

ST. PETER'S HAMBIE DON

JUNE 1982

THE RECTOR WRITES.....

WHAT PRICE WHITSUN?

Most of the great Christian Festivals ... Christmas, Good Friday, Easter.... have to do with what God has done FOR us through His Son. Christians find much to rejoice about here, and make much of it.

Yet it can leave many, and perhaps some who read these lines, quite cold: they can't really see the point: they don't really feel the need: there is no real desire, no motivation, and no power to respond. We need to be spiritually "turned on". In other words, all that God (in Christ) did FOR us long ago may be wasted unless God does something IN us now.

Whitsun - the coming of the Holy Spirit - has to do with God coming in, to do something in us. We call Him the Teacher because He helps us to see: we call Him the Giver of Life because He brings us to life: we call Him the Comforter (the old English word for strengthener) because He got us climbing, and tackling our problems victoriously.

In all this He is the one who takes the initiative and gets us going. Then, if that is so, where do we begin?

We can begin by ASKING. A one-hundred-per-cent-honest prayer that He will open my eyes to see, that He will change me, that He will make me what He means me to be - this could open a door into a new life. It is a venture we ought not to miss.

2. CALENDAR FOR JUNE 1982

6 TRINITY SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon
10 am Children's Church: Public Baptism
11 am Morning Prayer
6.30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

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

13 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am
11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club
4 pm Rectory Tea Party (see page 7)
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands
The speaker at all services and to the
Young People afterwards will be the Rev.
Dr David Milton-Thompson, OBE (Kenya)
Collections all day to Church Missy. Socy.

20 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm
10 am Children's Church: Mr G.M. Bolton
11 am Morning Prayer: Rev. Patrick Ashe
6.30 pm Holy Communion: Rev. Patrick Ashe
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

23 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study & Prayer at
Bermonde, by invitation of Mr Williams

27 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 9.45 am
9.45 am Holy Communion (ASB)
11 am Morning Prayer: Mr G.M. Bolton
Sunday Club.
6.30 pm Evening Prayer: Mr John Lewis
7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

AND IN JULY

4 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 (ASB)

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

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

11 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 at the Rectory

12 Mon. 7.45 for 8 pm Parochial Church Council

CHURCH FLOWERS

June 6 Mrs M.B.F. Stedall

13 Mrs E.A. Wieler

20 Miss P. Hoy

27 Mrs P.M. Corbett

July 4 Miss E.F. Denny

11 Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for April 1982, £286.88p.

E.F. Denny

PARISH REGISTER

Marriage

May 15 Brian Charles Fish & Angela
Maureen Luff

Funeral

April 27 Norcliffe R. Walford (Lane End)

4.

RECTOR'S REVIEW

(Further notes from the Annual Meeting)

The Rector gave warm THANKS to a large number of members who helped in the practical, the administrative, and the pastoral work of the church, whether at church services, at informal meetings, or elsewhere. Many gave a great deal of time and trouble, and we all appreciate this tremendously.

NUMBERS were fractionally smaller than last year. Six members had died and seventeen left the parish, and numbers on our Electoral Roll had declined by 10 to 249. While numbers were not the only gauge (there was for example the good news of an increase in the number of those using daily Bible Reading notes), the slight fall should remind us of the need to come regularly. To be there is in itself a help and encouragement to others. We do not come to church only for ourselves, but also for others, and most important of all for God.

SERVICES. Preference for the old or the new services is always a sensitive point. Some churches have even been split over it! The Rector felt that the proportion at present was about right for the Hambledon family. Most of our services (all at 8 am and all at 11 am) are from the 1662 Prayer Book. A service from the Alternative Services Book is used monthly at the 9.45 am, and also monthly at the 6.30 pm Communion Service, and once a month at Evening Prayer. This probably reflects preferences about fairly. Moreover the use of some services from the A.S.B. enables 1662-lovers to adjust and be ready for situations when, on holiday or after a move, they go to a church which uses only the new services. The Rector thanked members of the Hambledon family for their goodwill and understanding.

This is a family matter, where diversity of tastes ought to be expected, and accepted with love.

LOOKING OUTWARD The weeks just prior to the Annual Meeting had been exceptional for the amount of sickness and sorrow in the village. Many of our friends and neighbours need our love and support. We need to remember, too, that Christians in Hambledon form only a minute part of the worldwide Family of God. Every day there are not just one or two, but many new Christians. "His Kingdom grows, and stands for ever". Let this inspire and encourage us to be faithful in our own task, and to pray expectantly.

