

THE WORD OF GOD (2)

From the position in Religion and Ethics which, through the mercy and grace of God, we have now reached, there are many things in the Bible which are utterly abhorrent to us, and we find it difficult to believe that they contain any divine inspiration. Yet in their own age and time, these convictions, commands and practices may well have been advances on what had gone before, and therefore moves in the right direction, moves which came from God. So we should compare them, not with our present standards of faith and conduct, but with the standards which they superseded. Thus polygamy should not be compared with monogamy or Christian marriage, but with polyandry; and polyandry again with promiscuous intercourse. Then many of the bloodthirsty passages, such as the divine order to exterminate the Canaanites, should be compared, not with the Sermon on the Mount, but with purely private vendetta. We thus discover, in many cases which now shock us, the belief that God had spoken was attached to genuine, if slight, advances along the right road: and so we could rightly say of them 'This was the word of the Lord' - the word of God for them in their own time and circumstances. But then we have to decide whether it can still be in any meaningful way the word of God for us today. And we should be very careful and discriminating about the passage we include in Christian liturgy.

Take the Psalms, for instance. Years ago that great and balanced Anglican scholar, C.F.D Moule, wrote : 'The use of the Psalter in Christian worship is the most conspicuous pocket of sub-Christian thought and unreformed obscurantism still remaining in the Anglican Prayer Book'. More than a quarter of the Psalms are animated by a temper of complaint, expostulation, bitterness and desire for vengeance on enemies which, as John Burnaby says, 'even the most allegorizing tendency can scarcely baptise into Christianity'. Some of the worst examples such as Psalm 58 - have, thank goodness, now been entirely removed from use in Worship, and even in their own time they could never have been the word of the Lord, only words to the Lord of bitter, angry, complaining of despairing men. As such they have a use for us when we are gripped by the same mood: we can use them to vent our bitterness and wrath on God, for he can take it when our fellowmen might not be able to do so, and as we pour out our feelings on him, he will work on us to bring us to a better state of mind.

Another factor to be taken into account in the Biblical record is that sometimes advances in knowledge of the divine will and purposes prompted by God are later obscured, belittled or even falsified by human error. For instance we can see and be thankful for the fact that some authentic words from God were able to come to the people of the time through the deeds and words of the great prophet Elijah. But then we get the distorted picture of him given in the first chapter of the second book of Kings, where he is portrayed apparently delighting to demonstrate his greatness as a man of God by using the power of God at his disposal for evil ends, the destruction of completely innocent men : 'If I am a man of God, may fire fall from heaven and consume you and your company'. This is a typical instance of how lesser men ascribe to one whose greatness they cannot fully comprehend their own motives and feeling of how they would have liked to act if they had had the privilege of being in the great man's place. As the legendary story goes down the centuries, men accept it as an authentic account of a legitimate use of God's power, and James appeals to it as giving authority for the calling down of fire to burn up an inhospitable Samaritan village. Jesus makes it plain that God does not permit his power to be used in this way, and that James belongs to an enterprise the purpose of which is to save men's lives and not destroy them.

But the same process which disfigured parts of the Old Testament has also entered into the Christian tradition, and we have just been reminded of an illustration of this. Lesley Mortimer has been following the 50-mile pilgrim road to Compostela – which claims to be the shrine of St. James – and has been sending us postcards showing the different ways in which the saint is represented in the churches along the way. The most common one, she says, depicts him as a gallant warrior on horseback, with writhing bodies killed by his sword or his horse's hooves all around him. So the man who came to see that God's power is available for use only for purposes of good, to heal and to bless and to save, is turned back by men of inferior mould into the kind of man he once wanted to be - a destroyer (presumably in these pictures and statues, of the enemies of Spain)

(To be continued)

ADDITIONAL CURATES SOCIETY

For the past twenty years St. James's has supported the work of this Home Missionary Society but recently the number of subscribers has decreased. So it seemed to me, as Parish Secretary, that this would be a good time to make the work of A.C.S. better known. I quote from the newest leaflet received from the General Secretary: The Revd. A.J. Prescott.

"1. A.C.S. is a missionary society which works for the spread of the good news of Christ's Kingdom at home, in England and Wales.

2. A.C.S. encourages parishes to pray for the work of the Church, and especially to support with their prayer those who are called to serve God and the Church in the full time ordained ministry.

3. A.C.S. encourages young Christians to consider their vocation in life in terms of the Christian Faith, and conducts sponsored weekend activities such as conferences, parish weekends and quiet weekends at a Religious Community in order to encourage and inform those young men who are prepared to consider the Priesthood as their vocation in life.

