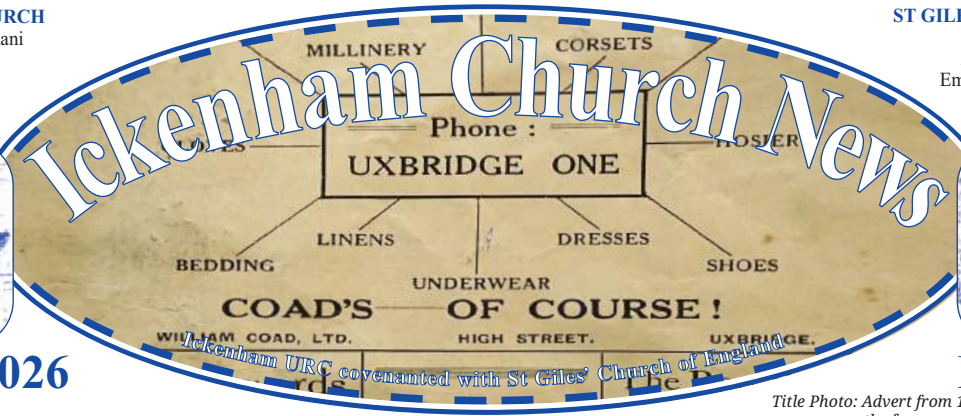


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TIM NOAD - RECEIVING AN MBE

On 9th December 2025 I was invested with the MBE (that is, received the medal of a Member of the Order of the British Empire) from King Charles III at Windsor Castle.

I was officially awarded the MBE in the King's Birthday Honours on 14th June 2025, for 'Services to Calligraphy, Heraldry and Design'. A letter, stamped with the Royal Cypher, arrived at the beginning of May to say that the Prime Minister would submit my name for the King's approval, should I agree to accept the honour, which of course I did. I was also told that the information was top secret, which was difficult to keep, given my excitement. An announcement was made in the London Gazette on 14th June, followed by an article about my work on BBC London News. I also received a letter of congratulation from Queen Camilla and many kind messages from friends and colleagues.

I arrived at Windsor Castle in the morning of 9th December accompanied by my mother Janet, daughter Estella and friend Linda, who had nominated me for the award. My dear wife Alice, without whose support this would not have been possible, was also very much in our thoughts.

We were delighted to see, from the Royal Standard flying above the Round Tower, that the King himself would be presiding at the investiture. The welcoming staff of the Royal Household

were excited to hear about the work I have done for His Majesty, especially the Royal Cypher (interlaced CIIR initials) and new official versions of the Royal Arms for the Crown and Government, now appearing on 'By Appointments' and the covers of UK passports. We progressed through the magnificent rooms to the strains of a string quartet, alongside the other recipients of awards that day, including Claudia Winkleman. I was given instructions about where to stand and when to bow, then entered the room where the King was standing in front of me on a dais, flanked by uniformed officials and Beefeaters. In spite of my apprehension the King made me feel very relaxed. He awarded me the medal and thanked me for the work I had done, and am still doing for him. He asked me about the College of Arms, where I have been working for forty years this year.

After the official photos had been taken we left the castle for a celebratory lunch, agreeing that it was a day never to be forgotten.



TIMOTHY NOAD, MBE


WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026

On Friday March 6th 2026 the focus for the World Day of Prayer for 2026 will be "I Will Give You Rest, Come" - a quotation from Matthew 11:28-30 - and it'll be right here in Ickenham! We are honoured that the charismatic Carole Bourne, current President of the W D P Committee for England, Wales and Northern Ireland, has promised to join us in St Giles' for our service, which is a real honour.

The World Day of Prayer supports women in expressing their faith and speaking about their lives in prayer and worship before God and in the community, which thereby creates a wonderful wave of prayer which encircles the globe.

Five churches locally take part: in Ickenham the URC (as in 2024) and St Giles', and then in Ruislip the R.C. Sacred Heart, the Methodist Church and St Martin's CofE.

The service this year has been prepared by the women of Nigeria, where the Christianity of the south is challenged by other beliefs mainly in the north. It has the largest economy and population numbers (around 200 million) of the whole African continent, with over 250 different ethnic groups and twice as many indigenous languages ~ hence English, a



reminder of the country's former colonial status [it became independent in 1960], is the official language. Its strengths are medicine, politics and the law, engineering (especially for the oil industry), education, literature, and the visual arts. Sadly, especially in rural areas, the position of women in society still requires empowerment, as will be revealed in the service.

Please do come (men welcomed too) and collect your service pamphlet. A collection will be taken at the end - you can declare Gift Aid - and the funds are then distributed worldwide, as will be explained.

There will be a sumptuous tea thereafter in the nearby Church Hall. Further details from Diana on 01895 679298 or at office@wwdp.org.uk

2.00pm on Friday 6th March at St Giles' Church, Ickenham UB10 8BG, the heart of the village.

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ARISE AND SHINE

Compliments of the new season to you all. We are grateful to move from yesterday into a brand-new year that the Lord has given us. We all know that the past is the past, no matter how good or bad it has been. What truly matters is what God is laying before us now.

Last week I preached from Isaiah 60:1-6, where God says to the children of Zion: "Arise, shine, for your light has come." This is a declaration of light coming into places that have been dark, strained, and confused. God is speaking here to Zion - a place whose history was riddled with the wreckage of war and marked by the scars of empire.

What we see in this passage is God transforming an ugly past into something beautiful and magnificent. We are given a powerful picture of Zion's future: a city filled with light, prosperity, and honour. God was about to exchange the sounds of violence and ruin for the clamour of rebuilding, restoration, and international movement.

To understand this text better, Zion is being singled out for God's favour - just as God is choosing us today. This is, in fact, a God who is in the habit of blessing people, including the least expected. Think of the humble elderly immigrant and his barren wife whom God chose to be the primary vehicle of blessing to the world - Abraham and Sarah. Think also of the younger, less likely sibling being chosen over the usually preferred elder: Isaac over Ishmael, Jacob over Esau, Joseph over his brothers, and the list goes on.

To think that God cannot choose and bless us too is simply not true. I believe God is choosing us now as He announces that His light has come for us as well. This passage also makes it clear that this light comes to one particular people while the whole earth is covered in darkness. God is therefore choosing us to be torchbearers - to carry His light into the world.

We are told that even those who are in darkness will see the light in Zion and will be drawn to it. They are welcome to come. I believe this is the time for every Christian to hold this light high so that those in darkness can see it and find their way. We are already told of international traffic coming to Zion, all because of this light. This presents a big challenge to every Christian: What is it you are holding that can attract someone else to your home, your church, or your community? Food for thought.

When everyone else is overwhelmed by darkness, let our communities be flooded with light. Instead of remaining in places of pain, brokenness, or disappointment, God is calling us into a light that is already beginning to flood Zion - and

every Christian who is positioning themselves for God's favour right now.

When this light came to the Magi in Matthew 2, they saw it and deliberately chose to follow it. When the star disappeared, the Magi stopped and waited for it to appear again. I believe it is important for us also to have moments when we pause and wait to hear what God has to say while the star is not visible. Other things may occupy our attention in the meantime, but once the star appears, we must be willing to drop everything and follow it.

