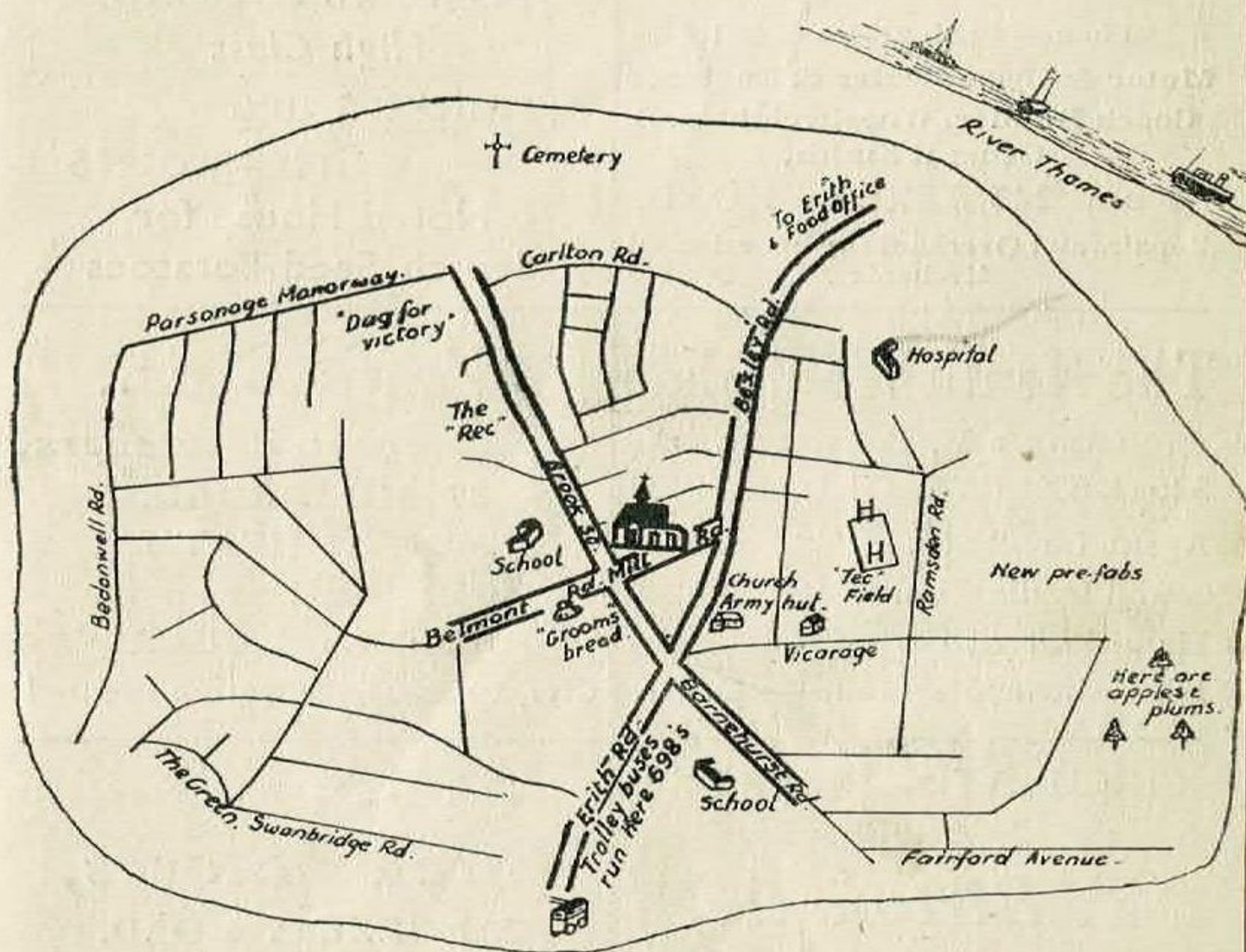


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CALENDAR FOR JANUARY.

Dec. 31—Jan. 1 Watch Night Service.

Jan. 4 CHRISTMAS II.

H.C. 8 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

Family Service 11 a.m.

Youth Service 6.30 p.m.

8 Thu. For Epiphany of our Lord.

H.C. 10 a.m.

11 EPIPHANY I.

H.C. 8 a.m.

