

ST. PETER'S. HAMBLEDON

NOVEMBER 1978

THE RECTOR WRITES .....

On October 8 there was to be read publicly in every Church of England a letter to us all from our Archbishops. It made a forthright call for prayer and action to maintain the clergy strength of the Church at least at its present level.

Here in Hambledon we have not hitherto felt the danger; but most small villages have. There are now several thousand fewer clergy than used to be available, and inevitably parishes with small populations have suffered first. So it is now almost normal for villages to be joined together in groups of two or three.

The Archbishops' important letter has been written out of conviction, and in faith, and against the trend of much recent thinking. Many influential church leaders have felt that it is impossible to maintain the number of clergy even at the present lower level, partly because fewer men are offering themselves, but even more because nationwide there is not enough money available to pay for as many clergy as in the past; they feel we must fearlessly continue to join smaller parishes, and arrange for more pastoral work to be done by lay people.

The Archbishops' conviction is that there is indeed much work that can and should be done by lay people, but that full time clergy are needed as well; and we must pray that God will call them.

I hope the Archbishops' letter will not be quickly forgotten, and that we shall pray to the Lord of the Church along these lines.

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DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

- 1 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)
- 5 SUN. Twenty Fourth after Trinity  
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
- 8 Thu. 8 pm Parish Fellowship (Village Hall)  
Mr Martin King: "Bird Life, from Morocco to Mull!"
- 12 SUN. Twenty Fifth after Trinity. REMEMBRANCE DAY  
Holy Communion at 8 am  
10-55 am Remembrance Service: Sunday Club  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory
- 15 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)
- 16 Thu. WOMEN'S DAY at the Rectory (see p.5.)
- 19 SUN. Twenty Sixth after Trinity  
Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm.  
10 am Children's Church  
11 am Morning Prayer  
6.30 pm Holy Communion  
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage
- 23 Thu. 3 pm Women's Fellowship at "Ellingsons";  
Speaker: Mrs Gordon Humphreys
- 26 SUN. Sunday next before Advent  
Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am  
10 am Series 2 Communion Service  
11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
- 29 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)

AND IN DECEMBER3 SUN. Advent Sunday

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer in Modern English

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

10 SUN. Second in Advent

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

13 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)

14 Thu. 8 pm Parish Fellowship (Village Hall)

CHURCH FLOWERS

Nov. 5 Mrs R. Williams

12 Remembrance Sunday: Mrs E.A. Wieler

19 Miss Pat Hoy

26 Mrs R. Mitchell

Dec. 3

10 Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for September 1978, £101 - 40 p.

E.F. Denny

CHURCH REGISTERS

Oct. 21 John Henry May and Susan Elizabeth Castell



Our immediate neighbours in Busbridge Parish welcomed their new Rector the Rev. Ian Gordon-Cumming and his wife at the institution there on 14 October, and we send them our warmest greetings. Mr Gordon-Cumming has served in earlier years with the Church Missionary Society in Uganda, and more recently was Vicar of Christ Church Virginia Water.

The two largest parishes in the Deanery are to lose their Rectors. The Rev. Tom McAllister is leaving Haslemere for a smaller parish in Lancashire, and the Rev. Edwin Barnes is leaving Farncombe for the parish of Hessle on Humberside.

MRS MILLIGAN of High Trees had to undergo two operations in quick succession in Mount Alvernia Hospital, and although she is now recovering she is inevitably much weakened so that convalescence will take some time. Immediately before this her son JAMES (of Children's Church) had glandular fever. All this seems much more than their fair share of sickness. Another who has been through a very difficult time is MRS TIMOTHY SYMONDS, daughter in law of David and Eula Symonds. She had been very ill and in much pain, and eventually went urgently into Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot for an operation from which she is now recovering. As this is being written MARGARET HEATH's mother is dangerously ill in Northumberland. Our prayers are specially with our sick friends and their close relatives now.

Since reporting the death of MRS LILIAN FITCH last month we have received from her executors a cheque for £50 as her legacy to Hambledon Church. We are most grateful for this kind and thoughtful remembrance in her will.

PATRICK WILLIAMS has won his GOLD Duke of Edinburgh's Award. This is a real achievement, and we give him our warm congratulations.

# WOMEN'S DAY AT THE RECTORY

THURSDAY 16th NOVEMBER

Coffee	10.30 am
Morning Session	11.15 am to 12.30 pm
Buffet Lunch	12.30 pm to 2.00 pm
Afternoon Session	2.00 pm to 3.15 pm

The day includes News of Local Activities; Talks; Transparencies; Personal Interviews; Book Reviews

Come for as much of the day as possible

## SUNDAY CLUB'S FIRST BIRTHDAY

The Birthday Celebrations in the Village Hall on Saturday 14 October were something to remember. The hall was full of colour and interest. There was a bookstall with Children's Books on show. Also on display was a great variety of excellent work done by the children at Sunday Club in the weeks gone by ... drawings, paintings, models of Eastern houses, Nativity scenes, or Garden Tomb, and much more. The many parents and friends who came will have been impressed to see all this.

