

ST. PETER'S CHURCH HAMBLEDON
DECEMBER 1979

THE RECTOR WRITES

The TOY SERVICE this year is on ²¹⁻⁸ 16 December at 10 am (gifts ^{also} unwrapped please). CAROL SERVICES are on ²¹ 23 December at 11 am and 6.30 pm. The MIDNIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE is at 11.30 pm on Christmas Eve as usual, with Holy Communion also on Christmas Day at 8 am and 12.20 pm. As for the CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE, as last year we are holding two exactly similar services of about 45 minutes each, one at 10 am and the other at 11.30 am. Last year we had a list in the porch for two or three Sundays in advance where members "signed on" for one service or the other. As a result numbers were fairly evenly divided between the two services, and although each time the church was very full we were just able to find seats for all. It will help if we do this again.

Sunday Club discontinues during the school holiday, but children and parents are warmly welcome at Church, especially at the Carol Services and at Christmas Morning Service.

Just before Christmas, on December ²¹ 16, there will be a soup and cheese Hunger Lunch at The Rectory at 12.30 pm. It will remind us of the hunger of many millions this Christmas Tide, and we can give to help them through Tear Fund.

"THANKS BE TO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT". Paul's words remind us that God's giving to us is on a different level altogether. He gave His Son, not only to lay aside His glory and live here, but also to spend His life and to lay it down. To remember this, to wonder, to worship, are the heart of Christmas.

May God bless you all with His peace and gladness.

2. CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 1979

2 ADVENT SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon
10 am Children's Church
11 am Morning Prayer
6.30 pm Evening Prayer in Modern English
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

5 Wed. Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)

9 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Holy Communion at 8 am
11 am Morning Prayer: Rev. Ian Gordon-Cumming,
Rector of Busbridge: also Sunday Club.
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People at The Rectory

13 Thu. 8 pm Parish Fellowship (Village Hall)
"Call by Bluff" See page 7.

16 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm
10 am TOY SERVICE
11 am Morning Prayer
12.30 pm Hunger Lunch at The Rectory
6.30 pm Holy Communion
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

23 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am
10 am Series II Communion Service
11 am SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
6.30 pm THE NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS
7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

24 CHRISTMAS EVE

11.30 pm Holy Communion

25 CHRISTMAS DAY

8 am Holy Communion
10 am to 10.45 am CHRISTMAS SERVICE
11.30 am to 12.15 pm CHRISTMAS SERVICE
12.20 pm Holy Communion

30 SUNDAY AFTER SHRISTMAS

- 8 am Holy Communion
- 11 am Morning Prayer
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
- 7.45 pm Young People meet

31 8.30 pm to midnight THE RECTORY PARTY (see page 5)

AND IN JANUARY 19806 EPIPHANY

- Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon
- 10 am Children's Church
- 11 am Morning Prayer
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer in Modern English
- 7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

10 Thu. 8 pm PARISH PARTY IN THE VILLAGE HALL

13 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

- Holy Communion at 8 am
- 11 am Morning Prayer
- 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
- 7.45 pm Young People at The Rectory

CHURCH FLOWERS

- Dec. 2 Miss Mary Parker
- 9 Mrs E.A. Wieler
- 16
- 23 Christmas Flowers
- 30 Christmas Flowers

FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for October 1979 £218 - 87 p
E.F. Denny

MISSIONARY BOXES. HALF YEARLY OPENING

Would those who hold Missionary Boxes kindly bring them in for opening at any of the services of December 9. We are most grateful to them all.

On Thursday 15 Nov. there was open house at The Rectory for the women of the parish. Over 80 attended, many both morning and afternoon, so that sometimes we had as many as 48 at one time.

After coffee, we sat entranced, as Sister Mary Carmel from St. Dominic's told us about the 76 boys now in her care, and of some heart-warming successes achieved. Her charges are desperately deprived, not so much of worldly goods as of love. This manifests itself not only in severe physical disorders such as asthma and eczema, but also in withdrawal symptoms and lack of trust with consequent bad behaviour. Thanks to a kind woman benefactor who gave her home, St. Dominic's came in to being, and has given love and hope to countless children battered in spirit and often in body. Anyone who would like to help, perhaps by having a child to tea to just taking an interest generally, is asked to get into touch with Mrs Thompson. This was neatly followed by a talk from Mrs Garth Grinham of Church Pastoral-Sid Society who told us about Falcon Camps, holidays for deprived children mostly from inner-city areas. We heard tapes of the children singing and saying just how much these holidays mean to them. A collection was made towards both causes. Mrs Peter Harvey reviewed admirably C.S. Lewis's book "The Problem of Pain" .. a book to be read slowly as C.S. Lewis tells how he reconciles pain and evil with a loving God.

