

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

NOVEMBER 1965

DIARY

- Nov. 4th. Thur. Holy Communion at Hambledon Homes 10.30 a.m.
- Nov. 7th. Sun. TRINITY XXI
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m., and after Morning Prayer.
Children's Church 10.00 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m.
Confirmation Class 3.00 p.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
- Church Coach leaves Hydestile 6.0 p.m., Lane End 6.10 p.m.
picking-up en-route through village.
- Nov. 8th. Mon. Bible Study at Tigbourne Court 8.15 p.m.
(Hebrews vi)
- Nov. 11th. Thur. CHURCH FELLOWSHIP re-opens 8.0 p.m., in the
Village Hall. - "As Others See Us" -
local events and views in colour.
- Nov. 14th. Sun. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - Trinity XXII.
Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.
"For Parents & Children" 10.00 a.m.
Remembrance Service 10.55 a.m.
Evening Prayer (Remembrance Service) 6.30 p.m.
Offerings: Earl Haig's Fund.
- Nov. 21st. Sun. SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT
Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.
and after Evening Prayer.
Children's Church 10.00 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
- Nov. 22nd. Mon. Sewing Meeting at Rectory 3.00 p.m.
Bible Study - "Tinker's Revel", Grosvenor
Road, Godalming 8.15 p.m.
(Hebrews vii)
- Nov. 25th. Thur. Women's Fellowship at Beech Hill 3.00 p.m.
Speaker: Rev. A.W. Banks, M.A., B.Sc. Minister of Godalming
Methodist Church

Diary (contd)

- Nov. 27th. Sat. Guildford Diocesan Conference.
- Nov. 28th. Sun. ADVENT SUNDAY (Missionary Box-Opening)
- Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.
- "For Parents & Children" 10.00 a.m.
- Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m.
- Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
- Preacher: Rev. L.D.M. Patterson, Vicar of Camelsdale.
- Dec. 2nd. Thur. Holy Communion at Hambledon Homes 10.30 a.m.
- Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy Sale at Dennys, Cricket Green 10.30 a.m.
- Proceeds: Ladies' Home Mission Union (Church Pastoral-Aid Society)
- Dec. 5th. Sun. ADVENT II - BIBLE SUNDAY
- Holy Communion 8.00 a.m. and after Morning Prayer
- Children's Church 10.00 a.m.
- Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m.
- Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
- Choir, augmented by members of Milford Church Choir will lead service.
- Church Coach leaves Hydestile 6.0 p.m., and Lane End 6.10 p.m. picking-up en-route through village.
- Dec. 6th. Mon. Bible Study at Dennys, Cricket Green (Hebrews viii) 8.15 p.m.
- Dec. 9th. Thur. Church Fellowship at Village Hall 8.00 p.m.
- Sound and Colour Films:- "Castle & Country"; "North to the Dales" and "The Vanishing Coast".

CHURCH FLOWERS We thank all who kindly arranged the flowers in Church last month. The following have promised to be responsible for the flowers during the next few weeks :-

- Nov. 7th. Mrs. Dowson; Nov. 14th. Mrs. Wieler;
- Nov. 21st. Miss Denny; Nov. 28th. Mrs. Palmer;
- Dec. 5th. Mrs. Dowson.

FREE-WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES - Totals for September 1965.

No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
2	12 0	22	1 5 0	38	2 0	57	2 0
4	4 0	23	2 0	39	4 0	58	2 0
5	5 0	24	2 0	41	2 6	59	1 8 0
7	1 3	25	2 4	43	2 0	60	6d.
9	1 4	26	3 0	44	10 0	61	10 0
11	8 0	27	10 0	45	16 0	62	6 6
12	4 0	28	2 6	46	10 0	63	8 6
13	2 0 0	30	5 0	47	8 0	64	4 0 0
14	7 0	31	13 0	50	5 6	65	10 0
15	2 6	32	6 6	51	2 0	66	1 5 0
16	8 0	33	5 10	52	2 0	67	12 6
17	1 0 0	34	1 0	53	1 0 0	68	8 0
18	1 0	36	1 10 0	54	1 0 0	69	2 10 0
20	1 0 0	37	17 0	55	10 0	70	4 0
21	7 6						

TOTAL FOR SEPTEMBER £31. 7. 9.

