

HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

PAROCHIAL NOTES.

Sunday School.

10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Boys in Parish Hall. Superintendent—Mr. Lovell. Girls in Club Room. Superintendent—Miss M. Harvey. Infants in Church Room at 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Superintendent—Miss Watts.

Bible Class.

For Girls on Sundays in the Club Room at 3 p.m.

Band of Hope.

In the Club Room on Mondays at 6.15 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Grange.

Lads' Club.

In Club Rooms, School Road, Mondays and Fridays, 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Mr. Creane.

Parochial Church Officer.

Mr. R. H. Alford, "Sarum" Uxbridge Road.

Missionary Association.

Meetings as announced. Hon. Sec.—Miss Jakeman.

Mothers' Union.

Monthly Meetings. First Wednesday in each month in the Club Room, 2.30 p.m., and Quarterly Meetings. Enrolling Member—Mrs. Harvey.

St. James's Young People's Social Guild.

Tuesdays in the Club Room from 8 to 10.30 p.m. Open to Communicants and intending Confirmees between the ages of 16 and 30 years. Hon. Sec.—Mr. E. Gubbins, 36, Links View Road.

Mothers' Meeting.

Thursdays in the Club Room, 2.30 p.m. Superintendent—Miss Butler.

Girl Guides.

Fridays in the Club Room, 7—9 p.m. Captain—Miss R. Le Blanc.

Brownies.

Thursdays in Club Room, 5.30—7 p.m. Acting Brown Owl—Miss M. Winter.

Sea Scouts.

Wednesdays in Church Room, 7.30 p.m. Group Scout Master—Mr Ealden.

Cub Pack.

Wednesdays in Church Room, 5.45 p.m. Cub Master—Miss Newman

The Vicar may be seen at the Vicarage on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, between 8.45 and 9.45 a.m.; and generally on any day except Tuesday, between 6 and 7 p.m.

Sickness.

The Vicar will be grateful if cases of sickness are reported to him at once.

Churchyard.

Contributions towards the up-keep of the Churchyard will be gratefully received by Mr. C. H. Evans, Roseneath, Edward Rd., Hampton Hill

Vicar's Letter.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

This is holiday month and all who are fortunate enough to be able to do so will be speeding their way to the seaside or country to enjoy as long a period as they can of rest and refreshment from the ordinary work-a-day toil. There is no doubt that a change of air from the Thames Valley is necessary for all and I do wish that it was possible for all to have that change. I do sympathize with those whose circumstances do not allow even a short time away from their usual routine of daily life. There are, however, quite a number going on holiday and I want them to remember their duty of offering Praise and Thanksgiving to God from Whom all good things do come, even holidays. I am perfectly amazed at the number of Church people who think that a holiday, to be a real holiday, must not only include a cessation from work but also a cessation from worship. It also leaves me somewhat cold when people who are none too regular at their worship tell me of the number of dear old village Churches which they hope to visit when on holiday. Not to join in any act of worship but merely to gaze at the beautiful

architecture, coloured glass windows and monuments. I only hope that when they do visit these wonderful edifices of worship they will spare time to kneel and offer a prayer for those who have worshipped there, for the Clergy and those who do worship there and to thank God for their holiday and the privilege of being able to speak but so few and imperfect words with Him in such a beautiful House of Prayer. Let us all remember that whether we eat or drink, work or play, we are the Lord's and it is as much a duty to be regular at our worship on holiday as it is at home. I hope you will all have a very happy holiday and come back refreshed and full of vigour for the work which lies ahead. And there will be much work to be done if we are to be able to have an Assistant Priest here at the beginning of next year. Some of you heard my remarks at the Fête concerning a suggestion for raising the necessary stipend. I said that if nineteen others would do the same I would give £5 annually for the Assistant Clergy Fund. I have had three promises so far and no doubt, but for the rain on the Wednesday of the Fête I should have had more. I still believe there are sixteen others who will help me. And besides this I have already had several promises of smaller sums which make

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me all the more hopeful of having £100 per annum promised by the beginning of October. The Finance Committee have very kindly promised to raise the remainder if this first hundred pounds is forthcoming which will mean a good many social events during the year besides the Fête. However, let us pray about it and think about it and even if it should mean a little self-denial let us all try and give some annual sum towards this very necessary object.