After a soup and sandwich lunch we settled down to hear Mrs Coleman's report, read by Mrs Ellingson, on the newly formed 1st Hambledon Guides. Miss Mary Parker followed. Always at her best in telling stories about Hambledon, she did not let us down. How I would have loved to have met Mr John Borriman of Dora Cottage, whose photographs formed the nucleus of the V.I's first village Scrap Book, now in its third volume: or to have been present when his father had words about a hot air balloon which nearly

removed the chimneys of his house! Anyone wishing to borrow the Scrap Books should apply to Miss Parker. The Hon. Mrs Nigel Parker, ably interviewed by Mrs Arden-White, then gave a very interesting account of how and why she started an Open University Course. She would have liked us to believe that the only qualifications needed were to be over 21 and a resident in the U.K.! She does, however, attend seminars, tutorials, lectures etc., and do a minimum of 10 hours study a week!

Mrs Barnes then told us how 200 years ago Mary Jones, aged 9, learned to read (though her Welsh village had no school), saved her money for six years then aged 16 walked barefoot 25 miles over the mountains to buy a Bible, only to find that the last copy was in English which she did not understand. Her plight sparked off the British & Foreign Bible Society in 1804. The Bible is now translated into 1660 languages.

During birth sessions we heard a tape made by Mrs Peter Gardner, and by Lady Parsons only a few days before her sudden death. They had recorded a skit 'advertising' the Parish Weekend at Fairmile Court, which Lady Parsons had so enjoyed each year and to which she was looking forward again in 1980. We shall all miss her greatly.

Tea was served at the end of the afternoon.

J.A. de B-S.

ALL ARE WELCOME AT
THE RECTORY PARTY
NEW YEAR'S EVE (Monday)

8.30 pm to midnight

Please accept this as a personal invitation
to join us for all or part of the evening

PERSONALIA

We are glad that most of our friends on the sick list have been making good progress. MR SHARPINGTON and MR IAN TRETHOW/N have recovered well. MRS OLDHAM makes slow but steady progress. MR JOHN HOLDER though continuing weak, is sometimes able to get out and take the air. MRS LUFF, is at full stretch in the work of the home again.

We send our warm congratulations and good wishes to TIMOTHY STEVENS on his recent marriage.

LUCY PARKER, having gained her B.Ed. last summer, has joined WENDY ARDEN-WHITE and FAITH HANSFORD at a secretarial course in Guildford, while SUZANNAH de BERNIERE-SMART is at a similar course in Dorking.

LADY DAPHNE PARSONS

The sudden death of Lady Daphne Parsons from cerebral haemorrhage at the age of 65 came as a great sadness to us all. She came from Shalford to Hambledon two years ago, and no one could have entered more quickly into our hearts. Her husband Sir Maurice, died just over a year ago. She was devoted to him, not only in the years when he achieved distinction as Deputy Governor of the Bank of England and in the post-war years in U.S.A., but also in the recent years of his distressing illness; and though he was unable to recognize her, she never faltered. She was devoted too to her children, and adored her grandchildren with whom she was happily playing on the Sunday before her death. Yet she always had time for others, was quick to see their needs, and generous in carrying their burdens. While never making a parade, she was a committed and unashamed Christian, and it meant enough to her to make her keen to help others to come to know Christ too. During the last week of her life she had been busy devising a light-hearted taked skit to correct possible misunderstandings about the Parish Weekend which she had enjoyed so much. If this should help some come to the forthcoming Weekend next January, how happy she would be.

The first evening of the session was to have featured slides of Western Canada shown by Mr Chapman, but a visit to Japan prevented his coming. We were therefore specially grateful to Mr and Mrs Martin Caroe for looking out at short notice the very beautiful slides of their lovely garden at Vann, and for coming to show these to us. Mr Caroe gave commentary, and we were able to see this unique garden through all the seasons, spring, summer and autumn, and round ~~into~~ the frost and snow of winter. We are most grateful to them.

