

ST. PETER'S, HAMBLEDON

OCTOBER 1978

THE RECTOR WRITES

I am grateful for several good questions put to me by the morning congregation. Two have been answered already, and I will seek to answer three others at 11 am services later this month, as follows:-

Oct. 22 Please preach on "serve Thee with a quiet mind" - so difficult these days.

Oct. 29 A question about the Resurrection Body.

Nov. 5 A question about understanding Luke 9, verses 59-62 where Jesus seems to Thrust aside the importance of the family.

The Questions Box will remain open for a little while longer in case others would like to put a question or suggest a sermon subject.

Would our ladies please book Thursday November 16th morning or afternoon ... Women's Day at the Rectory.

Summer time ends on Sunday 29 October. Enjoy your extra hour of sleep on that Saturday night.

ENGLAND IS A MISSION FIELD

The Rev. Garth Grinham, Assistant Secretary of the Church Pastoral-Aid Society, comes to us on Sunday 15th October to preach at 10 am, 11 am, and 6.30 pm on behalf of the Society, which administers the Trust which acts as Patron of Hambledon Parish. It will be good to hear from him something of the work of this great Society which does so much in pastoral aid for clergy and laity in the Home Churches. Offerings throughout the day are for the work of the society, and in giving we are really helping hard pressed parishes in tough and needy areas.

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DIARY FOR OCTOBER

1 HARVEST THANKSGIVING SUNDAY (19th after Trinity)

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon
10 am Children's Harvest Service
11 am Morning Prayer
6.30 pm Guest Preacher: Rev. Patrick Ashe

2 Mon. 9.15 am Church School Harvest Service

4 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)

8 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am
11 am Morning Prayer: Mr John Lewis: Sunday Club
6.30 pm Evening Prayer: Mr G.M. Bolton
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

12 Thu. 8 pm Parish Fellowship (Village Hall)
Mr Peter Gardner: "Switzerland" (slides)

14 Sat 6 pm Sunday Club Birthday (Village Hall)

15 TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm
10 am Children's Church: Rev. Garth Grinham
11 am Morning Prayer: Rev. Garth Grinham
6.30 pm Evening Prayer: Rev. Garth Frinham
Sermons on behalf of Church Pastoral-Aid
Society and collections for the work.
7.45 pm Young People with Mr Grinham, at the Rectory

18 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)

22 TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am
10 am Series 2 Communion Service
11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

29 TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am
 11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
 7.30 pm Holy Communion
 7.45 pm Young People meet

AND IN NOVEMBER

1 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)

5 TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon
 10 am Children's Church
 11 am Morning Prayer
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer in modern English
 7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

9 Thu. 8 pm Parish Fellowship (Village Hall)

12 TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am
 10.50 am Remembrance Sunday Service
 Sunday Club
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
 7.45 pm Young People meet at the Rectory

CHURCH FLOWERS

Cct. 1 Harvest Festival Flowers
 8 Mrs E.A. Wieler
 15 Mrs P. Gardner
 22 Mrs E. Hardy
 29 Mrs D. Ringe
 Nov. 5 Mrs R. Williams
 12 Remembrance Sunday Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for August 1978, £79.57 p. E.F. Denny

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptism Sept. 24 Isla Mary Secrett

Marriage Sept. 9 Brian Christopher Thorpe-Tracey
 and Morven Joan Hassard-Short

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GOOD NEWS IN EUROPE

(Andrew Maclay gives us this vivid account of an intensive piece of Christian witness in which he was involved during his summer vacation)

I was lucky enough to spend one month of the summer vacation on a Christian crusade team in the south of France. Operation Mobilisation (OM) is best known for its two ships which organise evangelistic campaigns and literature distribution in ports around the world, but in the summer they also send out teams of young people with the dual aims of training us as an international movement of Christian young people, and to share the gospel of Christ with people who have never understood it.

We began with a six day conference in Louvain University, Belgium. This was a magnificent experience itself, to be with six hundred young Christians from all over Europe, North America, Malaysia and other parts of the world. We received a very good mixture of teaching from the Bible, practical teaching about how to knock on someone's door, a challenge about our own relationship with Jesus, and a night of prayer when we prayed for about five hours for the world.

Our team worked on the French Riviera and there were 26 of us, from 13 nationalities, many of whom could not speak any French, but we were united in our work and managed to love each other most of the time. There were three main aspects of our work: to give out tracts along the beaches seafronts and through letterboxes; to go "door-to-door" in pairs trying to sell Christian books and to talk to the people about the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ; and to hold open-air meetings on the sea front, with singing, testimonies, and two-minute sermons. I had never done anything like this before, but there was no time to be nervous.

I had thought France was a Christian country, but in fact I was shocked that many people we met just did not believe in Jesus at all, and it was very rare to find anybody whose life and actions were centred around faith in a Living God. Atheism and Jehovah's Witnesses ruled, to an even greater extent than in this country.

