

June



1994

CHURCH CALENDAR

- June 01 10 30am Ladies' Study Group meet at Silver Leys.
8 00pm Healing Prayer Group meet at Ringstead.
- June 04 8 30am-9 00am Meeting for Prayer at Hambledon Church.
- June 05 1ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8 00am Holy Communion - when we welcome as our celebrant the Rev. David Thompson
10 30am Family Service, with creche, followed by refreshments.
6 30pm Holy Communion
(The Archdeacon of Surrey, the Ven. John Went, will preach at both the Morning and Evening Services)
(At any of the Services Missionary Boxes may be brought for the half-yearly opening).
- June 06 7 00pm "Alpha" Course at Little Woodlands.
- June 07 8 00pm Village Fete Committee Meeting in the Village Hall. (see page 15).
- June 08 2 30pm WAG's meet at Beech Brow. (see page 13).
- June 09 8 00pm FEBA Prayer Group at Hascombe Rectory.
- June 11 8 30am-9 00am Meeting for Prayer in Hambledon Church.

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- June 12 2ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
 8 00am Holy Communion
 10 30am Holy Communion (1662)
 6 30pm Evening Prayer
- June 13 7 00pm "Alpha" Course at Little Woodlands.
- June 15 10 30am Ladies' Study Group at Silver Leys.
- June 17 8 00pm Deanery Synod Service at Godalming
 Parish Church. (see page 9).
- June 18 8 30am-9 00am Meeting for Prayer at Hambledon
 Church.
- June 19 3RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
 8 00am Holy Communion
 10 30am Family Service with creche, followed
 by refreshments.
 6 30pm Holy Communion
- June 20 7 00pm "Alpha" Course at Little Woodlands.
- June 22 3 00pm Women's Fellowship meet at Little Woodlands.
- June 23 8 00pm Choir Practice in Church.
- June 25 8 30am-9 00am Meeting for Prayer in Hambledon
 Church.
- June 26 4TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
 8 00am Holy Communion
 10 30am Morning Prayer (1662) followed by a
 shortened form of Holy Communion.
 6 30pm Evening Prayer.
- June 27 7 00pm "Alpha" Course at Little Woodlands

AND IN JULY

- July 02 8 30am-9 00am Meeting for Prayer in Hambledon
 Church.



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July 03 5TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
 8 00am Holy Communion
 10 30am Family Service with creche, followed by
 refreshments.
 6 30pm Holy Communion



FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

Freewill offerings in April totalled £2,879.30.
I can also report that St Peter's has already received
£8,113.04 from the Inland Revenue for Income Tax
reclaimed on Covenanted and Gift Aid giving in the
1993-1994 tax year.

John Taylor

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR JUNE

June 3/4	Mrs Muriel Campbell
10/11	Mrs Sally Falk and Mrs Margaret Lewis
17/18	Mrs Pauline Underwood
24/25	Mrs Ann Smith



CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FOR JUNE

June 05	Mrs Elizabeth Waring
12	Mrs Shirley Pollock
19	Mrs Muriel Campbell
26	Mrs Audrey Stedall



THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

In the absence of a Rector, the chair at the Vestry Meeting was taken by Denis Jones and at the Annual Church Meeting by John Morris.

John Morris and Ray Williams were elected Churchwardens for the ensuing year and Muriel Campbell, Ruth Jervis and Paul Ridsdale-Smith were elected to fill the vacancies on the PCC caused by the retirement, under the rules, of Jean Adams, David Jenkins and George Pitt, who were thanked for their work during their term of office. Gay Mabley, the acting chairman of the Missionary Committee, was co-opted on to the PCC.

Reports by leaders of groups and organisations had already been distributed, and these were considered by the meeting. The excellent work of Helen Burgess, Mikey Royall and others from Hambledon Youth Fellowship in starting, building up and running so successfully the Youth Club, was recognised and very warmly commended. Thanks were extended to all who had helped with the church and its activities during the year - PCC members, sidespeople, lesson readers, choir, music group, house group leaders and hosts, flower arrangers and those who attended to the mundane but very necessary tasks of cleaning the church and maintaining the churchyard; further helpers in these latter areas would be much appreciated.

Mrs Audrey Stedall received a vote of thanks for all she had done on relinquishing the job of Festival Flower Organiser which she had carried out for the last 10 years.

The Chairman made special mention of the extra work falling on the Readers, Denis Jones and John Lewis, during this time of interregnum, and we were also indebted to Denis for undertaking so much of the forward planning needed to ensure that all the church services were maintained.

