## ST PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON MAY 1987

My dear Friends

There are a number of matters of general interest to which I would like to draw your attention this month. First, you will probably have heard on the grapevine that Sheila and Mac Bolton will soon be moving to Horsham. This is to enable Mac to be nearer his work, and whilst we rejoice that it is not too far away, they will both leave an enormous gap in our church life. Mac's work as lay reader and senior elder, and Sheila's contribution as Deanery representative and co-ordinator of the Missionary Committee are but a few of their many church activities. Naturally, we would like to express our appreciation for all that they have done and gifts should be sent either to me or one of the churchwardens.

Following popular demand, the Holy Communion service at 11 00am on the fourth Sunday of the month will now always be the 1662 service rather than alternating with the ASB.

We have been encouraged to see the Nursery School flourishing and it will be extending its activities on May 6th by introducing a Mum's and Toddler's group meeting every Wednesday during term-time between 1.30-3.00pm. This will give an opportunity for a considerable number of mothers with babies/toddlers to meet for tea and informal chat. There will be trained helpers and excellent equipment both indoors and in the garden. For further information you should contact Mrs Brenda Stansfield on Godalming 23715.

Marilyn and I will be away for a time this month as I have again been asked to take the holiday ministry at the Highlands Hotel in Jersey. This involves a 30 min. Bible Reading every morning and taking a worship session and epilogue in the evening. Also we are available for personal counselling if required. I will also be preaching at St Matthew's (The Glass Church) on Whit Sunday and Marilyn will be leading a Mother's Union Quiet Day for churches on the Island. We would value your prayer support for this work.

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You will I know be glad to hear that David and Eve Thompson will be returning to cover the weekend of May 31st. This will be a great opportunity to renew old friendships and I am very grateful for their help.

With good wishes,

Yours sincerely

## PETER SERTIN

CALENDAR FOR MAY 1987 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER May 3 8 00 am Holy Communion (1662): Canon Charles Oldham 11 00 am FAMILY SERVICE : Mac Bolton 6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662) : Mac Bolton 7 45 pm Youth Fellowship THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER May 10 Holy Communion (1662) 8 00 am Morning Prayer (1662): followed by 11 00 am Holy Communion (Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School) 6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB) 7 45 pm Youth Fellowship 7 45 for 8 OOpm PCC MEET AT THE RECTORY May 11 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER May 17 8 00 am Holy Communion (1662) 10 00 am Children's Church 11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662) 6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB) 7 45 pm Youth Fellowship 8 00 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER May 20 AT THE RECTORY ROGATION SUNDAY May 24 Holy Communion (1662) 8 00 am 11 00 am Holy Communion (1662) (Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School) 6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB) 7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

May 28 ASCUSSION DAY 10 15 am Holy Communion (1662) May 31 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION 8 00 am Holy Communion (1662) 11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662) 6 30 pm Evening Prayer 7 45 pm Youth Fellowship Services throughout the day will be taken by Rev. D J Thompson. AND IN JUNE ..... WHIT SUNDAY 8 00 am Holy Communion (1662): Canon Charles Oldham FAMILY SERVICE : Mr Mac Bolton 11 00 am 6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662) : Mr Mac Bolton 7 45 pm Youth Fellowship June 14 TRINITY SUNDAY 8 00 am Holy Communion (1662) 11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662) (Sunday Club meets at the Mursery School) 6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB) 7 45 pm Youth Fellowship CHURCH REGISTERS BAPTISM : March 29th CHARLOTTE d'EUFEMIA FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME Total for March 1987 : £613.63 Edric Hardy 3 : Keith Fish : The Caroe Family 10 17 : Mrs B Gardner/ Mrs J Hardy 24 : Ray & Pat Williams : WEDDING FLOWERS 31 CHURCH GLEANING ROTA 1/2 : Mrs Muriel Campbell 8/9 : Mrs Rae Taylor & Diaga 15/16 : Mrs R Arden-White **BUBBBBBBBBB**BBB 22/23 : Mrs Dinah Staines 29/30 : Mrs J Hassard-Short

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It was good to see Mrs Grillo and Miss Harrill about again over Easter - they have both managed to break an ankle but are now well on the mend from what must have been a very frustrating time.

