

ST PETER'S CHURCH HAMBLETON
JANUARY 1987

My dear Friends

St Paul says in his letter to the Corinthians, "If any man be in Christ he is a new creation. Old things have passed away; all things have become new". The old year has passed away and we face the New Year, 1987. In what ways can it be new for us?

First, it can be a year of renewed fellowship and commitment to our Lord. "Take time to be holy speak oft with Thy Lord". So says the old hymn. It goes on - "Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone". That is the spring of all our aspirations and hopes to live out Christ's life in our homes, in our church and in the community. Like an airliner on a long flight dropping down from time to time to refuel, so we need to spend time with Jesus day by day, so that we may "be filled with the Spirit". Not aviation but Holy!

Second, it can be a year of renewed fellowship with one another. There are opportunities for this in the life of our parish. Limited maybe, but vital if we are to be the people of God. There are the ladies Bible Study Groups every Tuesday and Wednesday; the Parish Bible Study Group on alternate Wednesdays in the Rectory which is open to all; Young People's cell groups and the Parish prayer meeting on Saturday mornings in the Rectory at 9.00am. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength", and it is out of that renewed strength that God will do new things in our lives and in the community. These activities are the place where it all begins. I do hope that together we can make this a priority for 1987.

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 1987

Jan. 4 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)

11 00 am FAMILY SERVICE :

followed by coffee at the Rectory

6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662)

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Jan. 11 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)

11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662) :

followed by Holy Communion

(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)

(Pathfinders meet at the Rectory)

6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Jan. 14 8 15 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
AT THE RECTORY

Jan. 18 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)

10 00 am Children's Church

11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)

6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Jan. 25 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Conversion of St Paul

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)

11 00 am Holy Communion (1662)

(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)

(Pathfinders meet at the Rectory)

6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Mar. 28 8 15 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
-CG meets on Thursdays 7:30-8:30 PM AT THE RECTORY -

CC meets on January 12th and February 2nd at ^{AT THE RECTORY} 7 45 pm for 8 COpm in the Rectory.

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AND IN FEBRUARY

Feb. 1 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)

11 00 am FAMILY SERVICE :

followed by coffee at the Rectory,

6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662)

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Feb. 8 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)

11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)

followed by Holy Communion

(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)

(Pathfinders meet at the Rectory)

6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptism : December 7th : James Michael Peacock

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for November 1986 : £479.22 - Edric Hardy

CHURCH FLOWERS

Mrs Audrey Stedall is kindly looking after the flowers for the month of January. We thank Audrey and all her helpers who gave of their time to make the church look so beautiful over the Christmas period. Audrey particularly asks if anyone is discarding Christmas decorations that would be suitable for the church tree, she would be very pleased to have them.

CHURCH CLEANING : Jan. 2/3 Mrs J de Berniere-Smart

Mrs R Arden-White

Jan. 9/10 Mrs B Major

Miss A Disney

Jan. 16/17 Mrs D Staines

Jan. 23/24 Mrs M Reynolds

Jan. 30/31 Mrs M Campbell

PERSONALIA

We send our good wishes for every happiness in the future to Caroline Lee and Ian Jameson, who were married on 20 December at St John's Church, Ealing. Caroline was at one time a co-leader with Patrick Williams of the Hambledon Youth Fellowship. Andy MacLay has announced his engagement to Felicity Neal and wedding plans are afoot for August; we send to them both every good wish for happiness in the days that lie ahead. Many congratulations to Kathryn Freemantle who received a Good News Bible at the Family Service on 7th December for completing 50 attendances at Sunday Club - good wishes also to Kathryn who is leaving Hambledon Brownies for Milford Guides. Chris Ridsdale-Smith, who has so ably coped as organist at Hambledon for several years, bade us farewell over the Christmas period. Chris and Moira are planning to move to Paignton in the near future and we wish them well in their new life: we are all delighted to learn that Clare and Paul will still be with us in Hambledon. We send our condolences and prayers at this time to Mrs Elizabeth Secrett whose mother has recently died.

MISCELLANEOUS

There is much unclaimed 'property' lurking in the church! Do please look amongst the umbrellas, spectacle cases, gloves and prayer books in the vestry to see if any item can be restored to its rightful owner.....C.B.W. & M.. The church owns a large print copy of the Old Testament in paperback form; if anyone would be interested in borrowing this book, please let either Ray or Pat Williams know.

All used stamps are still needed by the Bible Society and following Christmas there are many around - please bring them to church or drop them into the village shop..... Blankets are still coming in for the work of Christian Outreach and Sarah and Stephen Clarke are always pleased to receive them; Pat and Ray Williams (Wormley 2455) will always collect, or they can be dropped off at the village shop.....

Vests for African babies are still urgently needed - Sheila Bolton (Wormley 2748) can supply further details and gifts of coloured wool (not white) are always acceptable.

AN ANONYMOUS GIFT

The PCC wish to extend their gratitude for the generous donation of £500 recently sent for the work at St Peter's. They really are most grateful.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 25 : An Open Meeting for the PCC and anyone who may be interested, to hear Mr Ridsdale, Diocesan Advisor on Christian Stewardship.

April 23 : Annual Church Meeting

MISSIONARY NEWS

A large parcel of groceries and gift of money have been given to Tim and Zinnia Symonds, who are on Home Assignment and living in Swindon, where Caroline and Susanna are at school. Tim has been kept very busy speaking in many different places about the work of Overseas Missionary Fellowship and his work in Hong Kong..... Sarah and Stephen Clarke have also been given groceries and money. Stephen is holding the fort in Bangkok until a replacement worker is found and Sarah has joined him for a month before returning to Leamington Spa to resume the second term of a secretarial course. Let us remember them in prayer during this time of separation, which is likely to last for several more months.....

