

ST PETER'S CHURCH : HAMBLEDON : NOVEMBER 1988

The Rector writes:

My dear Friends .

May I mention this month a number of decisions taken recently by the PCC which affect our pattern of worship. There was felt to be a need to integrate our children's work more fully and efficiently, i.e. Sunday Club, Family Service and Children's Church. To this end, starting in January 1989, there will be two Family Services a month both at the time of 9.45am. On the first Sunday this will be followed by coffee served in the Vestry and in the Church - (something we have been doing very successfully after the Evening Services recently). The other will be on the third Sunday and will be followed at 11.00am by Morning Prayer. Sunday Club will continue on the second, fourth and fifth Sundays at 11.00am in the Nursery School. May I emphasise that there are creche facilities at all these services. In this way we hope to provide for the many new young families both in the Village and the Church.

The 1662 Service of Evening Prayer on the First Sunday is being terminated, as it has failed to attract those who might have preferred it to Family Service and most people wishing for a traditional service on that Sunday attend the 8.00am Service of Holy Communion. We are hoping to produce a Programme Card for Services for the first six months of 1989 towards the end of this year.

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN



Wedding

October 1

Adrian Richard Maasz
and

Margaret Wendy Jane Fish

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 1988

- November 06 23RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am FAMILY SERVICE : Mr G M Bolton
6 30pm Evening Prayer (1662)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship
(The Rector leading a weekend for St Michael's Paris)
- November 09 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND
PRAYER AT THE RECTORY
- November 13 24TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
8 00am Holy Communion (1662).
10 50am SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE :
(Capt. Andrew Thomson R.N.)
(followed by Holy Communion (1662))
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
(The Ven. Geoffrey Grobecker, recently Army Chaplain-in-
Chief and Chaplain to the Brigade of Guards)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship
(Collections throughout the day to the Royal British Legion
Poppy Appeal)
- November 14 7 45pm for 8 00pm PCC MEET AT THE RECTORY
- November 20 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
10 00am Children's Church
11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)
6 30pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship
- November 23 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
AT THE RECTORY
- November 26/27 at 10.30am to 4.00pm each day:
CHRISTMAS FAIR AT THE VILLAGE HALL
In Aid of Hall Extension Scheme.

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November 27 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am Holy Communion (1662)
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
6 30pm GUEST SERVICE
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

(Preacher all day The Rev. Stephen Wokey, Assistant Minister, All Souls Langham Place, on behalf of the Intercontinental Church Society)

AND IN DECEMBER

December 04 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am FAMILY SERVICE
6 30pm Evening Prayer (1662)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

December 07 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
AT THE RECTORY

December 11 3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

BIBLE SUNDAY

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

(Preacher throughout the day Mr David Longley)

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

The total Freewill Offering for September amounted to
£825.69

John Taylor

FLOWER ROTA FOR NOVEMBER:

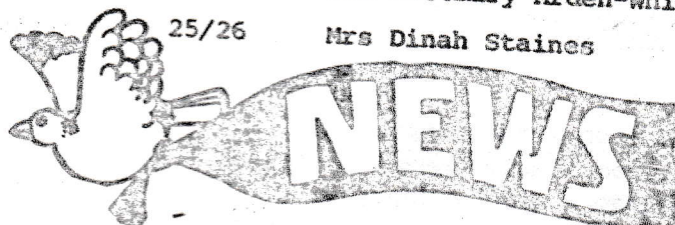
November 06 Mrs E J Secrett
13 REMEMBRANCE
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27 Mrs A Mitchell

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CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

November 4/5	Mrs Barbara Major Miss Anne Disney
11/12	Mrs Pauline Underwood and Jane
18/19	Mrs J de Berniere-Smart Mrs Rosemary Arden-White
25/26	Mrs Dinah Staines



During the past month we have welcomed two new babies into the village and we send many congratulations to Jane and Mark Bradley on the arrival of their son, Daniel Robin, a brother for Katrina and Jessica and to Rosemary and Nigel Skeffington on the recent birth of Timothy, a brother for Francesca.

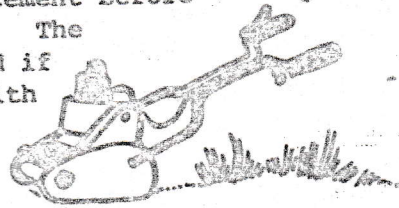
Mrs Dorothea Ellingson is now at home from hospital but Mrs Daisy Frogley and Miss Evelyn Walker are both in hospital and we send to all our sick friends our love and prayer support at this time.

Many thanks to all who contributed in any way to make the 1988 Harvest Celebration such a success. The Supper held on Friday 7th October was much enjoyed and we are particularly indebted to those who provided food and entertainment. Harvest Services on Sunday 9th October were set amidst a glorious array of colour thanks to all those who really put Hambledon Church on the map with their skills at arranging flowers, fruits, etc.

Does anyone know of a rotary lawnmower that is seeking a good home where reliability and an equable

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temperament would be appreciated? The Rectory mower, after many years of sterling service, is at the end of its useful life and needs replacement before the grass starts growing again. The Churchwardens would be delighted if someone can put them in touch with a suitable machine.