The Magi were intelligent people who knew how to manage life. They had travelled a long distance, yet the moment the star appeared, they were willing to leave everything behind and follow it toward something new and different. Friends, some things must be dropped and left behind as we step into a brand-new year and follow our star from here onwards.

Sometimes the year ahead - and God's plan - does not come with the clarity we desire. The road for the Magi meandered and at times seemed to make little progress. During the day, the star disappeared. These are the moments when confusion sets in and one may be unsure of the way forward. When this happens, all we can do is pray and trust that the star will appear again and lead us once more.

No matter how confusing the journey may seem, God's children will still arrive where He intends them to be. Instead of being led straight to where the baby Jesus was, the Magi found themselves in Herod's palace - the worst place to be. Yet God did not leave them there. He came again and led them exactly to where Jesus was.

So stop worrying about where you are now or how the past year has treated you. God is still leading you to exactly where you are meant to be.

Stay blessed, and may you have a truly blessed year ahead.

Your Minister and Friend


REV'D WILBERT SAYIMANI



THANK YOU FROM THE URC

Our three forecourt sales in 2025 were all well attended and with a good atmosphere. They raised £2,600 in total, meaning £1,300 to be shared between our two external charities. The year then ended with another well-supported event, as part of the Ickenham Festive Community Night. We are so grateful for the support of the people of Ickenham, and we look forward to seeing many of you at the Coffee Morning and Coin Mountain, 10am till 12 noon on Saturday 14th February.

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FREEDOM OF HIS FORGIVENESS

I wonder if there is someone in your household who puts their dirty clothes next to the washing basket? What about someone who puts their dirty dishes next to the dishwasher? Imagine if we put our dinner, next to the oven.

These examples are silly, but we know being *near* something is not the same as being *in* something. That having something is not the same as using something and observing something is not the same as receiving something. Our dirty clothes will never be cleaned by the washing machine, unless they are in the washing machine. Our dirty dishes will not be changed by the dishwasher, unless they are immersed in the dishwasher and

our dinner will not be cooked and provide us any enjoyment or sustenance, unless it spends some time in the oven.

I think this is a little bit like what we do with God. But we'll never receive the benefit of knowing Jesus, we won't experience the power of His love, the freedom of His forgiveness, the tenderness of His healing, the beauty of His peace or the depth of His joy, unless we open our heart and take that brave step to actually trust Him. To put our faith in Him and believe He is who He says He is.

My prayer, is that 2026 will be the year you "taste and see that the Lord is good," because, "blessed is the one who trusts in Him".

REV'D CHRISTINE BRITTON

FROM THE CHURCHES' REGISTERS

Weddings

29th December Terry-Ann Cramp and David Webb

Committals at Breakspear Crematorium

10th October David John Fish, aged 94 following a service in Ickenham URC

14th November Pamela Hobbs, aged 91 followed by service in St Giles'

3rd December Janet Cameron, aged 85 following a service in St Giles'

Memorial Service in St Giles'

1st December Jane Goodwin, aged 83

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8th February	Sussex Road, Swakeleys Drive, Swakeleys Road
15th February	Tavistock Road, Tayfield Close
22nd February	The Avenue, The Chase, The Drive
1st March	The Greenway, The Grove
8th March	The Mallows, The Mead
15th March	The Paddock, The Woods
22nd March	Thornhill Road, Thorpland Avenue
29th March	Three Oaks Close, Truesdales, Turnstone Close

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Friday 10th July - for the August / September Edition

All items are subject to Editorial review.

NOT MANY MAY KNOW THIS...

The cricketing world was shocked by the death in December of the former Hampshire and England batsman, Robin Smith, at the age of 62.

In an illustrious career, Smith played 62 Tests for England between 1988 and 1996, scoring more than 4,000 runs, including nine centuries. A little-known fact, however, is that Ickenham played a part in his early development.

He came over to England from South Africa in 1981 as a

17-year-old to try to make it in the English county game and spent that summer at Ickenham Cricket Club.

A few of the cricketers he played with and against at Ickenham took to Facebook to testify to his outstanding early talent.

Julie Room, the daughter of his captain at that time, commented: 'Loved watching him bat. Made the ground look like a postage stamp. Drove the ball so hard. Class act.'

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CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2025



ALL CHANGE, well not quite, we did have a change of location this year (we were in the Church Hall) and a change of layout (we were centre stage for all to see), but everything else was the same.

As always, the trees that were displayed were beautifully put together with much care being taken to produce the unique decoration of each one. There were entries from both Breakspear and Glebe Schools and it was so lovely to see families taking 'selfies' with the tree from the school they belonged to, with such proud smiles on their faces.

We had trees from our regular contributors including Sherry's, Coopers, Click Rukiga with 'Family Emergency Fund', the Girl Guides with 'Lend Us A Hand' (100 years of Celebration). Jack and Jill's tree was titled 'The Christmas Present Tree' and we had the majestic 'Crown Him with Many Crowns' from the Essence Women's Group. We were very pleased to receive a first time entry from the Phoenix Rangers with their cleverly worded 'Creat-ivi-tree'. Creativity was certainly running high in the Ickenham Festival Team with their fabulous 'What Willow You Wish For?' which captured a lot of attention on the night.

Our numbers were reduced this year with trees missing from some of our regular exhibitors and we were asked about these by our visitors, they came looking for "The one from the Brownies/Flower Arrangers/Holy Mowers/Ickenham Residents Association" and when we told them they weren't there this year, they responded... "But they always do one, I came to see theirs".

Many of the people who attended mentioned that the St Giles' Tree Festival was the start of the Christmas Season for them, it heralded the beginning of the journey to Christmas Day, I guess that's a bit like the start of the journey a carpenter and his pregnant virgin bride made all those years ago.

If you're still reading this I imagine it's because you still would like to know which tree raised the most money and therefore won, it was for the third year running the Post Box Toppers with their 'Community Fun' Tree.

Thank you to all who visited and especially to our exhibitors and helpers, and we hope to see you all again in December 2026.

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IS THERE 'TREASURE' IN YOUR LOFT?

Thank you to David Sexton for contacting me, just as we were about to send the last edition to press, with photos of this December 1928 edition of the forerunner of the Ickenham Church News.

Found in his loft on Copthall Road East, probably left by the first resident upon occupation of their new home. The most interesting part are the five pages of local advertisements, catching Ickenham at the transition from a rural community to a suburb.

Although almost 100 years old - I'm sure there are many who will remember some of these traders or have heard stories about them, over the years!

You can download our 'online' version from the website where you will find enlarged versions of all 14 pages, go to www.ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk

JIM LEE, EDITOR



NOT MANY MAY KNOW THIS...

Many older readers will remember the Uxbridge Show (later the Hillingdon Show), an extravaganza held in the borough every summer.

Not many may know, however, that in 1963, The Beatles nearly came to top the bill on the show's music stage.

A letter from The Beatles' manager, Brian Epstein, which was sold in December at a London auction, informs one of the organisers (Margaret Morgan from Ickenham) that the group would be available for a fee of £200 (about £3,600 today).

