

ST PETER'S CHURCH : HAMBLETON
MARCH 1987

The Rector writes:

My dear Friends

I was very glad to see that the Manchester Police Chief, James Anderton, had returned to his duties with the approval of the Home Office. Although his remarks may have been considered unwise by some, nevertheless, here was a man bearing witness to his faith in daily life about the decline in moral standards and the quality of Christian living. What he said was surely complementary to his work as a police officer and not detracting from it. As I understand it, he was affirming the fact that if we were to follow our Lord's teaching regarding sex before and after marriage, there is no danger. God does not punish through suffering and disease, but in this case the best protection is to live according to God's laws. Those laws are surely there to protect us against hurt and to enhance the quality of both our personal and community life.

A great deal has been said and written concerning the possibility of catching AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), during the reception of Holy Communion. The Health Education Council has declared that the use of the common chalice is completely safe. The virus which is the cause of AIDS cannot be passed through the air, or by using, for example, the same cup. The virus is very fragile and can only be transmitted directly into the blood stream. Surface contact is not sufficient to allow infection and it is clear that the virus is not passed on through saliva. The wine used is, by its alcoholic nature, antiseptic, and the chalice is a poor medium for transmitting any infection.

This is just one of the many problems in our church and society to-day which we will be tackling in our Lenten programme for Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. I do hope you will come and join us.

Yours sincerely
PETER SERTIN

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 1987

- Mar. 1 QUINQUAGESIMA
8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00 am FAMILY SERVICE : followed by coffee at the Rectory
6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship
- Mar. 4 ASH WEDNESDAY
11 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
8 00 pm Holy Communion (ASB)
- Mar. 8 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT
8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662) : followed by Holy Communion
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship
- Mar. 11 8 00 pm LENTEN STUDY AT THE RECTORY
- Mar. 15 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT
8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00 am Children's Church
11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)
6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship
- Mar. 18 8 00 pm LENTEN STUDY AT THE RECTORY /.....

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- Mar. 22 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT : The Rector at Broadway Parish Church
8 00 am Holy Communion (1662) : The Rev. Charles Oldham
11 00 am Holy Communion (1662) : The Rev. D.A. Parsons
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship
- Mar. 25 8 00 pm LENTEN STUDY AT THE RECTORY
- Mar. 29 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT : MOTHERING SUNDAY : Clocks go ON ONE HOUR!
8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662) : Mr G.M. Bolton
6 30 pm Special Service
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

AND IN APRIL

- April 31 8 00 pm LENTEN STUDY AT THE RECTORY
- April 5 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT : The Rector at John's Woking
8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00 am FAMILY SERVICE : followed by coffee at the Rectory :
Mr & Mrs P Lovegrove
6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662) : Mr P Lovegrove
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship
- April 8 8 00 pm LENTEN STUDY AT THE RECTORY /.....

April 12 PALM SUNDAY

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
 11 00 am Morning Prayer : followed by Holy Communion
 (Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
 6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)
 7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

LENTEN STUDY SERIES 1987 : "MAN'S NEED AND GOD'S ANSWER"

<u>Lent 1</u>	March 8	Sunday	11 00 am :	"Does Jesus Heal To-day?"
	March 11	Wednesday	8 00 pm :	
<u>Lent 2</u>	March 15	Sunday	11 00 am :	"Does the End Justify the Means?"
	March 18	Wednesday	8 00 pm :	
<u>Lent 3</u>	March 22	Sunday	11 00 am :	"Is Gay OK? - What about AIDS?"
	March 25	Wednesday	8 00 pm :	- The Rev. D.A. Parsons
<u>Lent 4</u>	March 29	Sunday	11 00 am :	"Am I my Brother's Keeper?"
	April 1	Wednesday	8 00 pm :	- Mr G.M. Bolton
<u>Lent 5</u>	April 5	Sunday	11 00 am :	"Is Life Fair?"
	April 8	Wednesday	8 00 pm :	- Mr & Mrs P. Lovegrove
<u>PALM SUNDAY</u>	April 12	Sunday	11 00 am :	
	April 15	Wednesday	8 00 pm :	"Should the Punishment fit the Crime?"

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EASTER DAY April 19 Sunday 11 00 am : "Does He Really Live To-day?"

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptisms: February 8th : ERIC JOHN PARKER
 February 15th : JANE UNDERWOOD
STEPHEN WILLIAMS
ANDREA CAUL

CONFIRMATION AT KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL CHAPEL ON SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY :

RUTH CAROE
JANE UNDERWOOD
ELIZABETH FREEMANTLE
ANDREW WILLIAMSON
STEPHEN WILLIAMS
ANDREA CAUL

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME : Total for January 1987 : £853.60 : Edric Hardy

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA : March 1 : Mrs B Paine
 8 :
 15 :
 22 :
 29 : Mrs J Hassard-Short

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CHURCH CLEANING ROTA : March 6/7 : Mrs M Reynolds
 13/14 : The Pitt Family
 20/21 : Mrs J Corbett
 27/28 : Mrs O Roderick

We are so grateful to all who give skill and time for flower arranging and cleaning. More 'volunteers' are always needed to spread the load; Mrs Mary Parker (Hascombe 339) kindly arranges the flower list and Mrs Rosemary Arden-White (Wormley 2582) the list for church cleaning. Both ladies would be pleased to hear from anyone able to help.

