

ST PETER'S CHURCH : HAMBLEDON
NOVEMBER 1986

The Rector writes:

My dear Friends

A number of you have suggested to me that the new time of 12.30 pm for a service of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month after Family Service is really inconvenient. Indeed the attendance over the past two months has shown that to be the case. Some of you have also suggested that we change the time to having a shortened service of Holy Communion after Morning Prayer on the second Sunday of the month as has sometimes been the case in the past. This seems very sensible to me, so I propose to cancel the service on the first Sunday and will make a proposal regarding the second Sunday to the P.C.C.

On the whole our new plan of services is working well and I would like to just focus your attention on the opportunities for family worship, especially as we now have a number of families in the parish with young babies and children. There are two suitable services each month and at each there is a creche in the vestry if you find it difficult to have your babies with you in church. On the first Sunday at 11.00am we have a Family Service for the whole church community and on the third Sunday at 10.00am we have Children's Church which is especially for families with young children. Do come and bring your children and encourage other families known to you to do the same.

I am starting a Confirmation Class on Sundays at 5.15pm in the Rectory on November 2nd for any who are interested in considering taking this step and for others who took it some time ago and would value a refresher course.

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 1986

Nov. 2 23RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00 am Family Service
(followed by coffee at the Rectory)
6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Nov. 5 8 15 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND
PRAYER AT THE RECTORY

Nov. 9 24TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY : REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
10 50 am SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery
School)
(Pathfinders meet at the Rectory)
6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Nov. 16 25TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

Nov. 19 8 15 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND
PRAYER AT THE RECTORY

Nov. 23 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

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

Nov. 30 ADVENT SUNDAY

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00 am Morning Prayer
6 30 pm Special Service
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

AND IN DECEMBER

Dec. 3 8 15 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER AT
THE RECTORY

Dec. 7 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT : BIBLE SUNDAY

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)

11 00 am Family Service

(followed by coffee at the Rectory)

6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662)

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Dec. 14 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)

11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)

(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery
School)

(Pathfinders meet at the Rectory)

6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for September 1986 : £579.95 : Edric Hardy

CHURCH FLOWERS

Nov. 2 Mrs P Percival-Maxwell

" 9 Remembrance Flowers

" 16 Mrs E Secrett

" 23

" 30

CHURCH CLEANING

Oct.31/Nov. 1 Mrs R Taylor and Diana

Nov. 7/8 Mrs B Gardner

" 14/15 The Pitt Family

" 21/22 Mrs M Caroe

" 28/29 Mrs J Corbett

The Coffee Morning organised by the Tuesday Group on
14 October raised £163.20 for the work of the Shaftesbury
Homes and Arethusa. The Group are most grateful for the
support of many friends.

PERSONALIA

Moir Ridsdale Smith is coping well with her 'plastered' leg and recently she has been able to join in with the activities of the Tuesday Group. The fractured ankle is mending well but it looks as though it will be Christmas before things will be back to normal; meanwhile Hope Cottage is a 'great "calling in" place!

It is good to learn that Con Chapman is so much better following her spell in Mount Alvernia. She is now back at the Nursing Home in Hindhead.

Please continue to remember our friends in your prayers.

NEWS FROM SIMON MABLEY IN PAKISTAN

The flight to Islamabad went very well but unfortunately I missed the connecting flight by 5 minutes and had to wait nine hours for the next 'plane to Peshawar; I then had to get a rickshaw to take me to Edwardes College. The traffic here is amazing - at all junctions, traffic lights, etc. the technique is to drive with your hand on the horn and simply drive on the right if the left isn't clear - and that includes dual carriageways!

My room is in the Bachelor Block, which is a bungalow with a flat roof, four bedrooms, a bathroom and a common room; I share it with Edmund (who has been here a year) and David who has also just arrived. My room has a brick floor with a large rug, a desk, wardrobe, wicker easy chair and a bed with a wooden frame and string support for the mattress. There is a fan hanging from the roof and mosquito netting over the doors and windows.

The college, which is called after the first Governor of the North-West Frontier Province, is probably one of the nicest places in Peshawar with a playing field surrounded by buildings old and new. People actually get degrees here... The start of term was postponed because the arrest of Benazir Bhutto might have caused riots but I have now started teaching part of the time and setting up the databases for the office.

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Becky Carog called round the first night I was here! In a town called Gilgit she had bumped into a friend of mine from Birmingham who told her what day I would be arriving in Peshawar.

The bazaars are quite an experience and not to be recommended in western clothes, so I have now bought my first set of Shalwar Qamiz (native dress). The dust from the city creates such a haze that I'm still as white as when I arrived but I am beginning to get used to the heat though the temperature is still above 90°.

PATHFINDERS

We re-opened during October following a long break since May. We are hoping and praying that numbers will increase and more people can be encouraged to come along. The group is for 12-14 year olds and follows on from Sunday Club for the under 12's. We meet as Sunday Club on the second and fourth Sundays during Term time at 11.00am in the Rectory (the idea being that Mum's and Dad's can leave the children with us whilst they go to Morning Service). So if you are aged between 12 and 14 or know someone who is and would like to join us, please either turn up on the day or contact myself on Hascombe 279 or Peter Sartin at the Rectory.

