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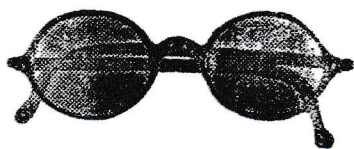
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THE HISTORY AND DETAILS OF HAMBLEDON CHURCH AND ITS CONTENTS

In the interval caused by the resignation of the late Rector, the Revd. L. Montague Teuten, it is thought that a useful purpose may be served by putting on record a list of the various memorials in the form of tablets, windows, and furniture of the Church in 1948, together with a briefly summarised history of the Church itself.

The Church of St. Peter is a building just over one hundred years old. It stands on the same site as the old Church, which was pulled down in 1846, and which probably dated from the 13th century. According to the *Victorian History of Surrey*, Edited by H. E. Malden, the approximate dimensions of the old Church were: nave, 30ft. by 16ft., chancel 16ft. by 13ft., and north chapel 16ft. by 7ft; and the Church as re-built is about the same size. The old Church contained a font of 11th or 12th century date, which was apparently thrown out when the Church was re-built, and is now in use in St. Martha's Chapel on the hill above Chilworth near Guildford. There is a photograph of it in the Hambledon Vestry.

This vestry was added to the re-built Church during the rectorship of the Revd. I. R. Timperley. It was designed by the late William Douglas Caroe, Architect to the Ecclesiastical Commission and to the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury Cathedral, Durham, Southwell, St. David's and Brecon Cathedrals. He also designed the oak casing of the organ, which was presented after the first German War by the late Miss Foster, of Fernside, Witley. It takes the place of a harmonium, which used to stand under the pulpit. To make room for the organ, the wall between the chancel and the old vestry was partly taken down, and an arch was built, which bears the inscription: Erected by the Parishioners in memory of the Fallen in the Great War 1914—18, and as a Thank-offering for the Peace gained by their Victory.

Nearby is a Tablet—To the Honoured Memory of Frank Edward Milligan, who, for many years, served God faithfully as organist of this Church, and schoolmaster of this village, 1912 to 1946. This Tablet was erected by his friends.

Of other records in the Church, one of the most noteworthy is an oak panel on the east wall of the nave, above the entrance into the new vestry, on which are inscribed, in gilt, the names of successive Rectors of the parish, from the year 1301 onwards. These are:—

Henry Aurey 1301	Henry Ogan 1568
Thomas le Bel 1306	John Moling 1572
William de Swanebury 1343	Richard Brown 1580
Simon de Valette 1349	Ralph Brown 1617
John Earl 1354	Caleb Eliot 1630
Richard Lawless 1360	Roger Nevison 1631

Stephen Mason 1361	Jonathan Jones 1681
Thomas Joskyn 1367	Joseph Richardson 1702
Ivo Snowe 1370	Edward Eliot 1723
Thomas Orforde 1377	William Eliot 1742
John Eton 1382	Edward Eliot 1756
Thomas Stone 1389	Edward Cooper 1790
Thomas Bussebrigge 1391	Fredk. Pleydell Bouverie 1810
Rober atte Berghe 1393	William A. Bouverie 1823
At this point, for over 100 years, records are missing.	Edward Bullock 1833
The next Rector was	William Wilkinson 1850
Robert Turner 1515	Henry Wright 1854
Thomas Draper 1534	Evan E. Rowsell 1859
John Twissilton 1545	Richard Phillips 1875
Thomas Harde 1557	Issac R. Timperley 1908
Richard Beaver 1560	Edward J. Seymour 1915
	L. Montague Teuten 1946

Of the stained glass windows in the Church, the east window and that in the south wall of the nave are the work of the late A. K. Nicholson. In the two lights of the latter, side by side are figures of the Archangels St. Michael and St. Gabriel. Underneath is the inscription: To the Glory of God and in very loving memory of David Ranken Lyle, I.C.S., June 6, 1872 to December 24, 1933.

The west window consists of three lancets, with figures representing Faith, Hope and Love. At the foot of each lancet is an emblematic scene. In the left light, under the figure of Sir Galahad representing Hope, St. Dorothea on the scaffold receives flowers from Paradise. Under the figure of St. Peter, representing Faith, St. Francis of Assisi feeds the birds; and under the central figure, the Divine Mother guiding her Child, Christ blesses little children.

