

ST PETER'S CHURCH \* HAMBLETON \* OCTOBER 1987

The Rector writes:

My dear Friends

On 20 September our Church was packed for the service to celebrate Ted Elton's fiftieth anniversary of his ordination. It was also thirty years almost to the day that he was instituted as Rector of Hambleton and Canon Charles Oldham, who was acting that day for the Archdeacon, also took part in the celebratory service. The weather was, for once, absolutely marvellous, and the lunch party afterwards at Feathercombe was enjoyed by everybody. Our thanks to Patrick and his helpers who provided a superb lunch, and to Mary Parker and Muriel Campbell and their families who provided the idyllic background. Ted has given a very generous gift to the Church to mark the occasion, and we are using this to provide a cruet and new linen for the Communion Table, which is much needed.

On the same weekend some forty of our young people went on a houseparty to the Isle of Wight, staying at the Crusader Union holiday centre of Westbrook. The weekend was led by the Rev. Kim Swithinbank from All Souls Langham Place, and proved both successful and spiritually profitable.

We look forward to our Harvest Services and a visit from Mr Stephen Clarke, one of the directors of Christian Outreach, who is to be our preacher at both morning and evening services. Christian Outreach is a work that we support and our offerings throughout the day will be devoted to this cause. You probably know that Felicity Arden-White, who is a nurse, is out in Thailand working with Christian Outreach. She has been very sick recently with a rare tropical fever, but we are glad to hear that she has recovered and will soon be back working with the orphan children in her area. The Harvest Festival Services are on Sunday October 4th: do come along and give your support.

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The Harvest Supper is on October 2nd in the Village Hall and I shall look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN

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CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 1987

Oct. 2 7 30 for 8 00pm HARVEST SUPPER IN THE VILLAGE HALL

(please bring your own place settings for soup, main course and sweet)

Oct. 4 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
HARVEST THANKSGIVING  
SUNDAY CLUB TENTH ANNIVERSARY

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)

11 00am FAMILY SERVICE

6 30pm Evening Prayer (1662)

7 45pm Youth Fellowship

(The speaker at morning and evening services will be Mr Stephen Clarke of Christian Outreach and collections throughout the day will be devoted to this cause).

Oct. 7 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER AT THE RECTORY

Oct. 11 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)

11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)

: followed by Holy Communion

(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)

6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)

7 45pm Youth Fellowship

Oct. 18 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)

10 00am Children's Church

11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)

6 30pm Evening Prayer (ASB)

7 45pm Youth Fellowship

Oct. 21 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER AT THE RECTORY

Oct. 25 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
 (Clocks go BACK ONE HOUR!!!)  
 8 00am Holy Communion (1662)  
 11 00am Holy Communion (1662)  
 (Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)  
 6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)  
 7 45pm Youth Fellowship

AND IN NOVEMBER .....

Nov. 1 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
 8 00am Holy Communion (1662)  
 11 00am FAMILY SERVICE  
 6 30pm Evening Prayer (1662)  
 7 45pm Youth Fellowship

Nov. 2 7 45 for 8 00pm PCC MEET AT THE RECTORY

Nov. 8 TWENTYFIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY  
 8 00am Holy Communion (1662)  
 10 50am SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE  
 (Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)  
 6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)  
 7 45pm Youth Fellowship

Nov. 9 8 00pm Missionary Committee meet at  
 the Rectory

Nov. 11 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER  
 AT THE RECTORY

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CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Oct. 4 HARVEST FLOWERS  
 11 WEDDING FLOWERS  
 18 Pat Williams  
 25 WEDDING FLOWERS

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

Oct. 2/3 Pat Williams  
 9/10 Dorothy Newell  
 16/17 Joan Hardy/Brenda Gardner  
 23/24 Olive Roderick/Joan Lee  
 30/31 Joan Hassard-Short



### CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptism \* 6th September \* Jonathan Philip VACHER

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### FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for August 1987 \*£493.61 : Edric Hardy

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### PERSONALIA

Mrs Gladys Peer recently suffered a mishap in her car but we were pleased to hear that she was only detained in hospital overnight with minor cuts and bruises. Faith Denny has now regained her independence and is mobile again on four wheels. Mrs Dora Dean is now home again following hospital treatment.

