

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

MARCH, 1975

THE RECTOR WRITES

THANK GOD FOR GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER DAY

If there had been ~~no~~ Good Friday, there could be no forgiveness. Each of us would be bound to carry our own sins. We would be estranged from God now; and the real sting of death would be what lies beyond the grave when we face God in His holiness. If there had been no Easter Day, and death had been the end of Jesus, it would mean also the end of us and of all our fellowships.

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ have changed the situation. At the cross He carried for us our sins, drawing into Himself all their consequences. Those who have come to Christ and set their trust in Him know their sins to be cancelled and gone. Good Friday's blessing is a conscience at peace.

To this Easter Day adds victory. Death itself is a defeated foe, and already we have seen this truth operating. The committed Christian knows himself to be not only forgiven, but alive with the life of eternity.

So, because the cross and resurrection are facts of history, we have without our grasp forgiveness for the past, life and power for the rest of this life, and a settled confidence beyond the grave.

It is all IN CHRIST. Those who have HIM have everything. Those who evade HIM have nothing.

DIARY FOR MARCH2 SUN. THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

- Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon
 10 am Children's Church: Team from
 King Edward School, Witley
 11 am Morning Prayer: "The Grace of
 God: the question of deserving."
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer: "Peter:
 weathering the storm."
 7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

3 MON. 2.30 pm Hambledon Homes: Holy Communion

5 WED. 8 for 8.30 pm Lent Course at the Rectory:
 "The task of the Church"

9 SUN. FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

- Holy Communion at 8 am
 11 am Morning Prayer: "The Holiness
 of God: what does it mean to
 repent?"
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer: "Peter: self-
 confidence and disaster."
 7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

10 MON. 8.15 pm Parochial Church Council (Rectory)

12 WED. Women's Fellowship visits Godalming
 Baptist Women's Fellowship
 8 for 8.30 pm Lent Course at the Rectory:
 "The growth of the Church"

13 THU. 8 pm Parish Fellowship in Village Hall:
 Illustrated talk by Mr. Denby Wilkinson
 MBE: Through the year in West Surrey

16 SUN. FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

- Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm
 10 am Children's Church
 11 am Morning Prayer: "The promises of
 God: what does it mean to believe?"
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer: "Peter: recovery
 from defeat"
 7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

19. WED. 8 for 8.30 pm Lent Course at the Rectory: "The role of a Church member"

23. SUN. PALM SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am
10 am Series 2 Holy Communion

11 am Morning Prayer: "God's children:
"the right to become sons of
God."

6.30 pm A Service of Passion-tide
readings and hymns

7.45 pm Young People at Little Wood-
lands

26. WED. 2.30 pm Church School Holy Week
service.

27. MAUNDY THURSDAY

8 p.m. Holy Communion and sermon

28. GOOD FRIDAY

11 am Devotional Hour: The Rev. Derek
Parsons. Chaplain King Edward School,
Witley

30 EASTER SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am, 12 noon, 6.30 pm

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

12 noon Holy Communion

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.30 pm Holy Communion

7.45 pm Open Evening for Young People at
Ellingsons

AND IN APRIL

6 SUN. FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church: Mr. John Hamil-
ton.

11 am Morning Prayer: Canon C. Oldham

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

10 THU. ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING (Village Hall
8 pm)

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13. SUN. SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Holy Communion at 8 am
11 am Morning Prayer
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

CHURCH FLOWERS The rota for the coming weeks is:

March 2	Mrs. Bedford	April 6	Miss M. Parker
" 9	Miss Denny	" 13	Mrs. Wieler
" 16	Mrs. Williams		
" 23	Mrs. Wieler		
" 30	Easter Flowers		

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for January £31.83 E.F. Denny

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Gifts for Viet Nam Orphans: at Ash Wednesday
Hunger Lunch £34.65p, and at Parish Fellow-
ship, £9.19p TOTAL £43.84p

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptisms

February 2 Joanna Mary Lyttle

Burials

February 13 Christine Howard (75) of Hamble-
don Homes

ELECTORAL ROLL

Our Church Electoral Roll is now having its annual revision. All aged 17 and over who normally worship at St. Peter's Hambledon, plus any who would do so if not kept away by sickness or old age, should be on our roll, which is really the official members' list. Forms are available at church for completion by any who now wish to join.

WANTED ... VACUUM CLEANER FOR THE CHURCH

Our present machine ought now to be replaced. Can anyone offer one in good condition at a reasonable charge?

SUMMER TIME begins on Sunday 16 March when clocks should be put forward one hour.

OUR WARM GOOD WISHES to ROBERT STRETCH and CHRISTINE WINTERS who are to be married in Hambledon on Saturday 22 March.

