

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

JANUARY 1980

THE RECTOR WRITES

May I give you a verse for the New Year?

I THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL HOLD YOUR RIGHT HAND,
SAYING "FEAR NOT, I WILL HELP YOU". (Isaiah 41,13)

There are many things we could fear as we go on into 1980. We may have some anxiety about our physical fitness, or about someone we love. We may be concerned about financial affairs, or about whether we can measure up to the demands of the year. We may be worried about the world situation.

Here is a PROMISE a promise from GOD. So we can depend upon it. It is in a way a double promise:- (i) It promises God's presence and His nearness, at every moment and always. "I will hold your hand". For when we commit our lives to Him, and when He takes us to Himself, it is for ever. He does not let us go. (ii) It promises also God's help. Nothing could be more encouraging and satisfying than those simple words "I will help you".

The right hand is the hand a soldier usually keeps for his sword. Give that one to God. You will be safer that way.

May God be your guide, and your guardian, and your help all through the year.

6 EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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

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

10 Thu. 9 pm Parish Party (Village Hall) see p.7

13 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club begins

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at The Rectory

18 - 20 WEEK END HOUSE PARTY See p.5

20 SECOND SUNDAY 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

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

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

27 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am

10 am Series II Communion Service

11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

AND IN FEBRUARY

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3 SEPTUAGESIMA

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

4 Mon. 7.45 for 8 pm Parochial Church Council

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

10 SEXAGESIMA

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

Jan. 6 Mrs J. Symonds

13 Mrs E.A. Wieler

20 Mrs M. Stevens

27 Miss E.F. Denny

Feb. 3

10 Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for November 1979, £127 - 62p.

E.F. Denny

MISSIONARY BOXES; HALF YEARLY OPENING

The Ruanda Mission £25 - 36p

The Leprosy Mission £12 - 00

Church Pastoral-Aid Society £31 - 29

(Together, this is an increase of

£15 - 75p ... very encouraging. M. Hutchins)

CHURCH REGISTERS

Marriage

Dec. 15 Stephen William Munton & Diane Jayne Bridges

CAR DRIVERS AND THE CHURCH BELL

The narrowness of the hill leading up to our Church is a problem to us especially on a Sunday morning, when drivers coming in good time for the 11 am service need to wait at the foot of the hill until all cars have come down from the 10 am service, and may very well not know when they are free to proceed.

The Parochial Church Council has come up with a plan that may help, and we will experiment with it in January. The Church bell will be rung for three or four minutes as soon as the last car has gone down the hill after the end of the 10 am service. All being well this would normally be at about 10.40 am. We ask drivers for the 11 am service kindly to wait, at the foot of the hill where the lane is wide enough for passing, until they hear the bell. This will indicate that the hill should be clear for upward-going traffic. Let us see whether this helps. It seems to be a plan worth trying.

HUNGER LUNCH FOR TEAR FUND

We are glad to announce that gifts amounting to over £69 have been sent to Tear Fund, for the aid of the hungry and distressed, as a result of gifts at the Hunger Lunch at the Rectory just before Christmas.

WEEK-END HOUSE PARTY

5.

at FAIRMILE COURT COBHAM

18 to 20 January 1980

At the time of writing this, there are still places available at our Away-Week End. Some are coming this time for their first visit, and we hope there will be other first-timers too. The Rector or Mrs Thompson will be glad to answer any questions. Any applications still outstanding ought to be sent in straight away please. Would part time visitors who are coming for Saturday or Sunday please mark the list in the porch to book the meals they require, or telephone the Rectory.

PERSONALIA

STEPHEN MUNTON and DIANE BRIDGES were married in December. They were expecting to set up home in the Crawley area, but a most unfortunate fire just before the wedding has left them for the present without a home of their own. They are looking for somewhere inexpensive to rent. Our prayers are with them that God will keep and provide for them all the way ahead. We send our warmest good wishes too to ROBERT MOORE and SARAH EVANS who are to be married on 12 January.

