

The Rector writes:

My dear Friends

"Be ready in the morning "

Exodus 34:2.

It was going to be a great day for Moses. Indeed, when you come to think of it, every day, however seemingly humdrum and insignificant, is a great day for each of us. When God wakes you in the morning and offers you His gift of a new day, who knows what it may hold in store; what opportunities, what emergencies, what problems, what responsibilities, what experiences. Looked at in this light, every new day is an unknown adventure. How shall we use it to the fullest and the best? "Be ready in the morning". That early appointment with God will prove the key and set the tone of the whole day. There will lie the opportunity of putting the most into it and getting the most out of it. Your circumstances may prevent you from spending a long time, first thing, with God. Well it is not the quantity of time but the quality that counts! If it is real even five minutes, a Word from God, a Word with God, will get us "ready in the morning" and, as with Moses, augur a great day.

Prayer: - Each day we shall meet with many people; first thing may we meet with you. Each day we shall talk with many people; may we first talk with you. Each day we shall listen to many people; first may we listen to you. Help us, dear Lord, to learn the secret of a good day, by being "ready in the morning".
Amen.

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN



June 05 1ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
 (Half-yearly Missionary Box Opening)
 8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
 11 00am FAMILY SERVICE
 4 00pm RECTORY GARDEN TEA PARTY
 6 30pm Evening Prayer (1662)
 7 45pm Youth Fellowship

June 08 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
 AT THE RECTORY

June 12 2ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
 8 00am Holy Communion
 11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)
 (followed by Holy Communion (1662))
 (Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
 6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
 7 45pm Youth Fellowship

June 13 8 00pm MISSIONARY COMMITTEE MEET AT THE
 RECTORY

June 19 3RD 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

June 22 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
 AT THE RECTORY

June 26 4TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
 8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
 11 00am Holy Communion (1662)
 (Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
 6 00pm BARBEQUE SERVICE AT FEATHERCOMBE
 7 45pm Youth Fellowship

June 27 8 00pm PCC MEET AT THE RECTORY

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June 28 11 00am Tuesday and Wednesday Groups
at the Rectory to meet
Philip & Virginia Mason

AND IN JULY

July 03 5TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

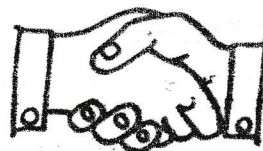
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am FAMILY SERVICE
6 30pm Evening Prayer
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

July 06 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
AT THE RECTORY

July 09 HAMBLEDON VILLAGE FETE

July 10 6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)
(followed by Holy Communion (1662))
(Sunday Club meets in the Nursery School)
6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship



CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptism : April 24 : Timothy James Bouckley

Weddings : April 30 : Kevin Gray and
Jenny Burroughs

May 14 : Stephen McDade and
Sarah Coleman

: Hervé Lemmonier and
Harriet Burling

Burial : May 19 : Edric Hardy

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for April 1988 : £3,467.09 - which includes an anonymous donation of £500.

Edric Hardy

Edric telephoned with this information just two days before he died. He was at pains to point out that this magnificent total came about as a result of the recent Stewardship Programme, with payments being made in a lump sum for the year.

Ed.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR JUNE

June 3/4 : Olive Roderick and Joan Lee
10/11 : Dorothy Newel
17/18 : The Pitt Family
24/25 : Molly Vacher/Ann Smith/Pat Williams

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

June 5 : Jean de Berniere-Smart
12 : Joan Hassard-Short
19 : Wedding Flowers
26 : Elizabeth Secrett



PERSONALIA

We have had good reports of Tom Arden-White following his recent open heart surgery and we thank God for the outstanding skill that has been achieved in this field. It was great seeing Tom and Rosemary at the 8.00am Service on Whit Sunday and we send good wishes and many prayers for continued progress towards good health - not just for Tom but for all the family who are so ably supporting him.

It was good to hear that Eric Harris has also returned home from the same hospital following open heart surgery. Eric was until recently the cheery fellow serving the petrol at Phillips' Garage and we all miss his good humour that always brightened the start of any journey. We remember Eric and his family at this time and pray for God's healing hand upon him.

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Georgina Booth from Wormley Lane is recovering from a recent bout of illness as a result of which she is having 'to take it easy' - a way of life that does not come with much satisfaction to Georgina! We pray for both Georgina and Ted at this time that God will sustain them in the days that lie ahead - sending good wishes to Ted on attaining his 82th birthday.

Mrs Keen from Cherryhurst is in hospital following a heart attack; we remember her and all our sick friends at this time.

Mr Dai Bleddyn, who only recently moved from Cherryhurst to Godalming, has died as a result of a fall and we extend our sympathy to his family.

