

ST. PETER'S HAMBLETON

AUGUST 1980

THE RECTOR WRITES.....

Many of us were praying especially during the recent days when Robert Ashe, working for the Red Cross Organisation on the Thai border, was blindfolded and taken captive for some four days before being released and allowed back again. It was a dangerous moment, and reminds us that, though Robert himself has won the respect of all sides (he was recently awarded the MBE for his services) there is always the possibility of the unpredictable happening.

Let it be a fresh spur to our prayers, both for Robert, and for the rest of the Ashe family whether in Thailand or at home here in Busbridge, and also for our own Paul Atkins and Faith Hansford who are out there working in the team.

Paul too has been right up in the fighting area, under fire, ferrying wounded children back to hospital, and administering food among tens of thousands in the camps. Extracts of his recent letter were read in Church on 6 July, and gave us a vivid picture of the present situation. We owe it to them to pray regularly for God's protection, and His blessing on all they do.

Now Miss Anne Butler, who is a matron at King Edward's School, and has often worshipped with us, is to go to Hongkong to share in the enormous task of relief that goes on there.

2. CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

3 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon
10 am Children's Church
11 am Morning Prayer
6.30 pm Evening Prayer in modern English
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

10 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion 8 am
11 am Morning Prayer and Public Baptism
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

13 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer(Rectory)

17 ELLEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm
10 am Children's Church
11 am Morning Prayer
12.10 pm Public Baptism
6.30 pm Holy Communion
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

24 S. BARTHOLOMEW Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am
10 am Holy Communion (SeriesII)
11 am Morning Prayer
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

27 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer(Rectory)

31 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 7.30 pm
11 am Morning Prayer
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People meet

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AND IN SEPTEMBER

7 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon
10 am Children's Church
11 am Morning Prayer
6.30 pm Evening Prayer in modern English
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

14 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am
11 am Morning Prayer
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People meet

CHURCH FLOWERS

Aug.	3	Miss M. Parker
	10	Mrs E.A. Wieler
	17	Mrs D. Ringe
	24	Miss E.F. Denny
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Sept.	7	Mrs D. Symonds
	14	Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for June 1980, £282-02p.

E.F. Denny

C.of E. Children's Society Box:-

£14.12p.

Mrs J.E. Vickery

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptisms:

July 20 Benedict Edward Hall: Anna Sophie Mottram

Burial:

July 10 Constance Mary White (84)

Connie White, who died in hospital at the age of 84, held a rather special place in the affections and memories of us all. though she was born in London, the death of her father in her very early years brought her to finish her schooling in Witley. So it was that she lived in Worley and nearby for more than 70 years, and served on the household staffs of several local homes.

During the last 16 years, in Cherryhurst, she first nursed her former husband Albert Pullen during his last long illness; then, after her subsequent marriage to Fred White, she was later widowed again. So hers was far from being an easy life, and she had also to cope with recurring bouts of illness and depression.

Yet what we chiefly remember was an affectionate lively nature, and a great zest for life. She was in everything that went on - the Women's Institute of course, The Evergreens at Witley, and every possible social occasion: while on her holidays even at the age of over 80 she would set off on foreign tours as the life and soul of the party.

We specially remember her lifelong membership of our church. Even in the chilly months of February and March this year she only missed one Sunday. We thank God for the faith that lies behind that, and for God's promises which means so much to us.

Her son Mr Alan Pullen and his wife would like to express here their thanks to all who sent letters or tributes, They are most grateful for many kindnesses.

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DR JACK SYMONDS, though held back for a few days with an infection, has in general been recovering well from the operation on his hip joint, and it is good to see him walking fairly comfortably now. MRS HARCOURT-WILLIAMS has been sick at home with bronchitis, and had just emerged when a second attack sent her back again. Some of the children of our Church School have been patients in the children's Ward of the new hospital:- LISA MONKS had a minor eye operation; and SEAN KERSLAKE had what was feared to be meningitis, but which later proved to be pneumonia.

GIFT OF A TABLE

Our best thanks go to Mr and Mrs Pearson for their kind gift of a table, for use at Church especially at marriages when the registers are being signed. We are most grateful for this useful gift.

