



The Rector writes:

My dear Friends

It has been reflected through the PCC that there is a feeling around that we give too much away to overseas missions and not enough to home charities; also that you can never be sure that the money is used correctly.

First, I think you will see that the amount the Missionary Committee allocates to overseas missions is almost equally balanced to that given to home charities.

Second, we do support charities that are known to many personally and where money given for any particular purpose is used wisely. We would all agree that this is important.

Third, I can understand the feeling, that to give away resources when there is so much to do at home, is perhaps not a very wise or prudent course of action. Nevertheless, I have to say, however much it hurts at the time, Jesus said: "It is a happier thing to give than to receive". Giving is very much part of the Christian faith and ethic. Along with this of course goes Jesus' world view of things, made so much more urgent in these days of instant travel and information.

It was John Wesley who used the phrase "the world is my parish". He did so in answer to his critics, who said he should confine his ministry to one parish. Wesley rejected that narrow and restrictive view of ministry and of the function of the local church.

If we take Jesus' words seriously, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations", we cannot escape the fact that we are to have a world mission. If a local church is to fulfil its God-given responsibility and privilege, it must discover its place and role in the world scene.

A commitment to missions is costly: costly in giving some of the best of our young people to serve overseas; costly in terms of financial support. Jesus, however, gave a simple principle for growth and blessing in the Christian life and community. "Give, and it shall be given to you ....." For the measure you give will be the measure you get back!

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The Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea are fed by the same Jordan river. One is alive and fertile, irrigating thousands of acres surrounding it. The other is useless and quite unable to sustain life in itself or around. The difference is that from the Sea of Galilee is an outflow keeping it fresh, but the Dead Sea holds all the water to itself and merely gets more and more contaminated!

With good wishes,

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN

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CALENDAR FOR APRIL 1987

- April 1 8 00 pm LENTEN STUDY AT THE RECTORY
- April 5 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT : The Rector at  
St John's Woking  
8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)  
11 00 am FAMILY SERVICE : Mr & Mrs P Lovegrove  
- followed by coffee at the Rectory  
6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662) : Mr P Lovegrove  
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship
- April 8 8 00 pm LENTEN STUDY AT THE RECTORY
- April 12 PALM SUNDAY  
8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)  
11 00 am Morning Prayer : followed by  
Holy Communion  
6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)  
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship
- April 16 MAUNDY THURSDAY  
8 00 pm Service of Holy Communion
- April 17 GOOD FRIDAY  
11 00 am Morning Service  
FOLLOWED BY HUNGER LUNCH AT COURT FARM
- April 19 EASTER DAY  
8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)  
10 00 am Children's Church  
11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662) - followed by HC.  
6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)  
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship
- April 23 8 00 pm ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING IN THE VILLAGE

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April 26

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER : OVERSEAS MISSIONARY  
FELLOWSHIP

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)  
11 00 am Holy Communion (1662)  
(Sunday Club meets in the Nursery School)  
4 00 pm O M F TEA  
6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)  
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

AND IN MAY .....

May 3

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662) : Canon Charles  
Oldham  
11 00 am FAMILY SERVICE : Mac Bolton  
6 30 pm YOUTH SERVICE  
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

May 6

8 00 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER  
AT THE RECTORY

May 10

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)  
11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662) : followed by  
Holy Communion  
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)  
6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)  
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

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LENTEN PROGRAMME REMINDER!

Lent 4

March 29 Sunday 11 00 am : "Am I my Brother's Keeper?"  
April 1 Wednesday 8 00 pm : - Mr G.M. Bolton

Lent 5

April 5 Sunday 11 00 am : "Is Life Fair?"  
April 8 Wednesday 8 00 pm : - Mr & Mrs P Lovegrove

PALM SUNDAY

April 12 Sunday 11 00 am : "Should the Punishment fit  
the Crime?"

EASTER DAY

April 19 Sunday 11 00 am :

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"Does He Really Live To-day?"



ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Village Hall Thursday 23rd April at 8.00pm : PLEASE BOOK  
THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY

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CHURCH REGISTER

Baptism      March 8th      :      SOPHIE CLAIRE MORRIS

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FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for February 1987 : £486.07

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Edric Hardy



CHURCH FLOWER ROTA :      April      5

12      Mrs J Hassard-Short

19      EASTER FLOWERS

26      WEDDING FLOWERS

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CHURCH CLEANING ROTA :      April      3/4      Mrs D Newel

10      GRAND SPRING CLEAN

18      Mrs P Williams

24/25      Youth Fellowship

On Friday April 10th at 3pm we are planning our annual  
GRAND SPRING CLEAN.      All are welcome and please do bring  
any equipment that would help in the inaccessible places.

Rosemary Arden-White

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PERSONALIA

Many congratulations to Mrs Dorothea Ellingson who  
celebrated her 94th birthday in February.

It is good to see Dr Page back with us again after his  
recent spell of ill-health.

Philip Vacher has had a second spell in hospital but is  
now home again and we send to him our good wishes for a  
speedy return to his normal good health.

Our prayers and good wishes go to Cecil Chapman as he  
prepares to leave Hambledon and start a new life in  
Petersfield where he will be living nearer to his two  
sisters.      Con Chapman is happily settled into the  
routine of her nursing home in Hindhead and we owe a  
great debt to Cecil and to Con for all that they have  
done over the past years for St Peter's; especially  
during the many years that Cecil devoted to the tasks  
of Churchwarden and Church Treasurer.      May they find  
friendship and encouragement in the days ahead.

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On 30th March Tim Arden-White will be moving to Sparkbrook in Birmingham to join the parish church there (Christ Church). After a month's trial period, he will be officially joining the staff of the church as "Lay Assistant". This will mean being the Vicar's right-hand man and will involve various responsibilities, such as visiting, running a youth club and helping with general administration. Please remember Tim in your prayers that God will richly bless the work at Christ Church Sparkbrook.

Chris and Moira Ridsdale-Smith, now in Paignton (0803 55041) thank all their friends in Hambledon for their many kindnesses and for the privilege of belonging to the Church Fellowship. They write: "It has been one of the happiest times of our life. We shall keep in touch through Clare, Mark and Paul. May God's Blessing rest upon you all". Jeanette Aldridge raised £339.52 at the recent Jumble Sale that she organised in Godalming for the Save the Children Fund; many thanks to all who supported with a generous supply of jumble!

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#### MISSIONARY NOTES

Many thanks to those who contributed goods or money for the parcels to Kisiizi Hospital. Five parcels are now on their way by sea and will take from six to twelve months to arrive but the contents of clothes, bedding, soap, medical equipment and vests will be useful when they do arrive.

On Good Friday (April 17) there will be a Hunger Lunch held after the 11 00 am service at Court Farm (by kind invitation of John and Barbara Major). This will be held in aid of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship and Christian Outreach. There will be an opportunity to put your name on the Board at the back of the Church on Sundays 5th and 12th April to give a rough idea of numbers for catering.

On Sunday April 26th the Hindley family (now our Parish O.M.F. representatives) are arranging a tea party at 4.00pm at their home (Busbridge Copse Farm, Hydestile) to give us a chance to meet Tim and Zinnia Symonds, Caroline and Susanna. Tim has already preached at St Peter's and on this return visit he will be speaking

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to the young people after the evening service. However, this will be our annual Sunday for support of O.M.F., who do not appeal for funds but rely on the Lord's provision through his faithful people. All loose collections during the day will go to O.M.F.: do please give generously.

Sheila Bolton

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#### VILLAGE NEWS

Please support the Annual Parish Assembly to be held on Friday 24th April at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. During the meeting candidates putting themselves forward for Parish Council Elections will be given the opportunity to speak.

The first Village Clean-Up for 1987 will take place on Saturday April 4th at 10.00am from the Village Hall. Please give us two hours of your time and help with picking up litter along our roadside verges, footpaths and common areas. It is amazing how much we will collect. A list of the areas to walk will be on display for you to select and plastic litter bags will be provided.

#### DO PLEASE GIVE US YOUR SUPPORT

It is fun and satisfying for young, very young and not so young!

