

ST PETER'S HAMBLEDON : APRIL 1985

The Parochial Reader writes:

All of us are aware that these are times of testing and transformation, in world affairs, in the Church, in our Parish life and in individual lives of faith. As we go with Jesus to Calvary in Holy Week and experience the joy of His resurrection we see the way and vital truth that can transform us from death to eternal life. I have just been studying the video-tape on 'Miracles' which we are using as part of our Lent Study meetings, and I find great encouragement from its message, with a realistic facing-up to suffering but with the recognition that through faith God's power is provided for us.

In suffering, whether physical or emotional, we are grappling with a central problem of man's nature. Jesus shared this with us in His life and much of His ministry, and especially in the use of His miraculous powers to heal and transform, where individuals trusted in Him. To-day His power is still at hand as we open ourselves fully to Him: our earthly problems may not disappear in the way we hope for - Susan Davies and Canon David Watson were taken from us by cancer, though we believe that God had something better to give them - but God's love and peace can flow into us, and through us to others.

We must be ready to go with Jesus. The call to greater faith is clear if our ears are ready to hear. As a Parish we have been tested by many months of interregnum, but God's power and the support and prayer of many have strengthened our life. We are now poised for continuing transformation as we draw afresh from Jesus' risen power and a new ministry in the Parish in which we must all play our part. The question we must ask ourselves is 'Am I fully open to Jesus' power and love?'

The Churchwardens join me in wishing you all blessing and joy this Eastertide.

Mac Bolton

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 1985

April 4 MAUNDY THURSDAY

8 00 pm Holy Communion & Sermon :
Rev D J Thompson

April 5 GOOD FRIDAY

11 00 am Morning Service : Rev D J Thompson
12 30 pm HUNGER LUNCH at Bermonde

April 7 EASTER DAY

8 00 am Holy Communion
10 00 am Children's Church
11 00 am Morning Prayer : Rev D Parsons
12 00 noon Holy Communion : Rev D Parsons
6 30 pm Evening Service : Youth Fellowship
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

April 14 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8 00 am Holy Communion
11 00 am Holy Communion (1662) : Rev C E Elton
6 30 pm Evening Prayer : Rev R C D Mackenna
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

April 17 MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER AT BERMONDE

April 21 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8 00 am Holy Communion : Canon J Good
10 00 Children's Church
11 00 am Morning Prayer : Dr Hugh Sansom
6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB) : Rev M Pain
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

April 25 8 00 pm ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING : VILLAGE HALL

April 28 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8 00 am Holy Communion
11 00 am Morning Prayer : Mrs V Makin
6 30 pm Evening Prayer : Mr R G Ellen
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

AND IN MAY :

May 1 MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER AT BERMONDE

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MAY 5 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8 00 am Holy Communion
10 00 am Children's Church
11 00 am Morning Prayer : Mr B Wood
6 30 pm Evening Prayer : Rev R Ewbank
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

MAY 7 8 00 pm INDUCTION SERVICE OF CANON P F SERTIN

MAY 12 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8 00 am Holy Communion
11 00 am Morning Prayer
(Sunday Club re-opens in the Nursery School)
6 30 pm Evening Prayer
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME : Total for February 1985:

£263.42

E F Denny

CHURCH FLOWERS

April 7 : Easter Flowers
14 : Easter Flowers
b 21 : Mrs B Gardner
28 : Mrs B Paine

ELECTORAL ROLL

Please make sure, if you are a worshipper at St Peter's Church, that you are on the Church Electoral Roll. Forms are available in Church and these should be completed and handed in well before our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on April 25.

Please note the following dates in your diary and give the events all the support you can:

GOOD FRIDAY 5 APRIL : 12.30 - 1.30 pm HUNGER LUNCH
at Bermonde.

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DIARY DATES (contd.)

EASTER DAY 7 APRIL : 6.30 pm Service to be taken by
the Youth Fellowship.

THURSDAY APRIL 25 : ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
8 00 pm VILLAGE HALL.

FRIDAY MAY 10 : ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
8 00 pm VILLAGE HALL.

PERSONALIA

We send our good wishes to Sally Jane and Martin Davidge,
at one time resident in Hambledon, now in Guildford, on
the birth of their daughter, Helen Rosemary, on March 12.
Also to Jeremy Major and Joanna Forsyth-Forrest, who are
to be married in Warwickshire on April 27.

It is good to see Caroline Atkins playing an active role
again and to know that Vernon Hopkins and Dawn Avery
are home from hospital and making good progress.
Please remember in your prayers all our sick friends,
for the 'flu is still very much with us, and especially
remember Ben Hall from Children's Church who is shortly
going into hospital for treatment.

RECTORY APPEAL

(Contributed by the Church Treasurer)

I would like to express thanks for the generous support
- just under £250 - received so far.

The overall costs of the work involved have now become
clearer and the bulk of the expenditure has to be
covered by the Diocese and the PCC. A contribution
of £3,000 is looked for from ourselves, whilst the
Diocese have assumed responsibility for almost three
times that sum.

Our reserves are slender but we could find say £1,700
from this source and thus we are hoping that the appeal
can raise something in the region of £1,250.

