

ST. PETER'S HAMBLEDON

November 1977

THE RECTOR WRITES

May I draw your attention to some special Sunday opportunities in November? Two in particular might be occasions when our church members go out of their way to invite their Hambledon friends who do not often come to church:-

November 6 at 11 am. Preacher: The Rev. Dick Lucas, Rector of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate in the City. He speaks directly, and to the conscience, but so far are people from being put off by this that many hundreds of business men and women crowd into his Lunch Hour Services on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week; and both in Wallington and in Hambledon I have heard from many of the help these have been. I hope that our church members will particularly invite others to come with them to the morning service that Sunday.

November 13 Remembrance Service is at 10.50 am.

Then at 6.30 pm, instead of Evening Prayer there will be a special Film Service, when one of the interesting and thought-provoking Fact and Faith Films will be shown. The title is "Where the Waters run". Again this could be an occasion when our members could invite particular friends who do not usually come. We could arrange lifts in cars for those who ask in good time; please telephone the Rectory (Wormley 2753) if you would like us to arrange this.

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DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

- 2 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Study Series at the Rectory
- 6 SUN. Twenty Second after Trinity
Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon
10 am Children's Church
11 am Morning Prayer: Rev. R.C. Lucas, M.A.
(Rector, St. Helen's Bishopsgate)
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage
- 10 Thu. 8 pm Parish Fellowship: Village Hall:
Dr. A. Laughton, "What's new in Oceanography"
- 13 SUN. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: Twenty Third after Trinity
Holy Communion at 8 am
10.50 am Remembrance Service
(Also Sunday Club (Rectory))
6.30 pm Special Film Service: "Where
the Waters run"
7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory
- 16 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Study Series at the Rectory
- 20 SUN. Sunday next before Advent
Holy Communion at 8 am and 7.30 pm
10 am Children's Church: Dr J. Webb
11 am Morning Prayer: Dr J. Webb (Thailand)
6.30 pm Evening Prayer: Dr. J. Webb
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage (Dr. Webb)
Collns. all day to Overseas Missionary Fship.
- 23 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Study Series at the Rectory
- 27 SUN. Advent Sunday
Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am
10 am Series II Communion Service
11 am Morning Prayer: and Sunday Club (Rectory)
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands
- 30 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Study Series at the Rectory

AND IN DECEMBER

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4 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

MISSIONARY BOXES. HALF YEARLY OPENING

11 SUN. Third in Advent

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer

Sunday Club (Rectory)

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

CHURCH FLOWERS

November 6 Miss E.F. Denny

13 Mrs E.A. Wieler; Remembrance Flowers

20 Mrs R. Williams

27 Mrs J. Cave

December 4 Mrs P.M. Corbett

11 Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for September 1977, £85 - 99p.

E.F. Denny

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptisms 23 October: Christina Georgina Corbett

Confirmations 1 October at St. Stephen, Shottermill
Felicity Margaret Arden-White
Caroline Elizabeth Atkins
Janet Susan MacLay
Stephen William Munton

Funerals 25 October Dorothy Eva Manfield (76) of
George Road, Guildford
26 October Peggy Lucas (56) of Cherryhurst

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OUR CHURCH CHOIR

The Rector is very keen to build up our choir, especially at the 11 am and 6.30 pm services.

Congregational singing is good, and we very much want this to continue. We do need, however, in addition, a good lead from well filled choir stalls. This is not just for appearance sake, nor to stop the Rector from feeling lonely. There is much more pressing reason. The narrow chancel arch in our church cuts off some of the sound of the organ from the congregation, and almost all of the sound of the congregation's singing from the organist. Indeed, as the organist plays he is probably unable to hear the congregation at all, and has no idea where they have got to! For our organists this is an alarming experience, and they cannot be expected to be in good rhythmic touch with the congregation when they can hear nothing. The only answer is a good choir to act as an effective link between organist and congregation. Without that our singing is sure to suffer from uncertainty.

Sopranos, altos, tenors and basses would all be welcome, and the most basic need of all is for a good straightforward top line singing the melody firmly and well. We all know that there are several in our congregation, of all ages, who can do this. If some of them would now, as an act of service, when they come to either 11 am or 6.30 services, worship and sing in the choir, it would be a very great help to us all.

NEWS OF THE OVERSEAS MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP

Dr John Webb, a veteran missionary in Thailand, comes to us on Sunday 20 November to preach at 11 am and 6.30 pm. His wife speaks that day to Children's Church, and both will be guests of the Young People when they meet after church. Collections all that day will be for the O.M.F.

AUTUMN STUDY SERIES AT THE RECTORY

Except during the week when Parish Fellowship falls, the Autumn Study Series takes place each Wednesday in November. We have taken as our theme the Book of the Psalms, and the details are:-

- Nov. 2 The Man who pleases God in the Psalms
- 16 The promise of the Messiah in the Psalms
- 23 A problem: Cursings and Judgement in the Psalms
- 30 The Christian's use of the Psalms

All are most welcome, in the Rectory, for Coffee at 8 pm and for the address at 8.30 pm.

