

ST PETER'S CHURCH : HAMBLEDON  
OCTOBER 1986

The Rector writes:

My dear Friends

I have been struck recently by how much attention has been given on radio and television and in the press to occult practices, witchcraft, etc. A very high percentage of women in Western Germany we are told have some contact with spiritualism. Many people in our own country have, or have had such contacts, albeit in fun at parties and so on. My own experience in these matters has led me to believe that they are highly dangerous and can lead to disastrous results both for the people concerned and their families, resulting in bondage of body, mind and spirit. Unfortunately even Christian people get involved in these matters because superficially they seem to be good. The Devil is the master of the counterfeit and we need to be aware of his devices as our Lord Himself warns us. Paul tells us in Ephesians 6:12 that "We are not fighting against human beings but against the wicked spiritual forces in the heavenly world; the rulers, authorities and cosmic powers of this dark age". How do these wicked spiritual forces manifest themselves to-day? Let me name a few: psychic phenomena; metaphysics; mind science; horoscopes; palm reading; seances; mediums; ouija boards and tarot cards; pornography; clairvoyance ..... the list is enormous and one could go on.

If someone has been involved in these things what action should they take? First there should be renunciation and repentance. The reason for this is that involvement in these kinds of things is expressly forbidden by God. Leviticus 19:26/28; 31; and 20:6. Deuteronomy 18:9-14. Isaiah 8:19. Leviticus 20:27. 1 Chronicles 10:13. 2 Chronicles 33:6. Isaiah 8:19. and these are but a few of the scriptures. We see this kind of renunciation amongst those who turned to Christ through the preaching of Paul in Acts 19:19. Having done this and told God we are sorry for our disobedience, we need to put our faith in the fact that Christ died on the cross "to destroy the works of the Devil", 1 John 3:8. and to claim cleansing and forgiveness through the blood of Jesus. /.....

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I have found that such action taken by those who have been involved in any of these activities, however innocently, has led to a release of spiritual power in their lives.

A big subject which I have only been able to touch on briefly; however, if anyone reading this is concerned in any way, I would be delighted to speak further with you if you would care to give me a ring. Jesus said that these things would increase in "the last days" and certainly many to-day are in bondage because of them even if unwittingly.

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN

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CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptisms:

September 7 Joanna Lorna Hedley  
September 14 Rosanna Tennant Major  
September 21 Danica Margaret Stonehill

Wedding:

September 6 Frederick Harris and  
Alexandra Watts

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FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for August 1986 : £496.68 : Edric Hardy

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CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

October 5 Harvest Flowers  
12  
19 Ray & Pat Williams  
26 Mrs Joan Hassard-Short

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CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

October 3/4 Mrs Virginia Stevens  
10/11 Mrs Rosemary Arden-White and  
Mrs Jean de Berniere-Smart  
17/18 Mrs Pat Williams  
24/25 Mrs Joan Hassard-Short  
31/1 Mrs Rae Taylor and  
Nov. Diana Taylor

# CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 1986

Oct. 3 7.30 for 8 00pm HARVEST SUPPER: IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Oct. 5 19TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY : HARVEST THANKSGIVING

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)

11 00 am Family Service - Dss. Pauline Green  
(followed by coffee at the Rectory)

12 30 pm Holy Communion (1662)

6 30 pm Evening Praise - Dss. Pauline Green

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

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

Oct. 12 20TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)

11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662) : The Rev. John  
F Sartin

(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)

6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB) : The Rev. John  
F Sartin

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

(The Rector will be preaching in St Mark's  
Versailles)

Oct. 19 21ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)

10 00 am Children's Church

11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)

6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Oct. 22 8 15 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER  
AT THE RECTORY

Oct. 26 22ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

(Clocks go back one hour!)

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)

11 00 am Holy Communion (ASB) - a preacher from  
Tear Fund

(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)

6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB) - a preacher from  
Tear Fund

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

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AND IN NOVEMBER :

Nov. 2 23RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)

11 00 am Family Service

(followed by coffee at the Rectory)

12 30 pm Holy Communion (1662)

6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662): 7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Nov. 5 8 15 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER AT THE RECTORY

Nov. 9 24TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY : REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)

10 50 am SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)

6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)

7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Oct. 3 Harvest Supper in the Village Hall  
7 30 for 8 pm. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR PLACE SETTINGS for starter, main course and pudding. Tickets are now available from the Village Shop and the price is £2.00. Get your tickets early - the numbers are limited to 112.

Oct. 4 am Church decorating for Harvest.

Oct. 5 HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES - see Calendar for October for details.

Oct. 7 8.00pm Chandler Middle School, Roke Lane, Witley; Cathedral meeting - please see September magazine for full details.

Oct. 9 7 30 pm in Village Hall : Fred Shepherd on the South Downs Way.

Oct. 14 COFFEE MORNING and Bring & Buy with Cake and Produce Stall at Aran Lodge from 10.30 - 12 noon in aid of Shaftesbury Homes and Arethusa Training Ship.

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Oct. 23 8.00pm Annual Meeting of the Bible Society in  
Godalming Library.

Oct. 24/ Plant Sale at Cricket Green Stores in aid of the  
25 Bible Society.

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Miss Edie Burr has now moved from a local retirement home  
to: Imber Rest Home  
19 Kingsbridge Road  
Lower Parkstone  
Poole, Dorset.

where she will be quite close to her brother and other  
relatives.

When Edie lived in Salt Lane, Hydestile she was for many years  
a regular worshipper at St Peter's Church and missed the  
services very much when she became very deaf and lame and had  
to give up her home.

Our good wishes go with her in her new life in Poole.

