

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

FEBRUARY, 1975

THE RECTOR WRITES

More than any other time of the year, Lent has traditionally been used by church people for the more thorough study of their faith. To help us in this three series of addresses have been planned, one for Sunday mornings, one for Sunday evenings, and one for a weeknight evening. The subjects are set out below. Each is a connected series as you see, and it will be a great gain if you are able to come regularly to the whole of a series. Indeed I hope that many will be able to come to one of the Sunday series, and to the Wednesday series as well.

Wednesday is a new night for us, but there did not seem to be any obvious reason against it, and it had the advantage of being conveniently mid-way between the Sundays. Partly to economise in heating the church, the midweek series will take place in the Rectory. It will be in a way a fairly formal occasion (almost a lecture!), but in an informal setting. There will be a cup of coffee from 8 pm as we gather; then at 8.30 pm sharp the address, with a few minutes at the end in case someone had an immediate question; and all to finish by 9.15 p.m.

There is no need to explain more about the Sunday series, which would take place in the setting of the normal services. Perhaps you could talk about these services to your friends, and encourage each other to come regularly.

You will see the plan for Ash Wednesday in the Diary. The hunger lunch at the Rectory that day is open to all, whether they are able to come to the service before or not.

LENT ADDRESSESSUNDAY MORNINGS at 11 a.m. Theme: "KNOWING GOD"

Feb. 16 GOD IS REAL Why believe in God?

" 23 GOD INCARNATE Why believe in Christ?

Mar. 2 GOD'S GRACE The question of deserving

" 9 GOD'S HOLINESS What does it mean to
repent?

" 16 GOD'S PROMISES What does it mean to
believe?

" 23 GOD'S CHILDREN "the right to become
sons"

SUNDAY EVENINGS at 6.30 p.m. "SIMON PETER:
FISHERMAN"

Feb. 16. BECOMING A NEW MAN (John 1, 35-42)

" 23. GAINING THROUGH YIELDING (Luke 5.1-11)

Mar. 2. WEATHERING THE STORM (Matthew 14, 22-33)

" 9. SELF CONFIDENCE AND DISASTER (Luke 22,
31-62)

" 16. RECOVERING FROM DEFEAT (John 21, 1-19)

Palm Sunday: Service of Passion Readings &
Music

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 8.30 pm in the Rectory

Theme: "THE WHOLE FAMILY OF GOD"

(N.B. Begins NOT Ash Wednesday but a week later)

Feb. 19 The story of the Church in England

" 26 The Church and the churches

Mar. 5 The task of the Church

" 12 The growth of the Church

" 19 The role of a Church Member

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DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

SUN. 2. SEXAGESIMA

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon
10 a.m. Children's Church
11 a.m. Morning Prayer & Public Baptism
12 noon Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer
7.45 p.m. Young People at Heath Cottage

MON. 3. 2.30 p.m. Holy Communion Hambledon Homes

SUN. 9. QUINQUAGESIMA

Holy Communion at 8 a.m.
11 a.m. Morning Prayer: Gordon Humphreys,
Esq. M.A.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

WED. 12. FIRST DAY OF LENT (Ash Wednesday)

11.30 a.m. Holy Communion with short address
12.30 p.m. Hunger Lunch at the Rectory with
gifts for Viet Nam orphans

THU. 13. 8 p.m. Parish Fellowship: Rev. Patrick Ashe
tells of the rescue of Viet Nam orphans

SUN. 16. FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
10 a.m. Children's Church: Team from King
Edward School, Witley
11 a.m. Morning Prayer
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Holy Communion
7.45 p.m. Young People in Heath Cottage

WED. 19. 8 p.m. Lent Course begins at the Rectory

SUN. 23. SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am
10 am Series 2 Holy Communion
11 am Morning Prayer
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

WED. 26. 8 p.m. Second Lent address at the Rectory.

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AND IN MARCH

SUN. 2. THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon
10 am Children's Church: Team from King
Edward School, Witley
11 am Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

MON. 3. 2.30 pm Holy Communion: Hambledon Homes

WED. 5. 8 p.m. Lent address at the Rectory

SUN. 9. FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion at 8 p.m.
11 am Morning Prayer
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

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CHURCH FLOWERS The rota for the coming weeks is

Feb.	2.	Miss M. Parker
"	9.	Mrs. E.A. Wieler
"	16.	Mrs. M. Hutchins
"	23.	Mrs. D.J. Thompson
March	2.	Mrs. D. Bedford
"	9.	Miss F. Denny

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for December, 1974	£ 41.35
Total for 1974, including Covenants	£353.86

BOX OPENING

In the November Box-opening £16.29 was collected for the C. of E. Children's Society, and a letter of thanks for this gift has come from the Society.

CHURCH REGISTERS

Funerals

January 7. Ernest Austin (81) of Hambledon Homes

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

So far the following missionary events have been planned when visiting preachers can bring us up-to-date news of the great societies we support. Collections on these Sundays will be given to the society concerned.

May 11. 11 am and 6.30 pm Rev. Brian Stalley on behalf of British & Foreign Bible Socy.

