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## SUNDAY ORGANISATIONS

	Kindergarten School	Church	Miss V. Knowles.
	Sunday School	Church	Miss I. Wright
3.0	Women's Bible Class Men's Bible Class	Vestry Vestry	Mrs. S. McKay Miss W. Hillier Mr. W. J. Dyer

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## WEEK-DAY ORGANISATIONS

Mondays	7.0	Boys' Everest Club. Peel Street. Mr. B. DAVIDGE.
Tuesdays	2.30	Women's Fellowship Vestry (except 1st, in month.)
Wednesdays	7.30	Adult Social Club. Peel Street.
Thursdays	2.45	Mothers' Union. Church 2nd. Thurs., Vicarage 3rd. & 4th.
Fridays	7-45 6.30	BIBLE SCHOOL & PRAYER MEETING Vestry. Boys' Choir Practice.
Saturdays	7.0 7.30	FULL CHOIR PRACTICE IN CHURCH Youth Club. Peel Street. Fortnightly.

### DIARY FOR JANUARY 1966.

2. SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.
11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.
6.30 p.m. Service of Epiphany Lessons and Carols.
Preacher: Canon C.S. Milford.
6. EPIPHANY. Thursday.
7.45 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer in Vestry.
9. FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.
8. 0 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer.
6.30 p.m. Youth Service. Preacher:
Mr. Kenneth Kitley (Rwanda).
13. Thursday.
2.45 p.m. Holy Communion.
7.45 p.m. Illustrated Talk on Kenya by
Mrs. Lawrence Totty.
16. SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.
11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Holy Communion. Preacher at Evening Prayer: A Student from
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2. Wednesday. Hannah More Day. School Holiday. (Cont'd.

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#### FEBRUARY.

- 3. Thursday. 7.45 p.m. Missionary Intercessions.
- 4. Friday. P.C.C. in Vestry.

6. SEPTUAGESIMA.

11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. Preacher: Rev. L.H. Totty, Rector of Kingswood, near Wotton-under-Edge.

### LOOKING AHEAD.

At the Post-Sale Meeting held in the Vicarage on December 10th, it was decided to hold our Spring Jumble Sale for W.E.C. on Friday, 18th March at 7 pm, and our Summer Sale on Friday, May 20th at 7 p.m. One third of the Summer and Autumn Sale monies are to go, as usual, to Church Funds, and one third to the Ladies' Home Mission Union. The other third is to be divided equally between C.M.S. (earmarked for Deaconess Old's work in Pakistan) and the Leprosy Mission (the new name of the old Mission to Lepers.)

#### ADULT BIBLE CLASS.

(Sundays at 3 in the Vestry).

Jan. 2nd - Miss Hillier. 9th - Mr. Evans. 16th - Mr. Wookey. 23rd - Miss Hillier. 30th - Mr. A.A. Redwood.

## FLOWERS FOR COMMUNION TABLE.

Jan. 2nd - -9th - Mrs. Carroll. 16th - Mrs. Lewis. 23rd - Mrs. Harris. 30th - Mrs. Ponting.

### VICAR'S LETTER.

Holy Trinity Vicarage, St. Philip's, 15. 12. 65.

My dear Friends,

There seems to be every indication that 1966 will be a critical year in the history of the parish and Parish Church of Holy Trinity. As for the parish, 1965 has seen the biggest changes yet, removing the greater part of Newtown, and the triangle formed by Pennywell Road, Goodhind Street and King Street; and, on the positive side, the completion and opening of Kingsmarsh and Baynton Houses, accommodating 160 households between them, about half of whom had lived in the Parish before. There is much more construction to be done, and some more destruction; but we have reached about our lowest ebb for population.

I get many enquiries about the future of the Parish Church. But there is no further news yet than what everyone knows. At the moment, the Pastoral Committee are making enquiries into a possible site for a hall to replace Peel Street, a search we ourselves pursued for four years, and thought we had almost brought to a successful conclusion.

Before us, as I write, lies the Christmas season, with its glorious message and the happy sequence of carol services, exchanging of presents, children's parties and so on. One Carol Service is already over: that of the Thrissell and Brecknell Fellowship, and it has been a real joy to have 50 or so of the employees of these two factories making such good use of our Church building. But when you read this, Christmas will be "over and done with for another year". Or will it ?

The jollifications will be nearly over; but the message and the joy remain. To some, Christmas appears as a welcome piece of make-believe in the midst of a hard, real world. To a Christian, it is

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#### TUESDAY NIGHTERS.

4. a moment of truth in a hard, artificial world. The rat-race, the endless commuting, the bingo queues, President Johnson and his napalm bombs, the cynical sneering of Ian Smith, the daily crimes that curdle the blood, the cruel exploitations of unscrupulous landlords, the sufferings of lonely old people neglected by their families: these are all hard, and they are real in the sense that artificial flowers are real: they exist, but there is a deeper truth that they conceal.

That deeper truth, at once so awe-inspiring and so incredibly simple that we are constantly failing to realise it, is that God is Love. And love is the most procious, the most costly, and one of the rarest commodities this world knows. It cost God His Only Son.

Our motto text this year speaks of this. "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful". It is so tempting to seek revenge, to wish evil to those who harm or displease us. It is so easy to forget the Truth that Christmas reveals: Obd is so great that He is ready with mercy to the undeserving. In receiving the peace and joy which Christ brings us, and experiencing the release of believing in the forgiveness of sins, we must keep sight of the Lord's solemn warning, that the mercy we receive we must also be ready to show to others. It is not easy; even for Jesus it wasn't easy; for it took Him from Heaven to Bethlehem, and from Bethlehem to Calvary.

May He give us grace to live in that REAL world where mercy is constantly given and constantly received, throughout the trying days of 1966; and in that world may you have great happiness the whole year long.

## Yours sincerely,

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RICHARD READ.

Although several of our regular Tuesday night faces were missing, owing to overtime and illnesses, amongst other reasons, on 7th December, we had quite a roomful to hear Miss I.<sup>M</sup>. Good who gave us up-todate news about the British and Foreign Bible Society. As a result of the evening, we had £9.3.3. for B.F.B.S., and a determination to do all we can to increase our giving.

Our next Tuesday evening at the Vicarage will be our Annual Ladies' Home Mission Union evening on 8th February, so make a note of it in your diaries - <u>8th February, not the first Tuesday</u>. The Rev. Roger Taylor will be here to show "Second City", a new Film Strip all about Bristol, including shots of certain people you know !

M.I.R.

# PARTY.

Mothers' Union and Women's Fellowship Social is on Wednesday, 19th January at 7 pm. in Peel St.

A pre-party Meeting to arrange details is being held in the Vestry at 7.15 on Thursday, 13th January, just before Mrs. Totty's film on Kenya, after which there will be a cup of tea at the Vicarage.

MOTHERS' UNION.

Jan. 13th - Holy Communion, 2.45 p.m.

20th - Bible Study and Prayer in Vicarage at 2.45 p.m. Miss Rosemary Radford, (Dalton House).

27th - Meeting at Vicarage, 2.45 p.m. with Devotional Talk by Mrs. Barff.

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Jan. 11th - Miss Stone ham.

- 18th Members' Afternoon.
- 25th Dalton House Student.
  - (All at 2.30 p.m. in Vestry).