Miss Gwen Pierce has died in a Frensham Nursing Home where she had been a resident for several years. Many will remember Gwen as a great walker and cyclist when she was a resident of the village.

HALF-YEARLY MISSIONARY BOX OPENING

If you have a Missionary Box please bring it to the Family Service at 11 00am on Sunday June 5th. It would be appreciated if you could make sure that your box is named. If you cannot bring your box to the Service, contact can be made with Shirley Pollock on Wormley 2116.

MISCELLANEOUS

There are two typewriters available at the Rectory; one a manual, the other a small electric. Please speak to Marilyn or Peter if you would be interested in either of these.



OVERSEAS MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP

As many will know, Tom and Zinnia Symonds are working with OMF in Hongkong and at a recent Sunday morning service Anthony Wieler spoke of a business trip that he had made to Hongkong and of the opportunity he had had of visiting the church which is run by Tim and Zinnia. It was good to have some up-to-date news - which only goes to prove that Shatin Church is not so far removed from St Peter's Hambledon!

THE BIBLE SOCIETY

Geoff Clarkson is now our representative on the Godalming Action Group of The Bible Society following the resignation of Peter Harvey. We thank Peter for all that he has done to keep us informed on the news of the Society - not least in the hard work contributed by Mavis and Peter, with the aid of Joan and Edric Hardy, in raising funds through their Spring and Autumn Plant Sales on Hambledon Cricket Green. We wish Geoff well in this new venture and now draw to your attention:

THE BIBLE SOCIETY ANNUAL GIFT DAY
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE AT
TORRIDON, GROSVENOR ROAD, GODALMING,
BETWEEN 10.30am AND 12 NOON.

There will be a Bring & Buy and those bringing gifts of money are asked kindly to place these in envelopes before handing them in.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Church Meeting was held on Thursday 28th April in the Village Hall.

In the Vestry Meeting the Rector thanked the Churchwardens for all they had done over the year. It was proposed that both Mr Williams and Mr Arden-White be re-elected.

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Mrs Roderick reported that the Electoral Roll now stood at 191. Following this, the elections to the PCC were held. There were only 3 nominations and these were duly elected (Mr Mitchell, Mrs Harrington and Mr Clarkson). The Sidesmen were elected en bloc. The Secretary then gave a report on PCC business. The Stewardship Programme was summarised by Mr Pollock, highlighting the encouraging increase of 160% in giving. This was followed by the Treasurer, Mr Redman, who led the Meeting through the Accounts. The Rector thanked him for all his hard work. The Auditor, Mr Alan Harper, was re-appointed and thanked once again for undertaking this task for us. The Freewill Offering Report was given by Mr Hardy. The Rector said how much the magazine was appreciated and Mr Williams gave a resume of the accounts. In the Fabric Report it was noted that the Church was generally in good condition and Mr Atkins and Mr Fish were thanked for their work over the year. Mr Taylor gave the Deanery Synod Report, mentioning the main topics of discussion. The various events for Missionary work were covered under the Missionary Committee by Mrs Pollock. Mr Paul Ridsdale-Smith then highlighted the work of the Youth Fellowship; in particular the Houseparty, 'Go' Festival and the young people now serving the Lord overseas. Afterwards Mrs Harrington reported on the work of the Sunday Club, especially the success of the Adventure Weekend.

Finally, the Rector gave his Annual Report, thanking Canon Oldham, the flower arrangers, the cleaning teams, musicians and choir, not forgetting Major and Mrs Major for their generosity in allowing us to use their courtyard. The Stewardship Programme was mentioned again as a highlight of the year and the Rector concluded by reading a letter from the Archbishops concerning the Church Urban Fund.

Geoff Clarkson

VISIT OF THE BISHOP OF MOMBASA

On Sunday, 31 July, Bishop Crispus Nzano of Mombasa will be the preacher at the Morning Service in Hambledon Church. We hope that there will be a large congregation from all sections of our membership on that day. The Bishop's sermon should be of particular interest to members of the Missionary Committee and those who support it, for the Anglican Church in East Africa grew out of the labours of the Missionaries of the Church Missionary Society, which Society Hambledon supports with its donations.

Bishop Nzano was born in a humble African dwelling on the plateau of Sagala, a high mountain a hundred miles west of Mombasa near Voi, a junction of the East African Railway. A CMS Missionary named Mr J A Wray was at work on this hill in the 1890's before the first rails of the EAR were laid at the Coast. Bishop Nzano's Diocese stretches eastwards from the hilly area of the beautiful fertile Taita Hills across the arid Nyika plain to the coconut palm tree strip north and south of Mombasa Island. It thus includes the area of Kenya inhabited by the Swahili Muslim people.

