

## FEBRUARY 1990

THE POWER OF GOD

The Rectory,  
January, 1990

Dear Friends

Many churches to-day long to see further spiritual advance and the greater extension of God's kingdom through their work. We long that more people shall come to know Christ as their Saviour and Lord, be filled with His Holy Spirit and develop their God-given gifts in His Service. We long that the worship of the Church will be more Christ-centred, the fellowship more united, and the Church's witness and service in the community be more effective.

All these desires and longings are of course absolutely right, but how does such spiritual advance come about? It is easy to put our trust in the appointment of the right leaders, both ordained and lay, in new forms of services (or the restoration of old ones!), in the development of new programmes and strategies for reaching different sections of the community with the gospel of Christ, and so on.

All these things are important, but sometimes there can be too much trust in human ideas and human effort and not enough recognition of our great need for the power of God to work more freely among us. For spiritual work is ultimately God's work, we are simply "fellow-workers with Him," (2 Corinthians 6.1). We often pay lip-service to the vital place of prayer, but how much priority do we in fact give to it in our lives, both individually and by supporting our Church Prayer Meetings, both on Saturdays at 9.00am, before the Evening Service on Sundays at 6.10pm and at other times as well? Quite often one hears of churches, both large and small, where great things are happening, spiritually, and when one looks into it one finds without exception that much prayer has been going on, often for some time.

It has been said that when God wants to do a new work in a place, He gets His people praying. We cannot do God's work without Him, and He won't do His work in us and through us without our prayer.

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So let us beware of false hopes and false expectations about spiritual advance based simply on human effort. We cannot bring this about. We have our part to play, but only God can "make things grow" (1 Corinthians 3.7). We, who live in a man-centred world, need to become more God-centred, through Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. "When we work, we work. When we pray, God works".

Yours very sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER BLISSARD-BARNES

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CHURCH REGISTERS

BURIAL : December 16 1989 : Rosalind Ruth STOVOLD

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FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for December 1989 : £2,106.80 : John Taylor

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CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FOR FEBRUARY

04 Mrs Mary Parker  
11 Mrs Ann Smith  
18 Mrs Mary Caroe  
25 Mrs Elizabeth Secrett

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CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR FEBRUARY

2/3 Mrs Shirley Pollock  
9/10 Mrs Rae Taylor & Diana  
16/17 Mrs Ann Smith  
23/24 Mrs Muriel Campbell

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CHURCH PARKING : The parking space at the Church is under increasing pressure; congestion is more frequent and it is often difficult to find a space, particularly at Evening Service. The PCC are considering what might be done to improve the arrangements but, in the meantime, it would help if drivers were to park carefully and (it must be said) with more consideration both for others and for the amenities of the area. In particular, drivers are asked to avoid cutting into the verges (last Sunday evening one car was actually parked on the triangle of grass between the road and the Church path) and not to block the turning space or the bridleway.

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We are enormously grateful to Mr Michael Bailey for allowing us to park in the yard at Court Farm. Of course, this privilege carries with it the need for the utmost consideration, and those using the yard are specially asked not to obstruct either the gateway or the garage.

Ray Williams.

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

3rd	9 00am	Prayer Meeting at the Rectory.
	10 00am	Clergy/Readers' Meeting at the Rectory.
	7 30pm	"Wonders and Miraculous Signs". A Celebration at St Stephen's Church, Shottermill, led by a team from St Andrew's, Chorleywood. All Welcome.
4th	<u>5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</u>	
	8 00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10 30am	Family Service with Creche Preacher - The Rev. John Partington, (St John's Busbridge).
	6 30pm	Holy Communion (ASB)
10th	9 00am	Prayer Meeting at the Rectory.
11th	<u>9TH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER (SEPTUAGESIMA)</u>	
	8 00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10 30am	Holy Communion (1662)
	6 30pm	Evening Prayer (ASB)
13th	Deanery Synod.	
14th	8 00pm	Video at the Rectory. "Jesus then and now" series. "The Holy Spirit".
17th	9 00am	Prayer Meeting at the Rectory.
18th	<u>8TH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER (SEXAGESIMA)</u>	
	8 00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10 30am	Morning Prayer (ASB) and Creche.
	6 30pm	Holy Communion and Healing Ministry (ASB)
20th	7 30pm	Missionary Committee at Brackenwood.
24th	9 00am	Prayer Meeting at the Rectory.

