

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

MARCH 1967

WE WISH OUR READERS A VERY HAPPY EASTER

Diary

- Mar. 5th. FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT - MOTHERING SUNDAY
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m., & after Morning
Prayer Children's Church - Mothering
Service 10.0 a.m.
Preacher: Rev. David Lewis, Chaplain at
King Edward's School.
Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
Church Coach leaves Hydestile Cross-
roads 6.0 p.m. and Lane End 6.10 p.m.,
for evening service.
- Mar. 6th. Mon. Holy Communion at Hambledon Homes
2.30 p.m. Bible Study at the Rectory
8.0 p.m.
- Mar. 9th. Thur. Church Fellowship in Village Hall
8.0 p.m. "The Heart is a Rebel" -
World Wide Pictures Sound Colour film.
(see note - Church Fellowship).
- Mar. 12th. FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT - PASSION SUNDAY
Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m.
Preacher: Rev. A.W. Mills, Vicar of
Thursley.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
Preacher: Rev. D.J. Payne, Rector of
Shackleford.
- Mar. 13th. Mon. School Managers meet 10.0 a.m.
Annual Parochial Church Meeting at the
Rectory 8.0 p.m.
- Mar. 14th. Tue. British & Foreign Bible Society
Spring Meeting in Godalming 8.0 p.m.
Speaker: C.H. Morris Esq., (The Amazon)

Mar. 19th. PALM SUNDAY
 Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.
 Children's Church 10.00 a.m.
 Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m.
 Preacher: Rev. T.W. Storey - Church
 of England Children's Society.
 PASSION SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS
 6.30 p.m.

Retiring Collection for Easter Flowers at all
 services.

Mar. 20th. Mon. Bible Study at the Rectory 8 p.m.

Mar. 23rd. MAUNDY THURSDAY
 Women's Fellowship at Beech Hill 3 p.m.
 Speaker: Mrs. Braddon of Guildford.
 HOLY COMMUNION 8.00 p.m.
 - The night of the Institution of the
 Lord's Supper.

Mar. 24th. GOOD FRIDAY
 SERVICE WITH ADDRESS 11.00 a.m.

Mar. 26th. EASTER DAY
 HOLY COMMUNION 8.00 a.m.
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10.00 a.m.
 MORNING PRAYER 11.00 a.m.
 HOLY COMMUNION 12 noon.
 EVENING PRAYER 6.30 p.m.
 HOLY COMMUNION 7.30 p.m.

Apl. 3rd. FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
 Holy Communion 8 a.m., & after Morning
 Prayer

Children's Church 10.00 a.m.
 Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m.
 Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
 Church Coach - Hydestile Cross-roads
 6 p.m., and Lane End 6.10 p.m., for
 evening service.

Apl. 4th. Mon. Holy Communion at Hambledon Homes
 2.30 p.m.

A CORRECTION. Please note that there will be a service of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday at 8.00 p.m. This was unfortunately omitted from the list of Lent Services.

Church Outing to Penshurst Place - May 20th.
Details enclosed.

CHURCH FLOWERS

The following have kindly promised to provide and arrange the flowers in Church:-

Mar. 5th. Mrs. Dowson: Mar. 12th. Mrs. Wieler:
Mar. 19th. Mrs. Hutchins: Mar. 26th. Easter
Flowers: Apl. 2nd. Mrs. Dowson.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Messrs. Peter Caudle and Alan High of the Guildford Camera Club visited the Fellowship on February 9th. and kindly showed a most interesting programme of colour films, with tape-recorded commentaries. We record our grateful thanks for this visit. The following is an extract from a report of the meeting which appeared in the "Surrey Advertiser" (contributed by the Secretary of the Parochial Church Council, Mr. H.B.W-Wynne) "The films shown were "English Holiday" and "Into Oblivion" by Alan High, and "First Impressions" and "Autumn Leaves" by Peter Caudle. They were beautifully produced, and have a freshness and spontaneity which is absent from the slick commercial productions. The commentaries were informative and amusing, and the sound effects intriguing."

Our thanks, also, to Mr. I.J. Adgie for arranging for the evening's programme on this occasion.

Thurs. Mar. 9th. at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall
"THE HEART IS A TEBEL" (a World-Wide Films
production).

This film "probes deeply into the complexities and frustrations of life in the harsh day-to-day world of business in a big city. The warmly human, but fast-moving story, unfold the first century Gospel message in a setting as modern as to-day's jet planes and traffic jams ...

Particularly thrilling is Ethel Water's singing, supported by the two thousand voice New York Crusade Choir.

Do not miss this opportunity! Two other excellent World Wide Films have already been shown at the Church Fellowship meetings - "Souls in Conflict", and "Africa on the Bridge."

FREE-WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for January 1967:- £31. 4. 7.

CHURCH REGISTERS

Marriages

Jan. 14th. Arthur Gordon Blackman and Susan
Margaret Pearson.

ANNUAL VESTRY AND PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

At Hambledon Rectory, Monday, March 13th 1967
at 8.0 p.m.

The Churchwardens will be elected at the meeting. The business of the annual parochial Church meeting will include the receiving of a copy of the electoral roll from the Parochial Church Council. An annual report on the proceedings of the council and the financial affairs of the parish: a report on the fabric and goods of the Church. The audited accounts of the council for the year ended December 31st. 1966 will be presented.

