

ST. PETER'S. HAMBLEDON

MARCH 1982

THE RECTOR WRITES.....

"I have noticed that the Christians who have gone ahead have been those who read".

These words of a friend of mine have often come to my mind. There is today a very wide range of Christian books available on all sorts of themes, but they need wisdom in selection. Some are a waste of time; and some are excellent. I hesitate to offer a recommended Reading List because individuals vary so much. If instead, I could help any individual in suggesting a good informative helpful book on a particular subject, or to lend one of mine that I have found specially good, I would be very glad.

There are practical books about Marriage, about Sickness and Healing; about Prayer difficulties; about Temptation and Suffering. There is a good book by John Stott called "Understanding the Bible". There are books on Christian evidences; on "Why believe in God?"; on Who Jesus was, or more narrowly about the Resurrection or the Virgin Birth; there are books about The Holy Spirit (a special centre of interest in recent years). There are books for parents, and one by Dr John White called "Parents in Pain" is I think outstandingly wise and helpful and would help parents be ready for problems during the later teens and beyond.

Have I said enough to awaken interest? Do please let Eve or me know at any time if you would like us to recommend, or to lend, something good.

2. CALENDAR FOR MARCH 1982

3 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Lent Course begins
(Rectory)

7 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer: "Mary of Bethany"

6.30 pm Evening Prayer(A.S.B): "The
Ecclesiastical Trials"

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

8 Mon. 7.45 for 8 pm Parochial Church Council

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

11 Thu. 8 pm Parish Fellowship (Village Hall)
The Rev. Arthur Ransome: "Israel today"

14 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer: "Nicodemus "
also Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer: "Judas betrays;
and Peter denies"

7.45 pm Young People at The Rectory

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

21 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer: "Salome"

6.30 pm Holy Communion: "The Civil Trials"

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

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

28 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion at 8 am and 9.45 am

9.45 am Holy Communion (A.S.B.)

11 am Morning Prayer "The Rich Young Ruler"
also Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer: "Road to Calvary"

7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

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

AND IN APRIL

1 Thu 8 pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting
(Village Hall) see p.4.

4 PALM SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon
10 am Children's Church
11 am Morning Prayer: "John Baptist"
6.30 pm Evening Prayer(A.S.B.): "Why
the Cross?"
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

8 MAUNDY THURSDAY

8 pm Holy Communion and Address

9 GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Service

11 EASTER DAY

Holy Communion at 8 am, 12 noon, and 6.30pm
11 am Morning Prayer(Children welcome)
12 noon Holy Communion
6.30 pm Holy Communion
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

CHURCH FLOWERS

March 7 Mrs Banks
14 Patrick Williams
21 Mrs D. Synonds
28 Mrs E. Hardy
April 4 Mrs Alan Secrett
11 Easter Flowers

FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for January 1982 £350-91p.
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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
IN THE VILLAGE HALL
THURSDAY 1 APRIL at 8 pm.

We usually have our Village Hall well filled for the Annual Meeting, with extra chairs in use, and we hope that again our church members will make a point of being there, young and old, and from both morning and evening congregations. This is an occasion when we should all be together, both to elect our Church Officers, and to hear the news of our church affairs, and to ask questions and make suggestions.

Before this (and we must complete the task by March 16), our official church membership list must have its annual revision. Those whose names are already recorded need do nothing this year. It is only new members who should complete and return a form (available at Church or Rectory). All who normally regard St. Peter's as their home church, and who are 17 years of age or more, should be on our Electoral Roll.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer is on Friday 5 March this year. The local service will be in Godalming Baptist Church at 7.15 pm when Mrs Vera Crofts from Aldershot will be the speaker. We hope many of our ladies will be there.

PERSONALIA

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JENNY VRANCH and STEPHEN BISHOP recently announced their engagement. Both are members of our church Young People's Group. Stephen is in his last year at university. We assure them both of our prayers, and our warmest good wishes, all the way ahead. MR HUMPHREYS had the misfortune to fracture his leg in a fall, and is now in the County Hospital, confused with the shock. MRS STOVOLD was in another ward for a few days recovering from a further heart attack which for a while brought real anxiety. In yet another ward, MRS FANNY JEFFERY was spending a few days for treatment on her eye. At the same time, and in a different ward again, MR DAVID SMITH was being cared for during the removal of all four wisdom teeth - not by any means so minor a matter as is often supposed. One of our organists MR PETER GARDNER slipped on some ice just outside his home and broke a rib, and has had a thoroughly uncomfortable month afterwards. A few of our families had a most unpleasant attack of influenza, and felt very wretched with a high temperature. Our special remembrances to them all.

