

JAN 1988

ST PETER'S CHURCH * HAMBLEDON

The Rector writes:

Dear Friends

"In the beginning" Genesis 1:1

And what a beginning; whether for a world, or for a year! The words refer to the fact of His being there before all time, but they also apply to His being there before all things; God first. Because of this, what a beautiful world it was. What peace and joy and blessing there was in Eden for that first privileged pair, until they were tempted to oust God from His rightful first place and to put self first. So it can be for each one of us, that if we put God first in every day, every plan, every choice, great blessing shall be ours this year. "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39). "Not I, but Christ" (Galatians 2:20).

I wish you a very happy New Year, and with the wish I give you a secret. "In the beginning God". Begin every year, every month, every week, every day, everything with God.

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN

CHURCH REGISTER

Wedding * December 5th * Christopher Gravestock
and Rosalie Christabel Brown.

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for November 1987 * £510.49 * Edric Hardy

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR JANUARY

Mrs Audrey Stedall has undertaken to look after the January flowers. We are most grateful to her for the arranging of colourful pot plants during this rather sombre season.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 1988

- Jan. 3 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
 8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
 11 00am FAMILY SERVICE
 6 30pm Evening Prayer (1662)
 7 45pm Youth Fellowship
- Jan. 7 8 00pm Stewardship Meeting at the Rectory
- Jan. 10 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
 8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
 11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)
 - Mr Mac Bolton
 (Rector preaching at
 St Catherine's Bramley)
 (Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
 6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
 7 45pm Youth Fellowship
- Jan. 11 8 00pm PCC meet at the Rectory
- Jan. 13 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
 AT THE RECTORY
- Jan. 17 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
 8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
 10 00am Children's Church
 11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)
 6 30pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
 7 45pm Youth Fellowship
- Jan. 24 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
 8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
 11 00am Holy Communion (1662)
 (Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
 6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
 7 45pm Youth Fellowship
- Jan. 26 8 00pm Christian Stewardship Meeting at
 the Rectory.
- Jan. 27 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
 AT THE RECTORY

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Jan. 31 SEPTUAGESIMA

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am SPECIAL SERVICE
6 30pm SPECIAL SERVICE
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

AND IN FEBRUARY.....

Feb. 7 SEXAGESIMA

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am FAMILY SERVICE
6 30pm Evening Prayer (1662)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

Feb. 10 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
AT THE RECTORY

Feb. 14 QUINQUAGESIMA

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR JANUARY

1/2 * Youth Fellowship
8/9 * Mrs Olive Roderick/Mrs Joan Lee
15/16 * Mrs Dorothy Newel
22/23 * Mrs Brenda Gardner/Mrs Joan Hardy
29/30 * Mrs Joan Hassard-Short

PERSONALIA

It has been good to see Mrs Thalia Dean about again in the village and a very pleasant surprise to welcome Peter Roderick back to church.

Our good wishes go with Paul and Faith Atkins who leave on January 15th for Lesutho where Paul is taking up an appointment with the British Council. Please particularly pray for Faith as she gets used to a new country and

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environment, especially with a first baby due in June.

The Youth Fellowship have recently been planting daffodils on the triangle of grass to the right of the church path. The money for the purchase of these bulbs was left by General Jim Martin and we eagerly await the advent of Spring 1988.

We are particularly grateful to Nigel and Keith Fish for all their hard work in clearing much of the debris from the churchyard following the devastation caused by the October wind.

CHRISTMAS AT ST PETER'S

TOY SERVICE ON 6TH DECEMBER

A great big thank-you to all the children who gave toys which went to the London City Mission and will be given to those children who otherwise would not have had any presents this Christmas. Well done!

Jacqueline Hindley

CAROL PARTY ON 18TH DECEMBER

A Christmas carol party sang to some of the houses in the village on Friday December 18th and collected the large sum of £112.00 which is far more than we have ever collected before; this is being devoted to the Ethiopian Aid Appeal.

