOTHERS' MEETING.**—This Meeting is held on Thursdays in the Church Room, at 2.30 p.m.

**SAINTS' DAYS.**—April 9th. Feast of the Annunciation (transferred from March 25th). Holy

Communion, 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12. April 25th. Feast of St. Mark, Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. and 12.

**COMMUNICANTS' GUILD.**—The Monthly Service and Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 24th, at 8 p.m.

**EASTER VESTRY.**—On Wednesday, April 3rd at 8.15 p.m., the Eastry Vestry with the Parochial Church Meeting will elect the Churchwardens for the ensuing year.

**WORKING PARTY.**—The Ladies' Working Party will meet at the Vicarage on Fridays at 2.30 p.m.

**JUMBLE SALE.**—The Annual Jumble Sale will be held in the Old Boys' Schools on Wednesday, April 10th, from 2.30 p.m. The price of admission will be twopence, and until three o'clock only those with tickets will be admitted. Tickets may be obtained from the District Visitors, Mrs. Terry, Heston, Park Road, at the Vicarage and from Mr. Hallt at Warwick Villa, Windmill Road. In addition to the usual bargain stalls, there will be a stall of new plain needlework. Gifts of garments and jumble will be gratefully received. They will be called for, provided a post card requesting the van to call is received at the Vicarage not later than the first post on Monday, April 8th. The most convenient time for calling for goods should be stated on the post card. The proceeds will be divided between the Work of the Church Overseas, the Parish Hall Fund and the District Nursing Association.

**CONFIRMATION.**—The Vicar hopes to meet all intending candidates for Confirmation in the Church on Monday, April 15th, at 8 p.m. Names of those wishing to join the classes should be sent to the Vicar at once.

**ST. JAMES' PARISH MAGAZINE ACCOUNT.**—This account has unfortunately been held over until now because of lack of space.

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H. A. SIMMONS,  
 Hon. Treasurer and Secretary.

Examined and found correct—

(Signed) C. H. ISDELL-CARPENTER, O.B.E.  
 18th January, 1929.

As many of the District Visitors and Magazine Distributors were absent at the Parochial Church Council Meeting on the 22nd January, the Hon. Secretary would like to repeat the statement he then made: that he desired to express his most grateful thanks to all the kind friends who had each month so punctually distributed the Magazine and thus largely contributed to its success. The Secretary is most anxious to increase the circulation, and would be glad if the friends would do their utmost to secure fresh subscribers.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.—The next meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be on Tuesday, April 23rd, in the Church Room, at 8.15 p.m.

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION AND MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN (September 21st—September 25th).—The Monthly Intercessions for the work of the Church Overseas will be taken after Matins on Sunday, April 14th.

During S.P.G. Anniversary Week, on Friday, April 19th, a Great Evening Meeting on “Our Own People Overseas” will be held at the Albert Hall, at 8 p.m. The Duke of York has promised to take the chair, and the speakers will be the Rev. H. E. Hyde (West Australia New Settlements), Rev. J. E. Levo (British Virgin Islands, W.I.) and the Rev. Stacy Waddy (Sec. of S.P.G.).

For this meeting a 'bus will leave St. James' Church at 6.30 p.m. Return tickets, price 1/6, include a reserved seat, which the Secretary has promised shall be in some lower part of the Hall than the balcony. There are 46 seats to be filled. Please book yours without delay on the card which will be found just inside the Church by the tract case, or else send in your name to the Vicar or to the Hon. Sec., Miss Jakeman.

In preparation for the Student Missionary Campaign, short Services of Intercession will be held in Church on Wednesdays, April 10th and 17th, at 8 p.m.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—The Rev. E. E. Charles, Vicar of Hampton, will preach on behalf of the C.E.T.S. on Sunday evening, April 21st, and the collection will be given to the Society.

BAPTISMS.

“Made a Member of Christ.”

- March 2nd—Gwladys Mary Slaney.
- „ 10th—Arthur Frank Smith.
- „ 10th—Patricia Eileen Nicholls.

BURIALS.

“I am the Resurrection and the Life.”

- Feb. 27th—Elizabeth Russell, aged 72 years.
- March 1st—Harriet Silvester, aged 94 years.
- „ 4th—Alfred Stephen Groves, aged 72 years.
- „ 4th—Albert Edward Lewis Trimby, aged 7 years.
- „ 6th—Charlotte Rose Glenister, aged 50 years.
- „ 13th—Isabel Buchanan Lee, aged 49 years.
- „ 15th—Margaret Arnold, aged 84 years.
- „ 20th—Alexandra Randrup, aged 49 years.
- „ 21st—Henry William Delafield, aged 62 years.
- „ 23rd—William Ambrose Pyper, aged 36 years.
- „ 23rd—Eliza Gernat, aged 84 years.