The Bishop's spacious, stone-built house with a red tiled roof stands in the close of jacaranda trees of the Hannington Memorial Cathedral, which was consecrated at the turn of the century. This is the house inhabited by the Symonds family between 1947 and 1951 when David Symonds was Supervisor of the Diocesan Schools in the Coast Province in Colonial days. In fact, it may be said that Bishop Nzano is an 'Old Boy' of David's, for he had earlier attended a course in the Teacher Training Centre up country where David was Principal.

D.G.C.S.

EDRIC HARDY

It is with much sadness that we record the death of Edric on Sunday 15 May. He never regained consciousness following a severe cerebral hemorrhage early in the morning and died in hospital late in the afternoon. To Joan we send all our love and prayers and we know that she has been absolutely overwhelmed by the kindness and friendship shown by the village and further afield. It was a glowing tribute to the esteem in which Edric was held by the large number that came to St Peter's on Thursday May 19 to give thanks to God for his life and all that he has come to mean to us.

Edric hailed from the North-East and was an engineer by training. He served in this capacity with the RAF during the war, flying with Sunderland Squadrons of Coastal Command on anti-U-Boat patrols, based for some time in West Africa.

After his marriage to Joan and demobilisation, he worked and lived in Hartlepool before moving South and eventually coming to live in Hambledon some 30 years' ago.

Edric had wide interests. In his younger days he was a keen motorcyclist (as was Joan - on the pillion seat!) and an active member of the Velocette Club, being for some years the editor of the Club magazine. He was a model railway enthusiast and later developed a great interest in photography; many will remember the excellent slide shows he gave in the village and at Fairmile Court during the congregational weekends.

His activities in the village included the Chairmanship of the Village Hall Social Committee, organising various fund-raising activities, and helping to run a Youth Club, during which time he gave several village youngsters their first taste of the delights and excitements of sailing on the Norfolk Broads.

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More recently, of course, Edric was heavily involved in the arrangements with the National Trust over the opening of Oakhurst Cottage to the public, furnished to illustrate a typical labourer's cottage of the last century. He and Joan became the wardens for the cottage and their enthusiasm for the project has attracted a willing band of stewards ready to take turns in showing visitors around.

But Edric would have regarded his commitment to the Church as of first importance. He served on the PCC and those attending Evening Service will remember his friendly welcome during the years he acted as Sidesman. He and Joan were deeply engaged in Sunday Club in its earlier years and were noted for the care and ingenuity which they devoted to the production of their visual aids.

More recently Edric became Freewill Offering Secretary and the systems which he evolved proved capable of coping with the big influx of extra work resulting from the Stewardship Programme. It was typical of his zeal and methodical approach that not only were the books right up-to-date at the time of his death but he had also obtained all the necessary tax documents from those covenanting their donations and had sent in our claim to the Inland Revenue for tax refund on 1987/88.

R.G.W.

PRAISE!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS * HAMBLEDON * 1988/89

The Chairman of the Parish Council welcomes us all to attend the Parish Council Meetings. The dates for your diary are as follows:

1988 July 5th
September 6th
October 25th
December 6th
1989 January 10th
February 28th
April 11th

with provisionally Friday April 21st for the Parish Assembly.

Elizabeth Maclay

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We had a very happy and interesting time at our April meeting, when Rosemary Arden-White once more took us, in thought, on her latest travels, sharing with us some of her experiences in Hongkong with Tim and Zinnia Symonds and with Philippa Duffy in the Walled City. We were also thrilled to hear about the special time she, Tom and Louise were able to have with Felicity in Thailand. Thank you Rosemary for sharing all this with us.

On Wednesday, June 22nd, we look forward very much to another visit from Amy Nicholls and to hearing more about her time in South America.

Brenda Gardner



To a group of women more used to listening to a talk or watching slides of foreign parts, it was a very pleasant change to sit in Dorothea Ellingson's sunfilled room and watch Georgina Aylward demonstrate the art of spinning.

She came armed with fleeces, wheel and all the equipment needed and showed us how it is done. In fact, several of us became 'Spinsters' for a while and 'had a go'. It is a humbling thought, that from such a simple process, so much that we take for granted, has evolved, our clothes, furnishings, carpets, etc.

Thank you very much Georgina for such an interesting afternoon and thank you Dorothea and Anne Vickery for hospitality and such a delicious tea.

Our next meeting will be on June 8th, again at Ellingsons, when a Fire Officer will show us a video on the dangers of house fires.

Molly Vacher

HASLEMERE COUNSELLING SERVICE

The 1988 Annual General Meeting of the Haslemere Counselling Service will take place in the Wesley Room at the Methodist Church, Lion Green, Haslemere, on Monday 6th June at 7.30pm. followed at 8.00pm. by the public meeting at which the guest speaker will be the Rev. Dennis Hyde, who will talk on the theme "Change but not decay?".