In the event, the group didn't appear in Uxbridge, but in Abergavenny instead, John Lennon being flown there by helicopter after appearing on 'Juke Box Jury' on BBC Television.



Why did Uxbridge miss out? Probably because of the cost, which was amended upwards during that year as The Beatles' second single, 'Please Please Me', took the country by storm. Abergavenny still paid only £250, thanks to Epstein insisting that the group honour all the contracts signed prior to their booming popularity.

The Epstein letter sold for £2,200.

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ICKENHAM FESTIVE COMMUNITY NIGHT AND GOLDEN JUBILEE



Welcome to 2026, which is an ICKENHAM FESTIVAL YEAR! This year will be the 25th biennial Ickenham Festival. Even better, we will be celebrating our GOLDEN JUBILEE, as the first Festival was held fifty years ago in June 1976. You can see the programme for that week in the ICN cover from 1976.

Your 2026 Festival dates are from Saturday 6th June to Sunday 14th June, with Village Day on Saturday 13th June.

Thank you to all supporters, businesses and volunteers who came out on Festive Community Night on the evening of Friday 5th December. The weather was little unkind, however it did not dampen the fun of the night. There was a huge range of Christmas activities in and around the Village Hall, Guide Hut, Library, Churches and local shops. St Giles' Church Hall was busy and there was live music and singing on the night at the Village Hall. As usual, we all had a fabulous time.

In the run-up to Festival 2026, we plan to hold a couple of our popular fund-raising events. Look out on our website and Facebook page for Quiz Night and Race Night. These will be in the Village Hall.

To mark the 50th Anniversary of the Festival we are planning to hold a special Golden Ball in July 2026. Watch our information pages for news and booking details of that.

Our plans for Ickenham Festival 2026 are being formed now. Festival Week 2024 featured almost eighty other events in the nine day period, in addition to Village Day. If you, or any group of which you are a part, would like to stage an event in Festival Week 2026, then this is the time to start! Open gardens and parties are welcome too. Please do get in touch with us now, so that we can advise and help you to promote your group or good cause.

As always, we welcome new ideas and offers of help.

Looking forward to a Golden 2026.



You can get in touch through the "Contact" link or our website, or through our Facebook page. You can text or WhatsApp us on 07516 984514 or email to info@IckenhamFestival.org.uk

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Please find FULL details of all events at

www.ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk or email events@ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk

All submissions to be entered online by representatives of the church groups, clubs and societies themselves.

FEBRUARY & MARCH EVENTS

One-off Events - Open to all

HILLINGDON PHILHARMONIC - FAMILY CONCERT

1st March 4pm-5pm

Winston Churchill Theatre, Manor Farm, Pinn Way, Ruislip, HA4 7QL
HPO invites you to a family concert featuring stage and screen favourites, including music from Frozen, Mary Poppins, Star Wars, Pirates of the Caribbean, The Big Country, and more!
Leader: Lucy Cumming. Conductor: Peter J. Williams.
Tickets: £10, under-18s £5. Book online at www.discover.hillingdon.gov.uk Call 01895 674223 or 01895 250615. Tickets available on the door until sold out.

EASTCOTE AND RUISLIP CHORAL SOCIETY

80th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT - HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Saturday 14th March 7.30pm

St Edmund's Church, Pinner Road, Northwood HA6

Tickets: £17 on door or from a church member.

Under 12s free. More details at www.eastcote-ruislip-choral.org

ICKENHAM & SWAKELEYS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SPRING SHOW

28th March 2.30pm-5pm

Ickenham Village Hall, Swakeleys Road, UB10 8DG

Free public viewing from 2.30pm. Refreshments including homemade cakes. Prize giving and raffle draw at 4.30pm

Contact Rosemary Bennett 01895 633217

www.ickenham-horticultural.org.uk

HILLINGDON CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING CONCERT

28th March 7.30-9.30pm

The Douay Martyrs School Hall, Edinburgh Drive, Ickenham, UB10 8QY
Choral Concert with orchestral accompaniment.

Puccini - Messa di Gloria and short choral and orchestral pieces.
£17 (includes programme), schoolchildren free. from hillingdonchoralsociety@gmail.com or on the door. Cash or card payments accepted. Interval refreshments and raffle. Parking on site.

www.hillingdonchoralsociety.org.uk 07956 990555

CHURCH ORGANISED EVENTS

Everyone is welcome - Open to all

ST GILES' MOTHERS' UNION

Second Thursday of each month 1.45pm - 3.45pm

St Giles' Church Hall, Ickenham, UB10 8LE

12th February - Geoff Edwards - Old Dears of Uxbridge -

Reminiscences from the Bench (with raffle)

12th March - Revd Christine Britton -

Communion with Lent reflection

Contact Brenda on 01895 636803

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

1st Wednesday of each month 1.00pm-2.00pm

Oasis Café, URC, Swakeleys Road, UB10 8BE. Please sign the list at the URC or call the Church Administrator 07792 143888

CLUBS, SOCIETIES & INTERESTS

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HILLINGDON BRIDGE CLUB

Every Monday and Thursday 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Every Monday 7.00pm - 9.30pm

Hillingdon Community Hall, 304 Long Lane UB10 9PE

Come and play Duplicate Bridge £3 per session including tea/coffee and biscuits. New members welcome.

Contact 07808805033 or www.bridgewebs.com/hillingdon/

HILLINGDON CHORAL SOCIETY

Every Monday in term time 7.45pm-9.45pm

URC, Swakeleys Road UB10 8BE

We are a friendly and hard-working choir of about 60 voices who celebrated 40 years in 2021. We rehearse on Monday evenings in Ickenham, and we perform three concerts each year.

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St Giles' Church Hall, Ickenham, UB10 8LE

The Hillingdon Sing! Community Choir is a friendly mixed vocal group. We sing a variety of music and our aim is to have fun and meet like-minded music lovers. No auditions required and new members very welcome.

Contact Email: admin@hillingdonsingchoir.co.uk

Website: www.hillingdonsingchoir.co.uk

HATHA YOGA

Every Tuesday and Wednesday in term time 10am-11.15am

St Giles' Church Hall, Ickenham, UB10 8LE

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EASTCOTE AND RUISLIP CHORAL SOCIETY

Enjoy singing? Come & join us in our 80th Anniversary year.

We are a friendly choir and welcome new singers.

No audition is required. The ability to read music is not essential.

We rehearse on Tuesdays 8.00 - 10.00pm at Ruislip Methodist Church Hall, Ickenham Road, Ruislip HA4 7BZ.

More details on our website www.eastcote-ruislip-choral.org

RUMMIKUB CLUB

Every 2nd and 4th Friday 10.30am-12noon

Ickenham Library, Long Lane, Ickenham, UB10 8RD

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TURKS BADMINTON CLUB

Every Tuesday Evening 7-9pm

Bishop Ramsey Sports Hall, Hume Way, Ruislip HA4 8EE

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Every Wednesday 10.45am-12.45pm

All Saints Church Hall, Long Lane, Hillingdon UB10 9PE

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Every Thursday 7.30-9.30pm

Guide Hut, community Close, Ickenham, UB10 8RE

www.facebook.com/ickenhamart/ or 01895 232569

ST MARTIN'S THURSDAY LUNCHES

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Ickenham Library (Meeting room) Long Lane, Ickenham, UB10 8RD

Please come and join us for friendly chat and knitting. Free admission.

