

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER, 1948

St. Peter's, Hambledon Surrey



SERVICES:

Holy Communion—1st Sunday in the Month at 12.15 p.m.
3rd Sunday in the Month at 7.15 p.m.
On Special Saints' Days as announced.

Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11 a.m.

Evening Prayer and Sermon at 6.30 p.m.
(during the Summer Months).

Week-day Services as announced.

HAMBLEDON'S NEW RECTOR.

SERVICE OF INDUCTION.

Hambledon will wish to offer a hearty welcome to the new Rector of the parish, the Reverend Alan Edwin Borthwick, and to Mrs. Borthwick his wife. They will shortly take up their residence at the Rectory, and we all hope that the autumn of 1948 will be the beginning for them of a long and happy life among us, and that they will come to share with us the love of our village with its little church on the hill, its noble yew trees and its wide view of the Weald, the downs and the South Country beyond.

Mr. Borthwick comes to us from Wick near Bristol in Gloucestershire, where he has been Vicar since 1946. He is a graduate of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and between 1940 and 1946 he served as a Chaplain in the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve at home, in Malta and North Africa.

THE SERVICE OF INSTITUTION AND INDUCTION.

This service will take place in the parish church on Friday, October 22nd, at 3 p.m. It is thought that a short description of the Service may be of interest, particularly to those who may not be able to be present.

The Service may begin with a hymn. The Bishop then takes his seat at the entrance to the Chancel, and the Patron, or some other Officer of the Church, presents the Clerk (the future Rector) to the Bishop. The Bishop then asks the congregation whether anyone knows of any reason why the appointment should not be made, and if no one in the congregation gives any reason, he asks all present

to join him in prayer for God's blessing. Then, with all present kneeling, is sung the hymn beginning,

Come, Holy Ghost! our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.

(The words of this hymn, it is interesting to know, were translated from the Latin original by John Cosin, who was Bishop of Durham from 1660 to 1672, so that they have been sung in English churches for some 300 years).

Then follows the Lord's Prayer and then, after other prayers, the Bishop orders that the Oaths of Allegiance and Canonical Obedience be taken. The incoming Rector then swears true allegiance to His Majesty the King and obedience to the Lord Bishop of Guildford. The Bishop reads the Deed of Institution, and gives the Mandate of Induction to the Archdeacon who proceeds, with the Verger holding the keys of the Church, and with representatives of the Laity, the Churchwardens and the Rural Dean, to the Church door. When the representatives of the Laity have passed outside, the Church door is shut. The Archdeacon then lays the hand of the new Rector on the key or handle of the door, and pronounces the formal words of Induction. The Rector then locks the Church door and tolls the bell, which tells the Parish he has taken possession. He lets the Laity in again, and the Churchwardens conduct the Bishop to the Font and other parts of the Church, where various prayers are said. The Bishop proceeds to place the new Rector in his Stall, prayers follow, and the service ends with the Bishop blessing the people.

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection
we commit you.

The Lord bless and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace, now and for evermore.

Amen.

CRICKET ON THE GREEN.

The following account of the annual match between Feathercombe and the Hambledon Cricket Club, which took place at Hambledon on Saturday, September 4, appeared in the *Guardian* on September 17, under the heading

Country Life - On the Village Green

TO FINISH THE SEASON . . . I know no four words with such mingling of happiness and sadness. Happiness in thoughts of the past, in looking round at the present, sadness in realizing that the summer is over, that no more shall we see the wickets pitched on the green, the white-flannelled players moving out from the pavilion, that not again this season shall we hear that sound which is of the heart of England, the crack of bat on ball.

But the happiness remains. I look round once more at what is to me the best of all village cricket greens—best in its setting, in its picture of life in the south country, in the birthplace and home of the best of English games. I look across the mown grass level to spreading beech and oak, to a cottage framed in its garden of willow tree, roses, honeysuckle, to chickens feeding on its edge—I remember that once there were cackling geese—to huge poplars beyond, and beyond them the blue distance of Surrey hills. I watch the swallows sweeping low over the sunlit turf, I hear martins twittering above them; there is the little village post-office opposite, and to the

side of it gorse and blackberry bushes, and here by me are the villagers I know, and the voices of friends, and the sudden clapping of hands. . . For the last match of the season is being played, and there are the players as I remember them year after year: but there is a new figure, too, who has added to the joy of the afternoon with two—no, actually three!—glorious hits of six out of the ground, soaring high over long-on and square-leg, over hedge, orchard, chimneys into the garden beyond—and a lost ball, in these days when cricket balls can't be bought.

So it comes to its end, the best of games, the best of days, in the low mellow sunlight on the mown turf with its silent, gliding swallows, the drawn stumps carried back by white-coated umpires to the pavilion—the end, till next year, of summer days and cricket on the green.

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BAPTISM.

Sept. 12—John Stephen Vant.

WEDDINGS.

July 24—Leonard Howard Clark to
Mary Marie Lyngouris.

Thomas Fowler Nimmo to
Mary Patricia Howard.

BURIALS.

July 25—Arthur Ashdown, aged 80 years.

Aug. 28—William Freemantle,
aged 39 years.

Sept. 3—William Henry Chesson,
aged 56 years.