The church looked a glorious mass of yellow and white for Easter and once again our thanks are due to Mrs Audrey Stedall and her helpers for providing us with such an array so professionally undertaken.

We also had two new banners depicting the Easter theme. The "Crown of Thorns" hangs on the north wall of the church immediately opposite the door and the "Resurrection Morning" in the usual place on the south wall. The banners provide a different form of worship and give much food for thought. The Hunger Lunch at Court Farm (by kind invitation of John & Barbara Major) on Good Friday raised £86 for overseas missions. On this occasion the sum raised is being shared between the Overseas Missionary Fellowship and Christian Outreach.

On 24th March the Ladies' Discussion Groups held a Lenten Lunch at the Rectory at which was shown a video film entitled "Women Like Us". The film depicted the lives led by 3 women living on the outskirts of Guayaquil, Ecuador's largest city and compared their circumstances with those living in more privileged situations. A thought-provoking message as we approached the Easter season and £70, was sent to aid the work of Tear Fund under whose auspices the video film was made.

The Church has recently received two ananymous donations; one for £1,000 and the other for £440 for which the PCC wish to express their grateful thanks.

Mike and Virginia Stevens have donated a cylinder vacuum cleaner to the church and this has already been put to good use.

Our good wishes to Ruth and Dicken Steele as they take up residence at Little Court. We are pleased to welcome them into the village and may their new home give them much joy and happiness.

Many congratulations on the birth of a son to Vicki and Paul Pattinson of Malthouse Cottage and also on the birth of a son (Ashley Gerhold) to Dave and Appy Filmer-Pasco from Haslemere who worship with us at St Peter's on Sunday mornings.

EVILLE ESTABLISHED TO SERVICE THE PROPERTY OF The Lord continues to bless us richly, not least with brotherly love and with growth. Over 60 young people came along to the YPF after the Easter Day Evening Service (admittedly a time when students are here at home). of course are away longer-term at the moment and we remember them:

Louie Arden-White in Mauritius Tim Arden-White working in an Inner City Church in Birmingham Cathy Bishop in South America Rick James in Honduras Simon Mabley in Pakistan Jane Pearson in the South of France Rebecca Shepherd in Australia

It is customary for the YPF to divide into 4 smaller groups that meet for Bible Study and Prayer during the week; the leadership of the small group now vacated by Tim Arden-White has now been taken over by Johnnie Sertin. our discussions during May is "Commitment". Sam Parker was pleased recently to be able to take many gifts to Casa Serena, a Home for destitute boys in Sao Paulo, Brazil: this is a cause that the YPF supports. Jeremy Micklem

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BIBLE SOCIETY PLANT SALE At the sale to be held on the Village Green on Friday 5th June we hope to include the following plants: Outdoor tomatoes (over 100 cordon and bush); courgettes; marrows; outdoor cucumbers; purple broccoli; winter cabbage; kale; brussels sprouts; herbs; some wild flowers a quantity of annual bedding plants; a few perennials and shrubs. Also available will be goldfish (to order only). To avoid disappointment and assist planning PLEASE TELEPHONE ORDERS AND ENQUIRIES FOR VEGETABLES TO ME NOW (Dunsfold 315). There will be more precise information in the June magazine. Will gardeners with plants for sale please contact me. Peter Harvey

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MISSIONARY NEWS Six months have passed and once again all missionary box holders are asked to bring their boxes to Church on Sunday

Felicity Arden-White is going with Christian Outreach on June 5th for a year to Thailand, to work in the Khao I Dong Refugee Camp where there are 27,000 people. Stephen and

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Sarah Clarke will be returning from Bangkok in the middle of May, as a new Field Director has been appointed. Wendy Arden-White hopes to get news of our parcels when she visits Kisiizi hospital in June, on a holiday she is taking to Uganda and Ruanda. She works on the financial side of the Ruanda Mission in London and is taking this opportunity to see at first hand the work of missionsries, many of whom she

Letters have been received from Simon Mabley (a copy is in the Church Porch) who sounds well settled at Edwardes College, Peshawar, and from Rick James, from the Mosquito coast, who is thoroughly absorbed in advising on the marketing of Miskito products to the rest of Honduras.

