

HAMPTON HILL PARISH MAGAZINE.

PAROCHIAL NOTES.

Vicar—The Rev. R. H. Brunt, B.A., A.K.C., The Vicarage, St. James's Road. Telephone: (Molesey 2069)

The Vicar may usually be seen without appointment between 9-15 and 10-0 a.m., and 6-45 and 7-15 p.m. Messages about people who are sick or in special need should be sent to him as soon as possible.

Churchwardens—Mr. W. F. Wigginton, 9, Oxford Road Teddington
Mr. E. Beckett, 35, Wellington Road, Hampton Hill

Organist—Mr. C. Haydn-Bull, M.I.G.C.M.

Parochial Church Officer.

Mr. S. V. Forrow, 68, Sunnyside Road Teddington.

Sunday School.

Held at 11 a.m. every Sunday

In the Parish Hall Infants—Superintendent—Miss B. Rooney.
Boys—Superintendent—Miss O. Wright.
Girls' Fellowship—Superintendent—Mrs. G. Casey

In the Club Room Senior Girls—Superintendent—Miss R. Phillips
Junior Girls—Superintendent—Miss B. Stewart

Children's Service every Sunday at 3 p.m. in Church
EVANGELISTIC AND COMMUNITARIAN
MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.
TREAS. MITEE
Hon. Sec.—Miss Cox, 6, Queen's Road, Hampton Hill.

Mothers' Union.

Monthly Meetings. First Wednesday in each month in the Club Room, 3 p.m., and Quarterly Services. Corporate Communion First Wednesday, 10-30 a.m.

Enrolling Member (Temporary) Mrs. Beckett. **BRUNT**

St. James's Youth Club.

Meetings in the Club Room, on Mondays and Fridays at 7.30 p.m.
Joint Hon. Secs.: Mrs. G. Casey and Mr. J. Sumner.

Girl Guides. Captain—Miss Cynthia Hayward.

Brownies. Brown Owl—Miss D. Proctor.
Meetings in the Club Room on Thursdays at 5.30 p.m.

Sea Scouts—"The Venture," Hampton Water Works
Group Scout Master—Mr. A. W. Lower.

Scouts. Scout Master: Mr. G. Casey, 20, Windsor Road, Teddington

District Nurse—Mrs. S. Shaw, 5, Regina Court, Gloucester Road
Teddington

Churchyard.

Contributions towards the up-keep of the Churchyard will be gratefully received by Mr. E. Beckett, 35, Wellington Road, Hampton Hill.

Magazine.

Hon. Sec. & Advt. Sec.: Mrs. H. F. Beckett, 6, Cross St. Hampton Hill
Editor: Miss H. Stanton, 63, Park Road, Hampton Hill.

Vicar's Notes.

I am writing only briefly this month, as there is tremendous pressure on the limited space available, and I have not yet been able properly to sort out what matter has first claim to inclusion. Later I hope that it may be possible to arrange for there to be more room, and there are various ideas for improving the form of the magazine which we shall soon have to discuss. In the meantime we are carrying on as before. I think that Miss Stanton has discharged her task as editor admirably, and the difficulties and problems she has had to face have not been easy to solve. I am only partly taking over from her this month: next month the main responsibility for the magazine will be mine, but one of the things I would like to see would be an editorial board working with me, and of this I hope Miss Stanton will be a member.

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Friday, March 16th, and Palm Sunday—what an encouraging beginning to my ministry here! Indeed, ever since I renewed contact with the parish last November, and made a kind of drake's progress round it under Mr. Forrow's umbrella, I have been made to feel welcome and at home. And the kindness shown to us during those difficult first days after our arrival a fortnight ago, when everything was upside down, and then this last week-end, when Bernard did, in his turn, what his two elder sisters had done before him, and hit his mother as hard as he could in the eye, so that she has had to have several days in bed in great pain—all this kindness, consideration, encouragement, and practical help has touched us very much.

I am also especially grateful for the magnificent work done by the churchwardens during the interval, and I am impressed by the way in which the life of the church has been maintained as a result of a grand co-operative effort. Parishes function as they should only when there is a strong central team, ever seeking to extend and develop itself, bringing more and more people in, all of them knowing the common aim and purpose, and sharing a common mind—and may this mind be, as the Bishop reminded us, the mind which was also in Christ Jesus. One of my great hopes for the parish is that this idea and practice of teamwork may become increasingly an essential characteristic of all our activity.

SOME DATES TO NOTE.

April 2nd.—8.0 p.m. Church Council.

April 3rd.—The Annunciation. Holy Communion 7.30 and 10.30 a.m.

April 4th.—3.0 p.m. Mothers' Union Enrolment Service.
8.0 p.m. Annual Church Meeting.

