PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

APRIL 1966

CORRECTIONS (Inside Cover) Please note the following alterations:

Miss J. Hill, Harbour Cottage, Witley. Organist :-

"For Parents and Children" services - Delete

Bible Study (fortnightly) 8.0 p.m.

DIARY

April 3rd. PALM SUNDAY

Holy Communion 8.0 a.m., and after Morning Prayer.

Children's Church

10.00 a.m.

Morning Prayer

11.00 a.m.

Preacher: Rev. B. M. Alexander, M. A.

PASSION SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS 6.30 p.m.

Retiring Collections for Easter Flowers.

The Church Coach leaves Hydestile Cross-roads at 6.0 p.m., and Lane End 6.10 p.m., picking-up en-route, for the Evening Service.

April 4th. Mon.

School End of Term Service 9,20 a.m.

Bible Study at "Dennys"

8.00 p.m.

April 7th. MAUNDY THURSDAY

> Holy Communion 8.00 p.m.

"In the same night that He was betrayed He took Bread...... Do this in remembrance

of Me"

Offertory: The Church's Ministry among the Jews.

April 8th. GOOD FRIDAY

Service with Address

11.00 a.m.

Offerings: C.M.J.

April 9th. Saturday.

Decoration of Church for Easter,



April 10th. Sun. EASTER DAY
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m., and after
Morning and Evening Prayer
Children's Church 10.00 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.

April 17th. Sun. Holy Communion 8.00 a, m, (no Evening Communion) Children's Church 10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m. Evening Prayer 6,30 p.m. April 18th. Mon. Bible Study 8.00 p.m. April 21st. Thur. United Prayer Meeting for "Greater London Crusade" at "Rustington", Green Lane, Godalming (Mr. and Mrs. Barnes') at 8.00 p.m. April 22nd. Frid. Christian Life and Witness Class at Christ Church, Woking 8 p.m. (see note) April 24th. Sun. EASTER II Holy Communion 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m. Preacher: Rev. D. A. Parsons, M. A., Chaplain at King Edward's School,

Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.

April 25th. Mon. Sewing Meeting (Rectory) 3.00 p.m.

April 28th. Thur. Women's Fellowship at Beech Hill at 3.0 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. McKinnon Wood.

May 1st.

April 29th. Fri. Christian Life and Witness Class at Christ

Sun. Church, Woking 8.0 p.m. (see note)
EASTER III. ST.PHILIP AND ST.JAMES
Holy Communion 8.00 a.m. and

And after Morning Prayer

Children's Church 10.00 a.m.

Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m. Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m. (Church Coach for Evening Service)



May 2nd. Mon. Bible Study 8.0 p.m.

May 5th. Thur. Confirmation Class (Rectory) 7.45 p.m.

May 6th. Fri. Christian Life and Witness Class at Christ Church, Woking 8.0 p.m. (see note)

"IS IT NOTHING TO YOU...?"

Once again we celebrate Easter. In most towns the proverbial "Easter Bonnet" of the past is far surpassed by those Annual Spring Fashion Parades which attract the shoppers to-day. The donning of the bright gay colours of Spring dresses and coats, with shoes and hats to match, is a joy to which all, male and female, look forward at this season. With the Spring the world of Nature is wakening to new life. There is much more to Easter, for the Christian, however, than new clothes, flowers, yellow chicks and Easter eggs! The symbol of Easter is an empty Cross and an empty tomb!

Christians, the world over, will begin Holy Week by recalling the events of that first Palm Sunday almost two thousand years ago when Jesus of Nazareth and His friends made their way into Jerusalem. The roadway was thronged with a cheering multitude which strewed palms before Jesus, and cried out "Hosannah! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord". But five days later we will be remembering how that same Jesus made His way through the crowded streets again, only this time without His friends, and through a jeering throng. He was carrying a heavy cross, making a painful journey towards the hill called Calvary. "There they crucified Him". The crowds gathered on that hill as He hung there in agony. Some just looked on and wondered; some pitied; some mocked and derided; but many could not have cared less.

So it has continued down the ages. Good Fridays have come and gone. The Christian Church has reminded men of the Son of God Who died to Save. Some have stopped for a moment and looked and wondered; some have pitied; others have even mocked and derided; but so many have just passed by - they "couldn't care less".

Like Christmas, thousands will "celebrate" Easter with all the usual trimmings, but few will really give much thought to the reason

for rejoicing. The Christian also puts on new clothes, brightens his home and his church with spring flowers and greets his friends with "Happy Easter", but he also remembers the Lord's Body taken down from the Cross and laid in the tomb. He recalls that death could not hold Him, for "On the third day He rose again" - Victorious over death and sin!