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#### PERSONALIA

Many congratulations to James and Sally Parker on the birth  
of their son - Eric John - born on 15th September; a welcome  
first grandson for Hampden and Mary.

We shall very much miss Millicent Husbands at St Peter's for  
she has been a regular worshipper with us for many years;  
we are pleased that she has been able to finalise arrangements  
to move from Milford to live nearer to her daughter in  
Leicestershire and send to her our love and prayers for a  
very happy future.

Anne Roe is back home again from hospital following an  
operation and we send her our good wishes in her convalescence.  
Our sympathy goes to Sally Falk and her family on the recent  
death of Sally's father.

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#### SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

Jeanette Aldridge and her helpers raised the magnificent  
total of £400. for this very worthy cause at the jumble sale  
held in Godalming on Saturday 20 September. Jeanette wishes  
to thank all who responded so wonderfully in the supply of  
jumble - the next sale is in February 1987 and jumble can

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be left at Stepside, Petworth Road at any time. Also at Stepside on Friday 31 October there will be a Coffee Day and Bring-and-Buy with the sale of cards and gifts plus a raffle - all in aid of the Save the Children Fund from 10.00am until 4.00pm.

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#### THERE'S ANOTHER KIND OF FAMINE

This Autumn, Scripture Union launches a major initiative to reach an increased number of children and young people for Christ, to try and combat the spiritual famine which exists in this country. Seven evenings in the South-East are being held in November and December led by the Rev. David Cohen, SU's new General Director, and a team of SU staff and volunteers. It will include a time of worship and prayer. These events will be relevant to the young person who wants to know what can be done to reach his or her contemporaries. Parents will want to know what is being planned to help their children and young people face the many new pressures of recent years. Grandparents too will be keen to learn how to pray effectively for their grandchildren. The nearest location for this event is Woking Centre Halls. Please put this date in your diaries - November 7th.

Rosemary Arden-White

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#### THE BIBLE SOCIETY

##### Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of friends and supporters of the Bible Society in the Godalming Area will be held at 8pm in the Library Hall, Godalming, on Thursday 23rd October. There will be an audio-visual presentation entitled "Land of 700 tongues" about the work of the Bible Society in Papua/New Guinea. There will also be a time of worship and praise led by a number of Church Music Groups (Including Hambledon). Please continue the tradition of strong Hambledon support for this event. Contact me if you require transport (Dunsfold 315).

##### Autumn Plant Sale

A plant sale of perennial plants will be held outside Cricket Green Stores (by kind permission of Ray and Patrick Williams) on Friday 24th October from 9.00am and Saturday morning 25th October. A number of people have

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kindly agreed to donate plants and I shall be pleased to hear from others. Do come and see what we have to offer.

#### Other Fund Raising

I am pleased to report that £33.25 has been sent from Hambledon to the Godalming & District Bible Society Action Group being proceeds of the sale of garden produce (some of it sold at Cricket Green Stores) and junk collected from garage and attic (sold at Baverstock's). These small but valuable initiatives may prompt others to think and act themselves to raise funds for the Bible Society.  
EVERY LITTLE HELPS!

Peter Harvey

#### AND THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN :-

The work of the Bible Society in Mexico not only involves the production of Scriptures for those who have lost their homes and possessions. It also means bringing the Word of God to those who are deprived in other ways.

As an example: There are more than 400,000 speakers of the MAYA language in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. The Maya New Testament has already been published and it has been received with great joy and enthusiasm, but the Maya speakers are eagerly awaiting the great day when they will have a whole Bible for themselves.

And that day is not far off! Translation work will be completed within the next few months and the Bible will be printed at the beginning of 1987. One Maya lady told a translator, "I am so happy that I won't die before I've had the opportunity of reading the whole Bible, both Old and New Testaments".

So not only your gifts but also your prayers are very much needed, especially for those people who are reading the Scriptures for the first time in a language that they can understand.

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#### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

It is good to have Dorothea Ellingson back with us again after her spell in hospital. The next meeting of the Fellowship will be held at Ellingsons on Thursday Oct. 23rd at 3pm when we look forward to a visit from Mrs Nancy Morris who is coming to tell us about her experiences in India.

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Brenda Gardner

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

Our September meeting was held in the comfort of Brenda Maclachlan's home and while the sun shone outside, we enjoyed an afternoon of flowers inside when Jill Fry showed us her beautiful slides, some of lesser known varieties but many to be found in our own gardens and hedgerows.

The next meeting is on Thursday October 9th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Fred Shepherd will be showing slide tape sequences of the South Downs Way. This is an OPEN MEETING for everyone and all will be welcome. Please come and bring your friends.

Entry will be 25p. which will include refreshments.

Brenda Gardner

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A further communication from the DHSS:

MOBILITY ALLOWANCE

Mobility allowance is a weekly cash benefit paid to you if you are unable or virtually unable to walk. It is intended to help with extra transport costs but you do not have to spend it in any particular way.

You can apply for it if you are aged five or over and under 66. If you are already 65, you will have to show that you could have qualified for the allowance before you were 65. If your physical condition is such that you are unable, or virtually unable to walk out of doors, you may qualify for this allowance.

If you would like to have more information dial 100 and ask for Freefone DHSS or ring your local office and ask for leaflet NI 211.

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PRIDE OF THE PARISH : A Seminar on Creative 'Maps'

Saturday 15 November 1986 at the Martineau Hall, Dorking Halls, Dorking, Surrey.

Organised by Surrey Voluntary Service Council in association with the Surrey County Association of Parish and Town Councils.

Please see the leaflet regarding this event which is pinned to the notice board in the church porch.