April 16th.—7.45 p.m. Youth Club Film Show in Parish Hall. Friends invited.

April 29th.—Rogation and Industrial Sunday.

May 1st.—Church Missionary Society. 152nd Anniversary Rally at the Empress Hall. (It is too late to organise a coach-party for this, but there are other ways of getting there! If you can go, please let Miss Cox know.)

FRIDAY, MARCH 16th, 1951.

St. James's Church was packed on the evening of Friday, March 16th, at the Institution and Induction of our new vicar, the Rev. R. H. Brunt. A really crowded church, with all pews filled, added to the sincere spirit of worship and prayer which everyone had come to offer on this very important occasion. One had the feeling of belonging to a very large family, all gathered to welcome two people whom they were prepared to love.

The solemnity of the service and the tradition of its form was made very real as the Archdeacon led the newly appointed vicar to the door of the church and laid his hand on the key; the vicar then tolled the bell to signify his taking possession; the Bishop and the Archdeacon then accompanied him first to the font, then to the Prayer Desk, the Lectern, the Pulpit and finally to the Sanctuary, enumerating the various spiritual duties to be performed. These visual parts of the Service were most impressive.

The congregation will remember the Bishop's fine sermon and his appeal to the people not to sit back now that a new vicar had come to the parish and let him do the work alone, but to work with him, with enthusiasm, sharing if possible his burdens, and going forward together.

The answer to this must have been echoed in many hearts: "I will so do, the Lord being my helper."

H.S.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

The passing of Arthur Cox was recorded at the March meeting of the Council and the members stood in silent prayer in memory of their late friend and colleague.

The main business of the meeting was the confirmation of the arrangements for the Service of Institution and

Induction of the new Vicar, and for the Reception to follow. (These happy events will have taken place before this Magazine goes to print.)

Progress in the matter of the War Memorial was reported, certain alterations to the Altar rail having been completed.

The reports from sub-committees and delegates revealed that there was an increase in the number of subscribers to the Church Magazine and that the Social events had resulted in some £13 being handed over to Church funds. Thanks were expressed to the Social Secretary, Mr. H. J. Sumner.

Notice was given that the People's Offering for Moral Welfare would be made in St. Paul's Cathedral on 26th June and that it was hoped to hold a Garden Party in the grounds of Laurel Dene, on 20th June, for Moral Welfare Funds.

The need for more Sunday School teachers was brought to the notice of the Council and suggestions were made for the participation in the conduct of certain Services by the young people of the Church.

The Council agreed to the moving of the notice board from the south-west door to the centre gateway in Park Road.

The fixing of the new gate to the entrance to St. James's Avenue was noted. No further information was available to the meeting regarding the erection of the new iron railings at the west end of the Churchyard abutting on St. James's Road.

The meeting expressed its thanks to the Churchwardens and the Parochial Officer for the work done during a very difficult period, now happily drawing to a close.

It was reported that the repairs to the organ would probably be commenced in June or July.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for 2nd April, 1951. **S.V.J.F.**

NOTE:—It will be seen from the above report that more Sunday School teachers are urgently needed. Offers of help in this great Christian work should be made to the Vicar or to one of the Sunday School Superintendents.

MOTHERS' UNION.

My dear Mothers,

I'm quite sure you all enjoyed the visit to the Mary Sumner House. We were pleased to have Mrs. Brunt with us and feel she is assured of a warm and sincere welcome as she becomes our Enrolling Member. The next Service is Wednesday, April 4th, at 3 p.m. in Church: this will be an Enrolment Service and will be conducted by our Vicar—tea will follow in the Club room.

Will you do your utmost to attend the Deanery Festival Service on April 3rd at 3 p.m. in St. Stephens Church, East Twickenham. The banner will be carried by Mrs. Futter with Mrs. Christie and Mrs. White as attendants. We shall meet at Park Road at 2.15 p.m.

The Diocesan Festival to be held in St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, May 8th, and not the 9th as previously stated. The Preacher will be—The Bishop of Kensington. We shall proceed by Coach.

We are grateful to Miss Agnes Stops for her most interesting talk and pass on a Motto which she read to us from a Foreign Parish Magazine.

"If every member was just like me

What sort of a church would my church be"

We are sorry that Mrs. Godwin is moving away. She has been a member of the M.U. for 47 years. She has served on our Committee and has helped our Branch in many ways. A picture has been presented to her from the members—may it serve to remind her of our love and good wishes and the happy memories of St. James's ever remain with her.

Mildred J. Beckett,

(Temp. Enrolling Member)

DARBY AND JOAN CLUB.

The Hampton Hill "Darby and Joan" Club meets each Monday from 2-4.30 p.m. in the Club Room.

