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ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

MAY, 1974

DIARY

May

Sun. 5. THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Holy Communion 8 a.m. & 12 noon
Children's Church 10.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
Church Coach leaves Hydestile Crossroads
6.0 p.m. & Lane End 6.10 p.m. (approx.)

Mon. 6. Parochial Church Council 8.0 p.m.

Sun. 12. FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.

Mon. 13. School Managers meet 10.0 a.m.

Sun. 19. FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER-ROGATION SUNDAY

Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.
Children's Church 10.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.

Evening Prayer & Holy
Communion 6.30 p.m.

Thur. 23. ASCENSION DAY

Women's Fellowship at Ellingsons 3.0 p.m.
Speaker: Mrs. Clarence Foster.

Sat. 25. Church Missionary Society Children's
Service - Guildford Cathedral 3.0 p.m.
-The Bishop of Guildford, a former
C.M.S. missionary will take part.

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Sun. 26. SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
Preacher at 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.,
Dr. Hugh Sansom

June

Sun. 2. WHITSUNDAY

Holy Communion 8.0 a.m. & 12.0 noon
Children's Church 10.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
- Church Officers will be installed
at this Service)
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
Church coach-Hydestile Crossroads 6.0 p.m.
& Lane End 6.10 p.m., approx.

Mon. 3. Holy Communion-Hambledon Homes 2.30 p.m.

Sun. 9. TRINITY SUNDAY

Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
No Evening Service at Hambledon
Deanery United Service at Witley
Parish Church 7.0 p.m.

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CHURCH FLOWERS

The provision of flower arrangements in church is much appreciated. The following have kindly promised to be responsible for the next few weeks:
May 5. Mrs. A. Secrett; 12. Mrs. Wieler; 19. Miss Denny; 26. Mrs. Richards; June 2. Mrs. Allum; 9. Mrs. Wieler.

FREE-WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for March 1974: £28.82. E.F. Denny, F.W.O. Sec.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale held at Ellingsons on April 2nd, brought in £21.21 towards

the work of the Byways School and Home for the Mentally Handicapped. Grateful thanks to all who helped to raise this sum, and to Mrs. Ellingson for so kindly inviting us to use her home for the sale. It was a worthwhile effort for a very deserving cause.

CHURCH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

- March 24. Alastair Thomas David, son of Glyn Sinclair and Glenys Ira Pettitt
 " 31. Michelle Henrietta, daughter of Alfred Henry and Amy Lily Hammond.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR SOCIETIES DURING LENT

March	3.	Ruanda Mission - C.M.S.	£33.90
	10.	Africa Inland Mission	21.65
	17.	British & Foreign Bible Society	29.32
	31.	South American Missionary Society	37.68
April	3.	(Confirmation-Retiring Collection)-Province of West Africa, Diocesan Link	14.42

Grants, in addition to the collections, are sent by the P.C.C., to the Missionary Societies we support.

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Mission Unlimited - Overseas Missions Week-Oct.8-14

A visit to the Diocese of representatives of the Church in Uganda, including Bishops, has been arranged. Details are to follow. Please note the following important dates: Youth Rally at Guildford Cathedral on Saturday, Oct.12th, and a Godalming Deanery Missionary Gathering at Busbridge Parish Church on Sunday, Oct.13th, at 6.30 p.m.

PERSONALIA

Mrs. D.A. Greves, who has been acting head-teacher at the Hambledon C. of E. Primary School for over seven years, has now reached retirement age and leaves the school at the end of this term. We have been thankful that she has been able to remain with us for so long, and we are most grateful to her for the valued contribution she has made to the life of our village school. It cannot have been easy for her to have been the temporary head of a school which, for all the time she has been there, has been under the threat of closure "next year". We wish Mr. & Mrs. Greves many years of happy retirement together. The Education authorities inform us that Hambledon School will remain open until the end of the summer term 1975, and the Managers continue to press for it to remain open as a First School. The Committee has appointed Mr. H.A. Downes, who is at present on the staff of St. Andrew's C. of E. Junior School, Farnham, as Mrs. Greves' successor. We look forward to welcoming him to our school next term.

Capt. and Mrs. R. Cecil-Clarke will be leaving Philpots Cottage this month and will be greatly missed by the many friends they have made since they came to Hambledon. Mrs. Cecil-Clarke's work as Parish Clerk has been undertaken with particular zest and we are grateful for all she has done for the village in so many ways. We wish them every happiness on their journeyings abroad, and when, in due course, they settle in their new home.

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CONFIRMATION

The visit of the Bishop of Guildford to St. Peter's Church was a memorable occasion, and we were most grateful to him for coming to confirm our candidates. We were delighted that he was

able to stay for refreshments at Feathercombe after the service, and we wish to convey our thanks to "Feathercombe" for their generosity in providing for the reception.

We welcome the following into the full membership of our Church: Wendy Fish; Caroline George; Jane Honey; Karin Jarvis; Mary Keenan; Rosalyn Secrett; Jennifer Vranich.

