

ST. PETER'S HAMBLEDON

FEBRUARY 1980

THE RECTOR WRITES

We all felt that it was a great moment when last August one of our own young members Paul Atkins set off with Project Vietnam Orphans (now renamed CHRISTIAN OUTREACH) to serve the many thousands of Cambodian refugees in Thailand. He has settled so well to this exciting task that he has now been asked to accept greater responsibility there.

Now a second member of our Young People's Group, Faith Hansford, has heard God's call to join the team, and she is to fly out to Bangkok on 29 January to undertake the secretarial and book-keeping in their office there. While it is true she will be in a capital city, her office will be very primitive, and the problem of loneliness and "culture shock" are likely to be very real.

News has just come that Paul Atkins has suffered shock, though in the goodness of God no real injury, when his car went off an appalling road, and this can be a reminder to us that we all need to pray for both Paul and Faith and their colleagues constantly. They are "good soldiers of Jesus Christ", and prayer is the most important support we can give.

See page 4 for the themes of our Lent addresses. The Sunday morning themes are about GOD. "Is there anything God cannot do? If God knows what I will do, how can I be free? If God is holy, how can I come near Him?" These are some of the things we shall think about then. On Sunday evenings we have a series on some colourful Old Testament characters; and on Wednesday evenings in the Rectory (after coffee at 8 pm) a series on the early foundations of the Nation of Israel. I hope they will be a real help. Come as regularly as you can.

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CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 1980

3. SEPTUAGESIMA

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: Mr G.M. Bolton

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

3 Mon. 7.45 for 8 pm Parochial Church Council

6 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)

10 SEXAGESIMA

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

14 Thu. 8 pm Parish Fellowship (Village Hall)
Mr Cecil Chapman: "Visit to Japan"

17 QUINQUAGESIMA

Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm

10 am Children's Church: Rev. J. Cartman (Farnham)

11 am Morning Prayer: Rev. J. Cartman (Farnham)

6.30 pm Holy Communion: Rev. J.P. Cresswell (Wisley)

7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

Loose collections all day to Intercontinental
Church Society

20 FIRST DAY OF LENT Ash Wednesday

11.30 am Holy Communion

12.20 pm onwards Hunger Lunch at the Rectory

24 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am

10 am Series II Communion Service

11 am Morning Prayer: "God Almighty": Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer: "Caleb"

7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

27 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Lent Address at the Rectory
"Foundation of the Nation of Israel"

AND IN MARCH

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2 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer: "The All-knowing God"

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in modern English: "Samson"

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

5 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Lent Address at the Rectory
"The 400 years in Egypt"

9 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer: "The Holiness of God": Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer "Ruth"

7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

CHURCH FLOWERS

Feb. 3 Mrs M. Stevens

10 Mrs E.A. Wieler

17 Mrs E. Hardy

24 Mrs M.B.P. Stedall

Mar. 2 Mrs J. Symonds

9 Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for December 1979 £317 . 39p

Total Free Will Offerings for 1979 £2,569 . 30p

Income Tax recovered 713 . 85p

£3.283 . 15p

This is an increase of £391 .05p. over 1978

E.F. Denny

MISSIONARY BOX OPENING

A further sum of nearly £40 has come in for the Church
Pastoral-Aid Society. Many thanks. M.E.H.

CHURCH REGISTERS

Marriage

Jan. 12 Robert Noel Moore and Sarah Ann Evans

ASH WEDNESDAY

20 February 1980

11.30 am Holy Communion

From 12.20 pm Soup and Cheese Lunch (Rectory)
Gifts to refugees via CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Do come and join us

LENT ADDRESSESSunday Mornings at 11 am"KNOWING GOD"

- Feb. 24 God Almighty
 Mr. 2 The All-knowing God
 9 The Holiness of God
 16 The Grace of God
 23 God Incarnate
 30 Sons of God

Sunday Evenings at . . . 30 pm"OLD TESTAMENT CHARACTERS"

- Feb. 24 Caleb
 Mar. 2 Samson
 9 Ruth
 16 Samuel
 23 Saul
 30 Jonathan

Wednesday Evenings at 8.30 pm In the Rectory
after Coffee at 8 pm"THE FOUNDATION OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL"

- Feb. 27 Abraham: The Founder of the Nation
 Mar. 5 The 400 years in Egypt
 12 The Desert Journey
 19 The Commandments and The Covenant
 26 Into the Promised Land

Elizabeth Robb Maughan

Our friend Mrs Maughan died at home early in January. A very large number of people, including friends who had made the journey all the way from Scotland, were at the service in the Crematorium. With her husband George, and with their daughter Lorna, she had become well known to our Sunday morning congregation where they have been most regular worshippers until the marked worsening of her illness several months ago. In fact she had been unwell for many years, but never complained, and she bore the last months of great discomfort and weakness and depression most patiently. We thank God for her faith in Him, and for her steadfastness; and too for the outstanding love and caring within the family during the last months.

In the living room of their home is a picture with the verse "The Eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms". We pray that this may be their experience now.