Louise Arden-White, having completed three months' training with YWAM (Youth with a Mission) is now with a group of 'YWAMers' in Mauritius. They are linked to the Bible School there and are using dance/drama in their evangelistic work.

Please support these young people with your prayers.

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Sheila Bolton

FURTHER NEWS FROM SIMON MABLEY (via his Mum:!)
"My Urdu lessons are coming along quite nicely: I have four a week. They always start with phonetic drill which is basically repeating model sentences over and over again. It is quite amusing when you start to recognise the sentences such as "This is a large green carpet" - "Yes hurri burri durri hain". My lessons came to a standatill at one point as my teacher disappeared with money belonging to another pupil. I got a Teach Yourself book though which was sufficient for the basics as I had had enough lessons to get the pronounciation, which is one of the lardest things.

The language in theory should be very easy to learn as it was made up by the British Army when it was here as a universal language in which to give its orders. I do find the construction a bit confusing though as all the bits come in the wrong order with the verb at the end etc. The other thing of course is to learn Arabic script as a lot of the signs are only in Arabic; this I have now done and find it very useful. My new teacher is actually a friend of a friend and is much better than the last one; it is just up to me to learn it in between lessons. CMS like people to be able to speak at least a little Urdu and it is quite interesting.

Urdu isn't really the main language spoken here; the people of Peshawar actually speak their own language, the people in the North speak Pushtu and there is also a different language which is only used in the Kalash Valley. By talking to the local shopkeepers we have picked up certain phrases but have not always realised which language they were using; for instance, there are two ways of saying "thank you", one is Pushtu and one is Urdu. If you are on a rickshaw ride or a bus in Peshawar and you want to stop, you yell out in Urdu but if they don't stop you know they speak Pushtu!!

## CHRISTIAN CUTREACH

A new Field Director has now been appointed to cover the work in Thailand and this appointment has enabled Stephen and Sarah Clarke to return to the UK. Please remember this new Field Director in your prayers - his name is Philip Wield, who, together with his wife, Cathy, joined the Christian Outreach team at the end of April. They have three young children; Rebecca, Simon and Stephanie. Philip has been working as a Systems Analyst in a computer department and his administrative skills will be useful in his new position. Cathy lived in Thailand as a child, her father being based at the British Embassy in Bangkok. This is the first time that Christian Outreach have had a family abroad.

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## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

Scrimshaw, Paddymelon, Manticore - if you know what these mean you would have been a great help at the WAG's!! No, these have nothing to do with "More about Godalming" by Mr Stock as arranged; he, unfortunately, was not able to be with us through illness; we do wish him a speedy recovery.

Molly Vacher made a good Master of Ceremonies, having arranged with Mr Dicken Steele, at short notice, some of his unusual words and definitions for Cell my Bluff. Could you keep a straight face and try to sound convincing about an Irishman crossing a melon with something else, hence Paddymelon:

Thank you Mr Steele for an amusing afternoon. It was a joliafair: Or was it?:!

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May 13th brings us Mrs Muriel Linley, talking on "Flower There's a competition for a Arranging and Preserving". 2.45pm at Feathercombe. flower arrangement in an eggcup.

Don't forget the trading All ladies welcome, see you there. table and do your best with your eggcup.

Joan Hardy

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 'Faith on Fire' was the title of the talk given by Sheila Bolton at our March meeting when she gave us a vivid picture of the way the Holy Spirit has been moving in the church in Singapore. Slides, readings and music all combined to give us an insight into the revival which has been taking place in that land.

On Wednesday, May 6th, we are invited to join in the Anniversayy Meeting of the Godalming Baptist Church and on Thursday May 28th we are having tea at The Hill.

Brende Gardner.

MUMS & MODDLERS GROUP STARTING MAY 6TH AT THE NURSERY SCHOOL

HAMBLEDON (opposite Rectory Drive) EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING TERM-TIME FROM 1.30 - 3.00PM

COST : 620 PER TERM EACH FAMILY

A good opportunity to meet other mothers with babies/toddlers from Hambledon and near neighbourhood for tea and informal Trained helpers, excellent equipment both indoors and in the garden.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO BOOK A PLACE FOR YOUR FAMILY PLEASE CONTACT:

Mrs Brenda Stansfield (who runs the Nursery School)

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