

HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

PAROCHIAL NOTES.

Churchwardens—Mr. C. E. W. Barrett and Mr. C. A. Child.

Organist—Mr. Bougourd, 214, Stanley Road, Teddington.

Parochial Church Officer.

Mr. S. V. Forrow, 68, Sunnyside Road, Teddington.

Sunday School.

11 a.m. in Club Room. Superintendent—Miss Bennett. Infants in Parish Hall, at 11 a.m. Superintendent—Miss Child. All children assemble in Church at 2.15 p.m. for Children's Service.

Missionary Association.

Meetings as announced. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. C. A. Child.

Mothers' Union.

Monthly Meetings. First Wednesday in each month in the Club Room, 3 p.m., and Quarterly Meetings. Enrolling Member—Mrs. Harvey.

St. James's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society meets in the Club Room, on Thursdays at 8 p.m. Associate Member—Miss Harvey.

Girl Guides. Captain—Miss Bass.

Brownies. Brown Owl—Miss C. Brown.

Sea Scouts—"The Venture," Hampton Water Works Group Scout Master—Mr. Ealden.

The Vicar may be seen at the Vicarage daily between 8.45 and 9.45 a.m.; and 6.15 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. A. Child, 149, Burtons Road.

Magazine Hon. Secretary—Mrs. C. A. Child.

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Magazine Advt. Secretary—Mr. H. W. Morris-Pugh.

Vicar's Letter.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

We have come to the end of the fourth year of terrible conflict, the like of which for sheer brutality has never been experienced. We begin the fifth year of struggle feeling the strain of war and the conditions it forces upon those who are not actually in the fore-front of the battle and yet more determined than ever to put every ounce of energy into what many seem to think is the final phase of the war. Even with the great successes of the allied forces on sea, on land and in the air in our minds, final and complete victory may be some way off. It is not a time for sitting back and rubbing our hands with glee at the thought of having our enemy in a tight corner from which as far as we can see there is no other way of escape but destruction or surrender. Our successes have been spasmodic; we have won bout after bout. There may be further bouts before we come to the final clash of arms which will decide the issue of the war. Meanwhile we are daily gathering material strength for what is called zero hour, not forgetting what has already been accomplished and the profound debt of gratitude we owe to the soldiers, sailors, airmen of the allied forces and all in the workshops of the countries of the allied nations for

past achievements. At this moment when we are keyed up to the very height of expectation our King has once more called us as a Nation to humbly approach God in an act of thanksgiving, prayer and dedication. The day appointed is the 3rd of September, the anniversary of the declaration of war with Germany. As you will see under the Parish Notes I have arranged to have three services in Church on that day. At eleven o'clock many will be listening to the Broadcast Service and yet I thought there may be some who would prefer to come together to their Church at so solemn a moment where the atmosphere is more suited to prayer. There will also be Holy Communion at seven o'clock in the morning and a Service at half-past seven in the evening when we hope that many of those from such organisations as the Red Cross, the Wardens and watchers belonging to the local fire-watching service and the Home Guards will join us. At such a time as this it is opportune for us all to get together not only on this one day but frequently during the week as well as on Sundays for Intercession Services and I propose we should unite on the Wednesday in each week at 8 p.m. for this purpose. We have need to offer publicly and corporately our thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for His great Providence during the past four

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years and to plead His continued aid in the days that are to come. It is in these acts of prayer that we gain spiritual strength to help us to stand firm through all the dangers and trials we may have to face up to in the future. We have already proved that God is a very present help in trouble and we shall also find Him a sure guide in the way that will lead to victory and peace. Let us be more frequent in our approach to Him than we have been in the past that we may learn His will and with His grace pursue our way according to that will. The Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity is very appropriate at this time. In it we pray that He will grant us the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without Him, may by Him be enabled to live according to His will.

I would draw your attention to the Gift Day on Saturday, 4th September, when I hope to receive your offerings towards our Church Funds. As we approach the end of another year the desire to fulfil to the utmost our various obligations to our Diocese and Deanery presses upon us. We look to the result of this Gift Day to enable us to pay our quota of obligation to the Diocesan Fund as well as our quota to the Moral Welfare Work of the Hampton Deanery. I am sure you will all do your very best to assure us of being able to meet these and other necessary commitments.

It was very gratifying to know that this parish sent the sum of fifty shillings towards the Women's Offering for the London Diocesan Council for Moral Welfare Work. Mrs. Child, who undertakes the collection of our share in this Offering, is to be congratulated on this year's result. The total collected in the Hampton Deanery was approximately £156 1s. 8d. I have posted the

receipt for our contribution together with a letter from Mrs. Fisher in the Church porch.

May I draw your attention to three important dates during this month. On Sunday, 5th September, we are to have a visit from Mr. Ferris, who will plead the cause of the British and Foreign Bible Society at the 11 o'clock Service.

On Tuesday, 28th September, we have an opportunity of hearing something about the work of the Waifs' and Strays' Society in the Parish Hall, at 7.30 p.m.

