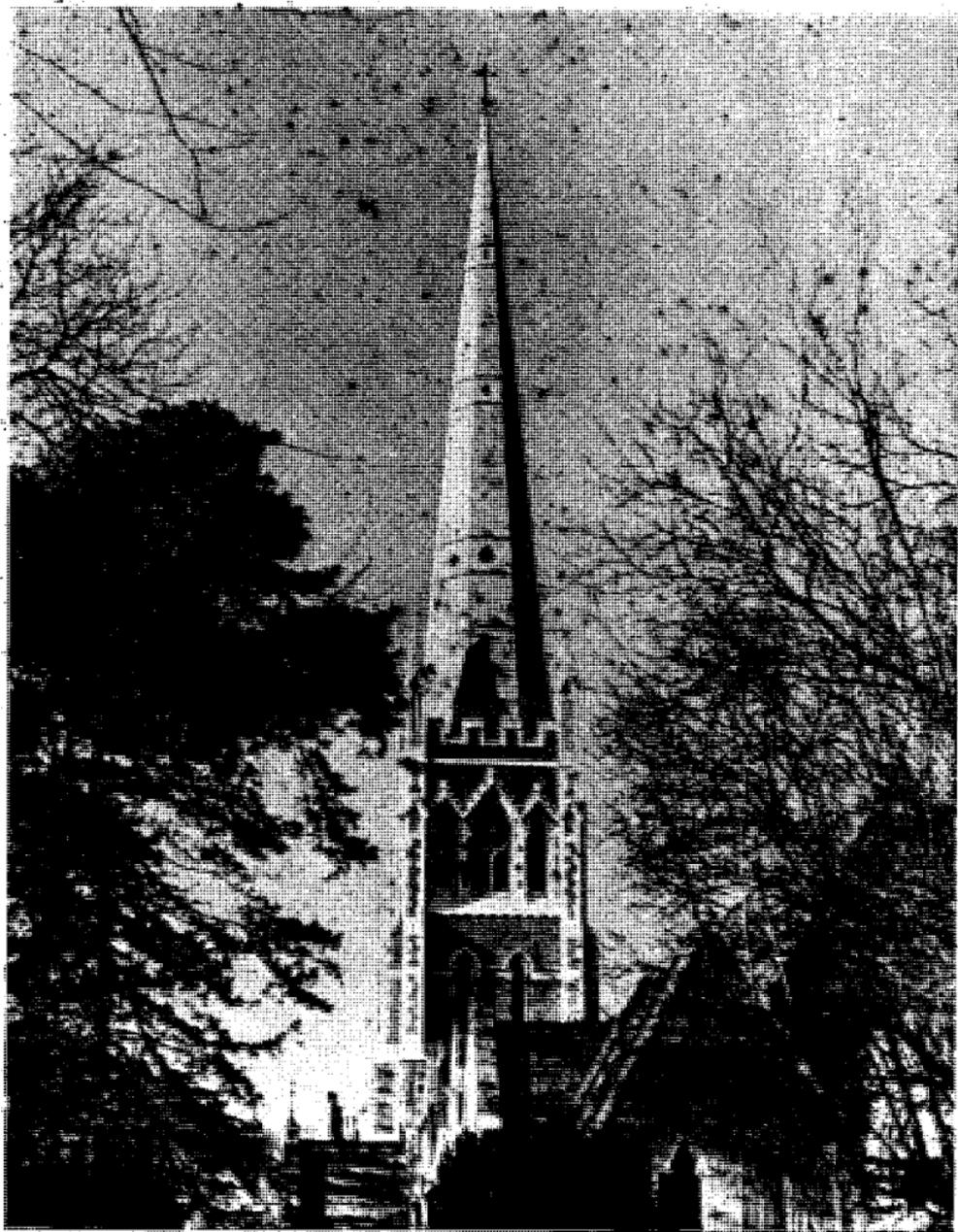


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SUNDAY SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Holy Communion	Every Sunday	8.00 a.m.
Holy Communion	First Sundays in month and		
		Festivals	12.10 p.m.
THE PARISH COMMUNION		Every Sunday	9.30 a.m.
(Followed by Parish Breakfast —		coffee and rolls — at Wayside	10.40 a.m.)	
Matins	Every Sunday except Fourth		8.40 a.m.
Family & Parade Service	Fourth Sundays	11.00 a.m.
Holy Baptism	Fourth Sundays	4.00 p.m.
		(Ten days' notice to be given)		
Evensong	Every Sunday	6.30 p.m.
Young People's Fellowship	Every Sunday in Wayside	8.00 p.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS:				
Nursery and Infants'	Every Sunday except Fourth		
		in Wayside	9.45 a.m.
Junior and Senior	Every Sunday except Fourth		
		in Church	11.00 a.m.
Rectory	Every Sunday in Rectory		
		School	2.30 p.m.

