

ST PETER'S HAMBLETON * MAY 1988

The Rector writes:

"You shall receive and you shall be"
(Acts. 1:8)

My dear Friends

Here in this verse we have the great charter of world-wide evangelism. In the book of Acts as a whole you have a Missionary Magazine, the first of them all, with its notes of recruits, dismissed meetings, news of mission stations, converts, indigenous churches, medical missionary, furloughs, reports meetings. In this verse we have the missionary charge, "you". Not to angels, but to us Christians is committed the privilege and responsibility. The missionary commission, "shall be"; this is not an option but a command and in fact Christ's last command. The method, "witnesses". We are not to tell what we think, nor what others say, but what we know from personal experience. The missionary message is to be Christ's witnesses, an inexhaustible theme. The missionary map includes the whole world, "both in Jerusalem and to the uttermost parts". At home and abroad spreading onwards and outwards. That's what "you shall be". How? "You shall receive", the power of the Holy Spirit filling us with the love of Christ and "constraining us" to take the message to every person.

We have a great missionary tradition in St Peter's both in going and supporting. May it be renewed this Whitsun.

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN



CALENDAR FOR MAY 1988

- May 1 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
(St Philip and St James)
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am FAMILY SERVICE
6 30pm Evening Prayer (1662)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship
- May 8 ROGATION SUNDAY
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)
(Commissioning of Church Officers)
(followed by Holy Communion (1662))
(Sunday Club meets in the Nursery School)
6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
- The Rev. Nick Aiken
Diocesan Youth Officer
7 45pm Youth Fellowship
- May 11 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
AT THE RECTORY
- May 12 ASCENSION DAY
10 15am Holy Communion (1662)
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- May 15 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
10 00am Children's Church
11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)
6 30pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship
- May 16 7 45 for 8 00pm PCC meet at the Rectory
- May 22 WHIT SUNDAY
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am Holy Communion (1662)
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship
- May 25 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
AT THE RECTORY

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May 29 TRINITY SUNDAY

8:00am Holy Communion (1662)
11:00am Morning Prayer
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
6:30pm Special Service
7:45pm Youth Fellowship

AND IN JUNE

June 05 1ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

(Half-yearly Missionary Box Opening)

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)

11 00am FAMILY SERVICE

4 00pm RECTORY GARDEN TEA PARTY

6 30pm Evening Prayer (1662)

7 45pm Youth Fellowship

June 08 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
AT THE RECTORY

June 12 2ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00am Holy Communion

11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)

(followed by Holy Communion (1662))

(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)

.6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)

7 45pm Youth Fellowship.

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CHURCH REGISTERS

Wedding * 9th April * Adam John Mallalieu
and
Judith Davis Newel

Baptism * 27th March * Richard James Knight

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FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for March 1988 : £614.82 * Edric Hardy



CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FOR MAY

May 1 : Wedding Flowers
8 : Mrs Mary Caroe
15 : Wedding Flowers
22 : Mrs Pat Williams
29 : Mrs Muriel Campbell



CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR MAY

May 6/7 : Mrs Dinah Staines
13/14 : Mrs Maureen Reynolds
20/21 : Mrs Muriel Campbell
27/28 : Mrs Elizabeth Secrett



PERSONALIA

Many congratulations to Mary Hutchins who recently celebrated her 80th birthday. Mary is now a resident at Dower House, Milford, but for many years resided at Cherryhurst. Both Mary and her husband, Harold, were regular worshippers at St Peter's and sang in the choir.

All good wishes for a happy day on May 14th to Sarah Coleman and Stephen McDade who are to be married at St Peter's. Also to Harriet Burling and Dr Herve Lemonnier who are also to be married at St Peter's on 14th May, the service being conducted by the Rev. David Platt, Vicar of Woodham.

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We were indeed sorry to learn of two broken ankles - one suffered by Elizabeth Maclay and the other by Pauline Underwood. Our commiserations to them both with such a frustrating enforced 'rest' thrust upon them.

