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ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

JUNE 1979

THE RECTOR WRITES

At their sponsored walk to Guildford Cathedral and back our Young People's Group raised £260 for the work of the Ruanda Mission in Central Africa. Well done! They are grateful to their many friends for their generosity; and we are grateful to them for their initiative.

Below are details for two special Summer Events. Both are Open events, to which anyone may come. Come to both if you can, and bring your friends with you. We look forward very much to seeing you.

RECTORY TEA PARTY

SUNDAY 1st JULY 1979

4 to 5.30 pm

DO JOIN US WITH YOUR FRIENDS

ST. PETER'S HAMBLEDON

ORGAN RECITAL

CHRISTOPHER MABIEY, A.R.C.O.

Thursday 28 June 1979, at 8 pm

And afterwards, Coffee at The Rectory

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CALENDAR FOR JUNE 1979

3 WHIT SUNDAY

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 Little Court: Speaker
Miss Sue Lynn-Allen

6 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study at "Bermonde"

10 TRINITY SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am
11 am Morning Prayer: Mr G.M. Bolton : Sunday Club
6.30 pm Evening Prayer: Mr Howard Gracey
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

17 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY: S. American Missy. Socy.

Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm
10 am Children's Church: Canon Philip King
11 am Morning Prayer: Canon Philip King
6.30 pm Holy Communion: Canon Philip King
7.45 pm Young People at The Rectory to meet
Canon King

Loose collections all day to S. American Missy. Socy.

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

24 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. S. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am
10 am Series 2 Communion Service
11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club
12.10 pm Public Baptism
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

28 Thu. 8 pm Organ Recital by Christopher Mabley, ARCO,
A 200 (see page 1)

AND IN JULY1 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

4 pm Rectory tea party (see page 1)

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in modern English

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

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

8 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer : Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

CHURCH FLOWERS

June 3 Whit Sunday flowers

10 Mrs C. Chapman and Mrs M.B.P. Stedall*

17 Mrs M. Caroe

24 Mrs D. Ringe

July 1 Miss E.F. Denny

8 Mrs E.A. Wieler

* To mark the 20th Anniversary of the Floral Section
of the National Association of Fine Arts.

FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for April 1979, £247 - 06p

E.F. Denny

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptisms May 6 David Roy Elcombe

20 Sonja Caroline Walker

Confirmations May 19 Louise Rachel Arden-White

Emma Susan Booker

Colette de Vere Green

Joanna Caroline Pollock

Burial of Cremated remains May 17 Guy Aziz

The hall was again well filled for the Annual Meeting. Our Church Electoral Roll had grown from 228 to 247 during the twelve months.

ELECTIONS The Rector thanked all who had served in the elected offices, particularly Brigadier Stevens who now stood down from Deanery Synod; and Mrs Hutchins and Mrs Lance who had completed their term of three years on the Parochial Church Council.

Churchwardens: Mr Cecil Chapman & Mr Peter Roderick

Sidesmen: All re-elected: Mr Creighton Redman added

Hon. Auditor: Mr Alan Harper

Deanery Synod: Mr Cecil Chapman, Major Piers de Berniere-Smart, & Dr Jack Symonds for 3 years

Parochial Church Council: Mr Tom Arden-White, Mrs Peter Gardner, and Mr Roger Mitchell elected. (The other members, continuing, are the Churchwardens; the Deanery Synod representatives; Mrs Mac Bolton, Mr Tony Cannon, Mr Tom Grillo, Mr Edric Hardy, Mrs John Major, and Miss Mary Parker).

REPORTS

Work of the P.C.C. Mr Tom Grillo gave an excellent summary, mentioning the provision of Pew Bibles; the provision of a "double" Christmas morning service; the Churchyard-cleaning day. He also said that permission was being sought to remove from the churchyard grave kerb-stones (leaving both upright memorial stones and also horizontal stones when flush with the ground) so that the churchyard can be regularly and easily mown.

Fabric The Church and Rectory were generally in good order. Last year little was needed for repairs, but in the ensuing twelve months we would certainly need to spend more. Work needs to be done on some pointing and stonework, and external painting at the Church. The fine old stone wall to the west of the church path needs careful attention. Lines had been painted on the road outside church to help more effective parking (see page 7).

Financial Matters Miss Denny reported that Free Will Offering income had increased from £2481 to £2982, and the number of Covenants from 56 to 63. From the Treasurers accounts we learned that our total income grew from £5199 to £6175; that expenditure grew from £3287 to £3634; that of the surplus £436 had been added to the General Reserve which now stands at £1669; and that Missionary and other outward giving had increased from £1560 to £2105 (£1285 overseas and £820 in the United Kingdom). In the coming year our payments to Diocesan Quota would rise considerably, and we would need to spend more on repairs.

Mr Ray Williams reported that, thanks to the gift of paper and of the work of our home production team, the magazine still made a small profit.

We were very thankful for these heartening figures and warm thanks were expressed to the various treasurers.

