

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

APRIL 1979

THE RECTOR WRITES

May I send to you all, from my wife and myself, our warmest good wishes this Easter tide. The greatest joy of it is not so much the daffodils and the sunshine (though we hope to see a bit more of this soon!), but the astonishing fact that GOD cares about each one of us, enough to give His Son to suffer untold wretchedness on the cross so that our sins could be for ever put away; and as if that were not enough turning all evil gloriously upside down in the great triumph of Easter Day.

A boy once sat down with pencil and paper and wrote down all the sins of which he was aware in his own life. Then he took a match and set light to the paper. As he watched his list of sins go up in flames he said to himself "Christ died for my sins": and as he watched the breeze carry the ashes away he added "And He carried my sins away".

There was a boy who knew how to take hold of the truth for himself.

Come and thank God with us at Easter tide.

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DIARY FOR APRIL 1979

1 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in Modern English

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

2 Mon. 7.45 for 8 pm Parochial Church Council

4 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Lent Study Course (Rectory)

8 PALM SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at The Rectory

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

12 MAUNDY THURSDAY 8 pm Holy Communion and Sermon

13 GOOD FRIDAY 11 am Good Friday Service

15 EASTER DAY Holy Communion 8 am, noon, 7.30 pm
10 am Children's Easter Service
11 am Easter Morning Service
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

22 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am

10 am Series II Communion Service

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Service conducted by Young People

7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

25 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)

26 Thu. 8 pm ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (Hall)

29 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Holy Communion at 8 am and 7.30 pm

11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club reopens

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People meet

AND IN MAY6 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church: Infant Baptism

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in Modern English

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

Preacher morning and evening, the Rev David Applin,
on behalf of Ruanda Mission. Collections to Mission.

9 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)

13 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at The Rectory

CHURCH FLOWERS

April 1 Mrs Husbands and Mrs Page

8 Mrs E.A. Wieler

15 Easter Flowers

22 Easter Flowers

29 Mrs P. Gardner

May 6 Mrs M. Caroe

13 Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME

****** Total for February 1979 £169 - 21 p.
****** Please note that the figure published here each month will from now on include not only monies received in Weekly Envelopes as hitherto, but also other pledged subscriptions and covenants,

E.F. Denny

HUNGER LUNCH FOR SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

At the Soup and Cheese Lunch on Ash Wednesday £39.54 p. was given, and this has been sent to the Save the Children Fund.

PERSONALIA

Mrs Stevenson of Cherryhurst had to go to Milford Chest Hospital for complete rest and investigation, but after ten days was allowed to return home to complete her recovery there.

Beatrice Hammond has died suddenly in her home in Cherryhurst. She had been a Hambledon resident all her life, and had worked for most of her years in Cooper's stick factory in Combe Lane. We specially remember her relatives now.

Mrs Jarvis of Staines Cottages, "School Helper" at our Church School since 1965, has now left to take up a new appointment in the hospital shop at Milford Hospital. During her years in our school she has served under four Head Teachers and seen through many changes, and both parents and children have found her kindly and cheerful and ready to do many extra things to help. We thank her for all she has done and wish her very well in her new task.

Two messages of thanks:-

From Mary and Harold Hutchins: "We wish to thank all the kind friends who sent gifts and lovely cards on our Golden Wedding Day."

From Florrie and Steve Stevenson: "We would like to say grateful thanks to all neighbours and friends for their many kindnesses during Florrie's illness, and for the lovely cards and letters."

SPECIAL SUNDAYS AHEAD

- May 6 Ruanda Mission Sunday: Preacher morning and evening, Rev. David Applin
- June 17 South American Missionary Society Sunday: Preacher morning and evening, General Secretary, Canon Philip King.
- Oct. 7 Harvest Thanksgiving. Preacher at Children's Church and 11 am, Rev. Michael Fox (our speaker at Fairmile Court this year)

NB. The Harvest Supper is planned for Friday 5 October

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SINGING THE PSALMS AND CANTICLES.

Everything depends upon the togetherness and confidence: and neither is possible if as we sing we are not sure how to fit the words to the tune. The only answer to this is to use a "Pointed Psalter" where we can read not only the words, but also (with a bit of practice) the "pointing"...i.e. how the words are fitted to the tune.

As long ago as last summer the P.C.C. decided to increase our small stock of psalters for congregational use. Unfortunately the one we use is out of print and cannot be purchased; but we have been seeking in various places to obtain some second-hand, hoping that we could thus avoid changing to a different pointing. Now, alas, we have come to realise that we are not likely to get any further copies of our existing psalter.

