

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

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1973

Mar.

- Fri. 2: Women's Day of Prayer - Worldwide.
Farncombe Parish Church 2.45 p.m.
Speaker: Lady Arthur Smith.
Godalming Baptist Church 8.0 p.m.
(Queen Street).
Speaker: Mrs. Jeanne Jarvis.
Coffee and Questions.
- Sun. 4: QUINQUAGESIMA
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m. & 12.0 noon
Children's Church 10.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
Church Coach leaves Hydestile Crossroads
at 6.0 p.m., and Lane End 6.10 p.m.,
approx.
- Mon. 5: Holy Communion at Hambledon
Homes Chapel 2.30 p.m.
- Wed. 7: ASH WEDNESDAY
School Service 9.5 a.m.
Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
- Thu. 8: Church Fellowship, Village
Hall. 8.0 p.m.
Speaker: Mr. R. T. Beck, C.C.,
F.R.I.B.A., F.S.A., A.M.T.P.I.,
formerly Sheriff of London.
The Film: "A Day in the Life of the
Lord Mayor" will be shown.
- Sun. 11: FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.

- Mon. 12: Prayer Meeting at Rectory 7.45 p.m.
Bible Study at Rectory 8.15 p.m.
- Sun. 18: SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.
Children's Church 10.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
Preacher: Mr. Edgar Hall, Gideons
International.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
- Fri. 23: Annual Parish Meeting 8.0 p.m.
- Sun. 25: THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.
Family Communion 10.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
Preacher: Rev. D. A. Stephen,
Rector of Alfold.
- Mon. 26: Prayer Meeting at Rectory 7.45 p.m.
Bible Study at Rectory 8.15 p.m.
- Wed. 28: Women's Fellowship at Annual Rally
at Godalming Baptist Church.
Speaker: Mrs. Carol Hunt of Esher.
- Apr.
- Sun. 1: FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT - MOTHERING SUNDAY
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m. & 12.0 noon
Children's Church -
Mothering Service 10.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
Church Coach leaves Hydestile Crossroads
at 6.0 p.m., and Lane End 6.10 p.m.,
approx.
- Mon. 2: Holy Communion at Hambledon
Homes Chapel 2.30 p.m.
- Tue. 3: Godalming Bible Week Meeting
in The Library 8.0 p.m.
The Rev. David Pawson of
Guildford Baptist Church.

Wed. 4: Bible Week Meeting - Godalming
Library. 8.0 p.m.
The Rev. Dr. Marcus Ward of Richmond.

Thu. 5: Bible Week Meeting - Godalming
Library 8.0 p.m.
The Rev. Tom Houston (Bible Society).

Sun. 8: FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT - PASSION SUNDAY
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
Preacher: Rev. J. E. Andrews,
London City Mission.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
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Offerings at all services: The London
City Mission.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Many thanks to all who have kindly entered
their names on the list in the church porch.
The arrangements for the next few Sundays are as
follows:-

Mar. 4: Mrs. E. Symonds.	Mar. 25: Miss Denny.
Mar. 11: Mrs. Wieler.	Apr. 1: Mrs. Adgie.
Mar. 18: Mrs. Williams.	Apr. 8: Mrs. Wieler.

FREE-WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for January 1973: £30.23.
E. F. Denny, F.W.O. Sec.

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL - PATRONAL FESTIVAL.

Admission Tickets

The Archbishop of York will be the preacher
at the service at 8.15 p.m. on June 5th. The
Dean informs us that admission will have to be by

ticket only, and we hope to have some seats allocated to Hambledon. If you would like to attend the service, please ask the Rector for a ticket without delay.

LENT 1973 commences on Ash Wednesday, March 7th.

It is during this season that Christians give special consideration to their spiritual progress, and re-examine themselves as they contemplate the Message of the Cross. The present international and national situation give cause for anxiety, for the outlook in general is full of uncertainty and danger. This should urge us to humble ourselves before God, as a nation, as a church and as individuals. For it is plain that our nation has largely forsaken God and hardly deserves to be called Christian. We are being troubled to-day because of this, and there is surely a need for our spiritual leaders to call us to a national repentance and renewal.

In recent years the church in our land has spent much time and energy in the modernisation of churches, the revision of services and re-organisation, at the expense, one fears, of the real work of evangelism to which it is called. It is encouraging, however, to know that in our own diocese we are being called to a year of preparation for "Mission Unlimited", which will commence on Whitsunday. Our Parochial Church Council is now discussing these preparations, and we are aware that "Mission" should begin with ourselves, with each member of the Church Council and the congregation. We should ask ourselves the question St. Paul asked at his conversion: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?".

The situation in the world and in the nation will not improve until God is taken into account. When He is honoured, His Day observed, His Book

read and His House revered, we may look again for His favour and blessing. What is true of the nation is also true of the individual. For the present we may be enjoying personal prosperity and good health, but in a world of uncertainty this may only be very temporary, and we could be living in a "fool's paradise". If we leave God out of our reckoning, we are fools, and, like the rich man in the parable, we will be unprepared for the day when we are told that "this night thy soul shall be required of thee".

