

ST PETER'S CHURCH * HAMBLEDON

MARCH 1990

The Rectory
Hambleton
February 1990.

Dear Friends

There are 3 matters I would like to mention this time, which I believe are important for us.

First, the church electoral roll. This has to be fully revised this year, which means that everyone who wishes to be on the roll for this year's annual parochial church meeting has to sign a new application form, even if you were on the previous roll. If you have been on the roll, you will receive an application form through the post, or by hand. If you are not on the present roll, but worship at Hambleton, we do hope you will fill in a form - there are some at the back of the church. One has to be at least 16 years old (there is no upper age limit!) and be baptized.

Membership of the roll is important for two reasons: first, it enables you to play your full part in the life of the church, to take part and vote at the AGM, etc. secondly, the roll constitutes the only list of names and addresses of church members that we have, and is therefore vital for our pastoral work and parish visitation. Incidentally, it would be a great help if you could kindly fill in your full address (including the name of your road as well as the house) when you complete the form.

Secondly, home meetings. It is good that there are some groups which meet during the day, but it would be very good if there were one or two more evening meetings, especially during those weeks when there isn't an evening meeting on Wednesday at the Rectory. If you could possibly help, either by opening your home, or by leading a meeting (or both) do please let me know.

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Thirdly, we are much looking forward to the visit of the Archdeacon of Surrey, the Ven. John Went, who is coming to our Evening Service on March 18th. I do hope many people will come so that we can give him a warm welcome on his first visit as our preacher.

Yours very sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER BLISSARD-BARNES

CHURCH REGISTER

WEDDING : 27 January

Jeremy David Randel COX to
Felicity Margaret ARDEN-WHITE

CHURCH FLOWER LIST FOR MARCH

Flower arrangers for the month are urgently needed.
If you are able to help, please give Mrs Mary Parker
a ring on Hascombe 339.

CHURCH CLEANING LIST FOR MARCH

2/3	Mrs Joan Hassard-Short
9/10	Mrs Elizabeth Secrett
16/17	Mrs Olive Roderick and Mrs Joan Lee
23/24	Mrs Brenda Gardner and Mrs Joan Hardy
30/31	Mrs Dinah Staines

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for January 1990 - £1538.66

John Taylor

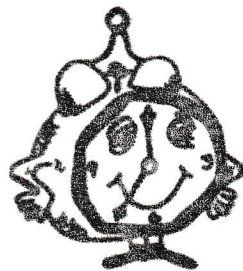
CALENDAR FOR MARCH 1980

- 2nd Women's World Day of Prayer - see page (7)
- 3rd 9 00am Prayer Meeting at the Rectory.
- 4th 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
10 30am Family Service and Baptism (with creche)
6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
- 6th 10 30am Ladies' Study Group, Dennys.
2 15pm Study Group at the Rectory for younger mothers.
8 00pm Clergy/Readers' Meeting at the Rectory.
- 7th 10.30am Ladies' Study Group, Mervil Cottage.
8 00pm Home Meeting, Busbridge Copse Farm.
- 10th 9 00am Prayer Meeting at the Rectory.
- 11th 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
10 30am Holy Communion (1662)
6 30pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
- 13th 10 30am Ladies' Study Group, Dennys.
2 15pm Study Group at the Rectory for younger mothers.
- 14th 10 30am Ladies' Study Group, Mervil Cottage.
8 00pm Study and Prayer at the Rectory.
Nehemiah Chapter 1. A Man of Prayer.
- 17th 9 00am Prayer Meeting at the Rectory.
- 18th 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
10 30am Morning Prayer (ASB and Creche)
6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB) with Healing Ministry.
Preacher: The Archdeacon of Surrey
(The Ven. John Went)

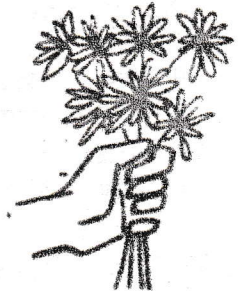
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- 20th 10 30am Ladies' Study Group, Dennys.
2 15pm Study Group at the Rectory for
younger mothers.
- 21st 10 30am Ladies' Study Group, Mervil Cottage.
8 00pm Home Meeting, Busbridge Copse Farm.
- 22nd 7 for 7.30pm "Alive in Christ": Guildford
Civic Hall with the Rev. Colin Urquhart.
(Tickets from Mrs Tricia Patrick,
4, Avonmore Avenue, Guildford, GU1 1TW.
Tel. Guildford 576063.
- 23rd Youth Fellowship Houseparty.
- 24th 9 00am Prayer Meeting at the Rectory.



**SET
CLOCKS
AHEAD
24/25 MARCH**



25th 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT *

MOTHERING SUNDAY

- 8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
10 30am Morning Service for
Mothering Sunday
(followed by shortened
Communion Service (1662))
6 30pm Evening Prayer (ASB)

Thank
you,
Mother

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO CONFIRMATION CLASS
AT 5.00PM

- 27th 10 30am Ladies' Study Group, Dennys.
2 15pm Study Group at the Rectory
for younger mothers.