PERSONALIA

It is always good to be able to start off with a new arrival and this month we send many congratulations to Jenny and Charlie Arbuthnot (nee Arden-White) on the arrival of their daughter on February 17th; a welcome first grandchild for Rosemary and Tom. Mike and Virginia Stevens have now moved from Hambledon and we all send our good wishes to them both as they settle in at Little Fisher Cottage, South Mundham, Chichester, Sussex. The Tel. No. is 0243 263481 and all Hambledon visitors will be welcome in the summer.

It is good to have Julia Harrington out and about again after her recent spell in hospital and we were sorry indeed to learn that Miss Harrill has suffered a broken leg. Philip Vacher has recently been a patient in the Royal Surrey and it is good to know that he is back home again. Our good wishes to all our sick friends for a full and complete recovery.

CHURCH GATE : The gate has been repaired by our village carpenter Keith Pragnell, the cost having been borne by a very generous parishioner, to whom we are most grateful.

THE YOUNG CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Last month saw a change in pattern of worship for our younger church members. Sunday Club continues in the Nursery School on the second and fourth Sunday in the month for the five to eleven year olds with two classes, one for the under eights and the other for the over eights.

Affiliated to Sunday Club, but operating separately from it in the school, is a new group, "God Squad", for the over elevens, led by Liz. Freemantle. We wish this new group well and pray for God's guidance in its development.

Please spread the news about Sunday Club and the new group for elevens to fifteens to any families you come across with children in this whole age range.

Nigel Pollock

NEWS FROM SIMON MABLEY IN PAKISTAN

Christmas in Pakistan was very different from Christmas at home. We went to 8 00 Communion at the Anglican Cathedral where there were about 30 of us, singing carols without any organist. It is very cold at this time of year, so a huge bonfire is lighted outside and then hot ashes are brought in and put on a sort of griddle at the ends of the pews. After being entertained to various meals and having Christmas dinner with friends in Peshawar, we caught the overnight Khyber Mail for the ten-hour train journey to Lahore. We stayed in St. Hilda's Guest House, which used to be the deaconesses' house, for a week's holiday and then returned by bus, spending New Year's Eve at the Shalom Christian Centre at Jhelum where I shall be working during the summer holidays.

With some friends, I have recently made the journey through the Khyber Pass and right up to the border with Afghanistan - the first Europeans to be allowed to do so for three years. We had an armed guard and went through very rugged country lined with

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fortified villages all the way and at one vantage point it was possible to see both sides of the border.

Like last term, this term started late, as some of the more fundamentalist students rioted. Another set-back has been that the computers were stolen on Christmas Eve, which was rather disappointing, as I was just starting a computer club for the boys and had recently been interviewed by The Frontier Post about the computer centre at the College.

Life in Peshawar continues to be different: the Principal called me over to his house to see a performing bear, we have had an earthquake, and gunfire is a usual accompaniment to lunch on the verandah. Guns are very much a part of life here and are even fired in celebration at weddings!

NB: The first Link Letter from CMS concerning Simon's work in Peshawar has now been received and a copy is on display in the church porch. If you would like to have a personal copy, please let Sheila Bolton know. (Wormley 2748)

LENTEN READING

May we call your attention to the books which are available in the small display case beside the font; Lent is a good time to try and read at least one Christian book and although space is limited, the books cover quite a wide range of tastes. All of them carry a message which will cause us to pause and think. Rosemary Arden-White kindly arranges the display and will gladly help with any queries or requests that you may have.

RELIGIOUS PRISONERS

Have you ever thought of writing to someone kept in prison for their religious beliefs? There are many such prisoners held in Russia and Rosemary Arden-White tells us that they love to hear from the outside world, knowing that they are being upheld in prayer. Do think about this, especially as the joyous time of Easter approaches; how about an influx of goodwill flowing from Hambledon to Russian prisons this Easter? All particulars from Rosemary, who can supply the name of your own particular contact.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY would like to thank sincerely all their kind boxholders who continue their generous support in these difficult times and wish them all a happy and healthy 1987. The half-year collection to the end December was £27.52.

J.E. Vickery

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER : Friday 6th March

St John the Evangelist, Farncombe at 10.00am.

St John's, Milford at 8.00pm.

Deaconess Anne Donaldson will speak at both these services.

