

ST PETER'S HAMBLEDON : JULY 1986

The Rector writes:

My dear Friends

New beginnings are always important - a new job; a new school; a new house; getting married etc. I always feel that September is a time of new beginnings in church life. The holidays are over and everybody is settling down into a new rhythm and new programmes. A good start is essential and it is for that reason we have planned a special parish weekend from September 13 - 14 led by the Rev John Kingsley Smith with his wife Cherith and their family. John is Vicar of Aldbourne, Wiltshire, which is a very similar, though larger, village to Hambledon. I have asked him to take as a theme " Being the Church of Jesus Christ". John was our organist at Christ Church, Chorleywood and at that time he and Cherith were both professional musicians. John was eventually ordained, having passed through Ridley Hall, Cambridge and a curacy in Somerset before arriving in Aldbourne about two years ago. Cherith still sings professionally, although with four small children this is sometimes difficult. Do put these dates in your diary and plan to be with us. The Saturday sessions will be in the Rectory and John will preach for us on the Sunday and hopefully he and Cherith will also sing for us. More details will be available later.

May I just say a big thank you to the Youth Fellowship for clearing out the Vestry. They did a great job and the PCC is considering ways in which we can improve and use that space. Something which is at a premium in our church I am afraid!

Also thank you to Peter and Olive Roderick for presenting a new clock for the vestry. There is now no excuse for not starting services on time!

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN

CALENDAR FOR JULY 1986

July 2 8 15 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
AT THE RECTORY

July 6 6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion

10 00 am Family Service - taken by
Sunday Club

MISSIONARY BOX OPENING

FOLLOWED BY POT LUCK LUNCH AT THE RECTORY

6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662)

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

July 13 7TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion

11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)

6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

July 14 7 45 for 8 00 pm PCC meet at the Rectory

July 16 8 15 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
AT THE RECTORY

July 20 8TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion

10 00 am Children's Church

11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)

6 30 pm Evening Service

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

July 27 9TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion

11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)

6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

AND IN AUGUST

Aug. 3 10TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion

10 00 am Family Service - followed by
coffee at the Rectory

6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662)

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

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Aug. 10 11TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
 8 00 am Holy Communion
 11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)
 6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
 7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

NO MEETINGS WILL BE HELD FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER DURING
THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptisms:

June 15 Francesca Ruth and
 Natasha Louise Harrington

June 21 Laura Elizabeth Weston

Wedding:

June 14 Stephen James Hall and Laura Smith

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for May 1986 : £519.50 : Edric Hardy

CHURCH FLOWERS : July 6

13 Mrs P Percival-Maxwell
20 Mrs M Caroe
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CHURCH CLEANING :

July 4/5 : Mrs O Roderick/Mrs J Lee
 11/12 : Mrs J de Berniere-Smart/Mrs R Arden-White
 18/19 : Mrs R Taylor and Diana
 25/26 : Mrs D Newel

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July 6 : Family Service at 10 00 am at which there will be an opportunity for you to bring your Missionary Boxes. It is proposed to call in the boxes at 6-monthly intervals and if you could put your name on the box before handing it in, this will ensure that you will be told how much you have collected.

Following the Family Service there will be a Pot Luck Lunch at the Rectory. Last year it was a beautiful day and we are all praying that we will be so blessed again this year. It is so much easier if you can leave the clearing up to our feathered friends! Please sign the list on the font at the back of the church if you are able to come and also indicate if you can provide something towards the lunch - although neither of these requests are a 'must'.

July 19 : 7 30 pm HAMBLEDON VILLAGE HALL
Dance in aid of new floor. Tickets at £2.50 are available at the village shop and a buffet supper is included in the price.

September 13 - 14 : PARISH WEEKEND

Oct. 3 : HARVEST SUPPER

Oct. 5 : HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Oct. 14 : COFFEE MORNING and BRING & BUY organised by the Tuesday Bible Study Group in aid of Shaftesbury Homes.

Further details on these later dates to follow.

BLANKET DISTRIBUTION IN THE SUDAN

Thank you for answering the call for blankets which we were able to give to Sarah and Stephen Clarke when they were recently in Hambledon. More are always needed and can be left at the village shop.

CATHEDRAL DAY

The Cathedral Day on 17 May raised a total of £6,000 of which the Godalming Deanery plant and produce stall made £490. Thanks are due to all who gave produce and particularly to Mrs de Berniere-Smart who supervised a collecting point, Mrs Stedall who took the produce to the Cathedral and Mr and Mrs Roderick, who served on the stall in the afternoon and cleared up afterwards.

Sheila Bolton

THE BIBLE SOCIETY

The Ladies' Committee of the Bible Society in the Godalming area are most grateful for all the support that they received at their Gift Day on June 4th at which they raised over £270.

