

ST PETER'S HAMBLETON
JANUARY 1985

The Churchwardens write:

We were indeed delighted to be able to announce, at the services on 16 December, the splendid news of the forthcoming appointment of a new Rector. For the benefit of any who may have missed the details, Peter Sertin is at present Chaplain of St Michael's, Paris, and Archdeacon in Northern France. He will be "coming home" in more senses than one because, after a curacy at Beckenham, he was a Chaplain at King Edward's School, Witley, for 7 years before becoming Vicar of St Paul's, Woking, and subsequently of Chorleywood. We are looking forward eagerly to welcoming Peter, his wife Marilyn and their family (two boys and two girls) to the parish. We cannot yet give an answer to the question "When?" as a date for the Institution is still to be fixed, but it seems likely that it will be some time around Easter.

Even though the end is in sight, there are still some months of interregnum ahead which call for continued prayer and teamwork. We are already thinking about the now traditional Wednesday evening series in Lent and the form that this should take: this could be a particular subject for prayer for God's guidance.

This Christmas seems to have been a particularly joyous one in Hambleton Church. We are grateful to so many for their contributions, the Church, as always, decorated so beautifully (thank you, Eddie Hammond, for the tree), the singing of the Church Music Group (Chris Ridsdale Smith's setting of the Magnificat came over particularly well), the Lesson readers, the Nursery School's part in the Toy Service, the visiting clergy (it was especially good to have our old friends Ted Elton and Derek Parsons) and Mac Bolton as anchor man. But above all it was a corporate effort in which we offered praise to God for all that Christmas means.

We wish you all a peaceful and happy New Year.

P E G RODERICK
R.G WILLIAMS

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 1985

Jan. 6 The Epiphany

8 00 Holy Communion
10 00 Children's Church
11 00 Morning Prayer : Capt. M G Haworth
6 30 pm Evening Prayer : Youth Fellowship
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

9 Meeting for Bible Study and Prayer at
Little Woodlands

13 First Sunday after Epiphany

8 00 Holy Communion
11 00 Holy Communion (ASB) : The Rural Dean
Rev. D Hedges
(Also Sunday Club at the Nursery School)
6 30 pm Evening Prayer : Mr B Wood
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

20 Second Sunday after Epiphany

8 00 Holy Communion
10 00 Children's Church
11 00 Morning Prayer : Rev B F Adeney
6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB) : Rev R C D
McKenna
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

23 Meeting for Bible Study and Prayer at
Little Woodlands

27 Third Sunday after Epiphany

8 00 Holy Communion
11 00 Morning Prayer : Public Baptism :
Rev L Parsons
(Also Sunday Club at the Nursery School)
6 30 pm Evening Prayer : Mrs Valerie Makin
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

AND IN FEBRUARY

Feb. 3 Septuagesima

8 00 Holy Communion
10 00 Children's Church
11 00 Morning Prayer : Archdeacon of Surrey
Rev. Paul Barber
6 30 pm Evening Prayer : Mr J J F Foster
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Feb. 10 Sexagesima

8 00 Holy Communion
11 00 Holy Communion (1662) : Rev C E Elton
 (Also Sunday Club at the Nursery School)
6 30 pm Evening Prayer : Mr R G Ellen
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

CHURCH FLOWERS : January 6

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CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

There is now a new list in the Church porch covering the first half of 1985. Mrs Jean de Berniere-Smart (Wormley 2360) can fill you in on the details if you feel you would like to join those who provide flowers for our Sunday Services. Many more names are needed to prevent the burden falling on a few and we would be most grateful for some new names. So do please select the weekend of your choice: the flowers are much admired and give great pleasure - we are most grateful to those who help in this way.

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME : Total for November 1984 :
 £265.22 : E F Denny

Sir David Orr, who has been a generous supporter of our Church for many years, has now moved to Shackleford. We wish him and his wife every happiness in their new home.