Services are also held frequently in Laurel Dene which members of the congregation are asked to support. Dates given in the body of this magazine. Any alterations to the above pattern which may occur from time to time will also be noted there, as well as details of week-day services and organisations.

VICAR'S NOTES

Financial Pressures: "We are living in the last days of the parish magazine." So began an article in the Church of England Newspaper recently. It is certain that 1966 will see a good many more casualties in this field. Increased printing prices are steadily taking their toll. Some magazines similar to ours manage to postpone the evil day by charging their readers one shilling an issue. Others are drastically reducing their size and appearing bi-monthly. Our Church Council at the moment keeps "The Spire" going by subsidising it to the extent of £120 a year so that it may be supplied free to all who want it. This amount will obviously have to be raised in 1966, and we are faced with a quandary. Is it right to spend all this money on the magazine when there are so many urgent needs to which it could be assigned? Should we abolish the principle of free distribution, and make an economic charge — say 9d. a copy? Or should we just send round a duplicated news-letter from time to time? We should like your opinions about this, because for one thing it is not clear to us how many people who receive the magazine really read it!

The pressure of rising costs and inflation is of course making itself felt all round. The Church Commissioners in their recent short Review (free copies on the bookstall) show how their resources are strained to the utmost in providing stipends for the clergy which they say are still far from adequate. They go on to say that £1½ million of new money will be needed for the maintenance of the ministry from the laity of the Church by 1968.

Confirmation 1965 and 1966: The Confirmation and Parish Communion, and the breakfast which followed, were very happy occasions. We are fortunate in having been allotted the same Sunday for this year. But this may well be the last time that we shall have such a service here for at least 5 or 6 years, as in future, owing to the increasing demands on the bishops, there will be fewer centres in each Deanery each year, and only 2 or 3 of these will be able to have Confirmation and Communion together, so our turn may not come round again for a long time.

I should be pleased to have names of intending candidates for the 1966 Confirmation as soon as possible, even though it still seems a good way off, so that classes may be arranged in plenty of time.

Those confirmed by the Bishop of Kensington on Sunday, December 12, and receiving their first Communion were;

Roland Louis Bridges, Richard Anthony Cooke, Robin Hammond, Geoffrey Dennis Hunt, John Peter Oliver, Christopher Stuart Taylor, Matthew Richard West, Barbara Susan Brooks, Rosemary Ann Draper, Janet Patricia Hunt, Bridget Claire McCauley, Gillian Frances Needs, Rosalind Ann Needs, Ann Mary Saunders, Christine Elizabeth Stuart, Helen Kay Sutcliffe, Jeanette Anne Warwick, Lesley Patricia Young.

We warmly welcome them into full membership of the Faithful and will continue to pray for them.

AROUND THE SPIRE

New Year Party: Looking back on previous parties with a certain smug self-satisfaction, we felt that the only thing possibly lacking was colour, and what could be more colourful than fancy dress?

The obvious source of inspiration at this time of year is pantomime, hence our invitation to you to come as a pantomime character. This is not to suggest that the parish has more than its fair share of Cinderellas, Ugly sisters, Princes Charming or even (as one hurt male remarked) Bluebeards! But most folk like to dress up now and then, and on this sort of occasion, the more the merrier. Of course, if you're entirely devoid of imagination and/or nerve, we'll still be glad to see you in your new party frock or old suit (representing "one of the audience" perhaps) — the important thing is to come along and enjoy yourself! Saturday, January 8, 7.45 p.m. in the Parish Hall, 4/6d. (including refreshments). Tickets available from the Social Committee.

J.G.

It Can Now be Told: what a Ludo Drive is—the one I attended recently at Wayside was fun! Noisy! and speaking for myself proved a simple matter to win a prize! Mr. and Mrs. West were the other successful winners (I won't tell which had the booby). The great brains who thought out this game should feel happy with the result.

D.W.

The Circle Of Prayer: has grown rapidly and is still growing. It has obviously been found to supply a very real need. If you wish to join, or have any questions to ask or know of anyone in special need please contact Mr. Brunt or one of the following — Mrs. Orton, Mol. 5868; Mrs. Mills, Mol. 6626; Mrs. Rockliffe TED. Lock 4909; Mrs. Taylor, Mol. 7042; Mrs. Warwick, Mol. 7004.

M.O.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

As expected, Mrs. Shaw gave us a most interesting talk on "Modern Israel." Obviously this much travelled lady has so much knowledge of life and conditions in that country that she could easily give us a series of talks on this subject. Her vivid presentation of this knowledge kept all her hearers interested. We hope that the several visitors who were present will come to future meetings.