FAREWELL TO MICHAEL PUTTOCK

We are sorry to be having to say farewell to Michael Puttock, who has been our organist for three years. In earlier years he had been one of our choirboys, and he learned to play the organ while here at St. Peter's. He has always played confidently and at a good pace, and the congregation has responded to this and shown its appreciation by good congregational singing, not only of hymns but also of psalms and canticles. Now he has been offered the post of organist at Ash where he lives, and it is only reasonable that he should accept this position in his home parish. Our best thanks and warm good wishes go with him.

AND WELCOME TO CHRISTOPHER MABLEY

We are very glad that Christopher Mabley of Tigbourne Wood has undertaken to play for our Sunday services for the next three months. He and other members of the family are already well known at our 10 am services, and we shall give him a warm welcome as he plays also at 11 am and 6.30 pm from the beginning of March.

CLEANING OF OUR CHURCH

For several years the weekly cleaning of our church has been undertaken by Mrs. Harding. In

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fact, she and her husband conducted an effective combined operation on a Saturday afternoon, and we are most grateful. Now Mrs. Harding feels the time has come to ask us to find a successor.

We are glad that Mrs. Gould is now ready to take the task over. She will need to do it normally on a Friday afternoon. In the past, the ladies who so kindly arranged the church flowers for the Sunday services could expect the church cleaning to take place after they had finished. Now this will no longer be the case. We apologise to our "flower ladies" and know that they will understand.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP

During the last few weeks our Young People have reached two decisions:-

1. The informal Sunday evenings at 7.45 pm, which had previously taken place once a fortnight, by the kindness of Dr. Jack and Mrs. Symonds at Heath Cottage, will now be held every week. Obviously the young people enjoy and value these times, and want more. The normal monthly pattern will be as follows:-

1st Sunday	at Heath Cottage
2nd Sunday	at The Rectory
3rd Sunday	at Heath Cottage
4th Sunday	at Little Woodlands, New Road (at kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Arden-White)

The place will always be shown in the Diary.

2. The group plan to come together to the evening service once a month, usually on the second Sunday at 6.30 p.m. Indeed they have already begun, and it was good to have them with us on February 9 when one of them read the lesson for us. There could be other ways in which they could take part in the service from time to time, and both service and sermon will bear them in mind. So a special welcome to them on the 2nd Sundays.

This is a good moment to say how much the young people appreciate the leadership of Dr. Chris and

Mrs. Jagger on Sunday evenings. It is good to have young leaders for a young group. All young people aged, say 14 and over, including those who have been confirmed in recent years, might find this is just what they need. If further information is required, or a lift to and fro needed, please telephone Dr. Jagger (Godalming 5334) or Dr. Symonds (Wormley 2359) or The Rectory (Wormley 2753).

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The annual service locally is fixed for Friday 7 March at 2.15 pm in the United Reformed Church, Bridge St., Godalming, and the speaker is Lady Ewbank. Cars will be going from Hambledon, and ladies are invited to telephone the Rectory if they would like a lift, or if they could offer one to others.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

Our evening together on 13 February was tremendously worthwhile. The colour transparencies brought by the Rev. Patrick Ashe lit up his moving story of the large number of children left orphans as the result of the fighting in Viet Nam, and we were thankful to be able to send our gift to this urgently needed work. We felt, too, that we wanted to do more...to pray, encouraged by the many evidences of God's answers already, and some felt, to form a support group to give more sustained backing.

The next Parish Fellowship evening is on Thursday 13 March when we look forward to a visit from a distinguished local naturalist, Mr. Denby Wilkinson, M.B.E.. His lovely slides will take us through Nature's Year in some of the beautiful lanes and lakes and woodlands of West Surrey. All are welcome to these evenings whether they are church members or not. Come to the Village Hall at 8 p.m..

The month after that, Thursday 10 April, we hold our Church Annual Meeting, also in the Hall

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at 8 p.m.. Book the date now. More about this next month.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our annual New Year Party was held on 23 January and proved to be, as in previous years, a happy occasion. All our members were present and also 7 of our friends from Hambledon Homes, to each of whom we gave a small gift. A presentation was also made to Mrs. Ellingson, who so graciously opens her home for our meetings every month. A variety of games was the order for the afternoon, and this was followed by a delicious tea provided by all the members. The traditional Christmas Cake was made by Mrs. Fanny Jeffery, renowned for her cooking, who was also a guest at the party.

The Rector was present and performed the "cutting of the cake" ceremony, and the afternoon ended with everybody forming a circle to pull the gaily coloured crackers, the contents of which caused much merriment.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 March when we shall be going to the Baptist Church Godalming for their annual meeting at 3 p.m. The speaker will be Mrs. Joan Pymont.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Hambledon W.I. met at the Village Hall on 12 February. Mrs. Hardy read a letter of thanks from Help the AGed for the 14 sacks of clothes contributed by Hambledon for their collection in December.

She also announced that the next meeting would be held on 12th March, 7.15 pm and would be a Handicraft and Produce evening meeting; it was very much hoped that members and non-members would come and bring husbands and families too. There would be exhibitions and demonstrations of crafts and hobbies, old and new.

R.J. Major