The inscription under the window is: To the Glory of God and In Memory of a Life lighted by Faith, Hope and Love. Ruth Margaret Parker, August 3rd, 1874—May 31st, 1933.

The two other chancel windows, both in the south wall, are the work of Mr. Christopher Webb. They are to the memory of two brothers, the second and fourth sons of Ruth Margaret Parker, who lost their lives in the Second World War, 1939—45.

In the right hand of these two windows is shown an eagle, with the motto of the Royal Air Force, *Per ardua ad Astra*. The theme of the window is St. John's vision of the New Jerusalem. St. John is in the centre of the window, by the side of the Sea of Galilee, with the words 'I saw a new Heaven and a new Earth'; above stands an angel holding the world, in his vision of Jerusalem 'full of boys and girls playing in the streets.' Wreathing the window is deep blue convolvulus, a flower which was sent home by John Parker, from Gibraltar, and grew in the garden for years afterwards. The inscription is: "To the loved memory of John Arthur Hampden Parker, Squadron-Leader R.A.F., June 12, 1907—Sept. 14, 1942, 'Thy youth is renewed like the eagles.'"

In the other window the central figure is the Christ Child, calling to St. Christopher to carry him over the stream. Above, St. George slays the dragon—Right overcoming Wrong. Below, to left and right, are a spotted woodpecker, one of Christopher Parker's favourite birds, and a swallow-tail butterfly, which floated round his tank in the battle of Alamein. The inscription is, "To the loved memory of Christopher William Parker, Captain the Queen's Bays. November 8, 1919—September 28, 1944."

Other memorial tablets in the Chancel are: In a recess at the foot of the north wall, a brass plate inscribed, "In memory of Edward Bullock, M.A., Rector of this Church. Died, Jan. xi, A.D. MDCCCL. Rebuilt this Church, MDCCCLVII."

On the south wall, a brass tablet with inscriptions side by side.

(i) In memory of Clarence William, youngest child of Evan Edward Rowsell, Rector of Hambledon, and of Anna Maria his wife. Buried in Farncombe Churchyard, Surrey, Oct. 23rd, 1850, aged 18 months. "First fruits unto God and to the Lamb."—Rev. xiv, 4.

(ii) In memory of Evan Edward, eldest child of Evan Edward Rowsell, Rector of Hambledon, and of Anna Maria his wife. Buried in Armidale Cemetery, New South Wales, April 20th, 1865, aged 33. "In their death they are not divided."—2 Sam. i, 23.

Three other tablets on the south chancel wall are:

(i) To the Glory of God and in memory of Richard Phillips, Rector of Hambledon 1876—1907. "My time is in Thy Hands."

(ii) To the Glory of God, in loving memory of Sarah Anne Mellersh, who died January 18, 1905. The lamps for the lighting of this Church were given by her children.

and (iii) To the Glory of God and in memory of Annie Maude Mellersh, who died on December 4, 1922. The choir stalls were erected by her family and friends in July, 1923.

On a carved oak seat, on the south side of the altar steps, is the inscription "In loving memory of Ludwig Messel, given by his daughter Ruth Parker, July 21, 1915."

In a prayer book placed in the chancel is the inscription "To the Glory of God this book was presented in memory of Ethel Rolls Clowes by her children, in recognition of a life devoted to the service of others."

In the north chapel of the Church, a relic of the old building, pulled down in 1846, is a black marble tablet on the north wall, inscribed:

Here lyeth the Body of Edward Eliot, Gent., Brother of Sir William Eliot of Busbridge, Knt., who exchanged this Life for a Better, January xv, MDCLXXXIV, aged LXIV.

— All must to their cold Grave.

But the Religious Actions of the Just

Smell sweet in death and blossom in ye Dust.

Other tablets are:

(i) To the Glory of God and in affectionate memory of Frances Ellen Reeve, Who through devotion to duty spent herself in nursing during the Great War. Died July 28, 1918.

(ii) In loving memory of Captain P. H. Godfrey Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Smith of Bryony Hill, Hambledon, killed by enemy action in Italy, October 7, 1943, whilst serving in the 1st Batt. of the East Surrey Regiment.

(iii) In memory of Ina Phyllis Phillips, Gillian Christina Phillips, John David Phillips, Marjorie Maud Foyle, Cyril Foyle, who lost their lives through enemy action Oct. 23, 1941. Erected by the Hambledon members of the B.R.C.S.

On the south wall of the nave, side by side, are two marble tablets commemorating the fallen in the World Wars of 1914—18 and 1939—45.

