

October 1977

ST PETER'S, HAMBLEDON

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THE RECTOR WRITES

The autumn activities get into full swing now with the Harvest Supper on Friday 30 September, and the Harvest Thanksgiving services all through Sunday 2 October. It is with much pleasure that we welcome back then the Rev. John Hamilton to preach at Children's Church and at 11 am.

As well as members of the families concerned, others of us from this congregation will be going to the Confirmation service at St. Stephen's, Shottermill, Haslemere on Saturday 1 October at 7 pm to support our four candidates, Felicity Arden-White, Caroline Atkins, Janet MacLay, and Stephen Muntun. We warmly welcome them now as full members of the Church in their own right.

For the ladies, our Tuesday morning group, which has been a help to many, reopens on 4 October; (there is a note on page 5.) And for all members of the congregation there is a new Autumn series of six talks by the Rector, beginning on 19 October and taking place weekly, but avoiding those Wednesdays when Parish Fellowship falls in the same week. The themes are set out on page 5. We meet in the Rectory. There is coffee at 8 pm, and the talk, with perhaps some questions arising, is from 8.30, with the close at 9.15 pm. Even if you cannot come to all six, come when you can.

Looking on into November, some special events are the 11 am service on November 6 when our preacher will be the Rev. R.C. Lucas, Rector of St. Helen's Bishopsgate; and the 6.30 pm service on November 13 which will be a special film service. These could both be good occasions on which to invite your friends and bring them with you.

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DIARY FOR OCTOBER

1 Sat. 7 pm CONFIRMATION at St. Stephen's Shottermill

2. SUN. HARVEST THANKSGIVING Trinity 17

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church: Rev. John Hamilton

11 am Festival Service: Rev. John Hamilton

6.30 pm Festival Service: The Rector

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

9 SUN Eighteenth after Trinity

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer: SUNDAY CLUB begins

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

10 Mon 7.45 for 8 pm Parochial Church Council

13 Thu. 8 pm Parish Fellowship (Village Hall) see p.8.

16 SUN Nineteenth after Trinity

Holy Communion at 8 am and 7.30 pm

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

19 Wed. Autumn Series begins at Rectory (see p.5)

23 SUN. Twentieth after Trinity

Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am

10 am Series II Communion Service

11 am Morning Prayer: and Sunday Club

12.15 am Public Baptism

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

26 Wed. 8. for 8.30 pm: Autumn series at the Rectory

30 SUN. Twenty first after Trinity

Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm

11 am Morning Prayer: and Sunday Club

6.30 pm Holy Communion and Sermon

7.45 pm Young People at Pendelton Cottage: Mr
T.J. Lawson B.A.

AND IN NOVEMBER

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2 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Autumn Series in the Rectory

6 SUN Twenty Second after Trinity

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer: Rev. R.C. Lucas, M.A.

Rector of St. Helen's Bishopsgate

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

9 Wed. 8 for 8.30 pm Autumn Series in the Rectory

10 Thur. 8 pm Parish Fellowship: What's new in
Oceanography?"; Dr. A. Laughton

13 SUN Remembrance Sunday: Twenty third after Trinity

Holy Communion at 8 am

10.50 am Remembrance Service

6.30 pm Special Film Service

7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

CHURCH FLOWERS

October 2 Harvest Flowers

9 Mrs E.A. Wieler

16 Mrs E. Hardy

23 Mrs M. Stevens

30 Mrs R.A.P. de Berniere-Smart

November 6

13 Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for August 1977, £97 - 44p E.F. Denny

Advance Notice for Ladies

WOMEN'S DAY

Thursday 17 November

10.45 am to 3.15 pm in The Rectory

Further details next month

(The greater part of our Young People's Group went away together for a memorable fortnight this August, and we are grateful to Paul Atkins for supplying this account. Ed.)

For two weeks during August approximately twenty three members of the Hambledon Youth Fellowship group were camping at Lee Abbey in North Devon. This was the second of two summer youth camps run by Lee Abbey, and involved some 150 campers plus a team of Christians in charge of general organisation and running the camp.

The first day at camp was spent by most people in getting to know the surrounding area which is extremely picturesque, the camp site being positioned on a cliff top overlooking Lee Bay. It did not take long to get to know the times of meals and the necessary routine of the camp, the first two days of warm weather making it possible for everyone to get into the life under canvas before we were threatened by the excessive amounts of water which fell later on in the holiday. Despite the wet weather we all fared very well, and indeed because of the rain many friendships were made, since everyone got together in the marquee which afforded shelter and a place for groups to meet.

Everyone enjoyed these two weeks very much in the sense of it being a relaxing holiday where they could do as they pleased and enjoy the company of other young people. In terms of spiritual experience, the effects of, and reactions to the camp were obviously very diverse among individual members of the group. Some of those who attended the camp last year found that much of the teaching was repeated, but the majority found this camp extremely helpful and relevant.

During the holiday a number of non-Christian campers became Christians, and when I look back at that time in Devon, I can see that God really was

at work among us, and He used the mood and situation of the camp to bring us closer to Him and to each other. The camp was ended on the last night with a communion service; a lovely experience in itself.

On a personal note: God always keeps His promises, and that declared in Hebrews 13 verse 5 was wonderfully kept; and so in conclusion I must say simply, thank You Lord for this fine camp.

Paul Atkins

AUTUMN MID-WEEK STUDY SERIES
"THE WORLD'S GREATEST HYMN BOOK"

Nobody would dispute the rightness of describing the Psalms in this way. They have been sung for the better part of 3000 years, and enrich our services still.

