

ST. PETER'S HAMBLETON

JANUARY, 1977

THE RECTOR WRITES.....

"The LORD is my shepherd...He gives me new strength.. He guides me in the right paths, as He has promised. Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, for YOU are with me."
(from the Good New Bible of Psalm 23)

None of us can tell where our path way will take us in 1977. There are many uncertainties. These verses, however, remind us of something we know. Read them over again, giving each phrase time to speak. We know He takes His children along the right path: we know He gives His children strength to travel it: He has promised this: and we know that His presence will be with us every step of the way. It all follows really from the first phrase. If "the Lord really is my shepherd" (i.e. if I have turned from my way to His, and all my hopes are now thrown upon Him), then everything that matters is right. This is the best way to go into the New Year. A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

On New Year's Eve there will be Open House in the Rectory from 8 pm onwards. Many came last year, either to part of the evening, or to stay on to see the New Year in with us, and we hope we shall have even more this year. We do not issue personal invitations because my wife and I hope that all our members will feel themselves included. Come if you can.

The Children's Church party is on Tuesday, 4 January from 7 to 9 pm at the Rectory.

Archdeacon John Evans, Archdeacon of Surrey, is our welcome guest to preach at 11 am on 9 January.

- 2 SUN. Second after Christmas
 Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon
 10 am Children's Church
 11 am Morning Prayer
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
 7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage
- 5 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)
- 9 SUN. First after Epiphany
 Holy Communion at 8 am
 11 am Morning Prayer: Archdeacon of Surrey
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
 7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory
- 13 Thu. New Year Party in the Village Hall: 8 pm
- 16 SUN. Second after Epiphany
 Holy Communion at 8 am
 10 am Children's Church
 11 am Morning Prayer
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
 7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage
- 23 SUN. Third after Epiphany
 Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am
 10 am Series II Communion Service
 11 am Morning Prayer
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
 7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands
- 26 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)
- 30 SUN. Fourth after Epiphany
 Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm
 11 am Morning Prayer
 6.30 pm Holy Communion
 7.45 pm Young People meet

AND IN FEBRUARY

2 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rector)

6 SUN. Septuagesima

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon
 10 am Children's Church
 11 am Morning Prayer
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
 7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

10 Thu. 8 pm Parish Fellowship in Village Hall.

11/13 FAIRMILE COURT WEEK END See page 4.

13 SUN. Sexagesima

Holy Communion at 8 am
 11 am Morning Prayer
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
 7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Jan. 2	Christmas Flowers
9	Mrs. E.A. Wieler
16	Mrs. R.C. Steele
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FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for November 1976: £50.88p

E.F. Denny

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptism 5 December David James Forehead

Marriage 11 December Sean Peter Nigel Haimes and
 Christine Elizabeth Allen

Cremation 13 December Ephraim Freemantle (62),
 Dare Mead

THE PARISH PARTY

for all members of the congregation
and other friends living in Hambledon

in The Village Hall

Thursday, 13th January, 8 to 10 p.m.

Refreshments*(of course)

Games (for watching or sharing)

COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS

* If some ladies would like to contribute an item towards the refreshments (perhaps some sandwiches or mince-pies for instance), we should be most grateful if they would kindly let Mrs. Ray Williams know.

CONGREGATIONAL WEEK END HOUSE PARTY

Applications for our week end at Fairmile Court (11 to 13 February) are now coming in. Many of those who came last year will be planning to come again: and as they tell others about it, some will be wanting to come for the first time. The week end caters for all ages within the congregation, and indeed this is one of its pleasurable features. It will help our preparation, and in the allocation of rooms, if applications could be sent to the Rector soon. Both he and Mrs. Thompson will be glad to answer any questions.

ROSE BUSHES IN THE CHURCHYARD

The new rose bushes which can be seen planted along the side of the church path have been given by Mr. A.C.H. Stone in memory of his sister Miss Elsie Stone who died in February last. We remember her as a worker at St. Peter's during the years when she lived with Miss Gore at Bryony Bank, and also for her work assembling the magazine each month, and arranging for

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distribution. We are most grateful for this kind gift in her memory.

