

ST PETER'S HAMBLEDON : NOVEMBER 1985

"Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth, sing the glory of His Name".

My dear Friends

If worship is the primary activity of the church, then we would all agree that music plays a big part in that activity. Paul urges Christians on more than one occasion to "sing to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." That sounds pretty comprehensive to me and I think comprehensiveness should be the keynote of the church's music. The Psalms speak of the psaltery, sackbut, dulcimer, flute, organ, horn, cornet, bells and tabret. For too long now in our English tradition making music has been left to one man and one instrument. (As the ministry has been left to one man in his dog-collar). In every congregation there are people who can play an instrument and sing and the music would be enriched by the creation of a music group or small orchestra. To blend with old sounds and well tried hymns there are now new sounds and new songs. Alongside rousing hymns with great theological content we now have meditative choruses. There is much to be said for sung meditation, for example repeating slowly and thoughtfully a simple but profound statement that "Jesus is Lord". Some of the greatest works of praise, such as Handel's "Messiah", repeat the same words and phrases over again and over again.

My plea would be for a catholicity in our worship reflecting different tastes, cultures, expressions and movements of the Spirit. If you would like to be part of it let me know.

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 3 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8 00 am Holy Communion
- 10 00 am Family Service (followed by coffee
at the Rectory)
- 12 noon Shortened Form of Holy Communion
- 6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662)
- 7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Nov. 6 8 15 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER AT
THE RECTORY

Nov. 10 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8 00 am Holy Communion
- 10 50 am REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
- 6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
- 7 45 pm Youth Fellowship
(COLLECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY FOR
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL)

Nov. 17 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8 00 am Holy Communion
- 10 00 am Children's Church
- 11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)
(COLLECTION FOR ALMSHOUSES)
- 6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)
- 7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Nov. 18 P&C MEETS AT THE RECTORY

Nov. 20 8 15 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER AT
THE RECTORY

Nov. 24 THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8 00 am Holy Communion
- 11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662) :
The Rev. John Sertin
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
- 6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB) :
The Rev. John Sertin
- 7 45 pm Youth Fellowship
(The Rector will be preaching in St Michael's
Paris)

AND IN DECEMBER

Dec. 1 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8 00 am Holy Communion
10 00 am Family Service (followed by coffee at
the Rectory)
(Preacher: Geoffrey Marshall-Taylor,
Head of Religious Broadcasts for Schools)
12 noon Shortened Form of Holy Communion
6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship
(The Rector is preaching in St Paul's Woking
at 11 00 am)

Dec. 4 8 15 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
AT THE RECTORY

Dec. 8 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT (BIBLE SUNDAY)

8 00 am Holy Communion
11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

CHURCH FLOWERS	Nov. 3	Mrs P Percival-Maxwell
	10	REMEMBRANCE FLOWERS
	17	Mrs A Mitchell
	24	Mrs E Secrett

<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	Nov. 1/2	Mrs R Hall/Mrs D Staines
	8/9	Mrs M Reynolds
	15/16	Mrs O Roderick
	22/23	Mrs E Secrett

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for September 1985 : £382.15 : E F Denny

PERSONALIA

Congratulations to Mrs Jeanette Aldridge who has raised £504.80 for Save the Children Fund with a Bring-and-Buy and sale of Christmas gifts and cards at her home. Also to Laura Smith and Steve Hall who have announced their engagement and are to be married at Hambledon in June 1986. Laura once served on the Committee of the Young People's Fellowship. Our good wishes to Faith Atkins in Kenya who has now been granted a permit to work in that country; we assure Faith and Paul of our continued prayers in the work that they are doing.

HARVEST SUPPER

Congratulations to all who made this once again such a great success and we are greatly indebted to the Youth Fellowship for such excellent entertainment - it will be some time before we will forget the very professional frog scene direct from the village pond! The travels of Stroganov with his horse Trotsky and his encounters in Hambledon with Queenie Atkinski, Alfie Writeitoff and Patski in the Post Office! Never has there been a more realistic Christopher Robin, Pooh Bear and Rabbit!! Many thanks to you all for your hard work and also for repeating some of the entertainment for the benefit of the Sunday Club Party which was held the following afternoon.

