

ST PETER'S HAMBLETON : OCTOBER 1985

The Rector writes:

My dear Friends:

The leaves are beginning to turn! Forgive my preoccupation with the world of nature in these recent magazine letters but we haven't had a garden for over five years - not even a window-box!! In fact Marilyn asked the Lord for a little bit of greenery and look what He has given us!! God certainly never does things by halves.

The Autumn sees much in the world of nature withering and dying but Spring and Harvest remind us that this is a necessary part of life. Out of death comes new life. "Except a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies it abides alone but if it dies it brings forth much fruit". This of course is certainly true in the world of nature. A seed or bulb planted in the ground seems nothing until next Spring, when it blossoms into a new and beautiful life. This is also true, according to the teaching of Jesus, in regard to the Christian life and I am sure that is what He had in mind when he told us to deny ourselves, take up our Cross and follow him. Those who are prepared to lose their life for God and for others will find it but others whose whole life is self-orientated and self-centred will lose it. The Bible also tells us that this principle, which can be seen in nature, has a lot to teach us about our own physical death. "It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. Behold I tell you a mystery; the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed." In other words, for a Christian, death is not something to be feared, for out of death comes new life. Or as Jesus put it: "Because I live you too shall live."

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours sincerely

Peter Sartin.

HARVEST SUPPER : FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER AT 7pm for 7.30pm in the VILLAGE HALL : PLEASE REMEMBER to bring your own place settings. There are still a few tickets available in the Village Shop. You will need plates for soup, main course and sweet, plus cutlery.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Oct. 4 7 00 for 7.30 pm HARVEST SUPPER in the
VILLAGE HALL

Oct. 6 HARVEST THANKSGIVING

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion
10 00 am Family Service
12 00 noon Shortened Form of Holy Communion
6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Oct. 13 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

Oct. 15 PCC MEETING AT THE RECTORY

Oct. 20 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion
10 00 am Children's Church
11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)
6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Oct. 23 8 15 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
AT THE RECTORY

Oct. 27 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

(Clocks go back one hour!!)

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

AND IN NOVEMBER

Nov. 3 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion
10 00 am Family Service
12 00 noon Shortened Form of Holy Communion
6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Nov. 6 8 15 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER AT THE
RECTORY

Nov. 10 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8 00 am Holy Communion
10 50 am REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

AT 9 00 am EACH SATURDAY MORNING WE MEET AT THE RECTORY FOR
PRAYER : TO PRAY FOR OUR PARISH AND FOR THE NEEDS OF THE
WORLD.

CHURCH FLOWERS : Oct. 6 HARVEST THANKSGIVING
13 Ray & Pat Williams
20 Mrs E Secrett
27 Mrs A Stedall

CHURCH CLEANING: Oct. 4/5 Mrs V Stevens
11/12 Mrs S Bolton
18/19 Mrs B Major/Miss A Disney
25/26 Mrs J de Berniere-Smart/
Mrs R Arden-White.

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for August 1985 : £260.34 : E F Denny.

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptisms : September 1 Charles Alexander d'Anyers Willis
" 8 Roland Stuart George Partis
" 15 Frederick Hugh Donato d'Eugemia
Weddings : " 7 Stephen John Clarke and
Sarah Louise Mabley
" 14 Ronald James Cole and
Elizabeth Louise Spackman
Funeral " 12 Fanny Lily Jeffery

Many congratulations to Jeanette Aldridge of Stepaside, who recently organised a very successful Jumble Sale which raised £389.00 for the Save the Children Fund.

Our prayers and good wishes to Mrs Heather Sauli who is in St Luke's Hospital, Guildford, following an operation.

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Mrs Audrey Oldham of Chiddingfold who died recently at Mount Alvernia Hospital. Both Mrs Oldham and her husband were worshippers at the 11 00 am service at Hambledon. A service of thanksgiving and interment at Chiddingfold Parish Church was held on Friday 27 September.

MRS FANNY JEFFERY

Fanny Jeffery was one of the best known and most loved of all Hambledon residents. She was born in Ripley in 1900 but came to Hambledon as a young woman and worked as cook to the Mellersh family until she married Bert, who was gardener at Hambledon Hurst for over fifty years, first for Mrs Van Gruisen and later for her grandson, Winton Dean.

