

ST. PETER'S HAMBLETON

MAY 1981

THE RECTOR WRITES .....

Most of our Annual Meeting news is summarised on page 4. My own Review will have to be left over until next month for lack of space here. There is just room to mention the RECTORY TEA PARTY, planned for SUNDAY 14 JUNE at 4 pm. This is a good occasion to bring your friends and introduce them to us. All are most welcome. Book the date now.

ANY BOOKS TO SPARE?

The C. of E. Children's Society celebrates its centenary this year. One special fund raising activity is what we hope will be the world's biggest charity sale of paperbacks, to be held in Milton Keynes from 2 to 6 June. The aim is to collect 100,000 books and raise £30,000. I am sure we in Hambleton will want to make our contribution. I will act as collecting agent, and books can be brought to me at Bermonde or at church. Please could this be done as soon as possible and certainly NOT LATER THAN 15 MAY? What are wanted are paper-back books (not hard backs) in clean, "nearly new" condition.  
R.G. Williams

PARISH ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 4 MAY  
8 pm in the VILLAGE HALL

Agenda includes: Chairman's Report on Parish matters, news from local groups, Civil Defence, Best Kept Village Competition, Planning applications (including Mr Alfie Hammond's and Redland Brick Company's) and Twinning with Monreal; and of course opportunity for questions.

CALENDAR FOR MAY 1981

3 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon  
10 am Children's Church  
11 am Morning Prayer  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer (A.S.B.)  
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

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

10 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Holy Communion at 8 am  
11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club reopens  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
7.45 pm Young People at The Rectory

17 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm  
10 am Children's Church  
11 am Morning Prayer  
6.30 pm Holy Communion (A.S.B.)  
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

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

24 TRINITY SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 9.45 am  
9.45 am Holy Communion (A.S.B.)  
11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

28 ASCENSION DAY

10.15 am Holy Communion  
11 am Coffee at The Rectory

31 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 7.30 pm  
11 am Special Service for Children and Adults  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
7.45 pm Young People meet

AND IN JUNE

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- 1 Mon. 7.45 for 8 pm Parochial Church Council  
3 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)

7 WHIT SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon  
10 am Children's Church  
11 am Morning Prayer  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer (A.S.B.)  
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

14 TRINITY SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am  
11 am The Ven. Archdeacon Peter Coombs  
Sunday Club  
6.30 pm The Ven. Archdeacon Peter Coombs  
7.45 pm Young People at The Rectory

CHURCH FLOWERS

May 3	Mrs R.R. Stovold
10	Mrs E.A. Wieler
17	Mrs R. Mitchell
24	Mrs M.J. Husbands
31	Mrs M. Caroe
Jun 7	Mrs C. Chapman
14	Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for March 1981, £280.61p.

E.A. Denny

CHURCH REGISTERS

Marriages

Mar. 28 Thomas Alexander Philip Todrick and  
Penelope Anne Major  
Apl. 4 Roy Kenneth Fuller and  
Julie Francesca Ringe  
Apl. 18 Simon Nicholas Johnston and  
Elaine Marie Harding

Burial of Cremated Remains

Mar. 25 Violet Beryl Williams



#### 4. NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

THE ELECTORAL ROLL had grown from 248 to 259.

##### ELECTIONS:-

Wardens. Mr Cecil Chapman & Mr Peter Roderick.  
Sidesmen All present sidesmen were re-elected.  
Parochial Church Council. Mrs Bolton, Mrs Major, & Mr Hardy now retire after three years. Miss Mary Parker, Mr Tom Grillo and Mr Ray Williams were elected (to join The Wardens: Major Piers de Berniere-Smart & Dr. Jack Symonds: Mrs Caroe, Mrs Gardner, Messrs Arden-White, Mitchell & David Smith, and Brigadier Stevens.)

##### REPORTS

Work of the P.C.C. Mr Grillo's excellent summary mentioned action on Car Parking, White lines, Boiler repair, Contract mowing, and now the Quinquennial Report. As invited by the Home Secretary, they gave thought to the Williams Report on Pornography, and got this discussed by the Deanery Synod where Major de Berniere-Smart's work was greatly valued. With the appearance of the Authorised Services Book, careful thought was given to our pattern of services, and small adjustment made.

Fabric. Apart from repair of a burst boiler, there had been no large expenditure. But the Architect's Quinquennial Report calls for more. Some crumbling stonework could prove expensive; repair is needed to flashings, to shingles on the belfry, and to the roof; pointing is needed in boundary walls; some rewiring is required. If the cost should turn out to be, say, £2,000 or £3,000, we should have to appeal to the congregation.

Finance. We again thank our members for their generosity. A copy of the audited accounts is at the church door. Income increased by £1176, but expenditure by £1620, so our surplus was £444 less than last year. Nevertheless we gave £2586 (almost exactly the same as last year) to Home & Foreign Missions. The Quota for 1981 increases by £379 to £2096.

ASCENSION DAY

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Thursday 28 May  
10.15 am Holy Communion  
All are warmly invited to coffee  
afterwards in The Rectory

Sunday 31 May On this fifth Sunday of the month our Young People again come as a group to the 8 am Communion Service before breakfast together.

At 11 am all children (including Children's Church and Sunday Club) and their parents join the morning congregation for the special worship service, a little shorter and simpler than usual, in which both children and adults can share.

