

ST PETER'S HAMBLEDON : JUNE 1985

The Rector writes:

My dear Friends:

As I write this letter for the magazine I can lift my head and look out on a view which surely cannot be bettered from any Rectory in England. This is quite a change for me, as my Church office in Paris had no windows and was lit with artificial light! What is so wonderful about this time of year is the bursting forth of new life. All the varied blossoms, shades of colour, forms and so on -- all pointing to the glory and wonder of our Creator God. However, the unseen force and source of life which makes all this possible is the rising sap within the shrub, flower or tree. Without this there would be no beauty and ultimately no fruit! We are approaching the festival of Pentecost and remembering the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the disciples. Without that, or rather without Him, the disciples had no power and certainly would never have produced the results in history which we now look back to with some amazement. The same is true for us to-day individually, and as a Church Community. Without the unseen presence and power of the Holy Spirit we are helpless and hopeless. Jesus said in Luke 11:13 "If you, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?" How often "we have not because we ask not". Will you join me in asking the Holy Spirit of God to activate and energise our lives and our life together, so that we may bear much fruit for Him.

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN

CALENDAR FOR JUNE

June 2 TRINITY SUNDAY

8 00 am Holy Communion
10 00 am Children's Church
11 00 am Morning Prayer
6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)

June 9 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion
11 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
6 30 pm Evening Prayer
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

June 12 8 15 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
AT THE RECTORY

June 16 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion
10 00 am Children's Church
11 00 am Morning Prayer
4 00 pm RECTORY GARDEN TEA PARTY
6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

June 17 8 00 pm PCC MEETS AT THE RECTORY

June 23 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion
11 00 am Morning Prayer
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
6 30 pm Evening Prayer
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

June 26 MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER AT THE
RECTORY AT 8 15 pm

June 30 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion
11 00 am Family Service
FOLLOWED BY POT LUCK LUNCH AT THE RECTORY
6 30 pm Evening Prayer - followed by
shortened form of Holy Communion.
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

AND IN JULY

July 7 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion
10 00 am Children's Church
11 00 am Morning Prayer
6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

July 10 8 15 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER AT
THE RECTORY.

July 14 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion
11 00 am Holy Communion (ASB)
(Sunday Club meet at the Nursery School)
6 30 pm Evening Prayer
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA: June 2 Mrs E J Secrett
9 Mrs D Newel
16 Mrs J de Berniere-Smart
23
30 Mrs M Caroe

There is now a new Flower List in the Church Porch covering the period July/December. Please put your name against any date that suits - new flower arrangers always welcome as this does help to spread the load.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA:

May/31/June 1 : Mrs B Major/Miss A Disney
June 7/8 : Mrs D Newel/Mrs B Mitchell
June 14/15 : Mrs J Hassard-Short
June 21/22 :
June 28/29 : Mrs V Stevens

Please ring Olive Roderick on Godalming 22425 if you are able to help with this weekly effort.

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for April 1985 : £418.83 : E F Denny

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptism : April 19 1985 : Rose Mary Parker

PERSONALIA

Our good wishes, congratulations and prayers for the future go to:

CECIL and CON CHAPMAN who celebrate their Golden Wedding on June 22. Also on June 22 CAROLINE MABLEY and STEVE DALY are to be married at Millmead Baptist Church. STEPHEN CLARKE (who wrote in this magazine last month on his experiences with Christian Outreach in the Sudan) now appointed as a full-time member of the Christian Outreach organisation with special responsibility for Thailand and the Sudan; STEPHEN and SARAH (MABLEY) will be making their home in Leamington Spa following their wedding in Hambledon in September.

JENNY ARDEN-WHITE and CHARLIE ARBUTHNOT who have announced their engagement and are to be married on August 10.

WENDY ARDEN-WHITE recently appointed Assistant to the Accountant of Ruanda Mission.

Our prayers will be valued by Nick and Amanda Robinson (nee Amanda Hill) who used to live in Vann Lane before her marriage in 1981 and was one of the first members of the Youth Group when it started in 1973. Amanda is a B.Sc. and Nick a Ph.D and for the last 3 or 4 years Nick has been doing research work for a pharmaceutical firm at St George's Hospital, Battersea. They have now gone to Sweden for one year to do similar work; they have a son aged 2½ years.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE IN THE CATHEDRAL : 8pm MONDAY JUNE 3

The Churches in the Godalming Deanery are combining together to present their candidates for confirmation at a service in the Cathedral at 8 pm on June 3. In Hambledon we have not been able to have a preparation class in recent months, but one of our church members, Keith Fish, has been linked with the Busbridge class to take this opportunity of affirming his faith and commitment. Please support Keith with your prayers and, if possible, by attending the service. This is a rare chance for our church congregation to come together in the Cathedral to welcome all the deanery candidates into full church membership.

FUTURE EVENTS AT THE RECTORY

If you are able to support the following events, you can be sure of a warm welcome:

Sunday June 16 at 4 pm : RECTORY GARDEN TEA PARTY

Tea and scones will be provided but if you are able to help in any way in providing sandwiches, cakes or biscuits please let the Rectory know on Wormley 2753.

Sunday June 30 following the 11 00 am FAMILY SERVICE POT LUCK LUNCH. Help would be appreciated with the catering - please ring the Rectory to find out what to bring.

VESTS FOR AFRICAN BABIES

The Mission Committee thank those who have knitted a total of 19 vests which have been sent off in a parcel of medical supplies to Rwanda. Patterns are still available, but more knitters and wool are needed. Please contact Dr Jack Symonds or Sheila Bolton.