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John Venus's arrival in Hambledon had been a great blessing to us all, and we were very grateful to him for so kindly offering to take most of our Communion Services.

We had lost several valued church members through death during the year and others had moved out of the district; the Electoral Roll total, which had fallen to 225, reflected these changes, as indeed did the sharp fall in the number belonging to the Planned Giving Scheme reported by the Covenant Secretary. The consequent drop in regular income was highlighted by the Treasurer, in presenting the Financial Statement, as an extremely worrying feature; although we had broken even on general account in 1993, this was largely due to several generous donations received in the last months of the year.

Turning to the current year, he said that there were uncertainties arising out of the interregnum, but we knew that we would have to find nearly £3,000 more for the Quota and expected regular income to fall by a similar amount. Unless, therefore, there was a substantial increase in giving, we had to be prepared for a deficit in the year of £5,000-£6,000. The Accounts were approved, and the Honorary Auditor thanked for all his work.

FINANCIAL STOP PRESS

On behalf of the PCC, I acknowledge with deep gratitude the receipt of a cheque for the magnificent sum of £1,000. As this donation is made under the provisions of Gift Aid, we can look forward to its yielding another £330 from the Inland Revenue next year. Many thanks indeed to this kind and generous donor.

R G Williams

RECTORY GARDEN

Volunteers are sought to help to maintain the garden, particularly keeping the grass cut, during the interregnum. If you are able to lend a hand, even occasionally, please get in touch with Ray Williams.



ADVANCE NOTICE

CHORAL (PRAYER BOOK) EVENSONG

On Sunday, 10th July, (which is the Village Fete weekend) Choral Evensong will be held at St Peter's, preceded by:

4 00pm Tea in the Rectory Garden

5 45pm "Music for a Summer's Evening" in Church -
a selection of choral and instrumental items.

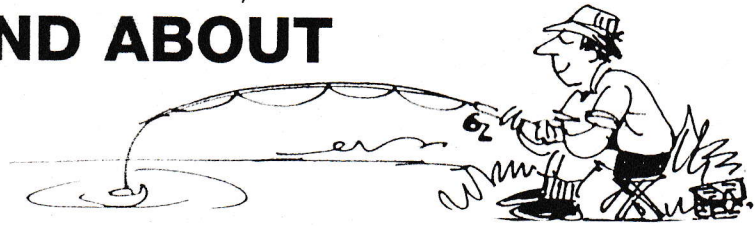
6 30pm Choral Evensong (1662)

DO MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE AND TIMING OF THESE EVENTS
AND EVERY EFFORT TO COME ALONG AND JOIN US FOR THIS
SPECIAL CELEBRATION!

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OUT AND ABOUT



A wonderful array of additions have arrived during the past month and we are delighted to welcome:

Jordan Thomas DAVIS son of Elaine and David, grandson of Ian and Carol and brother of Louis.

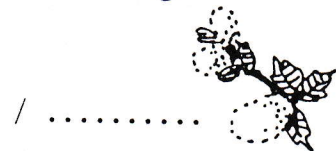
Tiffany FINBOW daughter of Jenny (née Vbranch) and Keith, granddaughter of John and June and sister of Yasmin.

Isaac Robert INGRAM, son of Tracy (née Hutchins) and Paul and brother of Isobel. A welcome addition to the McGovern family of Paddock Close and a seventh great-grandchild for Mrs R Coles of Hydestile Cottages.

Tilly MACLAY daughter of Christopher and Louise, sister to Emma-Louise and Chloe and a fifth "next generation" for Elizabeth and Tom Waring.

WELCOME!

If you were watching "Songs of Praise" from Birmingham on Sunday 22nd May, which was Whit Sunday, you would have seen Chris Maclay being interviewed by Pam Rhodes. You would also have spied the two youngest Maclay's - Chloe and the recently arrived Tilly! It has been exciting to learn that Christopher, Louise and the 3 girls are off to Nigeria after Christmas where Christopher is to take up a position as Development Officer with the Church Missionary Society. They are at present in Birmingham undertaking a training programme.



You will read elsewhere in the magazine of the plight of the people of Rwanda. Please continue to bring before the Lord our friends working in Burundi - Andrew, Felicity, Timothy and Benjamin Maclay - that they may be kept safely from harm and danger and their work continue unhindered at the Theological College in Matana.



Mr Archie Hutchins of Hydestile Cottages celebrates his 90th birthday this month. Many congratulations!

