

# HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

THE VICARAGE,

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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

I am glad to say that the offertories for the Indian Famine Fund amounted to £45 5s. 1d. The object evidently appealed to the hearts of everybody, and there scarcely could be one more needing generous support. In addition to the above, £1 4s. 1d. was contributed by the members of Mrs. FitzWygram's classes. The whole amount has been forwarded to the Lord Mayor, and I have received his acknowledgment.

The Confirmation is now definitely fixed for Monday, the 22nd inst., at 7 p.m. The Lord Bishop of Marlborough will officiate. I am glad to say we have a large number of candidates. In addition to our own, others will be presented from Hampton and Hampton Wick.

The fact of the Confirmation being held in the evening, will, I hope, make it possible for all the parents and friends of the candidates to be present, as well as others who wish to witness and share in the service. All who come are requested to be in their places before 6.45 p.m.

The Special Arrangements for the Lenten Services will be found below, and I would most earnestly invite the readers of our Magazine to make all the use they can of them. Lent is intended to awaken us to a deeper sense of our sinfulness and God's mercy; to arouse us to greater acts of self-denial; and to lift us to a higher spiritual level. "Lent" means "Spring," and it comes when all nature is awaking to new life and new beauty and new usefulness. And every Lent should mark a new departure in our moral and spiritual growth.

So I would say, as a means to this, come to the services regularly. Use all your influence to induce others to come as well. Come to the Holy Communion in obedience to the Saviour's command. Look into your own life; repair the defects; strengthen the weak points; and further develop the strong ones. The Christian, who really wishes to profit by the season, is likely to reason thus with himself: "Growth and strength of body come by food and exercise. It is the same with the soul. I wish to 'grow in grace' and to be 'strong in the Lord.' So I will seek all the spiritual nourishment I can obtain, and exercise myself in 'whatsoever things are of good report.' I will make more use of my Church; of my Bible; of private prayer; of my means; of my influence over others. I will try to be a better Christian; a better member of my family; a better friend; a better member of society. And I will make a fresh beginning in all these things, by God's help, during this season of Lent."

Such a resolution, honestly made, could not fail in its effect, but would cause this Lent to mark a distinct step upward and heavenward.

Please notice the change of time for the Sunday Evening Service, which, during Lent, at least, will commence at 6.30 instead of 7 p.m. It will also be observed that the week-day services will, excepting on Wednesdays and Thursdays, be at 5.30 p.m. The old hour for the daily services will be reverted to after Lent.

I am, my dear Friends,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

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SERVICES & ARRANGEMENTS FOR LENT.

SUNDAYS.—*Special Sermons by the Vicar:*

March 7, at 11 a.m.—Christ and John the Baptist—“ Repentance.”

„ 14, at 11 a.m.—Christ and Judas Iscariot—“ Evil Thoughts.”

„ 21, at 11 a.m.—Christ and Nathanael—“ Without Guile.”

„ 28, at 6.30 p.m.—Christ and Simon Peter—“ Weakness and Mercy.”

April 4, at 11 a.m.—Christ and Pilate—“ Expediency.”

„ 11, at 11 a.m.—Christ and Herod—“ Silenced Voices.”

WEDNESDAYS at 8 p.m.—For Special Preachers see Calendar.

THURSDAYS.—Holy Communion at 11 a.m., and short Address by the VICAR on the “ Epistle to the Hebrews ” (in continuation of the Lectures given in the Autumn).

There will also be Celebrations at 7.30 a.m., on March 4th, 18th, and April 1st.

WEEK-DAYS (*Excepting Wednesdays and Thursdays*).—Short Service at 5.30 p.m., with Readings from Bishop Jeremy Taylor’s “ Holy Living.”

OFFERTORIES.

	11 a.m.		7 p.m.		TOTAL.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Jan. 31.—General Fund	...	2 13 7	1 4 4		3 17 11	
Feb. 7.—Curate’s Fund	...	3 19 4	1 10 1		5 9 5	
„ 14.—General Fund	...	2 15 4	1 7 9		4 3 1	
„ 21.—Indian Famine Fund		35 5 0	8 12 9		45 5 1	
„ 21.—8 a.m., 4/1; 3.15 p.m., £1 3s. 3d.—I		7 4				
Poor Fund (Early Celebrations) Jan. 31, 3/-; Feb. 7, 11/4; Feb. 14, 9/7	...	...	...	...	1 3 11	
Children’s Services (Missions) Jan. 31, 2/6; Feb. 7, 1/11; Feb. 14, 3/1	...	...	...	...	0 7 5	
Special Celebration—The Purification	...	...	...	...	0 1 0	
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BAPTISMS.

“Grant, O Lord, that they may have power and strength to have victory and to triumph, against the Devil, the World and the Flesh. Amen.”

Feb. 14.—Dorothy Emma Breeze.

„ 14.—Tom Tomkins.

„ 14.—Gwendoline Katie Watson.