From a Parishioner:

What a beautiful service we had for the Induction of our new Rector and it was a pleasure to be able to join in the gathering at the Village Hall afterwards to meet Canon Sertin and his wife and family. Amidst the rejoicing that we again have a Rector of Hambledon and our long interregnum is over, it was especially nice to be able to endorse the thanks of our churchwardens with our applause, to Canon Oldham and Mac Bolton who have spared their time so unstintingly to keep our services and the work of our church carrying on as usual.

Also the tribute paid to our churchwardens who have themselves worked immensely hard to carry through for so long - and without a hitch - and I am sure we all now hope they will be able to relax with their new books from the PCC with some feeling of relief and a job well done. They have been wonderfully supported by their wives and Olive and Pat have done so much too; in particular Olive looking after the church and Pat editing the magazine and taking over the Ladies' Tuesday Bible Study Group - both quite a task!

I am sure we all now look forward to a new beginning in our church life with the Sertin family.

A PSALM OF PRAISE FOR A NEW DAY

O Lord my heart is full of praise for each new day.
My heart is full of joy;
It soars like a bird on the wing; I feel your presence.
Your love is everywhere like a giant wave sweeping over
me - lifting me up to the heavens.
My soul is bursting with joy and thankfulness.
Your blessings are abundant - my needs all provided for.
The sun warms my body on this new day, but your love is
like a furnace in my soul.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY are holding a Coffee Morning at
Blue Posts, Grosvenor Road, Godalming on Wednesday
5 June at 10.30am. There will be a Bring and Buy Cake
Stall and an opportunity to contribute to their Gift Day;
(gifts in envelopes please). The speaker will be
Miss K Maxwell and her subject: "The Tool for the Job."

Ruth Jervis, who is the Hon. Treasurer of 'Foresight' -
The Association for the Promotion of Preconceptual Care -
has the daunting task of organising a house-to-house
collection and flag day in the Hindhead/Haslemere and
Godalming/Farncombe/Milford/Witley/Hambledon and
Chiddingfold areas. The flag day is on Sat. 1 June
and as all house-to-house collections have to be
completed by then, time is fast running out. If you
are able to help Ruth - her tel. no. is Wormley 3373.

DOCTOR'S RETIREMENT

It is now generally known that Dr W V Graham will be
retiring in July. A small Committee under the
Chairmanship of David Ives has undertaken to be
responsible for publicising plans for a suitable
Presentation. It is felt that his many patients and
other friends will wish to be associated with this
Presentation. For further particulars please contact:
Hon. Treasurer : Michael Cullum

10 Ockfields

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or

Hon. Secretary : Sally Lane

5 Ockfields

Milford

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A further note from the DHSS

PRESCRIPTION CHARGES:

The charge for prescriptions is now £2. If you are on a low income this can become quite an expense, so before you pay any money to the chemist why not check out and see if you have to pay these charges.

What counts as a low income depends on how many people there are in your family and how much money you have got left after you have paid essential outgoings and taken account of certain allowances. The DHSS have a leaflet (P11) which explains this and how to get free prescriptions.

You are able to get free prescriptions if you are:-

Over 60 (woman) 65 (man)

Under 16

Pregnant or with a baby under 12 months old

In receipt of supplementary benefit, housing benefit supplement, or family income supplement

War pensioner or suffering from certain medical conditions.

If you need a lot of prescriptions but cannot get them free, a 'season ticket' (a prepayment certificate) may save you money. The cost of a season is £11 for a four-month prescription and £30.50 for an annual prescription.

If you would like a leaflet on this or any other social security topic, just ring, write or call at your local social security office or ring Freefone - just dial 100 and ask for Freefone DHSS.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We had a happy meeting on 25 April and as this magazine goes into print we are once again meeting at the home of Dorothea Ellingson - despite the problems with her boiler! Our meeting in June will be held at Ellingsons on Thursday 27th and this will be the last meeting of this session.

HAMBLEDON NURSERY SCHOOL

Report of the Meeting held on Friday 18 May 1985

About 70 people attended the meeting to discuss the buying of the school premises. Mary Caroe, the Chairman of the School Committee, welcomed those present and gave a background history of the school's origins from the 18th century to its closure in 1983. She explained how the Nursery School venture had evolved to re-open the school to try and keep our village "alive" amidst the national decline in village life.

The number of children in the school had risen from 14 in the first term to nearly 60. While the traffic generated at peak times is a problem, they are trying to resolve the situation by staggered arrival times and the flow of people into the village brings custom. The shortage of nursery school places in this area was emphasised and the long-term use of the building to the village discussed. Also the school's fund-raising and entertainments have added a lively dimension to the village's life.

George Pitt, as Treasurer, explained clearly, by means of diagrams, the sums of money needed to finance the purchase over 10 years. He showed that the school's income would finance nearly half the money needed - but a "gap" of about £21,000 remained. This he showed could be financed by:

- Deeds of Covenant over 4 years;
- A Single Deposit Covenant;
- An interest-free loan;
- Fund-raising events.

Anyone who decided to help would become a "Friend of the Nursery School" and receive regular News-Sheets. Questions were then invited and answered: the meeting was in favour of purchasing the school if the money could be raised.

Anyone who feels they would like to know more, or who would like to help, can ring Mary Caroe (Wormley 3413) or George Pitt (Wormley 2940). Appropriate forms are available from them, at the school and at church. A decision has to be given to the Diocese by May 31st as to whether the school is to be purchased. Please show and give your support.

Mary Caroe