

ST PETER'S CHURCH HAMBLETON * APRIL 1989

From the Rector:

My dear Friends

I really cannot believe that this will be my last magazine letter! Even when one knows one will be moving, it always seems to be far away in the future somewhere, and anyhow, not very real. However, time passes far more quickly than seems possible and the day arrives. No wonder St Paul says to his Ephesian friends, "Make the best use of the time for the days are evil". There is a sense of urgency in these words, which are very challenging. We only have a brief space of time on this earth, and therefore we are told, that by God's grace, we are to make the best use of it. As we look back over the past four years, there are many things for which we thank God from the bottom of our hearts. It is said that the church's purpose is to "know Christ and to make Him known". In fellowship with you our knowledge of God has deepened. This must always be the primary purpose of the Christian life. My personal relationship to God through coming to know His Son Jesus Christ. No wonder Jesus, speaking of the day of judgement, says to some: "Depart from me for I never knew you". Said, you will notice in the context, to those who were boasting what they had done in His name! The question will not be "How much was your pledge", or "To which denomination did you belong", or even "How regular were you at church", but "We didn't have a relationship"! If to know God is primary, to make Him known is the next priority. This Church has an amazing record in sending young men and women into all the world for Christ and His Kingdom. Most of these folk have come to know God in Hambleton Church; nearly all through the work of the Hambleton Youth Fellowship. We have felt it to be a great privilege

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to be part of this remarkable group and our own children have been greatly blessed through its work and fellowship. It has been an opportunity given to many of the congregation, unable to go themselves, to support these young people with their prayers and financial backing. That's exciting! Exciting too the work amongst Sunday Club. Young families with young children. Sharing, as we now do, a Youth Worker with Busbridge. I am sure this work will blossom and grow, alongside the two monthly Family Services.

For all these things, and many more, we thank you Lord. For all those things we did or didn't do, forgive us Lord. For the future? - please keep us all in Your Will and bless us Lord. Amen.

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 1989

April 02 1ST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER * LOW SUNDAY
8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
9 45 am FAMILY SERVICE * FOLLOWED BY COFFEE
6 30 pm Evening Praise -
Mr Keith Fish
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

April 09 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
8 00 am Holy Communion (1662) -
Canon Charles Oldham
11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662) -
Mr Roger Mitchell
(THERE WILL BE NO HOLY COMMUNION FOLLOWING
THIS SERVICE)
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
6 30 pm YOUTH SERVICE
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

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April 12 8 00 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND
PRAYER AT THE RECTORY

April 16 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)

9 45 am FAMILY SERVICE

11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)

6 30 pm Evening Praise

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

April 20 7 30 pm ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING IN THE
VILLAGE HALL * Followed by
light refreshments to enable
us to make our farewells to
Peter and Marilyn.

April 21 7 45 pm ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY IN THE
VILLAGE HALL (see page 9)

April 23 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

(Peter and Marilyn's Farewell Services)

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)

11 00 am Holy Communion (1662)

(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)

6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)

(with the laying-on of hands)

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

APRIL 30: ROGATION SUNDAY

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)

11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662) -

The Rev. Pat Ashe

(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)

6 30 pm Evening Praise

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

AND IN MAY

May 04 ASCENSION DAY

10 15 am Holy Communion (1662) -

Canon Charles Oldham

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May 07 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
9 45 am FAMILY SERVICE * FOLLOWED BY COFFEE
6 30 pm Evening Praise -
The Rev. Pat Ashe
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

May 14 WHIT SUNDAY

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662) -
Mr John Lewis
(THERE WILL BE NO HOLY COMMUNION FOLLOWING
THIS SERVICE)
Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School
6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptism * March 5th * JOANNA CLAIRE SEARS

Ben Hall was confirmed at Cranleigh School by the
Bishop of Guildford on Saturday March 11th