Following the last two talks on the Holy Land and Modern Israel we feel that we shall enter into the Christmas celebrations with a much greater knowledge of the background of the age-old story. At the Parish Hall, at 2.30 p.m., on Wednesday, January 5, the members of the Committee will present a reading, in costume, of a Nativity Play by Edward Murch "Journey of the Star." There will be carols in which all can join, all children are welcome. Tea and mincepies will provide the traditional finish to our New Year meeting.

A Happy New Year to all members, make a resolution for 1966 to let nothing, except illness, prevent you from attending the monthly meeting (usually held on the first Wednesday), and more important still, our Corporate Communion on the second Sunday of each Month.

I.V.R.

EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER FROM HANNAH STANTON IN UGANDA

Uganda is peaceful and fairly prosperous, though inter-tribal rivalries are a continual worry to the Central Government. Under

Julius Nyerere, Tanzania seems to be managing things better, and there is an impressive feeling of all being ready to work together for the good of the country, and tribal differences are being forgotten It is said that there is less evidence in Tanzania of the differences between the very rich and the very poor, and these differences certainly show up in Uganda and Kenya. There are an incredible number of Mercedes Benzes around here!

Uganda, however, seems to be coping well with its refugee problems. We have refugees from R w a n d a, from the Eastern Congo, and thousands in recent weeks from the Sudan, from where we hear frightening stories of the measures taken by the largely Arab army against the southern Sudanese most of whom are African and are related to our Ugandans from the north. Troubles of this nature are given much publicity, but what should be stressed also and given as much publicity as possible are the positive and constructive sides to African development in East Africa: the developments in education for example, in all three territories. Two out of the three University Colleges have African principals, and the third, Nairobi, will soon assume African principalship. People everywhere must realise that law and order is maintained in all three countries; and that all nationalities choose to live here, and do live here, and enjoy themselves. A friend, recently returned from a history conference in Dar-es-Salaam, described President Julius Nyerere and Dr. Gilbert Chagula, the Principal of the University college there, sitting down to the conference banquet in their open, colourful shirts, all very informal, with the emphasis on enthusiasm, youth, willingness to go ahead adventurously, and the whole atmosphere one of courage and determination to make a go of the new Africa.

Everyone here is wondering what measures Britain can and will take in Rhodesia. If the white minority Government is allowed to get away with U.D.I. it will have serious repercussions in free Africa; Britain's credit will go down, the Commonwealth will be severely shaken.

I feel very anxious for Zambia, a country which I visited in May and June of this year; where there is also this feeling of enthusiasm, youth and the serious realisation of new responsibility for a nation's welfare Zambia has great mineral wealth in her copper, but she is dependent on Rhodesia for transport and electrical power; we were depressed to see that the entire control of the Kariba Dam Power Station is on the Rhodesian side of the shared frontier. The freedom, well-being and endeavour of Zambia are tremendously precious and seem desperately precarious at the moment. (In touring we attracted attention at every garage with our E.A.U. number plate. "What is it like to be in free Africa?")

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK (10th-15th MAY) IN HAMPTON—£603

RAISED—THIS IS HOW IT WAS SPENT

A letter from Veda Rhenius, Chairman Y.W.C.A.

Mudichur Committee:—

WATER SUPPLY SCHEME AT MUDICHUR

You can at a pinch live without food for a few days, but I doubt

if anyone can live without water, especially in a hot country like ours. So we find that the provision of good clean drinking water is a pressing problem, and more so in a village where people do not seem to bother much about keeping the drinking water unpolluted.

In the little village of Mudichur about 20 miles from Madras a few houses have wells of their own, but most of the people use the water from the large multi-purpose village pond. People bathe and wash their clothes in it. They wash their cattle in it, then in the same pond they wash their vessels in which to carry home water for drinking and cooking. These insanitary practices have resulted in the outbreak of epidemics like dysentery, diarrhoea and jaundice. So there was a crying need for the provision of good clean portable water, and our Y.W.C.A. Mudichur Committee were trying desperately to find the money for such a scheme and, just at this point the Community Aid Abroad, Australia, quite providentially came to our aid by giving us a donation of £A500.

With this handsome gift we set to work to renovate a disused well. This was a large well, and the water in it was sweet, and remained sweet throughout the year. This was important because very often, the water in a well would be sweet in summer but would turn brackish during and after the rains. The only drawback was that it was some distance from the village.

However, we decided to go ahead with the work of renovating this well. We got workmen to deepen and clean out the well and to build up the crumbling supporting wall. We had to build a shed to house the motor pump set and an overhead tank to store the water. Next we bought a good electric motor pump set, had it installed and got the local authorities to give us the electric connection. Since this had to be done in a remote village everything took a long time. Finally, that part of the work was completed.

Now the problem was to find the means for carrying the water in pipes to the different parts of the village. The money from Australia was finished and we were once again in a fix. And once again help came from an unexpected quarter. This was, again, a very generous donation of £600, from the Inter-Church Aid, Britain. With this generous amount we bought sufficient lengths of pipes and got an engineer and a plumber to come and lay them. Now the pipes fan out from the well to the different sections of the village; two pipes carry water to the two different quarters of the village — one carries water to the school and one brings water to our own Y.W.C.A. clinic.

