

ST. PETER'S, HAMBLEDON

MARCH 1980

THE RECTOR WRITES

At a recent informal evening for the parents of our Children's Church and Sunday Club children, a parent made the suggestion that very occasionally one of our Morning Services at 11 am could be simplified slightly, with both prayers and sermon bearing children in mind, so that as well as our normal Sunday morning congregation, children of both Sunday Club and Children's Church and their parents might come together. The parents clearly welcomed the suggestion, not least because this would for once bring both parents and children into the main congregation, and enable them to worship within the Hambledon family.

So let us try it out. Sunday 30 March (Palm Sunday) is a fifth Sunday of the month when there is no service at 10 am, and we invite children, parents, and our normal congregation to come together then.

We hope too that it will be possible to arrange a cup of coffee, and a cold drink for the children, after the service.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH2 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer: "The All-knowing God"

6.30 pm Evening Prayer (Modern English): "Samson"

7.45 pm Mounng Peóple at Heath Cottage

5 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Lent Address (Rectory):
"The 400 years in Egypt"

9 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer: "The Holiness of God"

Mr G.M. Bolton:

and Sunday Club.

6.30 pm Evening Prayer: "Ruth"

7.45 pm Young People at The Rectory

10 Mon. 7.45 for 8 pm Paroc'ial Church Council

12 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Lent Address (Rectory):
"The Desert Journey"

13 Thu. 8 pm Parish Fellowship (Village Hall)
"Christian Outreach" among Refugees in
Thailand (Slides) Rev. Patrick Ashe

16 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT Mothering Sunday

Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer: "The Grace of God"

6.30 pm Holy Communion: "Samuel"

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

19 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Lent Address (Rectory)
"The Commandments and The Covenant"

23 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am

10 am Series II Communion Service

11 am Morning Prayer: "God Incarnate":
and Sunday Club.

6.30 pm Evening Prayer: "Sail"

7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

26 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Lent Address (Rectory)
"Into the Promised Land"

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27 Thu. 8 pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Hall)

30 PALM SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 7.30 pm

11 am Special Morning Prayer (see p. 1)

"Sons of God"

6.30 pm Evening Prayer: "Jonathan"

7.45 pm Young People meet

AND IN APRIL

3 MAUNDY THURSDAY

8 pm The Lord's Supper and Sermon

4 GOOD FRIDAY

11 am Good Friday Service

6 EASTER SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am, 12 noon, and 7.30 pm

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer (Modern English)

CHURCH FLOWERS

Mar. 2 Mrs J. Symonds

9 Mrs E.A. Wieler

16 Mrs R. Williams

23 Mrs D. Ringe

30 Mrs Alan Seccrett

Apl. 6 Easter Flowers

13 Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERINGS

Total for January 1980 £291 - 56p

E.F. Denny

CHURCH REGISTERS

Marriage

Feb. 2 Ian Stewart Ashley Bailey and
Lynette Valerie Luxford

4.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
IN THE VILLAGE HALL
THURSDAY 27 MARCH at 8 pm

The Village Hall is usually very full for our Church Annual Meeting, and we now have extra chairs to make sure that all can be seated.

WE CHOOSE OUR CHURCH OFFICERS .. the two Churchwardens of course, our Sidesmen, and certain members of our Parochial Church Council (one third of whom stand down each year by rotation after completing three years of service).

WE HEAR THE NEWS .. what the Church Council has decided and done; how our members' giving has kept pace with inflation and our necessary expenditure, and how much we have been able to give to God's work elsewhere; how far the buildings and furniture of the church are in good repair; and, in the Rector's review, how he sees the work of the past year, and the pathway ahead.

WE CAN MAKE SUGGESTIONS. Of course, all members of the congregation can offer advice at any time in the year, and are encouraged to do so. The Annual Meeting, however, is a special opportunity, when questions can be asked and suggestions made. The Church Council always notes carefully any points that arise for consideration.

In any case the evening is usually full of interest and of fun, and can help to bind us together as a church in this village, and to renew our sense of direction.

We look forward to seeing you there ...

REVISION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

5.

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 of this is carried out at this time of the year before the Annual Meeting, and this year it must be completed by 9 March. Forms are available at Church and also at The Rectory. Only new members should hand back a completed form soon please.

AGE OF ADMISSION TO OUR CHURCH SCHOOL

A slight change in the age at which children are admitted to our Church School was resolved at a recent meeting of the School Managers. In future children can be admitted at the beginning of the term during which they will reach their fifth birthday. It may be helpful if parents of young families could be made aware of this, and we shall be grateful if readers will let others know.

TOILET FACILITY AT HAMBLEDON CHURCH

The Parochial Church Council felt that members of our congregation ought perhaps to know that a simple toilet is provided. It is no more than an Elsan, we confess, but it is all we can provide. It is in the boiler house, along the north wall of the church, and can be approached along the path which lies just outside the far door from the choir vestry.

IS OUR SUNDAY CRECHE STILL NEEDED?

For some time now a creche in the Rectory has been staffed and available for babies and young children whenever Sunday Club meets. With older children cared for in Sunday Club itself, the idea was that parents might be set free to come to the 11am service and some have taken the opportunity of doing so.

Some of the tinies concerned have perhaps grown beyond the need of the creche, and for one reason or another recently only perhaps one child has been brought.

We have just wondered whether the need for the creche has temporarily lifted, and ask now for guidance from our readers. Will any parents who would like still to make use of the creche sometimes please let us know? Needless to say we shall be delighted to continue to provide it if its object is being achieved.

PERSONALIA

Talla Machlachlan was married to Juan Almandos Almonacid on 9 February 1960 at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Milford. They will be making their home in Quequen, Argentina, and our warmest good wishes go with them.

Mrs Richardson has arrived safely home from hospital and is making steady progress with her walking.

Mrs Harold Hutchins had the misfortune to contract shingles, and Miss Lorna Maughan chickenpox, but we were delighted to see them both at church again, and Mr George Maughan also.

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