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ST. PETER'S HAMBLEDON

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THE RECTOR WRITES .....

It is noticeable how often, when the story of the trials and suffering of Jesus Christ is read, or even talked about, a special quietness comes over those who are listening. There has never been a more shameful story, with the betrayal by His own disciple Judas, and the jealousy and hatred of the chief priests, and the weakness of the Roman governor, and the fickle turbulence of the crowd all contributing to His death.

Yet we cannot just point an accusing finger at them. True, it was their fault that He was betrayed and condemned and executed. But when we come to ask why He moved towards the cross at all, why He came into the world at all, we have to say that it was for our sins too. We brought Him here. It was for us He suffered. It was our sins He carried; and Paul, who once wrote "Christ died for our sins", wrote also, even more personally, "The Son of God loved me, and gave Himself for me".

Thank God we can respond to His love. We can accept His gift, His forgiveness (though we cannot pay for it), and we can pour out our gratitude. I hope we shall all come with special thankfulness to the services of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, as well as to the joyful celebration of Easter Day. But we want to do more than that. "Love so amazing, so divine, demands our soul, our life, our all."



CALENDAR FOR APRIL3 MAUNDY THURSDAY

8 pm Holy Communion and Sermon

4 GOOD FRIDAY

11 am Good Friday Service

6 EASTER DAY

Holy Communion at 8 am, 12 noon, 7.30 pm

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in modern English

7.45 pm Young People meet

13 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer: Mr John Lewis, M.A.

6.30 pm Evening Prayer: "The Gideons"

7.45 pm Young People meet

20 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm

10 am Children's Church: Mr G.M. Bolton

11 am Morning Prayer: Mr G.M. Bolton

6.30 pm Holy Communion: The Rev. F. Robson

7.45 pm Young People meet

23 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study &amp; Prayer (Rectory)

27 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am

10 am Series II Communion Service

11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club reopens

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

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4 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

12.30 pm Public Baptism

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in modern English

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

7 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study & Prayer (Rectory)

11 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. ROGATION SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

12 Mon. 7.45 for 8 pm Parochial Church Council

CHURCH FLOWERS

April 6 Easter Flowers

13 Mrs E.A. Wieler

20 Miss E.F. Denny

26 Mrs D. Symonds

May 4 Mrs M. Caroe

13 Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERINGS

Total for January 1980, £186 - 51p.

ASH WEDNESDAY HUNGER LUNCH

£45-35p. was given and has been sent to help forward the work of Christian Outreach in the Refugee Camps of Thailand.

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptism 16 March Jody Johnathan May



4. ALFRED GOAD 1899 - 1979

It will be the united wish of us all that some of the memories of Alfred Goad which we shared at the crematorium service should also be recorded here in the parish magazine.

For the last years of his life he had been greatly weakened by asthma and angina, so that never a month passed without many days being spent in wretchedness. Yet as a young man he was an athlete, achieving successes in running hurdling and cycling; and he was then a most lively character, taking an active part with his wife in local dramatics, and well known as the life and soul of a party.

He had a most varied life. He served as gardener to Mrs Watney at what is now St. Dominic's School; as groundsman for Godalming Recreation Ground; as personal valet for Lord Balfour in his London home; and as Hambledon's shoe repairer in years when there were several shops in the village. He claims that he could then recognize Hambledon people by the sound of their footsteps, and identify them from their shoes! During the last war he commanded the local Home Guard as Lieutenant Goad.

During the last 20 years or so he added three special pieces of service for the village. He was for long years scorer for the Cricket Club, adding the kindness that at the end of an innings of 20 or more he would present a batsman with a sheet of paper noting all his scoring strokes. he was for over 20 years Clerk to the Parish Council, with a most retentive memory which made him in the words of one Chairman a "mainstay". He was, too, for 27 years full time Verger of the Church, exerting a very firm discipline on the choir boys, and keeping both church and churchyard immaculate. At his cremation we sang a favourite hymn, Onward Christian Soldiers. Even in the last year he would still come up the hill to worship on the few days he was fit enough to do so, and was always glad of prayer in his sick room, as one who acknowledged God and trusted Him.

PERSONALIA

Several of our friends are now convalescing after surgery: MISS IRENE LIBBITER from an operation in St. Luke's Hospital, and both EMMA PEGRUM and MRS WILLIAM SCARLETT from appendicitis in the new County Hospital. All three are doing well.

Two other members are standing by for the major hip-joint operation: COL. STEDALL is to go into St. Thomas' Hospital, and DR. JACK SYMONDS locally in Guildford. We hope so much that this fully removes the long pain they have suffered and restores mobility too.

