

ST. PETER'S HAMBLEDON

DECEMBER 1982

THE RECTOR WRITES

Let me give the warmest welcome to all Hambledon people, and those staying with them, to the Christmas services and events listed on page 2, with further notes below.

When the Lord Himself came into our world in Bethlehem long ago, He was crowded out. He still is. Make sure He is not crowded out of your Christmas programme. Make room and time to listen to Him, to grasp afresh what really happened and what it really means. All other Christmas gifts are as nothing compared with this "unspeakable gift".

May God's blessing be on you all.

HUNGER LUNCH AT THE RECTORY

Sunday 19 December 12.30 to 1.30 pm

To remind of the plight of many millions
Gifts to TEAR FUND

19th The TOY SERVICE is at 10 am (Gifts un-wrapped please). CAROL SERVICES are at 11 am and 6.30 pm; NO Communion at 6.30 pm.

24th The MIDNIGHT COMMUNION is at 11.30 pm.

25th Holy Communion is also at 8 am and 12.20 pm on Christmas Day. Again we are holding two exactly similar services of about 45 minutes each, at 10 am and at 11.30 am, and hope that by using all available chairs we can find seats for all.

26th Holy Communion is at 12 noon only, not at 8 or 9.45 am. Our Young People's Group is arranging a SPECIAL SERVICE at 6.30 pm.

THE RECTORY PARTY

New Year's Eve 8.30 to midnight

Please take this as a personal invitation
and let us know if you hope to come.

2. CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

5 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Holy Communion at 8 am and 11 noon
10 am Children's Church: Public Baptism
11 am Morning Prayer
6.30 pm Evening Prayer(ASB)
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

8 8.15 pm Bible Study & Prayer(Rectory)

9 Thu. 8 pm Parish Fellowship(Village Hall)
Andrew MacLay: Africa & India slides

12 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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

19 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Holy Communion at 8 am only
10 am Children's TOY SERVICE
11 am NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS
12.30 pm Hunger Lunch at the Rectory
6.30 pm SEVEN LESSONS AND CAROLS
N.B. NO Communion Service at 6.30 pm

24 CHRISTMAS EVE

11.30 pm Holy Communion

24 CHRISTMAS DAY

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

26 S. STEPHEN'S DAY

N.B. NO Communion at 8 am and 9.45 am

11 am Morning Prayer

12 noon Holy Communion

6.30 pm Special Young People's Service
(see page 5)

31 8.30 pm to midnight Rectory Party
(see page 1)

AND IN JANUARY 1983

2 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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

9 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Holy Communion at 8 am
11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club reopens
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

12 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study & Prayer (Rectory)

CHURCH FLOWERS

Dec. 5 Miss E.F. Denny
12
19 Christmas Flowers
26 Christmas Flowers

FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for October 1982, £341.44p.
E.F. Denny

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism

Nov. 7 Zoe Rebecca Sweetman

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS HOMES

At the Lunch and Bring & Buy held at Lower Farm House in aid of this Children's Home in the Philippines, just over £200 was raised. The organisers are most grateful to all who helped.

Several of our members have been admitted to the County Hospital. MRS HUTCHINS of Cherryhurst had a sudden heart attack and was in intensive care until the emergency passed and she could be moved to a ward. Harold is being looked after by his son and daughter-in-law in Farncombe. MRS VARDEN came through her eighth abdominal operation well, with her usual unruffled trust and cheerfulness. MISS GWEN PIERCE had the great misfortune to break her leg a second time and is sadly back in hospital. MISS JUDITH LEDEBOER found that pain in her hip was caused by a cracked bone and she has to resort to the calliper which she joyfully discarded nearly a year ago. We remember too at this season other friends engaged in slow and tedious convalescence, or pain, or weakness:- MRS GUY TOWNSEND, MR CECIL CHAPMAN, MRS CHARLES OLDHAM, MR ALLEN, MR JARVIS, MRS HOLLAND, MR HARDING, MRS CULLIS. There are others too who only get to church with some difficulty. We remember also those who have been bereaved during the year, including now DR CAROE whose father died recently leaving some specially sad hearts.

Mr Cecil Chapman has found that his illness is preventing him from carrying out his task as Church Treasurer, and we are most grateful to MR CREIGHTON REDMAN for stepping in so willingly. He has been appointed acting treasurer, and co-opted to the P.C.C.

Similarly MR GEORGE PITT has been elected treasurer of the Trustees of Hambledon Almshouses: and MR GEOFFREY SIMMONS a Trustee. So with an accountant and an architect our hand is much strengthened.

OUR ORGANISTS

Mr Christopher Ridsdale-Smith has joined our team of organists. He was organist and Choirmaster at Busbridge, and then at Chiddingfold, but found that business commitments prevented his playing every Sunday so that he had to resign. We are delighted to be able to benefit from this, and he is now playing for our services when he is able. We give him, and his wife and family, a warm welcome.

