

ST. PETER'S, HAMBLEDON

NOVEMBER 1981

THE RECTOR WRITES .....

"Do you still believe that Jesus Christ is coming again? They were talking about that when I was a girl!" So said a much-loved aunt of mine years ago when I was a boy.

The promise that He would return personally and visibly was clearly made by Christ several times (e.g. in Matthew 26, 64): and He pressed home on us the need to be alert and ready in many of His parables (e.g. Luke 12, 35ff, and the two stories in Matthew 25). No wonder the accepted Christian Creed says "From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead".

Let none of us be put off by religious cranks and extremists (who add their own fancies and datings); or by the passing of the centuries, as though the Lord had forgotten, or changed His mind. Let none of us imagine His promise is fulfilled when we die, or when our poor world has improved so much that we can claim His kingdom is here. There is no sign of this, and the New Testament does not lead us to expect it.

What we do expect is that Jesus Christ Himself will one day come again, in power, to bring an end to the world we know and the evil which has spoiled it, and to set up His New Order where "nothing that defiles shall ever enter in".

This is a gigantic fact to put so baldly in the few lines of this letter. But it is an important part of our message, and if we let it fade from our minds all our plans will get out of proportion and divorced from reality.

The Advent Season will help to remind us.

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CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 1981

- 1 ALL SAINTS DAY, TWENTIETH AFTER TRINITY  
Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon  
10 am Children's Church  
11 am Morning Prayer  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)  
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage
- 8 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. TWENTY FIRST AFTER TRINITY  
Holy Communion at 8 am  
10.50 am Remembrance Service: Sunday Club  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory
- 11 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)
- 12 Thu. 8 pm Parish Fellowship (Village Hall)  
Dr Strang and Mrs MacLay: "United States"
- 15 TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
MISSIONARY BOX OPENING  
Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm  
10 am Children's Church  
11 am Morning Prayer  
6.30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)  
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage
- 19 Thu. Women's Day (Rectory) See p.5.
- 22 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT  
Holy Communion at 8 am and 9.45 am  
9.45 am Holy Communion (ASB)  
11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands
- 25 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)
- 29 ADVENT SUNDAY. OVERSEAS MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP  
Holy Communion at 8 am and 7.30 pm  
11 am Service for Children and Adults:  
Mr David Huntley (Hong Kong)  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer: Mr David Huntley  
7.45 pm Young People meet Mr Huntley

AND IN DECEMBER

- 2 Wed. 8 pm Confirmation at Guildford Cathedral
- 6 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
 Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon  
 10 am Children's Church  
 11 am Morning Prayer  
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)  
 7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage
- 9 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer(Rectory)
- 10 Thu. 8 pm Parish Fellowship (Village Hall)
- 13 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT. CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY  
 Holy Communion at 8 am  
 11 am Morning Prayer: The Rev. Dr David Milton Thompson(Kenya): Sunday Club.  
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer: Rev. Dr Milton-Thompson  
 7.45 pm Young People at The Rectory

CHURCH FLOWERS

Nov. 1	R.E. Williams
8	Remembrance Flowers
15	Mrs D. Ringe
22	Mrs Alan Secrett
29	Mrs M.B.P. Stedall
Dec. 6	Miss E.F. Denny
13	Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for September 1981, £343.86p.

E.F. Denny



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#### NOVEMBER EVENTS

3th. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY The special service begins at 10.50 am. and Sunday Club begins at the same time that day.

9th (Monday) We hope that parents of our Children's Church members have received an invitation to an At Home at the Rectory at 8.30 pm. We look forward to seeing them then.

14th (Saturday) Our Church School Association is holding a jumble sale in the Village Hall at 2 pm on Saturday 14 November. We hope many will come and support. Proceeds in aid of School Funds.

15th Our MISSIONARY BOX OPENING SUNDAY. We hope that all members who hold boxes for one of the societies we support will bring them in at one of the services of the day.

19th (Thursday) WOMEN'S DAY at the Rectory is mentioned more fully on page 5.

29th SPECIAL MORNING SERVICE. For some time now, where there has been a fifth Sunday in the month, we have instead of Children's Church or Sunday Club held a united service at 11 am at which our morning congregation has been joined by children from both Children's Church and Sunday Club, and by their parents. By using extra chairs room has been made, and these special services have been well worth while.

We do this again on Sunday 29 November, and this time we have a special speaker, Mr David Huntley, who is home from Hongkong where he is working with Overseas Missionary Fellowship. We hope that many of all ages will come.

SUNDAY CLUB (with its creche for tinies) is at the Rectory at 10.50 am on Remembrance Sunday (Nov.8) and at the usual time of 11 am on Nov. 22.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES will continue fortnightly at the Rectory on 11th and 25th at 8.15 pm.

