

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

MAY 1979

THE RECTOR WRITES ....

" PRAY .. for sovereigns and all in positions of responsibility .. so that our common life may be lived in peace and quiet, with a proper sense of God and of our responsibility to Him ". (I. Timothy 2)

To pray is the most important thing we can do at this election time. Nothing matters more for the well-being of the nations than that they should have THE RIGHT LEADERS. We should be praying for good government in Iran, in Uganda, in Rhodesia; and now at this time of the formation of a new government, in our own country.

In a democracy like ours (where thank God we are free to choose, and to choose secretly, without coercion) our prayer comes to be a prayer that God will guide THE MINDS OF THE VOTERS AND OF OURSELVES: that we may listen carefully to both sides of a question: that we may be able to cross-examine what we hear, or what we read in our usual newspaper: that we may have a good judgement. If, as we are told, a specially large number of the electorate is still not settled in mind, and the election may well turn on this, we need specially to pray for this good judgement during the next few days.

On the election day itself, most will be clear enough in mind to vote; and it will be right to do so, fulfilling God's creation command to exercise dominion in the world God gave to be our home. If we are still not clear (i.e. if the rights and wrongs of the various issues seem equally divided between the parties) we may honestly be unable to vote. But pray we can, and pray we must.

May God help us to choose well, for the good of all.

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DIARY FOR MAY 1979

6 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. RUANDA MISSION SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon.

10 am Children's Church: Public Baptism

11 am Morning Prayer: Rev David Applin, General Secretary, Ruanda Mission

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in Modern English: The Rev David Applin

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

9 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)

13 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer : Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

16 Wed. 8 pm "News of the Church in IRAN" Open Meeting at Little Court, by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Chapman: Speakers, Mr and Mrs Pont.

19 Sat. 7.30 pm CONFIRMATION at Godalming Parish Church

20 ROGATION SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer: Public Baptism

6.30 pm Holy Communion

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

21 Mon. 7.45 for 8 pm Parochial Church Council meets

23 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)

24 ASCENSION DAY

10.15 am Holy Communion

11 am Coffee at the Rectory

27 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am

10 am Series II Communion Service

11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People meet Little Woodlands

AND IN JUNE

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3 WHIT SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in Modern English

7.45 pm Young People at Little Court: Speaker  
Youth Secretary of Ruanda Mission

10 TRINITY SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People meet

CHURCH FLOWERS

May 6	Mrs M. Caroe
13	Mrs E.A. Wieler
20	Mrs J. Hassard-Short
27	Mrs R. Steele
June 3	Whit Sunday Flowers
10	Mrs C. Chapman & Mrs M.B.P. Stedall

FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for March 1979      £179 - 56p.  
E.F. Denny

EASTER FLOWER GIFT

We are grateful to an anonymous donor for a kind  
gift of £5 towards flowers at Easter Tide.

CHURCH REGISTERS

Public Baptism March 25 Sarah Clare Berry



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#### CONFIRMATION

A small group of young people from Hambledon have been preparing during recent months, and are to be confirmed by the Bishop of Guildford at Godalming Parish Church on Saturday 19 May at 7.30 pm. We hope that many of our members will come to the service to support them, and will get to know them personally as they take their place in the full membership of the Church.

#### ASCENSION DAY

This great day fall on Thursday 24 May, and we celebrate it with a service of Holy Communion at 10.15 am when we hope many will come. There will be coffee afterwards in the Rectory at about 11 am.

#### WELCOME VISITORS

WITH NEWS FROM RUANDA The Rev David Applin, General Secretary of the Ruanda Mission, comes to us on 6 May to preach at both 11 am and 6.30 pm. Ruanda, though one of the poorest countries in the world, has a church rich in love and zeal, and we look forward to hearing up-to-date news of God's work there. Collections at both services will be for the work of the Mission.

WITH NEWS FROM IRAN This country has been very much in the news in recent months, and Christians will be specially concerned to know how the Christian Church is faring there in these changing and uncertain times. On Wednesday 16 May we shall have our chance to discover when at 8 pm we are invited by Mr and Mrs Cecil Chapman to their home "Little Court". Our guest speakers than will be Mr and Mrs Pont, surgeons of Church Missionary Society, and just now home on furlough. All are most welcome. Come if you can.

A PARTY FROM THE HISTORIC CHURCHES PRESERVATION TRUST is paying us an evening visit on Tuesday 15 May, and we welcome them to Hambledon.

#### PERSONALIA

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Several of our members have had the misfortune to break a bone, and not all through a fall on ice during the cold spell.