CONFIRMATION 1977

Last January the Rector began two Confirmation courses: one for Young People (minimum age 15): and another for Adults, both men and women. He would be very glad to do this again, and asks therefore that any who might think of being confirmed in 1977 should get into touch with him soon. During the year there will be four Confirmation services at churches reasonably near at hand in the Deanery, and we could perhaps adopt one of these and arrange preparation accordingly.

Matters covered in both the Young People's and the Adults' Courses would include:-

Christian Belief-

Grounds for belief in God, and Jesus as Son of God. The need of man, and the meaning of the cross. Believing, and personal assurance. Growth. The work of the Holy Spirit within.

Christian Living

Overcoming weakness and temptation
Effective prayer and Bible Reading
The laws of God and 1977

The Christian Church

The Church, and the denominations
The Sacraments
Baptism and Confirmation
Holy Communion.

The Rector always likes to enlarge the scope of the Adults' Course to become also a "refresher course" for those who have been already confirmed (perhaps many years ago) but who would like to think over these foundation matters afresh. Six came to this course last year (three men and three women). Questions and discussion followed each talk, and added greatly to the helpfulness of each evening.

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Let the Rector know soon if you are interested. There is no commitment at this stage.

EPHRAIM FREEMANTLE

The death of Ephraim Freemantle at the early age of 62 is a sad loss to us all. He was born at Rock Hill Farm and had lived in Hambledon all his life except only for the war years. He then served with the Royal Engineers, fought with the 14th Army in Burma, and was at Kohima, one of the fiercest battles of the whole war. After the war his business brought him in effect into touch with every home in Hambledon. We all knew him. What not all of us knew, however, was that behind the coal yard he grew the most delicate and beautiful orchids. He was indeed a great lover of growing things, and of living things too. What we all know was the warm, smiling, unruffled personality that we remember so well, and which won him so many friends. Many will remember, too, his unfailing readiness to help others, even at the cost of putting himself out. We send our sympathy now to all his relatives, and especially to his widow, and to George and Valerie.

PERSONALIA Recovered well from their operations, and discharged from hospital, are MR. HUMPHREY now safely home, and MR. JOHN ISTD staying for a while with his daughter convalescing. MRS. DUDMAN continues in Milford Chest Hospital, and is still far from well. MRS. GOAD is a good deal better than she was, at home. MR. LUFF of Paddock Close had a sudden severe circulation problem the effect of which was similar to a stroke, bringing partial paralysis and robbing him of speech. He is still very ill in the County Hospital. MRS. TED JEFFERY of Oakhurst suddenly went into St. Luke's Hospital for an operation from which she is now beginning to recover. TALLA MACLACHLAN suffered an accident which, though mercifully it did her no serious injury, left her with some concussion which needed a short stay in the County Hospital before some quiet days at home.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS From the New Year until the Lent Course begins, the midweek meeting at the Rectory, on Wednesdays at 8.15 pm, will generally be at fortnightly intervals. Part of the evening will be for Bible Study, and it may help us now to adopt John's Gospel as a general theme. The Rector would introduce a passage as needed, then others could contribute questions or discussion if they wish (and only if they wish, for of course it goes without saying that no one would be expected to contribute unless they choose). There would also be part of the evening for prayer, for both parish and world needs. Sometimes events occur so that the sequence is not exactly fortnightly, so look out for the dates in the magazine each month, and even if you cannot come to all, come whenever you can, with your copy of John's Gospel. All are most welcome. The dates in January are 5th and 26th.

MAGAZINE COSTS For two years the magazine has been running at a loss. The very low charge of 2½p has been maintained for several years, while costs of printing and duplicating have risen sharply. Following the advice of a working party the P.C.C. has decided:

- (i) That from January this year the cost of our parish duplicated notes shall be 3p per month. This is the smallest possible increase, much less than was suggested at the Annual Meeting last Spring.
- (ii) That from early in this year we shall seek to do our own duplicating in order to remove the loss from our church expenditure. We have been able to acquire our own secondhand duplicating machine, and have the promise of some willing help each month, so that as soon as we are sure that all is ready we shall turn over to our own production.