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR (contd.)

25th 7TH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER (QUINQUAGESIMA)  
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)  
10 30am Morning Prayer (followed by shortened  
Holy Communion (both 1662)  
6 30pm Evening Prayer (ASB)  
27th 8 00pm PCC meet at the Rectory.  
28th ASH WEDNESDAY  
10 30am Holy Communion  
8 00pm The final "Jesus then and now" video at  
the Rectory. "The New Age".

AND IN MARCH .....

3rd 9 00am Prayer Meeting at the Rectory.  
4th 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT  
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)  
10 30am Family Service & Creche  
6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)

Confirmation Classes will be held each Sunday at the Rectory  
at 5 00pm.

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PERSONALIA

Mrs Dorothea Ellingson celebrates her 97th birthday towards  
the end of February; we send to her our loving remembrances.

Sarah Phillips and Frankie Ciaramella have announced their  
engagement and are to be married at St Peter's on 7th April.  
Sarah is on the staff at the Nursery School and the daughter  
of Desmond and Mary at the Garage. Frankie is on the staff  
at the Garage, so a useful partnership all round! We send  
to them both all good wishes as they make their future plans.

Mrs Beverley Smith of Foxbury Lodge, Upper Vann, died  
recently in New Zealand. We send our sympathy to her  
husband and son.

Mrs Muriel Richardson of Maytree Cottage has died and we  
remember her family at this time.

Please remember in your prayers our friends John and Chris  
Morris, whose baby grandson has died; we especially think  
of their daughter and son-in-law at this sad time.

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Mrs Ken Edwards of Cherryhurst has recently moved to Dower House in Milford. We send our good wishes and hope she will soon settle in her new environment.

Friends are sadly on the sick list, although we are pleased to report that Mrs Betty Paine is up and about again after a bout of pneumonia. Mr Peter Roderick is unfortunately suffering from a painful hip following a replacement operation carried out some 15 years' ago. It looks as though further surgery is going to be necessary and we remember Peter and Olive at this time. Our good friend Paddy Newel is undergoing surgery about now and we remember Paddy and Dorothy in our prayers at this time. We are sure that Paddy's cheerful Irish wit will stand him in good stead as he starts on the road to recovery, but it looks as though we shall not see him amongst us for a few weeks.

Meanwhile, Peter Gardner is manfully struggling to get some choir singing together for Easter - do come and support if you can - more singers are always welcome - please listen to the announcements in Church as to when rehearsals are likely to commence.

Sue Booker and Geoffrey Bartrum have announced their engagement and plan to marry at St Peter's later in the year. Sue is the daughter of Michael and June of Cricket Green Cottage and Geoffrey is from Greatham in Hampshire. We send to them both all good wishes for the future.

We have had news from John and Barbara Major who tell us that they are doing quite a lot to their new home in the way of re-wiring, up-dating the central heating and decorating throughout. They have a church older and smaller than St Peter's which is only 5 minutes walk away and their Rector is known as Parson Jack! They have a village shop - very like Cricket Green Stores, and are surrounded by sheep, so they feel quite at home! They are only 30 minutes away from their son, Jonathan, so they see quite a lot of him and his family.

Faith Denny has heard from the Pettit family, who used to farm in Hambledon and worshipped at St. Peter's. They are now farming in Scotland but Glenys says they would love to return! Glyn is very fit now following a heart operation, and their two sons, Richard (now 18) is following in father's

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footsteps, and taking an Agricultural Diploma Course at Aberdeen Agricultural College; Alistair (now 15) takes his 'O' grades in May. Glenys says Alistair is more interested in Venture Scouts and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme!