It is good to know that Miss Marjorie Harrill is back home again in Milford following a spell in St Thomas's Hospital in London. We send our good wishes to Miss Harrill and to Miss Christine Bather.

Hambledon Nursery School are celebrating the Tenth Anniversary of their inauguration. St Peter's Church extend many congratulations to the Trustees and Staff.



DR CLIFFORD PAGE

Dr and Mrs Page have been worshippers at St Peter's over many years and we have been saddened at his recent death.

His family and many friends were able to gather to give thanks at his funeral on Wednesday, 4th May, at a Service conducted by the Rev. Ted Elton at Hambledon Church.

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Dr Page was a General Practitioner in Aldershot before he came to retire in Milford, where he and Mrs Page were near neighbours of Ted and Eileen Elton.

Although we mourn his loss, we give thanks for his life and extend our loving sympathy to Mrs Page and the family.



GODALMING DEANERY SYNOD

On Friday, 17th June, Godalming Deanery Synod are holding a Service at 8 00pm at Godalming Parish Church to celebrate family life and are looking for support from the parishes in the Deanery.

At a time when the family is the focus of attention from a number of standpoints, it seems appropriate to ask for God's blessing on families in the Deanery as well as further afield and also on those whose work entails the welfare of families.

Virginia Bottomley, who has responsibility for Government policies relating to families, will be at the Service with her husband.

Do make a note of the date - Friday, 17th June and time - 8 00pm at Godalming Parish Church - and come along to give your support. If transport is a problem, let Pat Williams know on 682455.



MISSIONARY NEWS

The Missionary Committee is still looking for a volunteer to join us to take a special interest in the Bible Society. The Bible Society started their work in 1804 and since then have gone forward towards the day when every person has the Bible in a language they understand, and at a price they can afford.

A major appeal has been launched to raise £100,000 for Bibles in India. It is reported that the Bible Society of India last year produced 125 million items of scripture literature and the demand is growing - and this in a predominantly Hindu country! A member of the Headquarters Staff of the Bible Society recently went on a fact-finding tour of India. If you want to know more, their address is Stonehill Green, Westlea, Swindon, Wiltshire SN5 7DG and their telephone number is 0793-513713.

Please let me know if you would be interested in joining the Hambledon Missionary Committee as the representative for the Bible Society and the rewarding work that they do.

RWANDAN APPEAL

The Mission Aviation Fellowship 'planes are in the thick of the rescue mission for the refugees. Their 'planes are regularly landing on the small airstrip right at remote Ngara amid the quarter-of-a-million refugees, thereby making it possible for relief staff to get their skills to work quickly. Yet lorries from the international airport at Mwanza take at least one day, and up to three days in the frequent rain.

Eyewitness, MAF pilot John Clifford, says that the Ngara hillside is covered with tens of thousands just sitting. A stretch of nearby road, which could be used as a larger airstrip, has been located, and details have been passed to the UN for possible action. This would avoid

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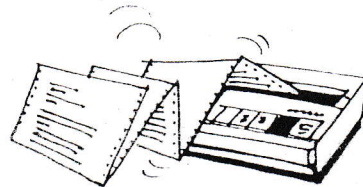
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hundreds of miles of trucking through terrible roads. On one occasion the food distribution had to be cancelled as the lorries were stuck on the way.

MAF have already flown key personnel from five aid agencies to Ngara and now others, with medical supplies ready, are asking for their help. There is an urgent need for a larger plane, a Cessna Caravan. Any gift you can make will be split between immediate support for the vital aid operation among Rwandan refugees and purchasing the larger plane for rapid relief. If you feel you would like to help in this way, please send your donations to Mission Aviation Fellowship, Ingles Manor, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent CT20 3BR.

Gabrielle Mabley

EDITORIAL



**Remember
in your prayers ...**

Mid-Africa Ministry also draws our attention to the desperate situation in Rwanda.

They appeal to us all to share their concern over the persecution and death of such a large part of the population of Rwanda. To encourage people to pray regularly for an end to the killings and for health, food and clean water for the refugees in Tanzania, Uganda, Burundi and Zaire. Pray for Rwanda whenever you see or hear the country reported in the media.

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Make known your concern by writing to your Member of Parliament.

Giving is vital and this support can be sent to:

Mid-Africa Ministry at 157 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UU.

