

ST PETER'S HAMBLEDON : MAY 1986

The Rector writes:

My dear Friends

I thought that in both numbers and content our Annual Church Meeting was very encouraging and a report from Pat Williams appears elsewhere in the magazine. The Installation Service of church officers the following Sunday morning was a moving experience and we all look forward to working together in the future. Please pray for us. One of the first tasks will be to look at the results of the questionnaire which I shared with you last month, and decide our worship patterns for the future.

A number of people have expressed the desire to visit in the Parish, and we have decided to make a Parish Census. I mention this so that you will know when someone calls. It will help us to make up a card index on the Parish, and enable us to let you know more effectively when things are happening which may be of interest. This applies particularly to activities for children and young people.

Marilyn and I will be away from May 21 - June 4, when Canon Charles Oldham, Mac Bolton and others are kindly covering the services. The Parish Bible Studies on Wednesday evenings May 21 and June 4 will be held at the Arden-White's, Little Woodlands, New Road. We are going to a Christian Hotel, The Highlands, in Jersey, where I shall be taking the morning Bible Studies and evening sing-along. Also I shall be preaching at St Matthew's Church on Sunday June 1st. This is sometimes called "The glass church", as all the church furniture is Lalique glass made in Paris, in memory of Lord Trent, who as Jesse Boot, founded the chain of chemist shops bearing his name.

As we approach holiday time, I trust you will all have a refreshing time in body, mind and spirit - and hopefully some fine weather.

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN

CALENDAR FOR MAY 1986

May 4 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8 00 am Holy Communion

10 00 am Family Service

(followed by coffee at the Rectory)

12 00 noon Holy Communion

6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662)

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

May 7 8 15 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
AT THE RECTORY

May 8 ASCENSION DAY

10 15 am Holy Communion

May 9 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY IN THE VILLAGE HALL

May 11 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

8 00 am Holy Communion

11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)

(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)

(Pathfinders meet at the Rectory)

6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

May 18 WHIT SUNDAY

8 00 am Holy Communion

10 00 am Children's Church

11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)

6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

May 21 8 15 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
AT LITTLE WOODLANDS

May 25 TRINITY SUNDAY

8 00 am Holy Communion - Canon Charles
Oldham

11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)

- Mr Malcolm Lowe

(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)

(Pathfinders meet at the Rectory)

6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB) -

Hambledon Youth Fellowship

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

AND IN JUNE

June 1 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion - Canon Charles Oldham
10 00 am Family Service - Mr G M Bolton
6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662) - Mr G M Bolton
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

June 4 8 15 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER AT
LITTLE WOODLANDS

June 8 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion
11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
(Pathfinders meet at the Rectory)
6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptism : Guy Alexander Nelson : 6 April

CHURCH FLOWERS : May 4 : The Caroe Family
11 : Mrs J Hassard-Short
18 :
25 : Ray & Pat Williams

CHURCH CLEANING : May 2/3 : Mrs R Taylor and Diana
9/10 : Mrs E Secrett/Mrs E Brockman
16/17 : Mrs J Hassard-Short
23/24 : Mrs J Corbett
30/31 : Mrs V Stevens/Miss M Parker

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for March 1986 : £484.87 : E F Denny

PERSONALIA

We extend our sympathy to the family of Mrs Edith Cutting of Wormley Hill who has recently died.
Mrs Mary Hutchins is now back at the Dower House, Milford, after her successful hip operation in the Royal Surrey County Hospital.
Mary has asked that we convey her thanks to all who have prayed

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for her, sent their good wishes and visited her whilst she was in hospital. Even though she no longer lives in Hambledon, Mary is still very much part of our 'family' and we are delighted that she has made such good progress. Mr Cecil Chapman recently underwent an operation in the County Hospital and is now recuperating at home. We send our good wishes to Cecil and to Con.

Dr Jack Symonds is bombing around again!

