

GETTING TO KNOW YOU – 5

Further Thoughts and Considerations

In continuing our consideration of the teaching of Jesus on prayer — teaching not culled from text-books, but springing straight out of his own experience over the years as a man of prayer — we note that as well as emphasising the need for privacy and solitude, he also stressed how important it was to have a right attitude to God and an understanding of his character. If for instance we think that God is reluctant to pay attention to us, then we may well feel that we must 'go babbling on like the heathen, who imagine that the more they say the more likely they are to be heard' (Matthew chapter 6, verse 7). We may think that we have to go on hammering away at God, or that we need to have hundreds of prayers to our credit recorded in his ledgers before he accounts us worthy of his notice — and we might avail ourselves of such mechanical aids as prayer-wheels and prayer-flags to add to our score. But Jesus makes clear that the reluctance is always on our side, the eagerness to bless and to save and to enhance our human existence on God's. This is expressed very beautifully in the Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity in the Book of Common Prayer, which goes back in its original Latin form to the most ancient Christian service-books. The Collect begins: 'Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve . . . '.

The summary of Jesus's teaching on prayer as recorded by Matthew concludes with an outline or pattern around which we can concentrate our thoughts and, inspired by the Holy Spirit, weave our own prayers. We now call it 'The Lord's Prayer', and in essence it is a brief statement of what God desires, and what he wants us to desire too, as we set our minds and hearts and wills alongside his in faith and worship. To pray such a prayer meaningfully and in real depth might well take at least an hour, but we misuse it by overfrequent and too speedy use of the actual words, turned into petitionary form. More power and meaning will be brought back into our use of it if (as scholars tell us was the original force of the Greek) we regard it primarily as a series not of supplications but of strong emphatic assertions about God and his purposes of good. Here, says Jesus in effect, are some basic statements and affirmations on which, and in what order, you can concentrate your minds when you come to pray.

In its original affirmative form the outline would carry a force something like this:

You are in the heavenlies, but are indeed also our Father.

Your name must be revered.

Your effective control will be established.

What you want shall be done.

In the heavenlies your name is revered, your rule is gladly obeyed, your will is wholeheartedly done: so it is meant to be on earth.

You give us today tomorrow's bread.

You forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

You do not lead us into trial, but you deliver us from evil.

These are all statements of immense significance, and books on the Lord's Prayer give whole chapters to each one of them. We might well take one of them at a

time as a subject for meditation in depth. Meditation can often be a prelude to deep prayer and communion with God. In it, after asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we let our thoughts and imagination flow freely round one particular truth, theme or incident. The affirmations of the Lord's Prayer provide almost limitless material for its exercise.

1. GOD: wonderful, mysterious, high above us - yet also very close in his love and grace. The Supreme Reality — but he is also our Father. He has given us dignity and status, so that we come before him not merely as his creatures and slaves, but as his children.

2. THE NAME: the glorious character of God in so far as we can grasp it, calling out the deepest adoration and awestruck worship. The more we magnify the Lord, in the sense of lovingly acknowledging his greatness, the more he is able to magnify us in the sense of *making* us great (cf. The Magnificat).

3. THE KINGDOM: the effective rule and reign of God in individual personalities, and in all aspects of human life and society. We offer God devoted and eager cooperation with his redeeming and transforming action. We wholeheartedly desire the defeat of evil and the triumph of love.

4. THE WILL: what God wants is always the best and wisest course of action in every circumstance. We want this will to be done in us, by us, through us, in spite of us, and what we desire for ourselves we desire for others and for the whole world. We want to be made capable of being agents and instruments and channels of God's gracious and loving healing action in the world.

5. FOOD: God wants us to have the rations and resources we need to do his will. But more than this, as the mysterious phrase 'tomorrow's bread today' (literal rendering) implies in Jewish tradition, he wants us to have here and now a glorious instalment of that new life of the Kingdom which in its fullness still lies ahead: the future coming into the present to bring healing and joy and blessing.