On Thursday December 13 in the Village Hall at 8 pm Mr Steele is treating us to a second "Call my Bluff" evening. Those who came to his first such programme three years ago will remember it as outstanding for interest and amusement. Two teams, each of three of our members, will do battle under his chairmanship. The rest of us can enjoy the fun. Come and bring your friends. Everybody is welcome. Where else could we have such a good evening without charge?

1979 POPPY APPEAL

House-to-house collection	£148.20
Remembrance Sunday Church Collection	<u>£ 63.47</u>
	<u>£211-67</u>

(Last year's total £211.96)

Once again very many thanks for your generous response to this appeal, and to the noble team of collectors, who had particularly unpleasant weather to cope with, but who nevertheless visited nearly every home in the village. It is sad that we just missed beating last year's record by a few pence. J.A. de B-S

N.S.P.C.C.

Mrs Wilson writes to thank all those who supported the Coffee Morning at her home recently, when just over £200 was raised. This was a splendid result.

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We were glad to welcome back Mrs Ronald Pont as our speaker at the October meeting. After her recall to Iran to join her husband both of them had to leave the country because of the threat of arrest under the present regime. She gave us an up to date account of the troubles and dangers of that country, but stressed how much God had protected and guided them. Now they look to Him to show them His plans for the future, probably to work in a Mission Hospital in another country. At our next meeting in December we hope to have some members of the Youth Group to help with our Carol Singing. The date will be announced later. S.M.S.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Hambledon W.I. Annual General Meeting opened with a sad note when the death of Lady Parsons, a very popular member, was reported. The business meeting was conducted by the President Mrs Crowhurst; and Mrs Hardy and Mrs Steele reported on a very lively group meeting they had attended at Grayswood.

Mrs Handley the V.C.O. conducted the formal meeting to appoint the new committee, and Mrs Crowhurst accepted the Presidency for another year. The V.C.O. went on to encourage members to attend courses at Denman College, which she was sure would prove a "super experience" for it is such a hospitable place of learning. Mrs Steele read the secretary's report, and Mrs Vacher reported an excellent result of £147.26p profit from the Jumble Sale. It was suggested donations be sent to Help the Aged, the Village Hall, The Salvation Army, and the Surrey W.I. Federation. The raffle was won by Mrs Crowhurst, Cacher and Major. Tea was served by Mrs Jeffery and Miss Burr.

E.G.F.

CLOTHING & BLANKET COLLECTION at Village Hall
on Tuesday 4 December, 10 am to 4 pm.

HOUSE PARTY AT FAIRMILE COURT, COBHAM, SURREY

WHEN. Friday 18 January to Sunday 20 January 1980

WHERE. Fairmile Court is a lovely house, really warm and comfortable. House parties are fully catered for. Food is good. Bed linen, towels, soap, and shaver points are provided, with running hot water in all rooms. There is accommodation for 40 resident in comfortable bedrooms, with dining space for a further 16 day visitors.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES Squash Court, Tennis Court, Table Tennis Room, Library. Or in the lounge (for the less energetic) chess, scrabble etc. Or outdoors, Hampton Court, Oxshott Woods, Claremont Park and Wisley Gardens.

WHAT THE PROGRAMME OFFERS

FRI. Guests arrive from 6 pm. Dinner at 8 pm
Then free. Short Family Prayers before
hot drinks.

SAT. 9 am Breakfast 10.45 Coffee 11.15 Short
Talk 1 pm Lunch 4.15 Tea 5 pm Second
Talk 7 pm Dinner, followed by impromptu
Party before hot drinks.

SUN 9 am Breakfast 10.15 Morning Service in
the house. 11.15 Coffee 1 pm Lunch
2.15 perhaps a Question Hour 3.45 Tea
and depart.

You will see that most of the time is free for us to use as we choose (playing or watching games, talking, or walking in the grounds or further afield), and the atmosphere is "holiday" throughout. The Rev. Eddie Shirras, Vicar of Christ Church, Roxeth, Harrow is our week end guest, and we look forward to his two talks on Saturday and one on Sunday.