Sunday 14 June It will be a special pleasure to welcome The Ven. Peter Coombs, Archdeacon of Wandsworth, as preacher at 11 am and 6.30 pm. He was our Fairmile speaker last February, and many will look forward to hearing him again. We shall be able also to meet him at the Rectory Summer Tea which is planned for that afternoon at 4 pm. (see page 1.).

TUESDAY GROUP reopens on 5 May, and WEDNESDAY GROUP on 29 April. After coffee at 10.30 am they take some Bible passage, and discuss it informally. Many of our ladies have found one of these groups to be one of the most enjoyable and illuminating events of the week. This could be a good time to begin. Mrs Thompson (for Tuesdays, in the Rectory), or Mrs Arden-White (for Wednesdays at Little Woodlands) would gladly tell you more.

THE WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES are for all. We reopen on 6 May, and meet fortnightly from then in the Rectory at 8.15 pm.

SUNDAY CLUB reopens for the summer term on 10 May, and takes place in the Rectory each 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11 am. All boys and girls are welcome.



REUNIONS IN THAILAND  
Impressions from a visit by Mr & Mrs Michael Atkins

It was 1.30 pm on Sunday 8 February, and a beautiful hot sunny day with temperatures of around 90°F. when we stepped off the British Airways Tristar at Bangkok. After being away over a year and a half doing voluntary work for C.O.R. (Christian Outreach), Paul met us at the airport, and we made our long awaited greetings. The first night in this hot humid country we spent at the C.O.R. flat in Bangkok, where Faith Hansford was waiting to welcome us with Robert Ashe and several of the team from Aran. Most had to return later that afternoon, ready to commence work early next morning in the camps. Some of the team I had met before in England. All were in very good health and spirits. All are very dedicated young people, doing a really excellent job of work in three different camps.

We considered ourselves really lucky when Paul managed to get us a permit from the Thai Army Task Force H.Q., to allow us to go into all the camps with him while he was working as C.O.R. Field Administrator. We spent three days in the camps, which was a marvellous experience and completed the picture from Paul's letters, paper clippings, and hundreds of photographs sent over the months. We met the refugees, children, abandoned babies, and mothers who had taken on the task of caring for yet another child in addition to their own. We saw the weaving looms which they had made from wood brought into the camps; the cloth being made on them; the skills of men carving in wood while sitting on a bamboo bench with no vice and limited tools; also the feeding centres, with children always near wearing the identity cards which allows them certain extra rations. The hospital areas are nothing like anything one would find at

home. We visited the homes of several refugee people who had worked closely with Paul at various times, and were made honoured guests by these beautiful people. Their hospitality to us was overwhelming, especially when they have so little themselves. 7.

While in Thailand we visited many interesting places in the highlands of the north, the beautiful beaches in the south, Bangkok itself, and to the east. Our second reunion came a few days before we had to depart for home, when Caroline and Tony Cannon spent those last few days with us. They had travelled from Sri Lanka and were en route to places further south and east of Thailand.

Our stay was twenty days in all, and thanks to Paul, Faith and everyone out there was made a marvellous unforgettable time. Although these few lines cannot tell it all, I feel all these young people who under C.O.R. have voluntarily given their time and various skills to helping others at Khao-I-Dang camp, Aran camp, and right in the border camp at Nong Chen, should be named for us all to remember. Starting with Robert Ashe who I believe has been out there some 5 years now, Paul and Faith, Joanna, Sheila, Susan, Linda, Christian, George, Phil and Robin. Bless them all.

Michael and Edna Atkins.

#### PERSONALIA

MISS JUDITH LEDEBOER is back in the County Hospital, cheerful as ever, and she says comfortable in spite of having her leg in extension. She awaits a further operation on her hip joint. MRS JOHNSON continues in Milford Hospital with little change. During April we welcomed back several of our Young People from major journeys: JENNY ARDEN-WHITE has had several months working in Australia; TONY CANNON and CAROLINE ATKINS have paid a memorable visit to Sri Lanka, Malaya, and Thailand where they have seen PAUL ATKINS and FAITH HANSFORD and their work for Christian Outreach. MR AND MRS MICHAEL ATKINS, also back from there, write an account above



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#### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

For our March meeting the group went over to Godalming for the Baptist Church Ladies Anniversary which was much enjoyed by those who were able to attend. The meeting which was held in the church was chaired by Mrs Campbell, the minister's wife.

Two solos were sung, and a delightful talk given by Mrs Thornton on the subject of "Something Beautiful", commencing with the wonders of nature, and leading on to the Christian interpretation of Something Beautiful which can be applied to those whose trust is in Christ. Tea was served afterwards in the church hall when once more we were warmly welcomed by their Fellowship members. M.S.S.

#### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A very busy month has been experienced by members of Hambledon W.I. They began the month with acting as hostesses for the Group Meeting which was held at Chiddingfold because Hambledon Village Hall could not accommodate the numbers. Thank you Chiddingfold members for the help you gave us. This was followed by a visit to the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre to see 'The Marquise' by Noel Coward, which was greatly enjoyed. Two members attended the A.G.M. at Dorking, and Mrs Simmons gave a report at the monthly meeting on 8 April. This meeting started with a ploughman's lunch to which several visitors had been invited, all of whom were lavish with praise for the attractive way everything had been arranged and the eats were enjoyed in a friendly atmosphere. Then followed a talk and demonstration of "Spring Menus" by Mrs Sinclair, who showed us some new and strange combinations of food flavourings. Mrs de Berniere <sup>-Smart</sup> thanked the speaker.