

Stanmore Church and Village Magazine

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Our Leaders tell us, and the position of the Allied armies hemming in Germany on all sides obviously endorses their judgment, that victory is assured, but no man can tell if the blessed day when the "cease fire" sounds will come in weeks or months' time. General Eisenhower tells us that depends on how long the Gestapo can continue to persuade and coerce the German people and their depleted armies to sacrifice themselves in vain. Our Archbishops rightly say that we must all be ready in every parish to lift up our hearts in deep thankfulness to God when the day so long looked forward to does come. Whether it be soon or late the bells will ring out the joyful news, the new flag, given by Mr. and Mrs. Burnett—who unhappily have lost both their sons, the eldest over Malta, the youngest over Germany—will be run up, and a short service of thanksgiving will be held in the church at 7.30 p.m., to give all who desire the opportunity of being present.

After age, youth: that is a very good and proper sequence, especially in these days when our country, and the world, looks to Youth to work and plan for the "brave new world" of our desires. I am very glad that Captain R. Bernays, M.P., the patron of this Benefice, has appointed the Rev. Dr. E. F. Carpenter, and the Bishop of London warmly agrees to the appointment, to succeed me here.

In Dr. Carpenter you will have a young man of outstanding intellectual ability—he is a Doctor of Philosophy, London University, and a Bachelor of Divinity—and is very well commended for his practical work in the two parishes he has served in, Holy Trinity, Marylebone, and S. Mary's, Harrow. With his young wife they will be an especial help in all the work amongst youth.