This Club, which is run by the W.V.S., was started last October for the benefit of Old Age Pensioners in the Hampton Hill Area. The idea of the Club is to make a social afternoon for the old folk to meet each-other, and any old age Pensioners, who wish to join would be sure of a very warm welcome.

So far the Club has held two successful Sales, one a Jumble Sale, and the other a Xmas Bazaar, also, a Xmas Party, thoroughly enjoyed by all, at which the Mayor and Mayoress were guests, and last Monday a party of 60 members were taken by coach to London and spent an enjoyable afternoon at the "Casino" Theatre, seeing Arthur Askey in "Goody Two Shoes".

Mrs. Clark, Secretary.

ALTAR FLOWERS.

During the month of April the Altar flowers will be provided by Lady Stanton.

WAIF AND STRAY COLLECTION BOXES, 1950.

The Secretary gratefully acknowledges the sum of £7 3s. 0d. collected from the following Box Holders. (Receipt in Church Porch).

Mrs. Weatherall 4/11, Miss Lush 5/-, Post Office £1 4s. 6d., Miss Coe 4/7, Mrs. Tozer 5/7, Miss Wright 7/-, Mr. Vincent 2/6, Mrs. Upton 3/-, Mrs. Tozer 9/9, Vestry Box 10/3, Miss Robinson 13/4, Miss Carter 2/-, Mrs. Burstall 4/-, Mrs. Leighton 2/9, J. Beckett 2/6, Mrs. Childs 14/-, Miss Phillips 9/-, Mrs. Cornish 4/6, Miss Chamberlain 10/-, Miss Faraway 3/10.

ORGAN RENOVATION FUND.

During the month of March donations have been received by me and cheques promised by the following: Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Kingsford (Grannie), Mr. Jakeman, Mr. Curson.

A specimen sample of the perished condition of the pneumatic Action Motors can be seen on the Organ Pipe Collection Box. This will give Parishioners a general idea of the decayed state of all leather work.

Cyril Haydn-Bull.

INTERESTING NOTE ABOUT THE ORGAN.

(It is regretted that this note was omitted from the article on the Organ Fund in the March issue of the Magazine.)

Mrs. Isdell Carpenter (whose father was the first Warden of St. James's, and whose husband was Vicar's Warden for 14 years) with her sister painted Lilies and foliage in Cream and Gold on the Pedal Pipes, which originally formed the frontage in the West Arch of the

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Organ Chamber.

The Real Gold leaf used was specially supplied by the Admiralty.

During the 1916 Rebuild, these Wooden Pedal Pipes were, unfortunately, moved to the rear of the Organ Chambers and substituted by the cold looking silvered metal Open Diapason pipes which fill the arch at present.

The Wooden Pipes, alas! are now full of wood worm, but the paintings remain, (especially the gold leaf) as fresh as ever.

Parishioners will be able to examine these large pipes when the organ is dismantled shortly.

Cyril Haydn-Bull,

Organist and Choirmaster.

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FROM NEAR AND FAR.

On Saturday, April 7th, the wedding of Miss Norah Harvey and Mr. John Lloyd will be celebrated at 2.30 in the afternoon at St. James' Church. Everyone will wish them great joy and happiness, and we are all glad that the ceremony is taking place in the church with which the Rev. F.P.P. and Mrs. Harvey were connected for so many years.

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SHORT STORY.

Sunday-School teacher on a very hot afternoon: "Now then children 'Little Drops of Water' and do try and put a little Spirit into it".

Visitors from Hampton Hill to the Teddington Rotary Club Hobbies Exhibition held at York House, Twickenham, on March 15th-17th, must have been thrilled to see the model there of St. James's Church. Observant people will have noticed that the spire was not quite correctly copied. What was wrong?

At a Whist Drive and Dance held at the Parish Hall, a total sum of £12 4s. 0d. was raised towards curtains for the Club Room. Mr. and Mrs. Parkin wish to thank Mr. Futter who supplied music, and to Mr. A. Nightingale who kindly volunteered to M.C. the dance. Also to Mr. F. Nightingale for his kind assistance in connection with the Whist Drive.

Thanks are also expressed to all other helpers.

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BAPTISMS.

"Suffer little children to come unto Me".

Feb. 20th. Robert Anthony Woolf.

MARRIAGES.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder".

Mar. 3rd. Peter Edward Stevenson and
Marjorie Mary Reed.

BURIALS.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

Feb. 23rd. Richard Abraham Gillett, aged 68.

Feb. 26th. George Frederick Gill, aged 76.

Mar. 9th. Georgina Franceschi, aged 87.

Mar. 20th. Elsie Irene Hicks, aged 61.

Mar. 22nd. Jacob Henry Higgins, aged 71.