We send good wishes to the Major and Pettit families and all friends who read us from afar!

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#### PARISH NOTES AND NEWS

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday April 24th. In preparation for this, the Electoral Roll has to be drawn up afresh this year, which means that everyone wishing to be on the Roll in the future has to sign an application form, even if you are on the Roll at present. Forms are available in Church.

CB-B

Following the enjoyable Concert at Vann in September 1989, the Missionary Committee are organising a Barn Dance to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 21st April at 7.30pm. Ploughman's Supper will be served. It is hoped this event will be well supported as a social gathering. Tickets £5.00 Students and OAP's £2.50. All proceeds to Missionary Fund for our workers at home and abroad.

Shirley Pollock

Mr Don Cormack of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship recently spent a day with us in Hambledon when he spoke at both the morning and evening services and also over a cup of tea at Busbridge Copse Farm. He has been much involved in OMF work in Cambodia and Singapore and is at present writing a history of the church in Cambodia. He spoke most movingly of the struggles of the church in that country. In Singapore he is involved in drug rehabilitation and discipleship training.

Don Cormack is returning to continue the work that he left but is waiting to see to which country he will be called - Cambodia or Singapore.

At the meeting over tea the sum of £15.20 was collected towards the work of OMF.

John Hindley

Mrs Joan Vickery has received an appreciative letter from The Children's Society acknowledging the sum of £42.92 recently received from boxholders in the parish. They write: "As a Christian organisation we aim to help

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children and young people grow in their families and communities and to help them take charge of their own lives. This is only possible with the continued support we receive from our many friends who take a keen interest in the vital work we do. Please pass on our thanks to them for helping to make lives worth living for underprivileged children and young people".

If you would like to be a boxholder and help in this very worthwhile cause, have a word with Joan on Wormley 4101.

The Wednesday Morning Ladies' Study Group

Mrs Rosemary Arden-White has led this for the last 11 years, and we do thank her most warmly for the wonderful work she has done. She now feels the time has come to hand over, and we are very grateful to Mrs Brenda Jones for kindly agreeing to take it on. The meetings are now taking place at 10.30am at Mervil Cottage.

CB-B

MISSIONARY NEWS

The Church's Ministry among the Jews

On Sunday 21 January we had a young team to visit us from CMJ. The leader, Stephen Pacht, spoke most eloquently at the Morning Service, giving us an insight into what it means to be a "fulfilled Jew". He explained how he came to a faith in Jesus, and how he is seeking to spread the Good News amongst 250,000 Jews in North London. In the afternoon about 20 people gathered together at a tea party and an interesting discussion took place after watching a video. The Evening Service gave an even greater opportunity for musical expression in the Jewish style, and the sharing of personal testimony from all five of our visitors from the Christian Ministry to the Jews.

Shirley Pollock

With a footnote from the Rector - expressing our thanks to Nigel and Shirley for their afternoon hospitality. Please remember this vital work in your prayers, for we are reminded that both Jews and Gentiles need Christ as their Messiah and Saviour.

News from Philippa Stroud (nee Duffy)

Philippa worked with Jackie Pullinger in the Walled City of HongKong amongst drug addicts until she came home last February. She was married to David Stroud at St Peter's Hambledon, in August. She writes "We are both working

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full-time for David's church in Bedford. David heads up all the evangelism in the church at the same time as running a team of ten who have taken a year out to work full-time evangelising parts of Bedford. I also have a team working amongst drug addicts, alcoholics, street-sleepers (those who sleep rough), single parent families and anyone from a disadvantaged background. We have the use of an old house where people with severe needs can come to be residential whilst Jesus puts their lives back together again".

Readers will be interested to hear that Alex Swann, from Hambledon Youth Fellowship, who recently qualified as a Solicitor, has just joined Philippa's team for 10 months to work as a voluntary helper.

Philippa's mother-in-law, Marian Stoud, is a well-known writer of Christian books. Amongst them are "Knowing Me". "Knowing You". "Prayer is a Way of Life". Published by Pickering Paperbacks.