TREVOR DE VERE GREEN suffered what might easily have been severe injuries in his car, and had for several days to be under intensive care at Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot. He then turned the corner, and is now making a good recovery, and we join the family in thanking God for this.

MRS MAUGHAN had to return to Mount Alvernia Hospital for blood transfusion, and was afterwards nursed at Holy Cross Hospital, Haslemere. Though still not strong enough to stand unsupported, she has been allowed home in time for Christmas.

We remember them all in our prayers, and JOHN HOLDER and MRS OLDHAM too, and also those who nurse them at home.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES

Those of us who come on Wednesday evenings to the informal fortnightly Bible Studies in the Rectory have been finding that Acts is a most absorbing book to study. We continue, after the short Christmas recess, on January 9 and 23, at 8.15 pm. All are most welcome.

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY GROUPS

For ladies there are two weekly Discussion Groups to choose from: on Tuesday at The Rectory, or on Wednesday at Little Woodlands by Witley Station. Each group meets at 10.30 am, and finishes at 11.30 am. The Tuesday Group reopens on 15 January and the Wednesday Group on 23 January.

FOR CHILDREN

With the beginning of another school term Sunday Club reopens and is to meet at The Rectory on 13 and 27 January at 11 am. Children's Church is on January 6 and 20.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

We had all looked forward greatly to the "Call-my-Bluff" evening on 13 December, and Mr Steele who arranged the evening and devised all those remarkable definitions, true and false, fulfilled all our highest hopes. The two teams too were in great form. One raced away to a big lead in the early stages, but the other recovered splendidly at the end and very nearly achieved a dead heat.

The January evening, on Thursday 10 January, is the New Year Party (see opposite). Anyone can come, and we hope that many will enjoy a really happy evening with us.

OUR NEW YEAR PARTY

7.

All who live in the Village or nearby are
most welcome

VILLAGE HALL

8 to 10 pm

THURSDAY 10 JANUARY

GAMES to share or to watch

REFRESHMENTS...*

BRING YOUR FRIENDS WITH YOU

* If members would like to contribute an item towards the refreshments (Perhaps some sandwiches or mince pies, for instance), we would be grateful if they would kindly let Mrs Ray Williams know in advance.

BISHOP VISITS OUR CHURCH SCHOOL

The Bishop of Guildford is to pay a visit to Hambledon Church School on the morning of 22 January.

VILLAGE HALL

There will be a sale in the Hall on Saturday, 26 January, starting at 2.30 pm in aid of Village Hall funds. The stall will include tombola, white elephant, jumble, cakes and produce, and articles for these will be gratefully received by any of the Committee ... or collection will be gladly arranged. Please come and support us on the day if you can.

R.W.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We welcomed as our speaker at the November meeting Mrs David Symonds from Godalming. She spoke to us about their visit to Turkey and the Aegean, and told us how the Bible came alive as they walked down the Marble Street in Ephesus where St. Paul had walked; and stood in the theatre where the Town Clerk had silenced the mob; and seen the hole where the lampstand had been, as mentioned in Revelation chapter 2, Verse 5. They were also informed why the water in Laodicea, mentioned in Revelation 3 verse 16, was neither hot nor cold. After visiting these places it was thrilling for them to stay on the island of Patmos where St. John was given the Revelation, the messages given to each of the seven churches mentioned in the earlier chapters of that book, all beginning with the Holy Spirit's "I know". This was a challenge to us that He knows all about our Church and ourselves.

We meet next on 24 January for our New Year Party.

S.M. Symonds

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

An hilarious, happy afternoon was enjoyed by Hambledon W.I. members at their meeting on Wednesday 5 December at the Village Hall.

Mrs Crowhurst, the President, conducted the brief business meeting and Mrs Allen gave details of proposed outings for next year.

The members participated in games which had been devised by members, and I am sure that hidden talents which were discovered will be used in future entertainments.

Tea was then served by members of the committee on tables which had been charmingly decorated by Mrs Crowhurst.

E.G. Freemantle