

The Rector writes:

My dear Friends

There are short phrases or sayings from Scripture that stick in the mind. I am sure you have your own, but one of mine can be found in Nehemiah 2:4 ".... so I prayed" It is perfectly evident from even a cursory reading of Nehemiah, that he was a man of prayer. But the point here is his use of that short and immediate prayer, sometimes called the "Sky Telegram". The regular prayer time, which is so important to our Christian life and growth (and at times so difficult!) is more like the sending of a letter, but there is not always time, or opportunity, for that. The matter is so urgent and immediate that it calls for a swift and brief message, like Peter's call to Jesus when he was sinking beneath the storm and tempest, "Lord save me" (Matthew 14:30) when it would have been quite impossible to have knelt down and offered a long prayer. It was just like that when King Artaxerxes suddenly gave his "cupbearer" (Nehemiah) a great chance and a great hope. "For what would you like to ask?" That moment Nehemiah sent off his "Sky Telegram", asking for immediate guidance. What a great thing it is when we have learned to ask for help like this. Good to know also that the Lord's ear is always open to receive such messages.

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN

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"WHEN CHRIST CAME INTO THE WORLD, PEACE WAS SUNG;  
WHEN HE WENT OUT OF THE WORLD, PEACE WAS BEQUEATHED."

*Francis Bacon*  
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CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 1988

Feb. 7 SEXAGESIMA

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am FAMILY SERVICE : Mr Nigel Pollock
(Rector preaching at
King Edward's School)
6 30pm Evening Prayer (1662)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

Feb. 10 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
AT THE RECTORY

Feb. 14 QUINQUAGESIMA

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

Feb. 16 8 00pm Christian Stewardship Meeting
at the Rectory

Feb. 17 ASH WEDNESDAY

8 00pm Holy Communion (1662)

Feb. 21 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
10 00am Children's Church
11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)
6 30pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

Feb. 24 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
AT THE RECTORY

Feb. 28 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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

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AND IN MARCH

Mar. 3 8 00pm Christian Stewardship Meeting at
the Rectory

Mar. 6 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)

11 00am FAMILY SERVICE

6 30pm Evening Prayer (1662)

7 45pm Youth Fellowship

Mar. 7 8 00pm Christian Stewardship Meeting at
the Rectory

Mar. 9 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
AT THE RECTORY

Mar. 13 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT * MOTHERING SUNDAY

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)

11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)

(followed by Holy Communion)

(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)

6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)

7 45pm Youth Fellowship

From the Registers

BAPTISMS

Jan. 17 : James Wesley HELYAR
Joseph Benjamin EGERTON

Jan. 24 : Helena Mary LANG

FUNERAL

Jan. 8 : May Elizabeth FOREHEAD



CONFIRMATION

Jan. 23 * Peter CAMPBELL * at Charterhouse

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

Feb. 5/6 : Dinah Staines
12/13 : Maureen Reynolds
19/20 : Caroline Pitt & family
26/27 : Jenny Corbett



CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Feb. 7 : Elizabeth Secrett
14 : Elizabeth Brockman
21 :
28 :



FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

December 1987 : £549.62 : Edric Hardy

5th March 1988

On the font at the back of the Church you will find a sheet explaining why this date has been set aside as a day of "penitance and prayer". Do take a copy and study its contents and listen out for details of a local service at which we will be invited to join.

SERVICE AWARD FOR WOMAN 'SENT BY GOD'

This is a heading taken from a recent edition of a national newspaper. It refers to Jackie Pullinger, of whom we have heard and some have met, and the Hongkong community service award which she has recently won for her remarkable 21 years of social work and rehabilitation of heroin addicts in the walled city.

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Do remember this important and difficult work in your prayers and especially Pippa Duffy who went out to Hongkong to be part of Jackie Pullinger's team at the end of 1987. "

JOHNNIE SERTIN

Johnnie left UK for Mexico City on Jan. 6th where he plans to spend some 3 months on board a YWAM ship "Anastasis" (Greek for Resurrection!) attending a Discipleship Training School. The planned route is down the West Coast of Mexico, through the Panama Canal, heading towards the Caribbean. As well as discipleship training Johnnie will also be working as a deckhand and at the ports where the boat docks the team will be involved in evangelism, drama and music in spreading the 'good news of Jesus'. YWAM stands for Youth with a Mission and many will remember that Louie Arden-White undertook discipleship training with YWAM in Holland before joining a team in Mauritius. Caroline Atkins also was involved with YWAM during the time of the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh. Johnnie is most appreciative of the support he has been given from Hambledon church - especially prayer support. The news via the Rectory is that he has safely arrived - even though he was snowbound in Dallas for a time - but now says that it is unbearably hot!

