

ST. PETER'S HAMBLEDON

FEBRUARY 1981

THE RECTOR WRITES .....

Next month's magazine will give details of the special series of sermons and addresses for Lent, which begins during the first days of March.

I want here to write a few preliminary lines to introduce the mid-week course which is being planned for the five Wednesday evenings beginning 11 March (in the Rectory at 8.30 am, after coffee at 8 pm.). The general title will be "ABLE TO TEACH OTHERS ALSO", from Paul's phrase in 2 Timothy 2, verse 1. I hope that every Christian among us will want not only to have his or her own personal faith well grounded and taught, but will in addition want to help others also. Our friends and neighbours often have problems of faith, misunderstandings to be cleared up, obstacles to belief, which need time to unravel, and sympathy and understanding. We need to understand them, and we need to understand our faith. They may not always feel able to come to church at this stage, and if they do they may not always find their problem answered. The need is for every ordinary Christian (not just clergy and ministers) to be equipped to help ...able to teach others also.

The Lent mid-week series will look again at some of the basics of Christian belief, but looking at them through the eyes of others, and turning aside to think through the difficulties, and to seek to answer them. I hope that many of our members will make a point of setting these evenings aside.

2. CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 1981

1 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer (A.S.B.)

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

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

8 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at The Rectory

12 Thu. 8 pm Parish Fellowship(Village Hall)  
Miss M.A. Knott "Visit to China" (p.7)

15 SEPTUAGESIMA

Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Holy Communion (A.S.B.)

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

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

21 Sat. 7 pm CONFIRMATION (S. George's Ashstead)

22 SEXAGESIMA

Holy Communion at 8 am and 9.45 am

9.45 am Holy Communion (A.S.B.)

11 am Morning Prayer and Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

27 Feb. to 1 March: Fairmile House Party (p.5)

AND IN MARCH

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1 QUINQUAGESIMA

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer (A.S.B.)

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

2 Mon. 7.45 for 8 pm Parochial Church Council

4 ASH WEDNESDAY

11.30 am Holy Communion

12.20 pm Hunger Lunch at The Rectory

8 FIRST 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 The Rectory

CHURCH FLOWERS

Feb. 1 Miss E.F. Denny

8 Mrs E.A. Wieler

15 Mrs A.F. Paine

22 Mrs M.P.B. Stedall

Mar. 1 Miss E.F. Denny

8 Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for December 1980, £277.29p.

Total for the year (1980), £3,844.37p

This includes £733.25p from Income Tax recovered on Covenants, and represents an increase of £561.22p over 1979.

E.F. Denny

MISSIONARY BOXES: HALF YEARLY OPENING

Church Pastoral-Aid Society: £58.52½p.

Leprosy Mission: £12.00

Ruanda Mission: £26.23½

M.E. Hutchins



### BERYL WILLIAMS

The sudden collapse of Beryl Williams, coming as it did without warning, has brought very great shock and grief to the village. Her warmth and kindness, her readiness for a laugh, her cheerfulness, made her the very best of company, and endeared her to us all. Yet she was always to some degree of pain, at times severe, from a serious injury suffered during the war when she served in the W.A.A.F. on our balloon defence duties. She showed the greatest courage in fighting through a dangerous operation then, and in coming so light of its aftermath ever since.

During her 24 years of married life in Ambledon she has been helpful and busy ... in the village shop for several years, as organiser of the local Alexander Rose Day collection for the Church of England Children's Society, organising outings, supporting the local work of the N.S.P.C.C., Women's Institute, and Women's Fellowship.

She had always been a church member, but in recent years more and more joyfully involved. Her own personal faith has grown clearer and stronger to the point when (as Tuesday Group members will know very well) she was able to contribute and to help others more than she ever realised.

We think specially of Ray and Patrick now. It means everything to them to know that she loved and belonged to HIM, and is now with Him; and it is with their eyes on this that they have suggested that the funeral service should begin with Paul's great words "Death swallowed up in victory".

#### PERSONALIA

5.

ROSE MONKS and PAUL ADAMS are to be married here on 14 February, and we send our very best wishes to them as their married life begins.

MRS VARDEN is back again in a surgical ward at the County Hospital, and we send her our warmest good wishes. JAMES BASSETT, who was safely home from hospital in time for Christmas, and even came to two services in spite of a very cumbersome plaster jacket, has been able to go back to his boarding school at the start of the new term. JASPER CORBETT continues his slow but steady recovery at home, but is not yet ready to return to school. We remember them all in our prayers.

