

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

AUGUST 1965

DIARY

- Aug. 1. Sun. TRINITY VII  
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m. and after Morning Prayer  
Children's Church 10.0 a.m.  
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.  
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.  
Church Coach leaves Hydestile 6.0 p.m. Lane End 6.10 p.m.
- Aug. 5. Thur. Holy Communion at Hambledon Homes Chapel  
10.30 a.m.
- Aug. 8. Sun. TRINITY VIII  
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.  
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.  
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
- Aug. 15. Sun. TRINITY IX  
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m. and after Evening Prayer  
Children's Church 10.0 a.m.  
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.  
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
- Aug. 22. Sun. TRINITY X  
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.  
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.  
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
- Aug. 26. Thur. No Women's Fellowship this month.
- Aug. 29. Sun. TRINITY XI  
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m. and after Evening Prayer  
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.  
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
- Sept. 2. Thur. Holy Communion at Hambledon Homes 10.30 a.m.
- Sept. 5. Sun. TRINITY XII  
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m. and after Morning Prayer  
Children's Church 10.0 a.m.  
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.  
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.  
Church Coach leaves Hydestile 6.0 p.m. Lane End 6.10 p.m.  
Offerings at Morning and Evening Prayer on Sundays are for the  
General Fund for Home and Overseas Missions.

Please book this date ! :- Sunday, September 12th - Preacher :

The Rev. Prebendary Hugh Jordan, B.A., B.D., Principal of  
The London College of Divinity (St. John's Hall).

THE ANNUAL CHURCH GARDEN PARTY was held at the Rectory on Saturday, July 3rd., and, although the sun did not shine as brightly as it has done on some former occasions, it was possible to sit in the Garden for the serving of the teas.

A varied programme of games and competitions had been arranged by Mrs. Vacher and Mr. Sharpington. We were most grateful to them and their helpers for so kindly providing this entertainment which was enjoyed by children and adults alike. The smaller children were given free rides on the donkeys which had been very kindly lent to us for the afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Foster-Moore of Placewood Farm. To Miss Pamela May and her helpers - many thanks for bringing the donkeys and looking after them.

Hambledon School gave us a programme of Maypole, Sword and Country Dancing, which was, as always, greatly appreciated. We thank Mrs. Peer, and her staff and the children for all their help.

It would not be a Garden Party without teas, ices and refreshments, and these were all provided through the generosity of members of our congregation and their friends to whom we are most grateful. To all who helped in the preparation and serving of these provisions we wish to record our very grateful thanks. It is not possible to mention by name every member of that body of helpers, but special mention should be made of Mr. and Mrs. Goad who once again took over the responsibility of organising the teas. The garden looked very neat and tidy, and, as many will know, we owe a real debt of gratitude to Miss Denny who spends many hours in the garden.

During the afternoon Mrs. Elton was presented with a box of delicious chocolates. (These have been a great help during a rather wet holiday ! C.E.E.)

A microphone for the announcements was very kindly provided by Mr. C.A. Chapman, who also put on a programme of suitable music during the afternoon. We acknowledge with thanks the kind help given by King George V Hospital in lending us some of their materials for the games and competitions.

V.S.O. (Voluntary Service Overseas). This is an independent organisation to link young people, through service, with those of their generation in the developing territories of the Commonwealth. In

1965 it is hoped to send some 800 teachers, agriculturists, doctors, medical auxiliaries, and other trained and qualified personnel, and more than 450 school-leavers and apprentices to developing countries throughout the world. Hambledon R.D.C., has inaugurated a local Committee for Voluntary Service in this area. The Secretary is Mrs. E. Ford, Council Offices, Bury Fields, Guildford, who will be pleased to give information about the scheme.

#### CHURCH FLOWERS

August 1st. Mrs. Dowson :	August 8th. Mrs. Wieler :
August 15th. Mrs. Chapman :	August 22nd. Miss Denny
August 29th. Mrs. Williams.	September 5th. Mrs. Dowson.

Our grateful thanks to all who so kindly provide and arrange the flowers in Church.

VISITORS' COMMENTS - Visitors, both clerical and lay, frequently remark upon the way the Lessons are read. We are very blessed at Hambledon in having so many, able and willing, to undertake this important ministry. Our grateful thanks to our readers.

GREATER LONDON CRUSADE 1966 - Preparations for this Crusade, to be conducted by Dr. Billy Graham in Earls Court Arena in June 1966, are now under way. The organisers stress that "The Greatest Need is Prayer". To co-ordinate the prayer campaign a Prayer Bulletin will be sent regularly to all who enlist as "Prayer Partners". If you would like to add your name to the list of "Prayer Partners" in Hambledon please inform the Rector.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - The result of the Half-yearly Box Opening in June was:- £6.15.9. The following is an extract from a letter from the Society to our Hon. Treasurer (Mrs. Vickery):- "We are so grateful to all the box-holders for the help they continue to give us in our work. We have earmarked this for your cot at the Hindhead Nursery."

THE LAMMAS LANDS - The following interesting account has been compiled by Graham Mervyn, A.R.C.A. :-

Few people can have failed to be struck by the beautiful setting of Godalming, as it is seen on approaching the town from Guildford, along the old Portsmouth Road. The town nestles amidst the ~~trees~~ of its down-land setting, dominated by the graceful spire of the parish church. That we can enjoy this view at all, is due to the fine open sweep of grass and that forms the foreground. These meadows, on either side of the River



Wey, but chiefly on the north, are known as the Lammas lands.

Lammas lands are a relic of mediaeval culture, but their origins go much further back in history. At one time they probably formed part of every village, and as nearly every village on the Ordnance map today dates back many hundreds of years, it will be seen that the number of Lammas lands must have been considerable. Alas, with changing methods of agriculture, and the acquisition of land into larger units of ownership, most of the Lammas lands have disappeared. Today, only a few remain, perhaps less than half-a-dozen, of which Godalming has the finest.

To return to Mediaeval times, from the Conquest to the Tudors, when the Feudal system held sway. Most labourers and agricultural workers were tied to their work and their village in a much more rigid legal code than today. The country was divided into Manorial estates which carried with them Rights of Service from their tenants and villeins. Nevertheless, the more ancient rights of the Anglo-Saxon, of agriculture in common, were never finally extinguished. Cultivation of crops however is not the only part of agriculture, and the grazing of animals is an indispensable part. The grassland alongside streams is lush and plentiful. In the early part of the year it can be grown on for hay, and after that is gathered, until Candlemas day next April, it can be used for common grazing, and the date of throwing it open was Lammas Day, in our new calendar, falling in August.

In Anglo-Saxon practice, every freeholder of a village had the right to graze, but as time went on and villages increased their size and scope, not all were interested, but the incursions into common rights has been of much concern to the legislature in modern times. In the matter of Lammas lands, their diversion to other usage is a matter of much legal difficulty, and, as in the case of Walthamstow, necessitated a special Act of Parliament, in 1934.

#### CONCLUSION -

"Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest,  
whosoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure,  
whosoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good  
if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, (report  
THINK ON THESE THINGS"

Paul to the Christians of Philippi - A.D. 64.

(The above account has been kindly sent for the magazine by Mr. Adgie  
a member of our Church Council who is Hon. Secretary of Godalming  
Amenity Group.)