We send our very best wishes to ANNE WILSON and PHILIP HARRISON who are to be married here in Hambledon just before Easter. Their home will be in Cumbria.

DAVID and EULA SYMONDS are celebrating their ruby wedding with a short service of praise to God when with their friends they thank God for their long years of happy married life. We all rejoice with them.

News has leaked out that Louise Arden-White has recently captained the Surrey under-15 Girls' Lacrosse team. We congratulate her most warmly.

As MR STVENSON our postman is retiring just before Easter, it is thought that many may like to say goodbye to him and his wife on Maundy Thursday April 3rd when he is at the Village Shop about 4 pm., to show their appreciation for all he/done over the years.

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6. WEEK END VISIT TO FAITH HANSFORD IN BANGKOK

Caroline Lee, of our Young People's Group, writes here of her recent visit:-

It was with great excitement that I boarded the airplane to Thailand last month, as I was able to visit Faith Hansford who had been working in Bangkok for only three weeks. After a long journey we finally met. It was lovely to see how after such a short time Faith had got used to life out there.

Bangkok is so very different from here. It is the busiest and noisiest city that I have ever been to, but Faith has got used to it. The weather, too, is very different, and Faith has had to learn to dress coolly and smartly as the Thai women are very fashion-conscious, particularly in Bangkok.

Faith went out to Thailand to work for Christian Outreach as their secretary, Paul Atkins had by then been working with them for several months in the Refugee Camps themselves, and I was able to have a brief glimpse of him also. Faith's office is to be found above a Patisserie! Although she had been working at the job for only three weeks she was already getting herself organised. While she is not herself working in the Refugee Camps, she knows very well that the task she is doing is vital to the work.

But it is the way in which Faith has adapted to the different traditions and to the Thai way of life which is so wonderful. She has a real sympathy with the people out there. She knows that she is doing the Lord's work, and appreciates our news and our prayers.

C.L.

### SUNDAY CLUB

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Sunday Club reopens after the Easter break on 27 April, and through the summer term will meet as usual at the Rectory from 11 am to 12 on the second, fourth and fifth Sundays of the month. A creche is also provided at the Rectory for tinies who are too young for the teaching groups, to enable parents to come to the Morning Service.

### PARISH FELLOWSHIP

On 13 March we had our last meeting of this winter session, with a much larger than usual number of people present. Mrs Ashe, whose husband is Director of "Christian Outreach" (which has done such wonderful work in rescuing orphan children from Viet Nam and is also doing desperately needed relief work in the refugee camps of Thailand) came to tell us of the work. She showed slides which gave a dramatic picture of the enormous number of homeless and famished people, and of children with none to care for them. We formed a great opinion of the courage and cheerfulness of the sufferers, and of the devotion of those who, like the Ashe family and our own Paul Atkins and Faith Hansford, have gone to help. There was a spontaneous desire to give and £20 was sent as a gift to the work.

We break now for the summer months, and look forward to another season of monthly meetings starting in October.

### GERANIUM DAY COLLECTION FOR THE BLIND

Many thanks to contributors of Hambledon for their generosity in raising £66-15p. this year.  
Gwen Pierce.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At the February meeting Mrs Ellingson gave us a brief and interesting summary of her recent visit to Malta. Then Mrs Macfarlane from Send near Woking spoke of her work as a magistrate at the Guildford Court - full of interest, and a revelation of peoples problems these days. She described a visit to Holloway Prison as being 'very: scary!', but paid warm tribute to the Warders in their very difficult tasks. She ended her talk by quoting a verse from Micah 6, v.8 - "He has showed you O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God" - a guide line for the work to which she is so dedicated.

The next meeting at Ellingsons will be on Thursday 24 April, details of which will be announced later.

S.M.S.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mr Geoffrey Hollis gave an inspired talk to Hambledon W.I. on Wednesday 12 March. He began by telling us the story of the 'Tears of Isis' before showing us the slides which made us appreciate the slides with greater insight and gave us a much wider understanding of the history of Egypt and its religious monuments and customs.

Mrs F.M. Crowhurst the President conducted the meeting and the competition for 'a photograph of a holiday view' was won by Mrs J. de Berniere-Smart, and the raffle by Mrs E.G. Freemantle. Tea was served by Mrs F. Jeffery and Miss E. Burr.

Next month's speaker will be Mrs M.G. Burton on 'Culinary herbs and how to use them'.

E.G.F.