Door-to-door evangelism was exciting because you never knew who would answer the door, and whether or not it would get slammed in your face. The first day I found myself talking for an hour, in French, to an old lady who had been through every possible suffering, and who had just about given up trying to believe in a loving God. I had never spoken French to any extent before, and am convinced the Holy Spirit must have helped. We ended up in prayer. Perhaps the best afternoon of all was when we met four convinced atheists and a "Christian" vegetarian who did not believe much about Jesus. It was challenging trying to explain the "problem of pain" and the debate with Marxism in French.

It was often very hot, and the houses varied from fifth floor flats with no lifts which stank so much that we literally had to hold our noses, to luxury holiday villas with guard dog and Brigitte Bardot inside. We often wanted a drink, but it was not until the last week when I was paired with Poh Kah Tan, a Malaysian, that we had the faith to pray for drinks, and after that things were much easier!

One of the most exciting things was the way God supplied us with money for petrol and food. Basically we had to trust Him, and our main source of finance was book sales. However, when we ran out several times He provided it in many exciting ways, -like finding a hundred Deutsch mark (£25) note behind a tree; or like one Sunday when we had no money, and as we did not want to buy on the Lord's day, Joel our leader went to buy food and sold a child's Bible (he never did tell us how)

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which bought the petrol we needed to move on to another place. One day we had to work the afternoon of our day off, but the Lord never made us fast even for one meal, and once He even gave us chicken and ice cream!

I could go on telling similar anecdotes for a long time. I certainly learned that if we have the courage to put our hand firmly into the hand of the Man from Galilee, He will look after us. It is easy when you have nothing. It is a battle in this country where it is not so obvious how much I need the Lord's help. The other major lesson we learned was the importance of intercessory prayer for the world, and the vision of world evangelisation, so that we may see in heaven people "from every tribe and nation, every kindred tongue". Prayer in England is a weapon which can have instant impact in India, China, Moslem countries, Africa. Personally, I feel challenged.

Andy MacLay

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

During the winter months the Village Hall is open each second Thursday of the month to all Hambledon people, and indeed to friends from wider afield, for an evening of interest and entertainment organised by the Church. Here is the programme for the coming session:-

Oct. 12 Mr Peter Gardner shows slides of Switzerland

Nov. 9 Mr Martin King shows slides of Natural History (chiefly birds) "from Morocco to Mull"

Dec. 14 Mr Cecil Chapman shows slides of a recent visit to Russia.

Jan 11 Parish New Years Party

Feb. 8

Mar 8. Mrs de Vere Green gives an illustrated lecture on fans, on which she is a recognised expert

Come to the first, and bring your friends, on Thursday 12th October at 8 pm.

PERSONALIA

Congratulations and warmest good wishes to James Hampden Parker and Sally Leader, who married in Cornwall in September. They set out now for Lusaka where James is engaged in nutritional research. We also send very best wishes to John May and Susan Castell, to be married here on 21 October. John has recently won another motor cycling gold medal. He was chief points scorer for the British Team in a fine performance in the International Six Day Trial in Sweden, finishing third (in spite of being amateur) behind professional Czech and East German teams.

We congratulate Penelope Simmons who has passed her final examinations in Quantity Surveying, the only girl among some hundreds of men!

Miss Harcourt Clarke is now home, though alas with the problems of painful movement not really solved.

Neil Fish is slowly getting more mobile again.

Many will remember Mrs Lillian Fitch, once with her husband at Hydestile Hospital Lodge, later in Cherryhurst when she was a member at Church and Women's Fellowship. She died in Haslemere Nursing Home in mid September.

FIRST BIRTHDAY OF SUNDAY CLUB

Sunday Club is having a special celebration to mark its first birthday on Saturday 14th October from 6 to 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. All members, and their parents and families, have received invitations, and others are welcome if they would like to come.

LADIES DISCUSSION GROUPS

Tuesday at The Rectory 10.30 - 11.30 am

Wednesdays at Longacre, New Road 10.30 - 11.30 am

Ladies are warmly welcome at either of these weekly groups. Some new members have joined recently, and others too may like to come and explore. Mrs Thompson (Wormley 2753) or Mrs Bolton (Wormley 2748) would gladly give more information. Or just come!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship reopens after the summer holiday break on Thursday 26th October at 3 pm. It is held on the fourth Thursday of each month, in the home of Mrs Eorothea Ellingson, by her kind invitation. The speaker at this first meeting of the Autumn session is Mrs Mary Hutchins. All ladies are most welcome.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Hambledon W.I. met in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th September. MRS CROWHURST the President conducted the business, and MRS GARDNER gave an interesting account of her visit to the H.E.C.S. Exhibition at the W.I. Headquarters, Guildford.

MR EDWARD BARFORD gave an informative talk and demonstration of Colours and Design in the home. We felt envious of the lovely materials he showed to full advantage, with contrast of colours and texture. He stressed the importance of good taste in building up the general effect, using primary and complementary colours. MRS STEELE thanked Mr Barford, and tea was served by MRS OLDHAM and MRS RODERICK.

E.G. Freemantle

N.S.P.C.C.

A film on the work of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children will be shown at Pendleton Cottage, the home of Mr and Mrs Brandon, on Thursday 26th October at 8 for 8.15pm, with a view to starting a small fund-raising committee. Coffee will be served.