

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

WE WISH OUR READERS
A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS

D I A R Y

1968
December

Sun. 1: ADVENT SUNDAY

Holy Communion 8.0 a.m. & 12.0 noon
Children's Church 10.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
Preacher: D. C. Landnam Esq., M.B.E.,
The Missions to Seamen.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
Offerings: The Missions to Seamen.
Church Coach leaves Hydestile Cross-roads
at 6.0 p.m., and Lane End 6.10 p.m.,
for the Evening Service.

Thu. 5: Women's Fellowship at
Beech Hill. Carols. 3.0 p.m.

Fri. 6: Bible Study at the Rectory 8.0 p.m.

Sun. 8: ADVENT II - "BIBLE SUNDAY"

Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
Offerings: British & Foreign Bible
Society.
Missionary Box-Opening.

Thu. 12: Church Fellowship - Village Hall.
"Life in a Bush Hospital in Uganda,
by Dr. J. W. C. Symonds, M.R.C.S.,
L.R.C.P. (Lecture illustrated by
colour transparencies) 8.0 p.m.

Sun. 15: ADVENT III
 Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.
 and after Evening Prayer
 Children's Church - TOY
 SERVICE 10.0 a.m.
 Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
 Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.

Fri. 20: Hambledon School End of Term
 Service (Christmas Readings
 and Carols) 2.30 p.m.

Sat. 21: Decoration of Church for Christmas.

Sun. 22: ADVENT IV
 Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.
 (N.B. 10 a.m. Family Communion
 cancelled)
 Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
CAROL SERVICE 6.30 p.m.

Tue. 24: CHRISTMAS EVE
HOLY COMMUNION 11.30 p.m.
 Offertory: Christian Aid (for
 Hungry and Homeless)

Wed. 25: CHRISTMAS DAY
HOLY COMMUNION 8.0 a.m.
FAMILY SERVICE 11.0 a.m.
 Preacher: Gordon S. Humphreys Esq.,
 M.A., Headmaster King Edward's School.
HOLY COMMUNION 12.0 noon
 Offerings: Children's Charities.

Sun. 29: CHRISTMAS I
 Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.
 Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
 Evening Prayer & Holy
 Communion 6.30 p.m.

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Sun. 5: CHRISTMAS II
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m. & 12.0 noon
Children's Church 10.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
Church Coach leaves Hydestile Cross-roads
at 6.0 p.m., and Lane End 6.10 p.m.

Mon. 6: Epiphany.

Thu. 9: Church Fellowship in Village
Hall 8.0 p.m.

CHURCH FLOWERS

The list for 1969 is in the Church Porch, and we should be grateful if you would kindly enter your name if you are willing to provide and arrange the flowers during the year. We thank all who have so kindly been responsible for the Sundays in 1968.

Arrangements for December are as follows:-

Dec. 1st: Mrs. Dowson.	Dec. 22nd) Christmas
8th: Mrs. Wieler.	29th) Flowers.
15th: Mrs. Cave.	

FREE-WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for October 1968 - £32.3.9.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Toy Service - This will be held on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th, at 10.0 A.M. (Children's Church), when children are invited to bring toys, books and other suitable gifts for distribution to children's orphanages and homes. Last year Dr. Barnardo's Homes were most grateful for the gifts sent to them from Hambledon children. We are holding the service on December 15th, in order that the toys etc. may reach the children in time for Christmas Day.

Carol Service - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, at 6.30 P.M. This is always a popular service. Christmas carols will be sung and members of the congregation will read the Nine Lessons relating to the Christmas Story.

Christmas Eve - HOLY COMMUNION at 11.30 P.M.

Christmas Day - HOLY COMMUNION at 8.0 a.m. and after the Family Service. FAMILY SERVICE 11.0 A.M. Preacher: Gordon S. Humphreys Esq., M.A., the Headmaster of King Edward's School. (We are most grateful to Mr. Humphreys for once again accepting the invitation to preach at this Family Service. As he will be retiring during 1969, this will be the last occasion when, as Headmaster of King Edward's School, he will visit us on Christmas Day. We hope, however, that he will continue to come to us after he has left the School!)

CHURCH DECORATION

The Christmas Tree will, we hope, be ready for the Toy Service. The remainder of the decoration will be done on Saturday, December 21,

in order that the flowers may remain fresh over Christmas.