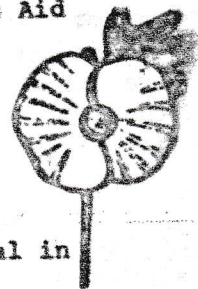
Joan Hardy has recently received an appreciative letter from Fr. Charles Lawrence, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Ashton-under-Lyne, following the receipt of a cheque from Hambledon Church for the sum of £200. made up of donations contributed in memory of Edric. The money is going towards their building fund and they are hoping that the first phase of the work will shortly be started. Fr Lawrence writes "It all seems to take so very long and we are getting impatient, but we feel sure that it is under the guidance of God and will all take place in His time and according to His will". Holy Trinity is a large church and the aim of the building work is to enable the church to be used for the wider community as well as those who use it for worship.

Our Treasurer acknowledges with many thanks an anonymous donation to St Peter's Church for £60.00 which has been received through the Charities Aid Foundation - reference "Australia".

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

"We are remembering the dead by serving the living".

After successfully organising the Poppy Appeal in the Hambledon and Hydestile area for 1987, Elizabeth Brockman moved away from the village earlier this year. Before leaving, Elizabeth handed over to



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me and I hope that this year, as in the past, you will give generously to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal which continues to help large numbers of ex-servicemen and women and their dependents.

The house-to-house collection will take place this year between Monday 31st October and Saturday 12th November.

The Remembrance Sunday Service will start at 10.50am on Sunday 13th November in readiness for the Act of Remembrance at 11.00am.

Alison Bouckley

RWANDA MISSION DEPUTATION

The Annual Services for the Rwanda Mission were held on Sunday 25th September and there were good numbers present both in the morning and evening. Dr and Mrs Jon Henderson were our guest speakers. They had worked for 20 years in hospitals in Rwanda and had recently been back to do locum work for a doctor who was home in this country on leave. Marilyn Sertin kindly gave a lunch and tea party for those who were especially interested. During the afternoon a film strip was shown which depicted the country and people and the work that was being done. We thank the Lord for all that has been accomplished since the Mission was started in 1921 by two doctors, who had met in their student days at Cambridge University, and we thank God too for the support from this village. The two outstanding events have been the spiritual revival which spread through East Africa and beyond in the 1930's and 40's and for the worldwide work of Bishop Festo Kivengere who died last May.

Jack Symonds

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Paddy Newel is looking for as much support as possible from singers for the Christmas music at St Peter's this year. There are to be 5 practice

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nights - all on Thursdays at 8 00pm in church -
the dates are 3rd and 17th November and 1st, 8th and
15th December. Do come along if you can - new
faces - and voices! - are always welcome.

PCC MEETINGS

The PCC has met twice formally over the last few months
and once for a special PCC morning. The purpose of the
PCC morning was to discuss some topics in more detail.
Outlined below are the main items that have been
discussed recently:

Sunday Club : Discussion on this matter has centred on
provision of Leaders for the various activities and ways
to develop church worship for young families. In the
latter case the discussion concerned the integration of
appropriate church services with the Sunday Club
programme. The PCC recognised how much Mrs Harrington
and Mrs Hall were doing in this area of church life.

Fabric

Several issues concerning the fabric of the church have
been covered. These include the repair of the boundary
wall (following the storm damage) and the provision of
a path through the churchyard.

Finance : In recent months the church has received
several donations which have allowed the purchase of a
new keyboard and provided help with the cost of the
churchyard path.

The PCC has agreed to provide some support for
Duncan Swan (a past Youth Fellowship member) who is
working for a year as a Lay Assistant at St Albans
Abbey. This is prior to applying for ordination.

It has also been decided to put aside £2,000 each year
to build up a contingency fund. Lastly, under the
finance topic, the PCC expressed its gratitude to
Mr John Taylor who has taken on the job of Freewill
Offering Secretary.

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Pew Bibles : After discussion on the matter of providing sufficient pew bibles, it has been decided to standardise on the Revised Standard Version. To this end the number of RSV's will be increased. Other alternatives have proved expensive.

Services: In relation to the discussions on Sunday Club, some changes to the church service programme have been agreed. These concern the timing of the Family Services and the programme for Evening Services.

Miscellaneous Topics: A letter of thanks has been received from the new Goldsworth Park Church, to whom St Peter's have donated a chair as part of a diocesan appeal.

It is hoped that some visitor cards will be produced for the pews. These will enable contact to be made with new members.

Some new carol books have been purchased for the choir and an overhead projector screen has been ordered.

As always, if you have any queries regarding PCC business, please contact myself, Churchwardens or the Rector. Finally, it is with regret that the PCC has lost Keith Fish, who is unable to continue to serve on the Council whilst doing his Lay Readership Course.

Geoff. Clarkson



CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

If you are looking for an original idea for a birthday cake, why not ring the Nursery School one weekday (Wormley 4892). They have bought some "Number"

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Birthday Cake Tins which are available for hire - 80p per tin plus refundable deposit. So far they have numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9 - so if you are going to be 6 or 99 - call the School or Caroline Pitt (Wormley 2940) with your requests.