4. A.C.S. gives bursaries to those young men who have been accepted for pre-theological training on the "Ashton Scheme", which prepares candidates for entry to a theological college. This scheme will mean more candidates being accepted.

5. A.C.S. published books and tracts on the priesthood and supplies free literature to assist the prayers of congregations and individuals.

6. A.C.S. gives grants towards curates' stipends, housing, and expenses. The Society's Charter states that grants may be made to large parishes with limited resources.

7. A.C.S. encourages prayer for more vocations to the Sacred Ministry."

Home Mission News is published three times a year; unfortunately after a period of two years' stability the new price will be 10p per copy, 30p for the year; even at this price the cost of production will not be covered. Will all subscribers continue to be as generous as they have been please. New subscribers would be **very welcome**.

I.V. Rockliffe

A CHRISTIAN LOOK AT INDUSTRIAL CONFLICT

Apathy was the keynote of the talk by Mr. Boyd, a senior T.U. official of 40 years' experience - one of the talks in the series promoted by the Hampton Council of Churches.

After a brief history of the trade union movement Mr. Boyd reminded his audience that even now less than half the working population were members of a union. Highlighting the recent strike record, he made the point that whilst strikes were always bad publicity, less working time was lost in this way than through other causes. Is this not yet another example of the media's concentration on failure or disaster. When will they make success newsworthy?

However, involvement was the main plea. Demonstrating, from his own union, that there was a degree of continuous involvement from the ordinary members in union affairs, he agreed that apathy was as prevalent as in so many other organisations in society. He reiterated that it was possible for the ordinary member, the ordinary Christian to influence decisions if only he or she was prepared to participate.

There was much lively discussion and Mr. Boyd was subjected to close questioning on the subjects of closed shops, shorter working weeks and unemployment. It was an extremely lively and informative evening but apathy was demonstrated by the small attendance for such an important topic.

MGR

THE CATECHUMENATE

This is an expression which has been used and misused among us now for some 18 months. There are many who have no idea what it is all about. Amongst those, perhaps some are curious. If you are curious, or if you know something of the meetings which have been held and would like to find out more, our Italian friends will be coming back in September and **EVERYONE** is invited to come and share in the experience. The first meeting will be on **September 20th** at 8.00 pm in the church and subsequently on Wednesdays and Sundays at 8.00 pm. If you can't be there on the 20th it doesn't matter. Come when you can. Further information from Trevor Atkinson 979 6166 or Seymour Harris 979 3163.

SEPTEMBER 20th, 8.00 pm.

A VISITOR FROM AUSTRALIA

Bishop Witt and his wife visited St. James's on August 20th before their return to Australia after attending the Lambeth Conference.

Bishop Witt has the diocese of North-West Australia under his care. He describes himself as the smallest Bishop of the largest diocese in the Commonwealth (700,000 square miles). He lives in Geraldton which is about 300 miles north of Perth and ministers to scattered mining and sheep farming communities as well as the aborigines, for whose naturalistic wisdom he has come to have a great respect.

Bishop Witt presided at the family communion service and preached a powerful and most entertaining sermon. His theme was the Kingdom of God and he reminded us that the living Jesus is the Kingdom **here and now**. Jesus will gladly encompass us in this great event if only we have the Faith to let him do so. But he warned - the Kingdom of God is in conflict with the world and if we really follow Jesus, this will bring us into conflict with the world leading each of us, in our own way, to crucifixion and salvation.

In speaking of his experiences of the Lambeth Conference Bishop Witt noted that the ordination of women was a point of contention only in the Anglo-Saxon communities and was not relevant in the Third World, where the main issue is the response of the Church to poverty and political unrest.

This was a refreshing and happy visit from the wide open spaces from a man who is continually facing up to the real Christian issues.

PAL

A few thoughts from the Bishop's sermon that lingered on:

At the Lambeth Conference, Lazarus would not go away. What should the Church really do for the world's poor? For a very long time indeed it has contented itself with bandaging up the poor. What about the cause of poverty? "The sin of the system".

Efficiency, advanced technology - are these idols of the developed world?

In our heart of hearts, do we really believe Christian teaching; or do we subscribe to slogans like: What really counts is money. It's not what you know that matters, but who you know. Might is right.