6. FORGIVENESS: God's desire that we should be in fellowship and right relationship with him and with our fellows, and that we should receive his power to deal with all causes of estrangement and disharmony.

7. PREVENIENCE: we acknowledge our creaturely weakness, and our need of the strength and guidance which he alone can give.

(to be continued)

SHARED MINISTRY

The Kensington Area Synod met at All Hallows Church, Twickenham, on Tuesday, July 1. It was a splendid affair commencing with Eucharist at 6 pm, followed by supper at 7 pm (we all contributed a portion of meat and salad which was then miraculously shared out to provide a feast fit for a king) and business at 8 pm. The subject for discussion was 'Shared Ministry'.

Prior to the Synod the representatives had chewed over the 3 questions on ministry distributed by the Bishop within their own parishes, so we went to our group meetings with very positive, well-defined ideas as to how each of the questions should be answered.

My group consisted of 20 people (half ordained, half lay) led by a deaconess from Osterley. We seemed to spend an inordinate amount of time discussing the areas of ministry that belong exclusively to the ordained minister since we were all more or less agreed that they consisted in presiding at the Eucharist and

pronouncing absolution of sins. I was clear that the older members of the group firmly favoured the continuation of the traditional position of the priest as 'set apart' for these tasks from the congregation. The younger members of the group, however, while appreciating the need for a kernel of authority in a parish, could see no objection to non-ordained people assuming these two duties, particularly with the present shortage of ordination candidates. This brought forth cries of horror from the Chaplain of Ashford Remand Centre who warned against 'crisis management'.

Our views on the remaining areas of ministry in the contemporary world and how they are to be exercised were very varied and informative. Each parish seemed to have developed a different scheme for enlisting the help of the laity in ministering to the needs of the local community. One church had set up Bereavement and Baptism Teams. Another church had elected members to their PCC specifically on the basis of their recognised pastoral qualities. Those vicars who had a large West Indian element in their parishes claimed that it was very difficult to achieve lay participation in even the most insignificant fields of ministry. Other vicars expressed the fear that their role would be devalued if the laity lay claim to too many of the duties traditionally assigned to a parish priest. One wag complained that his congregation were prepared to take on anything except the one task which was beyond him — dealing with the correspondence from the Church Commissioners!

Our group had no time to discuss how ministry could be exercised ecumenically. But the suggestions of other groups will no doubt appear in the guidelines on 'Shared Ministry' to be sent back to the parishes when all the groups reports have been studied and condensed by a working-party appointed by the Bishop. The Synod concluded in great humour. After the Bishop had thanked the ladies of All Hallows for preparing such a magnificent supper, a voice was heard to shout "they should be ordained!"

Cheers and laughter ensued.

Lesley Mortimer

AMERICAN VISIT

We have just returned from a tour of Western America and I would like to tell you a little about it and of a church we visited that last Sunday morning we were there. Our holiday was a very eventful one, there wasn't a day the whole fortnight that didn't give us tremendous experience.

We started in San Francisco, our second visit, and we decided that it was still one of the most beautiful cities in the world. From there we motored down the south coast of the Big Sur where the road is hewn out of the sheer cliff-face and the hairpin bends above the raging sea take one's breath away. Then inland to the Sierra Nevada to visit the two National Parks of 'Sequoia' and 'King's Canyon' — the former the home of the giant redwood forests.

From all this incredible and awesome natural beauty we then turned to man-made spectacle at its most outrageous — across the Mojave Desert to 'Las Vegas'. However often one sees this place on screen it cannot be fully imagined — seeing really is believing! Tony swore that he could see the devil riding down the 'Strip' on horseback; his hot breath was certainly evident — the wind from off the desert was 106°F in the shade. We stepped out of our air-conditioned car and the shock of the blast literally took our breath away.

