

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

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1973

January

Mon. 1: Holy Communion - Hambledon
Homes 2.30 p.m.

Sun. 7: EPIPHANY I
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m. & 12 noon
Children's Church 10.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
Church Coach leaves Hydestile Crossroads
6.0 p.m., & Lane End 6.10 p.m., approx.

WORLDWIDE WEEK OF PRAYER - Jan. 7th-14th.
Theme: "The Joy of the Christian".

Thu. 11: Church Fellowship - Village
Hall. "Palestine Visits"
in colour, by D.G.C. Symonds
Esq., M.A. 8.0 p.m.

Sun. 14: EPIPHANY II
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.

Mon. 15: Prayer Meeting at the Rectory 7.45 p.m.
Bible Study at the Rectory 8.15 p.m.

Sun. 21: EPIPHANY III
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.
Children's Church 10.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
Evening Prayer & Holy Commn. 6.30 p.m.

Thu. 25: Conversion of St. Paul
 Women's Fellowship New Year Party
 at Ellingsons at 3.0 p.m.
 Godalming Deanery Synod.

Sun. 28: EPIPHANY IV
 Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.
 Family Communion 10.0 a.m.
 Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
 Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.

Mon. 29: Holy Commn. - Hambledon Homes 2.30 p.m.
 Prayer Meeting - Rectory 7.45 p.m.
 Bible Study - Rectory 8.15 p.m.

February

Sun. 4: EPIPHANY V
 Holy Communion 8.0 a.m. & 12 noon
 Children's Church 10.0 a.m.
 Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
 Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
 Nigeria Film-strip: "New Life in
 Jesus".
 Church Coach runs for evening service.

Thu. 8: Church Fellowship in Village
 Hall 8.0 p.m.

Sun. 11: EPIPHANY VI
 Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.
 Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
 Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.

FREE-WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for November 1972: £30.86 $\frac{1}{2}$.

E. F. Denny, Hon. Secretary.

HALF-YEARLY MISSIONARY BOX OPENING - December 1972

We wish to thank all who kindly brought their collecting boxes to Church for the box-opening, and we are also most grateful to the various secretaries for sending the contents to their societies. The results were as follows: Church Pastoral-Aid Society £11.94; The Leprosy Mission £10.20; The Ruanda Mission, Church Missionary Society £17.87; Church of England Children's Society (Children's Union) £16.51.

ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDEN - TO FILL THE VACANCY CAUSED BY THE DEATH OF MR. CLAUD A. CRONHELM

At a meeting of parishioners and those whose names are on the electoral roll of the parish, held after Morning Prayer on Sunday, 19th November 1972, MR. PETER E. G. RODERICK was elected a Churchwarden. We are delighted that Mr. Roderick has been willing to accept this important office in our parish, and we wish him every blessing in the work he has undertaken. He has long associations with St. Peter's Church and has already given years of valued service as a member of the Parochial Church Council, a sidesman and the treasurer of the Church Fellowship. His co-warden is Mr. C. A. Chapman whose devoted service as Churchwarden and Church Treasurer is so much appreciated by us all.

BIBLE STUDIES - Re-open Mon. January 15th, 8.15 p.m. at the Rectory

We are very grateful to Mrs. David Symonds for leading a series of studies - "The Gospel According to Saint John". In January we will be commencing a new course of study which will be in preparation for "Bible Week" in Godalming in April 1973. The subject will be "The Bible has the Answer, The Bible

Points the Way", and among the present-day problems to be discussed are Permissiveness, Inflation, War Strife and Violence, Pain and Suffering, Loneliness and Fear, Death and Despair. These subjects will also be discussed at the Bible Study groups in other Churches in the Godalming area, and will culminate in "Bible Week" - meetings in Godalming Library on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 3rd, 4th & 5th, when speakers will include the Rev. David Pawson of Guildford and the National Director of the Bible Society, the Rev. Neville Cryer.

PERSONALIA

Mrs. Violet Comber, who had recently made her home at Bermonde with her daughter, Mrs. R.G. Williams, died at the Royal Surrey County Hospital on 21st November, after a very short illness. Her sudden death, so soon after settling happily in Hambledon, came as a shock to many. We assure Mrs. Williams and the family of our sincere sympathies.

It is with regret that we record the sudden death of Mark Palmer, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Martin Palmer who left Hydestile this year to make their home in Suffolk. Mark was killed in a road accident near to his school in Sussex. Mr. & Mrs. Palmer and family were active members of Hambledon Church when they resided in the district, and their many friends here have been shocked by the news of Mark's sudden death. We extend to his parents, his sister Clare, and his grandmother Mrs. Carter, our deep sympathies in their sorrow.