February dates - 5th and 19th

March dates - 5th and 19th

Contact Jill Wakeman 07876 233545 or email wakemanjill@gmail.com

HILLINGDON USA MONTHLY MEETING

Winston Churchill Hall, Pinn Way, Ruislip HA4 7QL

Second Monday of each month 10am-12noon

Come along and find out how to join Hillingdon u3a or check out our website for more information: hillingdon.u3a.co.uk/ or call our membership secretary on 07532 268002

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Ickenham Library, Community Close UB10 8RE

Tiny Tales - Stories and rhymes for children 18 months to 5 years and their parents / carers. Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:15am - term time only

Tiny Tunes - Stories and rhymes for children aged 0-18 months and their parents / carers. Fridays 10:15am - term time only

Please book in advance at discover.hillingdon.gov.uk

TEEN TOTES

Ickenham Library, Community Close UB10 8RE Tuesdays 5-6pm

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Usually 2nd Wednesday of the month 1.45pm for 2pm

Winston Churchill Hall, Pinn Way, Ruislip, HA4 7QL

11th February: Dr John Stevens: Portraits of the Maharanis

1st March: Roger Mendham: Doors to Manual

Everyone welcome, just turn up. Member free, visitors £9

Contact: Rachel Garside 01895 674484

ICKENHAM FLOWER CLUB

2nd Thursday monthly 7.30pm - 9.30pm (doors open 7pm)

Ickenham Village Hall, Swakeleys Road, UB10 8DG

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LIVE JAZZ

1st Wednesday of the month 8pm-10pm

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Every third Fridays of month Sept to June 7.30pm

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Contact Ankephillips@gmail.com

www.hillingdonamateurgardeners.co.uk

HILLINGDON LANGUAGE CLUBS

Spanish, French and Italian Clubs St Giles' Church Hall, UB10 8LE

7.30pm one Thursday of the month each Club, from October to the summer

For details, contact the club you are interested in:

hillingdonspanishclub@gmail.com or 07759 804960

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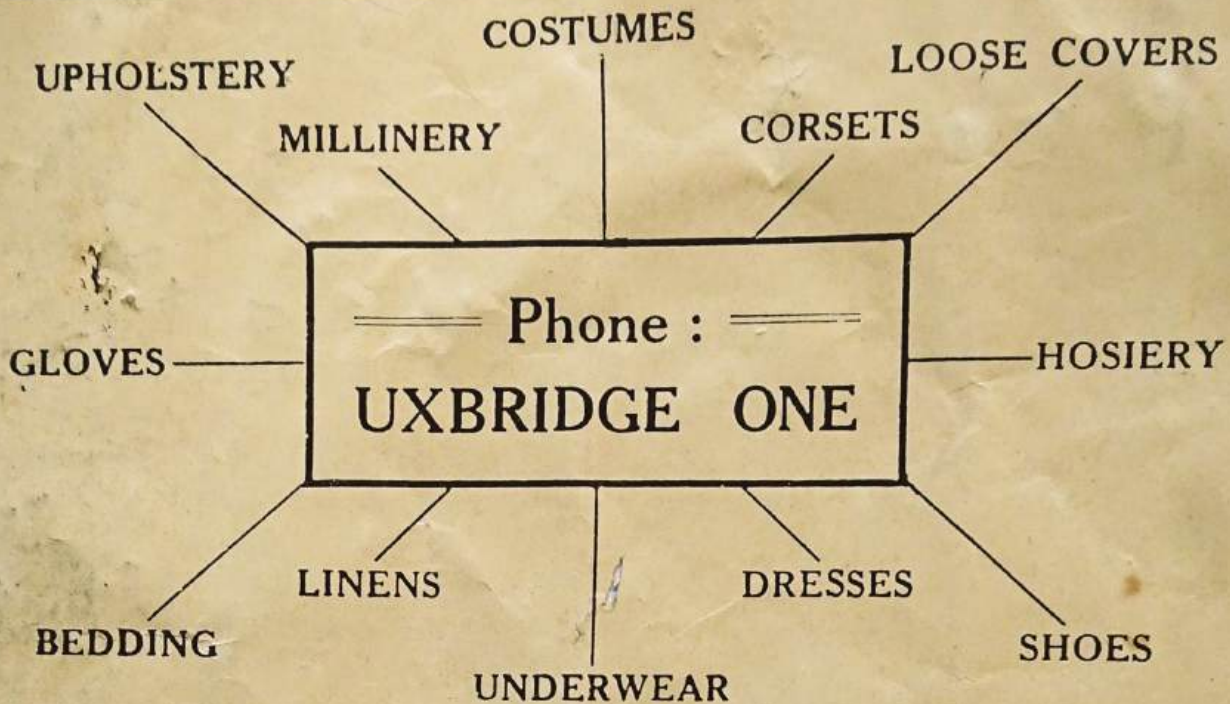
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The Bishop's Letter.

By the time this leaflet is out the Week of Prayer will be over, and please God we shall be ready to make a great offering of ourselves, our souls and bodies, on December 1st. But I should like to take this opportunity of saying a few words to the Diocese about the Synod, which was in many ways a landmark in the history of the Diocese as the first Sacred Synod held for centuries.

MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE SYNOD.

In the first place it should be clearly understood that the vote of the Synod was not meant in any way to be a declaration of rebellion of the Clergy against authority. On the contrary, on the one question relating to the support of authority, there was a substantial majority of 42.

The whole object of the Synod would have been defeated if the Clergy had been afraid of stating their real opinions on the matters brought before them. They were stated for the most part with great fairness and charity, and the vote was given in accordance with their opinions.

Those who were distressed at the negative answers given to the first five questions seem to lay the blame entirely on the Anglo-Catholics, but they seem to forget that numbers of Evangelicals spoke and voted against the 1928 Prayer Book for the contrary reason that it went too far in the direction of Anglo-Catholicism, while the Anglo-Catholics who opposed it thought that it did not go far enough. Further, it must be remembered that many Anglo-Catholics spoke and voted for the Book, and for the Bishop's policy with regard to it, and that many who had supported it originally spoke and voted against it because it had not been passed by Parliament.

I wish it had been possible to print the speeches, of which an authentic report was taken, but I felt that having said that the debate was to be "in confidence," it would be a breach of confidence to do so without asking the leave of each speaker.

AN IMMEDIATE RESULT OF THE SYNOD.

It was clearly the wish of the Synod that I should myself, as Bishop, give my directions to the Diocese as soon as possible, and I am issuing shortly my directions on the subject of Reservation, which I have every reason to believe will be accepted loyally by the Diocese.

I shall give no further directions until after the next meeting of Bishops in January, when we shall report to one another the opinions of our Synods, but there has been so much misapprehension about the inner meaning of ours that I was anxious to set the matter right at once.

THE WIDER ISSUE.