On again to the giant canyons — 'Bryce' and the 'Grand Canyon'. Words again fail description; I must admit to mounting the rim of Bryce and being

totally overcome emotionally at the sight of it stretching before me — pinnacle upon pinnacle of rose-pink sandstone spires, each spire unique in its shape from erosion. The Grand Canyon, much larger and more sombre — difficult to absorb in its enormity and brooding stillness. My lasting memory of that is of the sunset shared with several hundred other people on 'Sunset Point', a promontory chosen for its view of the canyon and the setting sun. We all stood in silence watching the ever-changing scene of sun's rays and shadows upon the endless forms below us. As we all looked towards the great red ball of the sun gradually sinking below the rim of the canyon a group of young German people suddenly started singing softly, in perfect harmony. They sang on until the last rays disappeared and darkness descended and everyone left quietly.

However, I started out to tell of the United Methodist Church we attended in Prescott, Arizona. We entered this very pleasant little town set in a green oasis and surrounded by mountains, at about 10.30 am. We drove down the Main Street and passed several churches but services were either in progress or at their conclusion. There was just one left, on a rise at the end of the town, and although it was surrounded by parked cars we decided that whatever its denomination, however late we were and regardless of our very 'un-church-like' clothes we would enter therein. The service was indeed in progress but we received a warm welcome from an elder distributing 'the Books' and he led us up the carpeted stairs to the gallery.

It was a modern, light, airy church with a very full congregation. The organ was at the top end and the choir sat before it facing the people. We saw from our printed service-sheets that we hadn't missed the sermon and the Minister was expressing the congregation's joy at the ordination of his assistant. The sermon really made us smile; just before leaving home we had attended the meeting in St. James's to discuss 'Shared Ministry' and here was this Minister so many miles away choosing as his theme 'To Discharge This Ministry' (as he himself saw it). He said that he saw his overall task as that of acting as a Witness, as one who had been truly saved and to prepare his fellow Christians for the joy of *Life*, and not as some would have him do, for that of death. In this task we should, as Christians, be prepared to share fully — 'the shared ministry'. He felt that he had basically a threefold role as Minister — that of a 'Good Shepherd', secondly that of a 'Prophet' and thirdly of a 'King'.

His prime role as Good Shepherd was to show the compassion Jesus so many times expressed — a comforter and friend to his flock; the role of 'Prophet' was very unenviable and could, and often did, lead to problems and misunderstandings. He gave an example of the time two years before Watergate when he denounced President Nixon and drew the wrath of a member of his congregation who strongly objected to 'politics' preached from the pulpit. However, this selfsame man returned to the church two years later, at the time of Watergate, and shook him by the hand for 'having the courage of his convictions'. The third role, that of 'King' was also difficult — not to be king in the royal sense but to be as one who is concerned for all, a community-leader who hopefully guides any changes needed from within. He felt very strongly that changes should come from within the church and not be inflicted by outside 'powers' and 'pressures'.

After the sermon the Minister asked any strangers or visitors to the church that morning to please stand and introduce themselves. So, we three, along with half-a-dozen others stood up and announced ourselves. Tony said we were members of St. James's Church of England Church in Hampton Hill near

London and just passing through on holiday. Immediately people turned to shake our hands and after the service we were treated with such love and affection it was overwhelming. We were even invited to share the celebration lunch to be held at 12 noon in honour of the newly ordained minister and it was with great reluctance we had to decline.

In the vestibule of the church we noticed on the wall a large poster saying 'Have you met our new Members?' and below were coloured snapshots of a lovely family. We came away full of joy; here was a church that it would be hard to attend without feeling very welcome indeed. Could we at St. James's perhaps take a lesson from this United Methodist Church in Prescott, Arizona?

Margaret Lawrance

LOOKING BACK

Having lived in Hampton Hill all my life, I was very interested to read Mr. Loyd's news of the Rev. C.R. Job's family in the July issue of *The Spire* and feel I would like to add some further information about this saintly man. I remember him and his family very well. He married my Father and Mother, baptised myself and my two brothers.

