

ST. PETER'S HAMBLEDON

JULY 1982

THE RECTOR WRITES

Let me again thank our members most warmly for the way that year after year they give so generously to our needs. We are most grateful for this faithfulness.

I ask all our members to read the article on pages 4/5. It shows all of us who pay income tax at the standard rate how easy it is, without extra cost to ourselves, to increase the value of our gifts by 43%. without necessarily binding ourselves to the same causes every year.

After reading the article, many members may feel that the best arrangement is for them to have two covenants, (they need only be for four years, not seven as formerly):-

- 1) One covenant with our own church. For this we need only to ask Miss Denny (Wornley 2461), who will explain fully and make things easy for us. Don't forget that if you like you can still place the covenanted money in the weekly envelopes of the Free Will Offering Scheme.
- 2) One covenant with the Charities Aid Foundation to cover all other causes (e.g. Missionary Societies, Relief work, emergency appeals). It is much better for such gifts not to be channeled through the church; and the article explains how we can change our distribution from year to year. For this you should write for details from the C.A.F. at 48 Pembury Road, Tonbridge, Kent.

Allocating our gifts is one of the year's happiest jobs. Paul wrote, "God loves a cheerful (the Greek is 'hilaros') giver".

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CALENDAR FOR JULY 1982

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FOURTH 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 (ASB)

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

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Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study & Prayer(Rectory)

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer & Public Baptism:
also Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at The Rectory

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Mon. 7.45 for 8 pm P.C.C. meets

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Wed. 8 pm Confirmation: Guildford Cathedral

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

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Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study & Prayer(Rectory)

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S. JAMES. SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 9.45 am

9.45 am Holy Communion (ASB)

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

AND IN AUGUST

1 EIGHTH 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 (ASB)

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

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

8 NINTH 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 4 Miss E.F. Denny

11 Mrs E.A. Wieler

18 Mrs H.J.C. Page

25 Mrs N. Fish

Aug. 1 Mrs J. Synonds

8 Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for May 1982 £255.04p.

Tax recovered on Covenants £1019-16p.

E.F. Denny

PARISH REGISTER

Baptism June 6 Claire Elizabeth Elcombe

CHARITIES AID FOUNDATION (CAF)

It is, perhaps, appropriate that the Rector should have asked me to write a note on the CAF because I was so very slow in appreciating the facilities which they offer, and regret that I did not start years earlier to channel the bulk of my missionary and charitable giving through them. I am glad to have the opportunity, therefore, of trying to encourage others, who may not be fully aware of the CAF, to enquire further how the Foundation can help them.

I believe that most people have several charities which they like to support on a regular basis, and this means that, to maximise giving, individual covenants need to be made to take advantage of the income tax refund (for someone paying tax at the standard rate, this increases the net amount by nearly 43%). Ad hoc contributions to other charities or disaster appeals do not qualify for tax refund because they are not covenanted.

The CAF offers the advantages of simplicity and flexibility combined with full tax refund on the whole covenanted amount. All that is necessary is a single covenant with the CAF; then the amount prescribed plus the tax refund becomes available for distribution, both to registered charities and for any purpose recognised as charitable by the Inland Revenue (e.g. most disaster appeals). Donations can be made by Charity Credits written out by the subscriber (rather like drawing a cheque on a current account), or by the CAF through standing orders or other payment instructions (anonymously, if it is wished). It is, of course, possible to vary the amount given to individual charities from year to year, thus enabling a prompt and effective

response if one charity is in special need while another's requirements may be less immediate. Money available on a CAF covenant does not have to be distributed in the particular year, and some may be carried forward to the following year, thus giving further flexibility. And a covenant with CAF does not have to be additional to existing covenants, since charities usually are very ready to agree that outstanding payments may be made through CAF.

The CAF charges a small operating fee: 3% of the covenanted amount goes to its founder, now the National Council for Voluntary Organisations. The minimum period for a covenant has been reduced from seven to four years. The initial deed can be for a minimum amount, and additional or substitute deeds completed later if desired, so one need not feel circumscribed. Deeds can be tailor-made to suit individual circumstances.

Of course, St. Peter's supports a range of home and overseas missions and other charities - something like a quarter of church income is distributed in this way. The disadvantage, however, of channeling one's main missionary and charitable giving through the church is that it is in a sense "taxed" by the Diocese because the Quota is assessed on total church income. This is not really a good substitute for direct giving and the personal involvement which results.

