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CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays:

8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.

8.45 a.m. (Second Sunday in month). The Parish Communion.

10.0 a.m. (Fourth Sunday). Choral Eucharist.

11.0 a.m. Matins and Sermon.

12.15 p.m. (First and Third Sundays). Holy Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Holy Baptism is administered after notice on the Fourth Sunday at 4.0 p.m., and at Matins or Evensong once a quarter.

The Sunday Schools meet at 2.30 p.m.:

Infants (4-7) in Hall. Superintendent: Miss B. Rooney.

Juniors (8-11) and **Seniors** (12-14) in Church. Superintendents: Miss B. Stewart and the Vicar.

Rectory Estate Sunday School (4-12) in Rectory School. Superintendent: Miss J. Western.

Weekdays:

Holy Communion: Wednesdays, 7.30 a.m. Thursdays, 10.30 a.m. Holy Days (except Weds.) 7.0 a.m.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Mothers' Union & Women's Guild
Meet Wednesdays, 3.0 p.m., as arranged.

Enrolling Member: Mrs. Brunt.

Young Wives' Group

Meet Wednesday evenings and other times as arranged.

Sec.: Mrs. Childs, 126, Uxbridge Road.

Church of England Men's Society

Meet usually on the second Tuesday of each month, 8.0 p.m.

Sec.: Mr. F. Sargeant, 24, High Street.

News-Term Fellowship

Meet usually on the first Tuesday of each month, 8.0 p.m.

Sec.: Miss O. M. Chamberlin, 117, Uxbridge Road.

Scouts

Meet Wednesdays, 7.0 p.m.

Scoutmaster: Mr. G. Casey, 89, Connaught Road.

Wolf Cubs

Meet Mondays, 6.0 p.m.

Cubmaster: Mr. S. R. Childs, 126, Uxbridge Road.

Guides

Meet Thursdays, 6.30 p.m.

Captain: Miss S. E. Simmons, 12, Holly Bush Lane.

Brownies

Meet Thursdays, 6.0 p.m.

Brown Owl: Mrs. Casey 89, Connaught Road.

Drama Group

Sec.: Mr. C. Tarrant, 31, Anlaby Road, Teddington. Tel. Mol. 4987.

The Choir

Practices on Tuesdays, 7.0 p.m. and Fridays, 7.30 p.m.

The Parish Hall in School Road is available for letting, when not required by Church Societies. Applications should be made to the Secretary, Mr. F. W. Nightingale, 29, Holly Road, Hampton Hill, Tel. Mol. 3572, on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 7.0 and 9.0 p.m. or by appointment.

The Vicar may usually be seen without appointment at 9.0 a.m. and 6.0 p.m. Inquiries about Banns, Holy Baptism, etc., should be made to him, and messages about people who are sick or in special need should be sent to him without delay. He is always ready to give spiritual help and counsel to any who require it.

Vicar's Notes

From a domestic point of view, we begin the New Year with many encouragements. The Christmastide carols are still in our ears and hearts, and we are continually reminded of the power offered to us in Christ to become and to live in very truth as sons of God, to His Glory. "The Son of God became the Son of man that the sons of men might become the sons of God." Well may we be "joyful and triumphant."

We are thankful for the success of the Renovation Fund Drive, and for the stirrings of new life and interest that are following in its train. The Fund itself is now on the £1,000 mark, and we are confident that the rest of the money needed will come in due course, and that we shall indeed be able to put our church in good order. Increasing desire is being shown to do all that we can ourselves. Already much of the stonework in chancel and baptistery has been cleaned and restored to its pristine whiteness by the hard labour and scrubbing of keen volunteers.

Neglected brasses have had the dirt of years removed. People are beginning to think about the possibilities of a large-scale spring clean when the builders have finished their work on the beams. Some are even wondering whether we may not be able to climb ladders or scaffolding and tackle the ceilings and tops of the pillars as well. Others are also making inquiries to see if we might be able to do something by our own manual efforts with regard to the new small hall that is so much needed.

