

ST PETER'S CHURCH \* HAMBLETON \* DECEMBER 1988

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God".

My dear friends:

Back in the corner of a dusty Bethlehem stable, a weary young woman heaved a final sigh. Suddenly the cool night air was alive with the lusty cry of a newborn babe (where did the hymn writer get the idea, "the little Lord Jesus no crying He makes"). "It's a boy! It's our Jesus", the proud mother exclaimed.

We know very little about His childhood but Jesus came out of the silence at the age of thirty. That could be considered as a second coming. For three years He carried out a public ministry. It was then that He came onto the scene of the world and that perhaps is as significant as His birth on Christmas Day. For He came then in ministry, not just in a cradle. He came with a message, not merely angelic songs. He came to teach, to reveal, to deliver and to heal.

He died on a Cross but at Easter He rose again. That was almost a third coming. How many times has Christ come back to this world since Christmas? He rose again at Easter, He came in the power of the Spirit at Pentecost to His disciples.

The coming of Jesus wasn't just in Bethlehem. That was just the beginning. Let Jesus come again at this time into your life as your Lord, your Saviour and your Love. Let us celebrate Christmas every day of our lives, as we contemplate the daily coming and living presence of Christ.

Yours sincerely

PETER

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CHURCH REGISTERS \* BAPTISM \* 20TH NOVEMBER 1988

Venetia Lucy d'Angers WILLIS

*Welcome!*

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 1988

December 04 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

(Half-yearly Missionary Box Opening)

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)

11 00am FAMILY AND TOY SERVICE

6 30pm Evening Prayer (1662)

7 45pm Youth Fellowship

December 07 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND  
PRAYER AT THE RECTORY

December 11 3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT \* BIBLE SUNDAY

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)

11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)

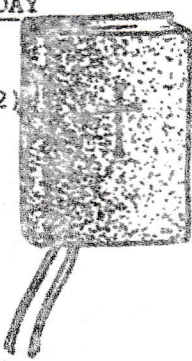
(followed by Holy Communion (1662))

3 00pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)

7 45pm Youth Fellowship

(Preacher throughout the day Mr David Longley  
- on behalf of the Bible Society)



December 18 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)

THERE WILL BE NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

11 00am SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

6 30pm SERVICE OF SEVEN LESSONS AND CAROLS

7 45pm Youth Fellowship

December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

11 30pm Holy Communion (1662)

December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)

10 00 - 10 45am FAMILY SERVICE

11 30 - 12 15pm FAMILY SERVICE

12 20pm Holy Communion (1662)

AND IN JANUARY 1989 .....

January 01 1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)

9 45am FAMILY SERVICE - followed by coffee

6 30pm Evening Praise

7 45pm Youth Fellowship

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January 08 1ST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)  
Canon Charles Oldham  
11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)  
(followed by Holy Communion (1662))  
6 30pm Youth Service  
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

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FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

The total Freewill Offering for October amounted to  
£1,580.40.

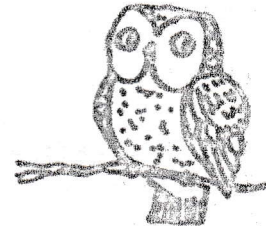
John Taylor

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FLOWER ROTA FOR DECEMBER

December 04  
11 Mrs Finnigan  
18 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS  
25 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR DECEMBER

December 2/3 Mrs Elizabeth Secrett  
December 9/10 Mrs Brenda Gardner and  
Mrs Joan Hardy  
December 16/17 Mrs Olive Roderick and  
Mrs Joan Lee  
December 23/24 Mrs Rosemary Arden-White  
Mrs Pat Williams  
December 30/31 Youth Fellowship

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BIBLE READING NOTES

Scripture Union and CWR Bible Commentary Notes go out  
very soon and if you would like a change, do let me know.  
For those who have not yet tried using these very  
helpful commentaries, the new year would be a very good  
time to start.

Please let me have any alterations or new names by  
December 19th.

Rosemary Arden-White

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OVERSEAS MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

On Sunday 23 October, Andrew Butler, area director, Taiwan, came to tell us about current progress in the countries of S E Asia and especially Taiwan, with its 400,000 Christians. At a tea party his slides showed us some of the vibrant dynamism of the people, with so many pressures and working a 6-7 day week. Many of the 20m population are disillusioned by their traditional idols (which are sometimes sat in front of locally made colour TV sets for "company") and are more inspired by the truth of the living Christ. Our support for OMF is deeply appreciated.

