

ST PETER'S CHURCH : HAMBLEDON : JULY 1987

The Rector writes :

My dear Friends

How to have inner peace while living in a noisy and often violent world is a question which Christianity claims to answer. As our civilisation becomes progressively more noisy and distracting, the need for inner peace becomes more urgent. In a familiar phrase, St Paul states this need in the form of a blessing: "The peace of God which passes understanding shall guard your hearts". (Phil. 4:4).

There is a peace which does not "pass understanding" but consists of understanding. Philosophers such as Spinoza with his "intellectual love of God", are an example of this and who will deny that some peace can be gained by acknowledging that existence is part of a completely rational order.

However, the "Peace of God", according to St Paul "passes all understanding". He means, surely, that the peace of the Christian is not negative but positive, not static but active. It is not gained by human reasoning or self-discipline but is the gift of God, a grace which may be granted to the obedient but ignorant child of God, who has no philosophical understanding.

The difference between the Christian's peace and that of the humanist, arises from different beliefs in the source of peace. St Paul assumes that it has to do with God in Jesus, who is personal and who loves him, so it is natural to think of the Christian's life as a city guarded by a friend, bringing inner peace and joy within its walls.

God grant us this peace.

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN

CALENDAR FOR JULY 1987

July 1 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND
PRAYER AT THE RECTORY

July 5 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am FAMILY SERVICE
4 00pm PARISH TEA PARTY IN THE RECTORY
GARDEN
6 30pm Evening Prayer (1662)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

July 12 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)
: followed by Holy Communion
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

July 15 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND
PRAYER AT THE RECTORY

July 19 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
10 00am Children's Church
11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)
6 30pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

July 26 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am Holy Communion (1662)
6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

July 29 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND
PRAYER AT THE RECTORY

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AND IN AUGUST

Aug. 2 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am FAMILY SERVICE
6 30pm Evening Prayer (1662)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

Aug. 9 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)
: followed by Holy Communion
6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS FOR BIBLE STUDY
AND PRAYER DURING AUGUST OR SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER
MEETINGS.

THERE WILL BE NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH ON AUGUST 16TH
AND SERVICES ON AUGUST 23RD WILL BE MORNING AND
EVENING PRAYER.

CHURCH REGISTERS

Weddings:

May 30 : ARTHUR DAVID SHACKLETON and
MARY VERONICA CASE

June 30 : STEPHEN RICHARD JONES WILLIAMS and
ANDREA CAUL

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for May 1987 : £621.81 : Edric Hardy

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

July 5 : Mrs P Perceval-Maxwell
12 : Mrs A Stedall
19 : Mrs J Finnigan
26 :

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

July 3/4 : Mrs Caroline Pitt
10/11 : Mrs Maureen Reynolds
17/18 : Mrs Joan Lee and
Mrs Olive Roderick
24/25 : Mrs Dorothy Newel
July 31/
August 1 :

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Several parishioners have been ill and in hospital since the issue of the June magazine. Miss Faith Denny had the misfortune to fall and had to undergo an operation to pin her hip back into place and Mrs Sonia Symonds, after some months of discomfort, finally was admitted into hospital for a successful operation to deaden a painful facial nerve. Mr John Allen was also admitted into hospital and underwent an operation for the removal of an appendix. We are pleased to report that all three are safely home again and recuperating.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Mrs Agnes Kahn, who, with her husband-Cecil, at one time lived at Malthouse Farm. We send our sympathy to Mr Cecil Kahn at this sad time.

On May 23 Susannah (nee de Berniere-Smart) and Murray Campbell were pleased to announce the arrival of their second son (Charles, Piers, de Berniere). A welcome sparing-partner for Duncan and fourth grandson for Jean and Piers.

On 10 July Georgina and Ted Booth celebrate their Golden Wedding. Many congratulations to them both from us all.

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Christopher Mabley has announced his engagement to Miss Helen Johnson and they are to be married on 31 August. Many will remember Christopher when he was Organist at Hambledon from the tender age of 16 until he left for University; even then we were pleased to see him back during the vacations. Christopher is now Organist and Choirmaster at St Mary Barnes. Helen sings in the Choir and teaches the pianoforte. At a recent concert organised by Christopher at St Mary Barnes, Helen played the Mozart Piano Concerto. So St Mary Barnes is the venue on 31 August; we wish both Christopher and Helen a happy day and God's guidance in their future life together.

It was good to see so many at the Churchyard Clean-Up on Saturday June 13th. Thanks to all who came - it was a good way to get to know the 'faces' we often see but the 'name' escapes us!

If you would like to know more about the happenings in the Godalming Deanery how about taking 'Link' magazine? This is published monthly and can be obtained through St Peter's. Do let Pat Williams know if you would like a copy.

How pleased we were to have David and Eve Thompson with us during the last weekend of May. We were able to renew past acquaintances and it was good of them to come back and share a lovely weekend with us.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY PLANT SALE

The Plant Sale held on 5th June realised £162.05. The organising team (Joan and Edric Hardy, Mavis and I) thank all those who contributed to this result by giving or buying plants.