We would like to thank Paddy Newel for taking charge of the singing, also the kind people who entertained us in their homes, and last but not least the many friends who contributed so generously.

But please could the missing music sheets be returned?

Many thanks to everyone.

Mary Parker

CAROL SERVICES ON 20TH DECEMBER

The Choir were ably supported by three stalwarts - Patrick and Colin Newel and Peter Hindley - but were sorry to lose friends by the wayside with 'flu germs. We all hope that Peter Gardner and Mary Parker will soon be restored to health and strength.



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE ON 20TH DECEMBER

Thank you to everyone involved in the Christingle Service, held on the afternoon of Sunday 20 December. It was a great success and 81 Christingles were distributed to local children. During the service, the Hambledon Sunday Club performed a Nativity Play - 'Once in Royal David's City', which was very well received. All the children involved put a great deal of effort into their performances, and the sheep, in particular, were extremely convincing!

The Christingles symbolise the world we live in and the love Christ showed by his life on earth. After they had been distributed, the children lined the aisles of the church and, by candlelight, sang 'Silent Night'. It was a special moment for everyone there and one which will stay with us as we go forward in the Light of Christ into 1988.

The money raised at the Christingle Service, together with that raised through the Toy and Children's Book Sale and Carol Singing, has enabled us to make a donation of £190.00 to the Children's Society. We hope that Christingle will now be an annual event in Hambledon. Many thanks to all those whose hard work made it possible.

Hambledon Sunday Club will resume on Sunday 10th January at 11.00am in the Nursery School. All children from the age of 3 are very welcome. If you would like further details, please 'phone Wormley 3406 or 2563.

Julia Harrington

CHURCH DECORATING

As usual Audrey Stedall and her helpers did a magnificent job with the church decorations - we are grateful to them all and also to the kind Hambledon family who once again provided and decorated the Christmas Tree. Audrey would always like to hear from anyone able to help on these occasions - her tel. no is Godalming 6361.

A very striking Nativity Banner is on display on the south wall of the church - our thanks go to Margaret Lasseter and Sue Gillett.

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Our thanks also go to Liz. Arnold who came along to play the organ for the second of the services on Christmas morning.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

The Bible Study Group for ladies meets again after the Christmas break on Tuesday 19 January at 10.30 at Dennys. Rosemary Arden-White will be in touch with those ladies who meet on Wednesdays.

MISSIONARY NEWS

On Tuesday 8th December we had a special fund-raising day organised by the two Bible Study Groups to raise money for a Christmas gift for our friends connected with Hambledon doing missionary work. The event was held at the Rectory and started at 11.00am with coffee and two stalls for 'bringing' and 'buying', followed by lunch. We heard from four mothers about the work their sons and daughters are doing: Eula Symonds spoke about Tim's work in Hong Kong with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship; Rosemary Arden-White told us about Felicity's work with Christian Outreach in a refugee camp in Thailand, and Tim's work in the Inner City of Sparkbrook, Birmingham. Gay Mabley told us about Simon who works for CMS in Pakistan and Sarah, married to Stephen Clarke, Co-director of Christian Outreach. We also heard from Wendy Duffy about Philippa, who is working with Jackie Pullinger in the Walled City in Hong Kong with drug addicts. It was the most enjoyable day, which enabled us to get to know others and also raised £155.50 which, together with the plate money collected after three services, allowed us to send our friends a gift, some of whom receive no salary.

MISSIONARY BOXES

These were collected on the 6th December and the money has been sent direct to the charities concerned:

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Ruanda Mission	:	£72.78
Tear Fund	:	£54.61
Church Pastoral-Aid Society	:	£3.21
Intercon	:	£19.56
Church of England Children's Society	:	£59.78

Thank you to all who give so regularly through their Missionary Boxes. If anyone requires a box, do please let me know. The next collecting day is Sunday June 5th.