MRS RICHARDSON had the great misfortune to fall in her bedroom, and sustained a broken hip. She is the first from our village to have been admitted to the new Guildford Hospital. MRS AYLING has suffered a further stroke and although she has been allowed to remain at home this was only because her daughter was able to come here for a week to care for her. Mrs Ayling is now improving steadily, and her daughter has been able to go back home.

We send to all our sick friends our love and greetings. May God give them each one a good and full recovery.

Our congratulations and best wishes to LYNETTE LUXFORD and IAN BAILEY who are to be married on 2 February.

The week end had been looked forward to with great anticipation, and at last the day arrived.

The Rector and Mrs Thompson and Mr and Mrs Lea-Wilson were waiting for everyone to arrive, and gave us all a wonderful welcome, also acting as porters, as our cases were quickly taken from us & deposited in our respective rooms. There were 31 people staying for the entire period, and we all enjoyed the company of 27 day visitors, so it was a real party.

After dinner on the Friday evening the Rector introduced the Rev Eddie Shirras (Vicar of a parish in Harrow), whose four talks were full of encouragement and "food for thought". He took as his theme "How can we be sure?", and he showed us from John's first epistle how the New Life is God's gift to us, which after we have received it begins to show and prove itself in behaviour, love and assurance.

On Saturday the table tennis doubles tournament got under way, and the final was won by Brenda Gardner and Jonathan Jarvis, who were presented with gold (chocolate) medals! This was followed by everyone taking part in the progressive table tennis event, always creating great amusement and exhausting us all.

In the afternoon some were energetic, walking, playing tennis or squash, visiting Wisley or even going to Cobham shopping! There was too an excellent film show, of well known gardens by Brenda and Peter Gardner, and of a tour in Europe by Capt. John Hassard-Short.

After dinner came "the party", thoroughly enjoyed by all. The laughter was so loud, it would be amazing if you could not hear it in Hambledon. The artistic talents of many present had to be seen to be believed!! It is a pity a camera was not to hand to record us all walking round with large pictures pinned to our chests expecting people to recognise the historical event we had tried to portray.

On Sunday morning we had a family Communion Service, with some of our members reading the lessons and leading the prayers. After lunch there was a short discussion period, with singing led by the Young People, and with Faith Hansford telling us simply how she has come to hear God's call to set off on 29 January to Bangkok to work with Christian Outreach (where Paul Atkins is also serving). We all wish her well, and assure her of our prayers.

These were the more organised parts of the weekend. Much of it was, however, free, with time for minor games, and a great deal of talking, and doing nothing very much, and getting to know one another better. It was a holiday week end together.

When, after an enormous tea, we left to go our separate ways, we were very sorry the week end was over, and determined to go on a strict slimming diet! We would all like to thank Eve and David very much for making the week end possible, and I am sure we will all look forward very much to next time.

S.M. and V.B.W.

CAROL SINGING PARTY

A carol party went round the village on 21 December and collected £50 for Shaftesbury Homes and Arethusa. We should like to thank the kind people who cheered us on our way with refreshments and all who gave so generously.

M.R. Parker

On behalf of The Shaftesbury Homes and 'Arethusa' I would like to thank Miss Mary Parker, her carol singers, and everyone who contributed to the collection in aid of our funds. £50 is a wonderful Christmas bonus, and I am deeply grateful to you all.

Piers de Berniere-Smart.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The annual service is at Farncombe Parish Church, on Friday 7 March 1980, at 2.15 pm. Speaker, Miss J. Harley Mason (former Head Mistress of Guildford High School for Girls).

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

About forty people were at our Parish Party on 10 January on a cold but dry night. Many of our friends kindly provided refreshments, and we all had great fun in the games.

Come if you can on Thursday 14 February at 8 pm. when Mr Cecil Chapman has promised to show the transparencies of his recent visit to Japan.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship held its December meeting in the home of Mrs Ellingson just before Christmas, and were led by a group of our Young People in the singing of Christmas Carols.

The February meeting is to be held at Ellingsons on Thursday 28 February at 3 pm.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mr Chambers, Warden of Witley Common, has always been a welcome speaker at Hambledon W.I., and this time was no exception. He gave us a miscellany of flora and fauna proving the truth of the old saying, as Mrs Gardner said in her vote of thanks, "the best things in life are free". His slides were of exceptional quality, and close-ups showed the wonderful symmetrical perfection of orchids etc.

The business meeting was conducted by the President Mrs Crowhurst, and she welcomed two new members Mrs Durrant and Mrs Simmonds. Mrs de Berniere-Smart and Mrs Crowhurst won the raffle. Tea was served as always by Mrs Jeffery.

On February 13 the speaker will be Mr Zierler on "A square mile of surprises in the City of London". Please come and bring a friend. I am sure you will not be disappointed.

E.G. Freemantle

VILLAGE HALL

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Hall at 8 pm. on Tuesday 12 February. All Hambledon residents are entitled to come, and a good attendance would be a real encouragement to the Hall Committee. R.G.W.