

ST. PETER'S, HAMBLEDON

JULY 1980

THE RECTOR WRITES

The report by Jenny Vbranch on page 6 gives us a vivid insight into the work done in the Shaftesbury Homes as well as in Arethusa, and indeed by other similar societies working among disadvantaged boys and girls. Those who undertake this very demanding work need strength and love and patience and wisdom above the ordinary. As well as the joy that comes in a moment of success, they need encouragement at the moment when they seem to have failed with someone. We need to pray for them, as we do also for those who give their counsel in work for The Samaritans or in Marriage Guidance.

Even those of us who have no special training can give more help than we know to others who are sailing through stormy seas: and especially this is so if we are Christians. The fact that God loves us (however little we deserve it), and has a purpose for our lives (which gives us something to aim at), and that He helps and strengthens us in this... all this is something we can share in simple words with others. To some, these could come as most surprising thoughts, which could make all the difference to them.

A good question for each Christian to ask is "What do I know in my own experience that is worth passing on?"

2. CALENDAR FOR JULY

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

6 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in Modern English

7.45 pm Young People meet

13 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer; Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People meet at Rectory

14 Mon. 7.45 for 8pm Parochial Church Council

16 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study & Prayer(Rectory)

20 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm

10 am Children's Church: Public Baptism

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Holy Communion

7.45 pm Young People meet

27 EIGHTH SUNDAY 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

30 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study & Prayer (Rectory)

31 Thu. 8 pm Organ Recital by Christopher Mabley
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AND IN AUGUST

3 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in Modern English

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

10 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at The Rectory

CHURCH FLOWERS

July 6 Mrs R. Williams

13 Mrs E.A. Wieler

20 Mrs Alan Secrett

27 Mrs R.L. Scott

Aug 3 Miss M. Parker

10 Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for May 1980, £195 - 24p

Income Tax recovered £733 - 25p

£928 - 49p

CHURCH REGISTERS

E.F. Denny

Baptism

June 1 David Llewelyn Meredith Surrey

Isla Kate Natasha Surrey

Burial of Cremated Remains

June 4 Edgar Ernest Avery (69)

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ORGAN RECITAL

by

CHRISTOPHER MABLEY B.A., A.R.C.O.

on Thursday 31 July

at 8 pm

Coffee afterwards at The Rectory

We are delighted that Christopher Mabley, who has just gained his degree in Music at Cambridge University, has promised to give us another Recital this summer. Book the date now, and bring your friends.

PERSONALIA

It was a great pleasure to hear the news that MR IAN TRETHOWAN has been granted a knighthood in the Queen's Birthday Honours. All his friends in Hambledon will want to congratulate him on this well deserved honour.

We send warm greetings to MR & MRS HERBERT BRUNT who have just celebrated their Golden Wedding.

This is a milestone which we are always glad to record in these pages, but we can only do so if friends are kind enough to let the Rector know.

We were very sad to hear that MRS CONNIE WHITE while in the Royal Surrey Hospital recovering from her broken hip, suffered a severe stroke which has left her initially immobilised and unable to speak. She is now a little improved after a difficult week. DR JACK SYMONDS is also in the Royal Surrey where he has had an operation to provide him with a new hip joint. MR CHARLES VACHER spent a few days in St. Thomas's Hospital under intensive tests to determine whether he might be a candidate for major heart surgery, and is waiting now to hear what is advised. MRS AWLING has been very unwell at home, but is improving again now. MRS GOAD had a fall on her staircase

at home, and we must be thankful that the only damage was shock and bruising. MISS SYBIL HARCOURT-CLARK suffered a most unfortunate fall while on holiday in Scotland, and had to go into hospital there for a skin graft.

MISS JENNY ARDEN-WHITE (after working for some time at the Headquarters of Tear Fund, where Wendy recently joined her), has just flown out to Sydney, Australia, and hopes to find employment there.

MRS SOPP has recently lost her father after a long illness, and we remember her, and especially her widowed mother, in this time of sorrow.

MR JOHN HANSFORD is retiring at the end of this summer term as Headmaster of King Edward's School, Witley. His years there have seen the large-scale re-building programme, and have in other ways too been a period of inescapable change, and we wish both him and his wife many years of most happy retirement.

