

ST. PETER'S HAMBLEDON

JANUARY 1978

THE RECTOR WRITES

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

Most of us have good reason to be happy. It is said to be a difficult year in the life of our country, and for those out of work, or struggling with ill health, that is sharply true. But most of us are surrounded with God's blessings. Paul wrote "if we have food and clothing, let us be therewith CONTENT": and godliness with CONTENTMENT is great gain". It will be good if at the beginning of a New Year we can each tell God that we are happy, and thank Him for making us so.

Christians also have good reason to be confident. Many remember the moving words spoken by our late King at a Christmas broadcast .."Put your hand into the hand of God. That will be for you better than a light, and safer than a known way". A Christian is a person who has put his hand into the hand of God, i.e. to go His way. Then we are safe for 1978. *****

Can you join us in the Rectory for our At Home on New Year's Eve? Old and young will be most welcome, either for part of the evening from 8 pm onwards, or to stay to see the New Year in with us.

Brochures for the congregational Week End House Party (February 10 to 12) are available in Church and Rectory. Many of those who have been before will want to come again, and others to come for the first time. It will help in the allocation of rooms if applications can be sent in soon. The Rector or Mrs Thompson will gladly answer questions.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE 11.30 pm Midnight Communion
25 CHRISTMAS DAY 8.00 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Short Christmas Service
12.00 noon Holy Communion

DIARY FOR JANUARY

- 1 SUN. The Circumcision of Christ
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
- 4 Wed 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)
- 8 SUN. First after the Epiphany
Holy Communion at 8 am
11 am Morning Prayer
Sunday Club term begins
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People at The Rectory
- 12 Thu. 8 pm Parish Party in Village Hall
- 15 SUN. Second after the Epiphany
Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm
10 am Children's Church
11 am Morning Prayer
6.30 pm Holy Communion, hymns and sermon
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage
- 18 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)
- 22 SUN. Septuagesima
Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am
10 am Holy Communion (Series II)
11 am Morning Prayer: and Sunday Club
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

29 SUN. Sexagesima

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Holy Communion at 8 am and 7.30 pm
11 am Morning Prayer: and Sunday Club
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People meet

AND IN FEBRUARY

1 Wed. 8.15 am Bible Study and Prayer (Rector)

5 SUN. Quinquagesima

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

8 FIRST DAY OF LENT ASH WEDNESDAY

11.30 am Holy Communion
12.30 pm Hunger lunch at the Rectory

10/12 CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE PARTY AT FAIRMILE COURT

12 SUN. First Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion at 8 am
11 am Morning Prayer: and Sunday Club
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

CHURCH FLOWERS

We all want to thank most sincerely those ladies who provide and arrange the flowers on the Holy Table week by week through the year. They spend much time and care, and we are most grateful to them. There is now a new list in the porch for the first six months of 1978, and it would be a great help if volunteers would kindly set their names against the dates they choose

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for November 1977 £73-64p.

E.F. Denny

PERSONALIA

Our warm congratulations to OLIVER CAROE who has been successful in gaining a place as Quirister at Winchester (the preparatory Pilgrim's School). We give to him our very best wishes as he sets off for his first term there in January.

MR LUFF is safely home from hospital now, and is working his way patiently forward from the stroke which laid him low. MR CHARLES VACHER after some disappointing ups and downs has been improving more steadily in Milford Chest Hospital, and we hope to hear that he can come home soon. MRS HOPKINS has been discharged from hospital, and now MR HOPKINS is in hospital for observation. MR MAY SENIOR has had a difficult time. His stay in St. Luke's and the in Holy Cross Hospital, Haslemere, did not really lead to any improvement, and he is now much happier at home in the care of his wife. We send our special greetings to them both, and our good wishes to all our sick friends for their continued recovery.

The sudden death of MR TONY BEDFORD of Munstead has brought sadness to many. He had brought fun and laughter to many lives, and his friendships and advice were much sought after. We specially remember Mrs Diana Bedford and their three sons in our prayers now.

MR and MRS DENNIS HAMILTON are now leaving Eton for Lodswoth. We had already in effect said goodbye to John when he was ordained and took up his ministry at St. John's Ealing, and now as his parents move further from us we send them our very best wishes for the years ahead.

WHAT HAPPENS ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS?

We do not normally meet at busy holiday seasons (e.g. Near Christmas Tide). On the other hand, once or twice a year (e.g. during Lent) we have a short weekly special-study course.

But for the rest of the year we meet generally once a fortnight, at 8.15 p, in the Rectory. For up to 40 minutes there would be Bible Study: then following that a short time of prayer for parish needs, for those who are sick or in special trouble, and for the wider needs of our country and the world at large. Then finally, there is coffee at not later than 9.15 pm.

For the Bible Study we have been moving through John's Gospel, thinking about it more thoroughly than would be possible at a Sunday service. The Rector usually leads the study, but would not do all the talking; and the comments others make, and the questions we ask, and the conversation that ensues, are full of interest and practical help.

At the same time, though all are welcome to chime in, no one is required to, and some are content to listen. The same is true of the short prayer time too, of course. This means that no special demands are made on anyone who comes. It would be easy for a new arrival, or someone who does not feel able to contribute, to feel at ease and to enjoy it straight away.

Come when you can, even if you cannot come regularly. The dates in January are 4th and 18th.

RECTORY AT HOME

NEW YEAR'S EVE
between 8 pm and midnight

All our members are warmly invited
for all or part of the evening.

