

ST PETER'S CHURCH * HAMBLETON * JANUARY 1989

From the Rector:

My dear Friends

For some time now it has been our intention as a fellowship to give some opportunity within our worship for a healing service which would include the laying on of hands with prayer according to the words we find in James chapter 5.14: "Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and annoint him with oil in the name of the Lord". We are commencing to give this opportunity after communion in the evening service on the fourth Sunday of the month, which will be January 22nd. We are fortunate in having a team of people, some of whom are trained counsellors, who can pray for anyone who comes forward. Healing in this context is seen in its widest sense, including healing from hurts and any kind of physical, emotional, demonic or social problems. The young people have already been exercising this kind of ministry among themselves and have seen God at work in deliverance and healing in a wonderful way.

The PCC has agreed to share with Busbridge a youth worker who will be joining us in February. His name is John Reaney and he has been working until recently with the Church Army in Woking. We shall be using one-seventh of his time, so naturally will be bearing one-seventh of the cost, which will be around £1,500. We hope to designate one cash collection a month to this cause. He will be helping Julia and Jeremy Harrington with Sunday Club on the 2nd and 4th Sundays and spending one day a week in the parish. We look forward to welcoming him.

I have been given the opportunity to visit Israel for ten days this month by a travel company who wish to train potential leaders of parties for the future.

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I hope that some of you may join me for a visit to the Holy Land in the days ahead!

May I wish you and your families God's richest blessings for 1989.

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN

CHRISTMAS AT HAMBLEDON

Once again we are indebted to Mrs Audrey Stedall and her gallant band of helpers for making our church look so beautiful and festive over the Christmas and New Year period. Mrs Elizabeth MacLay kindly donated the Christmas Tree, which we were particularly pleased to have as it had been planted by Strang some ten years ago. We are grateful too to the Pitt family for decorating the tree and to Michael Atkins and Keith Fish for coping with the lighting.

Church flowers for the month of January are under the watchful eye of Audrey Stedall but this does not mean that the rest of us can just sit back and heave a sigh of relief! There is a list in the church porch covering the period February to June 1989 with plenty of blank spaces; new names are always welcome and Mrs Mary Parker (Hascombe 339) looks after the list and can always supply further information if needed.

CHURCH CLEANING LIST FOR JANUARY

January 7/8	The Aylward Family
13/14	Mrs Maureen Reynolds
20/21	Mrs Dorothy Newel
27/28	The Pitt Family

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for November 1988 : £1030-98

John Taylor

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 1989

January 01 1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
 8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
 9 45am Family Service - followed by coffee
 6 30pm Evening Praise
 7 45pm Youth Fellowship

January 08 1ST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
 8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
 11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)
 : Mr Douglas Kahn
 (There will be no Holy Communion following
 this service)
 6 30pm Youth Service
 7 45pm Youth Fellowship

January 15 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
 8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
 9 45am Family Service
 11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)
 6 30pm Evening Praise
 7 45pm Youth Fellowship

January 16 8 00pm PCC MEET AT THE RECTORY

January 18 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND
 PRAYER AT THE RECTORY

January 18 - 25 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 22 9TH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER (SEPTUAGESIMA)
 8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
 11 00am Holy Communion (1662)
 (Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
 6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
 (with the Laying on of hands)
 7 45pm Youth Fellowship

January 29 8TH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER (SEXAGESIMA)
 8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
 11 00am Special Service
 (Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
 6 30pm Special Service
 7 45pm Youth Fellowship

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AND IN FEBRUARY

February 01 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND
PRAYER AT THE RECTORY

February 05 7TH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER (QUINQUAGESIMA)
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
9 45am Family Service - followed by coffee
6 30pm Evening Praise
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

February 08 ASH WEDNESDAY
8 00pm Holy Communion (1662)

February 12 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT
8 00am Holy Communion (1662).
11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)
(followed by Holy Communion (1662))
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

Newsletter

Many congratulations to Caroline (nee Mabley) and Steve Daly on the arrival of James - born on 29 November - a first grandchild for Gay.

Also to Elaine (nee Sopp) and Darren Knott of Nutbourne Cottages on the arrival of a daughter (Donna) a sister to Stacey.

Mr Ted Booth of Wormley Lane and Mrs Elsie Frogley from the Almshouses have both recently been in hospital. Fortunately it was a very quick "in and out" for both of them and we are delighted to know that they are about in the village again.

Our thanks to George Pitt for providing an industrial vacuum cleaner for use in the church. Whilst on the subject of "church cleaning", Rosemary Arden-White is always on the look-out for more helpers to do this task.

