

ST PETER'S CHURCH HAMBLEDON : AUGUST 1986

The Rector writes:

My dear Friends:

Paul says in Col. 3:23 "Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men". Working for Christ is an urgent duty for all Christians. It is a great mistake to think that our service for Him is a part-time activity we engage in on Sundays and one or two evenings in the week, and that the "Daily round, the common task" is merely a dismal drudgery, or a wearisome business of breadwinning.

If you are a married man or unmarried woman or man, you will normally spend much of your time earning your living. A congenial job, a fair wage, reasonable hours, good conditions, decent holidays and a pension are certainly pleasing to God, but surely Christians will see beyond the pay cheque! Considerations such as family, country and church will loom large on their horizon.

If you are married and have a family, then certainly as a mother for a certain period of time your major consideration will be your home - looking after your husband and caring for your children. Christian mothers are about the most influential people in the world.

One needs to say perhaps that those who are engaged in what we normally call "secular employment", are working just as much for the Lord as an ordained minister or missionary. For a Christian no employment is really secular. Every part of our life is viewed as part of our service for Christ.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York issued a "Short guide to the duties of Church Membership" in 1959. I end with this:

"All baptized and confirmed members of the Church must play their full part in its life and witness. That you may fulfil that duty, we call upon you:

- * To follow the example of Christ in home and daily life and to bear personal witness to Him;
- * To be regular in private prayer day by day;

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- * To read the Bible carefully;
- * To come to Church every Sunday;
- * To receive Holy Communion regularly and faithfully;
- * To give personal service to Church, neighbours and community;
- * To give money for the work of parish and diocese and for the work of the church at home and overseas.

Geoffrey Cantuar

Cyril Ebor

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 1986

Aug. 3 10TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
10 00 am Family Service - followed by coffee at
12 noon Holy Communion the Rectory
6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Aug. 10 11TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)
6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Aug. 17 12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
10 00 am Children's Church
11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)
6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Aug. 24 13TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)
6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

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Aug. 31 14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
6 30 pm Evening Service
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

THERE ARE NO MEETINGS FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER DURING AUGUST
AND IN SEPTEMBER when we start the new pattern of
church services:

Sept. 6 Sunday Club Treasure Hunt on Hambledon Common

Sept. 7 15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00 am Family Service - Stephen Clarke
Christian Outreach
(followed by coffee at the Rectory)
12 30 pm Holy Communion (1662)
6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662) - Stephen Clarke
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Sept. 8 7 45 pm for 8 00 pm PCC meets at the Rectory

Sept. 10 8 15 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
AT THE RECTORY

Sept. 13/14 PARISH WEEKEND with the Rev. John Kingsley Smith
and his wife, Cherith.

For further details please see magazine for
September.

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptism : 28 June 1986 : Laura Jayne Fish

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for June 1986 : £636.80 : Edric Hardy

CHURCH FLOWERS : August 3 Mrs B Paine
10 Mrs E Maclay
17 WEDDING FLOWERS
24 Mrs E Symonds
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To our friends in hospital and recovering at home we send greetings and prayers for a full return to health and strength: to Alan Paine, now at home after a spell in hospital and making good progress; to John Mann from Lane End recovering at home after major heart surgery; to Georgina Booth whose stay in hospital proved to be quick and successful, for which we give thanks to God. Mrs Edwards from Nutbourne Cottages is still in hospital but making good progress and we pray for her and her family.

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Tim Arden-White is in Jordan working with a Tear Fund Task Force at the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf which is based in Sult. He is there for 6 weeks and the Task Force gets to grips with necessary maintenance and repairs which would otherwise cost a great deal of money or perhaps not get done at all. Please remember Tim in your prayers for sometimes these overseas jobs can prove somewhat lonely; we hope he will give us news of his work in Sult on his return to Hambledon.

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Four from the YPF have gone to Edinburgh for the Commonwealth Games - Theresa Parker, Chris Maclay, Louise Nelson and Caroline Atkins - the latter three are working with YWAM (Youth with a Mission) and they will be part of the Christian team drawn from all dioceses and churches to provide a Christian welcome to competing athletes. We hope to hear more from them on their return.

SIMON MABLEY : We have asked Simon to write a short account for the magazine of the work he will be doing with CMS in Pakistan. We particularly congratulate him on his recent graduation from Birmingham University with a B.Sc.Hons. in Electronic and Computer Engineering.