Much thought is also being put into ways and means of improving the effectiveness of the Church Council and its committees; of having a 'Church Representative' in every street in the parish; of seeing that all sick and lonely people who desire it are visited regularly by a member of the Church; and so on, and so on. Many new lines for thought, prayer and work are opening up. There is almost unlimited scope for enterprise and initiative. Very much to be thankful for, including the opportunities for much yet to do and achieve. Thanks be to God!

AROUND THE SPIRE

being notes and news about
people, activities & organisations

RENOVATION FUND APPEAL

The Renovation Fund Committee has been asked to include in this issue of the magazine a list of the events which were held during the Renovation Fund Drive, November 1st—December 13th 1953, noting how much they brought in. Most sincere thanks have been expressed to all the organisers of these events and we would like to take the opportunity of thanking all who took part in them, and who helped in this way to make the Drive the success it was.

Guy Faulkes' collection, and fire-work coffee party organised by Mrs. Orton. Bonfire party. £16 7s.; Jumble Sale, organised by the Mothers' Union and Young Wives' Group £29 18s. 9d.; Beetle Drive. Mrs. Harper, £1 10s.; Whist Drive after the Autumn Fair, Mrs. Bird, £12; Barrel Organ tour of parish, £66; Whist Drive, Mrs. White £4 3s. 7d.; Coffee and Tea parties, Exhibition of Persian embroidery, Mrs. Melville and Mrs. Lloyd,

£5 8s.; Tea party and cake stall, Mrs. Prentice, £7 12s. 4½d.; Coffee party and cake stall, Mrs. Grayer, £6; Film show C. of E. Men's Society, £2 2s. 9d.; Mile of pennies (started), £10; "Guess the weight" Christmas cake, Lady Eleanor Hollis School Boarders, £3 12s.; Old Tyme Dance, Gay Nights Old Tyme Dance Club, £8; Dance, Young Wives Badminton Group, £23 17s. 11d.; Raffle of Doll, Mr. and Mrs. Burton, £7 13s.; Drama Group Play, profit, £5 17s. 4d.

Other efforts to raise money are still in progress, and will be mentioned in a later issue of the magazine.

The House to House Appeal has brought in £325 up to date, and contributions are still coming in by post. 1,208 envelopes have been returned.

Future Events:

On Saturday, February 13th, on the Eve of St. Valentine's Day, Mrs. Futter is giving a dance at St. James's Parish Hall. His Worship

the Mayor and Mrs. Edwards are hoping to be present, and the evening promises to be a most enjoyable one. Details will be announced later.

On Shrove Tuesday, March 2nd, an At Home will be held in the Parish Hall. To this are invited all who are interested in hearing of the progress made by the Renovation Fund, and who want to participate in future plans. There will be an opportunity for boxes to be opened and for new ones to be distributed. It will also be an occasion on which we hope to meet people new to the church, who have been recently visited in connection with the Appeal.

A very handsome Old Royal Bone China Tea Service has been presented by D. P. Campbell Esq. Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Frazer have expressed their intention of holding Whist drives in the New Year. Future plans also include a recital on long playing gramophone records of Handel's "Messiah". This will be arranged by Councillor Futter and will probably be held in the Church. —H.S.

HOW TO HELP CHILDREN TO KNOW GOD

Notes from a talk by Miss Yanovsky

The question we must ask first is; "Do we want our children to know God?" We should answer this with the same seriousness and thought that we would give to deciding whether they will learn French or take piano lessons. The answer yes to this question may either be, because we know God ourselves, and so want our children to know Him also; or it may be that we only have the slightest glimmer, yet we would have them know Him better.

Let us take an everyday example to help tackle this problem. We all desire our children to be clean, but we do not wait to start to teach them till we can reason with them on the benefits of cleanliness. So it is with a knowledge of God, it is no good waiting for a time when they will understand; when would this be? Do we now understand God, and most of us are over 20?

