

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

APRIL. 1967

Diary

April

- 2nd: Sun. EASTER I.  
Holy Communion 8.00 a.m., and  
12.00 noon.  
Children's Church 10.00 a.m.  
Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m.  
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.  
Church coach runs for the evening  
service (Hydestile Cross-roads  
6.00 p.m. and Lane Ends 6.10 p.m.  
approximately).
- 3rd: Mon. Holy Communion at Hambledon Homes,  
2.30 p.m.
- 9th: Sun. EASTER II.  
Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.  
Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m.  
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
- 10th: Mon. Bible Study at 8.00 p.m.
- 13th: Thu. Ruri-Decanal Conference at  
Witley 8.00 p.m.
- 16th: Sun. EASTER III.  
Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.  
and after Evening Prayer.  
Children's Church 10.00 a.m.  
Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m.  
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
- 17th: Mon. Parochial Church Council 8.00 p.m.
- 23rd: Sun. EASTER IV.  
Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.  
Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m.  
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
- 24th: Mon. Embroidery Class - Tigbourne  
Court 3.00 p.m.  
Bible Study 8.00 p.m.

Diary cont'd.

27th:	Thu.	Women's Fellowship	3.00 p.m.
30th:	Sun.	EASTER V. (ROGATION SUNDAY)	
		Holy Communion	8.00 p.m.
		and after Evening Prayer.	
		Morning Prayer	11.00 a.m.
		Evening Prayer	6.30 p.m.
May			
4th:	Thu.	ASCENSION DAY	
		School Service	9.05 a.m.
		Holy Communion	<u>10.00 a.m.</u>
7th:	Sun.	SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY	
		Holy Communion	8.00 a.m.
			& 12.00 noon
		Children's Church	10.00 a.m.
		Morning Prayer	11.00 a.m.
		Evening Prayer	6.30 p.m.
		Church Coach runs for evening service (Hydestile Cross-roads 6.00 p.m. and Lane Ends 6.10 p.m. approximately).	

#### CHURCH FLOWERS

Grateful thanks to all who arranged flowers last month. The following have kindly promised to be responsible for the next few weeks:-

April 2nd: Mrs. Dowson; 9th: Mrs. Wieler;  
16th: Wedding; 23rd: Miss Denny; 30th: Mrs. Richards; May 7th: Mrs. Dowson.

#### FREE-WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for February, 1967 - £28.8.10d.

#### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Secretary of the Parochial Church Council has kindly sent a report of the meeting for inclusion in this issue of the magazine:-

VESTRY AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING, HELD  
AT THE RECTORY, 13.3.67. 8.00 p.m.

The Rector opened the meeting with prayers.  
VESTRY MEETING The Rector thanked Mr. Chapman for his year's service as Rector's Warden, and said he had asked him to continue in that capacity. Mr. Chapman had agreed. Mr. Hutchins proposed, and Mr. Ayling seconded, Mr. Cronhelm as People's Warden. This was carried.

A.G.M.

Electoral Roll - the Secretary said that at this year's revision, the Roll stood at 195.

Accounts - Mr. Chapman presented and explained the Accounts copies of which were available for members. He said that our total income - £3,000 approximately - enabled us to send about £1,350 to home and foreign missions and other charities. This he felt was good for a parish with a small population (825 including Hambledon Homes, which has about 150 residents). Miss Denny said that there had been a further increase in contributions to the Free-Will Offering Fund, and a most welcome rise in Income Tax recovered on covenants.

The Rector thanked the Treasurers for all they had done in connection with the accounts. The Rector proposed and Mr. Alexander seconded that the accounts be adopted. This was carried.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. Clarke, the Hon. Auditor, who is leaving the parish, and the Secretary was asked to write to him. It was proposed by Mr. Chapman, and seconded by Mr. Roderick, that Mrs. Cronhelm be asked to undertake the duties of Hon. Auditor. Mr. Cronhelm said that she would be prepared to do this.

Dealing with the Church fabric, Mr. Chapman said that no substantial expenditure had been incurred during the past year. Sundry small



items such as faulty gutters had been dealt with, but nothing of a major nature.

Mr. Hutchins suggested replacement of the red curtain by the choirstalls, and Mr. Chapman said this would be done, together with the renewal of hymnbooks and psalters as necessary. The Rector thanked the Churchwardens for their care of the fabric.

Parochial Representatives of the Laity:- The Diocesan and Ruri-decanal representatives were to be the same as last year, but Mrs. Carter had expressed her desire to resign from the R.D.C. Mr. Adgie proposed and Mr. Williams seconded that Mr. Roderick be elected, and this was carried.

Sidesmen:- The morning sidesmen were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Messrs. Gorringe and Marks, and the deletion of Mr. R. Chapman. For evenings; Messrs. Ayling, Harvey, Adgie and Symonds were re-elected.

Parochial Church Council:- The Secretary said that the P.C.C. had met on four occasions during the year, the main business being the repaving of the path (now completed), the provision of extra parking space by widening the road, (under construction), and the repair of certain pews, which, together with the provision of a new door in the small vestry and toilet facilities, were under active consideration.