HB

HARVEST "TEA"

Some may think that in a suburban parish like ours the Harvest Supper is a bit of an anachronism. We do not rest at the end of another year's toil in the fields after gathering in the fruits of our labours. Yet it does serve as a link with the rural past and, as part of the Harvest Festival celebrations, is an occasion for thanksgiving when we pause to remember that our foods and drinks do not just materialise in the supermarkets or on our doorsteps.

It has for long been our custom to have a Harvest Supper in the Parish Hall - sometimes on a weekday evening or more recently, rather earlier, on a Sunday evening. The majority seem to favour the latter arrangement, but this year we shall be different again. As foreshadowed in the July "Spire", there is to be a very important Stewardship campaign this autumn, and the PCC have accepted a recommendation from the Stewardship Committee that, in order not to overload willing helpers, there should not be a Harvest Supper.

However, we do not wish entirely to disappoint the many who we feel look forward to celebrating harvest time by joining with their friends in refreshments, and so we are arranging a special Harvest "Tea" to be held in the church immediately after the 4.30 pm Harvest Festival Welcome Service on Sunday 8th October. This is to be a family service at which the children will be invited to present their gifts, and we look forward to a full church and a happy get-together of parishioners of all ages. Though not on the scale of our Harvest Suppers, or quite so bucolic, the refreshments will be substantial. No tickets will be needed, so just come along and enjoy yourselves.

REB

LADIES ACTIVITIES FOR THIS AUTUMN.

After a long break, the Ladies' Choir start their regular meetings on 18th September at 2.30 p.m. in the vestry, and will meet on alternate Mondays from then on. We would welcome new members, enthusiasm is the greatest requirement, and we sing our hearts out! This is a very light hearted afternoon, why not come and have a go? Many new songs have been purchased, so we will all be starting from scratch on these.

Keep Fit for all ages starts again on Tuesday 12th September. We meet every week at 2 p.m. in St. James's Hall. Our aim is to keep our bodies moving and supple, improve our posture while meeting both new and old friends. We find the gentle flowing movements, done to music give uplift and refreshment, while improving our confidence, stamina and vitality.

A similar session is held on Fridays at 2.15 p.m. in the hall, starting on September 22nd this is especially for young Mums who are welcome to bring their babies and toddlers with them. The children are free to play with their toys, run about or even join in! This session is taken rather less seriously, but we do our best in spite of difficulties.

If any of these activities interest you, just turn up on the appropriate day and you will be made most welcome. You can decide whether you would like to join at a later date.

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE SPECIAL ISSUE?

Excellent, I read it from cover to cover. We all did. A lot of hard work and thought must have gone into it.

(Mrs. S. Uxbridge Road)

Very Interesting, very readable. It was kind of them to give me a copy.

(Mr. B. Wolsley Road.)

I always read The Spire with interest and often take it up to my Welch church in London. It's often very inspiring; always something to think about.

(Mr. R. St. James's Road.)

Very Good; I always enjoy The Spire - must have been a lot of hard work - but worth it.

(Mrs. B - no relation to Mr. B. Wolsley Road.)

What good did it do for the money it cost? There are people in my road who never come to church - they just like to read it to know what's going on.

(Mrs. C.)

I've just left a wonderful church and I never thought I'd find another like it, but when I read the special issue I knew I had found one.

(Mrs. L. Rectory Grove)

You'll be seeing us in church as soon as the baby is born.

(Mr. L. Rectory Grove.)

(A young couple who had accepted the invitation and were at the Newcomers' Party)

We don't really belong in your parish but we saw the Special Issue of your magazine and hoped you wouldn't mind us coming along - we are so glad we did.

(A young couple from Oxford Road.)

It was a lovely magazine. I read it with my magnifying glass. . . I've so much enjoyed the evening . . . I've also met someone who comes from where I was born. You are all so kind - it was lovely of Mr. Brunt to come and fetch me.

(Mrs. M. Cross Street).

There have been a great many tributes to The Special Issue and the Newcomers' Party, passed in general conversation. A number of people have asked for The Spire to be delivered regularly and it has been a joy to welcome fresh faces among the regular loved ones in church.

THE LAST NEWCOMERS' PARTY

Although I have lived in Hampton Hill for six years I had never been to a Newcomers' Party before. When I first moved here from Twickenham, the Vicar, Mr. Brunt, came to visit me and invited me to come along to the next one. I didn't go, firstly because my husband worked late and I was too shy to go by myself - also, I wasn't sure what to expect!

When we had the Open Day at St. James's Church I put my name down on the list for the next Newcomers' Party - which was to be held on 20th July - along with a lot of other people who had lived in Hampton Hill for some time and also had never been, and were offered the opportunity of going.