NEWS FROM RICK & CATHY JAMES now working with TEAR FUND in Central America

Rick was part of the Hambledon Youth Fellowship until he went out to Honduras after University. They write from Guatemala where Rick helps the local people to be self-sufficient by making goods suitable for sale through the Tear Fund Shops and elsewhere. Cathy is a teacher. "An all time low in August saw our faith severely stretched, as everything we touched went wrong and disintegrated around us. It was only a brief but lovely visit from Chris and Louise Maclay which lifted us and enabled us to keep going. Since then, we have been encouraged by some positive results in the Credit Programme showing that the Miskitos are learning to run successful businesses and be responsible with their loans. Eventually, and after one false start, a new supervisor has been found and Rick will spend much of the next few months training him.

Following suit, Cathy and Paul will soon have a Miskito teacher working with them on the education programme. They are seeing some exciting changes, doused with a good bit of apathy, but with a general enthusiasm to continue next year. Please pray for deepening friendships and for continued improvement in our Miskito language; for the training of both our new Miskito colleagues at work and for our Church - both our involvement in it and for unity amongst its leaders and congregation. Please especially

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pray for peace in Nicaragua and for the elections to be held there in February - for the repercussions for the people there and the refugees here".

AND FROM TIM AND ZINNIA SYMONDS working with the OVERSEAS MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP IN HONGKONG:

"We were thrilled to receive the gift from the Hambledon Missionary Committee. Please convey our warmest thanks to all who contributed. Gifts such as this make a tremendous difference to our Christmas and what we are able to do with our children, so are really most welcome. Very many thanks. As a holiday treat we are planning to take Caroline and Susanna, now 11 and 10 respectively, to Ocean Park. This is a marvellous complex of large pools where one can view underwater life through glass walls - every kind of fish and submarine creature; there are also performing dolphins and a killer whale, while an American high diving team provides a show which is at times both breathtaking and amusing!

The Lord has blessed and encouraged us much during the past year and we are grateful to all who have prayed for us. Both in our Church life and latterly in my job as Deputy Area Director, we have seen the Lord answering prayer for people's physical and spiritual needs, while on the general HongKong scene we are conscious that the Lord is also at work with many people turning to Christ or open to the Gospel. Across the border the amazing growth of the Church in China only serves to remind us that God is working out His purposes despite the political oppression of the past months. We are certainly living in exciting times internationally.

May this be an encouraging year of growth and blessing at Hambledon. With our warm love in Christ."

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THE BROADCASTING BILL

As things have been until the end of 1989 Christian people have had little justifiable cause for complaint over the amount of time the BBC has given to religious, especially Christian, broadcasting on both the Radio and TV programmes. Most people would say that IBA might have given more time. In 1990 however, there is no guarantee that such a satisfactory state of affairs will continue. Programmes

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like the Daily Service (Radio 4) and "Songs of Praise" (BBC 1) are among the most popular of broadcasts, and, if they were to be dropped, there would be a great outcry. But, under the new Broadcasting Bill, now before Parliament in its Committee Stage after the Second Reading, the cancellation of these programmes would be a legal possibility. Christian people, through prayer and action, must not allow the Broadcasting Bill to become law as it stands, because:

It does not ensure that commercial radio and TV will continue to include religious programmes.

It allows only secular ownership of TV stations.

It denies Christian bodies the freedom to sponsor programmes, though it would seem to permit Islamic or Hindu broadcasts, as the provisions for community radio will encourage those of a cultural nature.

A pamphlet which may be taken from the back of the Church will show you what action you can take.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

It used to be an old Toll House close to the River Arun. No, we were not near Arundel where the WAG's met for lunch, but close by home on the Petworth Road. We enjoyed our lunch in a friendly atmosphere, though there is supposed to be a ghost whose presence was felt when some old timbers and wall were recently discovered. Probably it retired to wherever ghosts retire to with all the chatter and laughter as we chose and then enjoyed our meal. The Winterton Arms seems to be set aside from the hurly-burly of the cars speeding by on the A283. The Coat of Arms on the Inn Sign is that of Lord Winterton who was the "Father" of the House of Commons.