18 EPIPHANY II.

H.C. 8 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Litany 11 a.m.

25 SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

H.C. 8 a.m.

28 Thu. For Conversion of St. Paul.

H.C. 10 a.m.

Compline and Prayer Meeting each Saturday evening at 8 p.m.

"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown,' and he replied, Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than the known way."—*N. L. Haskins.*

Subjects for Prayer.

The World. That wise guidance might be granted to all leaders in India and Palestine.

For the coming Lambeth Conference.

The Parish. For absent friends.

For all Church organisations and their work this coming year.

The Vicar's Letter

Dear Everybody,

I feel it a great privilege to wish a "Happy New Year" to all readers of the Magazine, not forgetting those outside the parish in other towns in England in the North and West Country and also to those in distant lands in America, South Africa, India and perhaps other countries as well. I would also like to thank members of the Church for their loyal, unselfish and enthusiastic support of the work and for your many kindnesses to my wife and myself.

We are all bound to wonder what will happen in 1948, but in spite of all difficulties we believe that if we do all heartily as to the Lord then we shall have strength and courage from Him to help us overcome. Many have echoed the little thought,

"Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord to Thee!"

then have felt a little disappointed that nothing very much seems to have happened. But the Lord is the Master Gardener who is developing the field of our life and He, in His own time, will bring forth the fruit if only we will do all heartily as to the Lord. Such boundless possibilities lie ahead this year, such opportunities and thrills if only we will do all as to Him with all the fun and joy and enthusiasm of our being. It will bring peace to our hearts, which is the only basis of international, or even national peace. Let us take this text with us for the coming year and when we feel tired repeat it and experience the rejuvenating power of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Yours very sincerely,

A. A. CHAPMAN, Vicar.

Missionary Week End.

Our Missionary Week, Saturday, Nov. 29th—Monday, Dec. 1st, began with an Overseas Afternoon in the Church Hall on Saturday, at 3 o'clock, when we were privileged to have with us Mrs. B. Beall, in place of Mrs. Crowley, who was undergoing an operation, as our Lady Opener. Both Rev. and Mrs. Beall are Missionary Recruits and are going to Alwaye in the Spring. Mrs. Beall will be taking a special interest in the work of the Dispensary at Alwaye which was built by our first Vicar, the Rev. H. W. Watson, and at which the Nurse whose salary we supply, works. The Vicar presided, and Mr.

Bengough expressed the thanks of all to Mrs. Beall, who has promised to write from Alwaye giving up-to-date news of the work there to all who would like to hear from her. A bouquet was presented to Mrs. Beall by Miss Rosemary Manning, a Member of the Discoverers of the Way. The Stallholders were:—Mothers' Union (Gifts); Mr. and Mrs. Clarke (White Elephant); Sunday Schools (Stationery); Mr. and Bengough, Miss Russell (Books); Women's Fellowship (Medical); the Discoverers of the Way (Village Stores); and Mrs. Manning (Teas and Refreshments). Mr. Bennett was in charge of the sale of Programmes and the Scouts helped with the erection of the Stalls.

An interesting exhibit, "A Look at India," was supplied by the Church Missionary Society. A Puppet Show was given by the Discoverers and two of the members, Rosemary Manning and Margaret Messer gave a recitation.

Our special preacher for the Sunday was the Rev. V. T. Kurien from Alwaye. Mr. Kurien spoke of the Church in S. India, and also of the Christian work at Alwaye, telling us something of the Union Christian College there, of the Alwaye Settlement from which Mr. Mathunni who visited us in July, 1946, came, and of the Dispensary which we have helped to support since 1939. Unfortunately the programme planned for Monday—a film on India to be given by Rev. Walter F. Jones—could not be given. Owing to the dense fog it was impossible either for Mr. Jones or the projector and films to reach us.

We were particularly pleased to welcome Rev. and Mrs. Roberts and the Rev. and Mrs. Middleton from Christ Church, Bexleyheath and also members from the neighbouring parishes of All Saints', Belvedere, Christ Church, Erith, and St. Martin's, Barnehurst.

The final figures are not yet complete but we know that with donations already received the amount required for the salary of a Nurse, £40, will be reached.

We are very grateful to Mr. A. J. Mott, who so kindly gave us the bouquet, to all the Stallholders and organisations who supported us and to all who helped in any way. D.E.B.

