

ST PETER'S CHURCH : HAMBLEDON : JUNE 1987

The Rector writes:

My dear Friends

Not many of us I imagine are 'political animals', but we do all have a vote! Big deal, you say - actually yes, it is a big deal and a most valuable part of our democratic system, through which we are able to have a say in the way in which we are governed. Something which is not true in many parts of our world to-day.

Does it matter how we use it - or even decline to use it? I believe it matters very much indeed. It is our duty and our privilege in Great Britain to-day, not only to obey our Government, but to elect it. As Christians we have inherited the greatest democracy in the world, therefore we should take our civic duty seriously and prepare for each election thoughtfully and prayerfully - keeping an open mind and seeking to come to a balanced view of the issues involved, be they local or national. Whatever party we have voted for in the past, we should ask ourselves searching questions and seek to find the answers before once again we place our mark on the voting paper.

What sort of society do I pray for England when I say "Thy Kingdom come"? How do I see this in socio-economic terms for 1987? Are our Christian concerns in regard to the creation of a moral climate where family life is encouraged and people are free to walk the streets without fear, part of the manifesto of the candidates asking for our support? Is a constant examination of our defence policy, coupled with a vision for peace, likewise part of the same manifesto? One could go on but one thing is certain - we all need to pray, both for the men and women whom we choose to represent us as they carry heavy burdens of responsibility, and also for a spirit of understanding and discernment as we cast our vote.

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN

CALENDAR FOR JUNE 1987

June 3 8 00 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER  
AT LITTLE WOODLANDS

June 7 WHIT SUNDAY : MISSIONARY BOX OPENING

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)

Canon Charles Oldham

11 00 am FAMILY SERVICE : Mr Mac Bolton

6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662) :

Mr Mac Bolton

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

June 13 From 10 00am Churchyard Working Party

June 14 TRINITY SUNDAY

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)

11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)

followed by Holy Communion

(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)

6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

June 17 8 00 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND  
PRAYER AT THE RECTORY

June 21 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY : INTERCONTINENTAL  
CHURCH SOCIETY

(Loose collections throughout the day to the  
work of this Society)

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)

10 00 am Children's Church

11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)

6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

June 28 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion

11 00 am Holy Communion (1662)

(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)

6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

June 29 ST PETER'S DAY

10 30 am Holy Communion (1662)

7 45 pm for 8 30pm PCC MEET AT THE RECTORY

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AND IN JULY .....

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

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

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

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

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FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY :

Wednesday June 3 : BIBLE SOCIETY ANNUAL GIFT DAY AND  
BRING & BUY CAKE STALL

All are cordially invited to Blue Posts, Grosvenor Road,  
Godalming on Wednesday 3rd June from 10.30-12 noon. Gifts  
for the Society (in envelopes please) may be 'posted' in  
the receptacle provided and there will be a Bring & Buy  
Cake Stall. At about 11.00am the Rev. Norman Wyatt will  
speak on "The Bible Speaks for Itself".

Eula Symonds

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Friday June 5 : BIBLE SOCIETY PLANT SALE

Plants will be on sale outside the Cricket Green Stores  
from 9 00am on Friday 5th June. We hope to have for sale:  
VEGETABLES : Outdoor Tomatoes, Cordon (Moneymaker) and Bush  
(The Amateur and Sigmabush) price 30p each. Outdoor  
Cucumbers, Marrows and Courgettes (30p each). Brassicas  
(small trays 10-15 plants) - i.e. Kale, Sprouts, Winter  
Cabbage, Purple Broccoli, Calabrese (35-50p per tray).

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Herbs (Tarragon, Sorrel, Peppermint, Savory, Chives,  
Sweet Basil, Thyme, Rosemary). Price according to size.

BEDDING PLANTS

Dwarf Dahlias, Petunias, White Tobacco plants, Annual  
Rudbeckias, African, French and English Marigolds,  
Nemesias, Asters. All reasonable prices.

WILD FLOWERS

Cowslips, primroses, violets. (Prices various).

Also some House Plants and Water Plants and a few Shrubs.  
Goldfish to order. Kilner Improved Bottling Jars  
(30p each) to order. Never knowingly undersold!!

DO PLEASE COME AND SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER.

Advance Orders and enquiries to Joan Hardy (Wormley 4733)  
or me (Dunsfold 315). Make sure of getting what you want.

Peter Harvey

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Saturday June 13 : From 10 00am Churchyard Working Party  
Do come along if you can and help to get the Churchyard  
looking a little more ship-shape. Please bring some  
garden tools and a picnic lunch.