CHURCH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISMS

Sept. 19th. Julia Dawn, daughter of Anthony James and Vera Emily Alice Honey.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Sept. 25th. Denis Anthony Edwards and Vivian Mary Hiscott.
 Sept. 25th. Michael Roy Hutchings and Brenda Vera Coles
 Oct. 11th. Alfred Henry Hammond and Amy Lily Scarrott.

BURIALS

Oct. 8th. Ernest John Collins, aged 62 years.

Mr. John Richardson

It was a great grief to us all to learn of the sudden passing of Mr. Richardson of Vann Lane. His family and friends had known for some

time that he was a sick man, but it was hoped that after moving to their new home in the village he would make good progress and be able to enjoy retirement there. The news of his death on the day when they were to have moved into the new cottage was a shock. Mr. Richardson had many friends in the village and district and he will be greatly missed by all. We extend to his widow and family our sincere sympathies in their bereavement.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL.

The Church was beautifully decorated for the Harvest Thanksgiving Services, and we wish to thank all who sent their gifts, and those who spent so much time in arranging the produce and flowers. The Church was full for all the services, and on the Monday morning the children and staff at Hambledon School held a short service before the decorations were removed.

Our thanks to those who kindly helped in the distribution of the produce to the sick and local institutions. The following are extracts from letters received:-

"I feel that I must write to say 'Thank you' for so kindly sending along produce from the Harvest Festival. Much of the fruit is very personally appreciated by the Residents and a good deal of the vegetables and some fruit is being shared round the "Families" where again appreciation is expressed". (From the Superintendent of Hambledon Homes.

"Will you please convey the most grateful thanks of all at Manor-mead (Nursing Home) to your parishioners for the most acceptable gifts from the Harvest Festival. We do appreciate your kind thought in remembering us, and the produce will be very much enjoyed". (From the Matron at Manormead Nursing Home Hindhead (Church of England Pensions Board).

The Secretary at Raphael (Ryder Cheshire Mission) has also expressed thanks for the gifts sent to the Home. One of the patients is sending a letter on behalf of the residents.

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CONFIRMATION 1966

A Confirmation Service will be held at St. Peter's Church, Hambledon, on Monday 16th. May, 1966, at 8.0 p.m. It is only occasionally that the Bishop is able to arrange for a service in Hambledon and the Rector will be glad to know if there are any further candidates for this Confirmation. The first class in preparation for the service will be held in Church on Sunday, November 7th., at 3.0 p.m. It is hoped that all who would like to be prepared for Confirmation will attend that class.

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 14th. Please note that the Morning Service will commence at 10.55 a.m., in order that the Two Minutes Silence may be observed at 11.0 a.m. An official form of Remembrance Service will be used both morning and evening, and the Offerings at all services will be given to the Earl Haig's Fund.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11th at 8.0 p.m.

in the

VILLAGE HALL.

"AS OTHERS SEE US"

Colour transparencies of local events and scenes.

All warmly invited

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Refreshments.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th. at 6.30 p.m.

The choir of Milford Parish Church will attend Evening Prayer on December 5th., and the two choirs will be singing additional special music during the service.

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HALF-YEARLY MISSIONARY BOX OPENING - Sunday, October 28th

We should be grateful if holders of Missionary and other Church collecting boxes would kindly bring them to Church on this Sunday for the half-yearly opening.

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COFFEE MORNING AND "BRING & BUY" SALE.

Thursday, December 2nd. at 10.30 a.m.

at Dennys, Cricket Green (by kind invitation
of Miss E. F. Denny).

Proceeds for Ladies' Home Mission Union (C.P.A.S.)