Erith Council of Churches Missionary Exhibition.

Members from St. Paul's who took part in the Missionary Exhibition in May in Christ Church Halls, Erith, will be

pleased to hear that there was a balance of £69/0/4½. This has been allocated as follows:—Church Missionary Society £11/3/0; Society for the Propagation of the Gospel £11/3/0; Church Mission to the Jews £5/11/6; Baptist Missionary Society £22/6/0; London Missionary Society £11/3/0; Methodist Missionary Society £5/11/6; and the Missionary Aviation Fellowship £2/2/0.

D.E.B.

Women's Organisations.

Mothers' Union. Last Thursday in the Month, 3 p.m.

We had a very encouraging meeting on November 28th when Mrs. Gill came to talk on the false relationships of the Woman of Samaria and how they could be put right. Her wide experience made her address a most helpful and delightful one.

Some twenty members and children will be visiting Mary Sumner House and Westminster Abbey on Thursday, Jan. 15th. Please meet at 1.20 p.m. at Barnehurst Station for 1.35 train. Tea will be obtainable at 1/- a head, and the tour of the Abbey costs 4d. each for M.U. members.

Those going to London by an earlier train should meet the party under the clock at Charing Cross at 2.10.

Our Lady Day Service will be on Tuesday, April 6th, instead of Maundy Thursday, March 25th, as on your cards.

Jumble Sale February 6th at 6.30.

Clinic for Welfare foods is proving useful. Please remember the dates:—2nd and last Thursday in each month between 2 and 3 p.m.

Corporate Communion will take place on Sunday, January 18th, at 6.30 p.m. On January 29th we shall hold our business meeting with short elections.

A happy New Year to all our members and their families.

H.C.C.

Women's Fellowship.

Wednesdays, 2.45 p.m.

By the time these notes reach you we shall have had our New Year's Party, but may God's blessing rest on each of our members in 1948.

Our Bible Study of Ruth during November was rounded off by Miss Stroud of Ridglands with an excellent talk, bringing out the comparison of the story of the book with the steps of conversion.

The study for December was Acts 1—7, the story of the founding of the early Church. Miss Goldsteen, also from Ridgeland, told us of the four types of witnesses to be found in these chapters; powerful, partial, persecuted and practical.

We have revived the habit of chorus singing and are most grateful to Mrs. Hedger for her kind offer to pay for new books when obtainable.

The text findings have proved a useful stimulus to us all. A fresh series will begin in January.

We were privileged to have Miss Taylor of the South African General Mission with us on December 10th when she told us of her experiences of fear and superstition among the people with whom she worked as a teacher. The collection was given towards the work of the Mission.

£4/8/9 was raised by our Medical Stall at the Missionary Week End. To everyone who helped we would express our thanks.

Several of our members have been giving a word after our Bible reading every week. This is a really courageous effort and is most helpful

Speakers for January:—

Jan. 7 Mr. Davis, Evangelical Alliance of Prayer.

14 Business Meeting and Elections.

21 Bible Study by Ridgeland Student.—Acts 8—9.

28 Quizz.

E.P. & H.C.C.

Youth Organisations

Sunday School.

Sundays, 3 p.m.

The Vicar has asked me to write a New Year message to the Sunday School, but I would like it to be one both to and from the School. First to the children, I would wish a very, very happy New Year, plenty of fun, great games, and joyful days. Above all I pray that in this year 1948, you may find the greatest joy in the world, that of knowing the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour.

To the teachers I would say, thank you for your loyalty and fellowship during the past year and may we go forward into the New Year conscious that we are "workers together with Him." It is His work and not ours. So may we hopefully face 1948, resolved to do and say, and be our best "for His sake."

Then for the Sunday School, I say to the Vicar, Mr. Chant, all St. Paul's organisations, and to the parents of our children, the old wish coupled with the sincere prayer that all our work together shall be to His glory alone and that we may all be given grace to do our part faithfully in the coming year. C.J.P.

Youth Club

Mondays, 8 p.m.

On one particular evening members presented their favourite pieces of prose or poetry to the Club, giving personal reasons for liking same, and we had quite an interesting meeting.

During recent meetings we have been singing Carols. I.M.

C.M.S. Discoverers of the Way

Friday, 7.30 p.m.