Before abandoning this and buying a new stock with a different pointing, the P.C.C. suggests a trial period when we put the 30 copies we have into the hands of those members who can already "read" them. After all, 30 confident singers, well together, could easily keep the whole congregation in step!

So during April and May the pointed psalters will not be scattered sparsely in the pews. Instead they will be kept at the back of the church. Would those members who can read and make use of them please ask for one as they come into church, and return it there after the service. We hope that in this way all 30 copies in our slender stock will be well and effectively used. The P.C.C. will be able to judge how well things go, and decide later whether any further steps need to be taken.

May we add one further thing? Would any members who would be willing to learn how to "read" the pointing also please arm themselves with a copy. There are guiding instructions in the Preface of the book, and these could slowly be assimilated. YOU TOO COULD BECOME A CONFIDENT SINGER!

6. CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE PARTY 1980

At Fairmile Court in February there seemed to be common consent that we should seek to book again for a similar week end next year. We have now heard that we can book 18-20 January 1980, and we have confirmed this.

Put the date down now, to be among the important dates that you earmark for next year.

CHILDREN IN APRIL

Sunday Club is not held during school holidays, and will therefore be in abeyance until 29 April when it is resumed, at 11 am as usual. The senior group also meets on the same day in Church.

Children's Church meets as usual at 10 am on 1st and 15th April (Easter Sunday).

SPECIAL EVENING SERVICE

Our Young People's Group will be conducting the Evening Service for us at 6.30 pm on 22nd April, the Sunday after Easter Day.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

At the last of our winter series in March, Mrs C.B. de Vere Green gave us a delightful evening lecture on "Fans". She brought many beautiful examples from her own fine collection, and showed some lovely transparencies of others. Many of them astonished us with the intricacy and beauty of their workmanship.

There will now be a break during the Spring and Summer months until another season begins next October.

The Church Annual Meeting (which is usually held on the second Thursday in April) will this year be on Thursday 26th April at 8 pm (see page 7).

PARISH ASSEMBLY

This is always a good meeting with much to interest and entertain. It is planned this year for Friday 20th April in the Village Hall at 8 pm.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

THURSDAY 26 APRIL at 8 pm

Numbers have been encouragingly large at our Annual Meeting in recent years, and we now bring extra chairs to make sure that all can find a seat.

IT IS ELECTION TIME Every third year we elect three members to represent us at the Deanery Synod, where matters of wider interest, and indeed matters for the Church of England at large, are brought up for discussion. This important election is to be carried out this time. Then, as always, we elect our two Churchwardens; and certain members to our Parochial Church Council (a third of which stands down by rotation after completing three years of service). Sidesmen and Honorary Auditor are elected also.

IT IS NEWS TIME. We hear reports on the work of the Church Council; on the finances of our church and its outward giving; and on the repair of the fabric and furnishings of the church. After a cup of tea and a short break, the Rector closes the evening with his Review of the year, which may be illustrated in part with some colour transparencies loaned by various members of the congregation.

IT IS SUGGESTION TIME. During the evening there is time for members of all ages to make comments and suggestions. Such help is most welcome, and the P.C.C. considers most carefully any points that are raised.

We look forward to seeing you there ...

NEW RURAL DEAN

The Rector of Godalming has now completed his spell of five years as Rural Dean in our area, and at a special service conducted by the Bishop of Guildford early in March, the Rev Philip Case, Rector of Witley, was made our new Rural Dean. May God give him strength and wisdom for this extra task.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

As is our usual custom each year, the Fellowship went over to the Godalming Baptist Church for their Annual Meeting on Wednesday 28th February. A large number of folk representing various meetings around the Godalming area were present in the church. Mrs Campbell, the wife of the Minister, was in the chair, and the Guest Speaker was Mrs Winifred Herd, women's secretary of the Baptist Union. She spoke well on total commitment to Christ, with reference to her own experience. A special tea party followed the meeting, ending a happy afternoon fellowship.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 26th April.
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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

An alert interest was shown by members of the Hambledon W.I. at their meeting on 14th March by the questions asked about the slides shown by MR DAVID BIRD, County Archaeological Officer, on "How our countryside began". Slides of the Hill Fort at Hascombe and of the Friary Site, Guildford, were particularly appreciated.

The business meeting was conducted by the President Mrs Crowhurst. Mrs Allen was thanked for organising a very enjoyable outing to the Farnham Theatre. Disappointment was expressed that Hambledon was not entering the Best Kept Village Competition.

Tea was served by Mrs Jeffery helped by Mrs Atkins, and Mrs Vacher won the raffle.

E.G. Freemantle