

ST PETER'S HAMBLETON : MAY 1985

The Churchwardens write:

The moment that we have been waiting for so long is now almost at hand. The Institution and Induction of Canon Peter Sartin on 7 May will enable us to welcome our new Rector, his wife and family into the parish. The introduction to the service reminds us that the Ministry of the Church is in many senses a partnership between the parish priest and the congregation. Together they have a responsible part to play in both worship and witness and their ministry is the Christian care of the community in which they live and work. We believe that many will wish to take part in renewing their acceptance of this shared ministry and expect that there will be a very full church. Because the aisle has to be kept free, it will not, unfortunately, be possible on this occasion to use the chairs and we suggest that those attending should be at the church in good time. If you are unable to be present, please support us with your prayers. May we remind you that all are invited to meet Peter and Marilyn Sartin at the reception at the Village Hall which will follow the service. We are delighted to be able to include a message from our new Rector in this magazine. While we look forward eagerly to the opening of this new chapter in the life of our Church, it is perhaps also appropriate, now that the interregnum is drawing to its close, to glance back as well. As Churchwardens, we have been given an easier ride than we would have dared to hope because of the tremendous support given by so many people. It has really been a team effort by Church members, who have helped in countless ways and we are all especially indebted to Charles Oldham and Mac Bolton for their sterling work throughout. We would like to thank all the visiting clergy and readers who have taken our services or preached; it has been good to welcome back old friends such as Ted Elton and Derek Parsons and to have had the opportunity of making new friends too. So we have much for which to praise the Lord: and we must not forget the Easter services. The weather may have been damp and chill but in the Church all was beauty and joy. We are indeed grateful to all those who, once again, decorated the Church with exquisite taste, to those who provided flowers and greenery, to the Church Music Group for their singing and to the Youth Fellowship who worked so hard to prepare for their special evening service and who must have been delighted to have such a full house. PEGR
RGW

My dear Friends:

The Churchwardens have asked me to write a letter for the magazine which I am very pleased to do. We are delighted to be coming to Hambledon for a number of reasons some personal and others spiritual. I was Chaplain of King Edward's School Witley for seven years from 1955-62 and am therefore no stranger to the district. It was a very special time for me as it was during my stay at Witley that Marilyn and I were married and our first home was in Brook Road. It was a very formative time in our lives, not least because of the influence of Gordon and Joan Humphreys upon us. Gordon, at that time, was Headmaster of King Edward's. Three jobs and four children later we are returning to be with you in Hambledon! It seems as though our life has come full circle!

We have a daughter Kathryn (delivered in Woking maternity home by Dr Jack Symonds!) She is finishing a degree in History at the Oxford Polytechnic and is going next year to the Institute of Education at London University.

Johanna will begin a degree in History at Homerton, Cambridge, in October and the two boys are at Monkton Combe School in Bath. Jonathan is going 'A' levels in History, English and Art and James is in his first year. Yes, my brother and I both read History so it must have some influence I suppose!

From Witley, we went to St Paul's Woking, Christ Church Chorleywood and are now at St Michael's Paris, the old Embassy Church. It has been a very exciting life, not least in seeing what God can do when we are really prepared to launch out and trust Him. We feel that wherever we have been, "The times have fallen to us in pleasant places, yea we have had a goodly heritage". This is certainly true of Hambledon. It is a very beautiful village and we feel privileged to be allowed to come and live there. We praise God for the ministry of David Thompson and his predecessors.

A word which has always challenged me from the cobbler, Baptist Missionary to India, William Carey, "Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God." May that be true of us as we, together, set out to do God's work in Hambledon.

With ~~prayer~~ powerful good wishes,

PETER & MARILYN SERTIN

CALENDAR FOR MAY 1985

May 1 Diocesan Day at the Cathedral.

Programme begins at 7.30pm for Eucharist at 8.00pm.
(There will be no Bible Study and Prayer Meeting)

May 5 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Children's Church

11.00 am Morning Prayer : Mr B Wood

6.30 pm Evening Prayer : Rev R Ewbank

7.45 pm Youth Fellowship

May 7 8.00 pm Institution and Induction of
Canon Peter Sertin

May 12 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8.00 am Holy Communion

11.00 am Holy Communion (ASB)

(Sunday Club recommences after the Easter holiday
at the Nursery School)

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Youth Fellowship

May 15 Meeting for Bible Study and Prayer at venue to be
announced.

May 16 ASCENSION DAY

10.15 am Holy Communion

May 19 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Children's Church

11.00 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)

7.45 pm Youth Fellowship

May 26 WHIT SUNDAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

11.00 am Morning Prayer

(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Youth Fellowship

May 29 Meeting for Bible Study and Prayer at venue to be
announced.