This only outlines some of the main features of the CAF, and full information can be obtained from them at 48 Penbury Road, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 2JD.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES

Our informal studies continue fortnightly during July, on 7th and 21st at 8.15 pm. in the Rectory. At about 9 pm we always finish with a short time for prayer, for sick people and others who specially need our prayers, and for national and world needs. We are always glad for any to join us. We are also glad to hear at the Rectory of any matters that friends would like us to include in our prayers.

CATHEDRAL FETE. Sat. 17 July 11 am - 5 pm

Guildford Cathedral is in urgent financial need, and this fete is a major effort by all the parishes of the Diocese.

Opener: FRANK MUIR

PUNCH & JUDY: OUTDOOR GAMES: MORRIS DANCERS

MINIATURE RAILWAY : BAND : BARRELL ORGAN

EXHIBITIONS & ORGAN RECITALS IN CATHEDRAL

Creche provided

There are two ways in which we can help:

- 1) GO and SUPPORT Take the family, or your friends. It should be well worth while.
- 2) PROVIDE SOMETHING for the Sweet & Savoury stall, which we and other churches in our Deanery are running. Quiches, pizzas, sausage rolls, flans, preserves, (not cakes) would be most welcome, wrapped in polythene bags or film, and marked with the price. Please deliver your contributions at the Rectory on the previous day (Friday 16th) as all our goodies are to be taken to the Stall by Peter and Olive Roderick early on the day of the fete. Mrs Ringe could tell you more.

PERSONALIA

NEIL FISH is to be married to DIANNE FERRY a nurse at Hydestile Hospital, on 24 July. Our warmest good wishes go with them.

CAROLINE ATKINS has announced her engagement to MARK EAST whom she met while helping at one of the Lee Abbey House Parties. Our prayers are with them as they prepare for their wedding next spring.

MRS TEARSON, who was widowed last March, has now gone away from her home here to live in a nursing home. We shall miss her very much from our early Communion Services, but are thankful that she will be well looked after.

RICHARD THOMPSON-BONE is to be confirmed at Guildford Cathedral on Wednesday 14 July at 8 pm, and we ask for the prayers and support of our people for him.

DR COUPLAND wishes to thank all his friends and patients who so generously contributed towards a retirement present. Their names are in a book, but it has not been possible to make individual acknowledgements.

SCHOOL FETE

This year's summer fete is on Saturday 10 July at 2 pm. The School Association plans a very special event with a performance by Hydestile Morris Men. Stalls include cakes, plants and produce, nearly new Children's clothes as well as bric-a-brac. Please support, by providing, and especially by coming.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On Thursday 27th May we were fortunate in having Miss Mary Hayward to talk to us. She recently retired as Matron of Kabale Prep. School in Uganda. Her theme was prayer. She illustrated what this meant to her with a little rug, closely shaped to fit over her shoulders. Keeping it close by

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her, its warmth and comfort helped to get through this last cold English winter. Prayer was rather like that little rug. If we are far away from God and don't talk to Him, we can feel lost, cold and miserable; but because Jesus shed His blood for us we can, by faith, know the joy, warmth, and comfort of drawing near to Him at any time. With this and other examples from her own life she gave us a very helpful talk we shall long remember.

R.A-W.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In beautiful sunshine Hambledon W.I. held their first garden meeting of the summer in the lovely setting at Aran Lodge. The business meeting was conducted by the President, Mrs B. Major. Mrs R. Steele gave a very glowing report of the visit by some members to the Craft Exhibition at Cranleigh. Plans were finalised for a visit to Miss B. Davies's garden, and also an outing to Earham House. Mrs M. Vacher then gave a very lucid report on the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall. Mrs Boreham, the guest speaker, gave an account of 21 years on the road as manufacturer's agent, which sounded to us an exhausting experience. Miss M. Parker gave the vote of thanks. A scrumptious strawberry tea was provided by Mrs de Berniere-Smart, and members would like to thank her for the use of her garden, and providing the tea. Birthday posies were presented to Mrs F. Jeffery and Miss Lockwood. Mrs M. Vacher and Mrs M. Freemanle won the raffle.

E.G.F.