Mr Ken Edwards of Cherryhurst is now at home again having spent a spell in hospital and we send to him our good wishes for continued good health.

To the Brockman family, Elizabeth, Ian, Edward and Clare, we send our love and farewells as they leave Hambledon to settle in Wiltshire. We especially thank Elizabeth for all that she has done from flower arranging to harvest suppers and know that she will soon be continuing the good work in their new environment as soon as it is "noised abroad" that she has arrived!

Parish News

5th June

:: Half-yearly Missionary Box Opening.
If you have a box for any society that has been provided through St Peter's, it should be brought to church on this Sunday at any of the services.



Also on this day at 4.00pm in the Rectory Garden, we have the Annual Parish Tea Party. Please make this event as widely known as possible.

26 June

:: A Barbeque Service at Feathercombe at 6.00pm. Everyone welcome.

7th October

:: Harvest Supper in the Village Hall 7.30 for 8.00pm.

9th October

:: HARVEST THANKSGIVING

HUNGER LUNCH

By kind invitation of John and Barbara Major a Hunger Lunch was held at Court Farm on Good Friday, when the sum of £77.00 was raised for the work of Christian Outreach.

OAKHURST COTTAGE

Oakhurst Cottage is in need of more Stewards. If you would be interested in showing people around this small village cottage, do contact Joan or Edric Hardy on Wormley 4733; they will be happy to tell you more about it.

TYPEWRITERS

There are two manual typewriters at the Rectory that are surplus to requirements. If you are interested, do have a word with Marilyn or Peter.

JUNE MAGAZINE : Because of holidays the June magazine will be typed a week earlier than usual and Pat Williams would be glad of contributions by Tuesday 17th May at the latest please. This makes no difference to the date of issue, which is the normal last Sunday in the month.

HAMBLEDON SUNDAY CLUB * WEEKEND ADVENTURE

The "Weekend Adventure" held on 9/10 April for 5-11 year olds proved (despite the snow!) an extremely enjoyable time for everyone. There were 39 5-11 year olds and the adventure was led by a team from Christchurch, Chorleywood, together with helpers from Hambledon Sunday Club. The day began on Saturday 9th at 10.00am with music, the start of an on-going quiz between the 'Haddocks' and the 'Kippers', and the first Act of a play which reached a finale at the service in church on Sunday 10th. The 'Adventurers' played games,

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went on a treasure hunt, made collages, pictures and kites, enjoyed some face-painting and, altogether, had a great day! The Adventure reached a conclusion on Sunday 10th at a special service at St Peter's. We all went home tired, but happy!

Any 'Adventurers' who would like to meet up again with newly-made friends, might like to join us at Hambledon Sunday Club on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of each month at the Nursery School at 11.00am.

We hope to be able to hold an 'Adventure Week' in the summer when even more action can be anticipated (hopefully, without the snow!)

Many thanks to all those who made the weekend possible.

Julia Harrington

HAMBLEDON YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

In the last month we have been thoroughly enjoying our increased numbers, bringing many friends back from university, college and school. They are always such an encouragement and it is good for us to hear what God has been doing in their various places of study.

During the last month or so, we have both looked inwards and outwards at our meetings. Inwards, looking at what our own fellowship with each other should be working towards - openness, honesty, etc. all based on the selfless kind of love that Jesus commanded us to have for each other, and the unity of each being indwelt by one and the same Spirit. There is a long way to go and it must be worked at.

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Outwards, we have seen something of the suffering of our brothers and sisters behind the iron curtain, when David Henry, from the Eastern European Bible Mission, came to share with us. We hope to make a commitment in our Small Groups to write and to pray for those in prison there. Also Sue Gillett spoke to us on the Resurrection and our response to that, as we looked forward to the Guest Service on 17 April.