Talking about social events, you will see further on an announcement of some events which the Social Committee of the Parochial Church Council have planned to take place before Christmas. They will indeed provide some excellent social amusements, but the success of all they do depends entirely upon the backing you give them. There will be a lot going on this Autumn and everybody's taste will be considered as far as possible. I know it goes against the grain to turn out on a dull and miserable evening after a hard day's work in town, but there are those whose duties lie at home who would appreciate an evening out, say once or twice a month and it is up to you to see that they have it and join with them in their pleasure. The Social Committee will provide the pleasure, by partaking of which you will incidentally be helping the funds of your parish.

Our old friend, Mr. Christian, is looking after the spiritual needs of those who will be at home during August. Show your appreciation of his ministry by regular and frequent attendance at the services.

The Fête would have been a great success but for the rain. And yet we shall not be so very much short of last year's takings, thanks to the second effort of the Side-Shows. There are many people to whom I owe a great debt of gratitude for all they did in connection with the Fête. Some I know and I hope to drop them a line during the

next few days, but I think there must be many whose names have not been given to me and lest I should leave anyone out I now offer my sincere thanks to all. But for your help we could not have a Fête and there is nobody who appreciates what you do more than I do. It has been suggested that we should drop the Fête and have in its place a Thank Offering Day, but I think that it would be a pity to do this more especially from the social point of view. It is the one time in the year when we can all meet together and have a chat, and under present conditions it is the only opportunity I have of seeing you and speaking with you outside the Church. So we still look forward to another Fête and we shall hope that the weather will be kinder to us next time.

I remain,
Your faithful friend and Vicar,
FREDK. P. P. HARVEY.

Days of Special Remembrance.

August 6th, Transfiguration of our Lord; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. August 24th, St. Bartholomew; Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. During August, in addition to the above, there will be one week-day early Celebration of the Holy Communion each week, viz. on Wednesdays at 7.30 a.m.

Mothers' Union.

The Quarterly Day held on July 11th, was a very happy and successful event. The number at the Corporate Communion was a record. The Rev. H. Christian very kindly took the afternoon service and gave a helpful address. After the service the members were entertained on the Vicarage lawn to tea and games. The various Competitions were keenly contested and at the conclusion of the evening Mrs. Harvey presented prizes to the successful competitors.

There will be no meeting in August.

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The Holidays.

The Rev. H. Christian will be in residence during the Vicar's holiday and his address will be 15, Seymour Road. Mr. Christian has done duty here before and will, no doubt, receive a hearty welcome. Cases of sickness should be made known to him at once.

The Sunday School will be closed during August and will re-open on Sunday, September 2nd. There will be no children's service during the month.

Sunday School Treat.

The trip to Bognor Regis was one of the most successful Outings that the Sunday School have had. Nearly two hundred children, parents and friends made up the jolly party. The day was perfect as far as the weather was concerned and the tide at Bognor Regis was just as it should be for such an occasion. There were plenty of sands for the children to dig in and play on and a large number enjoyed one, if not two bathes in the sea during the day. The tea provided at the Corner House was an excellent one. The return journey was begun at seven o'clock and all the members of the party agreed that they had spent a really happy eight hours at the sea. The Vicar is extremely grateful to the following for their donations towards the expenses of the Treat:—Mr. Ardley, Mrs. Burton, Mr. Child, Miss Chamberlain, Mr. Cox, Mr. Ewins, Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. Girling, Miss Horn-castle, Miss Lasenby, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Miss Martin, Mrs. and Miss Storey, Mrs. and Miss Swain, Mrs. Tandy.

The Annual Fete.

What bid fair to be one of the most enjoyable social events the parish has had and one of the most successful Fêtes during the past twelve years, was more or less spoilt by the weather. The proceedings opened in bright sunshine before an

excellent attendance. The Vicar welcomed Lady Russell who very kindly came to open the Fête. He said that being a parishioner it gave him the greater pleasure to extend a hearty welcome to Lady Russell. In his opening remarks he referred to the Parish Hall and said the debt would be cleared by the end of this year. He drew attention to the urgent need of an Assistant Priest in the Parish and asked for nineteen people to join him in promising five pounds per annum to make a secure foundation of one hundred pounds per annum towards the necessary £250 for the stipend of an additional Priest. He would also welcome annual donations of smaller sums and said that he felt sure that it would be possible to raise the necessary amount with comparative ease if all did their share.