It turned out to be a most enjoyable evening. The Vicar welcomed everyone. We had a cup of coffee. Then Mrs. Orton gave a marvellous talk about the history of Hampton Hill. She said that we had had to fight hard for the name of Hampton Hill as our area was first just known as The Common, then New Hampton. Even now people often refer to us as being just a part of Hampton but we are very much a village on our own. She showed us the first map which gave any detail drawn up in 1754. In 1863 the first Vicar used his own money and a lot of time to make the new parish into something and succeeded even though we had no proper street lighting or drains until 1890 - Mrs. Orton went on to tell us "it was a dump" in the early days. She went on to show us slides of Hampton Hill through the years. I found it all very interesting and I am sure that everyone else did.

The last few slides, recent ones, showed how the High Street is lit up at Christmas time with Christmas trees put up by the shopkeepers. It is true what she says - Hampton Hill is a lovely, friendly place, a community of its own to which I for one am proud to belong.

After the slides we were served more coffee and refreshments beautifully prepared by the organisers of these parties - who are just a few of the friendly people in Hampton Hill.

If you haven't been to a Newcomers' Party, please go to the next one. I'm sure you'll enjoy it and wish that you'd gone to one before, as I did!

Eileen Elia.

CAR TREASURE HUNT

With engines revving impatiently, ten cars lined up in St. James's Road in the early afternoon of Saturday 1st July. It was another grey day, but what did that matter, because we were all going on a journey into the unknown, along miles of Surrey roads trying to solve infuriating clues set by the mad guru of Hampton Hill E.E.S. Martin-Ffolkes. Carefully briefed, the navigators equipped with large scale maps and supply of victuals, and our passengers shouting encouragement, we were sent off at five minute intervals just like the old Monte Carlo Rally.

The reference to Diana wasn't too difficult, and the keepers in Bushy Park were perplexed at the sight of so many cars circling the fountain trying to count umpteen wooden posts without stopping.

After that it got progressively more difficult. Most of us got to Oxshott ("a dead beast") and Cobham, but some decided to go to Surbiton and considered Henley in order to look up Post Office and shop opening times (it wasn't necessary actually). And few found Gracious Pond Road or Queen Victoria's monument. One or two "survival kit" envelopes had to be opened in desperation, but it was a happy band of motorist adventurers who gathered at the end of the trail on Chobham Common, a delightful spot, to exchange their experiences and share their picnics. Roma and Eila produced two magnificent home-made cream cakes to console those who nearly became divorced en route.

It was a most entertaining and interesting afternoon. For those who had to miss this one - see you next time.

A. Carr.

AROUND THE SPIRE

News had just reached us that William Whittaker, a past member of Y.P.F. has just finished his degree in geography, and has done so well that he has now been offered a place at a Cambridge College to further his studies.

Many of us know the Brooks family, and may remember Ian was once a choir boy. He married recently and we offer our congratulations and best wishes to him and his wife, Marion.

Programmes are now on sale for the Hampton and Hampton Hill Carnival, to be held on September 16th. This should be a really worthwhile event, and we (the Church) will have a float in the procession. This leaves St. James's church at about midday and follows the route as outlined in the programmes. These are obtainable from the Community Care Bookshop or from members of the Social Committee.

CAN YOU HELP ME?

I. In the Special Edition of The Spire I read that the Y.P.F. were unable to meet because they had no leaders and I would very much like to help but obviously I am unable to do it on my own.

I used to belong to a Youth Club which a group of us started at St. Mary's Church in Twickenham. There were about a dozen youngsters from twelve to sixteen with, at first, three leaders: the curate and a young couple. It grew to about twenty five youngsters and six leaders. We had great fun; we went on hikes; met on Saturday evenings from six until nine. During these weekly meetings we played table tennis, danced to records and we had discussions about all sorts of things. We all went to church together on Sunday and most of us went to confirmation classes and were confirmed together. It was our Club, our Church - somewhere for us to go, something for us to belong to and care about.

I would like my children to have the opportunity to do the same. I am sure there are a lot of you that feel as I do. It isn't hard work to run a Youth Club, the youngsters are there waiting - it's the leaders they need.

So can you help by joining with me?

Eileen Elia 979 4990.

II. Are there any car-drivers who could spare time occasionally to transport people to and from the Maddison Clinic Church Road, Teddington?

If you can do this please contact Miss Monk at the Clinic (977 3156).

