

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

AUGUST, 1974

DIARY

Services as usual and as announced in Church.

RECTOR'S RETIREMENT

The Rector's last services were held on 23rd June and on the following day Parishioners and friends of Hambledon met in the Village Hall to make a presentation and express their thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Elton for the seventeen years of happy and successful ministry at St. Peter's, Hambledon.

The Churchwardens pointed out that 17 years represented more than a quarter of their lives which had been given to serve our Parish. It was also mentioned that the friendship made in the Village was lasting, and although they would not be living in the Parish, they would not be far away so that the friendships made would no doubt continue. In their ministry they virtually became a member of every family, and to express adequately thanks to them was impossible.

The Parish, through its members generosity, made it possible to present The Rector & Mrs. Elton with small personal mementoes as well as a cheque for £1,163.

We wish them every happiness in their retirement.

After the presentation, the Rector expressed his thanks for the generosity of the presentation and friends, adding that "this day was the first day of the REST of his life."

The Rector and Eileen were able to meet personally about 300 people who attended and concluded a very happy evening and ministry.

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Hydestile  
Godalming (7959)

Dear Friends,

The amazing generosity of your Farewell Gift which was presented to us at the Village Hall on Monday, June 24th, completely overwhelmed us, and it is impossible to find words which can adequately express our gratitude to all who contributed to the fund. It was a wonderful and a humbling experience to see so many of our friends at the Hall for the occasion. Some had travelled long distances to be there, and we felt that everything was beyond our deservings. We have also been moved by the letters of appreciation we have received from those who were unable to be present.

The services on Sunday, June 23rd, were unforgettable, and the sadness of that being the last Sunday of one's ministry at Hambledon was relieved by the joyous singing as we praised God for all His goodness over the years. He has been wonderful in His blessings and provision.

To all who have supported and helped us in our work in the parish, and especially the wardens and other church officers, we record our very sincere thanks.

We are delighted to know that the Bishop has agreed to institute the Rev. D.J. Thompson, Vicar of Wallington, who has been nominated by the Patrons, to the Benefice of Hambledon. We commend Mr. & Mrs. Thompson and their family to your prayers and we know that they will receive a warm welcome to the parish.

We send you our greetings and the assurance of our prayers for God's richest blessing as St. Peter's Church, Hambledon, begins a new chapter in its great history.

Ever yours in His service,

Ted and Eileen Elton

P.S. The Church was very beautifully decorated for our last Sunday. We greatly appreciated this further token of your love.

#### CHURCH REGISTERS

##### BAPTISMS

July 20. Karen Anne, daughter of Ronald Stanley and Elizabeth Ann Vickery

##### MARRIAGES

June 22. David James Boxall and Joyce Ann Dedman

July 13. Richard Stephen Tiner and Alison Margaret Ball

July 20. George Adam Harley Legrew Hasse and Yolande Maylila Palmer

HAMBLEDON C. of E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

The End of Term and School Leavers' Service was held at the Parish Church on Friday, July 19th and conducted by the Rev. C.E. Elton. The Lesson Readers were:- Kevin Pink, Samantha Cox, Kevin Bonne, Sarah Coleman, Richard Payne and Janet Hodgkins.

FREE-WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for June, 1974

£30.32p

GUILDFORD LECTURES - Preliminary notice

A series of lectures has been arranged in Guildford Cathedral on Wednesday evenings during October. The Bishop of Guildford writes - "We live in times when all of us need help to clarify the fundamentals of our faith, and these lectures are planned to do just that." The lectures will be as follows:

Wednesday, October 2nd. FAITH: Dr. Cicely  
Saunders.

Wednesday, October 9th MAN

Wednesday, October 16th JESUS: Metropolitan  
Anthony Bloom

Wednesday, October 23rd GOD: Professor  
Ulrich Simon.

Fuller details will follow.



## HAMBLEDON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A most enjoyable afternoon was spent at Ellingsons when the Hambledon W.I. met on Wednesday June 12th. After thanking Mrs. Ellingson for her generous hospitality the president, Mrs. Steele, called on Mrs. Hardy for her report on the Annual General Meeting at the Albert Hall. This Mrs. Hardy did in a very interesting and amusing way.

There following an unusual form of "Any Questions", when members were invited to put questions to Miss Parker on Local History, Mrs. Hardy on Crafts and "do-it-yourself", and Mr. Crowhurst on gardening. The panel were kept busy and dealt ably with a variety of questions.

After a delicious tea, members took the opportunity of walking round Mrs. Ellingsons delightful garden.

Hambledon W.I. members were guests of Mrs. Hedley at Hambledon House for their July meeting, and after thanking their hostess for her hospitality the president, Mrs. Steele, dealt with the business of the meeting. Members learnt that Mrs. Popper, the W.I.'s New Zealand link was visiting Britain but unfortunately had been unable to get to the meeting -- it was hoped that it will be possible to arrange a visit at a later date before Mrs. Popper returns to New Zealand.

Preliminary arrangements were made for the annual sale which is to be held on October 26th.

The speaker was Mrs. Putland-van-Someren, who gave a most interesting talk on Dutch W.I.'s. Members heard how the position of married women had changed over the last thirty years, and how the W.I. had played a large part in this.

After tea, in spite of the rather dull weather, members enjoyed a walk round the lovely garden.

Earlier in the month, Hambledon W.I. entertained sixty old people, nine of whom came from Guildford - After raining all the morning, the sun came out just as the coach left for a drive round the countryside - On returning to the Village Hall, they enjoyed a delicious tea provided by the members.

#### FOR YOUR DIARY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 1974

Annual Meeting of Bible Society  
(Godalming Auxiliary) in  
Godalming Library Hall 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 1974

MISSION UNLIMITED - UGANDAN EVANGELISTS VISIT  
Guildford Diocese - Godalming Deanery  
Combined Service at Busbridge Parish  
Church 6.30 p.m.  
Speaker: Mr. Keb Kabaza of Uganda.