PERSONALIA

MRS TOWNSEND continues to make slow but courageous and sustained progress in Unsted Park where she works hard daily at speech and movement. MR DOUGLAS MACLACHLAN still has times of real discomfort but is unfailingly cheerful and gaining strength. We continue to remember also MR HARDING and MRS CULLIS who accept the ups and downs of their illness with great patience.

MR and MRS BLACKMAN and their family are safely back from the Argentine. We are sad that the unhappy events have brought them hurriedly back six months earlier than was planned, especially as Victoria, with three O levels already passed, was ready to tackle the rest this summer. For the present work and home and school are very uncertain. We give them our warm greetings.

6.

CATHEDRAL DAY - AN APPEAL

Guildford Cathedral is facing grave financial difficulties, and an appeal for help has been made to all parishes in the Diocese. In response, a Garden Party is to be held in the Cathedral grounds on Saturday 17 July from 11 am to 5 pm.

Godalming Deanery will be running a Sweet and Savoury Stall (a joint effort by all the parishes in our Deanery), to sell all kinds of Savoury foods such as quiches, sausage rolls, pizzas, flans, as well as preserves and confectionary, but not cakes. Any contributions to the stall will be greatly appreciated. *

The contact for Hambledon is Mrs Ringe, of Philpotts, Cricket Green (Wormley 4107)

PLEASE KEEP THE DAY FREE AND COME AND JOIN

The event will be opened by Frank Muir and there will be plenty of fun for all the family:-

PUNCH & JUDY OUTDOOR GAMES MORRIS DANCERS
MINIATURE RAILWAY A BAND BARRELL ORGAN
EXHIBITIONS INSIDE THE CATHEDRAL including
EGHAM HANDBELL RINGERS ORGAN RECITALS

A creche is provided

* We hope one Hambledon member can offer to be a collecting point, so that our contributions can be taken up by 9.30 am on the day.

Returnable containers should be marked with name please: or non-returnable cardboard boxes would serve. Please wrap in polythene bags or cling film; and provide a card or label with the price.

RECTORY TEA PARTY

Sunday 13 June
at 4 p.m.
For Church Members, Children,
and all Hambledon people

7.

VISITING PREACHERS WE WELCOME IN JUNE

June 13 The Rev. Dr David Milton-Thompson, OBE preaches at 11 am and 6.30 pm for the Church Missionary Society, for whom he worked for over 30 years, mostly in Kenya, and before that in China, as a missionary doctor and clergyman. Collections all day to C.M.S.
June 20 The Rev. Patrick Ashe preaches at 11 am, and at 6.30 pm conducts the Evening Communion Service and preaches.

TUESDAY GROUP and WEDNESDAY GROUP continue in June; but the Tuesday Group on 15th is at Denny's, and on 22nd is at Aran Lodge.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER is at 8.15 pm on 9th at the Rectory, and on 23rd at Bermohde by kind invitation of Mr Ray Williams.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION FETE is on Saturday 10th July in the afternoon. Please book the date and come and support.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We were very pleased to have the Rector as our speaker in April. His message was based on the reality of The Cross, a subject relevant to Easter time. He brought out three important points in connection with our response to the Cross - the need to Repent, to Believe, and to Receive Christ, - and he gave most helpful illustrations from his own experience. He also quoted from the book of Isaiah 53, verses 5 and 6, which convey so clearly the meaning of the Cross.

The last meeting of the session will be on 24 June when Mrs Hugh Sansom will be the speaker.

M.S.S.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

No one listening to Hambledon W.I. at their meeting on Wednesday May 12th would have doubted that it is, though small, a very lively group. Mrs Harris was the U.C.O. there to explain the resolutions for the A.G.M. at Albert Hall. She said she felt we were so lucky because in our small rural community we so nearly typified the ideas on which the W.I. had laid its foundations.

Mrs B. Major, the President, conducted the meeting. A birthday posy was presented to Mrs Allen. Mrs J. Hardy won the competition, and Mrs R. Steele the raffle. Teas were served by Mrs Brunt and Mrs Crowhurst. Plans were made for two outings, one a Nightingale Walk, and a coach outing next month.

E.G.F.