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28th 10 00am Ladies' Study Group, Mervil Cottage.
2 45pm Women's Fellowship at Godalming
Baptist Church.
8 00pm Study and Prayer at the Rectory.
Nehemiah Chapter 2. A Man of Courage.
31st 9 00am Prayer Meeting at the Rectory.

AND IN APRIL

1st 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
10 30am Family Service (with Creche)
6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
3rd 10 30am Ladies' Study Group, Dennys.
2 15pm Study Group at the Rectory for
younger mothers.
8 00pm PCC meet at the Rectory.
4th 10 30am Ladies' Study Group, Mervil Cottage.
8 00pm Home Meeting, Busbridge Copse Farm.
7th 9 00am Prayer Meeting at the Rectory.

A Confirmation Class is held each Sunday at the Rectory at 5.00pm (except March 25th).

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH ON GOOD FRIDAY * Advance Notice!!!
Following the Morning Service on Good Friday
(13th April at 10.30am) the Missionary Committee are
organising a Ploughman's Lunch at the Rectory
commencing at 11.45am.

Admission will be by ticket - available from Members
of the Missionary Committee well in advance - priced
at £1.50 for adults and 50p. for children. All
proceeds to the Christian Outreach relief work in
Sudan.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at
the Village Hall on Tuesday April 24th at 7.30pm.

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There is a prayer meeting in the Vestry at 6.10pm each Sunday before the Evening Service until 6.20pm.

There is also a meeting for younger mothers at the Rectory on Tuesdays from 2.15-3.30pm. with a creche for babies and toddlers.

NOTES AND NEWS

Godalming Deanery

In 1990 new Deanery Synods will be elected to serve for the 3 years 1990-1993. Members are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (on April 24th). Also in 1990 there will be the election of a new General Synod. Guildford Diocese has 6 Lay Members who are elected by individual postal ballot by the lay members of the Deanery Synods. Voting will take place in the latter half of September.

One can only be elected to the PCC or to the Synods if one is on the Church Electoral Roll. Now is the time to be thinking about nominations for our PCC and for the Deanery Synod.

Seminar on the Cults

This will be held at Millmead Centre, Guildford, on Saturday March 17th from 9.30-4.30pm and will be led by Doug. Harris of Reachout Trust. It is designed to help Christians in their witness to Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses. To register (£5.) please contact John Whitcombe, Millmead Centre, Guildford. Tel. 575008.

Incidentally, Millmead are bringing a team to help lead our Evening Service at Hambledon on April 29th. Do please book the date and plan to bring someone with you to this Service!

Saints Alive Training Course

This is a course for anyone who might be interested in leading a "Saints Alive Training Course" (The Christian Life in the Power of the Spirit) and will be led by John Finney and Felicity Lawson at St George-the-Martyr, Queen Square, London, on

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March 23-24th. I have full details.

C.B-B.

A.C.T.

I have received details about the Association of Christian Teachers, which aims to draw together evangelical Christian teachers who are concerned to support one another in to-day's educational world. For further details, please write to The Association of Christian Teachers, Freepost, St. Albans, Herts. AL3 4BR.



for an anonymous donation of £200 which has been given to the Missionary Fund - we are most grateful.

Waverley Care-Line

The Borough Council are looking for one or two volunteers who would be willing, in an emergency, to assist an elderly or disabled person in their neighbourhood, in response to a call on the individual life-line alarm unit. I have details of an explanatory meeting at Haslemere in the afternoon of March 7th or 8th and if you would like further information, do please let me know as soon as possible.

C.B-B.

The Women's World Day of Prayer

A Service will be held at the United Church, Bridge Street, Godalming, on Friday March 2nd at 10.30am. The speaker is Gwen Cashmore and there will be a creche and coffee. There is also a Service at Milford Hospital at 1.30pm.

Sermons during Lent

These are being planned as follows:

10.30am - Life in the early Church

March 4th	How it all began (Acts 2.29-41)
" 11th	What was it like? (Acts 2.42-47)
" 18th	Power through prayer (Acts 4.23-31)
" 25th	Mothering Sunday Service

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April 1st Winning others (Acts 8.26-40)
" 8th Sharing Resources & Ministry
(Acts. 4.32-37)
(Acts. 6.1-7)

6.30pm - Life in the Holy Spirit

(Galatians 5.22 and 23)

March 4th Love.
" 11th Joy and peace.
" 18th Visiting Preacher -
The Archdeacon of Surrey.
" 25th Patience and kindness.
April 1st Goodness and faithfulness.
" 8th Gentleness and self-control.

Wednesday Evenings at the Rectory at 8 00pm

We plan to study the book of Nehemiah. The early meetings are as follows:-

March 14th A Man of Prayer (Chapter 1)
" 28th A Man of Courage (Chapter 2)
April 11th Opposition (Chapter 4)
" 25th Helping the Poor (Chapter 5)

AROUND THE PARISH

During the month both Mrs Crauford from Cherryhurst and Karen Stonehill from Grange Terrace have been in hospital. We are glad to report that both are now home and making progress.