We do however, know something which non-Christians do not. We know that God is not just an idea or a guide to a way of life, but that

He is a Person. What we must do, therefore is to achieve an introduction between our children and God, so that they will know Him in such a way that they will love Him. Children are practical creatures, and it is no good saying such vague things to them as "God is a spirit."

It is quite possible to know a great deal **about** people, without knowing them. We can watch a new neighbour's movements and visitors till we feel that we know her quite well without ever having met her. This is not the sort of relationship we want our children to have with God. Certainly we should tell them about God, by reading stories, showing pictures, answering their questions, and sending them to Sunday School; but besides this we must help to establish that true person to person relationship, without which true knowledge is impossible. This can come only through prayer.

Young mothers often ask, "when do I start to teach my baby to pray?" Start before he is born and do not stop. Each night when you put your baby to bed say a very little prayer with him, and as his needs increase so you can expand the prayer to include thanks for his parents, food, toys, bath, and all the other things which he enjoys. It does not matter that at first he will not understand, soon he will start to join in the Amen, next add his own thank yous. Babies are sticklers for routine and prayer will become quite a part of their daily life. This way to begin is so much easier and more natural than saying to a child at the age of 2, 4 or 7. "Now tonight I am going to start to teach you to pray."

One final hint when your child suddenly says, "I am not going to say my prayers tonight," do not have a scene; but just kneel yourself and say them for him. It may be several days or weeks before he will join in again; but from this he will learn that prayers should always be said, whether we feel like it or not. Remember also to let the child feel that the whole family is trying to know God through prayer; it is easier for him to catch religion from you than to learn it. D. B.

THE CUBS

During the last term the Cubs have been very busy in several directions.

We entered for the District Cubs' Model Competition—Brian Goodburn obtained a 2nd place and Robin Ford a 3rd place.

Congratulations Red Six for winning the Pack Competition this term—I feel sure you all enjoyed your visit to The Tower of London.

At the Autumn Fair Robin Ford was kept very busy taking orders for his attractive little models and our effort amounted to over £3.

Akela.

(We are sorry that the Cubs' contribution to the Fair was inadvertently omitted from last month's article—Ed.).

MOTHERS' UNION

In the past two years we have found it difficult to get more than the more formal part of our Annual General meeting through in the hour that is available on one Wednesday afternoon and so this year we have booked a meeting for January 20th. On this day we want to have all the suggestions and criticisms that we don't usually have enough time for. We shall also draw for the names of the third of the committee who will retire this year and be ready to receive nominations for the new Committee members.

World Wide Wave of Prayer

Please do not forget that it touches the London Diocese, Sierra Leone and Accra in Africa on January 11—15th, and that every hour of those days a Branch in this Diocese will be in its Parish Church praying for these dioceses. Our time this year will be from 11.0 to 11.15 a.m. on Thursday January 14. (N.B. : No Holy Communion that morning).

The Young Wives' Group: Elsewhere in this issue you will find a short account of the address given to us in November by Miss Yanorsky. You may remember that a lot of our subsequent discussion centered round the difficulty of giving adequate answers to children's questions about God. The meeting on January 27th is planned to help with this problem. We hope to have a bookstall there and to try a new experiment of a lending library.

The Needlework group has decided not to meet at Windmill Road School during January and February, the worst months for children's epidemics, but will start there again on March 4th. Meanwhile weekly meetings will be held by arrangement with Mrs. Gloyns.

THE SANCTUARY GUILD

The new list for 1954 of those who are arranging the flowers in the Sanctuary can now be seen on the notice-board by the table in church. There is still room for names to be added, and people who have a special anniversary which they would like to mark in this way are invited to get in touch with the secretary, Mrs. Bull.

Members of the Guild worked hard on the days before Christmas preparing the church for the festival, and the results were most pleasing. We are very grateful for what they did.

DATES TO NOTE

January 13—8.0 p.m. Parish Christmas Party (Hall).

January 14—7.0 p.m. Adult Confirmation class starts again (Vicarage).