TRAVEL Seats in cars can be arranged for all who want them. We give drivers clear directions later.

COST For the whole week end £13.50 inclusive
(Our own subsidised rate for students, £9)

CHILDREN Please ask us regarding reduced charges for children. There are a few cots and 2 beds available, though for these parents would need to bring their own bedding.

DAY VISITORS are charged for each meal they take, plus a "use of house" charge. While some of the family fun of the whole week end would be lost, to come on Saturday or Sunday for the whole day is far better than nothing. Visitors have to book meals with us.

AN INVITATION We look forward to welcoming you to the week end and are sure that you will enjoy every minute of it. The Rector or Mrs Thompson will gladly answer questions or tell you more. Please return the completed booking form to them soon. Fees need not be paid until the week end itself.

TEAR OFF HERE

BOOKING FORM FOR FAIRMILE, 18/20 January 1980

Name

ADDRESS

.....

ACCOMMODATION (delete as required)

Single bedroom

Double bedroom

Larger bedroom (for family, or Young People)

TRAVEL (delete as required): I hope to travel by car

I could offer a lift to ... people

I should be grateful for a lift

Add overleaf details of children (ages and bed/cot etc.)

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HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL
NEW-YEAR NEWS LETTER

The Parish Council wishes all parishoners a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Quite a number of important events have occupied the attention of both the Parish Council and many parishoners over the past few months and this is an opportunity to give you a reasonably up to date account.

Redlands Brick Company, having obtained planning permission to extend clay digging, now wish to build a new brickworks, at least double the size of the present one which is also being retained for several years, and to increase production: thus causing the lane between Nutbourne Brickworks and Lane End to be used by many more lorries. The Parish Council, the newly formed Hambledon Society and many residents have objected to this extra production and lorry traffic. Surrey County Council meet in mid-January to make their decision.

Waverley District Council have proposed that Cuckoo Corner should be used for a small site (5 pitches) for gipsies. They are recommending that two families, at present on Witley Common, be moved there. Your Parish Council is not happy with this proposal and at present we are asking for safeguards regarding behaviour and spread of useage. We also wish to know if Mr. Alf Hammond's scrap and car-breaking yard can also be moved to that site.

We expect Hambledon First School to close in August as there are now so few children there. Surrey County Council proposed closure in 1976 but this was averted and much money and effort went into trying to make it a viable feature. Unfortunately numbers have much decreased from that time and a school with only ten youngsters in it is not educationally sound in an area where vacancies exist in neighbouring schools. A working-party of people interested in continuing to use the premises for educational purposes is looking into the possibility of starting a privately run Nursery School.

You may well have received information regarding the formation of a Hambledon Society (Secretary John Anderson, Wormley 2666). The Parish Council support such an organization and look forward to friendly and purposeful cooperation on quite a number of fronts.

We recently saw the moving of Geoff Heath from the Cricket Green Stores and wished him well. Now, and especially over the Christmas trading period, we have seen a transformation in our one village shop and congratulate the Williams' on their worthy efforts to revive trade.

The Phillips' families should soon be even more a part of Hambledon as the Local Government Boundary Commission have agreed that the line of the parish boundary should continue the full-length of the west side of the main road and include their properties.

Worn lanes, filled ditches, uncut hedgerows and verges are causing us more and more concern. S.C.C. hope to cut verges ONCE a year and will do little to cut back brush and overhanging boughs - can we ensure that our own property boundaries are cut back or cleared.

Alfrey's Ponds both opposite and behind Glebe House have been dug out and cleared by the owner, the National Trust, after five years of requests by the Parish Council! A regular supply of water should soon see them back to a valuable amenity.

Discussion on all the matters referred to above takes place at Parish Council Meetings which are open to the public. At the moment several of the seven-member Council have signified that they will not be standing for re-election in May when the Parish and District Elections are to be held.... new blood is needed. Parishoners who wish to stand for election are invited to contact the Clerk, Mrs Anette Gould on Godalming 6399 for information regarding the nomination procedure.

Parish Council Meetings will be held on 17th. January, 28th. February and 11th. April at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall. The Parish Assembly is on 29th. April and the Local Government Elections on Thursday 5th. May.

M.F.Coleman, Chairman.