MR WINTER of Salt Lant has also retired, from his post at Milford Hospital, and we send our very best wishes also to him and to Mrs Winter for all the years ahead.

JULY PROGRAMMES

SUNDAY CLUB meets on July 13, and then discontinues for the summer holidays.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH continues throughout July and August, meeting as usual on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES continue on 2nd, 16th, and 30th July, in the Rectory at 8.15 pm.

CHURCH SCHOOL FETE

The School Association of our Church School is holding a Summer Fete on Saturday 12 July from 2 pm, and will be glad of our support.

Jenny Vbranch of our Young People's Group writes this illuminating personal account.

" I have recently spent five days on The Arethusa, which is a very beautiful 72 foot ketch owned by The Shaftesbury Homes and Arethusa. Her main object is to provide a challenging adventure (with a visit to a foreign port if possible) for mainly disadvantaged children within the London area.

The week I was on board, there were nine children all from the Borough of Westminster, three social workers, the crew and myself, a total of seventeen. The children were aged between just under 14 and 15½. I think the children could well be described as difficult.

We had hoped to sail to Ostende, but as the children were feeling the worse for wear with sea-sickness, we sailed to Dunkirk. The normal sailing day was divided up into six four-hour watches: I suffered with a 12-4 am watch! During a watch we were all assigned various duties, mine being watch-leader. Meals were cooked on a rota, by one adult and one child, the child choosing the menu. So we lived on sausages, chicken, eggs, baked beans, mash ... you name it, we ate it!

When we were aboard, it was a must that everyone obeyed the skipper; but early experiences suggested that we might have trouble on board, and a mutiny developed. Some of the children decided that having to sail the boat, book, and clean, was just not on! The skipper had to threaten a few things, and later these threats became a reality: No work, No food! The mutineers decided not to help, and the law was enforced that they would not be eating. It does sound hard, but it was their decision, and at all times they knew they had only to volunteer to help and they

would be fed. Consequently these five mutineers missed four main meals, and left The Arethusa on the Friday very hungry. I will say, though, that they did help to clean the boat before we left, only because the thought of swimming ashore did not appeal to them! I feel this can be described as a story of failure. But there was also on board a success story.

Quite obviously for the other four children there was a lot to do. One boy in particular, Robert, came on board on the Monday, very excited like the others. The difference about him was that he was monosyllabic. (I understand he came from a particularly unfortunate family background, and the guardians were at present at a loss to know what to do with him). This disadvantage did not seem to prevent him from enjoying himself, though he said little. He was always keen to help, especially in the actual sailing. One minute he would be at the helm, later putting the sails up or away. He was completely at home. When he went home, I heard that his guardians were amazed at such a transformation. He did not stop talking, he obeyed them, and he now has something to aim for ... going into the Merchant Navy. That I feel was a wonderful success, and a striking example of the great work The Arethusa does".

Jenny Vranck

If any of our members has a redundant table (preferably though not necessarily a folding table) which could be used in the small vestry at weddings for the signing of the Registers, and who could spare this for the use of the church, we should be most grateful. If it were larger than, say, 3 feet by 2 feet, there would scarcely be room for the wedding party! Even a folding card table might do, if fairly stable.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Hambleton W.I. met at Feathercombe by kind invitation of Miss Mary Parker and Mrs B. Wieler on Wednesday 11 June.

Mrs B.R. Allen was thanked by the President Mrs F.M. Crowhurst for arranging a most enjoyable trip to Kew Gardens, and a letter was read from Mr K. Chesson thanking the W.I. for the floral tribute sent in memory of his mother, a past President.

Miss M. Parker then held us entrallled with a talk about her father, Mr Eric Parker, Surrey Naturalist and Author, a man who through his writing and radio talks had the power to show the ordinary man the way to see beauty in everything.

Mrs D.M. Ellingson gave the vote of thanks, and the raffle was won by Mrs B. Williams. The tea provided, and walks round the garden, both proved very enjoyable.

E.C. Freemantle

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The house to house collection this year for Alexander Rose Day raised the record sum of £62-71p. On behalf of the Society I would like to thank the collectors and everyone who gave so generously.

V.B.W.