Shirley Pollock

MISSIONARY LINK LETTERS

Three recent link letters have arrived and are posted on the Missionary Notice Board in the Church Vestry. Spare copies of these letters will be available in church so that they may be read at leisure. Pippa Duffy has written to tell us of her work with Jackie Pullinger amongst the drug addicts in the walled city of Hong Kong; she infects you with her excitement over the work but much prayer is needed to back them up in the tasks that lie ahead. Throughout the letter Philippa's strong faith in God and an obvious sense of humour are paramount.

Rick James has written to bring us up-to-date with his work in Honduras. He is at present at home on leave and has announced his engagement to 'Cathy'; plans are afoot for a marriage in September 1988. The work is vast and the obstacles are many but here again one senses enthusiasm and a real desire to get alongside those with whom he works (and plays!) Prayers for Rick and Cathy please in the days that lie ahead.

Simon Mabley, working with CMS in Peshawar, Pakistan, keeps us regularly up-to-date with his work at Edwardes College where he is just embarking upon his second and final year. In his Christmas letter he writes that he is planning a couple of weeks in India, departing from Peshawar on 17th December. "So perhaps Christmas Day at the Taj will be possible at last!"

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Please give your prayerful support to all Hambledon
friends working for the Lord far from home and family,
where it can at times be frustrating and lonely.

THE SURREY AREA OF NAFAS

The Surrey Area of NAFAS (The National Association of
Flower Arrangement Societies) is composed of 69 Flower
Clubs situated in and around the County. The Clubs
normally hold meetings once a month either by staging a
variety of flower arranging or a speaker will talk about
some aspects of flower arranging or gardening. There
are usually Sales Tables for items of interest to flower
arrangers.

If you are interested, Shirley Pollock can fill you in
on other aspects relating to these meetings and the
Secretary for this area is: Miss P Leaning

Winkworth Hanger
Godalming GU8 4AE.
(Tel. Hascombe 235)



FORMATION OF A MUSIC GROUP

With all the wealth of musical talent in Hambledon,
we are wondering if it is possible to start a Hambledon
orchestra. Performances have already been requested
and all we need are the players. Rehearsals could take
place in the Village Hall on a suitable evening in the
week.

If anyone is interested in participating and supporting
such a venture, I should be pleased to hear from them
soon.

Philip Underwood
(Wormley 2742)



CONTINUATION OF THE JOURNEY THROUGH PAKISTAN AND INDIA by Phil and Gay Mabley

/ Another day Simon took us shopping in the
Bazaar and it was as if we had gone back in time, with
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narrow streets crowded with shoppers and the shops themselves with narrow frontages open to the street and crammed with the most amazing merchandise. Each street specialised in one item. Shopping is very civilised: you sit down in front of the counter and the shopkeeper sits crossed-leg on it and displays his wares to you. You are always offered a drink of water.

While we stayed in Peshawar the "Bachelors" cooked the evening meal and we all sat round the large table in the kitchen and ate together. They made us very welcome and made our stay so enjoyable that the memory of those few days in Peshawar will always remain a highlight of the holiday. They all walked with us down to the station carrying our cases for us and waited with us for "The Khyber Mail" overnight train to Lahore. All over the platform were groups of squatting people with their belongings in bundles. Before the train drew out of the station a policeman came in and searched the carriage very thoroughly - "for drugs" he told us.

We arrived in Lahore the next morning and took a tonga (horse-drawn trap) to the hotel. The next week was spent with Simon showing us the marvellous sights of the city which has many connections with Rudyard Kipling. Our hotel was surrounded by mosques, many of which used loudspeakers to broadcast the call to prayer and it became a regular background to life - starting just before dawn! We explored the Old City and walked through miles of narrow streets in the bazaar and met shopkeepers that Simon knew. I never quite got used to the fact that they all shook hands with Phil and Simon but completely ignored me; it is not done to shake hands with a woman who is not a member of your family.

