

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

OCTOBER, 1975

THE RECTOR WRITES . . .

It is always a pleasure when we have with us at our Sunday services those who are not yet regular members. I can sometimes help those who are unfamiliar with our service form by giving out occasionally the page number in the prayer book, and I hope that all our members will make others feel at home and welcomed at all our services.

We look forward especially to a full church at our Harvest Thanksgiving Services on 5 October. For many farmers, including some in Hambledon, it has been a very difficult year indeed. Yet though they have had many anxieties and disappointments, we at the receiving end can only say that in spite of all, God has provided all we have needed, and we shall want to come and thank Him with a full heart. Canon W. Butler comes to preach for us that day. He served for many years in central Africa, and became Archdeacon of Jinja in Uganda before taking up his present post as General Secretary of the Ruanda Mission. As we thank God for all His love and goodness to us here, it will be good to have our eyes opened to other parts of God's wider Harvest Field. And we shall have the opportunity to give to God's work in Ruanda, one of the poorest countries in the world.

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DIARY FOR OCTOBER

- 5 SUN. Trinity 19. HARVEST FESTIVAL
 Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon
 10 am Children's Church
 11 am Morning Prayer: Canon W. Butler
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer: Canon W. Butler
 7.45 pm Young People at Headmaster's House,
 Brook Road
- 6 Mon. 2.30 pm Hambledon Homes Holy Communion
- 9 Thu. 7.30 pm Harvest supper in the Village Hall
- 12 SUN. Trinity 20
 Holy Communion at 8 am
 11 am Morning Prayer
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer: Mr. John Lewis
 7.45 pm Young People at The Rectory
- 15 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Autumn Study Series begins
- 19 SUN. Trinity 21
 Holy Communion at 8 am and 7.30 pm
 10 am Children's Church
 11 am Morning Prayer (Public Baptism)
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
 7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage
- 22 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Autumn Study Series continues
- 26 SUN. Trinity 22 (N.B. Summer time ends today 10 am)
 Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am
 10 am Series 2 Holy Communion
 11 am Morning Prayer
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
 7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands
- 29 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Autumn Study Series continues

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- 2 SUN. Trinity 23
 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
- 3 Mon. 2.30 pm Hambledon Homes Holy Communion
- 5 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Autumn Study Series continues
- 9 SUN. Trinity 24. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
 Holy Communion at 8 am
 10.50 am Remembrance Service
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
- 12 Wed. Evening visit to Aldershot "Strangers to Love"

CHURCH FLOWERS

October 5 Harvest Decorations
 12 Mrs. B. Wieler
 19 Mrs. M. Caroe
 26 Mrs. Alan Secrett

November 2 Miss E.F. Denny
 9 Mrs. B. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERING/ENVELOPES

Total for August, 1975 £37.51p E.F. Denny

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PERSONALIA

A number of our Young People are now getting off for their first term at College. Two go to Colleges of Education, WENDY ARDEN-WHITE to Christchurch College, Canterbury, and PAUL ATKINS to Bishop Otter College, Chichester. TONY CANNON takes up the study of accountancy at Kingston Polytechnic: SUSAN HILL is to read Medicine at Southampton University: SANDRA MUNTON begins a course at the National College of Food Technology at Weybridge: and DAVID SMITH goes to Shoreditch College, Ewell. We give our warmest good wishes to them all.

MRS. ROSEMARY MILLS has had a spell in hospital after a collapse at home, and will need to take things quietly for a time: and MR. ANTHONY WIELER after a few days in hospital in London is under doctor's orders to rest at home: and both are finding their restrictions most unwelcome! We are most sorry, too, that MRS. WHITE of Cherryhurst had to be taken suddenly to hospital on account of a haemorrhage.

THE REV. TED and MRS. ELTON are serving for three months in France in a chaplaincy of the Commonwealth and Continental Church Society. Not much rest in retirement after all!

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A date for your diary

LADIES DAY AT THE RECTORY

Tuesday, 4 November, 1975

10.45 a.m. to 3 p.m.

10.45 - 11.15 am Coffee 12.30 pm Lunch (with
soup and sandwiches provided) 3 p.m. A cup of
tea.

Morning session 11.15 am Afternoon session
2 p.m.