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Please contact Rosemary (Wormley 2582) if you could help at all.. The more 'helpers' the less frequently we all have to do it and you can all use the new vacuum cleaner!!!

USED CHRISTMAS CARDS

I have been asked by a cousin if I could collect used Christmas cards to raise money for the Indian Cancer Society. Apparently it is difficult to buy nice Christmas cards in India and the Cancer Society can raise a lot of money by making them for sale from used cards. I would especially like to help in this way. If you would like to give your cards to this Society, could you either telephone me (Wormley 3350) and I will collect them, or deliver them to me at Findings, Wormley Lane, Hambledon - leave them in the garage if I am not there.

Thank you very much.

Elizabeth Maclay

AND A POSTSCRIPT FROM PAT WILLIAMS!!!

Don't forget that all used stamps can be left either at church or the village shop for distribution to a good cause. Usually these go to the Bible Society but the last lot went to Christian Outreach. Everyone is most grateful - so keep them rolling in.

WHERE DO OUR CHRISTMAS TOYS GO?

One London City Missionary to the Fire Brigade received a number of toys from a church in Bournemouth at Christmas. Later in the year two children were involved in a blaze, one of whom tragically died in the fire. The other was seriously injured and taken to a local Hospital where she was admitted to the Intensive

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Care Unit. She became the favourite of the firemen and after she was discharged the Missionary was able to visit her and present some of the beautiful toys he had earlier received. The child and her mother were delighted.



Some of the toys received by the London City Mission at Christmas are used at Centres running a pre-school playgroup, one of which is located in the inner-city area of Bermondsey, and where a number of children from poorer homes regularly attend.

In some cases at Christmas the head teacher of a local school will contact the City Missionary with the names of poorer children and the Missionary is able to visit with toys and make useful contacts. One such situation was in a home in North London where the mother had become an alcoholic and the housekeeping money spent on her addiction. The Missionary was able to provide toys for the four children in that home, all of whom were under five years of age and who were delighted to receive them. The father very much appreciated the support given by the Missionary and the local Church, and although the mother has now left the home, the Missionary is pleased to report the father is coping with the family. *****

Thank you Hambledon children for the toys that you brought to the Toy Service on Sunday, 4th December.

Jacqueline Hindley

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

On Tuesday December 6th the Tuesday and Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Study Groups got together at the

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Rectory to prepare a 'pot-luck lunch' with a Bring & Buy Stall. But by far the most important feature of the morning was our guest speaker, Beverley Parkin, who made fine flower arrangements centred around the Christmas theme. We sat enthralled whilst she put the flowers and greenery together, and at the same time told us how she became a Christian and what Jesus and His death on the Cross meant to her. She told us how she had contracted polio at the age of sixteen, which left her left arm paralysed, but the Lord had given her this gift of flower arranging which she shares with others; especially more so now she has a message to give.

The money collected from donations and from the Bring & Buy Stall has gone towards the Christmas gifts the Missionary Committee send to those connected with St Peter's working for the Lord at home and abroad.

It was a day of great blessing and fellowship for all those fortunate enough to be able to attend, and we also had the opportunity to purchase Beverley Parkin's book "Flowers with Love" which she was busy autographing.

Shirley Pollock

Missionary Committee

Has anybody got any spare time and wool to knit small vests for Refugee children? They can be in any colour. If you would like a pattern, so simple, please contact Shirley Pollock. (Wormley 2116)

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

It was sad that so few people were able to be at our meeting in November to welcome Sheila Bolton when she gave us a very interesting illustrated talk about the Sudan. It was a happy afternoon and we enjoyed

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having Sheila with us once more.

Don't forget our party in January - on Wednesday 25th at Ellingsons.

Brenda Gardner

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

The social side of the Wednesday Afternoon Group hit a record. A pub lunch one week arranged by Bobbie Allen, (very good it was too!) Then at Ellingsons we had a taste of Christmas.

If you keep your eyes open and know the signposts around here, you could have won a splendid game thought up by Brenda Gardner. Charades, followed by pass-the-parcel; a sweet in every wrapper didn't help the figure, neither did the festive spread for tea, which was too inviting for most of us. Dorothea joined us for tea. Carols rounded off the afternoon, Hilary on the keyboard, doing better than we did with our singing!

Thanks to everybody we have had a very successful year.

January 11th at Ellingsons, 2.45pm will be our next meeting and what better to start off a new season than Miss Mary Parker with a delve into the past in Hambleton.

We wish you all the best for 1989. May God go with you.

Joan Hardy



A carol party went round the village on December 22nd and collected £100 for the Armenia Disaster Fund. We would like to thank the people who welcomed us into their homes and all who gave so generously.

Mary Parker