SPONSORED SWIM FOR THE NURSING SCHOOL

Mr and Mrs Bolton organised a sponsored swim at King Edward's School pool on 19 July followed by a cooked supper at their home. Thirteen members of our Sunday Senior Group swam an aggregate of 449 lengths, an average of 34 each, and the total given by sponsors is likely to be over £70. The money goes to The Royal Surrey School of Nursing which is in desperate need of new premises. The present accommodation is condemned as inadequate, but no money is available from the Government. An attempt is being made to raise £600,000 by public subscription before the end of 1981, ready for when the next phase of the new County Hospital begins in 1982.

At the last meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 14 July our attention was drawn to the "Williams Report", which after some two years deliberation is now laying before the Government its proposals to liberalise the present laws.

It would seem that the proposals, if carried into law, would remove pornographic material from the ordinary newsagents shops (which is good), but would allow special shops to be opened where much more extreme pornography (including even bestiality) could be freely on sale to anyone over the age of 18. One cannot think that it would then be possible to stop it falling into the hands of those under 18, and indeed of young children. Even as it is, teachers in our present schools are troubled about the material which is being handed around in the second form of our senior schools. The new proposals would also remove any restrictions in theatre or cinema on pornography, and would allow its free advertisement. It would also, apparently, allow the sending of such material through the post to anyone, unsolicited, (the very reverse of freedom).

The Home Secretary has asked for the public to express its attitudes by the end of July! We very much hope time will not be quite so restricted as that, and that in August too a very large number of our nation will express their strong disagreement with the Williams line. Our Church Council feels that the present laws need to be tightened, not liberalised, and believes that a large "silent majority" may well agree. In view of the Home Secretary's request, it is time for us not to be silent. A letter to the Home Secretary, or even the signing of the petition at Church, could be a way of speaking. No doubt there are strong vested interests on the other side.

" THE CELLAR"

Not all of our members may yet be aware of the existence of The Cellar, the small cafe which was opened some months ago near to Waitrose's store at 42 High Street, Godalming.

While it is deliberately not overladen with Christian posters or display, it is in fact a Christian project, and is managed by a Christian Committee, and by Colin Primett whom they have appointed in charge. Its purpose is to serve simple refreshments at a very reasonable cost, and to provide (not least for young people in the evenings) a place other than licensed premises where they can find refreshments and the opportunity to meet and talk to friends. This is a service which was greatly needed in Godalming, as it is in many other towns.

The Cellar is much used during the day, and particularly in the evenings it is often crowded with young people. Several of our own Young People's Group help down there in the evenings.

Colin Primett and the management ask for our prayers that God will use and bless this link between Young People in our district and the Christians who serve there.

Why not call in for a light lunch, or a cup of coffee, sometime?

AUGUST PROGRAMMES

Though Sunday Club is in obedience during the school holidays season, Children's Church continues on the first and third Sundays of the month.

The Wednesday evening Bible Studies also continue, fortnightly, in the Rectory at 8.15 pm, and the August dates are 13th and 27th.

HAMBLEDON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

A dry day, very well stocked stalls, a large number of cheerful supporters, and much hard work by the Committee brought notable success at the School Fete, and we congratulate their members and particularly their Chairman Mrs Stephenson, who sends this letter:-

"Our summer Fete held on 12th July raised £210-51p. On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank all those people who contributed items for the stalls, and also those who gave their support by joining us for the afternoon. The money raised will be spent on extra equipment for the School.

B. Stephenson
Chairman"

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Hambledon W.I. held an open meeting on Wednesday July 9th in the Village Hall.

The meeting took the form of a produce show when members of the W.I. showed their skills in Flower arranging, Handicraft, Cooking and the Growing of flowers fruit and vegetables. The prizes were awarded on points, the overall winners being 1st Mrs de Berniere-Smart, 2nd Mrs Vacher and 3rd Mrs Steele.

There was also a class for the children who attend Hambledon School. The class for the 7-9 year olds was won by Richard Pettit who made a most impressive dragon out of a cucumber. His brother Alastair Pettit won the class for the 5-7 year olds, with a delightful miniature garden on a plate.

The judges were Mrs Stedall, Miss Libbiter, Miss Lingham, and Mr Hawkes.

B.J.M.