

ST. PETER'S HAMBLEDON

MAY 1982

THE RECTOR WRITES

I am grateful to Canon Oldham for this quotation from the closing words of Archbishop William Temple's great sermon at the opening of the 1930 Lambeth Conference:-

"While we deliberate, He reigns; when we decide wisely, He reigns; when we decide foolishly, He reigns; when we serve Him self-assertively, He reigns; when we serve Him in humble loyalty, He reigns; when we rebel and seek to withhold service, He reigns - for He is the Alpha and Omega, which was, and is, and is to come, the Almighty."

These words bring to us the inspiring truth of the Ascension of Christ, which we celebrate on 20 May. The way in which our Lord chose to mark His transition from our world of space and sight and touch into the eternal world shows us eloquently that He is on top, in charge of every situation. Here is a prayer that we could use to help make this real to us:-

"Lord Jesus, You are above all, and to you all authority has been given.

I own you as my King. Reign over every part of my life, as Lord of my thoughts and my desires.

Help me not to be weighed down by the things of the earth, but cheerfully to rest in Your victory, and to serve You with confident and undivided loyalty". Amen

CALENDAR FOR MAY 1982

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2 THIRD 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 (ASB)
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

9 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Holy Communion at 8 am
11 am Morning Prayer: Rev. I Gordon-
Cummings, Rector of Busbridge
and Sunday Club reopens
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

12 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study & Prayer (Rectory)

16 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. ROGATION SUNDAY

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

17 7.45 for 8 pm Parochial Church Council

20 THE ASCENSION DAY

Thur. 10.15 am Holy Communion
and Coffee afterwards at the Rectory

25 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

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

26 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study & Prayer (Rectory)

30 WHIT SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 7.30 pm
11 am Service for Children and Adults
6.30 pm Evening Prayer (Holy Communion follows)

AND IN JUNE

6 TRINITY SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church: Public Baptism

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer(ASB)

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

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

13 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY SUNDAY

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club

4 pm Rectory Tea Party (see page 5)

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People meet

The speaker at all services and to the
Young People afterwards will be the Rev.

Dr David Milton-Thompson. O.B.E.(Kenya)

Collections all day to Church Missionary Society

CHURCH FLOWERS

May 2	Mrs M. Caroe
9	Mrs E.A. Wieler
16	Mrs P. Luff
23	Mrs J. Hassard-Short
30	Mrs Alan Secrett
June 6	Mrs M.B.P. Stedall
13	Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for March 1982, £342-25p.

4. NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

ELECTIONS:-

Wardens: Cecil Chapman and Peter Roderick.

Deanery Synod: Mrs G.M. Bolton, Cecil Chapman, and Nigel Pollock. (Major Piers de Berniere-Smart and Dr Jack Symonds were warmly thanked as they retire now).

Parochial Church Council: Tom Arden-White, Mrs F. Gardner, and Roger Mitchell now retire after their three years. Edric Hardy, Mrs J. Lewis, and Jeremy Sewell were elected (to join The Wardens, the Synod Representatives, Mrs M. Caroe, Tom Grillo, Miss Mary Parker, David Smith, Brig. Michael Stevens, and Ray Williams).

Sidesmen: All the present sidemen were re-elected, and John Hassard-Short was added.

REPORTS:-

Parochial Church Council: The Secretary's succinct report mentioned action on Car Parking, Church repairs following the quinquennial survey, augmentation of the lighting to the Church, the raising of the price of the magazine to 5p, and consideration of proposals for the Benefices Measure dealing with the appointment of clergy to parishes.

Finances: The Treasurer, who was unable to be present through sickness, has prepared a written report, and this, together with the audited accounts, is publicly posted on the notice board in the Church porch. The gross income increased last year to a record £9718, but expenditure also inevitably increased (to £6895). £250 was placed to the contingency reserve for the current repairs, and outward giving to Home & Foreign Missions was held at the same total as last year, £2572. Of our expenditure, 31½% is for the maintenance of Church and Services, 31% goes to the Diocese for Quota, Parsonages Board and Stipend augmentation, 8½% is for the Rectory

maintenance and expenses, 2½% was placed to contingency reserve, and 26½% to Home and Foreign Missions. The special appeal for the current repairs had realised £730 by the end of 1981 and has since grown to £1650.

RECTOR'S REVIEW For lack of space in this issue, the Rector's Review is held over until next month.

SUGGESTIONS Among the points raised by various members for thought were:- the possible provision of a light for the new upper car park above the Church; and the easing of the church door so that it opens more quietly.

RECTORY TEA PARTY

Sunday 13 June
at 4 p.m.