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Saturday June 20 : GARAGE SALE AT LONGACRE IN AID OF THE  
CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

This is a National Event and our local organiser is  
Mrs Joan Vickery, 9 Cherryhurst (Wormley 4101).  
Mac and Sheila Bolton have kindly loaned their garage  
at Longacre, New Road, for the event, and it will be held  
from 10 00am to 12 noon. Any saleable goods from  
garages, attics, cellars, should be delivered during  
the week before and left in the covered way at Longacre.

PLEASE NO JUNK

Do come and support this very worthy cause.

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Sunday July 5th at 4.00pm : PARISH TEA PARTY IN THE  
RECTORY GARDEN at which it is hoped to have a Bring & Buy  
Stall to support the work at Ashton-under-Lyne.

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CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptisms: May 3 STEPHANIE ANNE HUDDINOTT  
May 29 FRANCESCA CLARE SKEFFINGTON

Weddings: April 25 KENNETH EDWARD JONES and  
LORENA MILTON  
May 16 NIGEL BRUCE MORGAN and  
ALEXIS GARLAND FORDE

Funeral: April 28 STRANG MACLAY

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FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME : Total for April 1987 :  
£369.80

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Edric Hardy

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

June 5/6 Mrs Barbara Major  
Miss Anne Disney  
June 12/13 Mrs Elizabeth Secrett  
June 19/20 Mrs Brenda Gardner  
Mrs Joan Hardy  
June 26/27 Mrs Pat Williams

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CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

June 7 Mrs Elizabeth Secrett  
June 14 Mrs Jennifer Corbett  
June 21 WEDDING FLOWERS  
June 28 Mrs Eula Symonds

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DR STRANG MACLAY

Dr Strang Maclay died on the 23rd April after a tragic illness courageously borne. The funeral for family and close friends took place at Hambledon Church and a week later a Thanksgiving Service was held in Witley Church, at which 400 people were present and a glowing tribute was paid to him and his life and his work in his medical practice. He was an outstanding general practitioner, with an excellent knowledge of medicine; he set a high standard of duty and caring for his

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patients and he will be greatly missed. Those of us who were privileged to visit him during his last illness saw the finer points of his character, those of patience, courage and faith; he knew that he was dying. We grieve for his brave wife, Elizabeth, well known in the village, and for his family, Andrew, Janet and Christopher, to whom he was devoted; he loved his home and the countryside around Hambledon. Some will ask as to the reason that he was taken at the early age of 55? We do not know the answer, so we can only bow to the will of God. One day we shall understand.

(Contributed by Dr Jack Symonds)

STRANG MACLAY MEMORIAL FUND

Dr Coupland has been asked to co-ordinate a fund as a memorial to Dr MacLay, as many people have enquired if they could subscribe to such a fund.

It has not yet been decided what form this should take but possibly some specialised medical equipment, and it is open to suggestions. Mrs MacLay would like a donation to be made to the Marie Curie Foundation, whose nurses were so good to Strang in his last days.

If you would wish to make a contribution, please send your cheque, made out to DR MACLAY'S MEMORIAL FUND,

either to Dr G M Coupland or Mr Christopher Hall

Monksgrove

Pilgrims Way

Compton

Surrey GU3 1DZ

Silver Leys

New Road

Wormley

Surrey

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MRS MARGARET HEATH

Many will remember Margaret and Geoff Heath who, for some dozen years up to 1982, kept the Cricket Green Stores, and will be saddened by the news of Margaret's death after a distressing illness which she bore with much fortitude.

Geoff, Alison and Duncan have our sincere sympathy and our prayers for comfort and strength as they face up to their great loss.

Ray Williams

MRS MARY MAY

We were all saddened to learn of the death of Mary on 2nd May following a short illness. Reg and his family have been much heartened by the kindness and sympathy of friends and neighbours and particularly wish to thank all who have given such love and support at this time.

Mary and Reg met in Ireland during the last war when Reg was stationed in Northern Ireland with his Army Unit. When the war was over Mary came to England and worked at Court Farm for Mrs Dowson and it was during this time that she made a lasting friendship with Queenie Atkins. Mary spent much of her free time in the home of Queenie and George Atkins, from where, Queenie reliably tells us, Mary could get a good view of Reg in his Mum's garden! And so it was that 38 years' ago Mary sallied forth as a bride from Court Farm to the Roman Catholic Church in Godalming to marry Reg and settle down in Hatch Cottage. Mary was always a person who would help in any kind of difficulty and took a keen interest in all that went on around her. She was loved by all, irrespective of age, and had the ability to get on with everyone. The village has lost a good friend and neighbour and we remember with affection Reg, Pam and John and their families and assure them of our support in the days that lie ahead.