Peter Harvey

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

On behalf of the Children's Society, I would like to thank all those who gave so much of their time helping in various ways at the Garage Sale held at Longacre on Saturday 20th June. As well as the sale of various items, we also received generous gifts and donations, the end result being £94.77. Special thanks are due to Mr & Mrs Bolton for lending their facilities at Longacre, without which we would not have been able to hold the event.

J.E. Vickery

HAMBLEDON NURSERY SCHOOL

We are holding a "Cowboy" Barbeque on Saturday July 4th at the School from 3pm. This event is designed to suit all ages. There will be a raffle, pony rides, Bring & Buy Cakes and Produce. Assault Course; Teas and Ices; Sideshows; Races.
Admission : Adults £2.50 (includes a winning
Children £1.50 "lucky draw" prize)

Tickets in advance from Hambledon Nursery School or at the gate.

MISSIONARY BOXES

Those who handed in their boxes in June are warmly thanked for their contributions. As a result £12.50 has been sent to Intercon (3 boxholders) £39.15 to Tear Fund (5 boxholders) £4.25 to CPAS (2 boxholders) and £50.79 to Ruanda (10 boxholders) making a total of 106.69. The next collecting Sunday is December 6th.

Sheila Bolton

There is just space here to insert a personal message from Faith Denny, who wishes everyone to know how much she appreciated all the help and encouragement she received during her recent stay in hospital.

VISIT TO SIMON MABLEY by Stephen and Sarah Clarke

We were fortunate enough to be able to visit Simon on our way home from Thailand. As we had flown on Pakistan International it was easy to arrange a stop-over. So we left Bangkok at 2am., arrived at Karachi at 5am. and at 9.30am. boarded the airbus to Peshawar.

It only took 2 hours and we could see Pakistan below us all the time. It all seemed very dry and part of the journey was actually over desert -- we were glad that we had changed our minds from travelling by train, which would have taken 36 hours. When we got further north we could see little fields, and the little square, flat-roofed, mud houses and it looked much more rural.

So we landed at the very smart airport at Peshawar and there was Simon waiting to meet us. As we found in Karachi, everyone battles to offer you a taxi or rickshaw but Simon managed to negotiate one for us with his newly learned Urdu. So we rattled and bumped away for the 20 mins. drive to Edwardes College.

Unfortunately there had been a freak hailstorm the day before and this had caused most of the leaves and twigs to come off the trees, so everywhere looked quite bare but otherwise just like the slides which Simon had sent home.

Days 1 and 2 were spent wandering around Peshawar City which was a very interesting place with lots of old buildings, tiny alleys crammed full of shops and people, lots of traffic - rickshaws, horses and carts, buses, cars, bicycles, etc. It seemed very busy to us but Simon said that it was in fact unusually quiet because this was the month of Ramazan.

Days 3 and 4 were spent in the foothills of the Himalayas. Edwardes College has three holiday houses at a village called Thandiani. They have no electricity or running water and they are about 200 years old - so it felt a bit like camping. It was also much cooler at night as it was so high up; we had log fires in the evening. There were spectacular views, rather like Austria or Switzerland,

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except that we could see K2 in the distance!

On Day 5 we drove back to Peshawar and looked round an Afghan refugee camp. This was in marked contrast to Thailand as they were very free to come and go as they pleased but equally this meant that it was very hard to monitor their health.

Day 6 we departed for Karachi. It had been lovely to see Simon and to find out how settled he is; to meet his friends and to see the place where he is working and a bit of the country.

Sarah and Stephen have promised to send us news of their time spent in Thailand working with Christian Outreach and this we hope to include in the magazine for August.

Ed.

AND NEWS FROM SIMON HIMSELF!!

It's Ramazan at the moment and so all the Muslims are keeping the daylight fast (4.0am to 7.0pm) which means that air-raid sirens go off across the city at 2.0am (to get the women up to cook the men's breakfast), at 3.0am (to get the men up to eat it), at 4.0am for the start of the fast and at 7.0pm for the finish!

It doesn't really affect us apart from the school timetable being from 7.0am to 11.30am now. Term finished yesterday after a week or so of exams and so now we have about a week free before the school camp in Thandiani and after that, of course, everyone will be leaving.

It is very hot - 100°F on our verandah to-day. After the sudden heatwave a few weeks' ago, the weather has been going through a cycle of heating up and then raining, cooling it down again. Just before Sarah and Steve arrived we had an incredible storm. It was about 5.0pm and top 80's when the wind started to get up; this rapidly turned to rain, which in turn changed

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to hail. The wind was an absolute gale and the hailstones got bigger and bigger until they were about 1 1/2 inches across! The storm lasted only 15 minutes but caused an amazing amount of destruction: all the vegetation was stripped and lying in heaps, many birds were lying on the ground battered to death and the grass was first pulped into mud and then buried under ice. It was very eerie after it had passed, with steam rising from the ice on the field. The temperature had dropped right down and so jumpers were needed. The new whitewash on the Bachelor Block was ruined as it was completely sprayed with mud and my roof started to leak very badly under the battering; so Sarah and Steve didn't really see the College at its best.