For Church Members, Children,
and all Hambledon people

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL DAY: JULY 17

A helicopter pilot flying over Guildford Cathedral on Saturday 17 July will get a great surprise. Instead of the peaceful green lawn and sprinkling of people he has been used to seeing for the last 26 years he will see stalls, crowds, morris men, punch and judy, a playground, and displays of gymnastics and marching. It will be Cathedral Day 1982. Each Deanery has been asked to provide a stall ranging from cakes to flowers and from bric a brac to books. See your notice board for local details. There will also be a fancy dress parade and competition. For further information about this, ring Guildford 72601 after 6 p.m.

MAJOR "DICK" RICHARDS 1891-1982

Major Richards did not have the army in mind when he went as a young man to India, but it was with the Indian Cavalry that he served the most active years of his life, on the N.W. Frontier, and during the first World War in Mesopotamia. He reached retirement age just before the second World War, but served then with the Territorial Army, and later led his local Home Guard unit. He was a keen sportsman, especially in skiing and tennis, and the severe arthritis which crippled the last years was especially irksome to him. He came to Hambledon 24 years ago. He recovered well from a stroke 3 years ago, but it was his severe arthritis which made the last years hard to bear. We remember a strong, independent character, coupled with firm self-discipline; and he showed great patience at the last. We specially remember Marjorie who nursed him with constant understanding and devotion.

PERSONALIA

As well as MRS RICHARDS, we also remember especially MRS HARCOURT-WILLIAMS whose sister died after a long illness, and MRS NORMAN JERVIS who lost her mother only a few months after her father had died. MRS TOWNSEND has made slow but real progress along the road to recovery of speech and movement following her severe stroke. MISS GWEN PIERCE is convalescing at a nursing home in Brock Road, Wornley. RAY WILLIAMS' sight is steadily improving after his operation for detached retina. MR DOUGLAS MACLACHLAN is at home convalescing after his major operation. MR WALFORD has had to return for a while to St. Luke's Hospital. ANGELA LUFF and BRIAN FISH are to be married at Hambledon on 15 May. Our prayers go with them as they set up home at Farncombe.

THE PETTIT FAMILY are leaving Hambledon after 13 years here. Glyn was declared redundant over a year ago, and apart from some temporary and part-time work has had the wretched experience of being unemployed ever since, in spite of continual searching and interviews. We shall miss him and Glynis, with the two boys Richard and Alastair, very much, and wish them all good success and God's blessing in their new home and work in East Anglia.

THE ASCENSION DAY

Thursday 20 May 1982

10.15 am Holy Communion, with
address by Canon Charles Oldham

All are warmly invited to coffee
afterwards in The Rectory

THE REV IAN GORDON-CUMMING, Rector of Busbridge, is to be our visiting preacher at 11 am on Sunday 9 May, and we welcome him warmly.

CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS are specially invited to the 11 am service on 30 May, Whit Sunday when once again on a fifth Sunday of the month they join our morning congregation for a united service.

SUNDAY CLUB reopens on 9 May

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES

Fortnightly Wednesday evening Bible Studies in The Rectory begin for the summer session on 28 April, and the May dates are 12 and 26. All are most welcome at 8.15 pm.

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY GROUPS

Both TUESDAY GROUP (at the Rectory) and WEDNESDAY GROUP (at Little Woodlands) resume for the summer session during the last week of April (27th and 28th). All ladies are warmly welcome even if they are not able to come every week.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship met in March at the Baptist Church, Godalming, by kind invitation, for the Annual Gathering of Women's Fellowships. There was a good congregation with representatives from a wide area. The service commenced with a song, beautifully sung, called 'There is a Hiding Place', the theme of which was that one can always pray wherever you are.

The lesson was about warfare in our nation ...burglary, mugging, sexual assaults, race disorders etc. The speaker, Mrs Bradley a juvenile magistrate, was very good and gave us all food for thought. She stressed how important it is for us to pray again and again for guidance to deal with the serious situation. She also stressed the importance of prayer however hopeless things seemed to be.

After the service we were all given a most enjoyable tea which was much appreciated.

The next meeting is on Thursday 27 May.

D. Staines.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At their meeting on Wednesday 14 April Hambledon W.I. enjoyed a most interesting talk given by MR DENNIS HULL, the National Chairman of 'The Men of the Trees'. He explained how men and women all over the world were working on large scale tree planting projects, and how during the past 60 years many trees and woodlands had been saved for posterity. Mr Hull's talk was illustrated by some beautiful slides, many of which had been taken locally.

During tea members browsed over books and other items, which Mr Hull had brought. MRS STEELE reported in the Group Meeting, and Mrs Simmons on 'Courts and Offenders'. Volunteers were asked to help spring clean the Village Hall on 20 April. The competition at the next meeting is a useful article costing not more than 25p, homemade.

B.J.M.