#### Rector's Report

The Rector said the attendance at services had been encouraging. The numbers at Holy Communion kept up well, despite the lapsing of newly-confirmed members, this being a problem common to churches everywhere. The Children's Church attendances had kept up. Thanks were expressed to all who assisted in the work of the Church. The sidesmen had done valuable

service in welcoming members of the congregation, particularly as ours was not an easy church in which to select space on entering - it is very helpful to be shown to a vacant pew. The work of Sir John Wenham, our Hon. Lay Reader, had been particularly valuable, and we are all grateful to him. Thanks were also due to the lesson-readers - many visiting preachers had remarked upon the clarity of the reading. We were all very grateful to the members of the choir for their faithful service, particularly to Mr. Hutchins, who had given forty years to this. It was good to see some young blood in the choir, and this was most welcome. Miss Jenny Hill was doing wonderful work in training the choir, and her organ voluntaries were much appreciated. Thanks were also due to Mr. & Mrs. Goad for their care of the church.

The church flowers were always beautifully done, and thanks are due to those who provide and arrange them.

The church coach continued to provide a means of attendance for several members of the congregation who would otherwise find it impossible to come, and this was a very worthwhile provision. Parking continued to be a great problem, and were it not for the continued kindness of Mrs. Dowson in allowing the use of her courtyard, this would be insurmountable. The path, newly-paved, was a great improvement.

Referring to weekday activities, the Rector said that our Bible Study Group had a steady membership of 15 - 20, and is very welcome. Mr. Symonds had gone to a great deal of trouble in giving a series of studies on the life and character of Abraham and our thanks were due to him. The Church Fellowship, commenced some ten years ago, flourished, and a quite considerable



variation in the programme was contemplated for next year. The Church Outing, very capably arranged by Mr. & Mrs. Adgie, had been a great success, and we were all looking forward to the trip this year to Penshurst Place.

The Women's Fellowship was well attended, and much appreciated, - our thanks to Mrs. Grillo and others for opening their homes to us. The Sewing Meeting and embroidery class met regularly at Mrs. Chapman's home, and were continuing to equip the church with the beautiful kneelers made by the ladies - and even some of the men. Some 80 of these had been provided, several are still in course of manufacture, and some 40 more are still required. Grateful thanks to all who help in this.

The Garden Party was held on Whit Saturday, and was very successful. Due partly to the machinations of the Government in altering the date of Whitsun holiday, the party this year was to be held on the first Saturday in September - September 2nd.

Sterling work was being done by our Magazine distributors, and our thanks were due to them, and also to Miss Stone, who month by month brandishes her stapler and assembles all the bits in correct order - a task of no mean magnitude.

The School Managers met regularly, and thanks were rendered to them. Mrs. Hoey, appointed last year, left after two terms, her place being taken by a supply teacher.

The Churchyard, under the care of Mr. Goad, and Mr. Chesson, was kept beautiful, and we are very grateful to them.

Referring to the Overseas weekend, to be held in July, the Rector appealed for hospitality for visitors from West Africa, this being

the main interest of our Diocese. Last year, visitors were made welcome at a reception given by the Bishop at Farnham Castle, and it was hoped that this would be repeated.

Finally, the Rector said, he and Mrs. Elton wished to express their thanks to their parishioners for all the help and encouragement they had been given during the year.

Mr. Cronhelm rose, and on behalf of all the congregation, said he wished to extend our thanks and best wishes to the Rector and Mrs. Elton for all their devoted work in the parish.

There being no other business, the meeting ended with prayer at 9.15 p.m. Refreshments were then served.

#### YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ACKNOWLEDGED

Extracts from letters received from the various missionary societies and charities supported by St. Peter's Church, Hambledon.

(Continued from last month's magazine):-

The Mission of Hope, Croydon. (Rescue Maternity Hospital, Children's Homes and Adoption Society)

"Thank you so much for your generous gift of £25 from your Christmas Day Offering at Hambledon Church. I should be so very grateful if you would convey to the members of your Church our sincere thanks, and tell them what an encouragement their gift has been to us."

Dr. Barnardo's Homes

"I am writing to acknowledge and thank you for the splendid sum of £20, being a gift from Hambledon Church. May I ask you to thank all those concerned for this most valued addition to our funds. Our large family make many calls upon us and it is a difficult task to raise all the money we require to meet our needs. It is most encouraging to know that there are so many friends with the welfare of children so much at heart".



The Sewing Meeting also sent £33 towards the funds of Dr. Barnardo's in September 1966.  
Church Pastoral-Aid Society

"Many thanks for your letter enclosing a further contribution ... We are most grateful for this assurance of the support and interest in the work of Home Missions which comes from your church. Please convey our warm thanks to all concerned."

Mr. Fegan's Homes

Thank you for the very kind gift of £30 which we see comes from the members of St. Peter's Church, Hambledon.

We enclose our official receipt and would ask you to convey to these friends our sincere thanks for their generous support.

Our children are back at school now, and have the memory of a very happy Christmas to look back on. We do appreciate the great kindness which was shown to us during and around the Christmas season, and give God the glory for His good hand upon us."

Overseas Missionary Fellowship (C.I.M.)

Thank you very much for the very generous cheque from your Church Funds for the year ended December 31st, 1966. We are very grateful indeed to the members of your church who made this gift possible and I hope you will have some opportunity of passing on to them our warm appreciation.

As you will probably know, our Anglican group is in Malaya, where some work in towns where there are relatively old-established and larger churches, and some are in villages of varying size which have not had a Christian witness for very long. The people who do this village work need all our understanding and sympathy and prayer. Some of the villages are intensely political and opposition is quite obvious.