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptism : 13 April : Rosanna Marie Foskett

Burial : 11 April : Susan Penelope Reynolds : aged 37

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME : Total for March 1985 :
***** £416.64 E F Denny

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA : May 5 : Mrs M Caroe
" 12 : Mrs A W Stedall
" 19 : Mrs Mitchell
" 26 : R & P Williams

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA
May 3/4 : Mrs O Roderick
" 10/11 : Mrs M Reynolds
" 17/18 : Mrs S Bolton/Mrs R Taylor
" 24/25 : Mrs P Williams
" 31/June 1 : Mrs B Major/Miss A Disney

PERSONALIA

We send our congratulations to Peter and Susie Willis (nee Major) on the birth of their son (Charles Alexander) born on 27 March. To Christopher Mabley for arranging and conducting a 'Messiah from Scratch' performance at Barnes Parish Church on Saturday 13 April which raised £200 for Helen House, a hospice in Oxford for terminally ill children. Our thanks to all who came to the Hunger Lunch at Bermonde on Good Friday which raised £110.00 for Tear Fund. Our thanks too to David and Eve Thompson for starting off our happy celebrations for Easter on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We remember Peter and Mavis Harvey at this time feeling the loss of Peter's mother who died on Easter Sunday. A grand Christian lady who had found her latter years particularly trying but never lost her deep-rooted faith in the risen Lord.

SUSIE REYNOLDS : Maureen writes: My daughter Jill and I have been completely overwhelmed by all the messages of love and support that we have received from our friends in Hambledon in memory of our beloved Susie. We thank you so much for all your thoughts and prayers, which have given us strength and courage to face the future without her. In particular I want to thank all those who came to the Church to join in the beautiful service of farewell. I regret so much that it was impossible, because of the weather, to meet you all after the service to thank you personally for your support. We felt very aware of being enfolded in the loving arms of Hambledon and that is a memory we will carry with us for ever.

GEORGE LUXFORD

George Luxford, a lifetime resident of Hambledon, died recently and the following has been supplied by someone who knew him well:

George Luxford's great-grandparents, Mr & Mrs Bookham, and his grandparents, Mr & Mrs Gill, lived in a cottage which at that time stood by itself, below Hydon Ball. His parents lived in a cottage at Great Enton, where he was born 82 years ago, but when he was seven they moved to Potters Hill, on the other side of the golfcourse, where his father worked as greenkeeper. When George married, he built his own house, Link View, next door to his old home, and he lived there for the rest of his life. He was a great gardener, and everyone stopped to admire his garden, including the passers-by. George took an active part in the life of the village. He attended Hambledon School, and was a regular worshipper at Church, and he worked locally, at Milford Chest Hospital and King George V Hospital. But it is chiefly the young people who are grateful to him for all the help and encouragement that he gave them with their games. He was himself a games player, playing golf, cricket (as Captain of the 2nd XI) and football. He was Secretary of the Football Club for many years, and later became President, and took an active interest in all their doings.

He will be greatly missed by all his friends, but chiefly by his widow and family, and our thoughts go out to them now, with much sympathy and gratitude for all that he did for his village.

HAMBLEDON NURSERY SCHOOL : Contributed by the Chairman - Mary Caroe :

We start our sixth term in the Nursery School with 55 children on roll and nine teacher-helpers in employment. We have six packs of Cub-Scouts and Brownies coming to use the building for camps this summer and the Church Music Group and Sunday Club meet at the school.

However, our most important news is that the Diocesan Board of Education want to sell the school building. They have generously offered us first refusal to buy the building and land at a special low price for a sale between charities. We have formed a financial sub-committee to see if we can raise the £45,000 required for this purchase. There will be a public meeting on Friday May 17 at 7.45 pm at the school, to which everyone is invited and at which our plans will be publicised and questions answered. We do hope that

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anyone who feels that this venture is worthwhile and that it is helping to keep our village 'alive' will come. Offers of support, however small, will be welcomed.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH IN THE SUDAN

Contributed by Stephen Clarke:

For the past 2 months I have been in the Sudan working for Christian Outreach, which was mentioned in the March edition of this magazine. Over $\frac{1}{4}$ million Ethiopian people have crossed their border with Sudan since Dec. 1984 and they still continue to arrive at a rate of over 2,000 every night. These people are fleeing both famine and fighting between the Ethiopian Government and the rebel groups fighting in Eritrea and Tigre.