MISSIONARY BOXES

Those of our members who have missionary collecting boxes (and we are most grateful to them), will want to know that the half-yearly box opening is on 4 December next. Boxes could be handed in at any of the services of that day, and will be emptied and returned with our warm thanks.

WOMEN'S DAY AT THE RECTORY

THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER

Coffee	10.30 am
Morning Session	11.15 am to 12.30 pm
Lunch	12.30 pm to 2.00 pm
Afternoon Session	2.00 pm to 3.30 pm

The Day includes News of Local Activities; of Children at risk in our area; and from overseas.

Films - Personal interviews - Book reviews

Ladies welcome for as much of the day as possible

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A LETTER FROM CHRISTOPHER MABLEY

Corpus Christi College
Cambridge

I am writing to thank you and everyone at Hambledon for the gift I received just before I left for Cambridge. It was extremely generous, and was an example of the kindness and friendship I received from everyone during my $2\frac{1}{2}$ years as organist.

I have settled down fairly quickly to university life. It's great fun, but I think I will be glad to be able to come home at Christmas and relax for a few weeks.

Once again, thank you very very much for everything.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

Mr Richard Steele gave us a most pleasurable evening in October when after showing short films of Hambledon Jubilee celebrations, and the Ladies Cricket Match, he showed us films and spoke delightfully about some very beautiful local butterflies. We are most grateful.

On November 10 Dr Tony Laughton comes with a film to accompany his talk on "What's new in Oceanography". Some of our members will remember a previous visit some years ago, and we all look forward to this sequel. Bring your friends with you to the Village Hall at 8 pm.

At the following Parish Fellowship, on December 8, Mr Martin Caroe has promised to give us an illustrated talk on Wells Cathedral.

COFFEE MORNING and BRING AND BUY
in aid of the N.S.P.C.C.

The Cottage, Lane End (Mr & Mrs C.J. Wilson)

Wednesday 16 November: 10 am to 12 noon

Christmas Cards: Presents & Engagement Diaries

PERSONALIA

Canon Charles Oldham has had to go to St. Luke's Hospital for an operation, and his engagements at Sunday services over the next weeks have been cancelled. We send him our warm remembrances, and pray that God will give him a really good recovery.

Do not miss the article he wrote on Dean Clarkson in the October number of the Diocesan leaflet. It arrived too late for inclusion with our October magazine, but it is bound up here with the November material.

Perhaps some of our readers heard Canon Oldham taking part in a recent "Profile" programme on Mr Ian Trethowan.

Nurse Hutchins of Hydestile Cottages eventually had an operation when they were not able to give her all the help they had hoped, and is now being nursed devotedly at home. Sister Johnson is safely home convalescing after her operation. Mrs Sowden had yet another fall, went again to the County Hospital, and has gone back to Hydestile again. Mr May senior and Mrs Winter have been on the sick list. Mr Tom Arden-White had a successful ankle operation, but healing is slow and tedious, and an exercise in patience and restraint.

Several of our members have been bereaved. Mrs Peter Roderick lost her mother after a second stroke. Major John Major lost his father after long illness and frailty. Miss Lucas of Cherryhurst died in hospital from a serious illness. Mrs Sewell lost her nephew, a little boy of six, from leucemia. And Brigadier Stevens' neice, aged 17, was tragically killed in a specially sad accident. Though we cannot understand, we can pray that God will draw near to the relatives in the dark day, and make Himself real to them.

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship reopened after the summer break on the 22nd September when Mrs Hugh Sansom of Guildford kindly came to speak. Her visits are always appreciated because of her past associations with Hambledon, and because of the lively but sincere way in which she presents her message. She spoke on the subject of discipleship, stressing the fact that one does not drift into becoming a Christian, and that Christ demands total commitment from those who want to follow Him. She mentioned the importance of bible study and prayer, and the sharing together of our Christian experiences.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 24th November when Mrs David Symonds will be telling us of their recent tour in Canada.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Hambledon Women's Institute held their monthly meeting on Wednesday 11 October in the Village Hall. MRS HARDY welcomed members and dealt with arrangements for the Annual Sale on 29 October, and the Group Meeting at Grayswood on 10 November at which Hambledon is Hostess Institute. MRS VACHER asked for volunteers for the entertainment after the Diamond Jubilee Supper on 2 December. MRS HORNE gave an informative and stimulating talk on Soft Furnishing, and showed many samples to illustrate it. She spoke of ways of dealing with different kinds of rufflette tape, suggested detachable linings for curtains, and showed models of many kinds of bed coverings and cushions; and individual ways of using cheaper materials. MRS ALLEN thanked her on behalf of members. MRS TOWNSEND and MRS JEFFERY served tea, and MRS HARDY won the raffle.

Ruth Steele