

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLETON

NOVEMBER 1967

Diary

- Nov. 5th. Sun. Trinity xxiv
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m. & 12.0 noon
Children's Church 10.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
Church Coach leaves Hydestile
Cross-roads 6.0 p.m., and Lane End
6.10 p.m., for evening service.
- Nov. 9th. Thur. Church Fellowship re-opens
at 8.0 p.m., in the Village Hall.
Sound-colour film "Day of Good
Tidings" (Leprosy Mission) will be
presented by the Rev. John Falconer.
- Nov. 10th. Fri. Bible Study at 8.0 p.m. at the
Rectory.
- Nov. 12th. Sun. Trinity xxv. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.
REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 10.55 a.m.
Evening Service 6.30 p.m.
Offerings: Earl Haig's Fund.
- Nov. 19th. Sun. Trinity xxvi.
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m. & 7.15 p.m.
Children's Church 10.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
- Nov. 23rd. Thur. Women's Fellowship 3.0 p.m. at
Rectory.
Transparencies - "Guildford Cathedral
Festival of Flowers".

Diary cont'd.

Nov. 24th. Fri. Bible Study 8.0 p.m. at the
Rectory.

Nov. 26th. Sun. Sunday next before Advent
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.

Nov. 30th. Thur. St. Andrew.
Bring & Buy Sale and Coffee
Morning at 'Dennys' 10.30 a.m.
Proceeds for "Women's Action"
(C.P.A.S.)

Dec. 3rd. Sun. Advent I
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m. & 12.0
noon.
Children's Church 10.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
Preacher at 11.0 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
The Rev. George Williams
(Singapore).
Offerings: Overseas Missionary
Fellowship. (formerly C.I.M.)
Half-yearly Missionary Box-
Opening.

Dec. 8th. Fri. Bible Study 8.0 p.m.

Dec. 10th. Sun. Advent II
Holy Communion 8.0 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11.0 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.

Dec. 13th. Thur. Church Fellowship 8.0 p.m. in
the Village Hall.
"Musical Evening" arranged by
by Miss M.R. Parker.

N.B. As usual, the DECEMBER MAGAZINE will be distributed later in the month in order to include the Christmas Cards.

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CHURCH FLOWERS. We thank all who so kindly provided the flowers during October. The following have promised to be responsible for this month:- Nov. 5th. Mrs. Dowson: 12th. Mrs. Wieler: 19th. Miss Denny: 26th. Mrs. Richards: Dec. 3rd. Mrs. Dowson.

FREE-WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES.

August Total:- £34.14.2. September Total:-£28.5.0.

BIBLE STUDY.

These meetings are held fortnightly, on Fridays at 8.0 p.m., at the Rectory. We are studying St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy, and each member is provided with notes which will, we hope, make the meetings interesting and help in preparation for discussion. You are warmly invited to join us.

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 12th.

The morning service will commence five minutes earlier - at 10.55 a.m. - to enable us to observe the Two Minutes Silence at 11.0 a.m. A special Order of Service is to be used, and a wreath will be placed on the War Memorial in Church. Collections for Earl Haig's Fund.

THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP.

The next session commences on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9th., at 8.0 p.m. in the Village Hall, when a film (sound and colour) will be shown by the Rev. John Falconer of the Leprosy Mission.

The title of the film is - "Day of Good Tidings". Mr. Falconer is no stranger to Hambledon and members will look forward to this next visit. He has recently returned from a year's stay at the Leprosy Mission in Hong Kong.

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP November meeting will be held at 3.0 p.m. on Thursday, November 23rd. Some beautiful transparencies of the Guildford Cathedral Festival of Flowers will be shown. All ladies are warmly invited. Please note - this meeting will be held at the Rectory.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

NEW BIBLE (A.V.) FOR THE LECTERN.

At the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, on Sunday October 1st., a most beautiful copy of the Bible was dedicated. This is no ordinary copy, and it could not be obtained from any bookseller as it has been specially bound, and the cover inscribed, by Mr. Anthony Gardner of Chiddingfold. The Bible, bound in red leather, is to the memory of Eric Leonard Wilkieson Parker, formerly of Feathercombe, Hambledon. We are most grateful to his widow and other members of his family for this generous gift. Just after the dedication the first Lesson was read by Mr. Hampden Parker - son of the late Mr. Eric Parker.