WELCOME

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

The total for February amounted to £1106.65

John Taylor

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FOR APRIL

April 02 Wedding Flowers
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16
23 Mrs Elizabeth MacLay
30 Miss Harrill and Miss Bather

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CHURCH CLEANING LIST FOR APRIL

March 31/ April 1st : Mrs Elizabeth Secrett
April 7/8 : Mrs Olive Roderick/
Mrs Joan Lee
April 14/15 : Mrs D Staines
April 21/22 : The Underwood Family
April 28/29 : Youth Fellowship

Parish Pump

Many congratulations to Alex and Rupert Murray on the birth of their daughter, Sophie, on February 13th. Before her marriage Alex Wieler resided at Feathercombe and Dennis Wieler now has his first grandchild, to be welcomed into Hambledon Church at her baptism later this month.

Michael and Edna Atkins have been visiting Paul and Faith in Lesotho. We look forward to hearing all about it and to seeing Paul and Faith in Hambledon when they return for a holiday in July.

It is always sad to say goodbye to old friends - that is of long-standing acquaintance! We send every happiness for the future to Jean and Piers de Berniere-Smart as they leave Hambledon for their new home in West Wittering. It is good to know that they will not be too far away and that maybe we shall see them back with us from time to time. We thank them both for their love and service in so many ways, to church and village alike.

Mrs Dorothy Newel has had the misfortune to be involved in a car accident outside Phillips' Garage.

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We are thankful that it was not too serious but cannot help feeling that the offending motorist will be paying more attention to that section of the road in future - especially as he whacked into the back of Paddy's more substantial car!

Rejoice!

Thanks to all who have supported the various fund-raising activities over the past weeks:

On Saturday 25 February, Rosemary Arden-White held a Coffee Morning at Little Woodlands in aid of the Boys' Home and Orphanage in Sao Paulo, Brazil, where Sam Parker is working to raise money to rebuild the Home. The old Home has to be vacated and it is hoped that land can be purchased and a building erected by voluntary help - i.e. the boys and interested adults. The Home is known as Casa Serena and Sam left for his year's work on February 25th. We are promised regular news of how things are going. Please pray for Sam and for Brother James (who founded and runs the Home) as they seek God's guidance for the future of the Home and the lives of the many destitute young boys who roam the streets in Sao Paulo. The Coffee Morning raised £532.00 which also included some very generous donations.

On Tuesday 14th March the ladies of the two Bible Study Groups met at the Rectory for a morning of meaningful music provided by John and Cherith Kingsley-Smith. They entertained in a very thought-provoking way and we were allowed and encouraged to join in! It was a fitting end to the session prior to the Easter holiday and both Groups were able to express to Marilyn their gratitude for her hospitality and helpful guidance over the past four years.

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The session finished with a pot-luck lunch. £42.00 was raised at a Bring & Buy Stall for the work of The Cellar, a Christian-based coffee bar in Godalming.

Major John and Barbara Major kindly invited us to use Court Farm for an Austerity Lunch on Good Friday. We thank them both for their kind hospitality - during which the sun came out and continued to shine throughout the Easter holiday! - and Shirley Pollock reports that just over £70.00 was raised towards the work of Christian Outreach and the Overseas Missionary Fellowship.

As the April edition of the magazine is being distributed at the beginning of April rather than at the end of March, it has enabled us to thank Audrey Stedall and her gallant helpers of flower arrangers for making St Peter's look so beautiful for the Easter Festival. We hope we don't appear to just take it for granted - many hours of painstaking work goes into it - we are most grateful.

Oakhurst Cottage has now re-opened for the 1989 session until the end of October. If you would like to look around, Joan Hardy on Wormley 4733 would be pleased to fit you in. It is open for the afternoons of Sat./Sun./Mon./Wed./Thurs.