As Jeremy mentioned in the last magazine, I am attempting to lead the group very temporarily, before I go off with YWAM again shortly. Please do pray and consider carefully with us the future leadership of Hambledon Youth Fellowship. The Lord has always provided in the past and we trust Him to do so again. "..... for He who promised, is faithful." (Heb. 10:23).

Louise Arden-White

Praise the Lord!

Sunday 17th April proved to be a very special day in the life of St Peter's when we assembled at the 11.00am service to give thanks to God for the many new commitments that have been made in both time and talents and financial covenants resulting from the Stewardship Programme.

In the evening a Guest Service was held at which Barbara and George Horseman came to share with us their Christian faith, as they strive to serve the Lord in their spheres of theatre and fashion. Barbara and George earlier in their careers had both participated in the London production of The Sound of Music and they brought one of the songs from the production into their splendid singing during the course of their testimony.

The YPF at the Rectory in the evening had the pleasure of Barbara and George's company at

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an informal gathering, which made a fitting climax to the Easter holiday before most of them returned to their studies.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At our March Meeting we very much enjoyed having Mrs Beryl Morgan with us, when she directed our thoughts away from the "ugliness" that occupies so much of our news on the media etc. to concentrate for a while on 'beauty' the beauty of God's handiwork in nature, the beauty of Jesus which was evident in so many ways during His life on earth, and then she went on to talk about the "Beauty Treatment" necessary in our own lives. We ended by singing the chorus:

"Let the Beauty of Jesus be seen in me
All His wondrous compassion and purity
O Thou Spirit divine, all my nature refine
Till the Beauty of Jesus be seen in me".

We meet again, as usual, at Ellingsons on the 4th Wednesday of the month, which will be 25th May.

Brenda Gardner

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

"Watu wa Miti". Back in 1922 Dr Richard St Barbe Baker, then a young forestry officer working in East Africa, saw how desert conditions took over when tree cover was destroyed. He encouraged the tribes to plant trees amongst their crops, he inaugurated a Dance of the Trees attended by thousands of warriors. They won the Swahili name of "Watu wa Miti" - Men of the Trees. Out of that inspired beginning, the Society was formed and he devoted his life to it.

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Mr Dennis Hull, speaking at our meeting, has devoted a large part of his life to the Men of Trees. He touched on the tragic and terrible circumstances famine and destitution caused by the felling of trees, upsetting the natural balance of nature. We saw the lighter side of his work in beautiful pictures of his tours, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania and other places where he has lectured to promote the planting of trees.

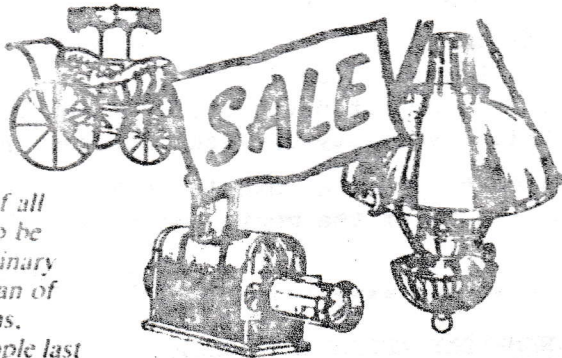
Thank you Mr Hull for introducing us to "The Men of the Trees".

Next meeting Wednesday May 11th 2.45pm at Ellingsons, when Mrs Georgina Aylward demonstrates the art of spinning.

Joan Hardy

GOING...TO A GOOD CAUSE

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES of all sorts have substantial reason to be grateful to auctioneer extraordinary Vernon Hedderley. As chairman of Wallington Missionary Auctions, Surrey, he helped some 650 people last year alone to produce almost £400,000 from the sale of large and small items. He says, 'People send precious and sometimes sacrificial gifts, donating the



money to the societies of their choice'. They have 12 auctions planned for this year, and a huge warehouse is open daily for the sale of goods.

It is a long time now since we had any news regarding the Wallington Missionary Auctions. If you would like further information, or perhaps have something that you would like to donate to be auctioned to a specific society, Pat Williams can let you have details.