We should be most grateful for gifts of flowers etc. for the decoration.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE CHURCH

Some of the vases we use for decorations at Festivals are getting rather shabby. Any gifts towards the purchase of new vases will be gratefully received.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

Following our custom in recent years, the Offertory at the Holy Communion on Christmas Eve will be given to work among the Homeless and Hungry (Christian Aid).

The Offerings at all services on Christmas Day will be given to Children's Charities (see further note).

CHURCH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

"We receive this child into the congregation of Christ's flock....."

Oct. 27: Penny Amanda, daughter of Henry & Anne Bourne.

Nov. 16: Jeremy Hugh, son of Gerald & Barbara Goulston.

Burials

"In sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life".

Oct. 9: Emily Cumber, aged 84 years.

Oct. 11: John McLintock, aged 90 years.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The services were well attended, and we were delighted to have as our preacher Dr. Jack Synonds who has been a Medical Missionary in Uganda. He told us something of the life of a missionary doctor, and of the work which is being done in the hospitals of the Ruanda Mission. We were most grateful to him for his ministry at our Harvest services. The Offerings, for the Ruanda Mission of the Church Missionary Society, amounted to £44.2.2., to which we have been able to add a further sum from the General Fund.

The Church was beautifully decorated for Harvest, and we thank all who so kindly sent us gifts, and also the friends who gave of their time and skill in the decorating.

The fruit, flowers, vegetables and other gifts were distributed to the sick and infirm in the parish, and we were most grateful to our Churchwarden, Mr. C. A. Cronhelm, for helping with the distribution.

Gifts were also sent to Hanbledon Homes and decorated their small chapel for a Harvest Service on the Monday. The Ryder Cheshire Mission at Raphael, Hydon Heath, also received supplies. The Secretary writes: "I am sending this letter to say how extremely grateful we all feel to your congregation for the really splendid variety of gifts we received from your Harvest Festival..."

THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

The Church Fellowship opened its 1968/9 Session in the Village Hall on Thursday last, when Mr. Laurence Jones gave an illustrated lecture on Historic Churches.

Mr. Jones, who is the Lecturer to the Historic Churches Preservation Trust, presented a most interesting account, with the aid of colour transparencies, of the gems of History and Architecture which many churches of historic interest have to show. There were, he said, ten thousand in England, all were different and each had special features worthy of inspection.

The Trust was created to help churches which are in need of urgent and essential repairs, the cost of which is beyond local resources. The main emphasis was on the Eastern Counties, but ranged from Cornwall to Yorkshire.

Miss M. Parker thanked the speaker for a most interesting evening.

We thank Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Adgie for making the arrangements for Mr. Laurence Jones's visit. They will also be making the plans for the Outing on Saturday, 17th May 1969, when Mr. Jones will be our guide as we visit some historic churches in Sussex. A preliminary notice of this was included in the last magazine, and fuller details will be given shortly.

December Meeting - Thursday, December 12th,
at 8.0 p.m. "Life in a Bush Hospital in Uganda". This lecture, which will be illustrated by colour transparencies, will be given by Dr. Jack Synonds, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., who has recently returned from a period of service as a medical missionary in Africa. He will be showing some excellent colour slides and has a most interesting story to tell us about his work in a hospital in Uganda. We are grateful to him for including Hambledon in his programme of deputation speaking for C.M.S., Ruanda.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Church was filled to capacity for the Remembrance Service. We were indeed grateful to Lt.-General Sir Arthur Smith for his helpful and challenging message.

The Two Minutes' Silence was observed, followed by the laying of a wreath on the Village War Memorial in Church by Major B. W. Richards, and the Legion Exhortation by Maj.-General J. M. W. Martin. The Lesson was read by Mr. A. E. Wieler, the Chairman of Hambledon Parish Council.

The Hambledon Brownie Pack and the Hambledon Cubs paraded at the service.

Collections for Earl Haig's Fund amounted to: £30.6.0.

THE LEPROSY MISSION

We were pleased to welcome the Rev. John Falconer to our pulpit again when he preached for the Leprosy Mission on Sunday, October 20th. The offerings amounted to £17.4.11., and several members of the congregation took collecting phials. A further gift from the General Fund will be added to the church collection.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Emily Cumber, who died on October 5th, was one of Hambledon's oldest residents, and she will be greatly missed by her many friends in the village. In spite of her failing health in recent years, she was always most cheerful and took a keen interest in local affairs. We

thank God for her friendship, and her courage and faith. Our sympathy goes to her family in their bereavement.

