

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

D I A R Y

1969

March

Sun. 2: SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion	8.0 a.m.
Children's Church	10.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer	11.0 a.m.
Holy Communion	12.0 noon
Evening Prayer	6.30 p.m.
Preacher at 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m., Rev. T. E. Lloyd, Home Secretary, Africa Inland Mission.	
Church Coach runs for evening service - Hydestile Cross-roads 6.0 p.m., Lane End 6.10 p.m.	

Fri. 7: Bible Study at the Rectory 8.0 p.m.
Women's Day of Prayer -
Salvation Army Citadel,
Godalming 3.0 p.m.

Sun. 9: THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion	8.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer	11.0 a.m.
Preacher: Rev. D. A. Stephen, Rector of Alfold.	
Evening Prayer	6.30 p.m.
The Pilgrim's Progress, Part 2 (film strip).	

Sun. 16: FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT - MOTHERING SUNDAY

Holy Communion	8.0 a.m.
Children's Church (Mothering Service)	
- Visit from some of King Edward's School 10.0 a.m.	
Morning Prayer	11.0 a.m.
Evening Prayer & Holy Comm ⁿ	6.30 p.m.
- The Pilgrim's Progress Part 3 (film strip).	

- Tue. 18: Annual Parish Meeting - Village Hall.
 Speaker: Mrs. Marnan.
 Subject: "Public Relations"
 8.0 p.m.
- Fri. 21: Bible Study at the Rectory
 8.0 p.m.
- Sun. 23: PASSION SUNDAY - LENT V
 Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.
 Family Communion 10.0 a.m.
 Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
 Preacher: The Archdeacon of Surrey,
 the Ven. J. M. Evans.
 Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
 The Pilgrim's Progress, Part 4
 (film strip).
- Mon. 24: Embroidery Class (Kneelers) at
 Tigbourne Court 3.0 p.m.
- Thu. 27: Women's Fellowship at Beech
 Hill 3.0 p.m.
 Speaker: Miss I. Sefton, Secretary
 Ladies' Association Commonwealth &
 Continental Church Society.
- Sun. 30: PALM SUNDAY
 Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.
 (No Evening Communion)
 Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
 PASSION SERVICE OF NINE
 LESSONS 6.30 p.m.
 Retiring Collections for Easter Flowers
 at all services.
- April
- Thu. 3: MAUNDY THURSDAY
 Holy Communion 8.0 p.m.
- Fri. 4: GOOD FRIDAY
 Service of Meditation 11.0 a.m.
- Sat. 5: Decoration of Church for Easter Festival.

Sun. 6: EASTER DAY
 Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.
 Children's Church 10.0 a.m.
 Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
 Holy Communion 12.0 noon
 Evening Prayer and Holy Commⁿ 6.30 p.m.

Sun. 13: FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
 Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.
 Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
 Preacher: Rev. L. D. M. Patterson,
 Vicar of Canelsdale, Haslemere.
 Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.

FREE-WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for January 1969 - £26.16.6.
 E. F. Denny, Secretary.

CHURCH FLOWERS

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

Mar. 2 - Mrs. Cave; 9th - Mrs. Wieler; 16th - Mrs. Williams; 23rd - Mrs. A. Secrett; 30th - Miss Denny; Easter Day - Apr. 6th - Easter Flowers (there will be retiring collections at the services on Palm Sunday towards the decorations on Easter Day).

We are most grateful to all who so kindly take responsibility for the flowers each week-end.

LENT

The Diary for this month is a reminder that we have already commenced Lent - the season during which Christians prepare for the celebration of the great festival of Easter. Many find it helpful to practise some form of self-denial during

Lent, and this can be of use if it helps us to draw closer to God. As we examine ourselves in the light of what it cost God's Son to redeem us, in the light of His Cross, we may become aware of a need to spend more time in prayer and Bible reading. For the deepening of the spiritual life there are many helps. There are Falcon Booklets in Church which you may find useful, and excellent devotional books are on sale in the religious bookshops - the Falcon booklets include suggestions for further reading on certain subjects. If you do not follow any systematic Bible reading course, you may like to commence during Lent. The Scripture Union has courses of daily readings with very helpful notes. (The local Hon. Secretary is Mrs. N. Head, Alpenrose, Hambledon, who will gladly supply the notes).