Once again the Fairmile weekend lived up to its reputation of being a happy time of relaxation, fun and friendship, when it was nice to have the time and opportunity to talk to old friends and get to know new ones.

There was a full complement of residents, and a number of day visitors joined us on Saturday and Sunday. Several were able to stay for the Saturday evening party when we had games and charades and when some people made fools of themselves and others just sat and enjoyed watching them do it!

Again the housewives had a welcome break from cooking and household chores, although the men took turns to help behind the scenes after meals. As usual the food was excellent and all thoughts of diet and weight watching were forgotten for the weekend.

A table tennis tournament, efficiently organized by Sandra Munton was one of the highlights of the weekend, and the Rector must have felt odd man out when he found himself in the finals with three members of the Symonds family!

On Saturday afternoon some folk visited Wisley, or walked in the local countryside while others, who stayed indoors, went even further to Norway and Switzerland!

It was a great pleasure to all of us to have the Rev. Dr David and Mrs Milton-Thompson with us for the weekend and we were both helped and challenged by the talks at our informal sessions on Saturday and at the Communion Service on Sunday morning.

At the short evening prayers on Friday Mr. Milton-Thompson said he saw the main purpose of the weekend as being an opportunity to meet with Jesus and to know His peace within.

His three main talks were each based on an Old Testament character whose difficulties and experiences were particularly relevant to us today. -First, Jacob who had to admit his own unworthiness before he could know God's blessing in his life. Secondly, Jeremiah, who had to learn the cost of obedience before experiencing the reward of inner peace, and lastly Joshua who, when heavy burdens were laid upon him, was strengthened by the Presence of God, encouraged by the Promises of God, and sustained by the Precepts of God.

Those of us who were at Fairmile can certainly recommend it, so avoid disappointment by booking early next year! B.G.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

Mr Fegan's Homes is not the only society we support in the care of homeless and needy children: but it is many years since we had a speaker to tell us about it. We were glad therefore at our February Parish Fellowship to welcome Mr Vincent who came to tell us of the fine work still done in Mr Fegan's Homes, and to show us slides.

The last meeting of this winter session is on Thursday 11 March, as always in the Village Hall at 8 pm. It promises to be specially interesting because the Rev. Arthur Ransome, Priest-in-Charge of Shackleford and Peperharow, is coming to show slides and speak about "Israel today". His slides are outstandingly good, and as he has lived and served in Israel (mostly in Jerusalem) for some sixteen years, he knows his subject much more deeply than the average short-stay visitor. Book the date and come yourself; and bring your friends.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

It was nice to gather in Mrs Dorothea Ellingson's house for our New Year Party. After greetings and talking with our friends, we heard part of a record of the Royal Wedding music, which brought back memories of a warm and happy day. Tea, provided by members, made all diets a thing of the past. The New Year cake, made by Mrs Fanny Jeffery, was the centre piece of a delicious spread; it was cut by the Rector and pronounced the best yet. Mrs Sonia Symonds presented Mrs Ellingson with a gift for her hospitality throughout the year. After tea we stood around in Auld Langish fashion and sang, then pulled crackers with much merriment.

Do come and join us on the third Thursday of the month. You will be made most welcome.

The next meeting will be on WEDNESDAY 24th March, when we have again been invited to the Godalming Baptist Church for their annual meeting, fellowship, and tea. J.H.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

All members of Hambledon W.I. would like to thank Mrs D. Simmons for the hours she must have spent researching her subject "Antiques", and getting some unexpected valuations for members articles. Her enthusiasm came across strongly, but we felt she gave us sound advice when she told us only to buy those things which appealed to us personally.

Next month on Wednesday March 3 at 8 pm will be an open evening meeting when we will have a visit from "The Red Devils". Do book this date and enjoy the evening with us.

Mrs Major, the President, conducted the business meeting. The competition for the prettiest spoon was won by Mrs Brunt, and Mrs Simmons won the raffle. E.G.F.