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Pat Williams

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE PROJECT

The Hambledon stall at the Godalming May Fair on May 2nd raised £146. the first tangible result of our commitment to support the parish of Ashton-under-Lyne. Sending his grateful thanks to all who were involved in raising this sum, the Rev. Charles Lawrence adds: "Please do continue to pray that we may be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in all that we do".

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Tom Arden-White

MUM'S AND TODDLER'S GROUP meet at the Nursery School on Wednesday's during term-time from 1.30-3.00pm.

Next Session from June 3rd to July 15th inclusive.

The cost is reduced to £10.00 per term and we would be very grateful if mothers with small children in the village would come on a 'helper' basis.

Brenda Stansfield

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

Did you know that the Norman Font from St Peter's is now in the Chapel of St Martha at Chilworth? We were able to tell Mrs Linley this when she told us that she had a view of St Martha's from her back door! We all learned much from her skill in arranging fresh and dried flowers, and an arrangement with a card was taken to Mrs Sonia Symonds to wish her well. The rest were raffled - much to the delight of the winners! The warm hospitality at Feathercombe added to the enjoyment of the afternoon and we next meet at Witley Common N.T. Centre on June 10th at 2.45pm wet or fine. Bring a picnic tea and arrange yourself a lift if you have not already done so. See you all there.

Joan Hardy

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#### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We all enjoyed having the Rev. Pat Ashe with us at our April meeting when he gave us a very interesting talk on the growth and work of "Christian Outreach", as it was later to be known when it spread beyond the early beginnings of rescuing "Vietnamese Orphans". It was exciting to hear how the vision of a few men to start a rescue work, even beginning with just one child, eventually grew and spread beyond Vietnam to Cambodia and then to the Philippines with the opening of the Shepherd of the Hills Children's Home. I am sure we will all continue to pray for Christian Outreach and our own "links" with the work and we thank Mr Ashe for coming to tell us how it all began.

On May 6th a small group of us went to Godalming to join with the Baptist Church at their Anniversary Meeting and on Thursday June 25th we look forward to a visit from Mrs Amy Nicholls, who is coming to tell us about her work in South America with the South American Missionary Society.

Brenda Gardner

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#### GRAFFHAM RUSTICS

I am sure all of us who went to Graffham to see the performance of the Pirates of Penzance would like to thank Mary Parker for arranging this annual outing once again. As always, the evening was great fun and enjoyed by all who went. Thank you, Mary!

Brenda Gardner

HAMBLEDON CRICKET CLUB are holding a CAR BOOT SALE at the Hambledon Football Ground on SATURDAY 11TH JULY starting at 10.00am.

CARS £5 each on the day or £4 each before the 11th July.

For Booking contact John Strudwick on 0428/712860

PROCEEDS TO HAMBLEDON CRICKET CLUB FUNDS

Mic Coleman

HAMBLEDON VILLAGE HALL : EXTENSION FUND

G R A N D   S U M M E R   D R A W

OVER 100 PRIZES INCLUDING FOOD HAMPER, RADIO, CAMERA, ELECTRICAL, KITCHEN, GARDEN AND TRAVEL GOODS. CONFECTIONERY, WINES AND GIFT VOUCHERS.

TICKETS 20p each

Available from: Cricket Green Stores  
Merry Harriers  
or any Committee Member

Mic Coleman

MAC AND SHEILA BOLTON

As our Rector mentioned in his letter last month, Mac and Sheila Bolton will be leaving Hambledon as soon as they have completed the purchase of a suitable house in Horsham. A number of people have already contributed towards a leaving present for Mac and Sheila but it is felt that there are many others who might wish to do so but have not seen the announcement. Gifts may be sent or handed to the Rector or either of the Churchwardens.

HAMBLEDON FETE IN '88?

In 1977, Jubilee Year, and 1981, Royal Marriage, we held Celebrations in the Village which were very well supported and successful. We always said we needed to do this sort of thing more often ..... so could we not hold a Fete or a Festival in 1988?

Many villagers have already expressed enthusiasm for the idea; so if it is to happen, organisation, planning and publicity need to start very shortly.

Therefore a Meeting will be held on MONDAY 15th JUNE starting at 8pm in the Village Hall for anyone interested in helping, in any way, such an event. No plans have yet been made, so this is an 'open meeting' for ideas to be discussed, problems to be raised and, hopefully, an organising committee to be formed.

Please come if you want our Village to get people together, discover talents and have some fun

Mic Coleman