WOMEN'S DAY      THE RECTORY

THURSDAY      19 NOVEMBER

Items include:-

"Childhood revisited"

"Riding for the disabled"

"That's a good idea"

"Bangkok, here I come"

"Cheshire Home, Hydon Hill"

Book Reviews

Christmas Cards

Book Stall

10.30 am onwards

Coffee

11.15 am to 12.40 pm

Morning session

12.40 pm to 2 pm

Buffet Lunch

2 pm to 3.15 pm

Afternoon session

Come for all or part of the day

HELPING THE CHURCH IN WEST AFRICA

A Book Fair is being held in the Octagon of Godalming Parish Church on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st November from 10am to 5 pm. The object is simply to sell books. The money raised will be used in turn to buy books for the clergy and other parish workers in West Africa, to help them in their work. In some cases they are too poor to buy Christian books. In other cases exchange control makes it difficult for books to be imported, or paper to be obtained for printing.

Can you spare some books for this sale? If so, please bring them to church and put them in the box in the porch on any of the first three Sundays in November.



COST OF THE MAGAZINE

It is with regret that we must give notice that as from January 1982 the cost of this magazine must rise to 5p, or 50 p. for the annual charge.

At two Annual Meetings in recent years, it has been suggested by some of our members that the cost of our magazine is too low, and that it should be raised to 5p. or even more. Our reply was that, thanks to a generous gift of the paper, and gifts of voluntary help in typing, duplicating, stapling etc. we were able to meet the cost of production. Now, however, rising costs have overtaken us, and it is clearly right to put the price up. 5p. per copy is a much more modest charge than most churches can make, and we continue to be most grateful to those whose gifts and service makes this possible.

PERSONALIA

MR A .J. TAYLOR, MRS WINTER, and MRS VARDEN are now safely home from hospital, and we send them our very best wishes for a steady recovery.

MR JACK SMITH of New Road, Wormley, has been in Hydestile Hospital for some time suffering from a severe stroke, and MRS PEARCE of Cherryhurst is also in hospital care. We were also very sorry to hear, very belatedly, that MR JARVIS has been lying immobilised at home since midsummer, though he is slowly improving. We continue also to remember MRS CHAPMAN and MRS CULLIS.

MISS CAROLINE BRANDON, who after her degree course at Hull University is now doing teacher-training, has spent the early part of this term observing and assisting at our Church School.

SANDRA MUNTON has announced her engagement to ANTHONY TAYLOR, a pharmacist at Harpenden, and we send them our very best wishes.

Congratulations to LOUISE ARDEN-WHITE who was awarded a cup at St. Catharines Bramley, for all round achievement at both work and games.

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### PARISH FELLOWSHIP

This seasons first Parish Fellowship evening is on Thursday 12 November when Dr Strang and Mrs Maclay are coming to show their colour transparencies and to tell of their experiences when earlier this year they visited the United States ...during the excitement of the Presidential Election Campaign! This is in the Village Hall at 8 pm. Tell your friends and bring them too. Parish Fellowship is for everyone.

### N.S.P.C.C.

The Exhibition and Sale of Arts and Crafts which follows the Coffee Morning on Nov. 4th (10 am to 12 noon) at The Cottage, will take place from 10 am to 4 pm from 4th to 7th inclusive, and will donate a percentage of their takings to the N.S.P.C.C. Exhibitors will be showing engraved glass, patchwork, oil and water colours, Christmas presents and crackers, and embroidery.

Anyone who has listened to radio recently will have heard how deeply the N.S.P.C.C. has had to dig into its reserves, so please support this effort to raise funds.

Y.W.

### SHAFTESBURY HOME AND ARETHUSA

There will be an exhibition and sale of pottery by Christopher Lewis, and of jewellery by Jean Wheeler at Aran Lodge, Hambledon, on Thursday 26 November from 10.30 am to 6 pm. Coffee, wine and cheese, or afternoon tea will be served. The artists will be giving a proportion of their profits to the above cause. Friends will be welcome.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our first meeting will be over by the time these words are read, but a few of our members were able to get together for a preliminary gathering in September when Jack and Sonia Symonds showed transparencies of their recent visit to Canada and U.S.A. We saw pictures of the ice and snow of Greenland and the Baffin Straits from the air, the grandeur of the Rockies, the life on a farm on the prairies in Manitoba, the train journey through the forests of Northern Ontario and the sights of lovely Washington D.C. They told us of various Christian contacts and the lively work that is going on in Washington especially. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 26 November at 3.0 p.m. at Ellingsons.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Hambledon W.I. listened to a fascinating talk by one of their own members at this meeting on October 14th. Mrs Ruth Steele spoke of her experiences during 'The Early Days of Radio'. We all envied the interesting life she must have had meeting old favourites from our memories, such as Larry the Lamb and Uncle Mac etc.. Mrs Steele began in the very early days in charge of Children's Hour in Birmingham, then transferred to School Broadcasting from London and finished with a chat on Broadcasting in Wartime. We were all left with an insatiable appetite for more in the same vein.

Mrs Major, the President, conducted the business meeting and plans were finalised for the sale on October 24. Mrs B.R. Allen gave the vote of thanks and Mrs B. Gardner won the raffle.

E.G. Freemantle