HARVEST COLLECTIONS

Collections throughout the day were donated to Tear Fund and amounted to £282.00.

A CANDLE IN THE DARKNESS

A preparation for Christmas : A Tear Fund Presentation featuring Garth Hewitt live in concert.
8 pm on Wed. 6 November in the Civic Hall, Guildford.
Tickets £2.00. To obtain tickets please send a S.A.E. with cheque to Tear Fund, A Candle in the Darkness,
5 Blackwell Avenue
Guildford GU2 6LU. Tel. 60596.

BIBLE SUNDAY

Bible Sunday is on December 8 when we particularly remember the work of the Bible Society. In this connection please remember the two following functions:
Friday 15 November from 8pm - 9.30pm ACTION GROUP MEETING at Godalming Baptist Church in the 'Prayer Room' upstairs. Many churches in our area are not yet represented in the Group. Would you like to volunteer for your church? Brian Skinner on Godalming 20447 has all the details.

Also in connection with the Bible Society please make a note of their Christmas Bring and Buy at the Church Centre, Busbridge Church, on Wednesday 27 November from 10 00am - 12.00noon.

THE BIBLE-A-MONTH CLUB

This is a book club in reverse: the subscriber does not receive a book himself but gives one - and not just a book but the best book in the world - the Bible.

Since the Club was started less than $8\frac{1}{2}$ years ago, it has enabled nearly 14 million people to have Bibles of their own and 25% of all the Bibles distributed by the Bible Society last year were supplied by the Club.

Membership costs only £2.00 a month and, if you would like to know more about this vital work, please get in touch with the Club's secretary, Byron Evans, at the Bible Society's new address, which is Stonehill Green, Westlea, Swindon, SN5 7DG.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP : Houseparty

This was to be the last major event of the 1985 Committee. A new venue, a new speaker, a new time. We had experienced many problems in trying to find a venue for this year's houseparty, we began to wonder whether we were going to find one at all. It was then that God showed us the most wonderful centre called Elm Tree Farm in Kent. Great! - the venue and time was set but wait - isn't someone getting married that day? We were back to square one. We contacted the centre and explained our problem. "Come the week before" they said "we don't normally have people here that week and in any case I'm sure we can make an exception". So this really was God's choice of venue for us! Now we had a venue, a date but our leader could not make the new date. As time went on God again showed that he had a speaker for us and Justin Welby and his wife Caroline accepted our invitation to lead.

Elm Tree Farm is a working farm, set in the heart of the Kent countryside. The accommodation we had consisted of a leader's cottage, main cottage, a dormitory/kitchen dining area and a meeting hall in a converted barn. 31 of us were there, the girls in the main cottage the men in the dormitory. We met there on Friday evening, had supper and a brief introductory talk on the weekend. On Saturday morning (once we managed to get them all out of bed!) Justin led two meetings examining our faith and the foundations on which it is built. Saturday afternoon was a free time. Some went

to the coast, some travelled the countryside, others just stayed and relaxed. Saturday evening saw the usual fun and games with many people managing to look the fool! Sunday morning was started with a prayer meeting followed by breakfast and then a time of practical ministry led by Justin. It was during this time that I felt extremely close to God and a very real presence of his spirit within me. I praise God for that very real experience and all that I have learned from it.

Caroline Atkins.