In the longer-term do pray that French-speaking Christians will offer their services and talents for short and long-term service with Mid-Africa Ministry. Pray for those who administer at Mid-Africa Ministry in its partnership with the church in Rwanda, Burundi and Zaire, that their work of reconciliation, mission and discipleship may go forward in Jesus' name.

And finally, remember all Christians caught up in this seemingly never-ending catastrophe.



WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

The ancient Egyptians used sweet smelling herbs and precious oils to anoint their bodies and particularly in the burial pyramids. In Biblical times, as we have read, precious oils and spices were used and all through the ages they have been used for various reasons, both pagan and spiritual.

Now there is a big revival in these still precious oils and herbal remedies. Sue Law came to tell us about such oils - one small bottle of a certain rose oil cost over £20 (I reckon it worked out at about £1 per drop!) Lovely scents wafted around the Village Hall as we passed round perfumed sample strips.



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We were all intrigued but have you ever seen anyone ironing cabbage leaves? The WAG's can vouch that this was indeed done and the ironed leaves applied to a couple of "crocky" knees with soothing results! This got everyone talking about old remedies, bringing Sue's talk to an end.

Thank you Sue for telling us something about aromatherapy and the sweet smelling oils used in massage. We all felt relaxed and "body-toned" as we clutched our bottle of geranium and rose hand cream to take home the scents of the afternoon.

On Wednesday 8th June we meet at Beech Brow at 2 30pm. Sylvia and Mic Coleman have kindly invited us to their garden. Will we get lost in the maze I wonder? - do come along!

Joan Hardy



HAMBLEDON FETE

The Fete will be held on the Cricket Green in a very few weeks' time - SATURDAY 9TH JULY from 12 30 to 4 30pm and we hope that all our preparations will be blessed with better weather than last time.

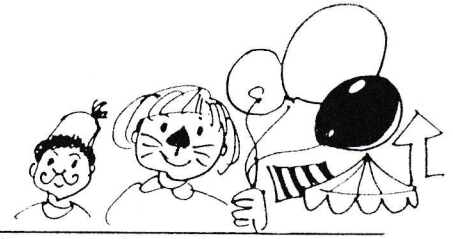


A theme running through the afternoon this year will be "Country Style" but apart from gingham and some large brimmed hats, no one on the Committee quite knows what to make of it - so you decide please and come along to take part in a Country Style costume of your choice - awards will be made!

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Entertainments will include music, dancing by the Cup-Hill Morris, celebrating their 25th year, a giant 'Country' Gladiator competition run by St Dominic's School, and a host of hired games and equipment. There will be lots for children to do with mini swing-boats and a roundabout.

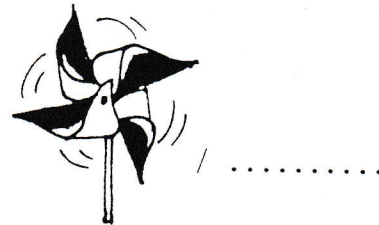
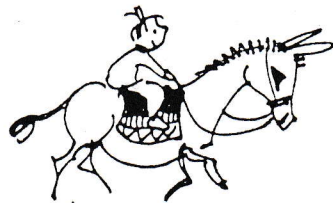


Stalls for cakes, plants, books, bric-a-brac, accessories, together with tombolas and pony rides. An Auction of donated gifts and a Grand Raffle with prizes from sponsors will compete for your cash.

Philip Underwood will be organising the now well-known Novelty Dog Show and Races will be held for children. Ample refreshments, teas, ice-cream and a barbeque will be on hand.



We hope to have some demonstrations by local crafts people and though we have decided not to include trade stalls, any charity stalls are welcome.

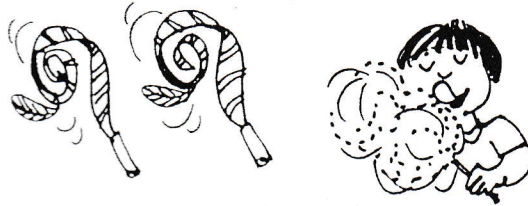


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By now raffle tickets should be on sale but we still need supplies for brick-a-brac, accessories (but not clothes please), books, cakes and any better or larger items for the Auction that you would like to donate.

We want
your

BRIC A BRAC

Please ring Mic Coleman on 682977 and items will be collected, or, bring them to the Village Hall between 10 00am or 12 noon on any Tuesday morning, have a coffee and meet people.



The next public/Committee Meeting for the Fete will be held on Tuesday 7th June at 8 00pm in the Village Hall.

Mic Coleman