We thank God for His loving care for all our sick friends.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

FRIDAY 9TH MAY : 8PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

COME TO THE "NEW LOOK" PARISH ASSEMBLY

Speaker : Mr Graham Collyer, Deputy Editor of the
Surrey Advertiser.

Time for questions

Time for chat

Time for Refreshments

SATURDAY 17TH MAY FROM 11.00 - 5.00

CATHEDRAL DAY

Guildford Diocese is inviting all parishes to support this event. The proceeds go towards the maintenance and running of our Cathedral.

There will be stalls and activities outside the Cathedral and our Deanery is responsible for the Plant and Produce Stall. Any contributions towards this or other stalls should be taken to Jean de Berniere-Smart's house on Friday May 16th.

Sheila Bolton

HUNGER LUNCH

Our thanks go once again to Ray and Pat Williams for arranging another Hunger Lunch on Good Friday. As a result £60 has been sent to the Overseas Missionary Fellowship and £30 will be used to send two more parcels to Kisiizi Hospital in Ruanda.

Sheila Bolton

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

There were 57 present at the Annual Church Meeting held on 17 April and at this meeting two presentations were made: the first to Peter Roderick who is relinquishing his post as Churchwarden after nearly 14 years and the second to Faith Denny who feels it high time that someone else should take over the running of the Freewill Offering Scheme. The Rector said how much we all owe to Peter and Olive for their many 'behind the scenes' activities quietly and efficiently undertaken at St Peter's; they are always the first to arrive, no matter what the occasion and always Peter's ready and cheerful smile to greet you. Peter was presented with a cheque with which he and Olive were asked to purchase something to remind them of their time when Peter was churchwarden, which could be suitably inscribed at a later date.

We were all wondering just what was going to be produced from behind the stage curtaining for Faith, and Keith Fish and Paul Ridsdale-Smith struggled forth with two beautiful rhododendron bushes for Faith to put into her garden.

Peter Roderick thanked the meeting and all at St Peter's for marking his retirement in such an acceptable way and duly handed over his vacancy to Tom Arden-White. Faith said we couldn't have given her anything better than something for her garden but that really she hadn't expected nor indeed wanted anything for her work with the Freewill Offering Scheme. She said that she had taken it over in 1960 when there were 11 people participating in the scheme, of which she herself was one. Eddic Hardy has agreed to run the scheme on behalf of St Peter's.

There were three vacancies on the PCC and these were filled by: Peter Roderick, John Hindley and Sheelagh Vacher.

The retiring members were Rosemary Arden-White, Creighton Redman and Dr Jack Symonds, who were all thanked for their 3-year 'stint'.

The Rector remarked that although Creighton, as Church Treasurer, had come to the meeting complete with much material to hand over to a successor, he was afraid it would be necessary for it all to be taken home again, for there was no way that Creighton would be let off-the-hook that easily

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and at the first meeting of the new PCC on Monday 28 April, he would be co-opted back!

The new PCC now comprises:

Canon Peter Sertin (Chairman)	
Mr Tom Arden-White)	Churchwardens
Mr Ray Williams)	
Mrs Moira Ridsdale-Smith	
Mr Roger Mitchell	
Brig. Mike Stevens	
Mr Peter Roderick	
Mr Geoff Clarkson	
Mr Tom Grillo (Secretary)	
Mr John Hindley	
Mrs Sheelagh Vacher	
Mrs Sheila Bolton*	
Mr Nigel Pollock*	
Miss Clare Ridsdale-Smith**	

* Deanery Synod Representatives

** Co-opted in place of Caroline Atkins who has resigned.

The new PCC the Churchwardens and Sidesmen were officially installed at the 11.00 am service on Sunday 20 April.

