

ST. PETER'S HAMBLETON

OCTOBER 1981

THE RECTOR WRITES

At just about every one of our church services one of our prayers is a prayer for our nation and those who govern us; but the prayers then are broad, simple, brief and without detail. I expect that many of us do much the same in our daily prayers at home.

As soon, however, as we begin to survey the many important issues of the day, we realise how many are the areas where we need God's guidance and overruling. The Royal Family, the choice of our leaders, the policies of our police, expenditure on arms, Northern Ireland, vandalism, the supply of teachers and their integrity, industrial relations, unemployment, legislation on religious education and on shops for pornographic literature ... all these matters and many more have a spiritual dimension; all of these concern us; all need God's overruling. Many call for our practical help. All need our prayers.

Saturday 10 October is to be a special day when several of our churches in Godalming are joining together for two extended sessions for prayer, one in the morning from 10 am to 12.30 pm, and one in the afternoon from 2.15 to 4.15 pm, in the hall of the Baptist Church in Queen Street. The Rev. Charles Campbell is presiding at the morning session, and I in the afternoon. It is hoped that many of our members will come, for as long a time as they are able to give. Some are bringing their own packed lunch (our Baptist friends are providing drinks) between the sessions. Come and pray with us then.

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CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 1981

- 2 Fri. Harvest Supper in the Village Hall
- 4 HARVEST THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon
10 am Children's Harvest Service
11 am Morning Harvest Thanksgiving
6.30 pm Evening Harvest Thanksgiving
8 pm Young People at Heath Cottage
- 5 Mon. 9.15 am Church School Harvest Service
- 11 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Holy Communion at 8 am
11 am Morning Prayer: Preacher, The Ven.
Archdeacon G.F. Grobecker, M.A.
Sunday Club
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory
- 14 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study & Prayer at
Bermonde
- 18 S. LUKE'S DAY. EIGHTEENTH AFTER TRINITY
Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm
10 am Children's Church: Mr G.M. Bolton
11 am Morning Prayer:
6.30 pm Holy Communion: Rev. Clive Cooper
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage
- 25 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Holy Communion at 8 am and 9.45 am
9.45 am Holy Communion (A.S.B.)
11 am Morning Prayer and Baptism
Sunday Club
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands
- 26 Mon. 7.45 for 8 pm Parochial Church Council
- 28 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer(Rectory)

AND IN NOVEMBER

1 ALL SAINT'S DAY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer (A.S.B.)

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

8 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, TWENTY FIRST AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am

10.50 am Remembrance Service

Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

CHURCH FLOWERS

Oct. 4 Harvest Flowers

11 Mrs E.A. Wieler

18 Mrs Hutchins and Miss Hoy

25 Mrs F.A. Paine

Nov. 1 Mr R. Williams

8 Remembrance Flowers

FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for August 1981, £285.30p.

E.F. Denny

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptisms 20 September Mark Thurston Inman
Gregory Charles Secrett

Marriage 19 September Nicholas Paul Robinson
and Amanda Jane Hill

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HARVEST BUFFET SUPPER

By way of experiment this year the Harvest Supper is to be not a sit-down meal, but a Buffet Supper, so making it possible for some of our members to move around and talk to a wider number. It is hoped that many will wear a festive hat (preferably though not necessarily of the Edwardian era) or better still fancy dress, to add to the colour of the occasion. There will be the usual entertainments from some buffoons, and some community singing. Tickets are available at the village shop at £1.35p.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Thanksgiving Services on Sunday 4 Oct.

8 am Holy Communion

10 am Children's Church Harvest Service

11 am Morning Harvest Thanksgiving, followed by Holy Communion at about 12 noon

6.30 pm Evening Harvest Service in which Young people take part.

We shall be grateful if gifts of flowers and fruit and other Harvest gifts can be brought to church by 9.30 am on the Saturday (3rd) to help our decorators. But children may like to bring their Harvest gifts at Children's Church. We give the fruit and flowers to our sick and shut-in friends afterwards.

The Church School Harvest Service is in Church on Monday 5th at 9.15 am. Parents and other friends are most welcome. Gifts brought by the children then go to Hydestile Day Hospital.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES

The fortnightly evening Bible Studies, open to all who can come, continue throughout October, at 8.15 pm on

Oct. 14 At Bermonde by kind invitation of
Ray Williams

Oct. 28 At the Rectory

OCTOBER EVENTS

On Sunday 11 October at 11 am our welcome visiting preacher will be the Ven G.F. Grobecker, M.A., who recently left the army as Assistant Chaplain General of the Forces, and is now Arch-deacon of Lynn in the Diocese of Norwich, and Bishop's adviser for Hospital Chaplaincies. He came to Hambledon once several years ago to preach, and we look forward very much to this return visit.

On October 24, the Rector's sermons will be related to the work of our great Home Missionary Society, the Church Pastoral-Aid Society, and loose collections that day will be for the work of the Society.