I look forward to seeing you.

Keith Fish

"Let the little Children come unto Me, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these".

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

The House-to-House collection this year will take place during the week beginning on Saturday 1st November during which time every house in the Hambledon and Hydestile area will be called upon by our team of collectors. Each year we have broken the previous year's record total and we must do it again this year for the sake of those who gave, and are still giving so much, that we might enjoy the priceless gift of freedom... As they and their dependents become older, so their disabilities and problems increase and they become more dependent upon our help.

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The Remembrance Sunday Service will start at 10.50am on 9th November and the "Act of Remembrance" will take place at 11.00am.

J.A. de Berniere-Smart

THE BIBLE SOCIETY

Before the disastrous earthquake struck El Salvador, that once prosperous country was already in economic ruin following seven years of civil war.

By coincidence El Salvador had already been selected by the Bible-a-Month Club as the subject for special prayer and giving during the month of October. Club subscriptions for the month will help provide 170,000 New Reader Scriptures to be used in schools, literacy centres and churches to teach young people to read. This excellent way of getting the young to read the Bible has been used by the Society in a number of countries.

Although international relief organisations are working to meet the needs of the victims of war and earthquake, those who have lost family, friends and homes are often in urgent need of spiritual help as well. Bible Society staff regularly visit the emergency camps and distribute free Testaments and other scriptures. The Society's Executive Secretary on the spot says "We really feel that the refugees are finding hope and a reason to live, through the reading of God's Word".

This is just one more instance of the Bible Society's front-line role in the spreading of the Gospel.

Incidentally, for those wishing to enrol in the Bible-a-Month Club, the necessary forms are at the back of the church.

Peter Harvey

HAMBLEDON NURSERY SCHOOL

We start our fourth year at the Nursery School with a "full house" of 70 children and 9 staff and helpers under Brenda Stansfield's excellent leadership. We are open every morning with three groups of children,

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twenty-four 3-5 year olds and eight or twelve in the 2½-3 year old group. We also have two afternoon groups of eight 2½-3 year olds and twelve of the older children stay all day twice a week, bringing their picnic lunches with them.

We have succeeded, with the help of committee members and some parents, to keep the school fabric waterproof and have dealt with some minor repairs. However, rotting woodwork in sills and soffits has now had to be undertaken by professionals and has cost nearly £500. Edward Brockman has painstakingly rustproofed and repainted the entrance railings and we await the painter who will do some internal work. We will hope in the next two years to be able to redecorate most of the inside. Mr Watmough keeps our grounds in very good order and Mr Coleman's path from the Merry Harriers provides safe entrance to the school; Mr Tidman kindly finished off the path with tarmac, for which we are most grateful. We are also very grateful to Mr Beasley for allowing us to use his car park in term time and to the Sisters at St Dominic's who have allowed us to use their beautiful swimming pool once a week.

We have engaged Mrs Cathy Bishop to help us with our secretarial and book-keeping work. She is sorting out the covenants. We are grateful to her and all of you who so generously support us. Money is always needed to help us repay our loans, so, if you do know of anyone who might like to help, do put them in touch.

We will be holding our Christmas Fair on Saturday 15th November from 10.00am at the school. Please put this date in your diary now! The income from this will largely be spent on much needed equipment. There will be Bring & Buy Stalls for Cakes, Delicatessen, Toys, Sweetmeats and Presents. A raffle (prizes welcome), Book Stall, Plants and Bric-a-Brac. There will be a continuous film show for the children while you shop and chat.

Do come!!!

Mary Caroe

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At our September meeting we enjoyed having a visit from Mrs David Symonds, who started us off on a lively discussion about "Bees" and then went on to give us a talk about the "Be's" of the Bible "Be strong" ... "Be steadfast" and so on, which we all found very interesting and helpful.

The next meeting will be at Ellingsons on Thursday November 27th when we shall have a visit from Mrs W Barnes.

Brenda Gardner

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

On a misty night in October a lot of you missed an enjoyable evening with the WAGS, when we sat in comfort and were transported truly by the magic of Fred Shepherd's beautiful photography in slides and music as we "walked" the South Downs Way.

From splendid views we were taken to villages, sheltering in the folds of the downs, to visit churches, gardens, leafy lanes and woodland to see the many wonders of flora and fauna. Mr Shepherd's love of nature was evident as he talked.

As the sunset over the downs faded the words of Hilaire Belloc read by Mr Shepherd to the sound of distant church bells was timeless; let us preserve that forever.

Remember, Remember! Saturday 22nd November at 2.30pm
Our Annual Sale in the Village Hall. We would be grateful for anything to make this a great better-than-ever success, to help our aim which is to raise funds for the Village Hall and the Cheshire Homes. The hall will be open on Saturday morning if you could bring something, jumble, white elephant, gifts, cakes, produce, etc.

See you all there - let us make it worthwhile!!

Joan Hardy