Meanwhile do let us get away from these narrow insular limits and think of the great world outside, clamouring for the Gospel in which we all believe.

I tried in my charge to the Synod to show how much we in the Church of England had in common, and what a wonderful opportunity was waiting for us in the world. Surely we can sufficiently compose our differences so that we may go out and preach the Love of God, the Incarnation, the Cross, the Holy Spirit, the Church and the Sacraments to a world which needs them all.

May this last month of the year see the close of this long controversy, and may the New Year open with bright hopes of a new spirit with which to meet the needs of a new world.

We all feel very grateful to the Bishop of Stepney for editing the Diocesan Leaflet during the past year. It will now be taken over by the Rev. E. W. Sara, Vicar of St. John's, Walham Green, who I am sure will do equally well. Meanwhile I know that the Editor would wish me to thank Miss Major for her efficient help.

(Signed)

R. G. Jackson :

A Timely Tribute.

"As I began on a personal note so I will finish. When I think of the rapidly increasing population of London and all the needs of the Diocese, I cannot help saying to myself what a brave man a Bishop of London must be. In addition to daily difficult and delicate decisions, there falls upon his shoulders daily the care of all the churches. May I then, in

my concluding words, take the liberty of ending on a personal note and express for the Conference our hopes that our President may have strength and health for his great task, and let me assure him on your behalf of the loyalty and admiration in which he is held by us all."

Lord Justice Sankey at the Diocesan Conference.

THE CHURCH AND THE CHILD.

The Autumn Session of the Diocesan Conference, usually confined to Finance, was this year enlivened by a full dress debate upon the duty of the Church to the Church's children. At the June Conference a Special Committee had been appointed to report on the steps that could be taken under the existing law to improve Church Education in the London Diocese. The report of this Committee was before the Conference, and the afternoon discussion centred round the main recommendation of the Committee:

(1) "That in particular this Conference earnestly desires the adoption of some form of the Anson Bye-Law by each of the Local Education Authorities within the Diocese, and directs that this Resolution be forwarded to each of them."

What is the Anson Bye-Law? Putting aside all complicated phraseology the Bye-law for Church people means just this: that the parents of Church children may, if they so desire, withdraw their children from the Scripture lesson in school in order to receive Church instruction and training in worship and prayer from the parish minister or a qualified teacher appointed by him. The Bye-law is thus intended to be a modification of the crude old Conscience Clause which, standing alone permitted the withdrawal of children from the religious instruction given in a particular school, but with the only alternative of their receiving none at all. At first sight it would seem that the Bye-law puts into the hands of the Church an instrument which all would desire to see used. Yet the Conference, after keen debate, accepted the previous question, which means: "That the Conference do proceed to the next business."

Miss Chitty made out a good case for the Bye-law, resting on two great principles:—First, parental responsibility. The parent is to decide whether the child shall be taught Scripture in school, or the religion of the Church by the clergyman. Second, the Church and the State mean two different things by religious education. The Church regards the child as a member of Christ, a living integral part of the Divine Family into which he was born at Baptism. The State regards the child as an isolated individual. To the Church attachment to the living organism of the Church with worship as the natural expression

of that membership is essential. To the State sound Bible knowledge and good moral training seem all that is necessary, and in a Council School it is prohibited to attempt to attach a child to any particular religious body. Miss Chitty submitted that the Anson Bye-law is framed to bridge the gulf between these two conflicting ideals, and meets the known facts. The teachers had declared that they will not suffer the introduction of denominational teaching in Council Schools by what is called "right of entry." By the Bye-law Denominational teaching is not to be forced on teachers. Right of entry is not permitted. Parents who desire Church teaching for their children are to be permitted to send their children elsewhere to get it.

It was unfortunate that the discussion took place in the afternoon, when more members of the Conference who are teachers could not be present to state their views. For the opposition rested their case mainly on the alleged effect which adoption of the Bye-law would have upon the teachers. It was claimed that there are hundreds of teachers of whom many are, in fact, Churchmen, who are teaching the Christian religion quite splendidly within the Church Schools now. The withdrawal of children to receive religious instruction elsewhere would be regarded by them as a reflection upon their ability as teachers and the quality of their teaching. The standard of religious teaching given to those left behind would inevitably fall. The withdrawal of children from the schools for religious teaching would tend to imply that the schools are secular institutions, and that national education is a secular business. The danger of an absolute divorce between religion and national education was real, and would be hastened by the acceptance of Miss Chitty's proposal. A State which said, "You may go," might come to say, "You must go." Much was said of the practical difficulty of working the Bye-law; the shortage of clergy; the inability of the Clergy to teach; the lack of buildings, and money, but it was upon the dangers rather than the difficulties that the opposition mainly relied. The experts, Canon Maplesden and Prebendary Osborne, were emphatic in opposition, and as recorded above the battle was declared "drawn" by acceptance of the previous question.

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HALF A MILLION.

Lord Justice Sankey has many gifts. He is a generous and devoted Churchman, a distinguished member of the Judicial Bench, and the Chairman of the London Diocesan Fund. He has now added to those qualities the role of a teacher of arithmetic. At the Autumn Session of the Conference, after putting the case of the Fund with a lucidity which carried his audience with him, he gave a lesson on mental arithmetic. Given a list of twenty districts over-ripe for development into Parishes, what is the cost? "I am not a contractor, I am not a builder, but I am told that the minimum cost of a Church is £15,000, a Vicarage £3,000, Church Hall £4,000; total, £22,000. I am not sure about the figure you must provide for the schools, but I am told £30 a head. Say £6,000 for 200 children. Total, £28,000. Multiply 28,000 by 20; Result Half a Million. That is what we need."

Lord Justice Sankey's speech preceded the second of the two recommendations of the Special Committee appointed to report on the steps to be taken to improve religious education, which was moved by Preb. Thicknesse, in the following terms:—

"That, over and above the money guaranteed to the Diocesan Board of Education through the Budget, the Conference earnestly desires that there should be a Special Appeal for the establishment of new Church Schools in the new districts and pledges itself to support such a Fund in every possible way."

The Conference accepted the Resolution with a Rider, that "The Resolution be referred to the Council of the London Diocesan Fund for consideration and report to the Bishop."

The Conference seemed to be in favour of the great appeal for Lord Justice Sankey's half million to include the provision of Church Schools, rather than of a separate appeal for Church Schools alone. For the second time this year the Conference faced the fact that sooner or later a great call for sacrifice must be made upon the Church in the London Diocese. To call for so large a sum as Half a Million may seem to invite disaster. But it is equally disastrous to sit still till the opportunity is gone. A really great objective may call out great enthusiasm. St. Paul's words for carrying through a great task are Joy and Fellowship, which are not the most conspicuous qualities in the Church to-day. It may be that the Diocese is waiting for just such a call to make these qualities shine out again. There is nothing like a common task for creating a spirit of Unity.

The Bishop has just arranged for next year to preach seventy sermons and take thirty Confirmations in the Diocese and the list is now closed. He wishes to remind the Diocese that invitations have to be sent in in October for the following year—January to December.

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The Diocesan Missionary Council will shortly publish the Table of Total Contributions from the Diocese for 1927 for the Work of the Church Overseas. The record for the year since the

LONDON DIOCESAN FUND.