John Hindley

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TOY SERVICE

The Family Service on Sunday 4th December at 11 00am will incorporate a Toy Service. Could all children please bring a toy they have grown out of or no longer use. It should be in good condition, as all the toys will be given to children in London who would otherwise have no Christmas presents. Please do NOT wrap the toys.

Jacqueline Hindley

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1988 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Once again the Poppy Appeal has been well supported with many generous donations received. The grand total for this year is £761.32.

House-to-House Collections	-	£447.89
Church Collections	-	306.43
Wreath	-	7.00
		<u>£761.32</u>

I would personally like to thank everyone who helped in this year's appeal and particularly those who made the house-to-house collections, traditionally a very important component of the total fund-raising activities.

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Alison Bouckley

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GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL APPEAL

Mrs Muriel Freemantle has recently held a successful Fund-Raising Day at her home in aid of the Great Ormond Street Hospital at which a total of £114.70 was collected. She wishes to convey her grateful thanks to all who called throughout the day and gave so generously.

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MISS EVELYN WALKER

The village has been saddened to learn of the death of Evelyn Walker; the following is a contributed item from a neighbour and friend:

"Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting" is an aphorism which describes the personality of this very gentle lady, Evelyn Walker, who died on 31st October.

The doors of The Old Cottage, where she had lived with her friend Irene Libbiter for thirty years, having spent the previous thirty at Mesylls in Chiddingfold, were always open. The welcome was as spontaneous as the hospitality was generous.

We who have lived side by side with her have been greatly privileged: she was, indeed, "an instrument of His peace".

A.P.D.

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## *News!*

Welcome to Jonathan James Parker, born on October 3 to Sally and James, brother to Juliet, Rose and Eric and grandson to Mary and Hampden. Many congratulations to Eric at Phillips' Garage, who tells us that he is now a proud grandfather to Robert.

Mrs Daisy Frogley is now at home following her recent spell in hospital and we were sorry to learn that Mr O'Callahan has had to return to hospital for more

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surgery but pleased to hear that he is now back at home.

HAMBLEDON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ARE HOLDING A CHRISTMAS DANCE TO BE HELD AT

HAMBLEDON VILLAGE HALL ON FRIDAY

16TH DECEMBER 1988 FROM 8 00PM UNTIL

MIDNIGHT \* DANCING TO "SCENE THREE"

LICENSED BAR APPLIED FOR \*

TICKET £5.00 INCLUDING BUFFET SUPPER  
AVAILABLE FROM WORMLEY 2977

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HYDESTILE HOSPITALS SITE

As you will probably already know, there is to be a Public Enquiry on 20th December over the planning application to build 52 houses on the Hydestile Hospitals site. The Parish Council has already objected to this plan, stating that they consider such a development completely unacceptable.

We plan to start the Parish Council meeting on Monday 5th December at 8.00pm with an open discussion about this and hope that as many people as possible will come along to the Village Hall and give us their views. In the meantime, if you have got any comments or thoughts on the subject, could you please get in touch with anyone on the Parish Council.

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THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME : Nick Pollock writes on his experiences during a recent visit to India and Tibet:

"Back in February 1988 I left for India with 4 other students from G.A.P., a volunteer organisation, for the "year-off" before University, for 6 months teaching and travelling. I worked under the Tibetan Government, now in exile under the Dalai Lama in Dharamsala, for 4 months. I taught in two schools, one on the plains and one in the hills, in Northern India.

"After travelling around this strange but beautiful country for 3 weeks, trying to adjust but instead acquiring the dreaded Delhi-belly (diarrhea), Paul, Louise and I took a "bone-shaker" (Indian bus) to Paonta Sahib, near Dehra Dun and Mussoorie. Meanwhile, Jenny and Andrew went to a beautiful hill station, Manali.

We stayed on a small Tibetan settlement overlooking a wasteland and the commercialised River Yamuna. Paul and I lived in a bare room with a tin roof, whilst Louise had the old storeroom, with regular visits from the animal population - lizards, beetles, ants - to name a few. We washed with a jug and a bucket of cold water and ate dahl and rice day-in day-out (since this was all the Tibetans could afford). Dahl is simply sloppy/mushy lentils but can be fun when crunching a couple of chillis. The children were born and bred in India and were taught under the Indian educational system but still held on to their culture, through Tibetan lessons, dance, music and Buddhism. I taught English and Maths to 6-12 year olds. It soon (after two and a half months) became quite a strain teaching in 140° without air-conditioning since the power was always cut and having thirty children crammed in a small bare classroom sitting cross-legged on mats.