Money orders were posted to Simon Mabley in Pakistan and Rick James in Honduras.....

These gifts represent a great measure of support from many of the congregation. Will you continually remember the recipients in your prayers?

Missionary Boxes : The opening of the missionary boxes resulted in £90.55 being sent to the Ruanda Mission; £31.42 to Tear Fund; £15.68 to Intercon and £17.80 to CPAS. These amounts were in 23 boxes, plus two cheques. Our aim is to have a collecting box in the home of every Church family, and boxes for new collectors will be available in church during January.

Sheila Bolton

NEWS FROM SIMON MABLEY IN PAKISTAN

Since I last wrote, I have been up into the Himalayas. Edwardes School (not the College where I am) has a summer house at Thiandiani, 8,500 feet up. To get there you go to Abbotabad and then it is virtually straight up the side of a mountain for 4,500 feet on a road with hairpin bends so sharp you need to do three-point turns around some of them! It was a really nice break from hot and dusty Peshawar as it is all grass and pine trees and has incredible views of mountain ranges up to 180 miles away. I was there with fifty 14-year-olds and, as there was a lack of computers, I had to teach them English. In the afternoons we went on walks and played football..... At half-term, with three of the other English teachers, I went back up to Thiandiani. It was actually possible to believe that winter was approaching up there because as soon as the sun went in it got quite cold and it was time to go in and huddle around an open fire. In Peshawar, it is still quite warm (although no longer blazing hot) and it has only rained three times in the past eleven weeks!

Last weekend we were suddenly given two days' holiday, so I went to Swat Valley with some others. To get there we drove over a very rugged, rocky pass through the mountains. It was quite autumnal there and they had had the first snows. We walked and drove through amazing scenery and were shown enormous hospitality by the people in the villages which were only accessible on foot. It is like going back in time here, as they live in mud-brick houses, sharing them with their animals. We also saw a very primitive water mill, which was similar to those used in biblical times, with water diverted through a mud-brick building and an old man sitting on the floor feeding corn into the mill stones.

***** THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

At St Peter's we support the Church's work for children, young people and families through the Church of England Children's Society. Our most recent contribution from boxes was £27.52, making the total given in 1986 to

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44.76. The Secretary for The Children's Society in this area is Mrs J E Vickery, 9, Cherryhurst, Wormley Lane, and if you would like to know more about how you personally can help in this work, please contact Mrs Vickery direct. In 1985 the Society helped almost 10,000 children and young people; thank you for your gifts and prayerful support.

HAMBLEDON BROWNIES

The Brownies send a big 'Thank you' to all who came to their party for the over-60's. They enjoyed themselves and hope that their guests did too.

On 7th February we will be holding a Blue Peter Bring & Buy Sale in the Village Hall starting at 2.30pm. This is to be held to raise some money for the Blue Peter Eye Appeal and we are combining it with a Jumble Sale in aid of Brownie funds. Any donations to either would be much appreciated. For further information please contact Mrs Shepherd, Mervil Cottage, Mrs Underwood, Sunfield, or Mrs Grove, Highfield (Wormley 3532). All items for the Bring & Buy should be marked with your name please).

Mary Grove
Brown Owl

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At our November meeting we had a visit from Mrs W Barnes, who gave us a most interesting talk about her experiences at home and in the Mission Field, and testified to the wonderful way God had enabled her to undertake the medical work and had given her the ability to carry out seemingly impossible tasks when emergencies arose.....

There will be a report about the December meeting in the next magazine. A Happy New Year to all members of the Fellowship and don't forget that we have our party at 3.00pm on January 22nd at Ellingsons.

Brenda Gardner

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

The Christmas party at Ellingsons was once again a great success and we look forward with enthusiasm to 1987. On January 14th Mr Peter Stock will tell us "More about Godalming" and on February 11th Mr Steele will show films on "Juniper Hill and Neighbourhood". On March 11th we are planning a Pottery Demonstration. The Wednesday Afternoon Group wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

CAROL PARTY : A carol party went round the village on December 22nd and collected £65. for the Shaftesbury Homes, a Society which provides residential and non-residential care and character training for socially deprived children and young people, regardless of colour or creed. Their training ship, the Arethusa, is at present in Antigua, on the way to America, to raise funds which will enable young Americans to come to Britain, thus strengthening the ties between the two countries. We should like to thank the people who welcomed us into their homes, and Major Piers de Berniere-Smart wishes to join with us in thanking all our friends who contributed so generously. A fuller description of the work of the Shaftesbury Homes, written by Major de Berniere-Smart, appeared in a Missionary Prayer Leaflet earlier in the year.

Mary Parker

WAVERLEY VICTIM SUPPORT SCHEME : The Police are ready to investigate any incident that affects you or yours. But did you know that there is a VICTIM SUPPORT scheme here? We are a confidential, self-supporting team of trained volunteers operating in conjunction with - though quite separately from - the police, and other established agencies. Victims need sympathy and practical help, often some time after the police have answered the emergency..... The Waverley Victim Support Scheme Co-ordinator maintains a 24-hour service with team members in this area. For help or information, please telephone Frensham 2677.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS!!

Peter Sartin and Pat Williams are constantly on the look-out for items of news for insertion in the Parish Magazine. Please do your best to keep them supplied with happenings and events within the Parish that you think might be suitable.