I vividly remember meeting him on my way to school on the very morning that he was leaving the parish. He gave me sixpence (a lot of money in those days to a child); with it I bought a picture frame in which to put a photograph of himself, his wife and family.

I think I am right in saying his sons all married daughters of local families. Mr. & Mrs. Conway Job lived at No. 1 Park Road and had two sons; another son who had lived in Egypt, returned to England, lived in Hampton Road and became a very ardent parishioner. Ernest Job was killed in the 1914-18 war. Doubtless the families that Mr. Loyd mentioned would be grandchildren and great-grandchildren!

Hampton Hill then was, as now, a close-knit family, though the population was very much smaller. In those days the church was very well attended — maybe as other attractions were very limited! The Rev. Mr. Phillips, also a very much loved man, was the curate and he later became vicar of Bow; Devon.

Amy Lewis

SEA SUNDAY

July 13 was Sea Sunday, the annual service in which we remember "those that go down to the sea in ships". It was also the informal monthly 4.30pm Welcome Service, on this occasion led by three lay members of the church, Hilde Bucknell, Margaret Taylor and Ron Bridges. The leaders took the opportunity of the free structure to make a most appropriate form of service, in which each of the leaders gave a short address about one particular sailor. Hilde's address was on Jonah, who one may suppose was the first submariner! Jonah is one of those characteristic "heroes" of the Old Testament whose rather unlikeable character seemed to be a vehicle for mighty works.

John Newton, one-time slaver, author of "Amazing Grace" and other magnificent hymns, was Margaret's sailor. We wonder how a Christian could be so blind to the misery he was inflicting on others — then perhaps we look at the beam in our own eye But then he had a 'second conversion', and spent the rest of his life working tirelessly for the abolition of the hateful trade.

Ron Bridges chose a sailor less well-known to the world at large, Vernon Bridges, his son who is a merchant navy officer. Ron read a number of very moving passages from the wonderful letters Vernon writes home. I think several of us wished that some of this material could be published.

Our use of this fascinating, enormously powerful, dangerous resource, the sea, depends as it always has on the skill and courage of sailors like Vernon. It is a fitting conclusion to this report to give some extracts from Vernon's letters:

"The wind increased and so did the swell, which was broadside on. Waves broke over the ship more and more frequently. At about 22.00h it was ROUGH and the ship was rolling about very well. Then there was one big wave that threw everything on the deck, including myself. I staggered up to see, or rather not to see, the ship; only the tops of the cranes were showing — the rest was covered by foaming water. . . . It wasn't like an ordinary storm as there was no rain and you could see it all happening in the moonlight. The big waves would come and break as on a beach, then surge across the deck over the hatches and vents as if they weren't there — and then a cloud of spray would come, blocking everything from view. Then it would clear and there would be nothing there. The foam of the breaking waves would glow in the moonlight and then when the spray cleared, it would be almost black by comparison."

"The Orkneys really looked beautiful coming out of the grey misty twilight in their bright greens and purples. The entrance to Scapa Flow was really incredible with the wind churning the water up and the mist rolling down to the sea, and above all, the smell of the grass and heather coming over the sea. The Purser's family had come up from Wick and waved at us as we went past. The grey, never-ending twilight seemed to add a dream-like quality — it was altogether very moving, and it was a homesick lot that gathered in the bar that night."

Dick Wilde

THE PARISH PICNIC

The forecast was not good, cloudy, a little sunshine, odd showers which some places might miss.

I hoped that my mackintosh would be unnecessary as I put it into the car and then drove up to St. James's to collect my passengers. It looked doubtful.

The day was Saturday July 12, the day of the Parish Picnic and a lively crowd had gathered outside the church.

Roger and Hilde Bucknell had done a splendid job driving over the route and marking it on the maps given to the drivers. Also, they had prepared an interesting quiz sheet given to each car. We read it through before starting and it had the same effect as most exam-papers have on first acquaintance, "Well, I can't answer any of these". Amazing how Margery Orton and Victor Clark sorted them out while I juggled with the Saturday traffic which thinned out after Esher. We thought we'd done very well but Ron and Roma Bridges just beat us all. Our great success was that we found the way and arrived at the car park on Headley Heath to see a welcoming Hilde at the entrance.

