

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

DECEMBER, 1973

WE WISH OUR READERS A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS

Diary

Dec.

Sun. 2. ADVENT I

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.  
Coach leaves Hydestile Cross-  
roads 6.0 p.m.  
& Lane End 6.10 p.m., approx. for  
evening service.

Mon. 3. Holy Communion-Hambledon Homes 2.30 p.m.  
Prayers 7.45 p.m., Bible Study 8.15 p.m.  
at the Rectory (Mission Unlimited)

Wed. 5. Bible Society Coffee Morning -  
Godalming Ladies' Auxiliary at  
Copthorne 10.30 a.m. - see separate  
note.

Thurs. 6. Women's Fellowship -Carols - at  
Ellingsons at 3 p.m. Speaker:  
Mrs. Hugh Sansom - see Women's  
Fellowship notes.

Sun. 9. ADVENT II - BIBLE SUNDAY

Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.  
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.  
Preacher: The Rev. A.K. Mathews, O.B.E.,  
D.S.C., M.A., Rural Dean  
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.  
Bible Society film will be shown.  
Offerings: British & Foreign Bible  
Society.

Mon. 10. Confirmation Class-Rectory 7.30 p.m.

Tue. 11. Mission Unlimited Seminar at Pyrford  
 Help the Aged Appeal - Village Hall  
 - Reception Centre for Used Clothing  
 - Open 10. a.m. to 4 p.m. Organised by  
 Hambledon W.I. (see notice boards)

Thur. 13. Church Fellowship in Village Hall 8 pm  
 - Speaker: Major R.P.A.deBerniere-Smart  
 Subject: "The Shaftesbury Homes."  
 - A film "A Visit to East Africa" will  
 also be shown by Mrs. Nicholas Hosp  
 (nee Sutton)

Sun. 16 ADVENT III  
 Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.  
 Children's Church TOY SERVICE 10.0 a.m.  
 Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.  
 - Preacher: Capt.T.C.B. Symonds  
 - Hong Kong  
 Evening Prayer & Holy Commn. 6.30 p.m.

Thur. 20 Hambledon C. of E.Primary School  
 Carol Service 2.00 p.m.

Fri. 21 )  
 Sat. 22 ) Decoration of Church for Christmas  
 Services.

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| Sun. 23 | <u>ADVENT IV</u>   |                       |
|         | Holy Communion   | 8.0 a.m.              |
|         | Family Communion   | 10.0 a.m.             |
|         | CAROL SERVICE with Nine Lessons  | 11.0 a.m.             |
|         | CAROL SERVICE with Nine Lessons  | 6.30 p.m.             |
|         | (using Today's English Version<br>Readings-"The Meaning of Christmas") |                       |
| Mon. 24 | <u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u>   |                       |
|         | HOLY COMMUNION   | 11.30 p.m.            |
| Dec. 25 | <u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u>   | Holy Communion 8 a.m. |
|         | and After Family Service   |                       |
|         | FAMILY SERVICE   | 11.00 a.m.            |

Sun. 30. SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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| Holy Communion               | 8.0 a.m.  |
| Morning Prayer               | 11.0 a.m. |
| Evening Prayer & Holy Commn. | 6.30 p.m. |

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Sun. 6. EPIPHANY

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| Holy Communion   | 8.0 a.m.  |
| Children's Church  | 10.0 a.m. |
| Morning Prayer   | 11.0 a.m. |
| Preacher: Gordon Humphreys Esq.M.A.<br>of Church Society, formerly Headmaster<br>King Edwards School |           |
| Evening Prayer   | 6.30 p.m. |
| Church Coach runs for evening service.   |           |

Wed. 9. Mission Unlimited Seminar at Farnborough

Thurs.10. Church Fellowship-Village Hall 8.0 p.m.  
National Trust Film: "The Caretakers"

Sun. 13. FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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| Holy Communion | 8.0 a.m.  |
| Morning Prayer | 11.0 a.m. |
| Evening Prayer | 6.30 p.m. |

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CHURCH FLOWERS

We wish to express our gratitude to all who have so kindly provided and arranged the flowers during 1973. The rota for the next few weeks is as follows:-

Jan. 6.Vacant: 13. Mrs. Wieler: 20. Mrs. Elton: 27.  
Mrs. A. Secrett: Feb. 3. Vacant: 10. Mrs.Wieler.