Our guest speaker will be Miss Mildred Carter who will show her transparencies of a special Flower Festival illustrating the Church's Year, and also some fascinating customs of Bible Times. Other items include matters of more local interest, and a book review. All ladies living in or near Hambledon will be most welcome.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

We hope throughout the winter months to continue this much appreciated informal evening, on the second Thursday of each month in the Village Hall. As usual our Harvest Supper (on 9 October) will open the season. Tickets are on sale at the Village Stores, price 75p. We usually have a full hall for the occasion, so be sure to get your ticket in good time.

Details of subsequent Parish Fellowship evenings will be published next month.

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MONTHLY YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE

It has been good to see so many of our Young People coming on the second Sunday of each month to the evening service. One of them has read the lesson, and usually a group of them have sung a special item as part of the service.

The Young People's Service this month, on 12 October, will be conducted by Mr. John Lewis, who will also preach. He is a Lay Reader, and is on the staff of King Edward School, Witley, and we shall give him a warm welcome.

PARENTS AT HOME

Parents of the boys and girls of our Children's Church are warmly invited to the Rector's for Coffee on Monday, 13 October from 8.15 pm. During the course of the evening we look forward to talking over one or two matters especially in relation to the older boys and girls and their needs.

SUMMER TIME ends on Sunday 26 October. Don't come to church too soon!

MAGAZINE BY POST

A number of our friends have ordered this magazine to be sent each month by post. Postage is now going up yet again, and will now be more than twice the cost of the magazine. Miss Stone is, of course, most willing to continue to send by post any who desire it, but she asks that all postal subscribers will now kindly let her know what their wishes are. Perhaps those concerned would please send her their directions within a week or so.

TEXT OF A LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND GENERAL SYNOD BOARD FOR
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

HARVEST FOR THE HUNGRY

This year's Christian Aid Week poster invited you to 'let the hungry feed themselves.' A plateful of tools, seeds and farming manuals made the point that in the world today self-help is complementary to development aid, not an alternative to it. But without that aid the way for many countries is going to be harder than it need be. And there are signs that the famines which have begun to reach our own headlines (remember Sahel?) may become a permanent 'fact of death' for many of the poorer countries of the world.

What can we do? Many Church people already give generously to Christian Aid, Tear Fund, and the development work undertaken by missionary societies and other voluntary agencies such as Oxfam. The General Synod, the Church's Parliament, has challenged members of the Church of England to maintain and expand this support - no mean task when parishes are having to find additional sums for clergy stipends, quotas and other services ravaged by inflation. As a way of highlighting the task the Synod proposed a standard of individual giving representing one per cent of net take home pay - and suggested that Harvest Festival should be a time when the Church focuses on the world's need and our response. In dioceses which already have appeals for development aid at other times in the year, Harvest presents an opportunity for further teaching about our shared responsibility for meeting the world's needs.

All this is necessary but not sufficient. There is a political task to be undertaken, both in persuading the Government to adopt a more generous

standard of aid to the poorer nations, and in working for changes in our own eating patterns and styles of life which will make nations like ourselves less of a drain on the world's scarce resources. There is already one voluntary body, the World Development Movement, at work in this field. The Synod specifically called for Church people to support them.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship will commence their new session on Thursday 23 October at 3 pm. As usual we shall be meeting at Ellingsons by kind invitation of Mrs. Ellingson, and we shall be pleased to welcome any who would like to join us for the first time. At this first meeting Mrs. Jack Symonds will be speaking about their recent Canadian tour.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Hambleton Women's Institute held its monthly meeting at the Village Hall on Wed. Sept. 10th at 2.45 pm. The president, MRS. HARDY, welcomed everyone (after the August break, when there is no meeting). The business included planning for the annual sale on Oct. 25th: and arrangements for the visit to Treloar School on Wed. Oct. 1st.

Mrs. TANNER gave a most stimulating talk on flower decoration with special reference to Christmas, although she pointed out that it was too early to have much dried material ready. While talking and giving very practical advice about preserving fruits, flowers and foliage, she did 3 very different arrangements for decoration-all most effective; and showed members how to spray foliage, and get "glitter" to stay on. MRS. HARDY thanked her for her practical advice and stimulating suggestions. The tea hostesses were MRS. MAY and MRS. JEFFERIES-and the raffle was won by MRS. MAC DOUGALL.

The Oct. meeting will be contributed by members 'Holiday Highlights.'

Mrs. R.C. Steele