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The October fund-raising/social event at the Hall was a Concert on the 20th given by Godalming Band - 24 musicians together with a witty and enthusiastic Musical Director gave a varied programme with a great deal of expertise. Everyone who attended, 37, thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The Band asked if they could come again next year.

On Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th November a Christmas Fair will be held at the Hall from 10.30 to 4.00pm each day. All items on sale will be new and of quality. Certain local small retailers have been invited to bring goods suitable especially for Christmas gifts and the Hall Committee will be running a number of stalls. Knitwear, clothing and accessories; soft toys; high-class craftwork - lace, baskets, dried flower arrangements, etc. Tinned and boxed foodstuffs and confectionery; china and pottery; latest editions and Christmas books; stationery and paperware; cosmetics and toiletries; homemade cakes; will all be on sale (or can be ordered).

Tickets are on sale, £5, for the Christmas Dance to be held on Friday 16th December from 8 - 12 midnight. A 3-piece band "Scene Three", a supper (included in the ticket price), various 'Spot' prizes, a licensed bar and Christmas decorations will make the evening a proper traditional dance!! Contact Mic Coleman on Wormley 2977 as soon as possible if tickets required.

HAMBLEDON SCHOOL

We are continuing the article by Miss Mary Parker, the first part of which was included in the October magazine :

Also, once a week, the children, together with some older members of the village, went to an evening class in the school, run by my Mother, Ruth Parker. It was a junior branch of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and they made a variety of things which were sold at an annual sale. Some of the men made very good baskets, and one of the mothers made rag dolls, which intrigued me very much as a child.

Few of the children had torches. Some of them carried candles stuck into jam jars, with a string round the top, and my Mother had a candle lantern, which has been carefully preserved, and is now used once a year on Christmas Day, when Father Christmas has to light his way up the garden to Feathercombe.

It seems strange now, in these days of cars and kidnaps, that a child could safely walk home in the dark, along a deserted road, or through the woods. Perhaps that is what is meant by the good old days?

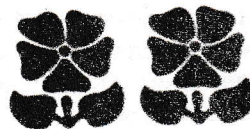


Mary Parker

Thank you, Mary, for letting us 'peep into the past'

So sorry that it had to be spread over two magazine editions.

Ed.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We always enjoy the opportunity to meet informally together for a chat and tea, which is what we did in September, and now we are looking forward to our November meeting, which will be at Ellingsons on Wednesday

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23rd November when we shall have a visit from Sheila Bolton, who is giving us an illustrated talk about the Sudan entitled "A shout and a whisper". It will be good to have Sheila with us again.

Brenda Gardner

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

What a treat it was to see Fred Shepherd's slides of alpine flowers against the magnificent Swiss mountain scenery with music "The Gadfly" to complement it all. The marmots at play amongst the rocks, eventually being tempted with pieces of Mars bar fed from the hand, gave an endearing touch. After the interval we were treated to slides of our own mountains in the Lake District which made a dramatic backdrop to the golden tints of autumn. It was a splendid evening and the WAG's are particularly grateful to Fred and Maureen Shepherd for sharing their holidays with us.

There were bargains galore at the Annual Sale held at the Village Hall on Saturday 22nd October. Lots of satisfied customers helped to raise the grand total of £316.65 to help towards the Village Hall Extension Scheme, Hydestile Wildlife Hospital, and the Cheshire Homes. Many thanks to you all for providing such a varied assortment of goods, for helping on the day and coming to buy. It was a great effort.

On November 9th Mrs Gay Mabley will be telling us about her visit to Pakistan with slides and pictures. This is a change to the arranged programme and we are much looking forward to what Gay has to tell and show us. We meet at Ellingsons at 2.45pm.

Joan Hardy



A CANDLE FOR PEACE

In May 1986 a group of American Christians visited Russia and following a service in a Russian Orthodox Church in Odessa, an elderly woman pressed a three rouble note into the hand of Dr Blair Monie, the Minister of the First Presbyterian Church in York, Pennsylvania, and asked him to use the money (which she could ill afford) to buy a candle and to light it at every service of worship in his church as a symbol of peace.

Dr Monie was deeply touched by the gesture, and on his return home he bought a candle in a small glass, and with the full support of his church this is now kept on the Communion Table and is lit at every service of worship as the lady had requested.

Later that year the church purchased many more candles and sent them to other churches, asking that they be lit as a symbol of peace.

Two of Dr Monie's members were previously members at a United Reformed Church in the West Midlands and they sent one of the candles to their old church. From the church in the West Midlands a candle was sent to St Luke's United Church in Bedford from where many candles have been sent to other churches with whom they have a contact.

So a candle has eventually made its way to St Peter's Hambledon and we plan to place it on the font during the services on November 13th which is Remembrance Sunday.

So shall the thought and hope of that Russian lady be spread far beyond what she had ever imagined, and because of her gift, churches in many parts of the world will be reminded to work and pray for peace.

PEACE IN OUR HEARTS
AND PEACE IN OUR WORLD