The Committee of the Youth Fellowship has now changed. We send our good wishes to the outgoing Committee of Caroline Atkins, Keith Fish and Andi Pakenham-Walsh and welcome Tim Arden-White, Pete Mousley, Geoff Clarkson, Keith Fish, Louie Arden-White and Claire Ridsdale-Smith. May they continue to lead the HYF into another successful year. Geoff Clarkson is their Social Secretary. We remember all the young folk who have now returned to college and university and especially Philippa Duffy, who is spending a year in France at the University in Aix-en-Provence as part of her degree course and living in a Christian community nearby; also Chris Maclay, who is spending two months in Paris working for the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students in the evenings (and looking for a daytime job to pay his way). In December Chris goes to Switzerland to work in a ski resort as a waiter - returning to France in May 1986.

POPPY APPEAL

This year Remembrance Sunday falls on 10 November and the Remembrance Service starts at 10.50am with a two minute silence at 11.00am. The house-to-house collection will take place during the two previous weeks. Hambledon and Hydestile make an exceptionally generous response to the Poppy Appeal and doors are very seldom shut in the faces of the 20 house-to-house collectors who knock on every door in the village. Last year almost 25% more money was raised than in the previous year. This money is badly needed by the Royal British Legion for the care of disabled ex-service men and women and their dependents and especially for the building or adaptation of sheltered accommodation for those whose age has increased their disabilities. If you are out when the collector for your area calls, you can get your poppy from Patrick in the village shop. Please give even more generously this year if you can.

J.A. de B.S.

ALMSHOUSES

The collection at Morning Prayer on 17th November will be devoted to the Hambledon Almshouses to help with the upkeep of these two cottages which house old and infirm villagers who otherwise might have to be sent to sheltered accommodation elsewhere. The re-decoration programme in both cottages is now complete and funds are consequently depleted. We have ever increasing bills for garden maintenance and for upkeep of the fabric of the building. Your contributions will be very gratefully received by the Trustees.

J.A. de B.S.

HAMBLEDON NURSERY SCHOOL

The recent months of silence have not spelt inactivity! Over 70 people came to our public meeting on May 17th to launch our appeal to buy the school building. During the ensuing weeks covenants and donations have been received from some 75 sources - private individuals in and around our village, local firms, charitable institutions and other well-wishers from further afield. Parents of children in the school have also held fund-raising events. In addition the PCC have offered us a generous interest-free loan, and the Diocese is also making a low-interest loan. These, together with a substantial bank loan, have brought us close enough to our target of £45,000 to enable us to feel we can go ahead and accept the Diocese's offer. The appeal fund of course remains open for the next ten years while we pay off the loans, and further covenants or donations will be very gratefully accepted; this will enable us to consolidate our financial position. We will hope to exchange contracts in the near future. The school now has over 60 children on roll with all our classes full and a growing waiting list. We hope to expand further next term with some afternoon classes to try and accommodate those for whom at present we have no space. Brownies and cub-scouts have used the building in the holidays and at weekends for their summer camps.

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We do want to thank all those who have contributed with such generosity. The response has been wonderfully encouraging and we hope that the school building will in the years to come not only continue to be the first educational home for the children of Hambledon and the surrounding areas but will also provide a base for other church and village activities.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

Did you know a bird that visits your garden is the only one that can run down a tree head first and another bird can turn its head so far round and almost see its heels?

The fifty or so friends who came to the Village Hall on Wednesday October 9th to see Fred Shepherd's superb Country Camera will know the answer.

We enjoyed the beautiful pictures of birds, butterflies and deer in their natural habitat, with music to complement the scenes, true peace and tranquility in these awful days.

Please remember the W.A.G.'s sale on Saturday November 9th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. We would be grateful for items for the new stall, produce, cakes, toys, white elephant, jumble, etc. Bring them to the hall on the Saturday morning or to W.A.G. members. Please don't forget to come in the afternoon!

The two birds I mentioned in the Country Camera are a Nuthatch and a Barn Owl: wish you had been there to see them.

Joan Hardy

PORCH LANTERN

We are all very pleased with the attractive and extremely useful porch lantern which has so kindly been given to our church by Mrs Eric Parker in memory of Mr Colin Parker. We thank her most sincerely for this much needed replacement.