He writes : "At the end of August I will be going to Pakistan for two years as a short-term mission partner with the Church Missionary Society. In Pakistan I will be based at Edwardes College, a school in the North-West Frontier close to the border with Afghanistan. There I will teach computer programming and up-date the office, putting files on computer, etc. As a mission partner I am linked to 3 churches, one of which will be Hambledon. This means that the church receives a link letter from me every so often to enable people to pray for the situation in Pakistan from a more informed viewpoint."

A LETTER FROM PAUL AND FAITH ATKINS IN KENYA

Dear All

Every month we look forward to receiving the church magazine and keeping up-to-date with corporate and individual news. However, we've realised we ought to be sharing our news with you which has prompted us to put pen to paper.

After much thought and prayer we've decided to return to UK in August. It was a difficult decision because we love living out here but God has confirmed our choice as Paul has been accepted for an M.Sc. at Reading University. We're really excited about this and know God's hand has been in this as the competition for places is stiff.

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Life at Turi continues to be hectic in the term-time and full of travelling in the holidays. We have recently started a fellowship group for the top form to prepare them for life when they leave St Andrew's. So far, we have explained why and how to be a Christian and we are now going on to facing problems such as peer pressure, bullying, smoking, drinking, relationships, etc. from a Christian point of view. The children (12 and 13 years) are very enthusiastic and keen to come. We have been particularly encouraged by the response from the Muslim and Hindu children. One Muslim boy is very keen to learn more of Christianity but has stopped coming since his father visited him at school a few weeks ago. Muslims who become Christians will be thrown out of the family and totally rejected. Another girl who is a Hindu, desperately wants to learn more of Christianity but is caught between worshipping the gods of her family and the true God. She has asked me to study the Bible with her. Do pray for these children who are under such pressure from their parents and yet long to know the love of Christ. We also need prayer that we have wisdom in dealing with them because it is very difficult to lead a child to Christ knowing it will antagonise their family and so cause rifts.

Since December I have been working as the School Housekeeper which has somewhat curtailed my very enjoyable life of leisure! However, it only involves the mornings which still leaves plenty of time for all my craft work.

Our final term at St Andrew's promises to be just as full as those before, if not more so. We are involved in a staff production of 'The Happiest Days of Your Life'; Paul is leading a 7th Form field trip to Lake Naivasha; we are going on our last safari at half-term; and then there is the process of making arrangements to leave Kenya.

We very much look forward to seeing you all again when we return in August and hope that this British summer is considerably better than the winter you have just survived. With our love and best wishes - PAUL AND FAITH ATKINS

VILLAGE HALL : The Village Hall Management Committee would like to thank all those who supported the Draw and the Dance in the Hall on Sat. 19 July to raise money for the new floor. The Dance was a lively occasion, seemingly enjoyed by all

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who took part. It is hoped that about £500 will have been raised by these two events. A good start but there is still a long way to go to reach the target and the subscription list remains open.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP : We were whisked away as if by magic carpet to Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Pakistan by Mrs Muriel Campbell, with her vivid account of her travels there. In words and pictures she led us through these three countries, visiting the very poor and the very rich, all with their different religions and cultures. Ancient temples and palaces, from shanty-towns to modern living. People working at their crafts, to them a life-line from poverty - by our standards a mere pittance. It was gratifying to learn that a lot is being done through such organisations as the Save the Children Fund; modern technology put to good use, like damming rivers, provide water and electricity to many. Thank you to Mrs Hilary Morrison for inviting us to meet and have tea in her lovely home and garden. The next meeting, September 10th at 2 45 pm at Hawthorn Cottage when Mrs Jill Fry will talk on the subject of "Enjoying Flowers". Please keep free Thurs. Oct. 9th at 7 pm in the Village Hall when we have another visit from Mr Fred Shepherd - his subject "The South Downs Way".

Joan Hardy

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP : On June 26 we gathered at Ellingsons when Marilyn Sertin showed us slides and told us about some of her experiences during the time they spent at St Michael's in Paris. This was especially nice for those who had been unable to be at the 'Paris Evening' in the Village Hall on the previous evening. Those of us who had been there were privileged to have a second innings! A tea party at The Hill on July 24th helped to keep us together during the summer recess and we shall all be meeting again, at Mrs Ellingson's invitation, on Thursday 25th September.

Brenda Gardner

Due to lack of space the write-up on the 'Paris Evening' and another on Hambledon Brownies will appear in the next issue.