We all have happy memories of Fanny but we think of her mostly when we go to the Village Hall, where she spent so many hours in the kitchen. She provided teas for the WI meetings for over 50 years, she made soup for the Harvest Suppers and she organised refreshments for whist drives and many other activities. We are glad to have a photograph of her in the Village Scrapbook, taken when she was working in the kitchen; the room still seems empty without her.

She will be missed by all of us but chiefly by her family, to whom we extend our deep sympathy.

HAMBLEDON NURSERY SCHOOL

Plans for the purchase of the Nursery School are going ahead and a further full report will appear in the November magazine.

THE CHURCHYARD

When graves are cleared of dead flowers etc. and placed in the rubbish area for burning, the Churchwardens would be grateful if all plastic containers, wire frames and old basis blocks are taken home to be disposed of as these

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items will not burn. The bonfire area has recently been cleaned up and great quantities of plastic, wire and soggy oasis blocks have been taken to the local refuse dump. We would appreciate your help in this matter.

FORTNIGHTLY BIBLE STUDY IN THE RECTORY

The meeting held fortnightly for Bible Study and Prayer started after the summer break on Wednesday 25 September. The study is on St Paul's Epistle to the Romans and commences at 8.15 pm. All are most warmly invited but please note that there will be no meeting on Wednesday October 9 as it is felt that many will wish to attend the meeting being held in the Village Hall that evening. (See under W.A.G. on page 8).

HAMELEDON YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

During the past year the Youth Fellowship has been growing in numbers and in our knowledge of and love for the Lord. The beginning of the year saw a change of Committee and Tim, Sarah and Geoff were replaced by Caroline, Andy and Keith. Under their guidance the Group has seen some changes and new ideas. The regular Sunday meetings have varied from week to week. In the initial stages we began to follow a course examining the basics of our faith. Firstly, to become a group that cares, learning to be open and honest with each other and to help each other in times of need. Secondly, we went on to look at what we as Christians believe in, from God to the Resurrection of the Body and Life Everlasting. We have been fortunate to have been led by many different people on these topics to whom we give our sincere thanks. Other topics undertaken include looking at Sin, Drama Workshops, Meditations and Group Bible Studies. As well as the formal meetings we have arranged various social gatherings which have included a meal out, a trip to the Royal Albert Hall, Concerts and Barbeques.

Other major events for various parts of the Group have been:

The Boating Holiday: On July 20 an intrepid group of twenty members of the Youth Fellowship set out to spend a week on the Norfolk Broads. We had three boats which slept 8, 6 and 6 people. After a few mishaps (i.e. crashes!) we soon got the hang of sailing (?) them. During the week we were able to see a large section of the Broads, its wildlife and vegetation. Days were passed in travelling from place to place, generally stopping for lunch and in the early evening to moor for the night. At night we had a meeting to praise the Lord and to have a time of fellowship together. A description of this kind

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cannot even begin to do justice to all the things we did and all the fun we had. The main thing about the holiday was how we drew together as a fellowship and learned to appreciate and love God more.

Lee Abbey Summer Camp: As has become customary over the last few years, several members of the Youth Fellowship spent two weeks of August at the Lee Abbey Summer Camp in North Devon. Although the weather was not what we desired (mud, rain and more mud!) the holiday will be remembered for far better things. As well as forging many new friendships and enjoying the fellowship of God's people, we all learned more about the Lord's wonderful love for each one of us and his unconditional acceptance of us. The fortnight will obviously be remembered by the 120 campers for different reasons, each with their own personal step forward in their relationship with God; but one thing that will be remembered by all is the love which surrounded that camp field.....

Greenbelt '85

Greenbelt is a huge Christian arts festival entertaining upwards of 20,000 Young people. There were main concerts in the evening and talks, drama and more music throughout the day. At times it was brilliant and at times God was hard to find. I think most of us were challenged by a Franciscan Monk who spoke about prayer in three seminars. The whole tent where he spoke oozed serenity, peace of mind and humility. Even without speaking he called me to a closer walk with the Lord. His words were very powerful and useful. The disappointing times included non-Christian bands and personally the talk at the Sunday Morning Communion Service, where a chance to unite 20,000 young Christians of all denominations was sadly missed. My personal highlight was an evening concert by Phil Bailey who showed what a Christian concert is all about - he led the crowd in worship more than performing and yet at the same time used his amazing vocal talents to glorify God. That's what Christian art is all about.....