SUNDAY CLUB continues as usual during October, meeting in the Rectory at 11 am on October 11 and 25. There are groups for 5-8 year-olds, for 8½ to 10½ year-olds, and for over 11's; and there is also a creche where babies and toddlers will be safely cared for while parents can be at the morning service.

Sunday Club's Birthday Event is on Sat. 10 October.

AND IN NOVEMBER This is to give advance notice that Sunday 15 November is Missionary Box Opening Sunday.

WILL ALL OUR LADIES PLEASE BOOK STRAIGHT AWAY
THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER .. WOMENS DAY AT THE
RECTORY ...MORNING AND AFTERNOON.

More details later.

AND LOOKING ON INTO NEXT YEAR

Fairmile Week end House Party
12 to 14 February 1982

MR. A.J. TAYLOR has had to go into Milford Hospital following a heart attack, but though he had a further setback a few days later, he now seems to be making a good recovery. MRS WINTER has suffered a stroke for which she is being treated in the County Hospital. With them we remember also MRS VARDON (Milford Hospital), MR JACK SMITH from Wormley (Hydestile Hospital), MRS HUSBANDS and MRS CHAPMAN convalescing at home, MRS IRIS CULLIS a little better during recent days, and MRS CHARLES OLDHAM and MRS HUMPHREYS both under doctor's orders at home.

JOHN HOLDER The selfless courage with which John Holder has borne these last two years of his life is a great example to us all; and the fact that these two years at home have been essentially happy years is a great tribute to his doctor, and to his wife Lydia, as well as to his own character.

Before he came to Hambledon he had had over twenty years with the army, during the war with the Wiltshire Regt in India, N. Africa, and Italy where he was wounded, and later with the R.A.S.C. including a term in Palestine in the troubles of 1948. Since about 1965 he served with the Electricity Generating Board, latterly in charge of their depot near Dunsfold.

Here in Hambledon we specially remember his work as secretary of our Parish Council, when Anthony Wieler was Chairman. His quiet efficiency then was a help to us all.

Specially now we recall his uncomplaining cheerfulness, his thought for others, his humour even in the face of his own pains and frustrations. To Lydia, who has been such a rock throughout, and to his family we send our warmest greetings now. May God strengthen them all.

Col. E.A.S. OLDHAM lived in Chiddingfold, and 7.
was a member and former church officer there.
Latterly, however, he liked also to come to
Hambleton to join us at Morning Prayer, and we
shall miss him from his place just under the
pulpit. His death was sudden, but not entirely
unexpected. Canon Charles Oldham was a relative,
and conducted the funeral service at Chiddingfold
Parish Church. We specially remember Mrs Oldham
now in our prayers.

Following the call for help in the September
magazine, Mrs Peter Gardner has taken over
Magazine Advertisements from Mrs Pettit, and
Mr David Symonds is at present doing the assemb-
ling and stapling of the magazine while Mrs
Chapman is unwell. We are grateful to them, and
to others who also volunteered.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

Friend who have recently come to live in Hambleton
may not yet know that during the winter months
we hold an Open Evening in the Village Hall
on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8 pm. Every-
one is invited, whether a member of the church
or not. The Harvest Supper is the October event.
Then on 12 November the Parish Fellowship season
begins, when Dr Strang & Mrs Maclay show us their
slides and tell us of their experiences when
earlier this year they revisited the United
States. Book the date now and tell your friends.

N.S.P.C.C.

The annual Coffee Morning for the sale of NSPCC
Christmas Cards and presents will be at The
Cottage, the home of Mr & Mrs C.J. Wilson, on
November 4. This year an Arts and Crafts Exhibition
and Sale is planned from November 4 to 7 as well.
There will be more news next month.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship will be meeting for the commencement of a new session on Thursday 22 October at 3 pm at Ellingsons, by kind invitation of Mrs Ellingson. The meetings are held every fourth Thursday of the month, and usually consist of talks on various subjects by special guest speakers. Other activities are also included. We, as a group, would warmly welcome any ladies who are able to come and join us.

M.S.S.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Hanbledon W.I. met at the Village Hall for their September meeting on Wednesday 9th. The President Mrs Major conducted the business meeting, and four birthday posies were presented.

Mrs Mervyn Smith of the South West Surrey Community Health Council was guest speaker. She explained very clearly the functions and aims of the Council, how they provided the Voluntary Hostess Service at the new hospital which so many of us already have reason to appreciate. They answer queries and investigate complaints and try in everything to provide us with more beneficial services, but she felt the most important branch of all was Preventive Medicine.

Mrs R. Steele gave the vote of thanks, and Mrs G. Freemantle won the raffle.

Please note the annual W.I. Sale will be on Saturday 24 October, not the 17th as printed in the programme.

E.G. Freemantle