

ST. PETER'S, HAMBLEDON

JANUARY 1979

THE RECTOR'S MESSAGE FOR THE NEW YEAR

One of the choruses our children sing at Children's Church or Sunday Club goes like this:-

Trust and Obey

For there's no other way

To be happy in Jesus

But to trust and obey.

I find there is an uncomplicated directness about this which is a great help. Let those two words Trust and Obey be your guide for 1979.

TRUST i.e. trust in GOD. Nothing else and no one else is wholly reliable; and certainly it is of no use to trust ourselves, as we have proved to our cost. God never fails those who set their reliance upon Him, for forgiveness, for protection, for the supply of every need, for strength for the demands of every day.

OBEY This second word follows on logically from the first, for if we really trust God we shall trust His directions, and believe that His will leads on to blessing. To trust in God makes obedience less of a struggle; to love God makes it less of a sacrifice.

So trust leads to obedience, and obedience to happiness. As the chorus says, "there's no other way to be happy..."

TRUST AND OBEY then .... AND HAVE A HAPPY YEAR

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Our week-end House Party is mentioned on page 7. Some who visited part time last year hope this year to come full time, and we hope there will be some first-timers too. It will help in the allocation of rooms if applications can be sent in soon.

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DIARY FOR JANUARY

7 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in modern English

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

11 Thu. 8 pm Parish Party in Village Hall

14 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club reopens

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

17 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)

21 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm

10 am Children's Church

11 am Rev Geoffrey Collinson on behalf of the  
British & Foreign Bible Society

6.30 pm Holy Communion

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

Collections at 11 am & 6.30 pm for B. & F.B.S.

28 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am

10 am Series 2 Communion Service

11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

31 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)

AND IN FEBRUARY

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4 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in modern English

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

8 Thu. 8 pm Parish Fellowship (Village Hall)

9/11 WEEK END HOUSE PARTY AT FAIRMILE COURT

11 SEPTUAGESIMA

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

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

January 7

14 Mrs E.A. Wieler

21 Miss E.F. Denny

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for November 1978, £96.59p. E.F. Denny

MISSIONARY BOXES Half Yearly opening

Ruanda Mission £26.79p

Church Pastoral Aid Society £14.85p

Leprosy Mission £12.00

HUNGER LUNCH FOR TEAR FUND

£68 was given, and has been sent to the Fund.



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# THE PARISH PARTY

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

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

from 8 to 10 pm

THURSDAY 11 JANUARY

GAMES FOR WATCHING AND SHARING

REFRESHMENTS \*\*

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

COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS

## PERSONALIA

MRS LILY RAGGETT of Lane End died in Holy Cross  
Hospital, Haslemere early in December. She was 79,  
and 48 of these years had been lived in this Hambledon  
home. She had been most patient and uncomplaining  
throughout her illness. We specially remember her  
husband, and also her married daughter Mrs Pope next door,  
at this time of their bereavement.  
DR. PALMER of New Road has been in St. Luke's  
Hospital for an operation, but was safely home again  
in time for Christmas, and is now convalescing well.

The reopening day is Sunday 14 January when all boys and girls between about 5 and 12 will be welcome at the Rectory at 11 am. There will also be a creche there for younger children to enable parents to go to the 11 am service. The senior group (12 to 14 year olds) begins that Sunday too, commencing in the church service at 11 am.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES

Now that we have completed our study of John's Gospel, we move on to its sequel, the early story of the Christian Church in the New Testament, in the book of Acts.

These fortnightly studies do not presuppose a great deal of existing knowledge. The Rector leads them, but there is also opportunity for questions and for others to contribute to some discussion arising. But nobody is "required to take part", and it is easy for any who wish simply to listen.

We begin on Wednesday 17 January at 8.15 pm in the Rectory. There is coffee at the close, at 9.15 pm. All are most welcome even if they are not necessarily able to come regularly.

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#### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION & A SPECIAL ADULTS COURSE

Following the preliminary paragraph in the December magazine, here are some further notes:-

- \* The course is exploratory only. Nobody would be committed to Confirmation until much later on.
- \* There would be one course for Young People (minimum age about 15), probably on a week night evening; some are already enquiring about this. A separate course for adults could be arranged, morning, afternoon, or evening as convenient.
- \* Both courses would cover the main ground of Christian belief - in God, in Jesus as Son of God, in the Holy Spirit, in the way we can come to know God, and find forgiveness and inner deliverance. It also tackles some of the problems of unbelief. There is also help on prayer, Bible reading, and daily living; and teaching about the Church and its sacraments and services. Questions and problems are welcomed for informal discussion.
- \* Such a course has often been valued by those previously confirmed as a "refresher course", and the Rector would welcome this.
- \* Names of those interested should come to the Rectory soon please.

#### PARISH FELLOWSHIP

On 14 December a good number were present in the Village Hall to see some fine colour transparencies shown by Mr Cecil Chapman, and to hear his account of a most interesting recent journey by car into Russia. There were excellent pictures of some architectural and other treasures, especially in Leningrad.