These are some personal accounts of what people have thought of these events. I am sure there are many other things that I have forgotten but each one has played an important part in the growth of the Hambledon Youth Fellowship.

Caroline Atkins

PARCELS FOR UGANDA

Warm thanks are due to all the kind people who have been knitting vests for babies and young children in Uganda. A parcel recently sent out has contained 35 vests and some clothes. Other parcels that have been sent to Kisiizi Hospital have also contained medical supplies. This Hospital is one of the hospitals supported by the Rwanda Mission which has been supported by this parish for a number of years. The Rwanda Mission annual conference is being held at Swanwick in Derbyshire from November 22-24. Some Hambledon people are intending to be present and a warm welcome is extended to others. There are usually 350 people present and the main speaker this year is Bishop Festo Kivengere (well known on both sides of the Atlantic). He had a remarkable escape from Amin at the time when Archbishop Luwum was murdered.

Jack Symonds

OAKHURST COTTAGE

The first "season" for Oakhurst Cottage will come to an end at the end of October and the cottage will re-open at the Easter weekend on 29 March 1986. The National Trust are very satisfied with the number of visitors - 873 to date. The voluntary "stewards" have enjoyed their monthly afternoons of duty - meeting people who have all shown a great deal of interest in and appreciation of, the cottage and its furnishings. The Liaison Committee, which consists of Mrs Dean, Mr & Mrs Hardy, Mrs Maclay (for the Parish Council) Mrs Anderson (for the Hambledon Society) and two members from the National Trust, have met three times to discuss progress and any problems, and they feel that the cottage has proved to be an added interest for the village and has caused virtually no disturbance. However, if anyone has got any suggestions or worries we really would like to know. From time to time there have been, and will be, groups of people visiting the cottage but these will never be allowed to become large and will still be limited to a maximum of 6 per visit to the cottage. In this connection, if at any time anyone is worried about any activity there, or even curious, please telephone Mr Hardy on Wormley 4733 who will be very pleased to answer any questions. If anyone would like to become a steward next year you would be very welcome and we are sure you would enjoy it - it's not difficult!

Elizabeth Maclay

Forthcoming events:

Friday October 4 from 7.30 - 9.30 pm and

Saturday 5 October from 10.00am - 5.00 pm. A basic course on Church growth at Haslemere Methodist Church organised by Godalming and District Action Group of the Bible Society. (Further information : Haslemere 53879).

Saturday October 5 : Sunday Club Party in the Village Hall.

Monday October 7 : at All Souls Langham Place BCMS

AUTUMN EVENT with Canon John Short - please see notice in Church porch.

Saturday October 12 : Waverley Archaeological Advisory Committee present an afternoon Symposium on the Churches in Waverley at The Court Room, Godalming Borough Hall. See Church porch for detailed programme.

Saturday October 26 : Mt Millmead Centre Guildford - The Gideons International invite you to their Friends' Evening. (Details in Church porch)

Sunday October 27 : Car Boot Sale at Hydon Hill Cheshire Home. (Further details in Church porch).

Saturday November 2 in Godalming United Church (Lammas Room) from 10.30 am to 3.00pm. Godalming's Guild of Health Day which will include talks on "What is Christian Healing" and "The Prayer of Faith" by Rev. Nick Lamb of the Bethany Fellowship. Please telephone Ruth Jervis on Wormley 3373 for further information.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP : (ex-W.I.)

A very happy afternoon was enjoyed by all of us who went to Hawthorn Cottage for our September gathering but the Quiz on Hambledon organised by Mary Parker made us realise that we were not as observant as we thought! Our next meeting on Wednesday October 9 will be an open meeting at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Mr Fred Shepherd will be showing slide tape sequences of wildlife entitled "A Countryman's Camera". Entry will be 25p which will include coffee and biscuits. Everyone will be welcome, so please come and bring your husbands and friends for what will certainly be a very enjoyable evening.

Brenda Gardner

Ed. Note: Many thanks to all who have contributed to this month's magazine. It has not been possible to include everything and the contribution by the Youth Fellowship does not include the account of their Houseparty held recently at Elm Tree Farm in Kent. This will appear in the November issue.