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"So we moved up to Bir in the hills, mid-way between Diaramsala and Manali. It was beautiful being surrounded by tea-gardens, hills and vast snow-covered mountains, which were illuminated in the morning sun and turned pink as the sun went to bed. All the students, 17-30 were born in Tibet and had recently escaped from the Chinese Communists to India for an education and a release from oppression. Since there was little accommodation, Paul and I stayed in one of the Buddhist Monastries, which was far from quiet, as the monks clashed the gongs, blasted their horns and thumped their drums. We did most of our washing in the tumbling river near-by, or under a tap, which was freezing first thing in the morning, as it came straight from the mountains.

"It was very hard to leave the two schools, since I made such close friendships with my students and the settlers, and knowing that, in all probability, I would never see them again.

"Afterwards we took a holiday to Kashmir - on a house-boat and a merry walk in the Himalayas for a week and then to Ladakh.

"My trip was incredible - full of surprises and disappointments, happiness and loneliness. The hardest but most fulfilling and dominating part was my "walk with the Lord". It was painful not to be able to talk to another believer. All I had was God. This was good, for I learnt so much, that I had to rely totally upon God, but this is what we are told to do. If we do not do everything for and through God, then we are not acting as his disciples and so when Judgement Day comes, we will be cast away (as Matthew tells us in Cap. 7.v.21).

"After 5 months I met 3 missionaries at the same time, from Millmead, Guildford. It was amazing. So uplifting.

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"It is hard to be back in English society, which is so different and to be studying. But it is incredible to see so many Christians. Stick to the Lord and everything will be alright.

God Bless - "

Nick Pollock

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BLANKETS FOR SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

Mrs Pamela Hartnall of 10 Nightingale Road, Godalming writes :

"Now the evenings are drawing in and we think about lighting the fire once again, spare a thought for those in the world who may be homeless and cold. As the international news brings to us, all too frequently, so many children are without the warmth of a home, because of some devastating natural disaster.

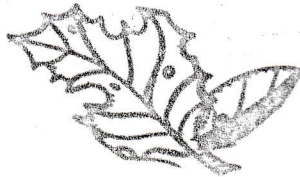
"Save the Children Fund send warm, brightly knitted blankets for use in these disaster areas. A constant supply is needed and the Fund depends on volunteers who supply wool and knit the squares for the blankets.

"I would be most grateful to hear from anyone who could knit or crochet blankets or squares for Save the Children Fund. The blankets are made up of 6 inch squares in all types of wool (we even unpick old woollen jumpers for re-use).

If any groups would like to make up a blanket, I am sure it would make a worthwhile winter project. Please contact me for any more information.

"Happy knitting! "

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our October meeting was China orientated when Ruth Carpenter visited us with more news of her time as a missionary in that country.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday December 21st. Please be sure to come and have a Christmas mincepie and give a warm welcome to our speaker, who will need no introduction, as he lives nearby in Hambledon Rectory!!

Brenda Gardner

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

Lands of contrasts, where sacred cows had right of way, smug camels surveying the desert and elephants lumbering along carrying tourists. Bustling cities with modern blocks gave way to timeless buildings of intricate carving and splendour, some set about with semi-precious and precious stones. The Taj Mahal bleached white at mid-day; in the evening sun, rose pink. Poverty alongside riches, where women are not seen out alone and never uncovered.

Wearing her shalwar qamiz\*, Gay Mabley looked charming as she showed us her slides. She wore these garments as she and her husband followed her father's and indeed her grandfather's footsteps through Pakistan and northern India. In Peshawar, Pakistan, they met up with Simon, their son, at the College where he taught. He was able to show them places which would not have been on the route of most tourists.

Thank you Gay, it was most interesting to see and hear about the cultures of these people, with their lives and religions so different to ours.

\*Pakistani national dress, consisting of baggy trousers, long tunic and scarf. / .....

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Wednesday December 14th, 2.45pm at Ellingsons.  
Could you bring a little something for tea and  
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Joan Hardy

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each one of us - far beyond our earthly  
understanding: 'Oh, the love that drew  
salvation's plan! Oh, the grace that brought  
it down to man!': each man, each woman, each  
child, is deeply loved by God, and this, above  
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A HAPPY AND JOYOUS CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

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