Will you tarry awhile this Holy Week and Easter? The death and resurrection of Christ concerns each one of us personally. By the power of the Risen Christ we may rise from a life of weakness, frustration, defeat and sin to a life of strength, victory and right—eousness and finally to the life beyond the grave.

Such is the message of Easter, and with that in mind we wish all our readers a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

CHURCH FLOWERS

EASTER A collecting plate is placed near the Church door at all services on Palm Sunday for gifts towards the Easter flowers. We should also be grateful if any gifts of flowers could be sent to the church, as early as possible on Saturday, April 9th., when the decorating will be completed.

Assistance with the Easter decorations will be very welcome - Saturday morning, April 9th.

The following have kindly promised to be responsible for the Church Flowers:-

April 17th. Mrs. E. Symonds: Apr. 24th. Mrs. G. H. Cave: May 1st. Mrs. J. Dowson.

FREE-WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES Total for February £33.6.10.

ANNUAL CHURCH GARDEN PARTY. The Garden Party at the Rectory this year will be held on SATURDAY, MAY 28th at 3.0 p.m. (the Saturday before Whit Sunday). - Please make a note of this date -

<u>CONFIRMATION</u>. Bishop Dale has very kindly agreed to change the date of the Confirmation Service at Hambledon from Monday, May 16th., to <u>WHIT SUNDAY</u> (May 29th.) at 11.0 a.m.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting. As the matter for this issue of the magazine goes to press before the end of March a report of the Annual Church Meeting will be given in the May Magazine.



MRS. A. GOAD, who was in the Royal Surrey Hospital following an accident to her ankle is now home again and we are glad to know that she is making good progress, although it may be some time before she is able to get about again. We sympathise with her and look forward to her full recovery.

THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP The Village Hall was quite full on March 10th, for the showing of the film "Africa on the Bridge", and we were pleased to welcome some of the members of St. Mark's Church, Ockford Ridge with the Rev. R. K. Hyatt, and also some of the Chiddingfold "King's Own" with their leader, Mr. Phillips. After refreshments had been served we were also shown a short film introducing the forthcoming visit of Dr. Billy Graham for the "Greater London Crusade" in June. We thank Mr. C. A. Chapman who obtained the films for us, Mr. R. G. Williams who kindly transported the projector, and Mr. W. Wynne the projectionist.

The Church Fellowship has now closed until next winter's session, but, through the kindness of Mr. Adgie an outing has been arranged in May, and full details of this have been given in recent magazines.

"THE GREATER LONDON CRUSADE". In preparation for Dr. Billy Graham's visit to London in June (Earls Court Arena) meetings are being held for Church members at a number of centres in the Greater London Area. The nearest centre to Hambledon is Woking, and the meetings ("Christian Life and Witness Classes) will be held at Christ Church, which is in the centre of Woking, at 8.0 p.m., on Fridays April 22nd., 29th., May 6th., 13th., 20th. There are leaflets in Church giving fuller details of this course of lectures.

Area United Prayer Meetings have been organised. By the time this magazine is published the first of these will have been held at Tigbourne Court. Details of other meetings are as follows:-April 21st. (Thursday) at 8.0 p.m., at "Rustington" Green Lane, Godalming. (Mr. & Mrs. Barnes')

May 19th. (Thursday) at 8.0 p.m. at "Blue Posts" Grosvenor Road, Godalming (Mr. & Mrs. Symonds')

A PASSION SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS - PALM SUNDAY (April 3rd) at 6.30 p.m.

The Story of our Lord's Passion will be read by members of the congregation, and an augmented choir will lead us in the

singing of the hymns and provide other music. As it will be the first Sunday in the month transport to the Church will be provided by a coach leaving Hydestile Cross-roads at 6.0 p.m., and Lane End at 6.10 p.m. (Hambledon Homes) picking-up en route. There is no charge for this, but there will be a collecting plate at the Church door for any contributions towards the cost.

HAMBLEDON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Congratulations to Jill Hopkins and Carol Puttock who have won Grammar School places.

End of Term Service will be held in the Parish Church on Monday, April 4th at 9.20 a.m. Parents and friends are warmly invited.

1st Hambledon Brownie Pack. The Pack now meet at the Village Hall on Wednesday evenings at 5.30 p.m. Present strength is 15 Brownies.

