

ST PETER'S CHURCH * HAMBLETON * AUGUST 1988

The Rector writes:

My dear Friends

I have just been watching the new England Cricket Captain being besieged by small boys asking for his autograph, which he very patiently gave to them. In John 6:35, Jesus says "... I am ..." The very autograph of the Almighty. In Exodus 3:14, we read God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM", go to the Children of Israel and say "I AM has sent me to you". When Jesus uses the same autograph, in John 8:58, the Jews recognised the divine significance of it and were all for stoning Him for blasphemy; but He who "thought it not robbery to be equal with God" (Phil. 2:6) thought it not forgery to use his signature. How wonderfully He attached it to the supply of our needs. "I Am" what? Seven times it comes in St John's Gospel, 6:35, 8:12, 10:7, 10:11, 11:25, 14:6, 15:5. It is as if we are offered a signed blank cheque to be filled in by us for the sum which shall be required. "I Am ... the Bread of Life; the Light of the World; the Door; the Good Shepherd; the Resurrection and the Life; the Way; the Vine; and whatever else you need. 'It is the signature that gives validity to the promise in the Royal Bank of Heaven, "according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

May we not fail to endorse the cheque by our faith and appropriation and live on the proceeds.

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN



CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 1988

August 07 10TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am FAMILY SERVICE
6 30pm Evening Prayer (1662)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

(Services throughout the day will be conducted by the
Rev. D J Thompson. We extend a warm welcome to
David and Eve on this return visit to Hambledon).

August 14 11TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)
(followed by Holy Communion (1662))
6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

August 21 12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)
6 30pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

August 28 13TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am Holy Communion (1662)
6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

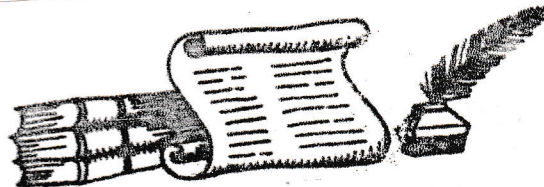
Please note that Sunday Club, Children's Church and
the Saturday Morning Prayer Meetings are all on holiday
for the month of August. The fortnightly Wednesday
Bible Studies resume on September 14.

AND IN SEPTEMBER

September 04 14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am FAMILY SERVICE
6 30pm Evening Prayer (1662)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

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September 11 15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)
(followed by Holy Communion (1662))
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

September 12 7 45 for 8 00pm PCC MEET AT THE RECTORY

September 14 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND
PRAYER AT THE RECTORY

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptisms * July 17th *

Flora Katherine Lucas

Mark Bond

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

The total received in June 1988 was £985.61

Ray Williams

Mr John Taylor has kindly undertaken to administer the Freewill Offering Scheme and Ray Williams has now handed over his 'caretaking' task since the death of Edric Hardy.

Our Church Treasurer records the receipt of an anonymous donation of £330 through the Charities Aid Foundation.

**Thank
You!**

CHURCH FLOWER LIST FOR AUGUST

August 7
14 Mrs Elizabeth Secrett
21 Mrs Patricia Perceval-Maxwell
28 Mrs Dorothy Newel

CHURCH CLEANING LIST FOR AUGUST

August 5/6 Mrs Pauline Underwood and Jane
August 12/13 Mrs Dinah Staines
August 19/20 Mrs Brenda Gardner and
Mrs Joan Hardy
August 26/27 Mrs Olive Roderick and
Mrs Joan Lee

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Mrs Joan Vickery, the Hambledon Representative for this Society has received a letter of thanks following the recent box collection. The half-yearly total amounted to £59.20 for which the Society expresses its appreciation to all boxholders. If you would be interested in supporting this very good work and would like to have a collecting box, do please let Joan Vickery know at 9 Cherryhurst, Wormley Lane (Wormley 4101).

SUNDAY CLUB SUMMER HOLIDAY ADVENTURE

Following the Weekend Adventure in April, there will be a Summer Holiday Adventure on 22/23 August. Further details and registration forms are available from Julia Harrington or Rowena Hall on Wormley 3406 or 2563. If you are between 5 and 11 years old and looking for some adventure and excitement towards the end of the summer holidays, do come and join us for games, music, drama, workshops and treasure-hunts etc!

Look forward to seeing you there.

Julia Harrington



PERSONALIA

Many congratulations to Don and Ann Smith who have a new granddaughter (Hannah) born to Deborah and Ben Smith on May 5th in Guayaquil, Ecuador. A very welcome addition to the family, especially for her big brother Jonathan. After ten years living and working in far-flung corners of America, Don and Ann are especially delighted that Ben and his family are due back in UK at the beginning of August with a 'home' posting.

All good wishes for their future happiness to Chris MacLay and Louise Nelson who are to be married at Bramshott Church on 6 August. Chris and Louise are planning to live in London and we remember them in our prayers as they make their plans for their wedding.

Ted and Eileen Elton have recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Well done and many congratulations from their many Hambledon friends.

Peter and Brenda Gardner celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary in August. We send our love and congratulations and wish them a very happy day.