A short walk along the track by trees and bushes brought us out to the ideal open space with canvas chairs set for the weary and soon a noisy game of 'Podex' began. I was glad that I wasn't the only one who found difficulty in hitting the ball!

The Vicar of Wuppertal in the Rheinland, Wolfgang Klosterkotter, with his wife Gudrun and three lively little girls had joined the party and entered into all the fun with enthusiasm. It was good to have them with us and while thinking of children, there was praise from adult members who remarked how very kind and friendly all the bigger children were to the littl'uns.

When both Podex teams were vanquished we gathered round for a stupendous tea of lovely tasty sandwiches and cakes prepared and brought out by members of the social committee, all expert cooks.

Hunger satisfied, plenty of merriment was caused by a well organised measured cherry-stone spitting competition at which the Taylor family excelled! The distance that the winner spat his cherry-stone: a staggering 7m and a bit. The junior champion reached 5m. He had some very close runners up.

More Podex and still not a drop of rain inspite of heavy grey clouds but it was turning colder and about 5.30pm we drifted back to the cars for a quiet run home all agreeing that it had been good fun.

Our thanks to the organizers and the committee for all the preparation and a first rate meal.

Alison Thompson

**FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH OUR MP Mr. TOBY JESSEL
on SEPTEMBER 9 at ST. MARY'S CHURCH HALL, HAMPTON at 8pm**

We are grateful to St. Mary's Church for letting us use their Church Hall for this Meeting, which will end with coffee. For those who were not present at the last Meeting of the Hampton Council of Churches, it was agreed as follows:

- 1 Clergy would be asked to publicise this meeting, which would be an open meeting, as soon as possible, especially in view of the summer holidays.
- 2 Members of our Council of Churches and Church members would submit questions through their own church or direct to the Rev. Harry Dodd, 41 Tudor Road, who would collate the questions.
- 3 The Secretary to send these questions to Mr. Jessell to arrive a week before the meeting to give him time to research them if necessary. They should therefore be in the post on September 1.
- 4 Mr. Frank Sharpe to introduce the speaker and also to say a few words about the Hampton Council of Churches. Mr. Jessell would like to speak for about 10 to 15 minutes before answering questions submitted. The Rev. J. Cotgrove to be asked to propose a vote of thanks at the end.

Please contact me if there is any further information you would like —

Michael Peake, 2 Jillian Close, Hampton. Phone: 979 4096.

THE PARISH HALL

It is now a year since the Hall was re-painted, and although at first glance the colours appear to be still bright and fresh, closer inspection reveals that many areas could do with a wash and brush-up. Accordingly, we plan to carry out a limited cleaning on Saturday, September 13. We hope to wash all of the chairs and tables, the windows and doors, and the walls at least to the height of the doors. If we have time we want also to re-seal the main hall floor. We shall start at 9.00am and hope to finish by 5.00pm: help from able-bodied adults (i.e. 16 years or over) for whatever number of hours during the morning or afternoon will be greatly appreciated. Two last things, if you are able to come: 1) please let me know during the week or so behorehand, so that I can plan the work, 2) please bring your own bucket, together with sponge and/or leather!

J.W. Gostling

A LETTER TO THE VICAR FROM OUR ARCHDEACON

63 Alexandra Road,
Houslow, Miiddx.

Dear Brother,

THE BISHOP OF KENSINGTON'S RETIREMENT

After consultation with the Area Deans and with the agreement of the Bishop and Mrs. Goodchild, I am now able to tell you that a FAREWELL OCCASION will be held at HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BROMPTON ROAD on TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 30.

Our expectation is that many members of your Church family will want to share in this, and we have made arrangements accordingly.