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GERANIUM DAY - COLLECTION FOR THE BLIND

Many thanks to the Hambledon residents for their generosity in contributing the record sum of £51.53 to the Geranium Day collection for the Blind.
Gwen Pierce

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING - Brief Report

Held in the Village Hall on 28th March, 1974.
Apologies for absence were received from Miss M. Parker, Mrs. Major and Miss Stone.

Election of Churchwardens

The retiring Churchwardens, Messrs. C.A. Chapman and P.E.G. Roderick were unanimously re-elected. Grateful thanks for their services in the past, and their willingness to continue in office, were expressed.

Parochial Church Council - Elections

Three vacancies on the Council were filled by the election of Brigadier Stephens, Mrs. Major and Miss Disney.

Sidesmen

The present sidesmen were re-elected, and vacancies caused by death and removal were filled by Brigadier Stephens, Major Major and Mrs. Jervis.

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll Officer, Mr. P. Roderick, reported that there were now 198 names on the Roll.

Parochial Church Council Report

The Secretary, Mr. T.W. Grillo, gave a brief account of the Council's work during the past year. It had arranged for meetings in connection with Mission Unlimited, discussed the care of the fabric, the repairs to the church organ, parish boundaries, and received reports from the representatives on the Deanery Synod.

Church Finances

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. C.A. Chapman, presented the accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1973, and stated that the collections in church had increased, as had contributions to the Free Will Offering Fund. The financial situation was most encouraging.

Miss Denny gave the Free-Will Offering Fund Report.

Mr. Williams presented the Magazine Account, and Mr. Roderick reported on the Church Fellowship Fund.

Mr. Chapman was thanked for his valued services in dealing with the finances of the church, and Miss Denny was thanked for her untiring labours in connection with the F.W.O. Fund.

The other treasurers were also thanked for their work, and gratitude was expressed to everyone who gave financial support to St. Peter's Church. It was gratifying to note that we had been able to make considerable increases in our grants to the various missionary societies and charities we support.

Hon. Auditor

Mr. C.J. Wilson was re-elected and thanked for the services he had so kindly rendered in this capacity in the past.

Church Fabric

The report was presented by Mr. C.A. Chapman, on

behalf of the churchwardens. It was noted that it may be necessary to carry out considerable repairs to the church organ in the near future.

Deanery Synod Report

One of the P.C.C. representatives, Dr. Jack Symonds gave a report of the Synod's work last year. Proposals concerning Pastoral Re-organisation had been discussed, and these could affect the future of the ministry in Hambledon. Two of our members are serving on the Overseas Committee which seeks to increase interest and support for overseas missions.

Church Fellowship & Women's Fellowship reports were also presented.

Rector's Report

This was prefaced by a reference to the debt of gratitude we owe to the church officers. The spiritual life of the parish centres largely round the church services, and we are fortunate in having Mr. Michael Puttock as our organist, and in the help given in our worship by the members of the choir. The services of the lesson readers and sidesmen is much appreciated. Church attendances have been most encouraging in recent months, and Children's Church continues to be a very popular service. The increase in church collections had already been noted by the treasurer. Thanks were expressed for the flower arrangements in the church each week. Visitors frequently remark upon the obvious care and attention which is given to the fabric and cleaning of the church, and our thanks are due to Mr. & Mrs. Harding for their services. The churchyard is also well cared for, and we thank Mr. and Mrs. White. The Rector thanked Major and Mrs. Major for their kindness in allowing us to use their courtyard for car parking, and requested that drivers should use care when parking their cars near the grass verges. Recently we have lost through death one of our former churchwardens, Mr. Sidney Ayling, who had been a

faithful member of St. Peter's Church for many years. He had given devoted service as a churchwarden, councillor and sidesman. We also sadly miss the help of Mr. Sydney Frogley, who died last year. He not only acted as a sidesman, but also looked after the ringing of the bell for morning services. The departure from the district of Mr. & Mrs. I.J. Adgie last summer was a great loss to us. They had both served on the Church Council and had helped us in many other ways. They had organised an annual outing for several years with marked success.

Among week-day activities there had been a very live Mission Unlimited Study and Discussion Group. Thanks were due to all who led the sessions and to all who took part in the helpful discussions.

A Young People's Group now meets fortnightly after the Sunday evening service, and we have been grateful to Messrs. Stuart Piggin and John Hamilton for their leadership. We also thank Mrs. Ellingson and Dr. & Mrs. Symonds for their generous hospitality.

The Rector concluded his report by announcing the date for his retirement-July 10th, 1974. (He will conduct his last services as Rector on Sunday, June 23rd). It is now well known, he stated, that he would be retiring in the near future, but the actual date for this had only recently been decided. Both he and his wife would find it very hard to be leaving the parish where they have spent seventeen happy years, but this seems to be the right time to hand over to a younger man what is an exceptionally happy sphere for service.

The meeting closed with prayer. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Fanny Jeffery and ladies of the P.C.C.