A generous donation has been received from Mr & Mrs Gilby in memory of Mrs Gilby's mother and stepfather, Ethel and Sidney Ayling. Sidney Ayling was for many years a Churchwarden at St Peter's.

MISSIONARY BOX OPENING

At the recent box opening our Church Treasurer reports as follows:

Church Pastoral-Aid Society : £12.74

Ruanda Mission : £27.69

Our very special thanks to all who give in this way.

HUNGER LUNCH : At the Hunger Lunch held on Sunday 23 December a total of £150 was donated and sent to Tear Fund to help in their work amongst those so desperately in need in Ethiopia and other African countries.

CAROL PARTY : A carol party went around the village on December 18 and collected £63.20 for "Families for Children" in Bangladesh. We would like to thank all who gave so generously and all who welcomed us into their homes; particularly the Caroe family, who sent us home warm after a visit to their soup kitchen! M.R.P.

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptisms

1 December 1984 : Harry Michael Lewis
Duncan Murray Campbell

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Youth Fellowship are conducting the evening service on Epiphany Sunday, January 6. Do come and give them your support.

PERSONALIA

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mr Rolinson of Wormley Lane and send to Mrs Rolinson our prayers and sympathy in her loss. Mrs Vardon is back in the Surrey County Hospital with a fractured femur and we send her our good wishes for a speedy recovery. Mrs Thorpe, who now lives in Bramley, at one time resident in Hambledon, and a regular reader of this magazine, has broken her leg; we hope that she is now back home again and making a good recovery. We were delighted recently to hear from the Pettit family at one time resident at Burgate Farm, now living in Suffolk; we send to them and to all Hambledon Church folk living in "foreign parts" our very good wishes for this new year. Especially do we remember Mrs June Burns living in Enton and housebound for some considerable time; we pray that the operation she is undergoing in the new year will enable her to walk again.

FRIDAY CLUB FOR THE DISABLED

Early in December a party was held in the village hall at which a special presentation was made to the hall. This was a collage picture of the Cricket Green Stores worked by 8 members of the club as a mark of appreciation for the use of the hall.

The picture now hangs in the hall - do have a look at it next time you are there. We are sure that the whole village will be pleased to have such a delightful memento and will join in thanks to the club.

LETTER FROM PAUL AND FAITH ATKINS

We are both very sorry about the necessity of a printed letter but the postal 'cheap-rate' doesn't allow the inclusion of hand-written letters - at least that's our excuse! We've been in Kenya now for $3\frac{1}{2}$ months - enough time for a holiday and one school term. While we're writing this the last week of term is upon us and things are fairly hectic - reports, Christmas dinners, carol services and pantomimes. St Andrew's is run on the lines of an English prep. school without the formality and pomp(!), so you can imagine what goes on. The children range from 6 to 13 years old and Paul teaches science to the top 3 years. He is also involved in setting up a computer department which will be included in the curriculum next September. The PTA have guaranteed to increase the number of computer systems to 10 and a special room has just been built to house them. It's an exciting development and obviously a challenge to organise. The school looks and feels fairly English except for the mud huts dotted around! The weather is just getting sunny again after the short rains but because we are at 8,300 ft. it is never extremely hot, hence no enviable suntans up here!

Our house is on the edge of the compound (all the staff live in school) and is very spacious. We also have a beautiful garden and even a fishpond! We had a month's holiday before we started term and spent the time at the coast enjoying the tropical beaches and in one of the largest game parks Tsavo. The variety and number of

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wild animals here is incredible. One of the advantages of teaching is the long holidays and we are very much looking forward to travelling around this Christmas. We have been slightly hampered by an accident which has immobilised our car but we hope to have it back soon.

We are spending Christmas itself at Turi with other members of staff and friends. After New Year we are going to the Maasei Mara with another couple from school. This particular game park is well known and supposedly the best in Kenya.