May we say again how grateful we are to Peter Gardner, to Mary Parker, and to Michael Stevens, for the help they so willingly give.

FAIRMILE CONGREGATIONAL WEEK END

For a number of reasons we are NOT planning a congregational house party at Fairmile in 1983. The date they could offer was too soon after Christmas. The cost was rising dauntingly (through no fault of Fairmile). There was, too, always the danger of "getting into a rut". All in all it seemed right to give it a miss next time while we reconsider. Perhaps something rather smaller, say a reading party - possibly mid-week, might be considered. The Rector and Mrs Thompson would be glad to have any views on the matter as they keep an open mind.

THANK YOU HAMBLETON GUIDES

for once again trimming the long grass and tidying up the roadside outside our Churchyard wall. It is a tedious job, but has made such a difference!

A SPECIAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE

planned and conducted by our Youth Group
Sunday 26 December at 6.30 pm

We hope many, young and old, will come.

At our November event we were given another splendid "Call my Bluff" evening. Mr Steele is a past master at devising these, together with some stunning definitions both true and false, and as he was backed up by two quite excellent teams we had a most entertaining evening greatly enjoyed by everyone who went. We all wished more had come. It deserved a full hall.

On Thursday 9 December, as always in the Village Hall at 8 pm, Andrew MacLay is to show his colour transparencies of his long stays in Africa and India. He learned very much during those visits, and we hope that many will come to enjoy what promises to be a most rewarding evening.

...AND IN THE NEW YEAR

As we make plans for the future, we need to weigh two contrasting desires. On the one hand many love their own home and fireside and are not easily tempted from it. On the other, in a village where there is not much corporate entertainment, this monthly evening has met a need, has given the chance to meet one another at a time of the year when the garden does not make demands, and gives both fun and interest for all who go.

After reconsidering these contrasting needs, the P.C.C. suggested we should not arrange Parish Fellowship evenings in January and February (when weather may frustrate us anyway), but have a last fun evening - a Parish Party - on 10 March. If any members feel that this is a bad let-down, please let the Rector know. We always need to evaluate demand, and it will help is not to repeat a possible mistake.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On Thursday 28 October the Women's Fellowship met at Mrs Ellingson's. As some people were away, we sat in her sun room where we felt almost surrounded by her lovely garden.

After a long summer break, it was interesting to share what each member had done during the holidays.

Then Mrs Jack Symonds gave us the first part of a talk on "Ships". She pointed out that it was topical as there had been such a variety in the news over the past months. But we focussed on the ships that had sailed the Sea of Galilee in New Testament times. She read us the story in John 21 of the disciples return to the shore, disappointed after an unsuccessful night's fishing, and their great catch when Jesus told them to go out again and put the net down on the other side. We looked at the scene on the shore where Jesus had a fire going and fish already cooking for their breakfast. We saw Peter's gratitude and love as Jesus encouraged him and caringly restored their relationship. What a contrast to that scene round another fire in the High Priest's courtyard when he had denied Jesus. Then there was no warmth, only grief, remorse and a broken relationship.

We can see something like this in our own lives. With Him we can go forward with confidence. Apart from Him there is only emptiness.

We are grateful to Mrs Symonds for these interesting thoughts, and we look forward to her next talk on the Ships of life.

The date of the Christmas meeting will be announced later.

R.A-W.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Because the Village Hall was being decorated Hambleton W.I. once again have to thank Mrs I. Steele for opening her home to us for our A.G.M.

Mrs Allen reported on the result of our Sale when a clear profit of £180 was made.

The Secretary Mrs Vacher read the Minutes and gave a report on the year's work. Mrs Allen gave the Treasurer's report, and Mrs B. Major the President's address when she thanked the committee for helping her to make it a successful year, and thanked Mrs Allen for arranging the visit to The Quaker Girl which had been thoroughly enjoyed.

Mrs J. Hardy will go forward to the next round of the Supercook Competition. Mrs May won the raffle, and tea was provided by Mrs Steele and Mrs Major. E.G.F.

BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 1982

Church Collecti n and wreath	£107.04
house to house collection	£208.92
(Last year £279.54)	£315.96

Thank you all for this very generous response to the 1982 Appeal.

The Exhibition and Sale of Pottery and Jewellery held at Aran Lodge in October raised - at the time of writing- £140. This will enable us to buy badly needed equipment for the MacAndrew House Day Care Centre in Wandsworth run by the Shaftesbury Homes and Arethusa. Christopher Lewis and Jean Wheeler are still receiving orders and they have generously undertaken to donate 10% of their takings now and in the future to the S.H. and A. on any order arising from the show. Thank you for your splendid support.

J.A. de B-S.