

ST PETER'S HAMBLETON

The Rector writes:

My dear Friends

Very often church authorities are accused of "scratching people where they don't itch"! In other words through our preaching and ordering of services and mid-week activities we do not always provide what people want. That is to some extent inevitable as we none of us always want what we need!! The Gospel where it is faithfully preached and taught will always cause a reaction. Paul urged young Timothy to "preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke and exhort, be unfailing in patience and teaching". However, having said all that, it is good as a church community that we should share and discuss together the matters that concern us all. I certainly have no desire to be six feet above contradiction, anyway I should feel very precarious and vulnerable if I was.

It is almost six months since we instituted a time of experiment in our pattern of worship. What we did was not revolutionary, but one of the main changes was to start a monthly Family Service so that all the church family can occasionally come together for worship and fellowship. On the whole that has worked well. One loss has been our monthly Sunday morning Communion Service. Many of you have mentioned this and I do agree with you. What we have done this month is to include a questionnaire for you to fill in to give the Church Council some idea how people are thinking and feeling. May I urge you to fill it in and either send it to me, or place it in a box provided in the church. This will be so helpful to us in planning the way ahead. If you want to sign it please do, but if you prefer to remain anonymous that is equally acceptable.

With prayerful good wishes

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 1986

- Feb. 2 SEXAGESIMA
 8 00 am Holy Communion
 10 00 am Family Service (followed by coffee at the Rectory)
 12 00 noon Holy Communion
 6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662)
 7 45 pm Youth Fellowship
- Feb. 5 8 00 pm East Africa Evening - Village Hall
- Feb. 9 QUINQUAGESIMA
 8 00 am Holy Communion
 11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662):
 Bishop Ambrose Weekes,
 Assistant Bishop of Europe and
 Hon. Canon of Rochester Cathedral.
 (Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
 (Pathfinders meet at the Rectory)
 6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
 7 45 pm Youth Fellowship
- Feb. 10 PCC meet at the Rectory
- Feb. 12 ASH WEDNESDAY (see Lenten calendar)
- Feb. 16 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
 8 00 am Holy Communion
 10 00 am Children's Church
 11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)
 6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)
 7 45 pm Youth Fellowship
- Feb. 19 Lenten Talk (see Lenten calendar)
- Feb. 23 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
 8 00 am Holy Communion
 11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662):
 Mr John Warren
 (Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
 (Pathfinders meet at the Rectory)
 6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
 7 45 pm Youth Fellowship
- Feb. 26 Lenten Talk (see Lenten calendar)

AND IN MARCH

Mar. 2 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

8 00 am Holy Communion
10 00 am Family Service (followed by coffee at
the Rectory)
12 00 noon Holy Communion
6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Mar. 5 Lenten Talk (see Lenten calendar)

Mar. 9 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (MOTHERING SUNDAY)

8 00 am Holy Communion
11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
(Pathfinders meet at the Rectory)
6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

The Rev. David Thompson will be preaching on March 16.

CHURCH REGISTER

Funeral : 20 January : Hilda Constance Helen Pearson.

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for December 1985 : £518.82

Total Freewill Offerings for 1985 £6331.90 which includes
£1523.90 repayment of Income Tax on Covenants.

This represents a rise of £479.09 in 1985.

A generous donation has been received from Mr & Mrs Gilby
in memory of Mrs Gilby's mother and stepfather,
Mr & Mrs Ayling.

CHURCH FLOWERS : February 2 : Mrs J Hassard-Short
9 : Mrs E Secrett
16 :
23 : Mrs P Percival-Maxwell

CHURCH CLEANING

Jan. 31/Feb. 1 : Mrs V Stevens
Feb. 7/8 : Mrs R Hall/Mrs D Staines
14/15 : Youth Fellowship
21/22 : Mrs B Major/Miss A Disney

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

It has been decided to give the church another spring clean. This will be on Friday 21 March at 10 00 am - do please come along if you can.

LENTEN TALKS AND MEDITATIONS ON THE BEATITUDES WEDNESDAYS AT 8.00pm IN ST PETER'S

Wed. Feb. 12 ASH WEDNESDAY (with a service of Holy Communion)
"Blessed are the poor in Spirit"
Wed. Feb. 19 "Blessed are those who mourn"
Wed. Feb. 26 "Blessed are the meek"
Wed. Mar. 5 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness"
Wed. Mar. 12 "Blessed are the merciful"
Wed. Mar. 19 "Blessed are the pure in heart"
Thurs. Mar. 27 MAUNDY THURSDAY
(with a service of Holy Communion)
"Blessed are the peacemakers"
Fri. Mar. 28 GOOD FRIDAY
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake"

PATHFINDERS 12 - 14+

All boys and girls aged 12 and over are urged to join a new group called PATHFINDERS. This group will meet at the Rectory on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from 11 00 to 12 00 during term time, under the leadership of Keith Fish (and other helpers)

/.....

/.....

i.e. January 26, February 9, Feb. 23, March 9 and March 23.

Beside the regular fortnightly meetings there will be occasional weekend and holiday activities, so those away at school can join in. As this organisation is part of the youth work of the Church Pastoral-Aid Society, there are sometimes area activities and summer camps.