The programme too was full of interest and fun, with singing and mimes and quizzes, and a hilarious episode by Mr and Mrs Hardy. Then there was a birthday talk from the Rev. Garth Grinham, and at the close the cutting and eating of a splendid Birthday Cake made and decorated by Mrs Pettit.

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Our Church School is holding a Christmas Shop on Wednesday 15 November from 7 to 9 pm at the School, and will be grateful for all support.

Children's Books Bake and Take Stall  
Christmas Cards and Paper and Gifts

#### PARISH FELLOWSHIP

Mr and Mrs Peter Gardner gave us a very good evening to start our Autumn Session. The slides they showed, from several holidays spent in Switzerland, were especially beautiful, and brought nostalgic memories to many who had themselves been there.

On Thursday 9th November we look forward to a second visit from Mr Martin King, from Wallington, a keen bird lover and photographer, who is coming to show us this time his slides of birds "from Morocco to Mull". Bring others with you to the Village Hall that evening at 8 pm. All will be most welcome.

#### MID-WEEK STUDY GROUPS

The evening mid-week Bible Study continues fortnightly on Wednesdays, in the Rectory at 8.15 pm, for men and women. November dates are 1st, 15th and 29th.

Ladies Discussion Groups:- No Tuesday Group on November 14, and no Wednesday Group on November 1 and 15.

#### ADVANCE NOTICE. CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The TOY SERVICE will be on 17 December at 10 am

CAROL SERVICES will be on 17 December at 6.30 pm  
and on 24 December at 11 am

CHRISTMAS EVE (Sunday) NO service at 6.30 pm  
Instead, at 11.30 pm Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY (Monday) 8 am Holy Communion

10.00 - 10.45 am) Two identical Christmas  
& 11.30 - 12.15 pm) Services to make room for all



HELP NEEDED AT THE CHESHIRE HOME

A letter received from the Head of the Hydon Hill Cheshire Home, Major G.R. Mitchell, is published here in the hope that some of our readers may be able to offer help.

"We have recently been working very hard and with modest success in getting our disabled residents out of the Home as often as possible on visits to places and events of interest. Because of their disablement it is necessary for an 'escort', normally a member of our care staff, to accompany residents on such outings. Due to our acute difficulty in getting staff it looks very much that these most popular outings will have to be curtailed through lack of escorts.

The duties of escort on these outings are relatively simple:-

- a) Riding in the back of the ambulance with the residents and steadying wheelchairs when going round corners, etc.
- b) Assisting with pushing wheelchairs where necessary
- c) Toileting residents if and when necessary. Such arrangements are not complicated, and guidance is given by our care staff.
- d) Helping with residents packed meals when these are taken.

It may be that there are some members of your congregation (e.g. active pensioners) who have the time to spare to undertake this most Christian service to their more unfortunate brothers or sisters, and I should be very grateful if you would give our requirement maximum publicity.

Anyone who wishes to help, or who would like more information, should contact me at Hydon Hill either by calling, writing, or telephoning HASCOMBE 383"

Major(Retd)G.R. Mitchell, MBE, BEM, AMBIM, Cheshire Home, Hydon Hill, Clock Barn Lane, Nr Godalming.

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"Kisiizi" is already familiar to many in Hambledon, partly because it is where Dr Jack and Sonia Symonds served for some years after his retirement; partly because Mrs Dorothea Ellingson went out of her way to visit it some years ago; and partly because one of its present staff Miss Margaret Walker is known to some of our members. We very gladly publish this call for help from Dr Jack Symonds:-

#### PARCELS FOR KISIIZI HOSPITAL

Parcels for the Ruanda Mission's Kisiizi Hospital, Uganda, are periodically sent. It is difficult to obtain Hospital Supplies in that country at the present time. Gifts of old sheets, children's woollen vests, bandages, cotton wool etc. will be gratefully received by Dr Jack Symonds at Heath Cottage. Also old tennis balls, and Christmas Cards with the personal greetings torn out, are valued by the children. The cost of postage is high for the 22lb parcels, and one lady kindly gave the proceeds of a sponsored walk for this purpose.

#### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting of the Women's Fellowship will be held on Thursday 23rd November at 3 pm at Ellingsons. The speaker will be Mrs Gordon Humphreys of Godalming. All ladies able to come will be warmly welcomed.

#### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Ideas and ingenuity were required by members of the Hambledon W.I. at their Sale Get Together on October 11th. The object of the meeting was to make articles for the annual SALE on October 28th. Mrs Crowhurst drew attention to the questionnaire on the future of the W.I. There was a lively discussion, and several points were put forward which members felt they would like to think over and discuss again at a future date. The raffle was won by Mrs Jeffery. Tea was served by Lady Parsons and Mrs Symonds. The competition for a saleable article costing less than 25p was won by Mrs Freemantle.