Creighton Redman

HAMBLEDON CHURCH SUNDAY CLUB

Sunday Club will be eight years old in October. In that time dozens of local youngsters have assembled fortnightly during term-time in the Rectory (more recently the Nursery School) to learn more and more about the Lord.

It is divided into two classes: the fives to just-eights and the eights and over. We are now reaching a point where a number in the younger group have reached their eighth birthday and therefore go up to the older group, which will then be fifteen strong. Sadly, that will leave only three in the younger group, so we are very keen for parents to support us by introducing their children to Sunday Club.

After the Easter holidays we will resume on May 12th. Please contact me if you are thinking of bringing your children along and I can tell you more about what we do at Sunday Club.

Nigel Pollock
(Wormley 2116)

RUANDA MISSION

Many babies in Rwanda and Uganda are born prematurely because the mothers have suffered malnourishment or ill-health during pregnancy. It is essential to keep the tiny babies warm, so knitted vests are urgently needed at the Church hospitals.

A sample multi-coloured vest will be on display in Church and Mrs Bolton can supply copies of the simple pattern which explains how bright oddments of wool and yarn (all one colour if preferred) can be knitted into vests on No.10 needles. African mothers do not want white vests. If unable to knit, oddments of wool for others to use will be very acceptable.

Any vests will be sent out with other medical supplies to Kisiizi hospital in April. Please start knitting now and bring your vests to Church or give to Sonia or Jack Symonds. So far we have four vests but as many as four hundred can be used a year.

IN MEMORY OF SUSAN DAVIES

Those of us who were in Church for the morning service on 26 February last year will remember Susan Davies and her challenging testimony when she talked of her work in Nigeria and her fight against cancer. Her final letter to us and her death were reported in this magazine in the autumn. Now there is to be a "joyful, internationally-orientated" service in memory of Susan - a celebration of mission.

It will be held at St Andrew's Church, Short Street, Waterloo, London, at 2 pm on Saturday 20th April. The address will be given by Canon Simon Barrington-Ward, General Secretary of the Church Missionary Society. Refreshments afterwards at CMS headquarters. If you would like to go, you may wish to link up with Mac and Sheila Bolton who plan to go.

LINK

Do you know what goes on in other churches in the area? Would you like to read stimulating articles? Why not feel part of a wider church?

Take LINK, the magazine which incorporates all the local churches. Help yourself to a free copy - to be found at the back of the church - and then let me know if you would like to become a regular subscriber.

Margaret Lewis.
(Wormley 2138)

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On February 26th at Ellingsons the Women's Fellowship had an excellent afternoon, when Sheila Bolton guided us expertly through a CMS Study on the Lebanon. It was entitled "Where is Jesus?". Through slides, with sound effects and tapes, and extracts from Lebanese children's letters, we learnt about that sad and complex situation. But there was real evidence that the power of Jesus is drawing people to Himself and His love does shine through. We were given new incentive to pray for that country.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 25th April at 3.0 pm at Ellingsons.

Rosemary Arden-White

Some contributed thoughts on HABAKKUK iii, 17-19

Tho' the fig tree fail to blossom and the grapes be
gone for good;
Tho' the olive tree be fruitless and the fields
produce no food;
Tho' the empty fold and byre betray the loss of all
the stock;
Yet the LORD is my salvation and my everlasting rock.
I exult in Him for ever and I know He holds my feet,
As He keeps me on His highway till in heaven we shall
meet.

When the Stock Exchange collapses and my shares
cannot be sold;
When the market price of property has dropp'd to
depths untold;
When the economic structure like the Tower of Babel
falls;
Yet the LORD is still the Saviour of the man who
on Him calls.
I will trust in Him for riches of a kind that
cannot fail,
For the treasure I'll inherit when to heaven's
shores I sail.

Tho' arthritic joints be agony, sciatic pains
severe;
Tho' my eyesight starts to fail and my ears
refuse to hear;
When I'm lonely and deserted and my friends
have gone ahead;
When I cannot afford the comforts of the former
life I led.
Still I'll know that Jesus loves me, and His
hand is on me still,
And in heaven I shall understand the goodness of
His Will!

A further communication from the DHSS:

"There are two important Government allowances available to the severely disabled (including children). It doesn't matter what caused the disability, how much money the family have nor whether national insurance contributions have been paid or not.

"The first one is called Attendance Allowance. It is for people of any age upwards of 2 years who need a lot of looking after because of a disability, physical or mental. It can be paid on top of other state benefits and is tax free. There are two rates - £19.10 per week or £28.60 per week depending on the extent of care required.

"The other allowance is called Mobility Allowance. This can be claimed by people between the ages of 5 and 65 who are unable, or almost unable, to walk because of physical disablement. If you qualify before age 66 you can keep the allowance until you are 75. It amounts to £20 per week, can be paid on top of other benefits and is not taxable.

"If you know anyone who might be entitled to either or both of these benefits, ring, write or call at your local social security office for a claim form. If in doubt - claim! Too many people are missing out on benefits to which they are entitled.

"If you would like to talk privately about whether to claim these or any other social security benefit then ring our Freefone service. Dial 100 and ask the operator for Freefone DHSS."