In December a group of 12-14 year olds went carol singing in lower Hambledon with some of the Youth Fellowship and raised £21 for Byways (a Christian home for handicapped women and girls in Odiham). These boys and girls and others have been personally invited by letter to join Pathfinders. However, we do not know everyone, so whether we know you or not please turn up at the Rectory fortnightly from January 26 and find out about Pathfinder activities. For further information contact Keith Fish on Hascombe 279.

Sheila Bolton

PERSONALIA

We send our good wishes to Betty and Don Ringe who have now moved from Philpotts to Graffham. Our thoughts and prayers to James Harvey who is to be confirmed at Charterhouse on Sunday 2 February. We were indeed sorry to learn of the fall suffered by Lady Jameson resulting in a fractured femur and for some long period now Mrs Page has been suffering from shingles. We send our best wishes to these two ladies and remember also Ernie Jeffrey recovering from a recent fall. Please remember our sick friends in your prayers and for all in our parish and its surroundings who live alone.

TRANSPORT TO CHURCH

Mrs Maureen Reynolds has agreed to act as co-ordinator for church transport. If you have difficulty in getting to Hambledon church and would like a lift, Maureen will do her best to put you in touch with someone who can help. Likewise, if you can help with transport and could let Maureen know it would be much appreciated; her telephone No is Godalming 20753.

MR CHARLES VACHER

Molly writes as follows:

It was most heartwarming to see so many people in church for Charles' funeral. I did not see individuals, just a sea of faces but it was a great comfort to my family and myself that friends had braved the awful weather to be there. Thank you all for coming.

Charles is at peace now after a long downhill struggle against ill-health and I thank God for the forty-three and a half years we have had together and for the very caring family he left behind. Finally, a special thank you to Canon Sertin, who, I am sure, was not feeling at all well but who also braved the wind and the rain to conduct the service.

God bless you all -

Molly Vacher

Charles came to England from France at the age of 13 when his mother, who had been widowed during the first world war, remarried. Although not knowing a word of English, Charles managed to gain a place at a grammar school; he never lost his native tongue and always managed to direct 'lost' French visitors - much to their surprise and delight! He once served on the Parish Council and ran a Youth Club, was interested in the Scout movement in Milford where he and Bob Sharpington once restored a run-down Scout Hut.

We send to Molly and her family our sympathy and supportive prayer in their loss.

EAST AFRICA EVENING

There will be a gathering in the Village Hall on Wednesday 5th February at 8.0pm when Michael and Edna Atkins will be showing slides of their recent visit to Kenya in order to see Paul and Faith at Turi School. They also toured the game parks. This will be followed by refreshments and slides and a film strip of the work of the Rwanda Mission in Central Africa. All are welcome.

HAMBLEDON VILLAGE HALL

The AGM will be held at the Hall at 8.15 pm on Tuesday 11 February. Please come and support the Committee who strive to keep the Hall going for the use of the people of Hambledon.

STAMPS

Used stamps are still needed by the Bible Society. Please see that they get to Pat Williams either through church or village shop.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The meeting will be held as usual at Ellingsons on Thursday 27 February at 3.0pm. A warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to join us for an hour's meeting followed by tea and an opportunity to chat together.

M S Symonds.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP (ex-WI)

Colds stopped a few of us visiting Feathercombe for the January meeting of the Wednesday Afternoon Group. My husband gallantly stepped into the breach and, with the help of Muffin, Mary's labrador holding his sleeve all the while, projected the holiday slides brought by members.

A fascinating insight into transportation of goods in Portugal, Spain, Italy and France ten or so years ago. Donkeys, mules, oxen and women carried great loads in their day-to-day living.

The splendour of medieval buildings and towns, where the past is preserved for the present, took us to Germany, which made a delightful contrast to the concrete filing-cabinets of modern buildings.

The spectacular rocky mountains of Pecos de Europa saw us in an unspoilt little known region of northern Spain, where bear and wolf still roam the lower wooded slopes, changed our image of holidays in Spain.

/.....

/.....

Our next meeting, at Brenda Gardner's home, The Hill, Petworth Road, at 2.45pm is on Wednesday February 12 when Mr Chamberlain will tell us about the work of the Cheshire Homes. If you have anything to sell, do take advantage of the "trading table" which is available at each meeting - your sale can be a bargain to someone else!

Joan Hardy

QUEEN MARY'S NEEDLEWORK GUILD

Queen Mary's Needlework Guild was founded just over one hundred year's ago and aims to provide new clothing for people in need, because it recognises the tremendous psychological value in receiving something which has not merely been grown out of and passed on from somebody else. This is the principle on which the Guild is based. Members of the Guild promise to give two garments a year - either handmade or bought - which can be anything from a shawl for an old lady to a pair of baby's bootees. The contributions are displayed every autumn at a View Day at St. James' Palace, to which all members of the Guild are invited and which the Guild's Patron, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, always attends (accompanied by her favourite corgi!) The clothes are then distributed by such organisations as Dr Barnado's, the NSPCC, St Christopher's Hospice and the Salvation Army.

Anyone who feels that they might be able to help this very valuable work is asked to drop a short note to Miss Jocelyn Bailey

11 Gurdons Lane
Wormley

Miss Bailey will gladly supply further details.