Mr. McLintock, of Holly Cottages, Lane End, died at his home on October 7th, at the age of 90. He had been an engineer, and had served as a church organist in his younger days. Not only did he know how to play an organ, but he also knew how to build one, and would often reminisce about his former interests. For some time he had been unable to attend services at church, but he was always keenly interested in life at the parish Church. We extend to his widow and family our sincere sympathy in their sorrow.

THE CHURCH PASTORAL-AID SOCIETY - WOMEN'S ACTION
(Hambleton Branch).

The Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, October 24th, at Tigbourne Court, by the kindness of Mrs. Chapman who also provided tea.

The Rector opened the meeting and introduced and welcomed the speaker, Miss Susan Entage - a parish worker at Christ Church, Fulham.

Miss Entage, after a reading from John 4, gave an interesting account of the Church Pastoral-Aid Society, founded in 1836 to meet the need for help in parishes which were suddenly and hugely increased in size by the industrial revolution. The Women's Branch, now "Women's Action", was started in 1888.

Miss Entage went on to tell of the vast present-day work of the Society all over the country and of her own work in the crowded residential parish in Fulham.

Mrs. Ellingson gave a vote of thanks to the speaker. The Rector closed the meeting with prayer.

The Annual Report of the Branch showed that Hambledon W.A. contributed over £73 last year. Membership was 47 and four new members were enrolled after the meeting. The collection amounted to £11.2.0.

E. F. Denny,
Hon. Secretary.

HAMBLEDON GIRL GUIDE COMPANY

We are delighted to announce that a Guide Company has been formed, and the meetings will be held at the Village Hall on Fridays, 5.45 p.m. - 7.15 p.m. (to fit in with the buses). The first meeting will be on Friday, December 6.

We are fortunate in having Mrs. Culpin, Burgate Farm, as Captain, and Miss Alison Ball, Heather Barn, Hydestile (Tel. Hascombe 321), as Lieutenant.

Anyone interested in joining, please contact either of these Guiders.

D. M. Ellingson,
District President.

(Footnote: We are delighted that a Girl Guide Company is being formed for Hambledon Girls and hope that parents will give the leaders their full support. C. E. Elton - Rector.)

NEEDED MOST URGENTLY

It was the time of troubles in the Congo. The refugees were pouring into Elizabethville. Five tribal leaders were met with a U.N.O. Official. "What", asked the official, "is your most urgent need?"

He was not prepared for the answer. "First of all", they answered, "we need the Scriptures."

Because of the Bible Society, that need could be met. That means because of you. Or does it?

You see, because the Bible Society does not get enough support, the need cannot always be met. In Java, Indonesia, for example, Christians are having to ration the Bible one to ten families - or more.

Christmas is the time of giving. He whose day it is said those who had been given much must themselves give much in return.

The English-speaking peoples have been given more than 2,524 varieties of the Bible in their language. In most languages there is only one. How much you have.

The Collections on "Bible Sunday" - 8th December - will be given to the Bible Society.

Peter Disney.

CHRISTMAS - CHILDREN'S CHARITIES

As Christmas draws near, the minds of Christians turn naturally to thoughts of Bethlehem and the Holy Family. Presently we shall all be immersed in this great festival of the

family, rejoicing in the warmth, the love, the fellowship of our own homes. Those of us with children will find our festival immensely gladdened by their presence, and we shall give thanks to God for their health, their safety, and their joy in Christmas.

But alas, just as at Bethlehem 2,000 years ago, there will be children this coming Christmas for whom there will be "no room". No room, that is, unless we as Christians come to their help. There is the child born fatherless through no fault or sin of his. The child whose home has collapsed about him, leaving him both broken and bewildered. The child at odds with himself and with the world around him because of somebody's sin, or somebody's personal tragedy. The child denied a proper chance in life unless we help him to find it. The child hampered by some physical impairment.

The collections in church on Christmas Day will be given to help children who are being cared for by the Church of England Children's Society, Dr. Barnardo's Homes, and Mr. Fegan's Homes.