Just because they are very ancient however, (and even their translation into English was done very long ago), and also because they are Eastern hymns, we need help in understanding them if we are to enter into them fully and make them a living part of our worship today.

Perhaps this short autumn series of talks by the Rector, weekly on Wednesdays at 8.30 pm, may be a help. They are held at the Rectory, and there is coffee beforehand from 8 pm. The details are below:-

Oct. 19 Hebrew poets and musicians

26 The picture of God in the Psalms

Nov. 2 The man who pleases God in the Psalms

16 The promise of The Messiah in the Psalms

23 A problem: Cursings and Judgement

30 The Christian's use of the Psalms

TUESDAY MORNING GROUP

The number of ladies coming to this informal group at the Rectory has grown greatly. We begin again on 4 October after the summer break, and meet each Tuesday from 10.30 to 11.30 am (and that includes coffee time). All ladies are most welcome.

PERSONALIA

Among our sick people, MR PETER DEANE of Cherryhurst had to be taken into intensive care at Milford Chest Hospital following a sudden heart attack.

MRS JOHN MAJOR of Court Farm is in Haslemere Hospital for surgery.

NURSE HUTCHINS of Hydestile Cottages, now in her eighties, has had to go into St. Luke's Hospital for a major operation.

We remember them all in our prayers, and their relatives too as they manage at home, and visit. We remember too MRS DOROTHEA ELLINGSON in the loss of her brother.

JACK EDWARDS

The sudden death of Jack Edwards of Hydestile Cottages came as a sadness to us all.

He was born in Hambledon, appropriately by the cricket green where he was later to play so regularly and to make so many friends. He lived in Hambledon all his life, as did his wife Frances who nursed him so cheerfully and devotedly over the years.

During the war he served with the Queen's, in the Middle East, in India and in Burma; and especially with the Chindits, that mad and reckless idea which lit such a spark and became one of the great episodes of the war.

Jack's greatest gallantry was surely in these late years. At the close of the war diabetes had already set in; then blindness came; then he became growingly deaf as well, and so doubly cut off from the world around; then his foot became damaged until only short walks were possible; and during the last year his breathing became laboured and difficult. Almost anyone would have become withdrawn and melancholy, if not irritable, under so many sufferings. Yet he was splendidly uncomplaining, steadily cheerful, and with a refreshing sense of humour. To his widow, whose constant cheerfulness matched his, and to his family, we send our special remembrances now.

SUNDAY CLUB

7.

We wrote about this new venture last month. A letter has now been sent to parents of children in the age range concerned, both in our present congregation and in the village school, and there is a copy on the church porch notice board for others to see.

Sunday Club is held, in school term time only, every Sunday when there is no Children's Church. It takes place in the Rectory, at 11 am, with a welcome for children aged from about 5 to about 11 or so. The dates in October are 9th, 23rd and 30th.

We hope some parents may now see the opportunity to come to an adult service themselves at 11 am while their children are being taught in Sunday Club. There will also be a supervised creche at the Rectory at the same time to set parents free for an hour to come to our Morning Service.

CHRISTOPHER MABLEY

We shall miss Christopher very much as he sets off now for his first term as Organ Scholar at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. He has been our organist for two years, developing all the time in musicianship, and to achieve his A.R.C.O. while still at Guildford Grammar School was a great achievement, as is his scholarship now. Our gift to him on his last Sunday as regular organist was just a token of our appreciation for all he has done for us, and we pray that these next three years will be full of God's blessing for him in every way.

Mr Peter Gardner has kindly agreed to play the organ for the coming weeks, with Brigadier Stevens and Miss Mary Parker helping occasionally, and we are very grateful indeed to them for this.

They will need a strengthened choir, both morning and evening. Without this, the organist cannot hear any singing at all from where he is, and it becomes almost impossible to keep in touch with the congregation. We would be most grateful to any men or women who could help us here.

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PARISH FELLOWSHIP

The new season of Parish Fellowship begins in Thursday 13 October when Mr R.C. Steele of Juniper Hill is coming to show colour transparencies and to speak to us about some natural things, and especially of some very beautiful butterflies. So come to the Village Hall that evening at 8 pm and bring your friends. Anyone is most welcome... not just members of our congregation.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Those who have recently come to live in the Hambledon area may be glad to have these details of the Women's Fellowship. It has been meeting for many years on the fourth Thursday afternoon of the month at Ellingson's on the road to Hydestile, by kind invitation of Mrs Ellingson. Talks are given on a variety of subjects of Christian interest, with tea following. We warmly welcome new members. The next meeting will be on Thursday 27th October.

M.S.S.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Wednesday 14 Sept. MRS VACHER, a vice President, conducted the business as MRS HARDY was away. Afterwards tables were put up and members prepared things, lavender bags, knitted scarves, toys etc., for the W.I. Sale on October 29th. Tea was served by MRS WIEIER and MRS JEFFERY. MISS DAVIS won the competition for a fruit pie, and MRS BRUNT won the raffle.

Mrs Steele

VILLAGE HALL

The Secretary writes that there will be a "Slide Evening" in the Village Hall on Friday 28 Oct. at 8 pm. There will be another chance of seeing the collection of slides which Mr Norman Hammond assembled to mark the Jubilee, and Mr Cecil Chapman will show some of his colour transparencies of both local and wider interest. There will be refreshments and a silver collection in aid of Hall funds.