

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

MAY 1975

THE RECTOR WRITES . . .

May I thank you most warmly for your generous gifts at Easter-tide.

The total of collections and envelopes on Easter Sunday was £133, and this sum has been handed to me by the treasurers. Thank you indeed.

I know that the Diocese will be grateful too. During the last few years the subsidy which the Diocese produces to make up total income to the Diocesan minimum has been reduced by the amount given on Easter Sunday. So this expression of thanks is on their behalf as well as my own.

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Our last "Hunger Lunch", in February, was on a weekday. It was a happy occasion and many have hoped that it could be repeated. Now we have planned another, this time on a Sunday. We realise that some have family commitments that make this the wrong day. On the other hand, it might give some of our businessmen the opportunity to join us. So we have arranged one for Whit Sunday (18 May) at 12.30 pm at the Rectory. Who knows, we may have a fine warm day and overspill into the garden! There will be just a cup of soup, cheese and biscuits; the chance to share for an hour or two with half the population of the world the feeling that we have not had enough; the opportunity to give to Tear Fund the money that we would otherwise have spent on our lunch; and the pleasure of meeting other members of the congregation and getting to know them better.

All are most welcome.

DIARY FOR MAY4 SUN. ROGATION SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon
 10 am Children's Church
 11 am Morning Prayer: Public Baptism
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
 7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

5 MON. 2.30 pm Hambledon Homes Holy Communion

8 THU. ASCENSION DAY

10.30 pm Holy Communion
 (followed by coffee in Rectory)

11 SUN. SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION (Bible Society Sunday)

Holy Communion at 8 am
 11 am Morning Prayer: Rev. Brian Stalley
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer: Rev. Brian Stalley
 (Loose collections all day to British &
 Foreign Bible Society)
 7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory.

18 SUN. WHIT SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 7.30 pm
 10 am Children's Church: Rev. John Pridmore
 11 am Morning Prayer
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
 7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage.

25 SUN. TRINITY SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am
 10 am Series 3 Holy Communion
 11 am Morning Prayer
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
 7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

AND IN JUNE1 Sun. FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (C.M.F. Sunday)

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon
 10 am Children's Church: Mr. S. Mitchell
 (Japan)
 11 am Morning Prayer: Mr. S. Mitchell
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer: Mr. S. Mitchell
 (Loose collections all day to Overseas
 Missionary Fellowship)
 7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

2 Mon. 2.30 pm Hambledon Homes Holy Communion

8 Sun. SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am
 11 am Morning Prayer
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
 7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

CHURCH FLOWERS

May 4	Mrs. Caroe	June 1	Mrs. E. Secrett
" 11	Miss Denny	" 8	Mrs. Wieler
" 18	Whitsun Flowers		
" 25	Mrs. Stevens		

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for March 1975 - £37.84p E.F. Denny

CHURCH REGISTERSBaptisms

April 13 Robert Andrew Goodchild
 Mark Anthony Goodchild
 Karen Elizabeth Goodchild

Marriage

March 22 Robert Stretch & Christine Winters
 April 19 Christopher John George Lewis and
 Charlotte Marianne de Berniere Smart

Funerals

March 20 Maud Mary McKay (98), Hambledon Homes
 March 24 Albert Edward Mynott (90), Hambledon Homes

"THE LAND AND PEOPLE OF NEW TESTAMENT TIMES"

The Gospels and the Epistles become not only more fascinating, but also more relevant and helpful, if we understand something of their background. A summer series Wednesday evenings at the Rectory will cover some of this ground. We shall follow the time-table that proved successful before:-

8 - 8.30 pm Coffee
 8.30 - 9.15 pm Talk, and perhaps questions

Theme: NEW TESTAMENT BACKGROUND

- May 14 GEOGRAPHICAL AND DOMESTIC BACKGROUND
 (Home and School, Shepherds and Fishermen)
- 21 POLITICAL BACKGROUND
 (The Roman Empire: Languages: Taxes)
- 28 RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND
 (Pharisees and Sadducees: The Festivals)
- June 4 HOW THE EPISTLES CAME TO BE WRITTEN
- 11 HOW THE GOSPELS CAME INTO BEING
- 18 ARE THE NEW TESTAMENT DOCUMENTS RELIABLE?

THE FORGOTTEN PERSON OF THE TRINITY

I expect you can guess Who is meant by that phrase. Church people are not likely to forget God the Father, nor Jesus Christ the Son. It is the Holy Spirit Who is the Forgotten Person.

Yet there can be no Christian experience without Him. The Holy Spirit is GOD WITHIN ME. He changes me from within, opens my eyes to grasp the truth, quickens my sluggish appetite for better things, strengthens my will.

