

ST. PETER'S HAMBLETON

July 1977

THE RECTOR WRITES

The visit on Sunday July 3 of Bishop David Pytches, who has for some years been Bishop of Bolivia, Chile and Peru, will be a very special occasion. He is to speak at Children's Church that day, then to preach at 11 am and 6.30 pm, and finally to speak to Young People after the evening service, by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Cecil Chapman in their home at Little Court. On that same day there will also be an Open Tea at the Rectory from 4 pm to 5.30 pm, and we give a warm invitation to any who live in our village to come to this. We shall be very glad to see them, and we ask our church members to encourage them to come with them.

Please make the Organ Recital (details on page 8) known to others too, and bring friends down to the Rectory for a cup of coffee afterwards.

We have sent this message to Her Majesty the Queen at the time of her Jubilee:-

"In celebrating the Silver Jubilee of Your Majesty's Accession, the Rector and Parishioners of St. Peter's Church, Hambleton, Surrey, send loyal greetings and heartfelt congratulations, thanking God for the many blessings of Your Reign, and offering their prayers for the health and happiness of Your Majesty, His Royal Highness Prince Phillip, and all the Royal Family in the years to come."

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DIARY FOR JULY

3 SUN. Fourth after Trinity

SOUTH AMERICAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church: Bishop D. Pytches

11 am Morning Prayer: Bishop David Pytches

6.30 pm ~~Evening~~ Prayer: Bishop David Pytches

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

4 Mon. 7.45 for 8 pm. P.C.C. meets at Rectory

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

10 SUN. Fifth after Trinity

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm ~~Evening~~ Prayer: Young People's service

7.45 pm Young People at Rectory

17 SUN. Sixth after Trinity

Holy Communion at 8 am and 7.30 pm

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

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

21 Thu. 8 pm Organ Recital: C. Mabley, ARCO

24 SUN. Seventh after Trinity

Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am

10 am Series II Communion Service

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm ~~Evening~~ Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

31 SUN. Eighth after Trinity

Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Holy Communion, hymns and sermon.

7.45 pm Young people meet

AND IN AUGUST

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

7 SUN. Ninth after Trinity

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

14 SUN. Tenth after Trinity

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

CHURCH FLOWERS

July 3 Mrs M. Caroe

10 Mrs E.A. Wieler

17 Mrs D. Symonds

24 Mrs R. Mitchel

31 Mrs D. Ringe

Aug. 7 Mrs D. Head

14 Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for May 1977 £108 - 99 p.

E.F. Denny

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptism June 5 Charles Maynard Gordon-Finlayson

Burial June 11 Mary Richmond Withington of
Busbridge Lane

What fun we all had on the cricket green on the extra Jubilee Bank Holiday! It seemed that most of the village was there, and in spite of the showers it was a day to remember. A gay and colourful procession assembled at the Merry Harriers, with the Cup Hill Morris Dancers, a group of vintage cars adding a touch of dignity, and some splendid floats decorated and peopled by Womens' Institute, Church School, Brownies and Cubs, and a group from Phillips Garage. Somehow our circus-master Major Denis Wieler managed to get them all marshalled and despatched in time, and in due course they were welcomed by some hundreds at the village green. There a short open air Thanksgiving was conducted by the Rector and Canon Oldham, and the afternoon events followed. Mrs Coleman organised a Fancy Dress competition which produced many fine entries. The Brownies entertained us delightfully with Maypole Dancing. Michael Coleman and his helpers organised children's sports. If there was time to tear oneself away from the centre, there were also pony rides, sideshows manned by the helpers of Alan Harper, a most interesting museum of Coronation memories and older regimental uniforms and weapons assembled and displayed by Mr Anthony Wieler in the garage of Mr and Mrs Winton Dean. Refreshments were provided by Women's Institute and the Conservatives. Major John Major kept the roads clear and supervised parking. Major Piers de Berniere-Smart gave commentary throughout as if to the manner born. At the close of the afternoon an attractive commemorative goblet was given to each of over 130 Hambledon children aged under 13.

During the "half-time", from 5.30 to 7 pm, one would have supposed all tiny children would have been stowed away in bed, but certainly one Very Junior Person reappeared in her sleeping bag to view the evening scene. 7 o'clock saw some hundreds of

spectators for Brian Fish's grisly "It's a Knock Out" when teams from Football Club, Cricket Club, Hydestile Social Club, Hydestile Hospital Social Club, and the Church Youth Fellowship did battle to the great entertainment of us all. Sarah and Tom Grill and a team of chefs ran a fine barbecue. The Social Club provided drinks. At 9 pm Martin Caroe's huge bonfire flamed like a torch - and warmed us up no end! And there was dancing to the music of "Stax of Wax" until midnight.

Many worked very hard for this; too many to be named here; but we thank them all.

Well. It was something worth celebrating, wasn't it?