Michael Atkins

P.C. Chairman

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#### ST PETER'S YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship are sorry to be losing Mark Alcock from Haslemere who has been part of the Y.P.F. for the past year. We wish him well as he embarks on the big step of moving to London. The Fellowship are aiming to devote some of their Sunday evening gatherings specifically for new people. They hope to hold these 'invitation evenings' at about 6-weekly intervals.

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#### CARING SEMINAR

May I encourage you to attend a Seminar on 'Caring' led by Trevor Partridge, on Saturday 2nd May from 10.00am to 5.00pm in Fareham. A number from St. Peter's have already been and found it an extremely valuable time.

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The Seminar covers topics that develop our ability to be more caring and sensitive to each other, based on the biblical picture of us being the body of Christ. "God has combined the members of the body ..... that its parts should have equal concern for each other." 1 Cor. 12 v.24.

There will be an explanatory leaflet at the back of the church for the next two weeks. Please leave your name and address, or ring me on Wormley 4424 - as soon as possible, as these Seminars book up quickly.

Clare Ridsdale-Smith

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#### HAMBLEDON CRICKET CLUB

The A.G.M. of Hambledon Cricket Club was held on 26 Feb. Some 22 members were present. The Village Cricket League Championship Trophy for 1986 was on display and members agreed that this form of league cricket had benefitted the Club in making more players available for selection and had certainly resulted in a much keener attitude towards the game. The Club Captain, Brian Fish, was re-elected, as were most of the other officials.

The Club is to hold coaching sessions for youngsters on Saturday mornings and this will not be confined to sons of members. Anyone interested is asked to get in touch with the Secretary, Mic Coleman, on Wormley 2977. Many Hambledon residents are already involved in the Club but we are always ready to extend our list of Vice-Presidents, take your advertisements in our Fixture Card, involve you with our tea-making on home match days (or a few of them) and if anyone with the proper experience is willing to act as Umpire, we could do with your help.

Mic Coleman

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The HYDON HILL CHESHIRE HOME, CLOCKBARN LANE, HYDESTILE, are holding a CRAFT FAIR on SATURDAY 25 APRIL from 10.00am to 3.00pm

Many crafts on sale.

DO COME ALONG AND GIVE YOUR SUPPORT

Jacqueln Hindley

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#### HAMBLEDON VILLAGE HALL

Mic Coleman is the new Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, the Vice-Chairman is Caroline Pitt. Secretary - Sally Falk; Treasurer - Patrick Williams. The Committee: Pauline Underwood, Elizabeth Brockman, Sue May, Marie Williams and Ron Vickery. /.....

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Please give the Committee every support as they seek to provide this amenity for the use of the village.

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#### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

It was nice to be able to meet together again in February, having had to miss our January meeting due to the snow. We started with a few thoughts centred on Philippians 4:19 and then went on to enjoy a chat over a slightly larger tea than usual!

Our next meeting is on Thursday April 23rd at Ellingsons, when we look forward to a visit from the Rev. Pat Ashe.

Brenda Gardner.



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#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

With the talk of bats, slips, throwing and potting - no the W.A.G.'s had not taken up with Ian Botham or Steve Davis, nor met up with Percy of the gardening fame. We met up with Vicky, who, with the simple tools of her trade, fascinated us all by the dexterous way, as if by magic, she threw (made to us!) pottery on her portable potters wheel. She showed us how to make storage jars with lids, bowls, candle holders with cut out designs to let out the light, jugs, plant holders, etc. Vicky shared the tricks of the trade, decorating in relief with trees, owls, hedgehogs and birds. All these we could admire or buy from a selection of her work on display, and very attractive it was too.

In April Mr Peter Stock will be with us, to tell us "More about Godalming". If you heard him on his last visit, you won't want to miss him this time. We meet on Wed. April 8th at 2.45pm at Ellingsons.

Joan Hardy

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#### LOST MACKINTOSH!!!

A mac was recently taken from the church vestry in error and has now been returned there. If you find that you have a mac that does not belong to you, could you return it to the vestry and do a swap?