There will be a SUNG EUCHARIST beginning at 8pm, at which the Bishop will preside and this will be followed in the Church by our thanks and farewells to the Bishop and his family together with a presentation to them.

We had hoped that we might be able to hire a public hall for a reception after the Eucharist, but the problems of catering for large numbers and the expense involved, proved too difficult. Alternatively we could have used a Church Hall, but then we should have had to limit the numbers to a maximum of 350.

As it is, there is seating for approximately 1000 in Holy Trinity, and it will be lovely if it is packed to the doors. We shall not have to limit numbers and we shall not be faced with the inevitable delay of getting large numbers of people from one place to another. There is also ample parking space behind Holy Trinity Church. Best of all this arrangement is very acceptable to the Bishop and his wife who rather 'dreaded' a double occasion and a formal farewell party.

So we shall welcome large and small groups from the parishes coming to share with Ronald our Bishop as he celebrates the Eucharist with us for the last time and as he lays down his office as Bishop of Kensington after 16 years.

Undoubtedly the most acceptable gift for the Bishop will be a cheque, and in order to help parishes to decide what amount they might send, we suggest something between £10 and £25 though of course there is no maximum or minimum limit. If individual contributions are encouraged within the parish it would be helpful if one cheque were sent to the Treasurer of the fund.

Please complete the enclosed form and send it with your cheque to Mr. Hurtley. He is the Treasurer of the Houslow Deanery Synod and has kindly agreed to manage the account for us.

All best wishes,

Yours as ever,

(signed) John Perry

Note by the Vicar: The enclosed form deals with the amount of money sent, and the numbers expected from our parish, and reminds us to bring Series 3 booklets. There will be a sheet in church for those intending to come to sign; we hope to arrange transport in private cars leaving the church not later than 7pm. Some people will no doubt come to Holy Trinity straight from work and want lifts back. The PCC is anxious to encourage individual contributions from people who have met the Bishop perhaps after having been confirmed by him, or on some other occasion. These donations should be given to one of our Churchwardens.

SEYMOUR AND DAWN

Now that they have settled down in their new home it seems an opportune time to ask them to accept a presentation from us which will remind them of the time they were at St. James's and of our love and affection for them. Those who would wish to be associated with this gesture are invited to send contributions to me.

G.I. Robinson

AUGUST RAMBLE

Ron Bridges will be leading another of his popular rambles on Saturday August 30. Participants will go by car to the Leith Hill area for a healthy few miles' saunter through the Surrey woods, picnic and games. Watch notices for fuller details nearer the date.

BIBLE PUZZLE

The solution of last month's bible puzzle reads as follows:

Among you whoever wants to be great must be your servant and whoever would be first must be the willing slave of all. (Matthew 20. 26f)

The winner was Mr. David Lloyd, the runner up Mr. Gordon Lyall, who was last seen as a most disreputable tramp.

This month, for a change, we have a few biblical crossword clues for you:

- 1 Paul Newman en route to Middle Eastern city (4)
- 2 He's always found in a mosque (4)
- 3 Plenty of trouble in Sodom (3)
- 4 Radio amateur runs after sailor by academy to reach patriarch (7)
- 5 Small Riviera town and Baltic port combine for O.T. seer (7)
- 6 Apollos knew why this coin ran (11)

AROUND THE SPIRE

Congratulations to Ann and Roger Severn on the occasion of their marriage. The rather uncertain July weather managed to produce some sunshine to delight the many firends and family present at the church on this happy occasion. Ann and Roger will be living in Hampton so we shall not lose touch with them and all our love and best wishes to to them for a very long and happy life together.

Many people will remember Roger's older brother Michael who was a 'lively' choirboy (1958-1963) and who is now living in Adelaide, Australia, working for a finance company. His wife Carol, and four year old son, Ritchie, are over here on a visit and spent a very enjoyable afternoon with us recently on the Parish Picnic. Michael, always an enthusiastic rugby player, was selected to play for South Australia against the All Blacks, and although their team lost as expected, it was a game he will always remember when he wears his All Black souvenir tie.