Miss Dorothy Cooper died on 20th March. A lady probably unknown to many in Hambledon but someone who wielded a Godly influence from her home in Brook Road for many years. She was well known to the pupils of King Edward's School in her younger days where she kept an open house for "tea and Christian guidance" and many have come to thank

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Dorothy for her friendship and help. She was an ex-governess in the area and could relate many tales of happenings from the past. She did at one time attend the Wednesday Bible Study Group but since giving up her home she has found life frustrating and burdensome and to be with the Lord was her dearest wish.

Parochial Church Council

The Secretary apologises for the delay in reporting our PCC business. Here, however, is a resume of the topics that have arisen over the last few months.

The PCC has met three times since the beginning of November last year. Attendance has been good, with the main matters discussed being:

Fabric

The light on the tree has been repaired and a faculty is awaited for the new churchyard path. It is hoped that the churchyard wall will be repaired soon. Unfortunately a new piece of damage has been found recently and a new insurance claim forwarded to cover this. Plans have also been made to improve the drainage from the vestry roof.

Youth Worker

In November's meeting it was decided that St Peter's would like to be involved with the Youth Worker at Busbridge. As reported elsewhere, John Reaney has now been appointed and will be involved shortly with Sunday Club.

New Incumbent

With the Rector's announcement of his move to a new parish in April, the PCC has been considering the appointment of a new incumbent together with the Diocese and other parties.

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In January, the PCC met with a representative of The Church Pastoral-Aid Society (the patrons), who outlined the various possibilities regarding the future of the incumbency. Since that meeting, the churchwardens have met with representatives of the Diocesan Pastoral Committee and the PCC's views on the matter have been forwarded to the Bishop.

Accounts

At the last PCC meeting the draft accounts were approved. The Treasurer commented on the improvement in the church's financial position following the Stewardship Programme. However, it was evident that future expenses, e.g. the new churchyard path, will eat into much of the extra money during 1989.

Other Matters

A grant for churchyard maintenance has been received from the Parish Council with grateful thanks.

The Annual General Meeting of the PCC will be held on Thursday 20th April. This year three members of the PCC will be retiring and nominations are invited for new representatives.

The next meeting of the PCC will be on Tuesday 28th March. If you have any items that you would like raised at the AGM please contact myself, the churchwardens or the Rector.

G. Clarkson.

P A R I S H C O U N C I L N E W S

HAMBLEDON ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The date for the above event has been fixed for Friday April 21st 1989 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

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As in recent years, we will start with the formal part of the meeting, which we will try to keep as brief as possible and will consist of a report on the past year, together with short reports from some of the organisations in the village.

This year Miss Mary Parker has agreed to address the Assembly on "A History of Hambledon". Miss Parker is well qualified to give such a talk, having lived in the village all her life. Her talk will be interesting and illuminating and a very pleasant way to spend a Friday evening.

The evening will close with light refreshments, so please do come to enjoy yourself, learn about your village and to meet other residents of Hambledon, old and new.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Your Parish Council has entered Hambledon for the 1989 competition. Following our success last year, we compete in the Winners Class this year.

Please do help us by giving up a small amount of time to keep not only your local area tidy but footpaths and roadside verges free of the inevitable tin can or plastic bag.

Judging starts in early May and continues through June and July. However, we would like the village to be maintained to a winning standard for the whole year. Let us demonstrate to Chiddingfold, Normandy, Putterham, etc. etc. that Hambledon is the best kept village in Surrey!

VILLAGE CLEAN-UP

Relevant to the Best Kept Village Competition, the Parish Council are organising a "Spring Clean" of the village on Saturday April 29th. Keep a couple of hours free on this date; more details at the Parish Assembly.

Thank you,

Elizabeth MacLay

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

Parturit in aperto and Ar hyd y nos, would nearly have made as much sense to the listener as the WAG's vocal rendering of such folk songs like "Who'll buy my white sand" sung in a round!