THE PARISH MAGAZINE

There are many who make it possible for us to issue this news-letter each month, and as we commence another year we wish to express our thanks to them all for their valued help. The "all" include the distributors, Miss E. Stone who assembles and prepares the copies for distribution, Miss Fardon of Dorking who duplicates local notes, the contributors who supply some of the reports, Mr. Williams the magazine treasurer, Mr. H. Hutchins the advertisement secretary, and the advertisers. It will assist the distributors considerably if you will pay an annual subscription in advance.

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptisms

- Dec. 10: Ruth Gwendolen, daughter of Martin Bragg and Mary Elizabeth Caroe.
Sarah Jane, daughter of Trevor John and Maureen Anne Winter.
Charles George, son of Monty Williams and Kay Elizabeth Hammond.

Marriages

- Dec. 9: Antony Ian Michael Rufus-Isaacs and Ann Westbrook Pugsley.

Burial of Cremation Ashes

- Dec. 4: Violet Comber, aged 77 years.

In memoriam

In loving memory of Amy Ellen Tincknell who died on 4th January 1971 (Born Wedmore, Somerset, June 26th, 1902).

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP - Village Hall, Jan. 11, 8 p.m.

Mr. D. G. Symonds will be showing films and transparencies of "Palestine Visits" at the meeting on JANUARY 11th. Mr. Symonds' lectures are always greatly appreciated by our members, and you are all warmly invited to join us. We can assure you of a very interesting and worthwhile evening at the Hall.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We welcomed Mrs. Anne Ryland-Jones, of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship, to our meeting on the 23rd November. She commenced her talk with a brief outline of the country and people of Java and interested us in the political situation of the country, explaining that this had caused many people to become responsive to the message of the Christian Gospel. She spoke of their own particular work in which she and her husband are engaged in training church members to take an active part in the work. She followed up her talk by showing a series of coloured transparencies, including pictures of the country, the people and their customs, and methods of transport in Indonesia. A gift of £3.00 was later sent to her for their work.

The New Year Party will be held on Thursday, 25th January, at Ellingsons.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

There was loud and long applause at Hambledon W.I.'s joint monthly and annual general meeting, at the Village Hall on 13th December. This was in response to the tribute paid by the President, Mrs. Steele, to Mrs. F. Jeffery. In 1933, the then president asked Mrs. Jeffery (affectionately known to generations of members as "Aunt Fan")

whether she could organise the tea for members; each month since, for some forty years, Aunt Fan has made scones, cakes and tea, and served it to members. Now, to the great regret of everybody, Aunt Fan has decided to retire, and from now on members would take turns to do the job. On behalf of all members, present and past, Mrs. Steele thanked Mrs. Jeffery for her wonderful service, and said that everyone would miss the delicious teas she had served.

The annual general meeting began with the annual report, read and prepared by the secretary, Mrs. Crowhurst; this showed that Hambledon had had a busy year from both a work and pleasure point of view. The financial statement, clearly explained by the treasurer Mrs. Vacher, showed that funds were sufficient to allow contributions to be sent to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and the Salvation Army. Mrs. Steele regretted there would be no election this year, as only sufficient names had gone forward to make up the Committee. The sale had raised £73, and the stall and raffle run each month by Mrs. Atkins and Mrs. Booth had raised a useful sum. The institute had been able to send more clothing and blankets than ever before to the Help the Aged Fund. For the future, members would continue to take part in the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign, and to assist at Hydon Hill and to help with other communal activities.

The programme for 1973 which was announced, shows a great variety of interest, and clearly members can look forward to another busy and worthwhile year.

The meeting closed with carol singing, accompanied by Miss Parker on the piano, and tea served, for the last time by Mrs. Jeffery, assisted by Mrs. Goad.

HAMBLEDON VILLAGE SCRAPBOOK EXTRACTS (Cont.)
(Contributed by Miss Mary Parker)

One of the oldest buildings in Hambledon is the Village inn, "The Merry Harriers". The name proves that there used to be hares in the district, and the old sign, unfortunately now gone, showed a huntsman standing surrounded by harriers. Inside the inn is a fine old fireplace, and in the bar, hanging on a hook, the key of the church used to be kept. If a stranger asked for it, he was expected to buy half a gallon of beer.

The present church is not an old building, but there was a church here in 1291, which is the earliest mention. The earliest record of a Rector is 1301, and the earliest register is dated 1617. The present building dates from 1846, when the church was rebuilt by the Rector of the time, Mr. Bulloch. Older than the church itself are two fine yew trees in the churchyard, one a hollow monster thirty feet in circumference, and the other a beautifully shaped tree with a trunk composed of forty-eight "columns".

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!