Thursday 11 January is the night of the PARISH PARTY in the Village Hall from 8 to 10 pm. Details are on page 4. We hope many will come, whether they are Church members or not. Everyone is most welcome.



FAIRMILE COURT, COBHAM

WEEK END HOUSE PARTY

For members of the congregation of all ages  
(special terms for students)

From Friday 9 February (evening)  
To Sunday 11 February (teatime)

Tennis: Squash: Table tennis: Scrabble etc.  
Time to relax, to talk, to listen  
Good food, warmth, and comfort are assured

Brochures & application forms available now  
in Church or at the Rectory

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Mrs Gordon Humphreys, well known to most of our members, was a welcome speaker at the November meeting. Her subject was 'The Church of Laodicea in the latter part of the first century', and she gave a fascinating description of the culture and wealth of that country in those days, mentioning the quality of the wool produced from the special sheep, the medical centre renowned for its eye salve, and the skills in the clothing trade. She contrasted all this with the present day Turkey and her recent visit there. However, in spite of all the prosperity and riches, the church in Laodicea was lacking in spiritual life as revealed in the book Revelation chapter 3 verses 14-19, and as Mrs Humphreys explained there was a need for repentance and a turning to God, which is just as relevant in our present day.

The New Year Party will be held at Ellingsons on Thursday 25 January at 3 pm.

S.M.S.

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DR JACK AND MRS SONIA SYMONDS WRITE ....

"There has been a wonderful response to the appeal for materials for Kisiizi Hospital, Uganda, and we know that the staff of the hospital will indeed be grateful. Three 22lb parcels have been sent out during the last three months containing blankets sheets, bandages, slings, tennis balls, woollen vests, soap, packet soups, etc"

#### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A very charming atmosphere was created by Mrs Crowhurst's floral decorations on the tables at Hambledon W.I. Annual General Meeting and Christmas Party. Mrs Steele gave the Secretary's report on the year's work, which covered a wide field of interests. A healthy financial report was given by the Treasurer Mrs Vacher, and it was suggested that a bursary should be created to Denman College. Mrs Lee, the Voluntary County Organiser, gave a brief history of the W.I. movement which was created for women who enjoyed the countryside. She stressed the importance of our ideas and resolutions because half a million voices must be heard. Tea was served by members of the retiring committee. Mrs Steele thanked the speaker, and the competition was won by Mrs Gardner.

E.G.F.

#### N.S.P.C.C.

A most interesting evening was held at Pendleton Cottage when a film on the work of the N.S.P.C.C. was shown, following which one of the organisers answered questions. It is hoped that a fund-raising event can be arranged next Spring. A collection of £13.42p. was made. Grateful thanks are expressed to Mr and Mrs Brandon and to all who supported the occasion.

Y.C.W.



Open Meeting

The Parish Council realises that many people in Hambledon are vitally interested in the running of their village and will be pleased to note that it is intended to hold an informal seminar on the broader aspects of planning. It will be held on Friday, 23rd February, in the Village Hall, Hambledon. The County Planning Officer, Mr. Peter Harris, has accepted our invitation, which has also been sent to the District Planning Officer, Mr. J. H. Wainwright, our W. D. C. representative, Maj. E. Mervyn-Smith, our S. C. C. representative, Dr. J. Wood, and elected representatives of adjoining parishes. The idea of the seminar is for parishioners to meet the officers and discuss themes regarding the future development of villages in this district. It is hoped that each will learn from the other. The seminar will start at 7.30 and anyone interested is welcome to attend and participate.

Elections

Waverley District Council and Parish Council elections will be held in early May. Maj. E. Mervyn-Smith has indicated that he does not wish to be considered for re-election, and thus it will be necessary for us to find a new councillor. If you know of somebody who might be interested, please ask them to phone Maj. Mervyn-Smith, Hascombe 219, who will give them some idea of the duties and time involved.

Anyone interested in the possibility of becoming a Parish Councillor should contact the Clerk, on Wormley 3532.

Parish Councillors elected this year may stand for 4 years. The Waverley councillor will also stand for 4 years, and represent Hambledon only - by 1983 the warding system may well be changed and the councillor will then represent Hambledon, Busbridge and Hascombe.

Parish Boundaries

W. D. C. are still inviting people to send in comments regarding the redrawing of parish boundaries. Your council put in their proposals several months ago - the main change being that we recommend that housing north of Salt Lane come within Hambledon parish boundary (this with the full agreement of Busbridge Parish Council).

Best Kept Village Competition

The Parish Council voted at their last meeting not to enter the village in the Surrey Best Kept Village Competition. It is, however, open to any organisation or group of people within the village to sponsor an entry and if they wish to do so, the relevant forms are lodged with the Clerk. Entries must be made before 30th March, and the fee is £3.

Guide Group

Interest has been shown in starting a Guide group in the village. Anyone interested in organising it is welcome to contact Mrs. Maclay (Wormley 2889) who would be happy to advise.

Parish Rate

It has been recommended that the parish rate of .64p in the pound stand for 1979/80.

Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee A. G. M. will be held in the Hall at 8 p. m. on Tuesday, 13th February. All Hambledon residents are invited to attend.