

ST PETER'S HAMBLETON

AUGUST 1982

THE RECTOR WRITES .....

It was a great shock to us all to hear of the sudden death from a heart attack of our Bishop, David Brown. He was 60. He had gone to London to chair a committee at Church House, Westminster, when he collapsed, and he died before reaching hospital.

His B.D. course at London University was interrupted by war service with the R.A.F. (where incidentally he met our Warden Peter Roderick). His earlier years in the ministry were spent serving the Church Missionary Society in the Sudan, where he became profoundly influenced by his contacts with the Muslim world. He returned to England to parishes in Bromley and Herne Bay, and in 1973 was made Bishop of Guildford.

We remember the week end he gave to us in Hambleton in 1976, and appreciated the warm friendliness of his manner, and his simplicity in worship. He sought to be a bridge builder, between Church and secular world, between the great religious faiths, and between denominations - and the recent narrow failure of the Covenanting Proposals to secure the required two-thirds majority deeply disappointed him.

There is to be a memorial service for him in September.

Pray specially for his widow, who has herself had sickness and pain to bear. Pray too for God's guidance and over-ruling in the appointment of a successor.

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CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 1982

7 EIGHTH 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 (ASB)

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

4 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study & Prayer (Rectory)

8 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

15 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

18 wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study & Prayer (Rectory)

22 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 9.45 am

9.45 am Holy Communion (ASB)

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

29 TYELFTH 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

AND IN SEPTTEMBER

1 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study & Prayer(Rectory)

5 THIRTEENTH 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 (ASB)

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

12 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club begins

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

CHURCH FLOWERS

Aug. 1 Mrs J. Symonds

8 Mrs P. Gardner

15 Mrs D. Symonds

22 Mrs Alan Secrett

29 Miss E.F. Denny

Sep. 5 Mrs M.C.P. Stedall

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FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for June 1982 £307.99p.

E.F. Denny

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptism July 11 Claire Ann Farquhar

Confirmation July 13 at Guildford Cathedral,  
Richard Thompson-Bone.



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ACTION AFRICA '82

In August this year I'm going to Africa with the Africa Evangelical Fellowship (AEF) a missionary society sending people to mainly Southern Africa. Having now finished university at Bristol, I very much wanted to do something positive for God, but I wasn't sure quite what. I heard about this trip to Africa (or more precisely Zimbabwe and Botswana) called "Action Africa" last November, and felt that this was something I could perhaps do. After thinking and praying things through, I applied and was accepted.

There are nine people going, ranging from 18-22, with a leader from AEF. We are spending six weeks in Africa and will be doing many different and challenging activities from painting a clinic and bookshop to organising a youth camp. So things will be quite hectic over the time we are there. During our stay we will be staying with AEF missionaries, and meeting local churches. Our trip has been very well planned, and we shall cover most of Zimbabwe and the north west corner of Botswana in our travels. We shall also have an opportunity to see some of the animals, and the Victoria Falls. It will be winter-spring time there, one of the nicest times of the year, with pleasant temperatures during the day, and quite cold at night. It should be an exciting and enjoyable time - certainly very interesting meeting others from a very different culture, but who also know and love God. I look forward to telling you about it when I return.

Geoffrey Clarkson

#### CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

We owe a real debt to the ladies who week by week provide the flowers for the Holy Table, not only for the flowers themselves, but for the hours they give to arranging them.

No one has done this so frequently as Mrs Wieler, who has undertaken this task once a month for some twenty years past! Now she feels with much regret, that she should discontinue this regular commitment, though she will continue to help at festival times. We want to give her our special thanks for these years of faithful service.

So from August onwards there will be four Sundays each month to be supplied. Perhaps this could be a moment when some new volunteers appear. It would be good if the list of those who provide is not limited to a few (who would then find themselves doing it frequently), nor even to those who are experts. Any who would like to enquire further before setting their name down on the porch notice board list could get in touch with Mrs Thompson at The Rectory.

#### PAINTERS NEEDED

During the Easter vacation Christopher MacLay and others repainted the white lines on the roadway outside the church. We are most grateful.

