

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

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NOVEMBER 1975

THE RECTOR WRITES . . . .

The Archbishops followed their public message to the nation with a Pastoral Letter to all members of the Church of England (reproduced here on a later page). In this letter you will see that they ask us to work out in further detail what their call means for ourselves, in home, in parish, and in the communities where we work and live.

Here now is something to help us take this important matter further . . .

"STRANGERS TO LOVE"

is the title of a special presentation, using film, drama, and music, all in the setting of a service of worship, where the main speaker will be the Archbishop of Canterbury upon a specially made film. In the film the Archbishop gives his view of the country and its needs, and his vision of what church members can do.

After being launched in London on 10 October, this presentation is being made in many centres throughout the country. Our nearest centre is Aldershot (at the Princes Hall), and a party is being arranged from Hambledon for Wednesday 12 November. The event begins at 8.15 pm, and cars leave Hambledon at 7.20 pm. Local people and local items are being incorporated into the programme, and I very much hope that many of our church officers and members will be able to come. Tickets cost 40p. Those who wish to come should apply to the Rector by Sunday, 2nd November so that he can obtain tickets in advance.

DIARY FOR NOVEMBER2 SUN. Trinity 23

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon  
 10 am Children's Church  
 11 am Morning Prayer  
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
 7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

2 Tue. LADIES DAY AT THE RECTORY See page 6.

5 Wed. 8 pm Autumn Study Series at The Rectory:  
 William Cranmer & The Prayer Book

9 SUN. Trinity 24

Holy Communion at 8 am  
 10.50 am Remembrance Day Service  
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
 7.45 pm Young People at The Rectory

12.Wed. Visit to "Strangers to Love" (see page 1)

13.Thu. 8 pm Parish Fellowship in Village Hall

16 Sun. Trinity 25

Holy Communion at 8 am and 7.30 pm  
 10 am Children's Church  
 11 am Morning Prayer  
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
 7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

19.Wed. 8 pm Autumn Study Series at The Rectory:  
 Hugh Latimer: Care for the Poor

23.SUN. Sunday before Advent

Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am  
 10 am Series 2 Holy Communion  
 11 am Morning Prayer  
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
 7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

26.Wed. 8 p.m. Autumn Study Series at The Rectory:  
 "The effects of The REformation"

30. SUN. Advent Sunday (South American Missionary Socy.)

Holy Communion at 8 am and 7.30 pm  
 11 am Rev. R.S. Bartle  
 6.30 p.m. Rev. R.S. Bartle  
 7.45 p.m. Young People At The Rectory

and in December

7. SUN. Second in Advent

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon  
 10 am Children's Church  
 11 am Morning Prayer  
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
 7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

14. SUN. Third in Advent

Holy Communion at 8 am  
 11 am Morning Prayer  
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
 7.45 pm Young People at The Rectory

CHURCH FLOWERS

November 2nd	Miss E.F. Denny	Dec. 7th
9th	Mrs. B. Wieler	14th Mrs. B. Wieler
16th	Mrs. R. Williams	
23rd	Mrs. P.M. Corbett	
30th	Mrs. M. Stevens	

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for September 1975: £37.39p E.F. Denny

PARISH REGISTER

Public Baptism

October 19th Anna Bassett of Enton Orchard



A PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOPS

(read in all Parish Churches on Sunday 19 October)

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York hope that you will regard this letter as a personal letter from themselves to you. They are asking that it be read in all churches today because they believe that there is a great body of seriously-minded men and women who are deeply concerned, not only about the economy of our nation, but about its spiritual condition.

During the last few days you will probably have shared through the media something of what we have been trying to say at this critical time. We have posed such questions as these - "What sort of society are we looking for?" and "What kind of people are needed for the creation of this society?"

We Christians believe that God reigns and that He cares about the nations.

We believe that He has demonstrated His concern in the life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We believe that His Spirit is operative today doing His recreative work in individuals and groups.

If however a responsible society is to come into being everyone must realise that he counts and that his contribution matters.

The time has therefore come when we feel it is our duty to call all Christian people

- (i) To pray steadily, persistently and intelligently for our nation;
- (ii) To think seriously about our society in the light of what we believe, asking such questions as "What sort of society do we want?" and "What sort of people do we need to be in order to achieve it?"