FELLOWSHIP AT THE LORD'S TABLE

In November the House of Laity will discuss the Prayer Book (Further Provisions) Measure, which includes the proposed new Rubric on Admission to Holy Communion.

Can a Christian belonging to one of the Free Churches come to Holy Communion in the Church of England?

This is a question which is often asked. Some members of the Church of England are trying to pass a law that will prevent non-Anglicans from coming to this service except in certain rare cases. They believe that only those episcopally confirmed are qualified, and base their argument on a sentence in the Prayer Book that says none shall be admitted to Communion "until such

time as he be confirmed, or be ready and desirous to be confirmed."

This seems clear enough. But the Prayer Book was written many years before the Free Churches even existed in England. So this sentence when it was written must have applied only to members of the Church of England, for in those days everyone was a member of this Church. The few Christians from overseas, who visited our country, were also welcomed, for, as the third Preface to the Prayer Book explains, the rule only applied to members of the Church of England.

For centuries the Church of England has welcomed baptized communicant members of other churches to join them in fellowship around the Lord's Table. Those who have been on Y.C.F. house-parties will know from experience what a blessing this fellowship can be. Some of the historical facts of this traditional hospitality are set out in a recent book 'Admission to Holy Communion' by G.E. Duffield (Marcham Manor Press, 3/6d.)

The real basis for welcoming other Christians to our Communion services does, of course, lie in the Bible rather than in our own tradition. We find there too an indication that this matter is of fundamental importance, and that we ought not to allow the Lord's Table to be fenced about in this way. Paul's Letter to the Galatians forcefully states that a man is justified before God by faith in Christ alone. He emphasizes that there is no difference between a Gentile and a Jew once they are Christians. God has reconciled them. The issue at that time was whether the Gentile Christians ought to be circumcised before enjoying full fellowship with the Jewish Christians. Paul said 'no'. To-day the issue is whether members of the Free Churches should be episcopal confirmed before they can enjoy full fellowship with Anglican Christians. It is difficult to imagine St. Paul giving a different answer. Surely we are to "welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you" (Rom. xv. 7.). "God does not insist on episcopal confirmation before He accepts sinners into fellowship with Himself; so why should we insist on it before we receive them into fellowship with us? The question was asked by the Rev. J.R.W. Stott in an article in the Church of England Newspaper (Reprinted in 'Intercommunion

and Prayer Book Revision' Falcon 1/-d.)

The fact is then that not only may a Free Churchman come to the Lord's Supper in our Churches, but we must positively and actively welcome him as a brother in Christ. This is a central truth of the Gospel. For as the Rev. John Stott wrote in his article: "To deny a fellow Christian, a believing, baptized communicant member of his own church, occasional access to the Lord's Table in the Church of England simply because he has not been episcopally confirmed, is an offence to the God who justified him, and an insult to a brother for whom Christ died. Am I to regard a justified fellow believer as unclean that I withdraw from him? I seem to hear again the heavenly voice which spoke to Peter 'what God has cleansed, you must not call common'.

What can we do? Pray that those responsible for the government of the Church of England may submit to the Word of God. Study the teaching of the Bible on such matters as fellowship and government in the Church of God. Act by welcoming other Christians into your fellowship and, in particular, to the Lord's Table. Inform the authorities of the Church, Bishops and other members of the Church Assembly, of your views and why you hold them.

THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY OF HEALING. A UNITED SERVICE will be held in St. Saviour's Church, Guildford, on Monday, November 1st at 8.0 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. George Bennett, Warden of the Crowhurst Home of Healing and the Divine Healing Mission. The service will be led by the Rev. Canon Wallace Bird, Chaplain of the Guild of Health.

THE MAGAZINE COVER. The usual sketch of the Church has not appeared on the cover of the magazines for two months because the block is at present in the hands of printers who are producing a booklet giving a short history of St. Peter's Church, Hambledon. We hope that this booklet will be ready shortly. We are grateful to "Home Words", the printers of the magazine cover, for kindly providing the alternative cover pictures.

The Church of England Newspaper (reprinted in 'Home Words')