Our "Discoverers" group is growing, and the members are very enthusiastic.

During the Missionary Week End they acted a Puppet Play on the story of Apolo, and Margaret Messer and Rosemary Manning presented a poem called "The Garland and the Posy." Margaret was an Indian child and Rosemary an English child.

After Christmas we are going to commence our study of Mission work in the South Sea Islands. I.M.

1st Erith (St. Paul's) Guides

Wednesdays, 6.30 p.m.

The Parents' Evening on 10th December proved a success and we hope to add to the programme and produce a show for Company funds in the New Year.

Congratulations to Averil Thurston and Mavis Campfield on obtaining their 2nd Class Badges.

A happy New Year to all.

CAP.

2nd Erith Scout Group

A Christmas Bazaar was held on December 13th, and we combined with the 8th Scouts. This was a great success, and the sum of £63 was raised for Group funds. In the evening a Social was held, and by the laughter and smiling faces it was enjoyed by young and old alike. We are grateful to all who worked for the success of this event.

We would like to take this opportunity wishing all a Happy and Prosperous New Year, with the hope that things will be brighter and good-will come to the world.

2nd Erith Pack Wolf Cubs.

Probably by the time these notes are read we shall be fast approaching the beginning of a New Year. In looking back for a moment to past events we will remember our achievements in the Inter-district sports, and, of course, our "third" in the Shield competition. Shall we say we did "well," and then set out upon the New Year firmly resolved to do even better. Surely this will be our grand chance to bring home to St. Paul's the Shield which is at present held by our brothers of the 8th Erith Pack.

Remember those good turns this Christmas—set about these with a will and a desire to let people know that we are proud of our Cub ideals. I close by wishing you and your parents, and all our many young friends, a Bright and Merry Christmas and every success in the New Year.—Akela.

Church News

Parish Outing—This has now been fixed for the 24th January to the Harringay Circus. The coaches will leave Mill Road at 3.30 p.m. sharp.

Summer Outing to Folkestone will be on Saturday, 5th June. The fare will be 15/6, with possibly a reduction for children. Booking fee is 2/6 and Mr. Ussher will be in the Parish Room on Friday evenings to receive bookings up to the end of April.

Congratulations to an old member of the congregation, Paul Brown, on his marriage to Jean Manktelow. He will not like his name mentioned but *he* must know that we all wish him and his wife God's richest blessing.

World Alliance Week of Prayer—As in the past, St. Paul's will co-operate in this Week of Prayer. All evening meetings will be at 8 p.m. and the Wednesday afternoon meeting at 3 p.m. Pamphlets giving details of the meetings are available at the back of the Church.

Bible Reading—Have YOU joined the Bible Reading Fellowship or the Scripture Union yet? This is not only for young people but there is also readings for adults. Get **Your Union Card Now**. The Vicar will help you.

The Committee wish to thank all who worked so hard to make a success of the Talent Competition. Results will be published in next month's magazine.

Sidesmen's Rota.

See in Church Porch.

The Flower Guild.

As flowers are costly at this time of the year it is suggested that subscriptions be given to Miss Russell instead, so that she can purchase flowers as necessary.

The Parish Register.

In Welcome.

Baptisms.

- Nov. 30 Kevin Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett,
Robert Stephen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Blackman.
Christine Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Essex.
Marion Lorna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Farbus.
Avril Elsie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson.
Linda Lentionia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moore.
Bernard Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sparkes.
Jennifer Dora, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Waterworth.
- Dec. 7 Rosemary Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith.
Jean Teresa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Masters.
- 14 Valerie Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.
Paul Albert, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bennett.
Reginald George, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leeds.
Michael Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. King.

In Congratulation.

Marriages.

- Dec. 20 Edward James Hurrell to Gertrude Mary Stanley.
Albert Edward Forman to Doris Margaret Hunt.
Paul Denzil Brown to Jean Manktelow.

In Sympathy.

Burials

- Nov. 28 William Stephen Wright, aged 25.
Dec. 4 Edward William Harding, aged 46.
6 Bertie Thomas Rainsbury, aged 63.

Collections.

Nov. 23	£7	:	0	:	10	Dec. 7	£4	:	9	:	4	
	30	£6	:	19	:	3	14	£7	:	9	:	2

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