PERSONALIA

It is always a joy to start off with good news and this month we send good wishes and many congratulations to Elizabeth Freemantle and John Stovin of Farnham who have announced their engagement and also to David Davis of Lane End and Elaine Alexander of Bournemouth who have also become engaged.

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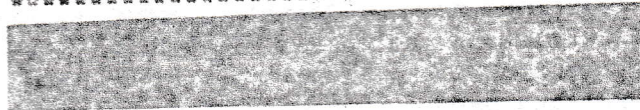
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Mrs Page is in hospital, having recently undergone an operation; we are pleased to learn that she is making good progress.

Mr O'Callaghan of Cherryhurst is in the Royal Surrey County Hospital, now out of intensive care. Please remember him, his wife and family, as further surgery is planned.

We commit all our sick friends to God's loving care, knowing that he will sustain in time of need.

Our sympathy goes to Jenny Sewell and her family on the death of her mother, Mrs Forehead. The Forehead family lived at Rock Hill Farm for many years.



HAMBLEDON PETE COMMITTEE

Fete in '88 - 9th July

A 'General' Committee Meeting will be held at 8 pm in the Village Hall on TUESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY. Anyone who is interested in helping is invited to attend. We have a list of some thirty stalls and competitions to organise and run, so people who will volunteer to help in this area are particularly welcome.

Mic. Coleman

HAMBLEDON VILLAGE HALL A G M

TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 1988 AT 8.15PM

PLEASE COME AND LEARN ABOUT THE PLANS FOR THE HALL.
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!!

Patrick Williams

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

The Severn Bore - what is it? Mr Madgwick of the I O S explained how he had helped in the making of what, I believe, is the only film of the phenomenon of the Severn bore. An amazing sight, of tide running over the out-pouring water of the river Severn. Starting like one long ripple in the estuary, building up into one long wave as it ran up-river for several miles, increasing in height as the river narrowed. Moving about 9 miles an hour, it even swallowed up a weir some miles up-river.

The natural elements, wind, moon, river and sea, each play a part and when filmed at dawn, made a beautiful and spectacular sight.

A wild Dolphin was the star in the second short film. In Pembroke Bay and off Mousehole in Cornwall this wild Dolphin made friends with man. It delighted holiday-makers and fishermen alike playing amongst moored boats, dragging under the mooring buoys to let them bob up again, and even visited bathers.

The divers from I O S filmed this happy creature in its natural environment, diving and swimming with it, the Dolphin calling the tune.

Thank you for a most enjoyable afternoon.

Arrange yourself a lift to Hilary Morrison's house - Fair Acre, Hammer Lane, Grayshott; 2.45pm on February 10th. A demonstration by Roger Dellar on painting and watercolours. See you all there.

Joan Hardy

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP : I hope we have now all got the new day for meeting firmly fixed in our minds! - and will remember to be at Ellingsons for our next meeting at 3.00pm on Wednesday 24th February.

Brenda Gardner

A contributed item:

THE ADVERSARY

A fictitious news report reads :

"There were angry demonstrations at the airport yesterday when Satan, the well-known international trendsetter and authority on the problem of evil, was detained for several hours by immigration officials.

"Later, after urgent representations by champions of free speech, Satan was admitted to the country for 24 hours - sufficient to allow him to fulfil his commitments. He was occupied in going to and fro in the earth, and was visiting the country in the course of his normal activities. He was to appear in a discussion programme on the world situation, on which he was an expert, and all his fees and expenses would be paid.

"The organisers of the programme expressed surprise at the objections to Satan's admission, and considered such an attitude intolerant. They wished to give Satan exactly the same opportunity to put forward his point of view as they would provide for certain other people. The fact that Satan said he intended to corrupt, destroy and eventually to devour the country was neither here nor there."

This 'report' first appeared in 'Practical Christianity' more than a dozen years ago. It is a warning against the dangerous modern trend of tolerance over everything. Christian patriots pray for their Lord's help in combatting mugging, violence, vandalism, pornography and other evils by every spiritual and constitutional means: they also support the brave people who help to organise opposition to such manifestations of the devil's activities.

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