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PERSONALIA

It was with regret that we learned that Mr. Harvey James Edwards of Philpot Cottage, who had been a patient at St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, for many weeks, had died. We assure

his widow and family of our sympathies in their sorrow.

Mrs. Carter of Little Willow, Hydestile, has unfortunately had an accident at her home. We hope that she will soon make a complete recovery - we miss her at our services and meetings.

Mrs. Kirby of Hydestile also had an accident during the summer, and we are glad to know that she is now making progress. We wish her a full recovery.

The Verger and Sexton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Goad have felt it necessary, due to Mr. Goad's prolonged illness, to offer their resignations from the joint posts of Verger and Sexton at the Parish Church. Their joint resignation will sever a very long association of their family in the duties of Verger at St. Peter's Church. We thank them for all their faithful service, and we trust that the release from another task will be of physical benefit to them both.

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CHURCH PEWS

Some time ago, following an official inspection of the Parish Church, the poor condition of the pews was reported to the Parochial Church Council, and the Council decided that much of the wood required replacement. We are now in the process of dealing with this matter, and those who have been watching the progress of the work will be aware of its extent. The carpenter has found that a large proportion of the wood which has now been removed had been severely attacked by woodworm. We apologise for inconvenience which may have been caused by the repair work (new rests for the books

will be provided as soon as possible).

The cost of this urgently necessary restoration will be very considerable, and we are grateful to those who have already made generous gifts towards this. We are not making any special Appeal for the support of a Pew Fund, but it is felt that there may be some who would like to help to preserve and beautify our lovely Church by helping to pay for the work now being done. The Hon. Treasurer of the Church, Mr. C.A. Chapman, Tigbourne Court, Hambledon, will gratefully receive any gifts - large or small.

MISSIONARY BOX-OPENING

We should be grateful if holders of collecting boxes for the various missionary societies and other charities will kindly bring their boxes to church on, or before, the first Sunday in December.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.

Grateful thanks to all who kindly sent gifts towards the decoration of the Church. The decorations were beautifully completed by a band of workers, and we thank them for their labours.

Gifts were sent to a number of sick and elderly in the parish, and we thank Mr. C.A. Cronhelm for his kindness in assisting us with the distribution. The Matron of Hambledon Homes writes:- "On behalf of the residents of the Homes, we thank you very much for the most acceptable Harvest gifts."

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WHO ARE THE GIDEONS?

The International Secretary of The Gideons recently visited Hambledon and told us about

the work of this Association. You may have found one of the Gideons' Bibles in your hotel when away on business, or on holiday, or you may have had a copy on your locker in hospital. The following are a few details about The Gideons International:-

The Gideon Association was formed at Jamesville, Wisconsin, U.S.A., in 1899, by three Christian commercial travellers, Samuel Hill, Will Knight and John Nicholson - originally for Christian fellowship among business men. John Nicholson maintained a life-long habit of reading a portion of the Bible every day, a promise made to his mother in 1874 and the faithful keeping of which was the vital factor in commencing this Association. In 1908, the placement of Bibles in hotels began, and now Gideons are operating in 75 countries. The work was started in Great Britain in 1949 and already over 3,000,000 Scriptures have been placed or presented. The work in this country is organised on a regional basis through branches, with central administration of funds and overall direction.

Great has been the story of blessing which God has given to hotel guests, hospital patients and school children - besides those influenced by the personal witness of Gideons themselves. God has indeed honoured His promise. But the story remains unfinished - there is much to do. Each year over 25,000,000 guests pass through the hotels of Britain, and more than 700,000 children reach 11 years of age, and over 5,000,000 people enter hospital annually, presenting a potential of over 30,000,000 souls each year for the message of Salvation in this unique way.

The Gideon Story is one of the power of the Word of God, of men and women drawn by the Spirit

of God to read a Book, to be brought thereby to believe what God says and be united to Him through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gideons seek to place Bibles in the bedrooms of hotels and motels, and in prison cells; a New Testament and Psalms on the bedside lockers in hospitals, and large print Gospels, Acts and Psalms in eventide homes. In addition, a copy of the New Testament and Psalms is presented to senior schoolchildren, nurses and police trainees. Regular visits are made to Borstals and Approved Schools, and New Testaments given to those willing to receive a copy. All such distribution provides an opportunity to witness to faith in Christ and the power of the Word of God in human lives.