I shall be helping at the Shalom Christian Centre in Jhelum during part of June and July and then Nick Bayley* is coming out for a month and we hope to explore the north of the country together, away from the heat.

*Nick Bayley is a friend of Simon's from Busbridge. - Ed.

NEWS FROM HAMBLETON YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The month of May was very busy and rewarding for the Fellowship, thanks to a full programme of Sunday teachings and Friday socials.

Many thanks are due to Tom and Rosemary Arden-White for their inspiring talk about "Becoming more like Jesus" and for Caroline Atkins' and Johnny Sartin's talks on "How far will you let God into your life?" and "Mastering Sin by Self-Control". Friday evening socials included picnics, barbeques and games of volleyball and football plus long walks. Even more is planned for the summer - great opportunities to bring along friends!

Small groups have been reorganised and new leaders allocated, meeting twice a month (minimum!) provides time for Christian growth as well as uninhibited sharing and the chance to make better friendships.

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After much hard work, many of us are breathing a sigh of relief at the end of exams and there are lots of things to look forward to, such as the HYF holiday to the "Go Festival" at Nottingham in July, kindly catered for by Chris Maclay and Louise Nelson.

It is good to be visited by 'old' members such as Tim Arden-White, Caroline Atkins and Pete Mousley and catch up with their latest news; we are also looking forward to seeing friends back from college and abroad.

Some of the Group enjoyed helping to clear the churchyard which proved satisfying as the brambles were conquered and fun as we met church members of differing ages.

We are sad to say goodbye to Sally Close who is on her way back to Australia (via Europe!) and Paul Ridsdale-Smith off to live with his parents in Torquay. We wish them well and look forward to the coming months which promise to be very exciting!!!

Tamsin Lamb
Jane Underwood

PARISH COUNCIL

As you probably know, there were only 6 nominations for the 7 places on the new Parish Council. At the first meeting of the Council it was decided to invite Mr Philip Underwood to fill the seventh place and he has accepted.

The new Parish Council is therefore:

Mr John Anderson	: (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs Muriel Campbell	
Mr Alfred Hammond	
Mrs Elizabeth Maclay	: (Chairman)
Mrs Jenny Sewell	
Mr Philip Underwood	
Mr Ron Vickery	

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Meetings are held about every six weeks and are publicised on the Parish Council Notice Board and the Notice Boards at the Village Hall and Hydestile Crossroads. All the meetings are open to the public and are open to questions from the floor between 9.30pm and 9.45pm. However, if anyone is unable to attend at this time, they are invited to contact the Clerk (Mr Paul Vacher) or any Councillor at least 5 days before the meeting to arrange a convenient time to address the Council on a particular subject.

Just a reminder! We have entered the Best Kept Village Competition again this year (still in the winners class) and although it was a dreadful day when we had a Village Clean-Up in April, a good deal of tidying did get done - if you know of any more which needs doing, could you let us know?

Elizabeth MacLay

THE FETE IN '88

Hambledon will be having a Fete in 1988.

About 50 people turned up to an Open Meeting at the Village Hall on Monday 15th June and unanimously decided that they wanted a 'traditional village fete' next year. The date chosen is to be Saturday 9th July and there may be events on the Friday and the Sunday of that weekend.

People willingly volunteered for various organizational posts and it was easy enough to form a Fete Committee. Many others said they would organize stalls or certain events.

After discussion it was agreed that most of the proceeds would go towards the Village Hall Extension Fund.

Any number of suggestions for activities came forward and we will list them in future issues of the Parish Magazine.

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It is still early enough to make further suggestions and any of the following will lend you an ear: Cynthia Miller, Pauline Parker, Patrick Williams, Ken Morrison, Mary Grove, Ray Blackman, Ron Vickery, Mary Parker, Sylvia and Mic Coleman.

Mic. Coleman

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On May 28th we had an informal gathering at The Hill. A chilly wind meant that we had to have tea indoors but the weather kept fine for everyone to walk around the garden and enjoy the rhododendrons.

On Thursday July 23rd we meet as usual at Ellingsons and look forward to having our Rector with us.

Brenda Gardner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

If you want a pleasant afternoon out, why not follow the example of the WAG's and visit Witley Common NT Centre? With a very knowledgeable guide we were shown the gems and quirks of nature, flowers, butterflies and moths; look-a-likes, that is beetles pretending to be ladybirds - and a very good job they made of it!

We also saw the bad side - a huge hole where soil had been dug to be used to stop erosion - but worse still it was nearly filled with rubbish that had been dumped on the Common, like old fridges, bikes, etc.

The Centre houses a NT shop and displays, where we saw a film on the management of the Common to preserve it for the future.

The July meeting at Feathercome brings us Mr Underwood, our local Vet. See you there on the 8th at 2.45pm.

Joan Hardy

Jeanette Aldridge would be grateful if we could refrain from depositing jumble with her until further notice. She will let us know when she is able to take 'delivery' again!!