

ST. PETER'S HAMBLETON

MARCH 1978

THE RECTOR WRITES.....

I find myself writing this letter, and looking on to Easter, while snow and ice are all around, and we wonder whether the daffodils will be through! Never mind. JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN, AND ALIVE. And nothing can change that. Join us in joyful celebration, and make it a fitting praise to Him.

The Easter Tide services are listed overleaf. I hope many will come with us on Maundy Thursday, that rather special communion service on the night when The Lord's Supper was instituted; and on Good Friday when we remember the great and costly sacrifice which won us our forgiveness and acceptance.

On the Saturday we decorate the church from 9.30 am, and shall be glad of helpers then, and of gifts of greenery, and (hopefully) of flowers.

Easter Sunday falls this year on the fourth Sunday of the month, when there would be at 10 am the Series 2 Communion Service when some children come with their parents. So there can be no Children's Church, and we do not have Sunday Club in holiday time. Many parents will want to bring their children to the short Easter Morning Service at 11 am, and to help we shall at sermon time arrange for younger children to have their own talk in the vestry at the back. But families can sit together for the earlier part of the service. We shall have extra chairs ready.

The Rev Ralph Wilkins, from Haslemere Parish Church, will be a welcome preacher at 6.30 pm on March 5 and 12, when the Rector will be preaching at Haslemere.

Mrs Brandon and Mrs Munton are to be confirmed at Bramley Parish Church at 8 pm on Friday 17 March. Several of our members are already planning to come to support them, and I hope many others from our congregation will do so too.

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DIARY FOR MARCH

1 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Lent Study Course (Rectory)

5 Fourth Sunday in Lent. Mothering Sunday

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer: Christ our Judge

6.30 pm Evening Prayer: Rev. Ralph Wilkins (Haslemere)

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

8 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Lent Study Course (Rectory)

9 Thu. 8 pm Parish Fellowship (Village Hall):

Major Piers de Berniere-Smart brings news

and pictures of Shaftesbury Homes.

12 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer: Lamb of God: Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer: Rev Ralph Wilkins

7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

13 Mon. 7.45 for 8 pm Parochial Church Council

15 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Lent Study Course (Rectory)

17 Fri. CONFIRMATION at Holy Trinity Bramley

19 Palm Sunday (N.B. Summer time begins)

Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer: Christ the King

6.30 pm Holy Communion: The Problem of Race

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

23 Maundy Thursday 8 pm Holy Communion and Sermon

24 Good Friday 11 am Good Friday Service

26 Easter Day Holy Communion at 8 am, noon, 7.30 pm

10 am Series II Communion Service

11 am Short Easter Morning Service

6.30 pm Evening Prayer



AND IN APRIL2 First Sunday after Easter

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

9 Second Sunday after Easter

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

13 Thu 8 pm ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGCHURCH FLOWERS

March 5

12 Mrs N. Jervic

19 Mrs P. Gardner

26 Easter Flowers

April 2 Mrs M. Stevens

9 Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for January 1978, £101-67 p.

E.F. Denny

The Church of England Children's Society has sent to Mrs Vickery a letter of thanks for our gift of £24 from the last half-yearly box opening, and they ask her to thank everyone concerned for their continuing support and loyalty.

To Fear Fund we were able to send £38 following the hunger lunch on Ash Wednesday. As well as a multitude of smaller gifts sent all round the world, large gifts are always rushed out at times of public disaster (e.g. when there is an earthquake, or tornado or tidal wave). It gives us happiness to know that our small contributions are being used in this way.

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#### LENT SERMONS AND ADDRESSES

The Lent Themes continue as follows:-

SUNDAYS at 11 am "Jesus as others saw Him"

March 5 Christ our Judge

12 Christ the Lamb of God

19 Christ our King

SUNDAYS at 6.30 pm

March 19 RACE: challenge to individual & nation

WEDNESDAYS at 8 for 8.30 pm (Rectory)

"The Awakening of the Church"

March 1 Colourful clergymen: Grimshaw & Simeon

8 William Wilberforce and Social Reform

15 How the Missionary Societies began

#### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

A very important date next month is Thursday 13 April when at 8 pm in the Village Hall our church holds its Annual Meeting. In recent years this has been well attended by a large number of our church members. Book the date now, and plan to come.

#### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This annual service for women, held right round the world, is being held locally in St. Edmund's Church, Croft Road, Godalming at 2.30 pm on Friday 3 March. The speaker is Mrs Lydia Granby.

#### PARISH FELLOWSHIP

In spite of the bitter cold, a fine number came on 9 February to hear Ted Sutton give a light-hearted and enthralling account of his great sail, with one fellow-mariner, across the Atlantic, up the American sea-board, and back to England. Splendid colour transparencies and many an amusing anecdote accompanied the talk and made a memorable evening.

On 9 March, Major Piers de Berniere-Smart is to tell of the fine work done by the Shaftesbury Homes, of The Arethusa, and of recent developments in the work. There will be colour transparencies to illustrate, in the Village Hall at 8 pm.



PERSONALIA

To Caroline Jervis and Alfred Howick go our very best wishes as they begin their married life together on 11 March. May God bless them both.

