

ST. PETER'S HAMBLEDON

MAY 1980

THE RECTOR WRITES .....

A few years ago, and in a former parish, my wife answered the telephone one day to a man who asked "Excuse me, we are doing a crossword. What happened on Whit Sunday".

Whit Sunday was the great day when God first made available to all Christians what in practical terms is His greatest gift to them... HIS Spirit living in them. Until we have received that gift we are like a car without an engine; we may push ourselves, but it is depressing and fruitless, and before long we settle to stay where we are.

God promises, and gives, inner strength that comes not out of ourselves, but from Him. This is what makes the changes that I hope and expect you have seen in the life of some Christian you know.

Do we sometimes feel a dullness of appetite so that the things of God do not appeal much; or inward doubt so that we cannot believe; or the coldness of apathy so that we feel unresponsive to God: or a weakness of will? Then we need God's Spirit within us to open our eyes, and sharpen our appetite, and strengthen faith, and lift us above ourselves.

What happened on Whit Sunday is that this started to happen in the lives of ordinary men and women; and it happens still today.

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CALENDAR FOR MAY

- 4 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER  
Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon  
10 am Children's Church  
11 am Morning Prayer (Public Baptism 12.30)  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer in Modern English  
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage
- 7 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)
- 11 ROGATION SUNDAY  
Holy Communion at 8 am  
11 am Morning Prayer : Sunday Club  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
7.45 pm Young People at Rectory
- 12 Mon. 7.45 for 8 pm Parochial Church Council
- 15 Thu. ASCENSION DAY  
10.15 am Holy Communion  
11.00 am Coffee at the Rectory
- 18 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY  
Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm  
10 am Children's Church  
11 am Morning Prayer  
6.30 pm Holy Communion  
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage
- 21 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)
- 25 WHIT SUNDAY  
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 at Little Woodlands

AND IN JUNE

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1 TRINITY 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 Heath Cottage

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

8 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club

4 to 5.30 pm Tea at the Rectory See page 4

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

CHURCH FLOWERS

May 4 Mrs M. Caroe

11 Mrs E.A. Wieler

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25 Mrs D.J. Thompson

June 1 Miss E.F. Denny

8 Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for March 1980 £229 - 74p

E.F. Denny

CHURCH REGISTERS

Marriage

April 5 Philip Stephen Harrison and Anne  
de Morgan Wilson

Funeral

March 31 Alfred Cedric Cowan Willway, CB., CBE., TD.



ASCENSION DAY

This great and joyful day, when we celebrate the triumphant conclusion of our Lord's work for us on earth, and His return to His heavenly home, used to be marked, like Christmas Day, with the closure of shops and some degree of public holiday. Now, alas, it is often hardly noticed even by church members.

We mark it, (Thursday 15 May) with a service of Holy Communion at 10.15am. We hope that very many will come then in honour of our ascended King, and will be able to come down to the Rectory for coffee afterwards.

RECTORY TEA PARTY

We hope for a fine warm day on Sunday 8 June because that is the day we have chosen for the Rectory summer Tea Party, from 4 to 5.15 pm.

This is an open occasion, not confined to church members, and we very much hope that any who live in Hambledon and who are free to come will do so.

Book the date now.

MID WEEK BIBLE STUDIES

The fortnightly Wednesday evening Bible Studies will be held normally throughout May June and July. The dates in May are 7 and 21.

In the earlier part of the year we looked at the missionary journeys of Paul as told chiefly in the Acts, and followed him as far as Athens. Perhaps it will be good for us now to defer until later the rest of his mission, and particularly the very exciting closing stages, and to use the summer studies reading together one typical letter which he wrote to follow up a visit, and to teach and encourage the young church that he had planted. So we will take the Epistle to the Philippians.

This would be a good time for other church members to join us, and no one need be shy of doing so. Although anyone can ask questions or make a comment, nobody is asked to, and many like simply to sit and listen.

We meet at 8.15pm in the Rectory drawingroom. Come if you can.

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY GROUPS

These two small discussion groups around a Bible or Christian theme meet weekly throughout May, and any ladies are most welcome to join. There is coffee at 10.30 am, and the discussion is from about 10.45 to 11.30 am. The two groups meet  
On Tuesdays at The Rectory (Mrs Thompson)

On Wednsdays at Little Woodlands (Mrs Arden-White)



LINDA HAMMOND is to be married to RICHARD FARLEY in Hambledon on 17 May, and we give them our very best wishes as they begin their married life together.

DR. TONY LAUGHTON, who lived in Hambledon until recently when he moved to Chiddingfold, but who still comes with his wife and family to Children's Church, has been made a Fellow of the Royal Society. This is a rare and notable distinction in the scientific world, and shows the importance of the work being carried on at the Institute of Oceanographic Sciences. We congratulate him most warmly.

CAROLINE ATKINS had the great misfortune to meet with an accident on one of the dangerous corners on the hill leading up to Church. She was knocked off her motor cycle and needed to have stitches in her leg. Mercifully it was not more serious than that, but we commiserate with her both for the injury and also for the postponement of her driving test.

MISS EDIE BURR also had a misfortune that might so easily have been more serious when, unable to get out of her bath, she was lying in cold water for over thirty hours. Mercifully she has come through without serious consequences.

COLONEL STEDAIL has had his hip-joint operation successfully in St. Thomas' Hospital, and was home in a fortnight to convalesce. DR JACK SYMONDS still waits to hear when his turn comes.

MISS BIRLEY and MRS RICHARDSON are both convalescing quietly at home.

News has come of the death of MRS PETIT's father. Many will know that throughout the last year or two he had been very ill with several periods of crisis and much anxiety for the family. We specially remember the relatives how.



### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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On Wednesday 26 March fifteen of our group went over to Godalming for the Queen Street Ladies Fellowship Annual Meeting in connection with the Baptist Church. A large number were present and the Guest Speaker was Mrs Pocock from Hove. She and a friend sang two duets which delighted the audience, and then Mrs Pocock gave a most helpful talk on the subject "New Things", applying her message to those who were willing to start a new life in the service of Christ. Following the meeting a special tea, was served in the church hall.

The next Fellowship meeting will meet at Ellingsons on Thursday 22nd May at 3 pm.

S.M.S.

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Many members left Hambledon W.I. Meeting on April 9 wondering what the reaction of their husbands would be if presented with a salad topped with a nasturtium flower. Mrs M.G. Burton gave an entertaining talk on "Culinary Herbs and how to use them". She discussed the history of herbs, their cultivation and use both medicinal and culinary, ending with the advice to Mix and Match to your own taste. Mrs Brunt gave the vote of thanks and recalled the fact that her grandmother had been a registered herbalist.

During the business meeting conducted by the President Mrs F.M. Crowhurst, Mrs B.R. Allen discussed the trip to Kew Gardens, and Mrs J. Redman gave an account of various courses available to members. Mrs C. White won the raffle, and teas was served by Mrs F. Jeffery and Miss F. Denny.

E.G.F.