Mrs Rosemary Mills has recovered well from a broken ankle, and it was a pleasure to have her back in church again. Mrs Booth has broken a wrist, and it is her right hand which has been put out of action. Mrs Camercon broke her shoulder when evading her over-affectionate and enthusiastic dog. Felicity Arden-White returned from a week's Training Week (attended by a party of our Young People), and hobbled into church the following Sunday on crutches with a suspected broken ankle. Harold Hutchins has had a short spell in the County Hospital for an ear operation, but was soon out and about again. Tom Hammond has had a good deal of pain, and has been far from well for several weeks. Mrs Ayling, after many weeks when she had been feeling very unwell, had begun to get out in the finer weather when she had a heart attack, and has again been confined to her home for a while. Mrs Wieler has gone to St. Thomas' Hospital for surgery, and we look forward to hearing that she is safely back at Feathercombe to convalesce. Our warm wishes for good recovery to all our sick friends..

#### A RESOURCEFUL CHURCH

The enclosed yellow leaflet has been prepared by the Church Commissioners to inform Church members everywhere. It has in mind the general level of giving throughout the Church of England as a whole.

Here in Hambledon we continue to be grateful for the generous giving of our members, and perhaps the only point to which we might draw special attention is their last paragraph on Covenants, which can increase the value of our gifts by some 50%. Either Mr Chapman or Miss Faith Denny would gladly explain more if you ask them.



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#### MID WEEK BIBLE STUDIES

We now resume our informal Bible Studies on Wednesday evenings fortnightly, at 8.15 pm in the Rectory. We shall be working through that exciting book The Acts of the Apostles. All are most welcome even if they are not able to come everytime. Special knowledge is not required: nor need anyone feel that they must needs contribute when points are discussed. The evenings this month are May 9 and 23.

#### TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY GROUPS

The ladies discussion groups also reopen now after the Easter recess, and meet weekly, from 10.30 am (when there is coffee) to 11.30 am, as follows:-

Tuesdays (from May 8) at The Rectory

Wednesdays (from May 9) at Longacre, New Road, Wormley.

All ladies are most welcome. Here again previous knowledge is not required.

#### MARY HILDER LASSETER

"Molly" Lasseter has died suddenly at the age of 80, after the happiest possible day spent partly in the company of her grandchildren. She came with her husband to Godalming in 1935. During the war years when her husband was away on duty with the Fire Service, she not only brought up the boys but ran the High Street shop, and was also Billetting Officer for evacuees from London. She was Mayoress in Coronation Year when her husband was Mayor; she served as Magistrate for many years, indeed until only seven years ago; and she is remembered too for her work as Chairman of the Godalming Committee for the Blind. Though the last years brought failing strength and badly failing eyesight, she was always a happy person. She had too a very real personal faith, and it was a pleasure to us all when her husband was able to guide her steps into Hambledon Church for a morning service or for Communion. We specially remember her close relatives now.

PARCELS FOR KISIIZI HOSPITAL

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Sheila Vaughan, the wife of the doctor at Kisiizi Hospital, has written as follows:-

" It is always a joy to receive your parcels, and we thank the Lord that they arrive safely and intact. All the contents are used, and are useful; and if people like yourselves did not give so generously, the hospital would be very lacking in some essentials, especially sheets, blankets, bandages, and surgical gloves. We enjoy too, the 'soft centre' and indeed we are grateful to all of you who contribute, whether in terms of money or kind. Thank you very much."

Kisiizi, due to the troubles in Uganda, is now cut off from all communication with the outside world, so it is not known when the next parcels will arrive. I hope communications will be able to be started again soon.

J.S.

N.S.P.C.C.

The Goffee Morning held at Springfields on 21st March raised the grand sum of £85. The Hambledon Branch Committee would like to thank all those who so generously supported this event.

V.B.W.

GERANIUM COLLECTION FOR THE BLIND

Thanks to the generosity of Hambledon I was able to send the record sum of £78 for the care of the Blind.

G.P.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The March meeting was held at Ellingson's. Our speaker was Mrs Ashe, who spoke about Project Vietnam Orphans. Slides were shown, and also some lovely things made by these refugees. Mrs Ashe explained what a little love and care did for these people, especially for the babies. It was heart-breaking to see these little scraps of humanity starving, their tiny bodies covered with sores. But after a few weeks of care and love they were happy smiling babies again. Slides of some children brought back to this country showed what lovely children they had grown to be. What a rewarding work!

M.E.H.

The speaker on May 24th will be Miss Mary Hayward, recently returned from Uganda .

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs Clarke, a member of the Godalming Citizens' Advice Bureau, gave the Hambledon Women's Institute a very clear instructive talk on the work and aims of the Bureau. The Godalming branch reopened in May last year, and is already proving its value in the community, providing impartial and unbiassed advice on a variety of subject. Godalming's greatest problem, as in many other areas, was lack of accommodation, and through the national C.A.B. it was possible to inform the government and so to influence policy, making legislation more effective.

Mrs Redman thanked the speaker. Mrs Allen and Mrs Major gave graphic accounts of the meetings at Grayshott and Dorking which they had attended. The raffle was won by Mrs Jeffery who also served the tea assisted by Mrs F. Edwards.

E.G.F.