While still on the subject of The Bible Society - Peter Harvey writes:

BIBLE SOCIETY PLANT SALE

The plant sale on 5th/6th June made £45.39 and with donations the total sum raised was £50. We were blessed with good weather and generous support.

We are grateful to all our customers and to Ray and Patrick Williams who assisted in many ways.

Interest was expressed in the idea of a sale of perennials, say in October, when people are dividing up clumps and tidying up and replanting before winter. This however would require a goodly posse of donors beside ourselves. I already have the names of 3 people who kindly said they would probably be able to give some items. Would others who would like to give plants in the autumn for sale in aid of the Bible Society please contact me (Tel. Dunsfold 315).

Peter Harvey

SPACE-FILLER : BUT NOT OUR PETER HARVEY!!

From the Daily Telegraph of 18 June 1986:

"Holiday angler Peter Harvey from Brighton caught a 62lb conger eel yesterday off the Isle of Wight. He used a cucumber sandwich as bait after fishing for three hours using ragworm without getting a bite". !!!

PERSONALIA

We send greetings and all good wishes for a happy day on 20 July to Mr & Mrs Gaskin of Paddock Close who celebrate their Golden Wedding. Many congratulations on the birth of their son to Alan and Judith Peacock of Sarona Cottage. It is indeed good news to learn that Mike Stevens is safely at home convalescing after a recent operation. We send our sympathy to our Church Treasurer, Creighton Redman, whose father has recently died and we remember Mary May whose mother has died following many years of ill-health. Please continue to remember in prayer the elderly of our parish and all who are sick and house-bound.

HAMBLEDON NURSERY SCHOOL

A buffet supper was held at the Nursery School on 23 May to celebrate the purchase of the former village school building by the Nursery School Charitable Trust. The purchase from the Diocese was recently completed for £45,000, the sum being raised by covenants and donations and also by loans to be repaid out of the Nursery School's income over the next 10 years.

Tribute was paid to the role played by Mrs Caroe and Mr Pitt in the setting up of the Nursery School and the purchase of the building. Miss Mary Parker, herself a Governor of the former village school for many years, made a presentation and said how pleased she was that the building would continue to house a school.

The Nursery School, under the direction of Mrs Stansfield, is thriving. It has now been running for 3 years and has 70 pupils.

Mary Caroe

OAKHURST COTTAGE

Oakhurst Cottage is open on the afternoons of Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Bookings can be arranged through Edric Hardy on Wormley 4733.

Ted Booth has been battling in the garden with the ground elder and other 'unwanted' and from all accounts it is responding to his treatment.

There are now a few copies of Gertrude Jekyll's book "Old West Surrey" in the cottage for sale at £8.90. This may prove popular as it is understood the book is now out of print.

The National Trust are proposing to set up Regional Publicity Offices in the near future, so there will be a new Publicity Officer and a new Historic Buildings Representative covering our area. It is hoped that this will ensure that Oakhurst Cottage and other Trust properties become more widely known.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

A very pleasant and interesting afternoon was spent in Miss Judith Ledeboer's charming home.

Dame Sylvia Crowe told us about her life as a Landscape Architect - she was one of only a few when she started but now there are many more as the various Councils and Authorities recognise the need to plan the land around the reservoirs, railways, electricity works and many others. She also travelled to other countries to give her valuable advice.

The next meeting will be on July 16 at Lower Farm House, by kind invitation of Mrs Hilary Morrison, when Mrs Muriel Campbell will tell us about her visit to Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

We meet at 2.45pm.

Barbara Major

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On May 22nd we again enjoyed the comfort and hospitality of Mrs Ellingson's home when we met to hear Mrs Ruth Carpenter talk to us about her early experiences with the China Inland Mission and how she had to cope, as a new recruit, with the problems of language and a culture so different from our own. We hope to hear 'Part Two' of her time in China when she visits us again next year.

The June meeting of the Fellowship will be the last before the summer recess and we will look forward to resuming again in the Autumn - details nearer the time.

Brenda Gardner

INFORMATION FROM THE DHSS

PRESCRIPTION CHARGES

Why not find out if you can get free prescriptions before you take your next prescription to the chemist. Each item on a NHS prescription now costs £2.20 so why not check out and see if you have to pay these charges.

The DHSS have a very useful leaflet (P.11) which explains who can get free prescriptions and how to claim. If you would like a leaflet just ring, write or call at your local social security office. Alternatively, dial 100 and ask for Freefone DHSS.

If you are not able to get free prescriptions then you could have a "season ticket". A four-monthly season costs £12 and a yearly one costs £33.50 which could save you money if you are in the position of having to have a lot of prescriptions.