1914-18

To the memory of those who died for our country and for her righteous cause.

Balchin Arthur, Pte. Queen's Royal West Surrey Regt.
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Linegar Alfred, Pte. Queen's Royal West Surrey Regt.
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Ritchie Harold, Pte. Queen's Royal West Surrey Regt.
Stevens Arthur, Pte. Queen's Royal West Surrey Regt.

1939-45

IN MEMORIAM

Their Name Liveth for Evermore

Christopher W. Parker, M.C., Capt. The Queen's Bays.
John A. H. Parker, Squadron Leader R.A.F.
Robert J. Robertson, D.S.O., Lieut-Commander R.N.,
H.M.S. Gloucester.

Richard E. Hawker Smith, L.A.C., R.A.F.
P. H. Godfrey Smith, Capt. East Surrey Regt.
J. W. Rodney Spedding, D.S.C., Lieut. R.N.,
H.M.S. Jupiter.

Douglas F. Spindler, Sergt-Gunner R.A.F.
Stanley A. Talman, Sergt. Anti-Tank Corps, R.A.A.

The font, which takes the place of that which in turn superseded the old font, now in St. Martha's Chapel, was presented by the late Mrs. Weguelin, then living at Mervel Hill, Hambledon.

Above it stands an oak screen, which was formerly stood over the Communion Table, and was presented by the Mellersh family.

In the Lectern Bible is the inscription: Presented to St. Peter's Church, Hambledon, by Eric and Ruth Parker, in gratitude for children and grandchildren baptized in this building. July 1931.

Hambledon Women's Institute.

Owing to uncertain weather, the July meeting of the Hambledon Women's Institute, which should have been held by kind invitation of Mrs. Wentworth-Martin in the garden of Great Meadows, was held instead at the Institute. One of the Hambledon members, Mrs. Haviland, gave a most interesting account of her experiences as a young married woman in India. The competition, a Country Posy, was won by Mrs. Gilham. An amusing criticism was also read on the essays on Water sent in for the competition of the previous month. There will be no meeting in August, the September meeting being held, by invitation of Mrs. Dowson, at Court Farm, Hambledon.

Obituary.

It is with sorrow at the loss of a greatly respected parishioner that we have to record the death of Arthur Ashdown, which took place in hospital at Farnham, on Sunday, July 18th.

In his time he played many parts in the life of the village and the surrounding countryside. He was Clerk to the Parish Councils of Hambledon and Hascombe, and one of the school Managers. He held the post of agent to Mr. and Mrs. Van Gruisen; he was a dairy farmer and a builder with his own brickworks. As a regular churchgoer he was a member of the church choir for many years; but above all he will be remembered with affection for his unvarying cheerfulness and goodness of heart. Hambledon extends its deepest sympathy to his widow.

Church Collections.

The Collections during June and July were as follows:-

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June 6	-	3	7	7	- Church Expenses
13	-		17	10	-
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11	-	6	3	10	- Moral Welfare

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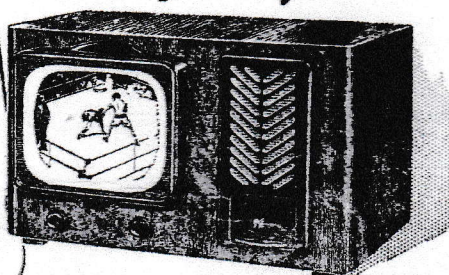
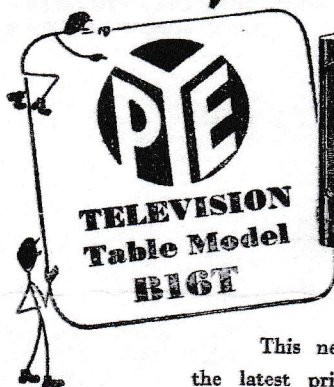
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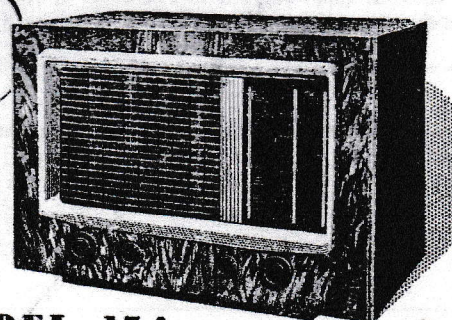
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