The list for 1974 is in the Church Porch-please enter your name against the appropriate Sunday if you will be willing to undertake this valued service.

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FREE-WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for October 1973: £37.04: E.F. Denny, Hon. Sec.

WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

The Womens' Fellowship opened their first session on the 25th October with an enjoyable visit to the Byways School for mentally handicapped girls at Odiham. After a lovely coach drive in the autumn sunshine we were welcomed by Miss Fountain, the headmistress, and Jill Barff. We were then entertained by the girls, who sang to us accompanied by Jill on her guitar. After tea we were shown round the school by some of the girls themselves. On our return journey home we discussed the events of the afternoon and were greatly impressed by the sacrificial work of the staff and the happy and peaceful atmosphere prevailing, due to the Christian influence and teaching at the school.

Our next meeting will be held at Ellingsons on the first Thursday of the month, the 6th December, when Mrs. Hugh Sansom will again be leading our carol singing.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES will commence on MONDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, at 7.30 p.m. at the Rectory. At this class arrangements will be made concerning the dates and times for future meetings. The Bishop will be visiting Hambledon to hold the Confirmation on April 3rd, 1974 and we are very privileged to have this service in our own church. Some have already indicated their wish to be prepared for confirmation, and it is important that any others who intend to join them should come to this first class. If it is impossible for you to attend on December 10th please inform the Rector.

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BIBLE SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING

The Godalming Ladies' Auxiliary are holding a Christmas Bring and Buy Sale at Copthorne, Oakdene Road, on Wednesday, 6th December at 10.30 - 12.00. They will be grateful for your support.

### THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Mr. & Mrs. H.B. Thornton of Ewhurst gave an illustrated talk on "The Seasons" at the November meeting. Their colour transparencies were superb, and the excellent taped commentary included bird songs. "The Seasons" showed a whole year of lovely country scenes, starting and ending with Big Ben chiming out the Old. and in the New Year of hope and promise. They summed up with the words from Genesis - "God saw everything He had made, and, behold, it was very good." Dr. Jack Symonds thanked Mr. & Mrs. Thornton for a really beautiful programme, and the Rector closed with prayers. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. F. Jeffery. A donation towards their expenses has been sent to Mr. and Mrs. Thornton from the Church Fellowship Funds.

December Meeting (Thursday 13th) will be addressed by Major R.P.A. de Berniere-Smart, General Secretary of The Shaftesbury Homes, who will tell us about the work of his society which has recently launched an Appeal for its new "Hostel" scheme. The hostels "will provide continuing care for older children from socially deprived backgrounds: to give them security, care and affection - to create an environment in which they can make the right decisions for the future at the start of their working lives." The Appeal leaflet is entitled - "Mother dead. Father in Jail. What chance has she got?". Come and hear from Major de Berniere-Smart how the Shaftesbury Homes seeks to answer questions like this. The programme on the 13th December will also include a film of a visit to East Africa, which will be shown by Mrs. Nicholas Hosp (nee Sutton). We are very grateful to her for the kind offer to show us this film, and will look forward to her visit.

### PERSONALIA

Anthony Gardner of Chiddingfold, who died recently, was well-known to many in Hambledon and frequently attended our Church Fellowship. He was a master-craftsman, and his beautiful bookbinding, calligraphy and engraving brought pleasure to many in all parts of the world, including members of the Royal family, Church dignitaries and civic leaders. Hambledon Church is privileged to have several books which were beautifully bound and engraved by him, and these will for generations remain as a memorial to Anthony Gardner. It was a joy to him to be able to continue his work until just before his death, and he also lectured at some of our leading schools and colleges until quite recently. One of the highlights of our Church Fellowship programme was his lecture on Bookbinding. We wish to convey to his family and devoted friends our sympathy in their bereavement.

