

ST. PETER'S, HAMBLETON

MARCH 1979

THE RECTOR WRITES

The Lent series of addresses, both for Sunday mornings and evenings, and also for Wednesdays, are set out on page 6. I hope they may be a help. The Sunday morning series "It's hard to believe..." deals with different problem areas, and it may be that one or other of these may be a help to a friend. Think about this and invite them to come with you.

On Sunday evenings I think we shall find that the study of the life of Abraham is not just a fascinating story of long ago, but throws positive light on our life today.

The Wednesday series is more informal. It is held in the Rectory, after coffee at 8 pm. The showing of a very small number of transparencies each time may add vividness to what is in any case the very colourful life of St. Paul. In each of the last few years, many of ^{our} members have made a special point of coming, during Lent, to our midweek study series. I very much hope they will come again this year, and that others may come for the first time. The series begins on 7 March.

2.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

- Feb. 28 ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Communion at 11.30 am
Hunger Lunch from 12.20 pm
- 2 Fri. 2.15 pm Women's World Day of Prayer Service
at Godalming Parish Church. Speaker,
Mrs Clarence Foster.
- 4 SUN. FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon
10 am Children's Church: A team from King
Edward's School
11 am Morning Prayer
6.30 pm Evening Prayer in Modern English
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage
- 7 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Lent Address at the Rectory
- 8 Thu. 8 pm Parish Fellowship: Village Hall: Mrs
C.B. de Vere Green lecture on "Fans"
- 11 SUN. SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
Holy Communion at 8 am
11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory
- 14 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Lent Address at the Rectory
- 18 SUN. THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm
10 am Children's Church
11 am Morning Prayer: Mr G.M. Bolton
6.30 pm Holy Communion
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage
- 21 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Lent Address at the Rectory
- 25 SUN. FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT Mothering Sunday
Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am
10 am Series II Communion Service
11 am Morning Prayer
12.10 pm Public Baptism
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

AND IN APRIL

3.

1 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in Modern English

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

2 Mon. Parochial Church Council Meeting

4 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Lent Address in the Rectory

8 PALM SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

12 MAUNDAY THURSDAY

8 pm Holy Communion and Address

13 GOOD FRIDAY

11 am Morning Service

15 EASTER SUNDAY (more details next month)

CHURCH FLOWERS

March 4 Mrs R. Mitchell

11 Mrs E.A. Wieler

18 Mrs D. Ringe

25 M Mrs R.P.A. de Berniere-Smart

April 1 Mrs Husbands and Mrs Page

8 Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for January 1979 £118 - 93 p E.F. Denny

CHILDREN'S UNION (formerly Church of England Children's Society) has sent a letter of thanks to Mrs Vickery for our gift of £20.50p from the last Box Opening.

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptism Feb. 18 Olivia Gemma Kate Pegrum

HOUSE PARTY AT FAIRMILE COURT

For the fourth consecutive year, the congregational week end House Party was held at Fairmile Court, Cobham, on 9 to 11 February.

I arrived at about 6 pm. A few people were already there, sitting in front of a blazing log fire. The Rector and Mrs Thompson were waiting to welcome us and show us to our rooms. By seven o'clock most people had arrived, and by dinner time at 8 pm the whole party, twenty eight strong, were comfortably installed.

After an excellent dinner we gathered in the drawing room where some played scrabble and other board games, while others sat and chatted. Later the Rector introduced the Rev. Michael Fox, Chaplain of Reigate Grammar School, who had joined us for the week end. He chose as his theme for the week end FAITH; and during his three talks, which he illustrated with many serious and amusing stories, he gave us a lot to think about and discuss. On Sunday afternoon a short time was allowed for questions, which he answered with great feeling and understanding.

During the week end Tony Cannon organised a table tennis tournament in which everyone joined. Being very efficiently organised the finals were reached by Saturday evening, and on Sunday morning after coffee we gathered for the final; after which everyone joined in an hilarious game of progressive ping pong.

On Saturday at 10 o'clock, fourteen day visitors arrived, who, after a tour of the house, joined us when we gathered for coffee. The Rev. Michael Fox's first talk followed.

After lunch, as there was no organised programme, we were left to our own devices. A number of people visited Wisley Gardens; whilst some of the day visitors who had brought their dogs with them, went for a walk to Oxshott Woods. For the less energetic there were films shown in the Library by members of

the house party ... by Brenda Gardner of a visit to Bavaria, by Maggie Jagger of holidays at Lee Abbey, and by Cecil Chapman of the Dutch bulb fields.

After tea the Rev. Michael Fox gave us his second talk. This was preceded by some of the younger members of the party singing to the accompaniment of their guitars. They entertained us again on Sunday.

Later that evening there was a party with some unusual organised games and charades; and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

On Sunday Morning five day visitors arrived in time for our Communion Service at 10.15 am. This was a real family service with many members of the party taking part and a final talk by Michael Fox.