RECTORY TEA PARTY

Sunday 3 July

4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS

Uganda is a country about the same size as Great Britain, with a population of about 6 m. Bordered by that great lake, Victoria Nyanza, from which flows the Nile, it is a lovely country of plantations, forests, mountains, plains, and swamps. This year the Christian Church there is celebrating the centenary of its foundation. These facts make the present happenings even more tragic, and we can only trust that Amin's regime will soon be brought to an end. There are still about 300 Britons living in the country, most of them missionaries, who are carrying on their work in hospitals and schools etc. They are in good heart but are suffering and need our special prayers.

Uganda was discovered by Speke in 1862, and after

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Stanley visited it in 1875 a plea was made by the then Kabaka, Mutesa, for missionaries to be sent. The first to go in 1877 lost their lives on the way, on a journey of 700 miles by foot, and across the lake by canoe. In 1885 Bishop Hannington became the first martyr; his last words, "Tell the Kabaka I die for Uganda" are inscribed on his tombstone in Kampala. By this time Mutesa had been succeeded by his son Mwanga, who persecuted the Christians, and 18 young Ugandan Christians were burned to death, singing the martyr hymn. A memorial stone has been erected near Kampala in their memory.

Now, at the commencement of the second century of the church in Uganda, Archbishop Luwum has been murdered. He was a fine man and Christian leader. Before independence was given, Uganda was a British Protectorate, and there was never any racial discrimination. It is estimated that about 70% of the people are nominal Christians, but in many areas the church became formal and dead. In the 1930's, however, in the goodness of God, a spiritual revival broke out which spread throughout East Africa. As a result there is a live church in Uganda which is being persecuted again. Perhaps even the best known Ugandan Christian is Bishop Feste Kivengere. He has been here on many occasions, and has also travelled to America and other parts of the world as an evangelist. He was one of the three Africans who visited Guildford in the Autumn of 1974 and spoke in the Cathedral. He was with Archbishop Luwum on the day before he was murdered, and finding himself to be next on the list to be threatened by Amin, he and his family managed to escape in a wonderful way. He took part in the procession at the Westminster Abbey Memorial Service for the Archbishop.

J.S.S.

MARY RICHMOND WITHINGTON

It was a shock to us all to hear of the sudden death, soon after a prostrating stroke, of Mrs Withington, well known to our 11 am congregation as a regular member. Her grandfather Richard Phillips was Rector of Hambledon from 1875 to 1908, and she used to tell of the days when the family lived in Glebe House, the then Rectory, and of the Rector riding to his pastoral visits on horseback. Her mother, a Miss Phillips, married one of the sons of the Mellersh family. At the age of 19 she herself married Brigadier Richard Withingt M.C., of the Royal Engineers, and she travelled with him when he served in India and the Far East. She lost her husband in 1969. Her lively sense of humour and keen interest in games and social life made her many friends. We specially remember her cheerful courage, and we shall miss her humour on Sunday mornings. To her two daughters we send our special greetings now.

PERSONALIA

MR GEORGE ATKINS who has been far from well through the winter, has recently become very ill indeed. He is now very weak, but is being nursed at home. Our prayers are specially with his relatives now. His son MICHAEL ATKINS has had the misfortune at this time of special need to suffer a painful disc injury to his back. MISS ELLEN FRISBY of Byrny Cottages has been in the County Hospital, and MRS VARDEN of Milford in St. Luke's Hospital, and we send them our best wishes for a good recovery.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

The fortnightly Bible Study evenings at the Rectory will be held on July 6 and 20, at 8.15 pm. We shall continue to study St. John's Gospel. All are most welcome.

St. Peter's Church, Hambledon

ORGAN RECITAL

by

CHRISTOPHER MABLEY, A.R.C.O.

Thursday 21 July at 8 pm

including music by
Bach and Mendelssohn

Silver Collection for The Samaritans

Coffee afterwards at The Rectory

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next monthly meeting will be on 14 July ...
a Tea Party at the Rectory.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Hambledon W.I. decorated and manned a Float for the Village Jubilee procession on Tuesday 7 June. The Institute's Diamond Jubilee is this year, so they dressed in the period of 1917, including one member in a genuine Women's Land Army uniform. They showed activities such as machine sewing, jam-making, wine-making. Many were wet through by the time they reached the Cricket Green, but all were gay and happy, as were the people all along the route.

The Institute held its monthly meeting next day, June 8th, at the Rectory by kind invitation of the Rector and Mrs Thompson, who provided a delicious tea. Miss Taylor got all the members crocheting, even beginners. She demonstrated basic stitches, and showed stitch samplers and some beautiful shawls and things she had made. After this the President dealt with the business, and Mrs Webb of Busbridge gave a vivid and interesting account of the Albert Hall AGM.

Mrs R.C. Steele