The Rector thanked all those who contribute in so many ways to the smooth running of the church but particularly to Tom Grillo for all the hard work that he puts in as Secretary of the PCC. The Sertin family have enjoyed their first year in Hambledon and they are particularly grateful to Hambledon people and to all who come to St Peter's for making them so welcome. There are plans for the future, two of which were mentioned: firstly the Rectory Tea Party on Sunday 29 June and a Parish Weekend on 13/14 September to be held in Hambledon. In conclusion Miss Mary Parker spoke warmly in thanking Peter and Marilyn for all that they had done during their first year with us.

Pat Williams

AND FROM PETER RODERICK

At the Annual Church Meeting on 17 April I was presented with a very handsome cheque on the occasion of my retirement from the position of Churchwarden.

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I now simply wish most sincerely to thank the PCC and other members of the Church who kindly contributed towards this very generous retirement present. It was greatly appreciated by both Olive and myself.

Peter Roderick

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH : TRIP TO SUDAN BY SARAH AND STEPHEN CLARKE

My first impression of Khartoum was a very hot, dry and sandy town. Although it's the capital city of the Sudan, it's probably not much larger than Guildford. Whilst there, we stayed at the Sudan Interior Mission Guest House which is a haven of peace and greenery amidst the noise and drabness of Khartoum.

After our first week, we went by landrover out to the east of Sudan to a little town called Khashm el Girba, near to the Ethiopian border. It's an eight hour journey on the only tarmac road in the Sudan and when the heat gets up to 105° F in the middle of the day it's perhaps not the most comfortable of journeys!

Our team of 6 nurses and 2 maintenance workers live in a little compound at Khashm el Girba where they have electricity and water because it is situated very near a large dam. The refugee camp of Shagarab East where the team works is another half-hour's drive down a bumpy dirt track. It is very well positioned being close to the dam as it means there is an endless supply of water for the 30,000 people there. We found the refugees in mostly very good health and I didn't see any very thin children like we saw on television last year. They are all very cheerful and some have begun spinning and weaving cotton, whilst others sew and make baskets.

Whilst we were there the voluntary repatriation of the refugees from our camp began. They left in trucks at the rate of 1,000 people every other day, which means that our camp will shortly become empty. They are driven to the Ethiopian border and from there they walk back to their villages.

However, there is still work to do, as shortly our camp will be filled with more refugees from a camp in another area and so the needs begin again. Christian Outreach is still collecting blankets and tee shirts as often these people arrive with just the clothes they stand in.

Sarah Clarke

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On Thursday 27 March a rather special meeting was held at Ellingsons. Sonia Symonds opened the meeting for the last time after 18 years of caring leadership. In appreciation of all that she had done, Mrs Ellingson made a presentation to her, with a card signed by all the members. Then Brenda Gardner officially took over as the new leader and gave a delightful talk. She told us how she had become a Christian and what it had meant to her over the years to know that her life was in the Lord's hands. We all wish her a happy time as leader of the Fellowship for many years to come.

The next meeting will be on Thursday May 22nd at 3.00pm at Ellingsons, when Mrs Ruth Carpenter will talk about her experiences with the China Inland Mission.

Rosemary Arden-White

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

Godalming, from iron age to the present day. What an interesting time we had at Mrs Ellingsons. With guide dog Ben (known to yawn when Mr Stock had talked long enough!) we were told each century had left its mark on Godalming in place names, buildings, people and trades, all changing with the climate of the times. When next in Godalming look up and around, visit the streets off the High Street, there is so much from the ever-changing past.

The next meeting is on May 14th with a ploughman's lunch and visit to Farnham Castle, thanks to Mrs Doreen Simmons, who now lives near the Castle.

Joan Hardy

HAMBLEDON VILLAGE HALL

In the April edition of this magazine it was stated that the Village Hall Committee were organising a Barn Dance on Sat. 21 June to raise much-needed funds for the upkeep of the Hall. Having studied the question of space in greater detail, it would appear that no more than 40 people could be accommodated for a Barn Dance in Hambledon Village Hall and this would not make it a paying proposition. It has now been decided to set aside the Saturday before the Royal Wedding (19 July) for an evening of 'Dancing through 60 years'. Further details to follow.