£200 has been collected in memory of Edric Hardy and Joan has expressed a wish that the money should be donated to the work being undertaken by Charles Lawrence at Holy Trinity, Ashton-Under-Lyne, which is part of greater Manchester. Charles Lawrence was at one time a Curate working in Haslemere, and he and his wife, Dr Lorraine Lawrence, are doing a great work in this difficult area. Their main project is to construct a Community Centre and Church out of the existing Church of Holy Trinity which is a vast building. Edric was a Yorkshireman and Joan felt, and who in Hambledon would disagree, that the work in this northern parish would have had Edric's full support.

Praise the Lord! /

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This past month has brought its share of illness and we remember in our prayers Mr Vernon Hopkins, who is in the Royal Surrey County Hospital recovering from a heart attack; also in the Royal Surrey are Mrs Dorothea Ellingson, with a broken arm and Mrs Edwards from Nutbourne Cottages. Mr Charles Hill from Vann Lane has recently suffered a stroke - to all our sick friends we wish a speedy recovery. It is good to see Mrs Elsie Frogley about again following a spell in hospital.

Many thanks to all at Feathercombe who gave us such a warm welcome to the Barbeque Service on Sunday 26 June. Not forgetting those who slaved away over the hot coals and provided such a grand meal of generously donated burgers and sausages. Thank you too to all who provided salads and sweets and liquid refreshment - an evening to which everyone contributed and enjoyed.

On Tuesday 29 June the ladies from the Bible Study Groups were able to welcome Philip and Virginia Mason to the Rectory for coffee and lunch. An informal gathering at which we were to hear with amazement just how Philip and Virginia coped with Philip's disablement - their total reliance upon the Lord for each day and the wonderful way in which they were brought together, enabling Philip to leave the Cheshire Home and set up home in their wonderfully equipped bungalow near to their special church at Greatham. All the ladies expressed a very 'humbling experience' and Elizabeth Secrett, who helps at the local Cheshire Home with an art group, brought along some of her paintings which we were able to admire displayed on the walls of the Rectory. Marilyn was particularly sorry to see them go!

A donation was sent for the work of the Cheshire Homes.

Congratulations!

THE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

We have just heard that Hambledon has won the Small Villages section of the Best Kept Village Competition. Very many congratulations to everyone!

The judges really do look at all parts of the villages, including the Greens, Churchyards, Halls, School Playgrounds, Telephone Boxes, etc., as well as the overall look of the Village. So it's thanks to all the people who helped with our "clear-up" and all those who have kept various parts of the Village looking so nice.

This year the judges were taking into consideration hurricane damage and progress in clearing it up, and we must have been helped in our win by the fact that the centre of the Village is now clear of fallen trees.

The presentation of the "trophy" is to take place on Saturday 24th September, so please keep the date and plan to come. We have no more details at the moment but hope to have them for next month's magazine.

Elizabeth MacLay

OAKHURST COTTAGE

You have 'a gem of a cottage in the Village, open to the public by the National Trust. Have you visited this cottage? It is open on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday afternoons only by appointment by ringing Wormley 4733.

You will find it most interesting; it dates back from about 1560 and is furnished as it could have been in the 19th Century. Shown round by one of the Stewards (probably someone you know), you will be surprised at the uniqueness of it all.

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There is a garden at the front of the cottage which until recently was looked after by Ted Booth; Ted has now had to relinquish the task and we are delighted that Mr Stephenson from Wormley Lane - better known to us all as 'Stevie' - has undertaken the work.

Joan Hardy

HAMBLEDON FETE * 9TH JULY

Hambledon Fete Committee would like to thank probably nearly all the villagers, plus quite a number of others, who made Saturday 9th July so happy and successful.

Due to much generosity from individuals and local firms very few prizes had to be actually bought. Redland Brickworks bought the paper for posters and programmes and various people 'ran off' the printing for us. Indeed the only major charges were for marquee, insurance and the public address system and even here we received a grant from the Parish Council. A sum in excess of £2,800 has been raised to improve the Village Hall and some necessary work has already taken place.

Details of the income and expenditure will be posted, in due course, in the Cricket Green Stores and on the Parish Notice Board at the Village Hall.

Activities on the Friday, Saturday morning and evening and all day Sunday were well attended and highly successful. No doubt we shall be discussing in the village which of these activities could become annual events.

You might like to note that the Village Hall Management Committee intends to run a monthly social event at the Hall during the winter months - more information in a future issue.

Mic. Coleman

SURREY VOLUNTARY SERVICE COUNCIL

The Council have asked us to draw attention to the services at present offered to villages and seeks to promote the use of these services and amenities; one of the most fundamental of these is, of course, the village post office.

In 1987 the Post Office ruled that offices transacting less than 50,000 units would, when the service changed hands, become Community Offices, opening for only limited part-time hours. This might lessen the viability of the service as well as inconveniencing the villagers.