RURI-DECANAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO SEPT. 30th.

	Raised.					
	1928.			1927.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1. East City	-	342	13 4	468	5	7
2. West City	-	194	7 10	198	1	0
3. Bethnal Green	+	193	9 4	148	8	3
4. Finsbury	+	70	11 1	44	3	8
5. Hackney Stoke & Newington	+	621	3 3	599	13	10
6. Holborn	-	122	16 3	128	16	10
7. Islington	+	715	10 3	586	13	1
8. Poplar	-	248	16 5	257	3	4
9. Shoreditch	-	103	19 8	162	13	11
10. Stepney	+	238	12 10	193	10	7
11. Chelsea	+	1516	5 0	1511	0	0
12. Ealing	-	911	10 11	921	9	6
13. Fulham	+	336	10 11	326	3	11
14. Hammersmith	+	497	6 5	454	18	3
15. Hampton	-	454	1 9	499	5	4
16. Kensington	+	2508	18 1	1799	3	4
17. Paddington	-	651	5 3	872	6	8
18. Uxbridge	-	295	10 1	343	5	4
19. Westminster	+	1688	12 0	1632	10	4
20. Enfield	+	1071	5 11	1060	15	7
21. Hampstead	-	960	14 8	1188	19	2
22. Harrow	-	829	18 11	866	17	3
23. Hornsey	-	919	18 2	966	8	2
24. St. Marylebone	-	658	3 0	685	5	0
25. St. Pancras	-	601	1 1	607	6	2
26. Tottenham	+	524	9 6	523	19	6
27. Willesden	-	328	17 5	359	2	4
	£17606	9	4	£17406	5	11

Nett Increase £200 3s. 5d.

12 Deaneries show an increase.

15 Deaneries show a decrease.

To June 30th the increase was £600. By September 30th this had fallen to £200. Kensington still maintains premier position with an increase of £709. Without the Kensington extra effort there would have been a decrease of £500. During the month of December many a Parochial Church Council will be considering the final payment to be made to the Diocesan Fund. The discussion is most likely to be fruitful if it is remembered that the decrease, if there is a decrease, falls upon that item of the Budget known as "Incumbents' Stipends." It is the underpaid incumbent who will be the first to benefit if the year ends with an increase.

issue of the World Call is as follows:—1925, £61,003; 1926, £68,991; 1927, £68,238.

It will be noticed that the first enthusiasm called out by the World Call has slackened. The first increase of nearly £8,000 has been hardly maintained. It is probable that this increase came mainly from those who were already missionary enthusiasts. Those who had been accustomed to give, gave more. The need for the future is not "more money," but "more givers."

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Consecration of the Bishop of Stepney.

[Contributed by the REV. CYRIL MAYNE.]

On St. Luke's Day the Rev. C. E. Curzon was consecrated Bishop of Stepney in St. Paul's Cathedral. It is the custom that the consecration of our Suffragan Bishops takes place always in the Cathedral of the Diocese. Everything was done to make the service beautiful and inspiring. Many people present must have been conscious that this was the last time when our loved Archbishop would consecrate a brother Bishop, and it was freely noted that the Archbishop's voice could be heard all over the Cathedral. It must have been a great satisfaction to the Bishop-designate to see, as he entered with the procession, such a large congregation assembled to wish him God-speed. Could he have observed it, his future clergy were present in large numbers.

The service followed the usual order. The Bishop of Southwell read the Epistle, and the Bishop of London the Gospel. The sermon was preached by the Rev. B. F. Simpson, Vicar of St. Peter's, Cranley Gardens, who drew St. Luke's portrait of our Lord as the Good Shepherd who combines love and sternness. After the sermon the Bishop-designate retired to put on his rochet, and on returning was presented to the Archbishop by the Bishop of Southwell, who all through the service must have been perpetually reminded of his own consecration to be Bishop of Stepney exactly nine years ago to the day.

For the supreme moment of the laying on of hands, the Archbishop was joined by the Bishops of London, Southwell, Willesden, Kensington and Bishop Bury.

As we knelt and sang the *Veni Creator* we looked up, and seeing them all standing there, with the kneeling figure in front of them, we experienced the sense of the Church family in London. We listened, and clearly heard the words that were to make our family complete again, "Receive the Holy Ghost for the office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God," and we thanked God for His goodness.

It was all very simple, with the simplicity that comes from attention to detail, and very beautiful as a service in which the Cathedral Choir, under Dr. Marchant, takes part, can hardly fail to be.

Many of the congregation lingered for some time to be among the first to welcome the new Bishop outside the Cathedral. "Which is the new Bishop?" said a City clerk passing by to his lunch. He was told. "Well, he looks as if he will do all right," was his comment. And we believe with all our hearts that our Diocesan was guided by the Holy Spirit to choose for our East End Bishop one who will indeed "do all right."

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The Electoral Roll.

The Bishop has addressed an urgent letter to every Incumbent upon the importance of increasing the numbers on the Electoral Rolls. He writes:—

"The next election to the House of Laity of the Church Assembly, which will take place in 1930 and govern the representation until 1935, will be based upon the number of electors on the Rolls of the respective Dioceses in 1929.

In order to secure an adequate representation of the Diocese of London I must stress the importance of your making every endeavour to include upon your Roll all those who are entitled to be registered as electors. Bearing in mind that the issue will be decided by the numbers on the Roll presented at your Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which must be held before April 14th, 1929, you will understand the pressing need of giving your attention to this matter without delay.

Owing to the meagre character of the Rolls in this Diocese as presented in 1925, the representation of the Diocese of London in the present House of Laity has been admittedly inadequate. In order that this situation may be radically changed and the Diocese obtain a representation proportionate to its importance, I hope that every possible step will be taken to achieve a result which you, equally with myself, would desire.

Please show this letter to the Secretary of your Parochial Church and do your best to enlist his interest and support."

Preferments and Appointments.

St. Mary, Hendon; Rev. N. R. Boyd, M.A., V., St. James the Great, Bethnal Green.
 Canonry of St. Paul's Cathedral; Rev. Wallace H. Elliott, M.A., V., Holy Trinity, Folkestone, Six Preacher in Canterbury Cathedral, and Chaplain to the King.
 Harefield, Uxbridge; Rev. J. S. Grundy, M.A., C., All Souls, Langham Place.
 Rural Dean of Enfield; Rev. W. I. Carr Smith, Hon. C.F., V., Forty Hill, Enfield.
 St. James the Great, Bethnal Green; Rev. F. R. Shields, B.A., C., St. James the Great, Bethnal Green.
 St. Etheldreda, Fulham; Rev. Leonard Spiller, M.A., V., St. Philip, Dalston.
 St. Barnabas, Kensington; Rev. W. M. Bell, B.D., V., Warley, Halifax.

Clergy Leaving the Diocese.

Rev. J. G. Simpson, D.D., Canon and Precentor of St. Paul's Cathedral; Dean of Peterborough Cathedral.
 Rev. G. Heald, M.A., C., All Saints, Margaret Street; R., Chale, I.W.