In the afternoon Mr Jimmy Girling from the Bible Society gave us a very interesting talk, illustrated by slides taken in Africa.

After a last enormous tea we all left for home feeling grateful to those who had made our week end so comfortable and enjoyable. Among these should be mentioned the kind young people who rose early to give the rest of us the treat of an early morning cup of tea.

B.J.M.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

At the February meeting Mr David Symonds showed us his film of three family holidays in Scotland. Railway enthusiasts, more particularly lovers of the old days of steam locomotives, enjoyed seeing the journey by the Flying Scotsman; and lovers of the Highlands greatly enjoyed seeing the mountains and lochs.

On Thursday 8 March Mrs C.B. de Vere Green, who is a recognised authority on Fans, and who has both lectured and also published a major reference book on the subject, is coming to show us some of her own very beautiful fans, and to show transparencies of others, and to talk to us about this subject which she has specially made her own. We hope many will come to the Village Hall at 8 pm that day to hear her.

6.

LENT ADDRESSES

Sunday Mornings at 11 am

"IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE..."

- March 4 ... that miracles happen
- 11 ... that Jesus was born of a virgin
- 18 ... that Jesus is real
- 25 ... that God cares
- April 1 ... that prayer works
- 8 ... that the Cross made any difference

Sunday Evenings at 6.30 pm

"THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM "

- March 4 The Response of Faith
- 11 The Unselfishness of Faith
- 18 Failures of Faith
- 25 The Privilege of Faith
- April 1 The Testing of Faith
- 8 The Example of Abraham

Wednesday Evenings in the Rectory

Coffee is at 8 pm The Address is at 8.30 pm

THE EARLY YEARS OF PAUL THE MISSIONARY

- March 7 The Persecutor who changed sides
- 14 Missionary Training School
- 21 The First Missionary Journey
- 28 Freedom and Acceptance for Gentile Christians
- April 4 On into Europe

The addresses will be illustrated by a few transparencies

GOLDEN WEDDING

7.

We give our warmest congratulations to Harold and Mary Hutchins on their Golden Wedding. They celebrated this notable event in mid February. Well done!

PERSONALIA

Mrs Winton Dean is home from hospital now, convalescing quietly under doctor's orders. Peter Roderick is recovering well from his successful hip operation, and it was a pleasure to have him back at church again in spite of an icy day when the going was very treacherous. Mr Standing's recovery from severe bronchitis has been delayed by two setbacks, but we hope he is on the way now. We send our best wishes also to Mrs Robertson and to Mr and Mrs Goad who have been on the sick list.

REVISION OF OUR CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

All who normally attend our church, and who are 17 years of age or over, should be on our official membership list. The annual revision is to be carried out between 30 March and 11 April. Forms are available at church and also at the Rectory, and we shall be grateful if completed forms can be handed in soon.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Our church Annual Meeting has been arranged for Thursday 26 April at 8 pm in the Village Hall. More details next month. Book the date now please.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We look forward to the visit of a team from King Edward's School, Witley, on Sunday 4 March when they come to conduct Children's Church at 10 am.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Many of our ladies will be going together by car to the local service which is to be held at Godalming Parish Church on Friday 2 March at 2.15 pm. The speaker is Mrs Clarence Foster.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The New Year Party, at Ellingson's, started off with chatter for about twenty minutes. Then the real fun began. First we had musical parcels, with a prize provided by Mrs Ayling (who was unfortunately not fit enough to come: we send her our best wishes). Then an hilarious mime, which Mrs Thompson started off by plucking and drawing a chicken. The people in the room knew this, but four people who had to copy the mime hadn't a clue.

In the next game we were doing all sorts of antics, and cuckoo-ing all over the place! Then we were ready for a cup of tea. For this the Rector and Dr Symonds joined us. Mrs Ellingson was presented with a small gift in appreciation for her hospitality. She said it was a great pleasure to share her home. The Rector then cut the cake, made by Mrs Fanny Jeffery, and it was very good. All finished with the sound of crackers being pulled. It was a very happy afternoon. M.E.H.

The next meeting of the Fellowship is on March 22nd, at Ellingson's, when the speaker is to be Mrs Ash from Busbridge.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Two new members were welcomed by the President Mrs Crowhurst at the Hambledon W.I. meeting on 14 Feb. A branch of the National Savings Club was started, and it was decided to give a donation to the new branch of the N.S.P.C.C. in Hambledon.

Mr Cerely gave a very interesting lecture on "Birds of woodland and Heath". His beautiful slides were coloured by stories from his own experiences gleaned from hours of patient watching. He reminded us how fortunate we are in Surrey to have 109 species of nesting birds, which can give such a wide field of exploration to bird watchers.

Miss Parker thanked the speaker. Mrs Major won the competition, and Mrs Wieler the raffle. Tea was served by Mrs Jeffery and Mrs Edwards. E.G.F.