(iii) To co-operate with Christians of every allegiance, and with any others who are willing to be associated with us, so as to influence society in a positive and helpful way.

(iv) to live out the faith we profess, that God reigns and God cares.

We therefore invite you as members of your local congregation to take seriously God's call to God's people in God's world, and to go on and work out in further detail in the next few months what this will mean for yourself, your home, your parish, and the community where you live and work.

Donald Cantuar  
Stuart Ebor

#### SUNDAY EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

The special REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE will be on 9 November, beginning at 10.50 a.m.

The HALF-YEARLY OPENING OF MISSIONARY BOXES is due this month, and we ask all boxholders to bring their boxes in on Sunday, 23rd November. The boxes will be dedicated at the services that day before being emptied and the gifts sent to the Society concerned. Many thanks to all who give in this way.

At both morning and evening services on Advent Sunday, 30 November, our guest preacher will be the Rev. R.S. Bartle on behalf of the SOUTH AMERICAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY. God's kingdom has grown rapidly in South America in recent years, and all our members ought to know of the wonderfully encouraging news that is coming in. This will be our opportunity to hear. Our collections at the two services will be for the work of S.A.M.S..

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### LADIES DAY AT THE RECTORY

Tuesday, 4th November, 1975

10.45 am to 3 p.m.

10.45 - 11.15 a.m.	Coffee
11.15 a.m.	Morning Session
12.30 p.m.	Lunch (Soup and sandwiches provided)
2 pm	Afternoon session
3 pm	Cup of Tea

Our guest speaker Miss Mildred Carter shows her colour transparencies of a special flower festival illustrating the Church's Year, and others showing fascinating customs of Bible times. There will also be matters of more local interest, and a book review.

All ladies living in or near Hambledon will be most welcome.

### AUTUMN STUDY AT THE RECTORY

Our short Autumn course concludes at the end of November. The programme is

Nov. 5. William Cranmer: The Book of Common Prayer

" 12. (Evening Visit to Aldershot. See page 1)

" 19. Hugh Latimer: Practical Christianity: The Poor

" 26. Conclusion: The Effects of The Reformation

Coffee is served from 8 p.m. The address follows at 8.30 p.m. All are most welcome to come.



### PARISH FELLOWSHIP

These informal open evenings on the second Thursday of each winter month in the Village Hall, offer a welcome to all in our village who care to come.

On 13 November at 8 pm we look forward to seeing some of the colour transparencies taken by Mr. Cecil Chapman on his Norway holiday, and by Mr. Alan Fitzpatrick on his Israel holiday this year. Future occasions are

December 11 Dr. Jack Symonds: Canadian tour

January 8 Parish Patty

February 12 Mrs. M. Stevens: W.Surrey Bird Life

### PERSONALIA

*Congratulations to JOHN MAY on winning yet another "gold", this time in the international motor cycling in the Isle of Man.*

MRS. ELLINGSON has been in great pain during recent weeks from an arthritic hip, and it will be a relief to her when the day comes for her to go into hospital at the end of October for a new hip joint. Our prayers are with her then, and as she later sets about the hard work of putting it to use.

We were very sad to hear the news that MRS. WHITE has had to be taken to hospital following a breakdown and we shall pray both for her and for her husband now.

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The monthly meeting of the Women's Fellowship is on Thursday, 27th November at 3 pm when Mrs. Thompson will be speaking. All are most welcome to come.

Please note that owing to Mrs. Ellingson's operation, this meeting will be held not in her home but in The Rectory.

HAMBLEDON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The W.I. met in the Village Hall on Wednesday 8th October. After the business had been concluded MRS. VACHER reported on the visit to the Treloar Schools at Alton. Unfortunately many members were unable to go on the outing which proved to be a most interesting and enjoyable afternoon, seeing the boys and girls so dreadfully handicapped but yet so cheerful and full of fun.

The president, MRS. HARDY then showed some excellent slides of holidays in the West Country and the Lake District taken by her husband and herself; also some slides taken by MRS. STEELE when on holiday in Algeria.

Next month MR. CHARLTON will be giving a talk on ghosts and witches!

B.J. Major

LOST, STOLEN, or STRAYED

One of the white pedestals on which flowers are sometimes placed in church has disappeared. Perhaps someone borrowed it, and forgot! If anyone can help us trace it, we shall be most grateful.