

ST. PETER'S HAMBLEDON

FEBRUARY 1978

THE RECTOR WRITES

Christmas with the Church Family was a happy time. We are used to a packed church at the Christmas morning service, but this year a number could not get into the church at all! We are most sorry that some were shut outside. The Church Council is giving thought to this, and hopes to ensure that this does not happen next year. We mention this now in case any unfortunately shut out should be saying "never again!"

I hope that some of our Lent themes, listed on page 4, will be a help. Please make them known to others, and invite your friends to come with you.

On a personal note, the news of some of our family happinesses has got out, and I want to thank several who have sent kind messages. Over the Christmas period we had a very happy triple celebration: Clare and John had their third daughter Emma just before Christmas; Judith after three years of research has completed the writing of her thesis ready to be submitted for a Ph.D. degree at Exeter; and Jill became engaged to be married to Paul Higgins (another teacher) next August. We could not be happier about all this, and it was very good to have all three girls, and the grandchildren, and John and Paul with us.

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DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

1 Wed. 8-15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)

5 SUN. Quinquagesima

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

8 FIRST DAY IN LENT Ash Wednesday

11.30 am Holy Communion

12.30 pm Hunger Lunch at the Rectory (p.6)

9 Thu. 8 pm Parish Fellowship; "Sailing the Atlantic
with Ted Sutton. See page 7.

10/12 (Friday to Sunday) Congregational Week End
House Party at Fairmile Court.

12 SUN. First Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer: Rev. Patrick Ashe
and Sunday Club at the Rectory

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

15 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Study Series (Rectory)

19 SUN. Second Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Holy Communion, Hymns and Sermon

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

22 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Study Series (Rectory)

26 SUN Third Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am

10 am Series 2 Holy Communion

11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

AND FOR MARCH

- 1 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Study Series (Rectory)
- 5 SUN. Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)
Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon
10 am Children's Church
11 am Morning Prayer
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage
- 8 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Study Series (Rectory)
- 9 Thu. 8 pm Parish Fellowship: Major R.P.A. de
Bernière-Smart: Shaftesbury Homes.
- 12 SUN. Fifth Sunday in Lent
Holy Communion at 8 am
11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People at Rectory

CHURCH FLOWERS

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| February | 5 | Miss E.F. Denny |
| | 12 | Mrs E.A. Wieler |
| | 19 | Mrs A. Secrett |
| | 26 | Mrs D.F. Ringe |
| March | 5 | |
| | 12 | Mrs N. Jervis |

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for December 1977, £75. 52 p.
E.F. Denny

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptism Dec. 11 Alastair William Campbell Scarlett

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LENT THEMES

Sunday Mornings at 11 am

Feb 12 (The Rev. Patrick Ashe)

"JESUS AS OTHERS SAW HIM" *

Feb. 19 Prophet

26 Priest

Mar. 5 Judge

12 Lamb of God

19 King

* Dr. William Barclay's helpful book is a study of some thirty of our Lord's New Testament titles, and of these five are chosen here.

Sunday Evenings at 6.30 pm

"CHRISTIAN LIVING IN THE 1970's"

Feb. 12 Honest Work and Just Reward: what is gambling?

19 The use of Leisure: the Sunday question

26 Enough is enough: ambitions & luxuries

Mar. 5 The Rev. Ralph Wilkins (Haslemere Parish)

12 The Rev. Ralph Wilkins

19 Race: the challenge to individual & nation

Wednesday Evenings in the Rectory

Coffee is at 8 pm The Address is at 8.30 pm

"THE AWAKENING OF THE CHURCH"

Feb. 15 How the Church fell asleep

22 Early awakeners: John Wesley & Whitefield

Mar. 1 Two colourful clergymen: Grimshaw & Simeon

8 William Wilberforce and Social Reform

15 How the Missionary Societies began

HALF A CENTURY IN HAMBLEDON CHURCH CHOIR

Mr Harold Hutchins wrote in December to say that, with the greatest regret, he and his wife Mary felt that they should now resign from the choir as from the New Year, though of course they intend still to come to worship as members of the congregation.

We cannot let this moment pass without recording that Harold has been an adult member of our choir for only just short of fifty years, and when we add his choirboy years, he clearly tops the half century. To this his wife adds about twenty years.

What a splendid record of faithful service. We salute them both. We shall miss them from their places in the choir stalls, though not, happily, from the church. Our warmest thanks to them.