By the time the *Leaflet* is issued the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial will be over. There are two signs that the 1928 Week will recover some of the spirit of the earlier efforts. The demand for the Prayer Leaflet has surpassed all other years. All the Parish Magazines which have reached the Editor make the Week the chief item of interest.

The Editor will be grateful if all matter submitted for publication, items of interest, and notices of forthcoming events may be sent addressed The Editor, London Diocesan Leaflet, 33, Bedford Square, W.C. 1., not later than the 5th of each month.

The Motive gives the Deed its Quality.

MISSIONARY UNION.

The Umlazi Mission, Natal, has given directness to the work of the children of the parish, and the Missionary Union, who now work for the definite object of helping this particular corner of the overseas work. At the Bazaar on the 15th December, a children's dip has been arranged, the proceeds of which are to go to this Fund and members are asked to send in all articles in good time. Your whole-hearted support is asked for the bazaar and contributions to the Mission Fund will be gratefully received by Mrs. Ingram Johnson, 6, Central Parade, or by the Secretary.

PANTOMIME.

Get your red ink pens and make a note that early in January the children will give a pantomime, under the direction of Mrs. Jenkins, for the Umlazi Mission. An account of this mission and its work was given in our October number.

THE CHURCHYARD.

At the Parochial Church Council Meeting on October 17th, the Council placed on record its high appreciation of Mr. Elliott's work in relation to the furnace of the Church and the Churchyard.

SELF-DENIAL OFFERINGS.

As we go to print, the Rector reports that the Self-Denial Offerings amount, this year, to £12, as compared with £11 4s. last year.

ICKENHAM AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

The Ickenham and District Residents' Association has been in existence for five years, and is increasing its membership yearly, having now 100 members.

It is of considerable value as a mouthpiece for voicing the desires and complaints of the residents in all parts of Ickenham and Swakeley's Estate.

The attention of the Association is at present occupied in dealing with questions such as sewer connections, assessments, road widenings, protection of field paths and open spaces, and generally preserving the amenities of our delightful village.

The second Residents' Association Dance will take place in the Village Hall on March 2nd, 1929.

Residents are invited to join. Send your subscription of 3s. per annum to the Secretary, Mr. J. Stacy, "Greenway," Ickenham, or to the Treasurer, Mr. G. Tribe, "Oakbeams," Long Lane.

VILLAGE HALL.

If there are any residents who have not yet visited the Village Hall, they should not fail to do so during the present season. The hall was built by voluntary effort, all and sundry contributing according to their means, to provide facilities for holding socials, meetings, whist drives, dances, and for any other use that may be demanded.

That such a place was needed, there cannot be any question, and one can hardly imagine the village without the hall. The Committee of the Village Hall Association, endeavour to meet local demands, and have therefore arranged a series of whist drives and dances for the season. The events for December are as follows :

1st and 8th, dance ; 15th, Xmas bazaar ; and 29th, fancy dress dance. Popular prices are charged, and one can be assured of an enjoyable evening. If you are not a member of the Association, come along and pay the 1s. fee, and 6d. for book of rules. The Hon. Sec. Mr. A. J. Randall, "Eversley," Oak Avenue, will welcome you.

The maintenance of the hall is dependent upon your support, and if you are not one of the original subscribers, any sum you may wish to subscribe, whether 1s. or a guinea, will be faithfully applied to rid the hall of debt, which to-day, is about £1,200.

Remember, the hall is yours and mine, it is the Village Hall, free from all sectarian control, being administered by a Committee elected by the members irrespective of creed or politics.

ONLOOKER.

Work in other Parishes.

The following account of work in a North London (Alexandra Park) parish tells of activity which should appeal to us all.

It may be of interest to your readers to know a little about the activities of our parish which I may say, at the outset, is quite a middle class one, and as there is no endowment, a small grant is given annually towards the stipends of the Vicar and a curate by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, but this, of course, has to be supplemented by money raised by the congregation, and all have to work to support the various organisations, guilds and clubs connected with the church.

We have a very active Church Council, consisting of 20 members, who are elected annually at the Easter Vestry, these are generally

A Good Conscience need fear no Cross.

more candidates nominated than there are places, so that an election is necessary, which I think is quite a healthy feature. The Council elects its Finance, Standing Orders, Church Hall Management and Magazine Committees, it also controls the various Clubs and Guilds connected with the Church inasmuch as it calls for an annual report from each, so that if advice or assistance is required, it can be given. By this means the Council is kept in close touch with all that is taking place and a feeling of unity is created between all classes both old and young. As regards the latter section, their training is well looked after as there is a fairly large Sunday School, including a kindergarten branch to which children are admitted from the age of four years, and after a few years spent in this branch the children are drafted into the Sunday School proper. I may say that we are fortunate in having sufficient accommodation to keep the two branches quite separate, and in the room where the kindergarten meet, seating suitable for the young ones is provided together with the equipment to make the lessons thoroughly interesting.

For boys and girls leaving Sunday School there are guilds which meet monthly on a week night, boys and girls on different evenings, and a corporate communion monthly for each. The social and athletic side is not neglected, as there are Scouts, Cubs, Girl Guides and Brownies, as well as cricket, football, tennis and hockey clubs. I think, without doubt, that the encouragement given to our young people has the effect of keeping them attached to the Church, and is a source of strength, for although not a very large parish we have 800 names on our Electoral Roll.

Mass Movements.

One of the grave problems that confront the missionary to-day is the fact that, amongst some of the native races, a whole caste or tribe or family decides to accept Christianity, and come over in a body, a movement which is called "Mass Movement." It is obvious that you cannot admit such bodies of converts to the Church without ample teaching and training, and the pitiful fact confronts us that full advantage of these mass movements cannot be taken for want of the men and women needed as teachers and trainers, to prepare the converts for baptism and admission; for this cause it is an absolute fact that the missionaries have to hold back these mass movements in order

to prevent the injury to converts and the Church, which would certainly arise if they were received into the Church without proper and adequate training and teaching. How can we all help the overseas missions of the Church? The way of prayer is always open as a means of Christian help and sympathy. A post card addressed to the Secretary, C.M. House, Salisbury Square, E.C., will always bring information of dozens of ways of helping forward the great good work. However small you may think your contribution in prayer, money or work, always remember that "it is the little blades of grass that make the meadows green."

The Rev. W. E. Jackson continues his article on the Church by asking the question, What part am I playing in this great Society? I subscribe money; but how much of myself? God's children are not won by money at so much a head. The man or woman who has drifted is not redeemed by measure of gold. Money may be the channel along which love can flow but the channel is not the flowing stream. We want to exhibit our Ickenham Church as God's family in our midst, where all may find sympathy and encouragement. We need to provide forms of worship which are food to the hungry, courage to the faint hearted. Baptism to receive the infant, as yet ignorant of good or evil, to guard and train through childhood on to the full age when the holy Eucharist tells that He is coming into the life to feed soul and body. The MAGAZINE will be a voice to remind us how the supports are ours; will keep before our minds what the wider Church is doing for the ignorant and degraded at home and in heathen lands; of comfort and relief to the sick and suffering. Help as you have never helped before; not with cold condescension and criticism, but with the warm heart that wants, nay longs, to help in the happy work.