Also a shortened service at 1.30pm at Milford Hospital.

We are hoping to support both the Morning Service and the one at Milford Hospital. If there is anyone who would like a lift, please let me know. Do come and join in this annual service during this special Centenary Year.

Marilyn Sertin

BIBLE SOCIETY PLANT SALE

We hope to hold another plant sale in early June. May I appeal to all gardeners sowing seeds in pots and boxes to sow extra for the Bible Society stall.

Peter Harvey

SARAH CLARKE : CHRISTIAN OUTREACH : writes:-

Dear All at Hambledon Church

Firstly, a big 'thank you' for our Christmas Hamper, which was lovely to receive and especially useful when I returned from Thailand to have some food in the house! It was so good to have been able to go out to Thailand and see the work that Christian Outreach do, first hand.

For Christmas we went down to the border where the refugee camps are and spent some time with the team there. We also attended a Christmas service at a Khmer church in the border camp where we work. There are some very strong Christians there, despite all the suffering they have been through.

Steve works mainly in Bangkok and this is where we are based, in a lovely flat.

There are three other people who live there as well. Two of them work in a physically handicapped children's home which is supported by Christian Outreach and is the only government run home in Bangkok. I went and spent a couple of days there with them. It is a very needy home with only three staff to every fifty children. It seemed to take all day just to change their nappies and feed them, without doing any of the other things which children need, such as being played with. One of our girls there is a physiotherapist and all the children she works with are quite badly physically handicapped and she tries to help them.

For your prayers, I would ask for protection for the team, as sometimes they are in quite dangerous situations. The border camp where some of the team work has been shelled once or twice recently and some car drivers in Thailand are not always as careful as they could be.

I am going out again on March 6th and then we will be coming back together some time in May, hopefully going to visit Simon on the way home.

Sarah Clarke

SNOW TROUBLE : An especial debt of gratitude during those very wintry days in January to Ray and Patrick at the Cricket Green Stores. How would most of us have managed without the village shop? They deserve our support, not only in emergencies but throughout the year. The shop is such a central village focus and a meeting place for exchange of news. We do not want to become like Thursley and Compton without this wonderful amenity. Perhaps those who suddenly found it useful in January will help to ensure its continuing presence by shopping there regularly.

Secondly, our thanks should go to the Manager of Redland Brickworks who arranged for his snow plough to clear some of our lanes, blocked by high snow drifts. This was a fine gesture to the community and helped those of us who had been completely marooned.

M.E. Caroe

PARISH COUNCIL : Your Parish Council Chairman asks: Do you enjoy and consider yourself very fortunate and privileged living in such a beautiful village as Hambledon? -- If so, and I am sure you do, then have you ever considered why some places remain so beautiful, while others are allowed to be abused and spoilt? Simple - it is because people care. And now it is time for you to consider putting something back and showing just how much you really care. In March, Election Notices will be posted for prospective candidates to put themselves forward for the Parish Council Elections which will take place on May 7th this year. The last date for nominations will be 12 noon on 1st April. Publication of List of Candidates 3rd April. Polling Day 7th May.

DON'T LEAVE IT TO YOUR NEIGHBOURS, PLEASE PLAY A PART YOURSELF.

Michael Atkins

HAMBLEDON BROWNIES

A very big 'thank-you' to everyone who bought/brought jumble, cakes, bring & buy items, raffle tickets, donations, "named the bird" or had a cup of tea in the Village Hall on Saturday 7th February. All this helped to raise £80 for the Blue Peter Sightsaver Appeal and £128 for Brownie Funds. We had so much jumble that we passed the best of that remaining to the Save the Children Fund jumble sale, made a parcel of suitable items to be sent to Ruanda through the Church Missionary Committee and even saved some - for the next Brownie sale, if we can summon up the energy! The result was far better than we anticipated - thank you for your support!

Mary Grove

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Unfortunately our January meeting had to be cancelled due to the weather but we are looking forward to meeting at Ellingsons on Thursday March 26th when Sheila Bolton is coming to talk about the work of CMS in Singapore and we shall be listening to a soundstrip entitled 'Meet me in Singapore'.

Brenda Gardner

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

"He lowered his head, pawed the ground and snorted, he was black and magnificent, bred for the bullring. The camera whirred, then with a mighty roar he charged - man and camera fell. Fifty feet of film spilling out, lost for ever as the long horns of the bull hit the fence with a resounding crack". This was one of Mr Steele's stories as he showed us the more gentle side of life, the changing of the seasons in and around Juniper Hill where each season was more beautiful than the last. Then more beautiful still, butterflies, some rare, one very rare, a Camberwell Beauty, filmed here at Juniper Hill. Thank you Mr & Mrs Steele for a pleasant afternoon. Next W.A.G.'s meeting, Village Hall, March 11th at 2.45pm for a pottery demonstration.

Joan Hardy