I.V. Rockliffe

Hon. Sec. League of Friends,
Maddison Clinic

GOODBYE, FATHER THEVENET.

I think that everyone in Hampton Hill knew Father Joseph Thevenet, who for the last four years has worked at St. Francis de Sales Church in the Wellington Road. We used to see him cycling along the streets on his visits; children loved him dearly and he loved them; he helped in the office of the Community Care Group, answered the telephone with a French flourish, and spent much extra time solving the various problems which had come his way during his shift of duty.

To everyone's consternation he has now been sent by his Community to work in a parish in the United States; all are sorry.

On Tuesday, August 15th, he celebrated Mass, and this was followed by a farewell party in the Church Hall. Presents were given to him, there were speeches of appreciation, and it was a most enjoyable and friendly gathering. Many people from outside the congregation of St. Francis de Sales had been invited, and we were delighted to be in on this goodbye to this very dear priest, and to wish him well in his new work.

Hannah Stanton.

ST. JAMES'S DAY

When we celebrated our Patron Saint's Festival St. James's Day on July 23, the weather was unfortunately not on our side. We could therefore not have tea on the church lawn as in some other years of happy memories. That detracted somewhat from the enjoyment of this traditional family occasion, but we still had ample opportunity for chat and companionship after the service, when we were treated to a lovely full tea in church. The service itself had been a moving occasion when not only St. James but also other martyrs were commemorated.

FAMILY TREE

Recently a gentleman named Roberts, not the most unusual of names, wrote from Birmingham to the Vicar of St. Peter and Paul, Teddington, asking if a search could be made to trace forebears of his - in the first instance his grandfather, Edmund William, who had moved to Wolsey Road, Teddington after his marriage in Ifield in 1873, how long after was not known. Also given were the names of two sons and about eight daughters and their probable dates of birth to within a year or two - this information having been supplied by a relative aged ninety six who had seemed "a bit hazy about it all".

The Vicar of St. Peter and Paul sent the letter on to Mr. Brunt as there is no Wolsey Road in Teddington but we rejoice in one here. So, out came various heavy, and dusty tomes from their metal trunk in the vestry and the Registers of baptisms and marriages between 1873 and 1910 were searched. Quite a few Roberts came to light but none of them with names or dates of birth which tallied. Neither could the oldest resident in Wolsey Road who, in the past, has supplied much interesting information about the early days of the village, remember the family at all, the youngest of Edmunds children would have been about five years older than she so she would have remembered a family of that size if they had lived in the same road and attended the same school.

Most addresses in the Registers merely stated a name and Hampton Hill. Only if the subject was designated "gentleman" was his full residence given! Incidentally, the occupations of the villagers cast light upon how different it all was then, still countrified but rapidly growing and changing in nature and dauntingly socially conscious. There were a great many labourers and gardeners as might be expected where houses were being built all over the erstwhile heath and where the nursery trade was burgeoning. The railway was being extended to pass through New Hampton and Hampton Water works were being built, in itself a gigantic project bringing in hundreds of artisans. The Registers tell of draymen, coachmen, a fly driver (not the owner of a plain van on nefarious business) but the local horse-taxi man; There was a farrier, a fireman, a basket maker, a hurdle maker, livery men and powder mill workers; a dairyfarmer, a miller, butlers, cooks and many merely designated servant. The "gentry" were all categorised, barrister at law, physician, solicitor, retired manager of Bank of England, retired 'officer of Her Majesty's forces' and below for example, late Capt. - - Hussars, the - - - Cavalry etc. (the military also rans were merely covered by the description soldier. What social category did teaplantler fall into I wonder or India merchant? and what would all these people of the past make of our computer programmers, airline pilots or punch operators or even North Sea Gas employees?

But back to the Roberts. Having failed to locate the family in the old Registers I wrote to my friend Gerry Heath, Hampton's local historian who owns several old directories and is always interested and willing to help. He drew a blank in Hampton Hill but was successful in locating grandfather Edmund and his wife as being resident in Gomer Gdns. Teddington in 1885 and his son Frederick too, living - guess where - in Wolsey Road, Teddington. But, you will say, if you are still with me, I thought there was no Wolsey Road in Teddington. You are wrong - there was but there isn't now. It joined Broad Street to Park Road and we now know it as The Causeway - hence the mystery.

Mr. Roberts has therefore been written to and may care to come and pursue his ancestors through the marriage and baptismal registers of Peter and Paul and St. Mary Teddington and the burial registers of the cemetery used at that - perhaps some of them are resting peacefully beneath a grave stone in St. Mary's churchyard and perhaps some are living round about to this day.