January 20—3.0 p.m. Mothers' Union (Hall); 5.0 p.m. Wolf Cubs' Christmas Party (Hall).

January 25—Conversion of St. Paul Holy Communion 7.0 a.m.

January 26—7.45 p.m. Church Council (Vestry).

January 27—8.0 p.m. Young Wives' Group: "Answering Children's Questions about God" (Hall).

January 29—7.30 p.m. Magazine Distributors (Vicarage).

N.B.: No 10.30 a.m. service on Thursday 14th and 28th.

BAPTISMS

September 27—Derek Arthur Shaw, 46 Windmill Road (omitted from November issue by mistake).

October 25—Christine Hicks, 93 Uxbridge Road.

October 25—Brian Douglas Bennett, 4 Cannon Close.

November 1—Martin Clive Smith, 59 St. James's Avenue.

November 8—Ian Royston Brooks, 10 Links View Road.

November 8—Hilary Frances Adams, 28 Burton's Road.

November 22—Linda Jean Barnes, 55 New Road, Causeway, Staines.

November 22—Mary Louise Margaret Bell, 73a Uxbridge Road.

December 13—Nigel Wallin, 13 King's Road.

December 13—Stephen John Elmes, 4 School Road Avenue.

December 20—Richard Anthony Cooke, 15 Cranmer Road.

December 27—Robin Geoffrey William Bayley, 46b Hampton Road.

December 27—Andrew Frederick Marsh, 51 Longford Close.

MARRIAGES

November 21—Garry Michael Severn to Heather Burton.

December 19—Frank Lenard Brown to Margaret Burton.

BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

October 28—Clara Taylor, 27 Laurel Road, aged 77 years.

November 3—Inez Bourne, aged 93 year (interment of ashes).

November 9—George Fountain, 17 Averill Street, W.6. aged 89 years.

November 18—Eliza Grace How Oliver, 2 Albert Road, aged 78 years.

November 28—Joseph Hayes Gamgee, 34 Cross Street, aged 82 years.

FROM BEYOND THE SPIRE

THE SITUATION IN GUIANA

British Guiana is a country of mixed races. Before Sir Walter Raleigh, the people were mostly aboriginal Indians. With the development of Demerara sugar, the Dutch and English came, and African slave labour was imported. On the emancipation of slaves, workers were brought in from India to work the plantations, while later a large labouring population was drawn from China. In addition, there has always been a Portuguese and Spanish influence from surrounding territories. Nevertheless, Roman Catholics have never been welcomed in British Guiana, largely because of the presence of the Spanish in bordering countries. Since the French and Dutch have nearby colonial interests and there are so many races in Guiana, events there may have international repercussions.

The S.P.G. has been working in the West Indies since 1703, and support has been given to Guiana at least since 1826.

A census taken after the 1914-18 war showed the population to be predominantly Anglican. During the Second World War, however, much American mission effort, which had been directed to the Far East, was diverted to Guiana. This resulted in the strong efforts to evangelise by the Seventh Day Adventists, Jehovah's Witnesses and innumerable other sects.

Even though they are extremely poor, the Guianese support the Church to the best of their ability, and loyally accept a tax of 1/4d. per day per communicant for this purpose.

The Bishop of Guiana is now Archbishop of the West Indies. In his diocese he has a staff of 17 European and 18 non-European priests (of which there is at least one belonging to every major racial group). There are also 5 European Sisters and one non-European Sister of the Companions of Jesus the Good Shepherd. There are over eighty thousand Church members.

What Can Christians do in the Present Emergency

Prayer is more than ever urgent. Pray for the guidance of the Government. Pray that the Church may be strengthened. In addition, the more that S.P.G. is supported the more the Church on the spot can be given the material help it needs.

Let us pray that Christian people may remain firm in all adversities that men may settle their differences peaceably, that the hands of the Archbishop and his clergy may be strengthened, that all the peoples of Guiana should be led to the light of truth, that poverty and inequalities may be removed.