Sam Parker, Mark Bishop and Clare Ridsdale-Smith have now all taken up residence in Guildford. We shall miss them at Hambledon and thank them for their support in the past

The Bible Studies for Ladies have now recommenced following the summer break; 10 30 on Tuesdays at Dennys and 10.30 on Wednesdays at Little Woodlands.

Kit Wilson is shortly moving from Hambledon to London and we send to him our good wishes for the future.

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### RWANDA MISSION SUNDAY :13th SEPTEMBER

This turned out to be a very special Sunday for us. We were fortunate to have as our deputation preacher the Rev. David Vail, the General Secretary of the Rwanda Mission, who had recently returned from a visit to that country. He had been born and educated in Kenya and in later years had been in charge of a church in Versailles and so had been a neighbour of our Rector. He gave us a graphic and stimulating account of the work of the Mission in the three countries which it serves, Rwanda, Burundi and S.W. Uganda. He told us of the origin of the Mission - how two young doctors in 1921 were called

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to commence medical and evangelistic work in those countries of need. We heard of the way in which Uganda was recovering after all the years of strife and bloodshed, of how Rwanda was prospering and of the recent Coup d'Etat in Burundi and of the challenge facing the church. He closed his address by telling us of a visit he made, as a young man, to see his friend, John Sharp, son of one of the founders of the Mission; he was challenged at that time and came into the experience of knowing Christ as his personal Saviour. This is what "Mission" is all about he said.

There was a Parish tea party at the Rectory in the afternoon at which David enlarged about the work and Wendy Arden-White, who now works in the Rwanda office, spoke about her recent visit to Rwanda.

The service in the evening to a full church of mainly young people followed similar lines as in the morning, with David giving another challenging message. The collection for the day came to a record amount of £230. Later David spoke at King Edward's School where his son and two daughters were educated.

Jack Symonds

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It was good to see Simon Mabley in church recently; we are pleased that he found time to write something for the 'mag' :

Being in the unusual position of coming to England for a holiday, I thought that I would write a few impressions of what it is like to visit this country.

I was warned before I left that England would seem a lush and green wonderland in comparison with brown, dry Pakistan, so it came as no surprise to find that it was just as grey and rainy as I remembered! As we drove home from the airport I began to realise that what England really lacks is excitement of the type that gets the adrenalin pumping at full speed. I don't remember once wondering whether the car brakes were up to scratch and my father was very careful

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about obeying all the red traffic lights - not even once using the horn!! We arrived home to a house that as usual appeared to have shrunk although, according to most people, it's more a question of me expanding (upwards if not outwards!), and to the most enormous cat I have ever seen; I quickly remembered who was really the head of our household!

For the month before I came home I was travelling in the north of Pakistan which hasn't quite yet got itself geared up for the tourist trade. The standard joke each evening before supper would be "Well, we can order whatever we like just so long as it is either bread, rice or lentils" - not a particularly funny joke even then. So, like many another visitor to Pakistan before, I came back with a complaint commonly known as 'terminal hunger'. The variety of food available here is amazing, and three weeks isn't really enough to eat all the things I've been dreaming about for the past year. Whether a food is 'in season' or not seems to do no more than adjust the price, whereas in Pakistan if they don't grow it you can't eat it.

So tomorrow I'll return to a world of dust, heat and fans; having been perhaps the only Englishman to really appreciate this wet and dismal summer.

Simon Mabley



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WANTED : A MAN, OR BETTER STILL, MEN!

The Church Music Group, as our special events singers are called, will be starting work later this month on the Christmas music. About 6 practices are planned between now and 25th December, so it will not be a very great strain on anyone's time.

Practices take place in the Church on Thursdays at 8.00pm and the dates provisionally arranged are:

October 22, November 5 and 19, December 3, 10 and 17.

We are always keen to see new faces and a special welcome

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will be extended to any new singers to join the group. We are particularly short of men - especially basses - as we lost two of our regulars in the last year. Christmas music is perhaps the finest in the Church's musical calendar, tuneful, simple and joyous.