Within Sudan there are a number of voluntary agencies such as Save the Children Fund and the Red Cross working to provide for the basic needs of the refugees. Christian Outreach has recently started a programme to care for the health and nutritional needs of the children under 5.

At the moment there is a team of 5 nurses and a nutritionist working at a new refugee camp close to a reservoir. Because there is plenty of water at this site, thousands of refugees are being moved in by lorry from the old sites, such as Wad Kowli, where the water supply has been completely exhausted.

The journey takes about 7 hours and our team is responsible for registering and checking all new arrivals and referring them to the appropriate clinics or feeding centres. As the project develops we will be opening ante-natal clinics and feeding centres to nurse the severely malnourished children back to health.

One of our immediate needs is for blankets and cotton T-shirts. We hope to send out 2 container loads (holding 10,000 blankets each) at the end of May. Anybody having spare blankets or T-shirts is asked to take them to David Jenkins at Charterhouse Turf Machinery, 34, Church Road, Milford, during office hours. Meanwhile one of the more long-term needs is for people to pray for rain and for the people working to relieve the suffering under very hot, dusty and difficult conditions.

JACK & SONIA'S GOLDEN WEDDING

This event on March 30 was such a happy family, friendly, village occasion; Jack and Sonia wish it to be known how much they appreciated the good wishes of everybody and for all they did to make it such a memorable occasion. With Jack & Sonia's permission we give below the poem that was read for the first 'speech':

"An 'IF' for our Golden Oldies

"If you can keep your youth when all about you
Are losing theirs, well short of eighty-two;
If there can be no AGM without you
(As if 'No Wellington, No Waterloo!');"

"If you've a wife who's put up with your teasing
For fifty years, and still comes back for more;
Who makes her home immaculately pleasing
Yet opens it to young folk by the score;

"If you could walk with merchant-kings in Surrey
Yet never fall for Jaguars and gin,
But couldn't wait to pack your bags and hurry
Back to the land of your adopted kin;

"If, gallant pair, you looked for nothing easy,
If it was souls you sought, and not big game;
If we were wrong in thinking that Kisiizi ****
Beckoned you by its amorous, glamorous name!

"If worried staff, and worrying diagnosis,
Pinned you both down and kept you on the go,
Yet you survived - till brutal brucellosis
(Cattle-pest - too much donkey work?) laid you low;

"If you can stage a slap-up Golden Wedding
At your great ages, and appear to thrive,
Now there remains the question that I'm dreading -
What have you planned for 1995? "

The hospital in Uganda where Jack and Sonia worked for many years.

LAY TRAINING FOR CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Contributed by Ruth Jervis: In the gospels we read that Jesus sent forth his disciples to "Preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick". Healing is the part of the full gospel ministry to which a few lay people are particularly called, for God's healing alone can bring the "Wholeness" of body, mind spirit and emotions so needed

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by so many suffering people to-day. In March twenty of us stayed for our second week at The Old Rectory, Crowhurst, for the Advanced Course in Christian Healing and Counselling, approved by Bishop Morris Maddox. Normally used as a home for the Church's Ministry of Healing, Healing, The Old Rectory is a Sussex oasis of Christian caring, love and tranquility. Our deep teaching was set in a pattern of daily worship, happy, friendly mealtimes, free times for relaxation, country and seaside walks, and the wonderful fellowship of spirit-filled Christians sharing so many experiences of common interest. We praise God for the unspeakable joy He has given us through His inspired teaching at Crowhurst. May it enable many more to experience a whole church, wholeness in ministry, wholeness in doctrine and wholeness of the individual - Christ's healing.

W A G : At the end of last year Hambledon Women's Institute had to be suspended. Rather than lose touch with each other we have formed an informal Wednesday Afternoon Group, meeting the 2nd Wednesday each month at various venues in the village.

We are holding a COFFEE MORNING and BRING AND BUY on Wednesday 8th May at 10.30am in the VILLAGE HALL

to help the Almshouses and W.A.G funds. Any cakes, preserves, nearly-new items, gifts, plants, etc. would be appreciated.

You are most welcome to come and support and join us. The meeting in June will be held at 2.45pm at the home of Mrs Ruth Steele, when we are to have an illustrated talk all about Lace.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our annual visit to the Godalming Baptist Church on the 20th March was a happy and memorable time. A large number were there representing the different Fellowship Groups around this area and the meeting itself was a time of real praise. The speaker was the wife of a minister and she was preceded by two lovely solos. The afternoon ended with a splendid tea in the Church Hall. The next meeting will be on Thursday 23 May at 3.0pm. M.S.S.