THE RECTOR'S REVIEW OF THE YEAR In his glance back, the Rector felt that though it had been a year without red-letter-days, there was much to encourage. The only statistic we kept showed that communicants had increased from 1858 to over 2000 in the year. The children's work had evolved further with the provision of a senior group for 12-14 year-olds, and this was proving a useful bridge between Sunday Club and the Young People's Group. The Young People continued in good numbers and good heart, and were giving real help (e.g. at The Almshouses). The monthly Women's Fellowship had had some excellent speakers, and the weekly study group for ladies had had to divide into two through growth of numbers. Parish Fellowship each winter month continued to fill a need in the village scene and was much appreciated.

The Rector gave his warm thanks to the large number of helpers, both elected and volunteers, who worked so hard and so well in every part of the church life.

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In his glance ahead, he hoped especially that in the coming year each member would seek to make better use of the open (often informal) occasions when we could most easily invite our friends. He instanced the Organ Recital (June 28), the Rectory Tea Party (July 1), the Harvest Festival (Oct.7), and the mid-week discussion groups. Barriers of shyness, invisible to us, could make it hard for non-church goers to come, especially after the elapse of some time. We must make bridges to help them.

A welcome cup of tea at the close was provided by the kindness of Miss Denny and Mrs Fanny Jeffery.

PERSONALIA

Both Mr and Mrs Martin Read, and also Mr and Mrs Stephen Lance, are rejoicing in the safe arrival of another baby son. We warmly congratulate them.

Mrs Wieler successfully had her operation in St. Thomas's Hospital, and is now convalescing with her daughter before returning home to Feathercombe. Mrs Chapman also had to spend a week in hospital for the removal of a small bone in her throat, but is now safely home again. Mrs Ayling, who has been far from well during the early part of this year, is now going into St. Luke's Hospital for her needs to be reassessed. Mrs Heath had a painful, and at first alarming, injury to an eye while playing squash, but after a few days in the County Hospital has fully recovered. Mrs Bourne, who keeps our church so clean each week, suffered more than two weeks of pain and immobility from a disc injury to her back, but we are glad to say that she is now getting about again. Mrs Dorothy Jeffery and Mrs Connie White have both been under doctor's orders at home. We send to them, and to all our sick friends, our best wishes for their full recovery.

KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL, WITLEY
SUMMER FETE IN AID OF THE BURSARY APPEAL
30th June 1979 from 2.15 pm
ALL ARE WELCOME

CAR PARKING FOR CHURCH SERVICES

We are grateful to Mr Ron Vickery for painting white lines on the roadway outside the Church, and we hope that this will help us to park our cars more effectively, nose to hedge. We need to use the space as economically as we can, and of course to leave the turning space at the top clear.

We are specially in debt to Major John and Mrs Major for their kindness in continuing to allow us to use their private courtyard at Court Farm at service times. We want, however, to minimise our trespassing on their kindness.

Please, in general, use the roadway parking fully before making use of the courtyard. If drivers do need to use space at Court Farm, please

- (i) Park clear of all garage doors there, so that they are free to make use of their own cars!
- (ii) Treat their grass verges with due care, and also their gate posts. Forgive our mentioning this, but they have actually suffered damage.

The Church Council is keeping the whole matter of parking under review. With space limited as it is, we all need to exercise good parking discipline.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES

Our informal Bible Studies in the early chapters of Acts continue fortnightly throughout the summer, usually at The Rector; but on 6 June at Bermonde, the home of Mr and Mrs Ray Williams next door; always at 8.15 pm.

N.S.P.C.C.

The gardens will be open at Vann (by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Caroe) on Saturday 9th June between 2.30 pm and 5 pm. There will be various stalls, and teas will be served in the Barn. Please come and support this very worthy organisation.

Anything "for sale" would be gratefully received by Mrs Creightob Redman (Wormley 2532) or Mrs Ray Williams (Wormley 2455).

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At recent meetings we have been privileged in welcoming speakers from different countries which have been headline news throughout the media. Last month Mrs Ronald Pont spoke to us on Iran and the work in which she and her husband (both surgeons) have been involved for sixteen years in a Mission Hospital in Isfahan. She told us much about the customs of the people, and about the problems and also of the strong Islamic influence throughout the country, the latter making it difficult to proclaim the Christian Gospel. She also demonstrated the use of 'the veil' worn by the women, and in all gave us a truly vivid insight into the life in Iran. Whilst on leave in this country with their children, Mr Pont was called back in January during the crisis; but during this time of enforced separation Mrs Pont's testimony has been that the Lord has strengthened and helped her see His plan working through it all. S.M.S.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

"Let us be more care free"

At their May meeting Hambledon W.I. had a competition for "a resolution you would like to see passed at the Albert Hall"; and a light-hearted one proposing the abolition of rates and taxes and the encouragement of a more care-free life was acclaimed the winner.

The serious business was to consider, with the help of the V.C.O. Mrs Lancaster, the resolutions for the Albert Hall Meeting of the National Federation. Hambledon strongly supported keeping Village Schools, increasing deterrent punishment for violent crime, avoiding mixed-sex wards, and making training for motor-cyclists compulsory. Outings to Graffham, Witley Common, and Looseley were arranged. R.S.

GIRL GUIDES

Would any girls interested in forming a Guide Troop in the village please contact Mrs Michael Coleman, Beech Brow, Rock Hill (Wormley 2977)