It is a joy to watch the people, young and old line up with their bright gleaming brass vessels and take their turn at turning on the tap and watching the water gush out into their vessels and then put the vessels on their head or shoulder and swing away so proudly to their homes. Now, after all this time, every villager is assured of good clean drinking water and we are sure that the epidemics will become things of the past.

In conclusion, I would like to express our deep and heartfelt gratitude to the Australian Community Aid Abroad and the British Inter Church Aid for their generous contributions which have helped to solve

one of the many problems in one little village among the million villages of India.

N.B. Used foreign stamps can be sold to help Christian Aid, please let Mr. Lester, 23, Ormond Crescent, Hampton, have them.

SOME DATES TO NOTE

- Jan. 4.—8.0 p.m. Social Committee (21, St. James's Road).
.. 5.—2.30 p.m. Mother's Union: Nativity Play and Carols (Hall).
.. 6.—The Epiphany (N.B. No services here, as Vicar expects to be away at a conference).
.. 8.—7.45 p.m. Parish Christmas Party (Hall): Tickets 4/6.
.. 9.—6.30 p.m. Fourth performance of "The First Crib" (at St. Mary's Church, Sunbury).
.. 10.—2.30 p.m. Editorial Board (52, Park Road): all copy intended for inclusion in the February issue should be sent in before the meeting; 8.0 p.m. Deanery "No Small Change" Course: IV—Europe through the Middle Ages.
.. 11.—8.0 p.m. Stewardship Committee (106, Park Road).
.. 14.—10.45 a.m. Mother's Union: Wave of Prayer: 8.15 p.m. Church Council (W).
.. 17.—8.0 p.m. Hampton Council of Churches: Prayer and Discussion Group (venue to be announced).
.. 18-25.—WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: Special services and meetings to be arranged by the Hampton Council of Churches will be announced.
.. 21-23.—PARISH WEEK-END CONFERENCE AT STOKE POGES: "MISSION AND SERVICE IN THE PARISH."
.. 22.—3.15 p.m. Old People's Christmas Party (Hall).
.. 23.—The only Sunday services will be Holy Communion at 8.0 a.m. and Evensong at 6.30 p.m., as Vicar expects to be at the Parish Week-End Conference.
.. 24.—11.0 a.m. Mothers' Union: Overseas Meeting (Mary Sumner House).
.. 25.—Conversion of St. Paul: 9.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
.. 26.—8.0 p.m. Young Wives' Group: "Astronomy for Beginners" (W).
.. 31.—8.0 p.m. Hampton Council of Churches: Quarterly Meeting of Committee (Congregational Church).
- Feb. 2.—Festival of the Presentation—Candlemas: End of the Forty Days of Christmas. Holy Communion at 7.15 and 9.30 a.m.; Sunday School Services and Teas from 3.50 p.m. onwards.

BAPTISMS

- Nov. 28.—John Alan Gibbs, 2a, Laurel Road.
.. 28.—Andrew John Smith, 138, Fulwell Road.

MARRIAGE

Nov. 28.—Reginald Delbert McCormack to Sally Heather Crosscombe.

BURIALS & CREMATION

Nov. 29.—Alfred Robert Taylor, Laurel Dene, aged 83 years (at Twickenham Cemetery).

Dec. 3.—Clara Alice Woodward, 32, Manor Road, East Molesey, aged 91 yaers.

„ 6.—Ernest Victor Todd, 25, Holly Road, aged 49 years (at S.W. Middlesex Crematorium).

„ 9.—Thomas Benjamin Banks, 3, St. James's Avenue, aged 83 years.

CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE organises functions throughout the year.

THE YOUNG WIVES' GROUP meets last Wednesday evening in each month. (Chairman: Mrs. K. Brooks, 10, Links View Road.

TED. Lock 2593).

THE MOTHERS' UNION meets first Wednesday afternoon in each month. (Enrolling member: Mrs. I. V. Rockliffe, 40, Gloucester Road, Teddington. TED. Lock 4909).

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP meets after Evensong on Sundays.

SCOUTS: 3rd Hampton Hill Scout Group. (Group Scoutmaster: Mr. S. R. Childs, 60b, French Street, Sunbury. SUN. 4182).

GUIDES: 1st Hampton Hill Company (Captain: Miss Ruth Mills, 40, Oldfield Rd., Hampton. Mol. 6626). (Brown Owl: Mrs. D. M. Casey, 89, Connaught Rd., Teddington. TED. Lock 5041).

THE HISTORY SOCIETY: (Chairman: Mrs. M. Orton, 30, St. James's Rd., Mol. 5868).