Special attention is drawn to the Fancy Dress Dance to be held at the Village Hall on December 29th. Mrs. Jenkins, who is arranging this, will be pleased to supply any particulars. A feature of this dance will be the "Poster Dress" competition, and any wishing to enter this should give attention to the hoardings and decide which poster they will represent.

We are obliged to carry forward to next month the article on St. Mary's, Harefield.

God is a Spirit. "They that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."

Calendar for Six Weeks.

- Dec. 2nd.—1st. *S. in Advent.* H.C., 8.15 and Noon. Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m. Children's Service, 3 p.m. Evensong and Sermon, 6.30 p.m.
- „ 9th.—2nd. *S. in Advent.* H.C., 8.15. Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m. Children's Service, 3 p.m. Evensong and Sermon, 6.30 p.m.
- „ 16th.—3rd. *S. in Advent.* H.C., 8.15 and Noon. Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m. Children's Service, 3 p.m. Evensong and Sermon, 6.30 p.m.
- „ 21st.—*St. Thomas, A.* H.C., 7.30 and 10 a.m.
- „ 23rd.—4th *S. in Advent.* H.C., 8.15 a.m. Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m. Children's Service, 3 p.m. Evensong and Sermon, 6.30 p.m.
- „ 25th.—*Christmas Day.* H.C., 6, 7, 8 and Noon. Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m.
- „ 30th.—1st *S. after Christmas.* H.C. 8.15. Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m. Children's Service, 3 p.m. Evensong and Sermon, 6.30 p.m.

Offertories.—Dec. 2nd.—S.P.C.K.

„ 16th.—Repairs and Maintenance Fund.

„ 23rd.—S.P.G.

„ 25th.—C. of E. Waifs and Strays.

„ 9th and 30th.—Church Fund.

Dec. 16th.—Children's Toy Service for the Dockland Settlement.

„ 23rd.—Children's Carol Service.

Baptisms.

Oct. 28th.—John Hubert Edward, son of Percy Edward and Eileen Raine.

Nov. 4th.—John Sutton, son of Vincent Les'ie and Verney Eileen Julia Leech.

Burial.

Nov. 19th.—Elizabeth Jane King, aged 66 years.

Offertories.

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Oct. 28th.—Church Fund	4	7 6
Nov. 4th.—Church Fund	4	15 5
„ 11th.—Royal Air Force Memorial Fund	10	8 8
„ 18th.—Church Fund	4	5 9

Parochial Organizations.

MISSIONARY UNION.—*Secretary*: Miss Keatch, Creswick, Ivy House Road.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—*Secretary*: Mrs. Carmichael, The Rectory.

MOTHERS' UNION.—*Enrolling Member*: Mrs. Walters, Sarawak, Oak Avenue.

GIRL GUIDES.—Miss Brown, Batson, Swakeleys Road.

BROWNIES.—Miss E. Balding, Pumula, The Avenue.

JUNIOR PAROCHIAL COUNCIL.—*Secretary*: Miss Guiver, Terling, Long Lane.

FLOWER FUND.—*Secretary*: Miss Balding, Pumula, The Avenue.

THE RUISLIP AND ICKENHAM NURSING ASSOCIATION.

Chairman: Mrs. James, Park Cottage, Sharp's Lane, Ruislip.

Secretary: Miss Denton, St. Eia, Bury Street, Ruislip.

Representatives for Ickenham:

Mrs. Carmichael, Ickenham Rectory.
Miss Balding, Pumula, The Avenue, Ickenham.

A Merry Heart is a Good Medicine.

The Rector's Letter.

Since my last letter I had the great privilege of being one of a number of delegates appointed to represent the London Diocese at York Minster, for the presentation of the Final World Call Report. The first thing that proved of real interest in that gathering was the relief that appeared to be shared by all that it was concerned with a much bigger problem than Prayer Book Revision. How big a problem these World Call Reports have disclosed may perhaps be suggested by quoting one of the unanimous conclusions arrived at, at a conference of all the Churches, except the Roman Communion, which was held at Jerusalem last Easter, which reads as follows: "It is the unescapable fact that the present spiritual life of the churches is not adequate for the task for which they exist."

That statement was tacitly endorsed on behalf of our own branch of the Church of York.

Some will be inclined to exclaim what a terrible admission of failure. But notice carefully the wording of the decision, there is no suggestion here that Christianity is a failure, that the victory of Christ is in any way uncertain. The churches exist in order that they may interpret the "mind of Christ" and it is the manner and method of interpretation that is seen to have failed.

There are many parts of the world to-day crying out for just that which Christ alone can give.

It was so, once before in history, when God chose Israel to give to the world what the world most stood in need of then. But Israel's religion had become formal and could not be adapted to fresh needs and fresh conditions and so failed to see in the Prophet of Nazareth, the Saviour of the world.

The very fact that our Church, through her leaders, recognises the need of a spiritual revival if we are to meet the insistent calls that are sounding, is a hopeful sign, from which we may well thank God and take courage. Quite shortly we shall be electing our new Parochial Church Council. Are there no young people over the age of 21, and communicants, who have a contribution to make by giving service to the Church in this direction? Bear in mind the links in the chain, Parochial Church Council, Ruri-Decanal Conference, Diocesan Conference, Church Assembly. The average age of most of such councils as I have served on has been somewhere between 40 and 45, and my feeling is that it is hard for people of that age to see

or sympathise with the point of view of 18-25. I am not allowed, personally, to ask anyone to stand, but I do not think I am overstepping the mark by making an appeal of this sort to the younger people to allow themselves to be nominated and to the older people to look about for, and give encouragement to, such young people when they have found them.

Although this magazine will be in your hands on December 1st, I should like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a very happy Christmas.
D. W. W. CARMICHAEL.

Round the Parish.

JUNIOR PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

December is to be a very happy month for all our members.

On Advent Sunday, December 2nd, we celebrate our first Birthday Anniversary, and are having a special Service. Will you all come along, and bring your little friends to join, so that we shall have to ask our friend Miss Polman to make us a second Membership Roll to hang in the Church.

We are having our usual Toy Service on Sunday, December 16th, so will you bring your gifts of toys to be sent to the children of the Dockland Settlement, some of whom we entertained in the summer. Expensive toys are not asked for, but just little gifts to bring to some of the poor children of our City, a little of the Christmas joy which we have in our happier homes in Ickenham.

On Sunday, December 23rd, we shall hold a Carol Service, to which we hope you will bring your parents and friends. If you can come along on Tuesday evenings at 6 o'clock, to learn some of the carols, we shall be delighted to welcome you, and can promise you a very happy hour.

May we remind those who have little children who would like to come, but have no one to bring them to the service, that arrangements can be made for them to be called for and taken home, on word being given either to the Rector or the Secretary, Miss Guiver.

THE BAZAAR.

A Bazaar will be held on 15th December, in the Village Hall, which should appeal to all as it embraces all the social activities of the Village. It is primarily for the Hall Fund itself, but most of the societies are taking stalls, the proceeds of which will enrich themselves, but they agree to hand over ten per cent. of their profits to the Hall Fund.