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On Whit Sunday we joyfully celebrate this "crowning gift of the gospel", and the sermons of the day will of course be about God's giving of the Holy Spirit. The following Sunday, Trinity Sunday, the theme at 11 am will be the tri-unity of God (not easy to understand, but a most inspiring subject). Then follows a missionary Sunday with a missionary from Japan as our preacher. In the June Sundays following that there will be at 11 am a series of sermons on the Holy Spirit in the everyday life of a Christian. I hope these will be a help, not just in understanding but also in practical terms, and that you can come regularly.

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING News in brief

38 members came through wet and cold to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Village Hall on 10 April.

Church Officers Warm thanks were given to our elected officers: Churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives, PCC members, Sidesmen and Auditor. The Rector and people together re-elected Mr. Cecil Chapman and Mr. Peter Roderick as Churchwardens. The Sidesmen were re-elected, and Mr. Harper as Hon. Auditor. Of the Parochial Church Council, Mrs. Ellingson, Mr. Heath and Mrs. Jeffery after serving for three years are not eligible this year, and Mr. Tom Arden-White, Mrs. Pettit, and Mr. Ray Williams were elected in their place.

Reports Electoral Roll: Mr. Peter Roderick reported that the official church membership had grown during the year from 198 to 213.

PCC Report Mr. Tom Grillo, having been thanked for his work as Secretary, gave a short report of the work of the Council during the year. Finances: Mr. Chapman presented the 1974 accounts (available for inspection at the Church door), Miss Denny the Free Will Offering figures, Mr. Williams the magazine accounts, and Mr. Roderick the report on Parish Fellowship. Compared with 1973, church offerings had grown by about £100, but expenditure by about £500, and missionary giving had declined by £150. Everything will cost more during 1975, and especially oil for heating and electricity. Our giving will also have to grow distinctly to match this. The meeting expressed some concern about the state of the church-yard which was not cut so well as in the past. Members were also unhappy about the present arrangements for the Easter Offering and asked the PCC to give further thought to this matter.

Buildings and Property The five-year survey of the Church had just been received. Some treatment for woodworm was needed, but otherwise only minor repair, and all was being done. The Rectory also is in good order, and Diocese and PCC had together carried out some improvements and decorating there when the new Rector arrived. The only big expense foreseen is the thorough overhaul and renovation of the church organ, which will have to be done shortly.

Deanery Synod Dr. Jack Symonds's short report made this sound both interesting and surprisingly good fun. (A summary of the Rector's report is left over until next month)

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL The parish council holds its annual meeting in the Village Hall on Friday 2 May at 8 pm. We are grateful to the Council for all it does for the residents of Hambledon. They deserve the encouragement of our support. All are most welcome.

GIFTS FOR THE BLIND Many thanks to Hambledon for their generosity in again making a record contribution of £56.22p to the Goranum Day collection for the Blind.
Gwen Pierce

PERSONALIA

Mr. Peter Roderick is back with us again after his hip operation, moving freely and without pain at last. Mrs. Ayling had what seemed at first to be minor and superficial damage to a shin but has needed to take a good deal of rest for some weeks to enable healing to take place. Mr. Ted Jeffery is a great deal better from his sickness and it is good to hear that all being well surgery should not be necessary. Mrs. Tom Grillo has had a short spell in hospital but is now much better and safely home again. Mrs. Cole who has borne a great deal of sickness for a year or two now, and who recently nursed her sister following a heart attack, is herself now in Milford Chest Hospital, very weak and suffering much pain. We ought specially to remember her, and her husband too; and also Mrs. MacLachlan and Mrs. Nicholls at this time of their bereavement.

We are most sorry to hear that Mrs. Withington has joined the number of several in our district who have had a car stolen.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

One of the highlights of the year is the invitation to the Annual Meeting of the Godalming Baptist Church Ladies Fellowship, which was held this year on 12 March. As usual it was a happy and inspiring occasion. On arrival we were warmly welcomed by Mrs. Marjorie Barnes and other members of their fellowship. The speaker was Mrs. Joan Pymont of Guildford, and the soloist was Mrs. Dorothy North.

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There were several other meetings represented in the church. Afterwards tea was served in the hall.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 22 May at the Rectory by kind invitation of the Rector and Mrs. Thompson. The Rector has kindly consented to be the speaker.

S. Synonds

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

"Cooking for one or two" was the theme for the meeting when the W.I. met on Wednesday 9 April at the Village Hall. MRS. ROWLANDS gave an instructive talk on this subject, and afterwards members were able to sample some of the delicious snacks which Mrs. Rowlands had made. "Don't be a plonker on the plate, but make your dishes attractive and appetising" advised Mrs. Rowlands.

MRS. HARDY presided at the meeting, and after the conclusion of the business she reminded members that at their next meeting on 14 May they would be considering the resolutions for the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall on 14 June.

B.J. Major