Paddy Newel is still in hospital but starting to take some nourishment - we miss you Paddy and send our love and prayers. Peter Roderick is still painfully getting around on two sticks and we all hope it will not be too long before he is able to get some hospital attention on that troublesome hip. In the meantime Peter and Olive have been very busy clearing up following the winds at the end of January when four of their large pine trees were brought down, causing damage to their bungalow. Now that they have had the remaining tree



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removed they will have to change their address, for "Pine Trees" seems no longer appropriate!

On a sad note we send our loving sympathy to Anne Burling and her family on the death of her son, Matthew. A Funeral Service was held in Hambledon Church on Saturday 10th February, at which over £500. was donated to the work of Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, with burial at Brookwood Cemetery on Monday, 12th February. Please remember the Burling family in your prayers.

We are delighted to learn that the Harrington family, who recently lived at Lane End, have now finally settled themselves in a new house. We send our love to them and wish every happiness for the future - it is not so far away and we are pleased that they will continue to be part of the fellowship in Hambledon.

Jacqueline and John Hindley have a friend who wishes to do some freelance silk printing. He is anxious to find some workshop space in the area to enable him to carry out this work, and if you have a shed or storeroom or similar accommodation that you think might suit, do have a word with either Jacqueline or John on Hascombe 219 - or the friend direct on 04868 24871.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The AGM took place on Wednesday, 14th February, and all the Officers and Committee were re-elected. The Chairman, Mic Coleman, gave a resume of the past, busy year, and the Treasurer, Don Smith, reported on the complexity of grants, donations, loans and fund-raising that had paid for the improvements.

A season of Hall activities started on Saturday 17th February with a highly successful Victorian Evening. Ann Vickery organised a five course meal and Chiddingfold Glee Club entertained. The Hall was full of voice and colour.

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On Saturday 10th March a Social will be held (come as you are) with competitions, conversation and refreshments. On Saturday 31st March a further Horse-Race Evening, again in conjunction with the Cricket Club, will take place.

M F Coleman

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

The WAG's meeting had to be cancelled in January owing to the severe winds and the failure of the electricity, so we were not able to meet Mr Allen and his guide dog. It is hoped that he will be with us in April.

The "Tower of London" will be the subject of a talk with slides by Mrs Muriel Campbell at Feathercombe on March 14th at 2.45pm. This should be a very interesting afternoon.

Remember the Sales Table, where you can sell anything you like. You get most of the money, a small percentage goes to the WAG's.

Looking ahead again to April 7th please make a note of our



**Coffee
Morning**

and

BRING'N'BUY

There will be a plant stall, so you gardeners, sort out your plants! Do put the date in your diary now.

We are looking forward to a varied and interesting programme and an outing somewhere of interest during the year.

Joan Hardy

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

In January we had good fun at our New Year Party with tea, games and chat and we can look forward to another very good tea, preceded by the Anniversary Meeting, when we join with the Godalming Baptist Church ladies, at their kind invitation, on March 28th. The meeting commences at 2.45pm and arrangements for transport will be made well in advance.

Brenda Gardner

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

We have again entered Hambledon for the Best Kept Village Competition.

This is an "early warning" that we are holding a Village Clean-up Morning on Saturday 21 April starting at 10.00am at the Cricket Pavilion. We are going to try to make it a bit more of an "event" this year and so there will be refreshments and even prizes on your return!



Do please keep the date free and come - children and dogs very welcome - and it would be lovely to see some new faces!!

Elizabeth Maclay

QUOTE

*The earth is precious to
God, and to harm the earth
is to heap contempt on its
Creator*

*Chief Seattle, a North American
Indian, 1854*

THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

(Matthew 25: 14-30)

THE end of the financial year will soon be upon us. In looking at this parable, let's ask ourselves how we have used our 'talents' over the past year.

THE SETTING

This story of a master entrusting his property to his servants is well known. However its context in the teaching of Jesus warns us that when he returns, we too will have to account for the use of our 'talents'.

ITS MESSAGE

We learn about:

THE MASTER'S PROPERTY

The servants received five, two and one talent each. We too are given different 'talents' by God - money, gifts, time or opportunities. What is crucial, however, is not the amount, but how we use what we are given.

How effective are we in using our gifts or responsibilities in the service of God and his Church?

THE MASTER'S APPROVAL

Those servants who doubled their money were rewarded for their faithfulness by being given more. Has this principle of God's work been true in our experience?

Ask God whether he has more responsibility for you as a leader or member of your church.

THE MASTER'S CONDEMNATION

The third servant is described as 'lazy and worthless'. Although we may feel a certain sympathy for him, the trouble was that he did nothing with his talent. Like him we can make excuses: 'it's not my gift' or 'I have little time or money to give'.

Remember: 'Faith is spelt R-I-S-K!'

For the coming year, think how to go forward in faith with our giving and service. One day God wants to say to each of us, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!'

PAUL HARDINGHAM