So, why not join us? We do not take ourselves and our abilities too seriously, but, with a little practice, we can produce what the Psalmist described as "a joyful noise unto the Lord". A well known conductor once said that for singing to be satisfying, it must also be fun. That is our aim.

Just one final thought. In the evenings, the Church is filled with young people and the singing is superb at times. But, where are they all, apart from Sunday evenings? Surely this is one occasion when the 1662's and the ASB's can combine to make music together and to raise the standard of worship to even greater heights.

Come on, you young folk. Us oldies won't last for ever and we do need your help. In total, we want no more than 9 hours of your time between now and Christmas. Is that too much to ask?

Anyone wanting more details should ring Peter Gardner (Wormley 2158) or Paddy Newel (Wormley 3057).

See you on 22nd October? Please?

Paddy Newel

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#### HAMBLEDON VILLAGE COOKBOOK

Several week's ago leaflets were delivered throughout the village inviting people to write out their favourite recipes which would then be printed as Hambledon's own cookery book and sold in aid of the Village Hall Extension.



So far there has been rather a poor response and very few recipes have been left at the village shop. Do please help to get this project off the ground and write out your favourite recipe and leave it at the village shop - should you require a printed form these are available at the shop.

Elizabeth Brockman

#### VILLAGE HALL

Hambledon Village Hall Grand Summer Draw took place on 1st September when quite a number of people 'swam or paddled' to the Hall to see 106 prizes distributed to a good spread of local winners. Nearly everyone in the village must have been asked to buy tickets and the result, when costs of printing and prizes had been deducted, was a surplus of just over £450 to help the Extension Fund. Thank you.

Other fund raising activities have been a 60's Night, organised by Carol Davis (over £60); a Tramps' Supper by Anne and Ron Vicery (over £90); and on 31st October Hilary Morrison and Cynthia Miller are presiding over a Halloween Fun Evening.

The results of the applications for grants will not be known until early next year but even if full aid is given, it will still leave £11,000 to be raised by the Village Hall Committee.

Mic Coleman

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#### FETE IN '88

At the Fete in '88 on 9th July, there will be a PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION. Anyone living in the village, including New Road, Wormley Hill and Hydestile, can enter and there will be classes for Under 16 years of age and Over 16. The theme is to be scenes of Hambledon through the year and an entry will consist of 4 colour, or black and white photographs taken between now and July 2nd next year. The set of photographs, with or without titles, to be put in an envelope with your name, address and class, and left or sent to Cricket Green Stores on or before 2nd July. They will be mounted and put on display for the Fete with prior judging by two people from outside the village. There will be prizes for winners and runners-up in each class. All entries will be returned after the 9th July.

Another form of competition you may wish to start preparing for is a Flower and Vegetable Show. We have not yet decided on the classes but they will be of a

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general nature (i.e. 6 blooms of any herbaceous garden plant or indoor pot plant) to allow as many people as possible to enter.

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Mic Coleman



HALLOWEEN FUN EVENING

HAMBLEDON VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER FROM 8.00pm TO 12 MIDNIGHT

DISCO / SUPPER AND BAR

TICKETS ON SALE AT THE VILLAGE SHOP \* PRICE £3.00

Held in aid of the Village Hall Extension Fund

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THE INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHIC SCIENCES

A reminder about the Institute's Open Day on Saturday 17 October from 11.00am to 5.00pm. Something to

interest all ages but remember if you are under the age of 16 years, you must be accompanied by an adult.

Further information regarding the Open Day can be obtained from;

The Open Day Office

Institute of Oceanographic Sciences

Deacon Laboratory

Brook Road

Wormley GU8 5UB (Wormley 4141)

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MILFORD AND VILLAGES DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY

CAN YOU HELP US? DO YOU NEED OUR HELP?

Since July 1986 there has been a flourishing Day Centre for the Elderly in Milford. It is located in the Scout Hut in New Road and every Wednesday more than forty senior citizens arrive there for companionship, various craft activities, and to be entertained by a wide selection of speakers. Less than one year after opening its doors the Centre has extended its services to the community by opening on Thursdays as well as Wednesdays.