To ensure publication on the last Sunday of the previous month, any news or material for the magazine should be in the Rector's hands by not later than, say, the 16th of that month.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

It is always good to hear news of missionary work around the world, and in November we had Mrs. Ryland-Jones from Indonesia who gave an interesting account of the work in which she and her husband are involved out in Java with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship. She also showed colour transparencies of the country, people, and their customs, and fascinated us with samples of the beautiful materials processed by the people of Indonesia, and also with some of their silver craft. It was a happy and informative afternoon. Thursday 27 January is the date of the annual New Year Party. Members and friends are all warmly welcome at Ellingson's at 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Hambleton W.I. met on Wednesday, 8 December in the Village Hall for their Christmas Party and Tea made by the Committee. After the business the President JOAN HARDY asked members to co-operate with the Surrey County Council Transport Committee to get questionnaires to every house in Hambleton, and to give help where needed. Many members took copies to deliver in their areas. MISS PARKER then played Carols and old songs, and everyone enjoyed singing those they knew. Over tea tables with Christmas Lights on them, members chatted, and two visitors were entertained. MRS. WIELER sold Christmas Cards from the Cheshire Home, and the stall did brisk business.

R.W. Steele

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES - ISSUE No. 4

The Parish Council met on 14th January, with Major Mervyn-Smith, our representative on Waverley District Council, also present.

PARISH RATES Rising costs have made it necessary to increase the precept (our demand on the District Council as the Rating Authority) for 1977/78 to £750, which will result in a Parish rate of 0.6 pence. This is an increase of a tenth of a penny over the figure we have kept to for the past 2 years.

CUCKOO CORNER Nothing new has been heard since Waverley included the site among others submitted to the County Council as suitable for consideration as a gipsy caravan camp. It was noted however, that a Surrey County Council planning committee has recently objected to a proposal by Waverley District to provide a site near Elstead for 8 mobile homes for people on the council house waiting list, on the grounds that the site chosen is on the edge of a Green Belt village, and the development could harm the rural character of the area !

HAMBLEDON HOMES Waverley Council policy committee will be considering the future of this site and the suggestions for the use of the ground and buildings which were put forward by the Parish Council recently. It seems unlikely that Waverley will be able to take over the whole site, though they may wish to purchase some of the houses. Surrey County Council will probably have to offer the property for sale on the open market, with use restricted to institutional purposes.

HENRY SMITH'S CHARITY Vouchers for groceries or fuel were distributed to twenty-seven local residents before Christmas, from the grant received annually from the Trustees. Please tell us if you know of someone you think should be included on the list for next Christmas.

REPRESENTATION ON THE DISTRICT COUNCIL The Boundaries Commission has arranged a meeting to discuss Waverley's revised proposals for district wards. Our Chairman, Mr Coleman, is attending to state Hambledon's objections to being linked with Chiddingfold to form a District ward.

FOOTPATHS & BRIDLEWAYS Members of the sub-committee have walked several more paths and a report has been sent to the County Highways department. If you come across obstructions or notice damage to stiles or finger-posts, please inform Mr Sutton (Wormley 2807) or Mr Edwards (Wormley 3329).

WORMLEY LANE The District Council has again refused our request for street name plates, unless the Parish meets the whole cost - about £56. The Parish Council is objecting to this because it amounts in effect to double rating on the parish ratepayers.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION We are entering the competition as usual again this year, and having come quite close to winning last year we feel that a little extra effort all round could bring the winners shield to the village for the third time.

VILLAGE POND A plan is in hand to clear and open up a small pond which exists among the trees above the main pond - though it is now overgrown. A sub-committee has been formed and is now looking for volunteers to help with the project. Mr Coleman (Wormley 2977) would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to help with muscle, material or money - or even advice.

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Friday 25th February.