As the all-important term '50,000 units' does not really mean much to the average villager, we have provided a breakdown (by courtesy of Dorset Community Council) of exactly what number of units the most frequent transaction represents. In this way it is possible to see which service provides the greatest assistance to the local post office:

Posted Items	-	1 Unit
TV Savings Stamps	-	1 "
Postal Orders Paid	-	1 "
Postal Orders Supplied	-	1.5 Units
Child Benefit	-	2.5 "
Retirement Pension	-	3 Units
Social Security Giro	-	3.5 Units
Telephone Bill Payments	-	3.5 "
Cashing of Other Banks Cheques	-	4 Units
Giro Deposits + In Payments	-	4.25 Units
Premium Bond Sales (£10)	-	4.5 Units
Giro Outpayments + Withdrawals	-	4.5 Units
Posted Items (Overseas)	-	5 Units
TV Licence Issue	-	6 Units
National Savings Bank Deposits/ Withdrawals	-	6.5 Units
British Railcards sold	-	7 Units

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR POST OFFICE

USE IT OR LOSE IT !!!!!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We all thoroughly enjoyed having another visit from Amy Nicholls when she came to our June meeting to tell us more about 'Boys Town' - the home which does so much for the destitute boys in the Rio area of Brazil. It is thrilling to hear about a work of faith which has been blessed by God in a miraculous way. If you have missed either of Amy's last two visits, be sure you are with us when she comes next time to tell us about her return visit to Boys Town next year.

Our next meeting will be on October 26th when Ruth Carpenter will be telling us more of her time in China. However, as three months is a long break, we may meet informally in the meantime.

Brenda Gardner

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

You can't have your cake and eat it. In this case we did wonder - but what did happen to the cake? A car was seen leaving the WAG's meeting with the raffle prize, a homemade cake, balanced on top. Was it rescued, or did some wild creature enjoy an unexpected treat thinking it was a birthday!

The last time Mr Madgwick showed us some films from the I.O.S. I mis-pronounced his name - sounded more like 'magic'. This time it was truly magic, as he showed us some of his own collection of slides entitled "Take a Second Look". We could have taken more than that and not tired of the beautiful scenes capturing misty magical moments we miss when we don't stop and look. Trees lit from behind with the sun, common breacken which takes on a delicate quality etched in gold with the sun shining through, making them almost transparent. Proving you can take photographs into the sun if you know what you are doing.

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There will be no meeting in August, so you can gather up your strength ready for our autumn meetings. An advanced notice of a welcome return of Fred Shepherd with his pictures and music. It will be a good evening, if you have seen him before you will want to see him again, if you haven't you certainly will enjoy the evening. October 13th (Thursday) at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Do come and bring your friends, it is an open meeting - everyone welcome.

Joan Hardy

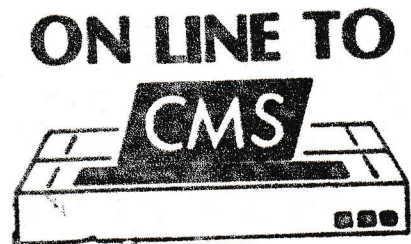
ST PETER'S FLOWER FESTIVAL * 9/10 JULY

Many thanks to all who gave of their time to make this Flower Festival such a success. The arrangements depicting the various functions of church and village were a joy to behold. The Rector borrowed various Parish records from the Diocese and these were displayed in the Church Vestry. It was all well supported and the music provided from the Music Competition was very much appreciated, for which we have to thank Philip Underwood.

SIMON MABLEY

It is good to have Simon back with us in Hambledon now that he has finished his two-year secondment to Edwardes College, Peshawar, Pakistan, where he has been working with the Church Missionary Society.

We were privileged to hear Simon give an illustrated talk in Church during the Evening Service on Sunday 24 July on the work that he has been doing and he has kindly contributed some thoughts to help us to pray more effectively for Pakistan and its people



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Often when we are asked to pray for the world it is hard to go beyond "and please Lord bless Asia". I'm sure it is better if we can be more specific in our prayers so I thought I would suggest three ways in which we can pray for Pakistan and what is happening there.

It is very difficult to become a Christian in Pakistan because of the sacrifices that the decision inevitably involves. You have to be prepared to lose your job, family, friends and sometimes even your life if you make a public confession of your faith. We can pray for all of those people who are in that position now, and the many who although believe in their hearts feel unable to say so openly.

In the north of Pakistan there are three remote valleys in which the Kalash people live. There are about 2,000 of them and they believe in a variety of gods and until recently have been untouched by Islam. In the last few years jeep tracks have been built out to these valleys and this has brought with it the influence of Islam. The Wycliffe Bible Translators are currently working on a version of the Gospels in the Kalash language and so we can pray for the people working on the project and those who will be taking the Gospel to these valleys.

Pakistan is in some turmoil politically at the moment as the Government has been recently dissolved. The country faces many problems with civil unrest and the Afghan situation, and the coming elections will be a time of change where it will be important, if the country is not to become more and more fundamentally Islamic, that they are held fairly and democratically.

I hope that these thoughts give some idea of the things that are happening in Pakistan, and also encourage you to find out about and pray for other countries in the world.

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Sima Mackay