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THE PARISH PARTY

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

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

THURSDAY 12 JANUARY from 8 to 10 pm

Refreshments

Games for watching and 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 would be most grateful if they would let Mrs Ray Williams know.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

Mr Martin Caroe gave us a fascinating lecture on Wells Cathedral at our December evening. Illustrating his talk with some splendid colour slides, he was able to convey to us his own love and enthusiasm for this beautiful mediaeval group of buildings; and we were taken behind the scenes to the special problems of the moment, the task of cleaning and restoring the unique carvings of the West face.

On Thursday 12th January there is the Parish Party. All Hambledon people are most welcome, whether their preference is to take part in the games, or to sit and watch them. If ladies would like to make a contribution towards the refreshments, that would be welcome (see note above). Come to the Village Hall at 8 pm so that we can start well.

On February 9th Mr Ted Sutton will show slides and tell us the story of his sailing, with one other intrepid mariner, across the Atlantic. Bring your oilskins to get the atmosphere!

SUNDAY CLUB reopens for the new term on January 8th, and meets also on 22nd and 29th, at 11 am in the Rectory.

THE TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP begins again after the Christmas recess on 10th January, in the Rectory at 10,30 am. All ladies are most welcome as always.

HALF YEARLY MISSIONARY BOX OPENING

Mrs Hutchins, our treasurer for Missionary Boxes, reports that the totals for various Societies in the recent box opening amounted to:-

Ruanda Mission	£23 - 16
Church Pastoral-Aid Society	£12 - 10
Eeprosy Mission	£11 - 50
Sputh American Missionary Society	£2 - 80
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	£49 - 56

Our best thanks to those who give in this way.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Mrs David Symonds spoke at the November meeting of the Fellowship on their recent tour of Canada. She based a short talk on the thoughts which she gathered in connection with their travels taking 'the Way' as her subject. Her main points were:- 1. Whilst flying there were no land marks in the clouds so all was under the control of the Captain of the aircraft, as our lives should be when under the control of our Lord. 2. Whilst crossing Canada in the train all was well because the train kept on the rails!! God's commandments should be our rails to guide us on our journey through life. 3. When taken on guided tours their party was in contact with the Guide all the time. This showed the need for those who love the Lord always to keep in contact with Him. Mr David Symonds then showed their cine film of Canada and the journey from Niagara to Vancouver.

On Thursday 26 January the annual New Year's Party will be held at Ellingson's at 3 pm.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE

Hambledon Women's Institute celebrated its 60th birthday at the Village Hall on Friday December 2nd with a Buffet Supper and a Homemade Entertainment. Each member could bring a friend, and past Presidents were there as well as Miss Bailey, Secretary of the Surrey Federation, and Miss Lingham, Convenor of Haslemere Group. Mrs Hardy the retiring President welcomed everybody, and made the occasion a truly happy, laughter-making one. The supper included turkey, ham, and salads, mince pies and many different sweets, and wine.

For the entertainment, the treasurer Molly Vacher had written new and amusing words about W.I. affairs to well-known tunes like The Vicar of Bray; and the climax was a 1920 bathing scene, with some members in old long-legged bathing suits and caps, and husbands in old costumes, or in braces and trousers rolled up for paddling, all frolicing to the tune of "I do like to be beside the seaside". Mrs Mills, Molly Vacher's sister, was at the piano, and she also played from old songs for the audience to join in.

The evening ended with a toast drunk in sherry, proposed by Mrs Wieler, to the Hambledon Women's Institute and the friendships to be made in the next 60 years. Mrs Fanny Jeffery cut the iced cake she had made for the celebration. The Rector, the Rev. David Thompson, thanked the W.I. on behalf of the visitors, and mentioned especially Mrs Brunt and Mrs Crowhurst for organising, and largely cooking, the Buffet Supper.

Ruth Steele

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

January 1978

PARISH RATE

Financial matters were considered at the January meeting of the Parish Council. We are to keep the Parish Rate as it was last year. This produces some £750 and that sum is sufficient at the moment to finance matters dealt with by the Council. Help has been given during the year towards upkeep of the village hall, the churchyard, and grass-cutting on the cricket green and football pitch.

HAMBLEDON HOMES

Over the past few months interest has again centred around the future of the now empty Hambledon Homes. The County Council has allowed a number of interested parties to look over the buildings and grounds and it is likely that some proposition will soon be put forward. The Parish Council's proposals outlined at the last Parish Assembly have been adopted in part by Waverley District Council and put up to S. C. C. ; it is progressing but slowly.

PARISH BOUNDARIES

The Local Government Boundary Commission will soon be reviewing Parish Boundaries, which have not been changed for about 100 years. Hambledon Parish Council is well aware that we have in the Wormley Hill area and especially the Hydestile region many residents who like to consider themselves part of Hambledon - our Jubilee celebration bore this out. It is extremely difficult to make suggestions regarding these areas without causing possible offence to neighbouring parish councils but each council has been asked to submit recommendations. Anyone reading these Notes and living in the areas mentioned is welcome to contact the Chairman, Mr. M. F. Coleman, on Wormley 2977, if they have a point to make.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Annual Parish Assembly will take place on 28th April. We plan to follow the same format as last year with representatives of the local organisations giving brief resumes of their activities. We should also like to give parishioners a chance to see photographs and other visual records of the Jubilee Year. The Chairman would like to borrow items for a display at the Assembly with the promise that he would collect them, and return them after the 28th.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee will be held on 14th February in the Village Hall at 8 p. m.

CRICKET CLUB

The Cricket Club will be holding their A. G. M. on the 15th February, again in the Hall, at 7.30 p. m.

Anyone wishing to attend these A. G. M. s will be very welcome.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 24th February.