Congratualtions are in order too for Robert Braine, the husband of Caroline (nee Bolt) who has just gained a first-class honours degree in Theology from Hull University. He is hoping to continue his studies at Cambridge but as yet nothing is definite. Our best wishes go to Caroline and Robert in whatever sphere they find themselves.

Helen Lawrance, already at St. Catherine's College Cambridge, is about to join other members of her college choir in singing the services for a week at Ripon Cathedral in addition to giving two concerts. This should be a very inspiring experience for them all and no doubt will be much appreciated by their audiences.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

We start our programme for the Autumn on Wednesday, September 10 in Wayside at 2.30pm when Mrs. Brook will be making a long journey from the other side of London to talk to us about TV and Radio Programmes and their suitability for children. Any mums with young children who are interested are most welcome to join us. I hope all members will make an effort to attend.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, HAMPTON

We are holding a Flower Festival at St. Mary's in September and cordially invite you to visit us. Times of opening:

Friday September 12	: 7.30 – 9pm
Saturday September 13	: 10am – 9pm
Sunday September 14	: 2 – 6pm

Proceeds to Twickenham and District Mental Health Association.

CANCER RESEARCH

A donation of £125.66 has been sent to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, this being the proceeds of the Tuesday Keep Fit Group's Open Afternoon. This was a splendid result, and very many thanks to all who worked, helped, and supported us in our effort. We only hope it proved to be as enjoyable to the onlookers as it was to the performers!

WASTEPAPER COLLECTION

A change of date for our collection arranged for September 6 has been necessary owing to holidays and the September Carnival. The new date is September 27.

CHEMISTS' ADDITIONAL DUTY ROTA

August	17	E. Moss, 14 Broad Street, Teddington
	24	G.E. Martin, 28B Priory Road, Hampton
	25 (Bank Holiday)	D.G. Manley, 122 High Street, Teddington
	31	D.G. Manley, 122 High Street, Teddington
September	7	F.G. Martin, 3 Station Approach, Hampton
	14	E. & R. Kirby, 53 High Street, Teddington
	21	Boots, 59 Broad Street, Teddington

SOME DATES TO NOTE

August	14	19.15 Holy Communion
	18	10.30 Editorial Board (75 St. James's Avenue)
	21	19.15 Holy Communion
	24	SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S DAY: Sunday services as usual
	28	19.15 Holy Communion
	30	Parish Ramble
September	2	20.00 Prayer Meeting & Study Group (75 Burton's Road)
	9	14.00 Adult Confirmation Group (19 Fairlight); 20.00 Mr. Toby Jessel, MP, meets members of the local churches (St. Mary's Hall, Hampton)
	10	Mothers' Union: Branch Meeting — Mrs. Brock speaks on TV and Radio programmes
	12	Flower Festival begins in St. Mary's Church, Hampton
	13	Spring-Cleaning Day in the Parish Hall
	14	09.20 All departments of the Sunday School re-open at Wayside.
	15	10.30 Editorial Board; 14.30 Ladies' Choir (in vestry)
	30	20.00 Bishop of Kensington's Farewell Eucharist (Holy Trinity, Brompton)
October	12	HARVEST FESTIVAL

BAPTISMS

July	13	Mathew Edward Lawson, 16 Park Road
		Christopher Russell Melville, 20 Wellesley Crescent, Twickenham

MARRIAGES

July	5	Roger David Severn to Ann Dorothy Creech
	19	Philip Vaughan Hitchinson to Jane Genevieve Page
	26	Martin Gould to Mandy Macdonald

CREMATION AND BURIAL

July	17	Harold Edward Barry, 49 St. James's Road, aged 69 years (at South-West Middlesex Crematorium)
	22	Frank William Trimbee, 81 Laurel Road, aged 83 years (at South-West Middlesex Crematorium)
	25	Percy Frederick Ricket, 46 Windsor Road, aged 69 years (in Teddington Cemetery)