June 1. Children's Church, 11 am and 6.30 pm, Mr. Steve Mitchell (Japan) on behalf of Overseas Missionary Fellowship

Oct. 5. Children's Church, 11 am and 6.30 pm Canon Hill Butler (Formerly Uganda) on behalf of Ruanda Mission

Other special events will be notified later. The Rector also very much hopes the Rev. Ted Elton will be able to come and preach morning and evening one Sunday. We had tried for a May date, but Mr. Elton has other engagements pending, and thought he ought not to promise before Autumn. However, we still hope for something earlier than this, during the summer.

NOTES

We are most grateful to MR. AND MRS. MARTIN CAROE for their kind gift of a tree, a silver leaved weeping pear, planted in our churchyard as a memorial to William. The tree should grow to a height of about 20 feet, and its shape and foliage will make a most attractive feature.

LADY EWBANK, wife of Major General Sir Robert Ewbank (President of the Officers' Christian Union), is to be the speaker at the Women's World Day of Prayer Service, at the United Reformed Church, Bridge Street, Godalming, on Friday 7 March at 2.15 p.m.

THE CAROL PARTY that went round the village on Dec. 17 collected £21 for Hambledon Homes Comforts Fund. Many thanks to those who came and sang, and to those who gave so generously.

M.R.P.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

It is always a pleasure to see parents bringing their children to this happy short service on the first and third Sunday of each month. On Monday 24 February my wife and I look forward to welcoming parents of our Children's Church members to coffee at the Rectory at 8.15 p.m.

Our friends from King Edward School, Witley, will be with us to speak at the services on 16 February and 2 March.

THE BISHOP IN GODALMING

On Monday 10 February the Bishop of Guildford comes to the Baptist Church, Queen Street, to speak at 8 pm on "Mission in the 20th Century". The meeting is in connection with Mission Unlimited. All are welcome and we hope many will come.

WELCOME BACK

Mr. Gordon Humphreys at one time Headmaster of King Edward School, Witley, and a friend of many here, comes to preach at 11 am on 9 February.

NEWS OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE

An Open Evening (by kind invitation at the home of Mrs. Ellinson) drew more than thirty of our Young People together just before Christmas to a most successful informal evening. John Hamilton spoke and others of our 'young people' took part, and several found the evening a real help. Nearly as many came to the Rectory one Sunday evening soon afterwards, again with some of the young people contributing. It is always an encouragement for them to find themselves among many others of their age group who like them are looking for God's best in their lives. There will be other similar events during the Easter vacation when members are back from college and boarding school. In the meantime the others meet at 7.45 pm at Heath Cottage, weekly now at their own special request.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship had their monthly meeting on 12 December, which was earlier than usual because of the coming of Christmas. A number of our friends from Hambledon Homes were able to be with us, and the afternoon was spent joyfully singing the well-known carols, interspersed with readings from the Christmas story, from the prophecies in the book of Isaiah to their fulfilment in the Gospel of St. Luke. Jane Hansford came along and joined us and delighted all with her singing and guitar playing. Mr. Gaskin kindly loaned us his electric organ once again, which was ably played by Mrs. David Symonds. The afternoon ended with a mince pie tea party!

The next meeting will be held at Ellingson's on Thursday, 27 February, when we welcome once more Mrs. Hugh Sansom from Guildford.

M.S.S.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

The party in January was a specially happy evening. Games went with a real swing and there was no doubt in anyone's mind that we must do this again. So we'll agree that next year there will be another congregational party, if possible nearer the New Year before any of our young people have left for college or boarding school. If the news gets out that this is a GOOD THING, perhaps we shall have twice as many next year.

The February Parish Fellowship is on Thursday 13th, again at 8 pm in the Village Hall. Mr. Ashe's story of the rescue of Viet Nam orphans is both moving and fascinating, and he brings some colour transparencies to help us picture the scene.

Though the church arranges the programme for these evenings, anyone can come whether a church member or not: indeed we would be delighted to see them at this or any of our monthly evenings.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A NEW YEAR AND A NEW PRESIDENT

When Hambledon W.I. met for the first time in 1975, it was with their new president MRS. HARDY in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and the business concluded, MRS. HARDY introduced the speaker MRS. FREEMANTLE who in fact needed no introduction as she is well known in Hambledon.

"My trip to Canada" was MRS. FREEMANTLE's subject. In fact it covered five visits which as she said was difficult to condense into a short talk. We had a most amusing and interesting afternoon listening to her reminiscences and experiences with her family in Canada. Included was a trip to Prince Edward Island, where one of the first things she saw was a hut with a notice of "the next W.I. meeting to be held". Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver and Winnipeg were some of the many places visited, and on her way to California Mrs. Freemantle found herself in Hollywood!

In four months she travelled over 34,000 miles. Local crafts were especially interesting, and members were shown crocheted flowers and Indian bead work which Mrs. Freemantle had copied.

"If anyone wants a good holiday and has the time to spare, a trip to Canada (where people are so friendly) is highly recommended."

B.J.M.

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