Representatives of the laity to the Parochial Church Council will be elected. Sidesmen will be elected.

WHAT IS THE ELECTORAL ROLL?

This is the Churches Register of Electors, the list of those qualified to attend and vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Who is qualified to have his name on the Roll?

Persons aged seventeen years and upwards who are baptised and declare that they are members of the Church of England and that they do not belong to any other religious body which is not in communion with the Church of England; and are resident in the parish, or if not so resident have habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment and have signed the form of application for enrolment.

N.B. The ecclesiastical parish boundaries are not identical with the civil parish boundaries at Hambledon.

Enrolment forms may be obtained from the Rector, or from the Parochial Church Council Secretary.

Miss Rosamund Tyler. It is with regret that we record the sudden death of Miss Tyler of Lime Kilns, and formerly of Hill Top Farm. We extend our sympathies to her family, and to Miss Longley who had been with Miss Tyler for a number of years.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

We are delighted to have the Misses Henman safely home again after their visit to South Africa, and also Mrs. Ellingson from the U.S.A.

We wish Sir John and Lady Wenham safe journeying as they visit the West Indies.

We have been pleased to have Dr. & Mrs. H.W. Sansom and their family with us during their short leave, and we wish them every blessing as they return to their home in Kenya.

AN APPRECIATION

The following is an extract from a letter recently received from a visitor from America:- to Hambledon ... "This was my first English Christmas, and it was a most delightful experience. I am impressed with the beauty of the countryside - the stability and strength and sturdy beauty of the red homes - the tranquil and reverent feeling the dear little Church imparts to even a stranger - the wonderful warmth and sincerity and thoughtfulness of the people of the village. I feel so strongly that this is a village where the fine old principles we were taught as children do actually exist - and that goodness thrives and flourishes because all work to that end ... I enjoyed participating in the services at the Church ... Thank you for letting me feel a part of your beautiful village."

(This letter is from Mrs. Ellingson's sister-in-law.)

LOST PROPERTY

From time to time various articles are left behind at Church. If you have lost a pair of spectacles - grey frames - in a red and gold leather case, we may have them! Please contact the Rector or the Verger.

LET'S BURN THE BIBLE!

A few years ago, it would not have been thought so very unusual to consider having a Bible-burning bonfire - in the days when its translation into English was not only new, but a thing of great controversy. Then people died for the Bible; they died to print it and they died to read it.

Christians believe that men and women need to know about God. They believe that the Bible is the

only book which God has definitely inspired for telling people about Himself. So I suppose one could truthfully say that there is a sense in which people can die for the want of the Bible, or at any rate for the want of its contents.

Yet today the situation is such that although our society would hesitate to burn the Bible because it has a kind of special position in our thinking and is still a world best-seller, its effectiveness is, perhaps, far less than it was in those early days when it was first translated. Perhaps more people today are dying without it than in those days died for it.

Of course, it has to be admitted that the regular practice of Bible-reading is not easy and Christians always find that it is the spiritually profitable things which are most easily overlooked the devil makes sure of that. Yet those who put aside a small part of each day to kneel before God to talk to Him and to open His book to let Him talk to them always find - without exception - that their lives are richer and fuller for it. There are problems, yes, but daily Bible-reading is contained in a Christian's life-blood, and although we make all sorts of excuses for not doing it, we need to face the fact that only we are sufferers if we fail to have this tryst with God.

As Bible Reading Promotion Secretary of Scripture Union, I have spent the last thirteen months encouraging people to read their Bibles regularly, and have heard many sorts of men & women who have had a lifetime of this daily communion with God. All speak of the benefits which they have received from it.

If you have read to the end of this article, you are capable of reading your Bible every day and receiving the same benefits for yourself.

PLEASE NOTE: The Hon. Secretary of the Scripture Union for St. Peter's Church, Hambledon is MRS. C.H.SYMONDS, HEATH COTTAGE, HAMBLEDON. (Tel: Wormley 2359), who will be pleased to give further details and supply S.U. Notes and Membership Cards.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ACKNOWLEDGED

The following are extracts from letters received from various missionary socys. & charities supported by St. Peter's Church, Hambledon.

The Ryder Cheshire Mission (Raphael, Hydon Heath)

"We are extremely grateful to you and to the members of the congregation of St. Peter's Church for the kind and generous donation of five guineas which reached the Mission ... I enclose our receipt for this welcome support for our hard-pressed funds, and we appreciate highly the interest in the welfare of the Mission which has prompted the donation in addition to the volume of assistance we receive from residents in your parish."

Commonwealth & Continental Church Society

"Thank you very much for your generous cheque ... Will you please thank the members of the congregation for their help which is a source of much encouragement to us."

The Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit, Guildford

"On behalf of the Dean and Chapter I would like to thank your P.C.C., for their cheque of £10 towards the Cathedral maintenance and to say how grateful we are for this."

- £41.2.0 was also sent from parishioners towards the Cathedral Building Fund.

Africa Inland Mission

"Please accept our warmest thanks for the generous gift." (£25 sent).