On Sunday, 26th September, we are keeping our Harvest Thanksgiving. I have chosen this day because it is the last Sunday when we can have Evensong at 6.30 p.m. I am sure you will all be anxious to offer the first fruits of your own garden and allotment harvest to God. We shall send these offerings to one of the hospitals in the neighbourhood.

Please remember that on Sunday, October 3rd, we make a change in the times of service for the afternoon and evening. The Children's Service will be at 2.30 p.m. and Evensong at 3.30 p.m. from then onwards.

I remain your faithful friend and Vicar,

FREDK. P. P. HARVEY.

Days of Special Remembrance.

September 3rd—**National Day of Prayer.**
Holy Communion 7 a.m. Service 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

September 4th—Parish Gift Day.

September 15th, 17th and 18th—**Ember Days.**
Holy Communion on September 15th at 7.30 a.m. and on September 17th at 7 a.m.

September 21st—**St. Matthew.** Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.

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September 26th—Harvest Thanksgiving.

September 29th—St. Michael and All Angels.

Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.

PARISH NOTES.

Mothers' Union.

The Monthly Meeting will be held in the Club Room, on Wednesday, 1st September, at 3 p.m. The Speaker will be Mrs. Burnett.

Parish Gift Day.

On Saturday, September 4th, the Vicar will sit in Church during certain periods of the day to receive offerings from the Church people in the Parish towards Church Funds. The times are 9 a.m. till 1 p.m.; 2 p.m. till 4.30 p.m.; 5 p.m. till 8 p.m. Should there be any who cannot attend at these times they may send or bring their offerings to the Vicarage or put them in the box at the west end of the Church on the Sunday. Inasmuch as the expenses of the up-keep of the Churchyard are met from the Parochial Fund it is hoped that those belonging to other denominations who have grave spaces in the Churchyard will give their contribution. The "Target for the Day" is £150. Please give liberally!

Harvest Thanksgiving.

The Thanksgiving Services for Harvest will be held on Sunday, 26th September. The Services will be:—Holy Communion 8 a.m.; Choral Eucharist 10 a.m.; Matins and Sermon 11 a.m. Children's Flower, Fruit and Vegetable, etc. Service 3 p.m.; Evensong and Sermon 6.30 p.m. The Vicar will preach at 11 a.m. The Preacher at 6.30 p.m. will be the Rev. George Whitley, late of Guernsey.

The Vicar will be glad of flowers, fruit and vegetables for the decoration of the Church. They should be brought to the Church on Saturday, 25th September, between 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

The Collections will be divided between the local Hospitals.

Community Singing.

After Evensong on Sundays, September 12th and 19th, there will be some Community Hymn singing for about half-an-hour. These are occasions when the congregation is given an opportunity of getting familiar with new hymns and tunes, especially those in the latest supplement of Hymns Ancient and Modern.

Sunday School.

For domestic and health reasons Miss Bennett has been obliged to lay aside her work as Superintendent of the Girls' Department of the Sunday School and as Leader of the Bible Class. During the last few years Miss Bennett has put in some very valuable work amongst the children and she will be greatly missed by them and her colleagues, who all wish her a speedy recovery and hope her absence may be only of a temporary nature.

The Vicar would be glad if someone would come forward to fill up the gap in the staff made by Miss Bennett's resignation. Miss B. Stewart will be Superintendent. There is a need for at least two more teachers. One for the Girl's department and another for the Infants' department. When one considers the supreme importance of the religious education of God's children it should not be difficult to adequately staff the Sunday School. Maybe there are some in the parish who in their younger days had experience in Sunday School work. This is an opportunity for them to take up the work again which perhaps will be the more readily seized provided it is looked upon as an urgent call from God.

The Bible Class presents a further opportunity for such as prefer teaching older children. It is just as important that the young people who imagine that they have reached the age-limit for

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Sunday School should continue their religious education. So frequently they lapse into the whirlpool of semi-paganism through the lack of being shepherded during the period of adolescence. There is a great and interesting work awaiting any one who will give her time to leading the young people in their early spiritual training. The Vicar will greatly appreciate the offer of someone to undertake this privilege of doing some valuable work for God.

BAPTISMS.

"Made a Member of Christ."

- Aug. 8—Michael Sprent.
Aug. 15—Patricia Anne Marvell.

- Aug. 15—Patricia Lesley Vidler.
Aug. 22—Richard John Elsdon.
Aug. 22—Patricia Frances Allshorn.
Aug. 22—Iris Kathryn Page.
Aug. 22—Jennifer Isabel Sibley.
Aug. 22—Gary Ernest Weaver.
Aug. 22—Maureen Anita Cleveland.

MARRIAGES.

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"

- Aug. 14—Stanley Henry Bowden and Doris Joan Davey.
Aug. 21—John Charles Everden and Thelma Child.
Aug. 22—Leslie Frederick Benbrook and
Lillian Edith Andrews.

BURIAL.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

- Aug. 12—Henry Knight, aged 79 years.
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