Please note the next meeting is on the first Wednesday of February, the 7th, at 2-45pm in the Village Hall, when Mr Bob Allen (no relation of our Bobby) and his guide dog, who have just started to give talks for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, will be our guests. Do come and give them both a warm welcome!

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Joan Hardy

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

A Christmas message from Freda, interspersed with favourite and relevant carols, all in the warmth and comfort of the Rectory, gave us a lovely start to Christmas, and at the same

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time, bringing to an end, our meetings in 1989. Thank you to Freda and Christopher for a very happy afternoon. Having started 1990 with our New Year Party, we look forward to meeting once again at Faith Denny's home for our next meeting, when Peter Gardner is coming to speak to us. This will be at 3.00pm on Wednesday, February 28th.

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Brenda Gardner

SEE HAMBLEDON ON TELEVISION!

Last Summer a film crew came to the Village while making a series for TV about Victorian paintings for Channel 4. This series is on at the moment on Thursday evenings at 8 00pm. The last of the series is on February 8th and deals with the artists Helen Allingham and Miles Birkett-Foster, who painted Surrey scenes among others. This programme will feature glimpses of the church and churchyard, the field beyond, Oakhurst Cottage and Malthouse Farm. Happy viewing!

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Caroline Pitt

VILLAGE FETE ON JULY 14TH

• (ALICE IN HAMBLEDON)

A public/committee meeting took place at the Village Hall on 10th January and further suggestions for inclusion or otherwise were adopted:

A modest fruit, flower, vegetable and children's craft show to take place on the Green.

A collection of vintage photographs of the Hambleton of yesterday, together with comments and question-answering from a panel of vintage parishioners.

As a cake-stall is always a sell-out, cooks will be offered the cost of ingredients to increase the supply.

Anyone 'fancy-dressing' to the theme to be given a prize providing they join a Parade in the arena.

A show to include all forms of pet animals.

A Parade of decorated motor-mowers (several classes!).

The Fete would be confined to the Saturday.

No trade stalls.

Godalming Town Band and the Cup Hill Morris Men have agreed to perform.

If you are willing to help in any way, please leave a message for me on Wormley 2977 or, preferably, come to the next meeting in the Hall at 8 00pm on 28th March.

M F Coleman

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PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE \* THE G D ALMING TOWN BAND  
CONCERT WILL NOW TAKE PLACE IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON  
THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY FROM 8 00PM.

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MEETINGS AND COURSES

The Guildford Christian Healing Group are arranging a meeting at The Civic Hall, Guildford, on Thursday March 22nd 7.00 for 7.30pm with the theme "Alive in Christ". The speaker is Colin Urquhart and admission is by ticket, £1. from Mrs Tricia Patrick, 4, Avonmore Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 1TW. Tel. Guildford 576063.

Management at Work - A Christian Approach

MARC Europe are arranging one-day courses in London, led by committed Christians who are convinced that Biblical principles are relevant to-day and a positive asset in the workplace. Subjects covered include Leadership, Communication, Creative Thinking and Strategic Planning. Please see the leaflet at the back of the Church for full details.

Waverley Abbey House are offering courses during 1990 on a wide range of counselling, vocational guidance, marriage enrichment, personal evangelism, biblical meditation, leading home groups, and many other topics. For further details please see the leaflet at the back of the Church or contact Waverley Abbey House, Waverley Lane, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 4EP.

Lee Abbey

There are leaflets in the Vestry about the 1990 Spring and Summer Holiday Programme at Lee Abbey, the Christian community at Lynton in North Devon. I understand that there are still vacancies for a Conference there from April 2nd-6th entitled "Sent out in the power of the Spirit" which will focus on worship, ministry and teaching on the work of the Holy Spirit. Special reductions are offered for groups of 12 or more people who are able to join this Conference.

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Pat Williams feels that the magazine could do with a change of Editor. If you are able to take on this task, please let the Rector know.