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL. The building of the Cathedral is now finished though not quite paid for, though all the money was raised before the war to cover the cost at pre-war prices. It is time to bring the current money situation to your notice. Those who go to the great services, lectures, etc. will agree to the value of the Cathedral to the Diocese. If £60,000 can be raised this year and again next year all overdrafts and loans will be paid off. It is four years since we in Hambledon have produced any money except for some covenanted subscriptions and donations from the P.C.C. Any new Covenants, Subscriptions or donations will be acknowledged by me or may be sent direct to the Secretary, New Cathedral Council, Quarry Street, Guildford.

H.D.Haviland. Cathedral Master Builder. Hambledon.

HOME AND OVERSEAS MISSIONS AND CHARITIES.

The following are further extracts from letters from societies supported by St. Peter's Church, Hambledon. We hope to include extracts from other letters in future issues of the magazine:



OVERSEAS MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP (China Inland Mission) (Children's Church gives special support to this Mission)

"Do please thank the members of St. Peter's Church most warmly for sending this welcome gift along to us here. It is grand to have it, and we value their help very much.

Many of you have been praying for the Mangyan Bible School which has just been held in the mountains of Mindoro. Eventually about eighteen came along from the various tribes, this exceeding all hopes. Each person had to bring enough rice to last him through the ten weeks, and as you can imagine these tribal people are not rich. All are now scattered to their homes, and a choice post script can be added to the Bible School. Ading, of the Hunanoo tribe, was one of those able to go along to the school, and on his return home took part in a Short Term Bible School for the Hunanoo Christians, and gave classes on Elijah. His talks revealed thorough preparation, and he did really excellently, truly a case of "committing to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also".

The Leprosy Wing of the Manorom Hospital has just been visited by Miss Brenda Holton, who hopes to initiate the same type of work at our Saiburi Hospital in due time. Some of the patients are those who have been difficult to treat - most of these being referred by nurses who run more than twenty clinics in the surrounding provinces. Others were there for surgery, and some demonstrated how much movement they now have in hands which are still crippled, but were once almost useless. Some closed their eyes, shewing the benefits of treatment on eyes that once could not close because of paralysis due to leprosy. The patients were busy helping one another to read or do handwork, and a true spirit of happiness prevailed. Can you wonder that so many of these folk have turned to Christ. "

SOUTH AMERICAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY. "Please accept our very warm thanks for your most welcome gift, which will help to meet a great financial need at this present time. We have some heavy expenses to meet, for rebuilding after the recent earthquake and floods in Chile, etc., besides providing housing accommodation for the new members of staff we have been able to send to all three of our fields."

"Thank you very much indeed for OXFAM (From the Secretary) your generous donation to our funds. We are particularly grateful for your concern at the beginning of what is going to be a hard year for many countries overseas. Please thank all those who contributed towards this welcome gift. There is a serious threat of famine in India this spring before the monsoon rains come. In an effort to help one area of Mysore state, Oxfam is sending £100,000 worth of fertiliser to grow a crop of hybrid maize on 10,000 acres of irrigated land. This high-yielding seed should provide food for 600,000 people at a famine ration of 8 ozs. per head per day for six months. The University of Agricultural Sciences at Bangalore who are supervising the project will sell the fertiliser to farmers and the rupees obtained in this way will be used to finance other Oxfam projects in India. Little if any rain has fallen to relieve the serious drought conditions in many parts of Africa, Oxfam has already spent some £90,000 on emergency measures in 1965, for both immediate needs and for longer-term measures - to provide seed, and to drill for water. We are cheered by the Government recognition and proposed action to bring massive assistance. There will, however, be continuing need for our help too. Bechuanaland, for example, has 1/5th of its population on famine relief, with the numbers of destitute growing daily as more and more cattle die from lack of food. Your donation enables us to help meet these desperate needs, and some of the many requests that come in from other parts of the world".

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY (from the Home Secretary) "On behalf of our Society, and those concerned overseas, I wish to thank you most warmly for the gift you sent recently. Our official receipt is enclosed. Will you kindly pass on to all who shared in this gift our very sincere thanks, and accept this letter as addressed to them, too?. In "The Times" recently there was a report headed: "Less food for the hungry", and it said that "the food shortage in developing countries, far from being eased, is becoming more acute". My distress at reading this (a distress I am sure you share) was increased by my knowledge of the dire spiritual need of millions in Africa, Asia and elsewhere. The movement of vast numbers of people from traditional ways of life and security to the "great unknown" of modern urban and industrial conditions, is creating an acute need for a real faith to live by. In such circumstances, all of us who acknowledge Christ as Saviour and Lord, and are put in trust with the Gospel, face a great new task of caring and sharing, in ways relevant to today. (continued)