It was with regret that we learned of the death, following a car accident, of John Forward of The Cottage, and we assure his family and friends of our sympathy in their sudden sorrow.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

#### TOY SERVICE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th at 10 a.m.

As is our custom, on the third Sunday in December, we invite the children attending Children's Church to bring toys, books, games and other suitable presents for distribution to children in the Children's Homes at Christmas.

#### CHURCH DECORATION - Friday and Saturday, Dec. 21 & 22

Gifts of flowers, evergreen, etc. for the decoration of the church will be gratefully received. Please leave your gifts in the vestry at any time during the week. Decorations will be completed on the Saturday morning.

CAROL SERVICE - SUN. DEC. 23RD, 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.

This year a Carol Service of Nine Lessons will be held both morning and evening on the Sunday before Christmas. This will enable those who cannot attend in the evening to enjoy this special form of service. The 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. will not, however, be identical, and so we hope that many will attend both services. The Lessons at 11 a.m. will be read from the Authorised Version of the Bible, and at 6.30 p.m. a series of readings prepared by the Bible Society entitled "The Meaning of Christmas" will be used (The modern English translation - "Today's English Version.") Please take your copy home with you.

CHRISTMAS EVE - HOLY COMMUNION 11.30 p.m.

Offerings: Refugee Work.

CHRISTMAS DAY - FAMILY SERVICE 11 a.m.

HOLY COMMUNION 8 a.m. and after Family Service  
Offerings: Children's Charities.

PARISH MAGAZINE Production costs have increased, and the charge of 2½p per copy is only a nominal one. An increased grant from the Church Council enables us to continue the publication of the magazine. Our grateful thanks to Miss Stone for so kindly saving expense by assembling the copies and having them ready for the distributors. We thank Mr. R.G. Williams for looking after the finances, and Mr. H. Hutchins for dealing with advertisements. The latter has done this work for nearly twenty years and looks for a successor - Any offers? It is a well worthwhile task and essential for the meeting of some of the expenses - please contact Mr. Hutchins, 3 Cherryhurst, if you can help. We also owe a debt of gratitude to our distributors for delivering the magazine to your door. If you can pay them your year's subscription in advance it will be a great help!

MAGAZINES BY POST - Miss Stone will very kindly send copies by post if you will send her your name and address, subscription and 3p per copy for postage. Extra copies are in short supply - Your copy will be reserved for you at church, if you usually collect it there. If you wish us to reserve a copy for you please inform Miss Stone. Her address is:-

Bryony Bank, Hambledon, Godalming, Surrey.

W.I. - DO'S AND DON'TS OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Hambledon Women's Institute met on Wednesday, November 14th at 2.45 p.m. at the village hall, and heard a most interesting talk, by Mrs. Carter, on the do's and don'ts of Photography. She started by giving some simple advice about getting to know your camera, keeping it perfectly still while taking the picture, and went on to illustrate how to make a good picture. Mrs. Carter showed slides with mistakes, and pointed them out; for instance too much dull fore-ground, distracting background, and ugly intrusions such as telegraph poles and sign-posts. She also showed some lovely photographs of autumn scenes and winter trees, as well as some excellent portraits, stressing the importance of the right light, often side light, to show off the subject. Mrs. Hardy thanked Mrs. Carter for her most helpful talk, which had been very much enjoyed.

In the business before the talk, the Treasurer, Mrs. Vacher, gave the results of the W.I. Sale on Oct. 27th - over £97. and £23 more than last year. Members were thanked for their help. Tea was served by Miss Stone and Mrs. Stretch, and the raffle was won by Miss Parker.