We are running out of space so must draw to a close. We hope that this at least gives you a partial view of life here. Finally, Faith still doesn't have a job, which is a cause for concern, and we would greatly appreciate your prayers on the subject. We will be thinking of you at Christmas and through next year and would love to hear your news also.

DAVID AND EULA SYMONDS have also been travelling and Eula has written the following for our magazine:

Yes, we were really THERE ... not only in Hong Kong but at Shatin, ... and not at the Races where a famous jockey had a fatal fall a few days ago, but at No. 15 Tsuk Pok Hang estate, actually having Sunday lunch with Tim and Zinnia in their home!

We had left our hotel in Nathan Road that morning and made our way by tube train to Shatin, where Tim met us and drove us to where the little church on the estate, which is their mission field, was assembled for their service. Tim had told us that his colleague, Wong Ka Ming, who was taking the service, would be welcoming us during the Notices, and, having been delayed by a railway breakdown, we arrived just at this point in the service! We stood and acknowledged the welcoming smiles of the 50 or so who made up the congregation, and after sharing a hymn book with my Cantonese neighbour, we sat down to draw our own thoughts from Philippians ch1.1, while Mr Wang preached on that passage. A simple Communion service followed and I

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found it deeply moving to be singing "The Old Rugged Cross" in English while my neighbour sang it in Cantonese. Hearts meet at that Cross, be they Jew or Gentile, English or Chinese.

After the service David stayed behind and was introduced to the English-speaking members of the congregation, while I was introduced to the swings outside by Caroline, now 6 $\frac{1}{2}$. Zinnia, a Homerton-trained teacher, is in Sunday-school during the service, and Caroline with her. Although the height of the buildings on the estate of 10,000 souls makes one quite dizzy, the Government has allowed good open spaces for playgrounds.

Among other Social Services which the Government has laid on is the Old People's Centre, which is staffed by two trained Chinese girls, Daisy and Jennifer, as well as by Tim and his colleague. It is in this Centre that the Sunday activities take place, and once a month there is a Communal Lunch after the service, followed by medical and dental clinics. Doctors and Dentists come out from the mother church in Hong Kong on these Sundays to give their services to their less privileged compatriots in this daughter church. As we were returning to our hotel at the end of the day we saw this group of professional people looking so happy, waiting for public transport to take them home.

As for Tim and Zinnia's home, it is a ground floor flat in a three-storey building - very small with no garden, but a 20 minute walk up the hill from the housing estate. They call it a 'village' but anything less like an English country village would be hard to imagine. Their doors are often open, and neighbours of all ages are in and out; Caroline chats away to her friends in Cantonese, though she goes to an English-speaking school in Kowloon. In this way contacts are made and friendships formed, and with the prayer backing of the church at home, a number have come out of spiritual darkness into LIGHT. To see this happen makes the whole venture abundantly worthwhile!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship will reopen with the usual New Year party on Thursday 24 January at 3pm at Ellingsons by kind invitation. A special welcome will be given to any new people who would like to join us in our monthly gatherings. It is hoped that our members will bring their friends.

M.S.S.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

HOW IT AFFECTS YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT

(A short article from the DHSS)

A stay in hospital can be distressing enough without having to worry about a possible reduction in your benefit. So why may it be reduced and when?

Most social security benefits are paid to help with ordinary needs at home, or for the special needs of disablement.

When you or your dependant are in hospital some of these needs are met by the National Health Service, so your benefit may be reduced or withdrawn. If you pay the whole cost of accommodation and non-medical services in hospital most of the benefits are unaffected. The amount and timing of any reduction depends on many factors. It is best to let your local office know at once if you or a dependant have to go into hospital and if you know when you are to be discharged tell them that as well. They will make sure you get the right amount of money.

A leaflet NI 9 which gives more information is available from any DHSS office, or you can get more information (and a leaflet) by ringing Freefone - dial 100 and ask the operator for Freefone DHSS.