Several of our members are on their travels:- ANDREW MACLAY is on a visit to West Africa, and JENNY VRANCH to New Zealand. CAROLINE ATKINS is in Sri Lanka, and goes on to Bangkok where she hopes later to be joined by her parents so that together they can see FAITH HANSFORD and PAUL ATKINS. What a family reunion that will be! And TONY CANNON is also making the journey to Sri Lanka and Thailand.

#### FAIRMILE HOUSE PARTY

Among the applications that have come in for our House Party on the week end 27 February to 1 March we have been glad to see the names of some for whom this will be a first visit, as well as others who have often been before. There are still vacancies, and we hope that those who are thinking about coming will act quickly now, and send in their application forms very soon so that we can allocate rooms. Further details and application forms were in the centre page of the January magazine, and additional copies are available at Church or at The Rectory. The Rector and Mrs Thompson will be only too pleased to answer questions.



6.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Holy Communion. On the first day of Lent, Wednesday 4 March, there will be service of Holy Communion at 11.30 am to which we hope many will be able to come.

Hunger Lunch Following this, at about 12.20 pm onwards, there will be a soup and cheese lunch at The Rectory, open to all who can join us whether they have been to the service or not. It will help to remind us of the many millions who are hungry, not just slightly but desperately, and not just for an hour or two but always. There will also be an opportunity to give to their needs.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Tuesday and Wednesday Groups continue throughout February. All ladies are most welcome

Or Tuesdays at The Rectory

Or Wednesdays at Little Woodlands

There is coffee at 10.30 am, and the informal discussion is from about 10.45 to 11.30 am.

Wednesday Evening Bible Studies (fortnightly) are on February 4 and 18 in The Rectory at 8.15 pm. We are taking a fresh look at The Canticles which we sing so often. Men and women are warmly invited to join us.

VILLAGE HALL A.G.M.

The Annual Public Meeting of the Village Hall management is arranged for Tuesday 10 February at 8 pm. The committee hopes that many will come. It is always an encouragement to them when we show enough interest to support, and perhaps to make suggestions.

### CONFIRMATION

7.

A group of our young members are to <sup>be</sup> confirmed at St. George's Church, Ashstead on Saturday 21 February at 7 pm. The Bishop of Guildford is conducting the service. A large number from Ashstead are being confirmed, and the church is likely to be very full. Nevertheless we hope that as always some of our congregation, as well as parents and relatives, will be able to come to the service to support our candidates, get to know them, and give them special welcome as full adult members at the Communion Services here.

### PARISH FELLOWSHIP

Our New Year Parish Party was fun, as always, and between forty and fifty of us greatly enjoyed it. Our grateful thanks to all who helped us with the refreshments or by taking charge of a game.

We have had many enjoyable travel evenings at our Parish Fellowship over the years, when one of our members, or a guest speaker, has taken us on a tour to some foreign land with the help of colour transparencies. Our next evening on Thursday 12 February at 8 pm in the Village Hall, looks like being thoroughly out of the ordinary, and likely to be of special interest. Miss M.A. Knott of Godalming is coming to show slides and to describe a visit she made to China, now beginning to open up again after several years of being something of a closed land. All are most welcome as you know.



### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

December 18 was the date of our last meeting when, as in former years, we welcomed some members of our Youth Group to join with us Carol Singing, Sarah & Caroline Mabley with guitar, and Louise Arden-White with her flute. Following a reading of the Christmas story as told in St. Luke's Gospel, Caroline Lucas from Enton gave a brief talk and testimony as to her personal faith in Christ. The meeting was followed by tea and the traditional mince pies.

The next meeting is on Thursday 26 February at 3 pm at Ellingson's. M.S.S.

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

How true the saying that the best is often found on our own doorstep was proved at the Hambledon W.I. meeting on Wednesday Jan. 14. Mrs B. Allen chaired an afternoon of "I remember...I remember" contributed by four members. Mrs Ellingson spoke on "My life as a Victorian". What a wealth of reminiscences and nostalgia as she has lived during four different royal dynasties. Mrs Brunt remembered helping her mother in the dairy in the twenties. Miss M. Parker discussed 'the changing face of Hambledon', and Mrs Crowhurst spoke of the craftsmanship of her grandfather's work as a blacksmith.

Mrs B. Major the new president conducted the business meeting. Arrangements were finalised for the Wembley Ice Show, and an outing to the theatre in March was planned.

Mrs F. Jeffery and Mrs R. Steele served tea, and Mrs R. Steele won the raffle.

On February 11 there will be a film on Crafts at Denman College.

E.G.F.