This season of self-examination, repentance and renewal, should be used to draw us nearer to the very Source of Life Himself. "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to thee". James 4, 8.

We hope to see you in church this Lent.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP - MARCH MEETING

Thursday, March 8th, at 8.0 p.m. Village Hall.

Speaker: Mr. Theodore Beck, recently Sheriff of London.

During the evening a film entitled "A day in the life of the Lord Mayor" will be shown, and Mr. Beck will tell us something about his duties as Sheriff and his City of London activities.

This will be the last meeting of the Fellowship this session, and we look forward to a large audience for this special meeting.

PERSONALIA

Parishioners and members of our church who have recently been in hospital include Mrs. Tony Secrett, Mrs. C. Bear, Mrs. K. Cole, General J. M. W. Martin and Mr. C. Vacher. Among those who have been confined to their homes due to

sickness are Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Ayling and Mr. Jeffery. Our thoughts and prayers are constantly with those who are ill, and we wish them a speedy recovery.

Frequently we do not hear of some of our members being in hospital until they have returned home. The rector is always anxious to know about those who are ill and who would appreciate a visit.

IN MEMORIUM

Lt.-Col. R. A. Sparks of The Little House, Enton Green, a member of Hambledon Church for many years, died at St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, on Jan. 22. He had a wide circle of friends in the district, and will be sadly missed by his family and friends, and we wish to convey to his widow, who is in a nursing home, and to all the family, our sincere sympathies in their bereavement.

Ronald Sparks was a committed Christian, and his practical help and friendship was greatly valued by many. At the funeral service in St. Peter's Church we thanked God for his life and example, and the text which headed the form of service was most apt: "With Christ which is far better". We knew that he was now free from the limitations and problems of life here, and had entered into the presence of his Lord.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

A happy afternoon was spent on the 25th Jan. when we celebrated our annual New Year's party at Ellingsons. Seven ladies from the Hambledon Homes were able to be with us, including one - a regular member - who was also celebrating her 70th birthday. Everyone joined in the games amidst much fun and laughter, and an excellent tea followed, provided by all the members.

Mrs. Fanny Jeffrey had made a delicious New Year cake and this was cut by the Rector, and a "cracker-pulling" session followed! Gifts were presented to our Hambledon Home friends and also to Mrs. Ellingson, as a small token of all her kindness to us as a Group.

Instead of the usual meeting in March, our members have received an invitation to attend the annual rally of the Godalming Baptist Church on Wednesday, 28th March. The speaker will be Mrs. Carol Hunt from Esher.

GUILDFORD TELEPHONE SAMARITANS

We are advised that the emergency number of the Guildford Telephone Samaritans is now GUILDFORD 72345. Please will you tell your friends.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP - Thursday Feb. 8th 1973.

Two programmes of sound and colour films were shown at the February meeting. Mr. C. A. Chapman, who had been present the day before at the Thanksgiving Service in St. Paul's - attended by Her Majesty the Queen - to mark the successful completion of the St. Paul's Repair Fund appeal, appropriately introduced the fine film made for this appeal. The film included commentary by the then Lord Mayor and singing by the Cathedral choir. The Rector ended this part of the programme by reading the Dean of St. Paul's message from the Thanksgiving Service.

The second film, made by the Godalming Trust, showed the beauties of Godalming and district, and there was an excellent commentary by Mr. Coates. In his talk, Mr. Coates told not only of Godalming to-day, but of the past when Godalming was a cloth-weaving centre. He also spoke of local celebrities,

and views were shown of some lovely "Jeykell" gardens and "Lutyens" houses. He ended with a plea that the ancient beauties of Godalming be preserved and the new built to blend and harmonize with the old.

Miss M. Parker thanked those who had arranged such a fine evening's entertainment, and the Rector closed with a prayer. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. F. Jeffery.

THE VILLAGE SCRAPBOOK - another extract

Hambledon is bordered on the south side by the common and the Hurst, and on the north side by Hydon Heath, most of which was presented to the National Trust in 1915. In 1448 it was known as Hydones-Hethe, and the top of the hill, Hydon Ball, is six hundred feet above sea level. It may have been an early British stronghold, like the neighbouring hill of Hascombe. There is a curious rhyme connected with this hill:

"On Hydon's top there is a cup,
And in the cup there is a drop.
Take up the cup and drink the drop,
And set the cup on Hydon's top."

The origin of this rhyme is unknown, but the interesting thing about it is that it bears a close resemblance to a rhyme about Tinto Hill in Lanarkshire in Scotland.

"On Tinto's top there is a mist,
And in the mist there is a kist (chest),
And in the kist there is a cup,
And in the cup there is a drop.
Take up the cup and drink the drop,
And then come down from Tinto's top".

This rhyme is said to refer to the days of the Covenanters in the 17th century. It would be interesting to know the connection between the two rhymes.