In our self-examination we could "take stock" of our attendance at public worship, and if we are communicants, ask ourselves whether or not our attendance at the Lord's Table has become slack. Our giving to the Lord's work should be examined, and compared with the proportion of our income spent on luxuries.

How will you observe Lent this year?

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptisms

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

Dec. 22: Vernon, son of Francis and Eileen Baker.
Jan. 26: Karen Rita, daughter of Brian Frederick
and Jacqueline Anthea Vidler.

Burials

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

Jan. 18: Richard Leiger Withington, aged 75 yrs.
Feb. 6: Evelyn Mabel Winson, aged 75 yrs.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

We congratulate Mr. & Mrs. H. Hutchins, members of our choir, on their fortieth wedding anniversary. They celebrated this on Sunday, February 16th, first by kneeling together at the Communion Rail at the 8.0 a.m. service of Holy Communion.

We thank Mr. & Mrs. Hutchins for all they have done for Hambledon Church and village, and we wish them many more years of happiness together.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

In spite of very cold weather, there was a good attendance at the February meeting of the Fellowship when Mr. I. J. Adgie provided a most interesting programme of films. The "Train Ride to Devil's Bridge" gave one the impression of being one of the passengers on the narrow gauge railway as the train travelled through the Vale of Rheidol. The programme concluded with another train ride through beautiful Wales; this time we watched trains on the world's oldest narrow gauge railway at Festiniog.

Sandwiched between the films about Wales was an excellent one taken in Africa at the time of the building of the vast Kariba Dam across the Zambesi River. We not only saw something of this remarkable engineering feat, but also had glimpses of wild life in that part of the country. We thank Mr. Adgie for obtaining the films for us, and we are most grateful to Mr. Williams for providing and transporting the sound projector.

March 13th (Thursday) at 8.0 p.m. will be the last Church Fellowship this session. We are very privileged to be having a visit from

Mr. John Symonds of Woking, who will be bringing his film "An African Safari". This film will include some close-ups of animals in the Game Park which was visited by Mr. Symonds during his recent trip to Africa. This evening is a "must", and all members of our congregation and their friends are warmly invited.

A PASSION SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS -

- will be held on Palm Sunday (March 30th) at 6.30 p.m., when the story of our Lord's Passion will be read by members of the congregation and there will be special music.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MISSIONARY SOCIETIES AND CHARITIES

Through the generosity of those who support the funds of Hambledon Church, we are able to continue to send contributions to a number of societies, and we receive letters expressing sincere gratitude for these gifts. The following are extracts from some of the letters.

Ruanda Mission (Church Missionary Society):
"We write to express our grateful thanks for the gift which you have sent towards the Lord's work in Africa. During the closing days of the financial year, with a large gap to be bridged between income and expenditure, we realise very forcibly how the whole continuance of the work entrusted to us depends upon the faithful prayers and stewardship of our friends, both individuals and in the supporting parishes and groups. How we praise God for Fred Barff's life and ministry! He was such a wonderful gift from the Lord to us and we miss him greatly. We do need your prayers as we seek to carry on the work that he has laid down. The Council has appointed the Rev. Bernard

Davies, B.D., to the home staff of the Mission with effect from the 1st February next. In addition to sharing in the general work of deputisation, his particular responsibility will be among young people, both church groups and in schools and colleges. We greatly look forward to having him in our team."

(The Rev. Fred Barff was our first Ruanda Mission pracher at Hambledon in 1958.)

C. of E. Children's Society (Children's Union-Boxes): "Thank you very much for opening the boxes and sending the collections totalling £10.1.6. We were delighted to see that the boxholders have been even more generous in their giving, and perhaps you would tell them how much we appreciate the help they give us with our work for the children."

Mr. Fegan's Homes (Orphanages): "We were very pleased indeed to receive your letter to-day enclosing the most generous gift of £25 from your church. May our sincere appreciation be conveyed to the members of the P.C.C. for allocating this wonderful gift to our society. Their help and interest in all we seek to do is greatly valued."

The Mission of Hope (Croydon): "Thank you for your letter bringing with it the very generous gift of £15 from the members of Hambledon Church. We have greatly appreciated the help that has come from you all over the past years. It is an encouragement to us to know that you have a very real concern for the needs here."