I'm always pleased when we are able to help trace people and this time there was a bonus attached to the labour as the search for Roberts enabled me to come across several members of another family, the Gernats, about whom I had received a letter some while back.

It all takes time but is interesting - I hope that you, 'dear reader' have been a little interested as well.

Margery Orton.

BIBLE PUZZLE No. 5

ABCDE FGAHF BHIJK LDEFN MBHOE
FPEFQ EKIQF RRPAAH CFBPA IQFRR
AHEAC NFBMP CLOES MLADS KMBTB
MDSMK CSFJK LOBHI KHKDE AHUZZ

Another Bible puzzle for those idle brains.

Can you decipher the code and say from which Gospel this passage was taken?
(N.E.B.)

HAMPTON HILL ASSOCIATION EXHIBITION OF LOCAL ARTS, CRAFTS AND HOBBIES

A 'Get-Together' and exhibition for present and would-be enthusiasts with 'live' demonstrations by local artists and craftsmen.

Saturday, 30th September 2 - 6 p.m.
(exhibits to be set up from 11 a.m.)
Hampton Hill Junior School St. James's Avenue.

ALL WELLCOME - Entrance free.

If you are willing to exhibit your work please contact:-

Mr. John Thurston, 6 Edward Close
Mrs. Joyce Doughty, 228 Uxbridge Road
or (especially for childrens work):
Mrs. Sally Low, 95 High Street.

STOP PRESS

We have just heard that the A.C.S. is going to hold a London Diocesan Festival on Friday 29th September in St. Alban's Church Holborn. A Solemn Eucharist at 7 p.m. when the Bishop of Aston will be preaching, is followed by a reception. Anybody interested in the work of the A.C.S. is invited.

CHEMISTS ADDITIONAL DUTY ROTA

September

- 10 F.G. Martin, 3 Station Approach, Hampton
- 17 E. & R. Kirby, 53 High Street, Teddington
- 24 Boots, 66 Broad Street, Teddington

October

- 1 D.R. Thomas, 113 Stanley Road
- 8 H. Hall, 62 High Street, Hampton Hill
- 15 E. Moss, 14, Broad Street, Teddington

SOME DATES TO NOTE

September

- 10 09.20 All departments of the Sunday School meet at Wayside
- 11 10.30 Editorial Board (Vicarage)
- 12 Prayer Meeting (75, Burton's Road)
- 13 20.00 Liturgical Committee (75, Burton's Road)
- 14 HOLY CROSS DAY : 19.15 Holy Communion; 20.00 Stewardship Committee (106, Park Road)
- 16 Hampton & Hampton Hill Carnival
- 20 20.00 Catechumenate Announcement begins, and continues every Sunday and Wednesday evening.
- 21 St. MATTHEW'S DAY: 19.15 Holy Communion
10.30 (W) Young Families Group: "Complete Skin Care"
- 26 20.00 Prayer Meeting (75, Burton's Road)
- 27 19.45 Hampton Council of Churches AGM (new date: venue to be arranged)
- 28 MICHAELMAS : 19.15 Holy Communion; 20.00 Parochial Church Council (W)
- 30 Hampton Hill Association: Exhibition (Windmill Road School)

October

- 4 07.30 Holy Communion; 10.30 (W) Young Families Group. "Any Questions" with Monica Morrison Health Visitor and mother of two young children. 14.30 Mothers' Union : Branch Meeting - Speaker from the Church of England's Children's Society (W)
- 5 20.00 WMC Management Group (19, St. James's Road)
- 8 HARVEST FESTIVAL : 08.00 Holy Communion; 09.30 Parish Communion & Family & Parade Service, followed by Parish Breakfast in church: 16.30 Harvest Family Welcome Service, followed by special Harvest "Tea" in church. Gifts of fruit, flowers, vegetables, tins, etc., may be presented at every service.
- 9 09.30 Distribution of Harvest gifts and produce to the elderly and the sick.

BAPTISMS

August

- 13 Natalie Charlotte Collis, 15, Sanders Close
Davina Harlow, 319, Convent Way, Southall
Gavin Tickner, 41, Hammond Close

MARRIAGES

July

- 29 David John Overton to Karen Denise Farnsworth

August

- 5 Hugh Osborne to Julie Ann Edwards

CREMATION

July

- 31 Vera Annie Larter, 25, Fairlight, aged 62 years (at S.W. Middlesex Crematorium)