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Many of those who use the Centre are collected in the Centre's minibus or by volunteer drivers; others make their own way to the Scout Hut. When they reach the Centre more volunteers welcome them with coffee and make them comfortable. Lunch is available and refreshments are served throughout the day.

Unless you have been to the Centre you will not have experienced the atmosphere and it is a difficult thing to put into words, but I will try! It is one of infectious enthusiasm, generated by both voluntary helpers and users; there is hope, satisfaction, a sense of being involved in a worthwhile project; optimism abounds, friendships develop, and there is happiness.

To continue to provide the standard of service offered, more volunteers are needed for driving users to and from the Centre and to help at the Centre in various ways. Whether you can help once a month or every week we would like to hear from you. Telephone Godalming 7448 or 29290, or call at the Centre for an informal chat and look around.

If you are interested in using the Centre yourself or know of an elderly person who would like to attend, please call the Organiser on Godalming 7448, and remember that transport may be available.

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#### A PARABLE FOR OUR TIMES

Extracted from a Parish News Sheet whilst on holiday!

"The hot air balloon got off the ground this year, a most impressive sight, but even so a gusty and unpredictable wind prevented the hoped for free flight at the end of the afternoon. The Cadet Band made an impressive sight and sound; but what will live on in most people's memories is the sheepdog demonstration. The very limited space hemmed in by a noisy and excited crowd was bound to be unsettling for both the sheep and the dog. The sheep themselves, locally bred, had just returned from the County Show having won their class and were a headstrong

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lot, full of their own importance, even daring to threaten the sheepdog! At one point they broke through the ring of spectators and stallholders and in the ensuing confusion even got into the changing rooms. But in the end the patience and skill of the shepherd and his dog restored order to the seeming chaos and the sheep were safely penned.

"It was all a far cry from "One Man and his Dog", and even farther from the traditional picture of the Good Shepherd and the Lost Sheep, but how true to our times. We are a headstrong and self-opinionated lot and we live our lives at a hectic pace in a confused and distracted world. Few seem to hear or heed the quiet words of the Good Shepherd, and yet against all the odds His love and goodness, His patience and persistence, can win the day."

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#### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting will be at Ellingsons at 3.0pm on October 22nd when we look forward to a return visit from Mrs Nancy Morris.

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#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

It was obvious that Mrs Jill Fry is attuned to nature and enjoyed telling us about the plants and wildlife while she showed us slides of the various aspects through the seasons on Thursley Common. Things that only grow and live in this area make us the envy of our European neighbours. How little we appreciate the "gems of nature" that are actually on our doorstep and how much we miss by taking it all so much for granted.

Thank you Mrs Fry for making us more aware of the beautiful things around us in such an interesting way and for coming to us at such short notice.

Mrs Sally Chambers was unable to give us the cookery demonstration as planned; we wish Sally a speedy

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recovery to full health and hope to see her at a later date.

Do come and join us on Wednesday October 14th at 2.30pm for the Open Day at the Deacon Laboratory of the Institute of Oceanographic Sciences where we have arranged to visit as a Group. Gentlemen are invited on this occasion but as it is a pre-booked party, please let Hilary Morrison know on Wormley 2529 if you wish to come and if you need transport.

Joan Hardy

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#### THE BREAD OF LIFE

God has provided.

The crops have grown and we have the food we need.  
The rain and the sunshine have done their work.  
So, also, has God's Word.

Good Lord amidst our abundance help us to be ever mindful of the needs of others.

The Lord says:

"Come everyone who is thirsty- here is water!  
Come, you that have no money- buy corn and eat!  
Come! Buy wine and milk- it will cost you nothing!  
Why spend money on what does not satisfy?  
Why spend your wages and still be hungry?  
Listen to me and do what I say, and you will enjoy  
the best food of all.

"My word is like the snow and the rain that come down  
from the sky to water the earth.

They make the crops grow and provide seed for sowing  
and food to eat.

So also will be the word that I speak- it will not  
fail to do what I plan for it; it will do  
everything I send it to do."

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STOP PRESS!!! Welcome to Hambledon's latest baby -  
Sarah Helen, born to Julie and Keith Abery of  
4 Grange Terrace on 23 August and now safely at home.