At the end of the week we saw Simon off at 7.00am on the 'plane to Peshawar - he was back at the College and teaching by 11.00am. We had another two days in Lahore before we caught the 'plane to Delhi and two weeks exploring India; Lucknow, Delhi, Agra, Jaipur

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and Bombay. We saw even more magnificent monuments but we were also shown round two Indian villages and saw how few personal possessions the villagers owned but how their riches were in their cattle and children. We also saw poor in the big cities living on the streets and in tents on rubbish heaps and we were also besieged by beggars - something which didn't happen in Pakistan. We met Hindus, Jains, Parsees, Moslems and Christians and had their beliefs explained to us.

We would have done none of this if Simon hadn't decided to join CMS and go to Peshawar. It has been a marvellous experience to see where he lives and works and also to see how other nations live. Pakistan is not as used to tourists as India and we found they were all very anxious to know what we thought of their country. I told them truthfully that I had loved every minute of my stay and would like nothing better than to return one day.

Editor's Note: Gay does not mention that on arriving home they were confronted with a partly-demolished house, caused by the toppling of a large tree during the 'hurricane': it was not unexpected, as Christopher had already telephoned to warn them. They are now getting used to Cricket Green Stores where neither Ray nor Patrick sit crossed-leg on the counter displaying their wares!

NEW SERIES OF MEN'S MEETINGS AT WOODSIDE ROAD BAPTIST
CHURCH * CHIDDINGFOLD *
ON THE THEME OF EDUCATION

A subject that interests every thinking person to-day. Government under attack over policy, violence in the classroom, discontentment by teaching staff, cuts in expenditure, etc. In this series we bring to our men's meetings speakers from various schools in our area,

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plus men whose interest is children in church and at universities and colleges.

Come and talk with our speakers and with other men of our village and enjoy an informal evening together.

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

SPEAKERS: January 15th

Mr Derek Holbird,
Deputy Head, Wrecclesham Middle School.
Subject: Middle School Education

February 19th

Mr Alec MacShane
2nd Deputy Head, Woolmer Hill School.
Subject: Secondary Education

March 18th

Mr Ken Murfitt
Former Head of Science,
King Edward's School, Witley.
Subject: Private Education

April 15th

Mr Peter Davis
Science Teacher, Rodborough School.
Subject: Leaving School

May 20th

Mr David Harris
Assistant Travelling Secretary,
University and Colleges Christian Fellowship.
Subject: Students and Church



All meetings begin at 8.00pm in the Church Hall.

Refreshments provided.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We all enjoyed our November meeting when Rosemary Arden-White told us about her recent visit to the Holy Land.

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Thank you Rosemary for sharing it with us and for bringing a fascinating display of photographs and exhibits.

Our next gathering will be the party in January which will be held at Ellingsons and will be on Wednesday 27th. After that all meetings will be on the fourth Wednesday instead of Thursday, as this will enable more of our members to be with us each time.

Brenda Gardner

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

Some of the Wednesday Afternoon Group can boast a high IQ when it comes to solving Chrib or Clyupetasu and 18 other very topical names in the hurricane season and in remembering 20 out of 27 items displayed for a few minutes. With carols, crackers and Christmas tea we closed the year in fine style.

The November sale made over £266.00 with still some more to come in. The Village Hall was our first consideration, with the Godalming Branch of the Salvation Army's Children's Fund and the Wildlife Hospital at Hydestile making up our donations. Most of the unsold things were sent to the Cheshire Homes to help their funds.

It won't be a bore on Wednesday January 13th to see two films from I.O.S. shown by Mr Madgwick. "The Severn Bore" and "Dolphins" being shown at Brenda MacLachlan's home, Hawthorn Cottage, at 2.45pm. Do come along.

We have some very interesting subjects for the future meetings. Alternative medicine, Homeopathy, demonstrations for hairdressing, spinning, painting - including a lecture on self-defence!

The Group extends a very warm welcome to any ladies; we meet on the second Wednesday each month at different venues.

We wish a happy and peaceful year to you all.

Joan Hardy