We need now to repaint our church flagpole, and to scrape (underneath as far as possible) and repaint the oil storage tank. The Rector would be glad to hear from volunteers.

A larger and more demanding task would be the repainting of the vestry (ceiling and walls). This would have to be well done, to a good standard, under some "Management". But many are now doing their own home interior decorating excellently, and a small group of members with some experience might well tackle this for us. Any offers?



Our churchwarden CECIL CHAPMAN has suffered two strokes affecting his speech and right side. Mercifully the damage seems not serious and prospects of a recovery good, but we specially remember both him and his wife now. MISS WHITTLE had to be hurried into the County Hospital for the removal of gall stones, but has now returned to the almshouses to convalesce. MISS GWEN LIERCE had again to go to hospital before returning to nursing home at Worrley once more. ALISON HEATH had had an operation on her jaw at Chichester and though now safely home again will need to endure some weeks with her face strapped up. SARAH HAMMOND went into Haslemere Hospital for the removal of tonsils, then needed a second operation before all was well. RAY WILLIAMS went into hospital at Windsor for special treatment to his eyes; it is hoped that even if this does not improve his vision it will at least prevent further deterioration. We send our very best wishes to them all.

SANDRA MUNTON has now received a Ph.D. degree from Reading University after presenting a thesis in her field of food technology. She has been engaged in research on sweeteners. She is to be married to ANTHONY TAYLOR on 14 August. May God bless them both.

Among our Young People's Group, MICHELLE HARRIS has announced her engagement to KEITH POWELL, and JEREMY ERDE to SUE WALLACE. Jeremy and Sue met in the Christian Union at Cambridge. Both are now going on to teaching posts in Nottinghamshire.

## AUGUST PROGRAMMES

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Fortnightly WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES continue, in The Rectory at 8.15 pm, on August 4 and 18, and September 1.

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY GROUPS are in recess.

So too is SUNDAY CLUB, to reopen on September 12.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH continues, on August 1 and 15 and on September 5, and we hope that all families not away on holiday will come. On Aug. 15 and Sept. 5 we will have a "Bible Object Service". Children of any age are invited to bring an object mentioned in the Bible, together with a note of the verse in the Bible where the object is mentioned. Parents are allowed to assist!

## HARVEST SUPPER

The date is Friday 1st October. Book the date now. More details will be in next month's magazine, and tickets will be available in September.

Harvest Thanksgiving services will be on October 3.

## CHURCH SCHOOL FETE

The summer fete on July 10 brought gross takings of £360, and a net profit of some £300. Well done indeed, and Thankyou.

## GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL FETE

This seems to have been a very successful day in lovely weather. Our Deanery savoury and preserves stall realised £684, a splendid figure, and we thank Mrs Ringe and all who provided to make this possible.



### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our last meeting of this session was held at Ellingson's on Thursday 24 June. This is always a special occasion when we enjoy looking round Mrs Ellingson's lovely garden. We welcomed again Mrs Hugh Sanson from Guildford, who gave a characteristic talk in her bright manner on the subject "Christianity is unique". Unfortunately several members were unable to be present.

We meet again in October.

S.M.S.

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Although not so fortunate with the weather for their second garden meeting, Hambledon W.I. again had a meeting which members voted one of the best of the year.

The meeting was held at Meadow Cottage, by kind invitation of Mrs D. Simmons who provided a gorgeous tea; and we were able to walk round the garden before we left.

The business meeting was conducted by the President Mrs B. Major, and Mrs Vacher reported on the various activities of the previous month including a coffee morning at the home of Miss B. Davies.

The talks were arranged by Mrs B. Allen, and called "Do you remember?".

Mrs S. Synonds spoke of her memories which passed from a primitive mission hospital in Africa, through the war years, then 20 years as the wife of a G.I. in this country before being asked to return in charge of a small mission hospital in Uganda, and returning to Hambledon in 1968. Mrs Major spoke of her years as a young army wife in Palestine. We hope Mrs Allen can arrange another such meeting next year.

Mrs Major won the raffle and Mrs MacLachlan and Mrs J. Hardy shared first place in the most unusual garden flowers competition.