As Lady Russell rose to declare the Fête open little Miss Susan Stutchbury presented her with a bouquet of Carnations.

Mr. Evans proposed a vote of thanks to Lady Russell and in a few words told the gathering the exact position of the Parish Hall Debt Fund, showing that in the last four years some four thousand pounds had been raised. Mr. Tandy, the General Secretary of the Fête, seconded the vote of thanks and it was carried with great enthusiasm.

After the opening all went well and business was brisk until about seven o'clock in the evening when a tremendous thunderstorm broke over the place and permanently stopped the proceedings on the lawn. After it had cleared away the, Side-Shows bravely continued until a late hour and it was decided to re-open this part of the Fête again on the Saturday evening. Had the weather been kind it is believed that there would have been a record financial success. The men who manipulated the music are to be congratulated on their great effort to keep the drooping spirits of all concerned from giving

way to despair. To them the happy ending of a spoilt day was largely due.

In order to recover some of the lost takings the Side-Show Committee decided to open their department on the Saturday. There were, however, counter attractions, notably Molesey Regatta, and so only a few people were found on the Vicarage Field. Nevertheless some progress was made and it is hoped that the net balance will not be very far short of that of last year.

Sunday School Infants' Treat.

On Saturday, July 21st, thirty five children enjoyed four hours fun on the Vicarage lawn. Miss Watts and a band of helpers had prepared an excellent tea to which the children did ample justice. After tea there were games and races and at the end prizes were given to the winners. During the afternoon the children were given ices and as they left there was a bag of sweets and some biscuits for each. The Vicar and Miss Watts wish to thank the following who gave cakes etc. for the treat :—Mrs. Carpenter, Miss Swain, Miss Stutchbury, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Child and Mr. Lovell.

St. Mary's Cottage Hospital.

To help the funds of our own Cottage Hospital it has been suggested that a house to house collection should be made in Hampton and Hampton Hill. The Committee ask as many ladies as possible to volunteer their services for this effort and would be grateful if they would send their names and addresses to Mr. D. Allbless (the Hon. Secretary) Iran, Acacia Road, Hampton as soon as possible. The collection will be made sometime during September.

Choir Boys' Outing.

Mr. Lower took the boys of St. James's Choir for a day's outing to Worthing at the end of last month.

The Vicar and one or two of the Choirmen accompanied the party. They started from the Church at half past seven and spent a thoroughly enjoyable time at the sea, returning to Hampton Hill about ten o'clock.

Social Events.

The Social Committee of the Parochial Church Council have not been long in getting to work. They have already had two meetings and have arranged to have a dance on the Vicarage field on Wednesday, September 5th, weather permitting, to begin at half past seven in the evening and the price is to be 1/6d. Amongst other social events for the Autumn are a Social and Dance in September, a Harvest Home Tea in October, a Whist Drive in November and a Concert in December. Please pay particular attention to the notices of these events as they appear month by month in the Magazine.

The Social and Dance will take place on Tuesday, September 18th, at 7.30 p.m. The first half of the programme will consist of a concert and after refreshments have been served there will be dancing. The price of admission will be one shilling.

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

- June 24—Garrick Prentice Webb.
- " 24—Shirley Anita Stenbridge.
- July 8—Michael John Nightingale.

MARRIAGES.

"Whom God hath Joined together let no man put asunder."

- June 30—Leonard Alfred Speller and Alice Georgina Golding.

BURIALS.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

- June 23—Reginald Ernest Shepherd, aged 24 years.
- " 26—Percy Ernest Robert Groves, aged 34 years.
- " 30—William Tolfree, aged 62 years.
- July 2—William Horace Collins, aged 72 years.
- " 6—Agnes Lilian Howard Sheppard, aged 49 years.
- " 12—George Smith, aged 74 years.