Mr and Mrs Anthony Parker of Hatch Cottage are joyfully celebrating the safe arrival of a baby son. We congratulate them most warmly.

We shall specially remember just now Sarah Grillo and her sister at this time of bereavement. They had lost their father only a year before, and now their mother Ruth Stimson, after some years of illness and many visits to hospital. She was a great homemaker; and a crowded crematorium chapel bore testimony to the fact that she was a great friend-maker too.

Little Mark Goodchild of Vann Lane had to go suddenly to hospital after an accident, but we are most thankful to say that he is doing well. Mrs Lasster senior, of Borough Farm, has also been in hospital following a heart attack. We shall remember her in our prayers, and Mr May, Mr Luff, Mr Hopkins, and Mr Charles Vacher too.

Roger Bolton is to be confirmed at Marlborough College on 5 March, and our prayers will be with him both then and when he joins us at Easter Tide.

The Rev. Patrick Ashe and his family were most grateful for a very large quantity of excellent warm clothing which was swiftly provided after our request on 5 February. By the following Saturday it was all on its way to France where many refugees from Cambodia (now under a Communist regime) are safe, but shivering. Many thanks to all who helped. Mr Ashe's daughter has been in France giving them practical help.

Some impressions of Edric and Joan Hardy. As some 25 of us introduced ourselves on the Friday evening, some startling facts emerged! Our worthy churchwarden Peter Rodarick, born in some unpronounceable place in Wales, claimed at least eighteen Christian names and solemnly assured us he was an ex-cat-burglar!

We were then introduced to Ross Tully and his wife. He was to give us two short talks over the week end. Ross and his wife spent many years in Pakistan, and on returning to England he became Chaplain in a psychiatric hospital in Southall. The theme of his two talks was "acceptance and appointment". After listening to him for only a short while we realised how many things we ought to be thankful for. He described himself as a V.O.P. (very ordinary person) A V.E.P. (very exceptional person) would have been a more apt description.

The rattle of early morning cups of tea awakened us on Saturday morning (and on Sunday morning too). Many thanks to Caroline Atkins and company for this thoughtful gesture.

Soon after breakfast our day visitors began to arrive, some eighteen or nineteen of them, and most stayed until after dinner and joined in the evening's merrymaking. We were certain next year will see most of them as week-enders. The rest of the day was free until after tea. Some stalwarts ventured out, visiting Cobham, RHS gardens Wisley, Stoke d'Abernnon church; other went arm-chair-travelling with David Symonds and his movie-projector to Greece and Switzerland; some watched and others played off their table tennis tournament bouts. Anything can and does happen at Fairmile, even to winning a table tennis competition by proxy. Congratulations Dorothea !

After the second enlightening talk by Ross Tully the evening after dinner was given over to entertainment.



It was a D.I.Y. effort, but there was never a dull moment. The "Oscar" for the evening must surely go to Beryl Williams, Eve Thompson, Jay Jervis, Brenda and Peter Gardner. It must have been the funniest and best show of the year when they depicted a family outing and to the seaside. It was only supposed to be one word or syllable of a charade.

Sunday morning saw a few more day visitors, and a simple communion service. After this we spent the time "nattering". Some found themselves press-ganged into an unusual game of table tennis.... one ball, and two bats, and up to twelve players. We can only conclude that this was devised by Jay Jervis to burn up all those extra calories we had consumed.

The afternoon was given over to a quiet session when we painted a picture of Sunday Club; then had an interesting talk about life on a tea plantation in Uganda, given by our resident Warden and his wife, Malcolm and Barbara Lee-Wilson, who had spent their lives in that country until taking over the running of Fairmile last year. We would like to thank them and their staff for providing the atmosphere and setting for this memorable week end, not forgetting their daughter for her gastronomic masterpieces. Edric and Joan Hardy.

Ed. There seemed to be clear approval among those who went this year for our coming again to Fairmile Court next year for a similar week end. We have been able to book February 9 to 11, 1979. Do make a note in your diary NOW, and transfer it to your new diary at the end of the year, so that you can keep the dates clear.

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The annual New Year's Party took place on the 26th January at Ellingson's with a splendid tea provided by members. Mrs Fanny Jeffery kindly made the cake, which the Rector cut, and later everyone joined in pulling the crackers provided by two of our members. A small gift was presented to Mrs Ellingson in appreciation of her kindness in allowing us to meet in her house each month.

The date and place of the next meeting in March which is, usually held in Godalming, will be announced later.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Hambledon W.I. members arriving at the Village Hall on Wednesday February 8th were greeted by the delicious aroma of freshly baked bread, and after the official business was concluded sundry culinary experts demonstrated the art of yeast cookery. Those members who so wished, and who like the wise virgins had come prepared, 'had a go'. Due to limitations of time the actual cooking had to be done at home, so a factual report on results is not possible. But it was all good fun! Members also voted on the merits of two Chelsea Bun exhibits by placing a bean under their preference. At least one kindly member placed her bean where she felt the need was greatest!

Classes in crochet commenced on Wednesday 15th February and will continue for three to four months.

A visit to the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre is planned for Wednesday March 1st.

Mrs G.E. Peer