Now who are the members who will take their place? We are still in need of both men and women, for either morning or evening choir. Men could be either tenor or bass, and women either alto or soprano: indeed the straight singing of the melody itself would be a great help to us, and we must keep this need before all our members now.

PERSONALIA

MR HOPKINS of Wormley Lane had a major operation in Milford Chest Hospital, and is slowly recovering. CHARLES VACHER came home from hospital in time for Christmas, and has been steadier since, though he is strictly limited in what he is allowed to do, and needs much patience. So too does MR MAY senior, whose condition is unchanged. But he is most thankful to be at home in the care of his wife, and they had a quiet and uneventful Christmas together. DR. JACK SYMOND had a short time in the County Hospital early in January, but is recovering well and hoping to be home soon. At the same time MR SIMMONS was in Mount Alvernia for an operation. We remember them all, and also MISS GWEN PIERCE whose sister is very ill in hospital, Mrs FROGLEY whose cousin died recently in Milford, and MRS AYLING who has had falls and a painful scalding.

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WEDNESDAYS

There is a Bible Study and Prayer on 1st February at 8.15 pm in the Rectory.

The following Wednesday is ASH WEDNESDAY, the first day in Lent, when there will be a service of Holy Communion at 11.30 am. Then at 12.30 there is to be a SOUP and CHEESE LUNCH in the Rectory when all who can join us will be most welcome. (If those who know they are planning to come would kindly sign the list in the Church Porch beforehand, it will be a guide in catering, but nobody need stay away because they have not done so). Gifts at the lunch will go to the relief of disaster and other needy areas through Tear Fund.

The mid-week Lent Study series, on Wednesdays at 8 for 8.30 pm in the Rectory, begins the week after that on February 15. See page 4 for details.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Open to all ladies, this group meets each Tuesday in February at the Rectory, starting with coffee at 10.30 am, and finishing at 11.30.

CAROL SINGING PARTY

A large party went round the village singing Carols on Tuesday 20 December. We would like to thank all those who welcomed us to their homes, and to let them know that, thanks to their generosity, we have contributed £30 to the Indian Cyclone Appeal.

M.R.P.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

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A good number of us, old and young, came on a cold night to the Parish New Year Party, and in no time at all were thoroughly warm. Some splendid refreshments were provided by the ladies and one male chef, and a lot of fun by all and sundry. It was a really happy evening.

The February meeting of the Parish Fellowship offers something unusual. Most of us know that Mr TED SUTTON is a keen yachtsman, but we may not have known that on one occasion he sailed across the Atlantic, with only one other in the crew. This is something worth hearing about, and on Thursday 9th February he is coming to show transparencies and to tell us his story. We certainly get variety in our Fellowship evenings'. Bring your friends.

N.S.P.C.C. (Godalming Branch)

An Auction Sale is being held in Milford Village Hall on Saturday 18 February at 2 pm (viewing in the morning).

Please support, both by coming, and also by donating something saleable. Mrs Yoland Wilson of The Cottage (wormley 2710) will be glad to hear if you can offer something suitable.

Village Hall

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Hall at 8 pm on Tuesday 14 February. The Management Committee would be greatly encouraged if the village's interest in its Hall were demonstrated by a good attendance at this meeting, and would hope that organisations which use the Hall will be well represented.

R.G.W.

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Due to Mrs Ellingson's flight to Canada on 15 December, the meeting that day was held at Pendleton Cottage, when Mrs Brandon kindly welcomed us to her home. Christmas was in the air with her lovely decorations already up, and 'Carol Singing' was the theme of the meeting. Following the reading of the Christmas story in St. Luke's gospel, six members of the Youth Group kindly led us in the singing - Sandra Munton, Caroline Atkins, Jane and Faith Hansford, and Wendy and Felicity Arden-White. Caroline interpreted one of the songs with a graceful dance, and Wendy gave a helpful message of testimony as to the real meaning of Christmas for her. A happy tea party followed with traditional hot mince pies!

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd February at Ellingson's.

M.S.S.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A well attended meeting of the Hambledon W.I. took place in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11 January. The President MRS CROWHURST conducted the brief business meeting. MRS HARDY spoke with appreciation of the support and help given her by all members during 1977. MRS ALLEN gave details of the proposed outing to the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre.

A most interesting and practical talk on Skin Care was then given by MRS RUTH JERVIS. After the last note was hastily scribbled, there was an eager rush for free samples! Mrs Jervis was thanked by MRS MAJOR.

The raffle was won by MRS WYATT. The usual excellent tea and biscuits was served by MRS F. JEFFERY and MRS ALLEN.

G.E.P.