Mary Parker conducted us through the songs and rounds - most amazingly starting off each section at the right time. She told us how folk songs were passed on by word of mouth. Parturit in aperto means "Brought forth in the open" and was thought to refer to the Virgin and Child. As the British are not much good at languages, it became easier to sing "A partridge in a pear tree". Gwen Freemantle declined to sing "Ar hyd y nos", which we all know is "All through the night". Rousing choruses of Daisy, Tipperary and Auld lang syne brought the musical act to a close. It's a good job we sang before tea!

The Bring & Buy Sale was discussed, booked for May 25th venue to be decided. Part of the proceeds to the Cheshire Home for the new treatment block.

April brings us Mrs Doreen Lindsay, who has cycled 700 miles in Australia. See you there - not in Australia but at Mrs Ruth Steele's, Little Court, at 2 45pm on April 12th.

Joan Hardy

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Instead of having our usual meeting in March, we went by invitation of the Godalming Baptist Women's Fellowship to join in their Anniversary celebrations. We enjoyed listening to an address given by their former minister and then participated in an excellent tea which they had provided. We were sorry for those who were unable to come with us, as it was a very happy occasion.

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Make sure you are all at the next meeting which will be held at Ellingsons on 26th April, when we look forward to another visit from the Rev. George Goldsmith of Binscombe Evangelical Church.

Brenda Gardner

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

We were pleased to have Stephen and Sarah (nee Mabley) Clarke at all three services on February 19 to talk about the needs of the people they aid in Sudan, Thailand and the Philippines. At the time of the floods in Sudan we were able to help with blankets, and part of the proceeds of the Hunger Lunch on Good Friday will go to them. Now there is a need of baby clothes (tops preferred) and toys in good condition

Sudan

The Sudan Government has brought in laws which mean that aid agencies have to register each year; this is very expensive and does not guarantee permission to stay. This year four agencies have had to leave the Sudan but Christian Outreach has been approved to continue.

Some of you will know Nick Bayley from Busbridge who has been appointed the administrator/accountant, based in Khashm el Girba, and who will be going out shortly. A mechanic with a knowledge of diesel engines is needed to go out to the Sudan for one year, starting in May.

New kindergartens are being started for the refugee children and funds are needed for this and for the equipment that they will use. In April, Stephen and Sarah are going to Sudan to visit the camps and the teams working there.

Thailand

A new field director, Billy Lee, has been appointed to

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replace Philip Wield. He comes from Glasgow and will be working in Bangkok with his wife, Rachel, and their three children aged 9, 6 and 3.

Philippines

Jill Adams is now in the Philippines. On her way out she was able to see the Medical Programmes in Thailand to help her when she starts the clinic in San Antonio.

England

Stephen now has a helper at Leamington Spa: Ian Philipson from Banbury who has taken on responsibility for shipments to Sudan.

There are plans to knock down the tin hut, which at present serves as the headquarters for Christian Outreach, and to build proper church rooms to link with the church hall of St. Mary's. Decisions have to be made whether to do this or perhaps to purchase or rent an office in central Leamington Spa.

Please pray for:

Jill in the Philippines as she plans the new clinic.

Stephen and Sarah as they make their visit to the Sudan later this month.

Future direction of Christian Outreach and possible expansion plans.

Urgent need for a mechanic in Sudan.

We are grateful to Gay Mabley and to Stephen Clarke for providing this up-date on the work of Christian Outreach.

Ed.

The PCC believe that it would be the wish of our church family that Peter and Marilyn should be given some token of our affection and gratitude which would be a tangible memento of their ministry here in Hambledon.

If you would like to be associated with this, the churchwardens would be very pleased to receive your contribution - or it can be placed in a box at the village shop.

The Annual Church Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 20th April, and this seems a suitable occasion for the presentation, as the following Sunday, 23rd April, will be Peter's last among us. Please note that the meeting will start earlier than usual, at 7.30pm. to allow time afterwards for refreshments and to give friends the opportunity to talk to Peter and Marilyn.