

ST PETER'S CHURCH * HAMBLEDON * OCTOBER 1988

My dear Friends

There are a number of things I would like to bring to your notice this month:

First, a big thank-you to Don Smith and his doughty helpers for all the stirring work they have done in keeping the churchyard neat and tidy. It really has been a joy this year to approach the church and walk through the churchyard. This is a large task and I know further helpers are always needed.

Second, confirmation classes begin on Sunday November 13th at 5.15pm. There will be five classes November/December and five or so classes in the New Year. Anyone interested in being confirmed would be welcome and also anyone who would like to treat the classes as a refresher course. Please could you let me have your name if you would like to attend.

Third, to introduce to you our preacher for Remembrance Sunday this year. Captain Andrew Thomson R.N. who was Naval Attache in Paris while we were there. He has spent his life in the Navy and was attached to the Embassy years before when he was a young officer. At that time he sang in the church choir. The acoustics in the old church were such that with the choir arranged on either side of the aisle, it was impossible for one half to hear what the other half were singing. The choirmaster had however solved the problem by instructing each member to fix his eyes on the lips of the singer opposite. It was a system that was to have particular significance for the future, as the lady opposite Andrew was Mary who very soon afterwards became his wife! Amazing what the church can do for you!

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Andrew and Mary now live in Bentley and they have a daughter, Anne, who has attended our Youth Fellowship; they have a second daughter, Catherine, who is at King Edward's School.

Andrew was Captain of H.M.S. Resolution, Britain's first Polaris submarine. He is also a man of deep Christian conviction and has had to reconcile his Christian principles with the concept of deterrence and it is for this reason I have asked him to speak to us.

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN

CHURCH REGISTERS

Weddings :

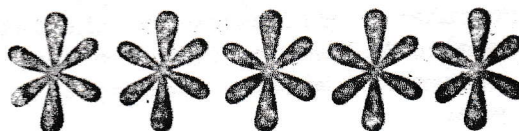
September 3 Bernard Oliver Price and
Michelle Goff

September 10 Graham Trevorrow and
Caroline Elizabeth Atkins

Funerals

September 9 Frederick Edwards

September 15 Evelyn Lily Collins



CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 1988

- October 02 18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
 8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
 11 00am FAMILY SERVICE :
 Mr Nigel Pollock
 6 30pm Evening Prayer (1662):
 The Rev. Pat Ashe
 7 45pm Youth Fellowship
- October 04 8 00pm Bible Society AGM
 Queen Street Baptist Church
- October 07 HARVEST SUPPER IN THE VILLAGE HALL
 7 30 for 8 00pm
 (PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN PLACE
 SETTINGS)
- October 09 19TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
 HARVEST THANKSGIVING
 8 00am Holy Communion
 10 00am Service for Children
 11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)
 : The Rev. Canon G N Shaw
 (until recently Principal
 Wycliffe College, Oxford)
 (followed by Holy Communion (1662))
 6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
 : The Rev. Stephen Pittis
 (Vicar St Paul's Woking)
 7 45pm Youth Fellowship
- October 12 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND
 PRAYER AT THE RECTORY
- October 13 7 30pm MR FRED SHEPHERD : Village Hall

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- October 16 20TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
10 00am Children's Church
11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)
 : Mr Douglas Kahn
6 30pm Youth Service taken by
 Hambledon Youth Fellowship
7 45pm Youth Fellowship
(Rector leading parish weekend for
St Matthew's Jersey - The Glass Church)
- October 22 2 30pm W.A.G.'s SALE * VILLAGE HALL
- October 23 21ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
OVERSEAS MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY
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
(Speaker throughout the day
Mr Andrew Butler : O M F)
(Andrew is the brother of Ann Butler, until recently
Matron of King Edward's School)
- October 26 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND
 PRAYER AT THE RECTORY
- October 30 22ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am Special Service
6 30pm Film Service :
 The Rev. Derek Parsons
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

AND BEFORE WE LEAVE OCTOBER***



THE CLOCKS GO BACK
ON 22-23 OCTOBER

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AND IN NOVEMBER

November 06 23RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am FAMILY SERVICE
6 30pm Evening Prayer (1662)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

(Services throughout the day conducted by
The Rev. John Sertin. The Rector leading a weekend
for St. Michael's Paris)

November 09 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND
PRAYER AT THE RECTORY

November 13 24TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
10 50am REMEMBRANCE SERVICE :
(Capt. Andrew Thomson)
(followed by Holy Communion (1662))
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
(The Ven. Geoffrey Grobecker, recently
Army Chaplain in Chief and Chaplain to the
Brigade of Guards)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

The total received in August 1988 was £1,199.90.

John Taylor

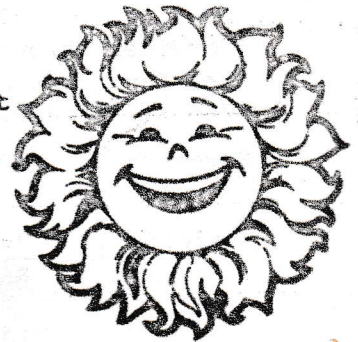


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CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

October 7/8 The Pitt Family
14/15 The Aylward Family
21/22 Mrs Rae Taylor
Miss Diana Taylor
28/29 Mrs Joan Hassard-Short

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

October 2 Wedding
9 HARVEST THANKSGIVING
16 Mrs Audrey Stedall
23 Mrs Pat Williams
30 Mrs Joan Hassard-Short



VILLAGE NEWS :
AND SOME FROM
FURTHER AFIELD

During the past month we have been delighted with the news of the arrival of a daughter to

Andrew and Julie Sears - a sister for Alison and Richard.

Many congratulations to our friends David and Eve Thompson who have recently celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

Our good wishes go to Wendy Fish and Adrian Maasz who are to be married at St Peter's on Saturday 1st October;

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may God bless them in the future as they make their home in Godalming.

We remember too Rick James who was married on 27 August to Cathy Hamilton at Christ Church, Purley. Andrew and Cathy are returning to do Christian work in Honduras where Rick has been working for the past two years.

Pippa Duffy returned to Hongkong on 12 September to continue her work with Jackie Pullinger amongst the drug addicts; her UK leave was all too short but those privileged to meet and talk to Pippa will have been touched by the enthusiasm which she shows for this work, carried out in circumstances which, by the standards of most of us, are far from ideal. May God go with her in her travels and may she feel His mighty presence just when she most needs it.

Duncan Swan, one of the members of Hambledon Youth Fellowship, is contemplating entering theological college at some time in the future. In the meantime he has undertaken pastoral work in St Albans for 1 year. We send to Duncan our good wishes for his future and may he feel used by God in this task to which he has been called. We look forward to hearing from him.

Mrs Dorothea Ellingson is still in Birch Ward of Milford Hospital. She loves to receive visitors, so please continue to call on her when you are in that direction. We send our love to Dorothea and to Mrs Sage of Oliver Cottage on the Cricket Green, whose sister, Mrs Evelyn Collins, has recently died.

We remember at this time the family of Mr Frederick Edwards of Nutbourne Cottages, whose death we announce this month. Please remember Mrs Edwards and Sally in your prayers, that God will send comfort in their loss.

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We have heard recently of the death of Mr Douglas Titheridge, the father of Dave. Many will remember Douglas when he was Organist at St Peter's Hambledon. We send our condolences to Dave at this time.



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Despite the problems with rabbits and deer, blackspot and greenfly, we all have much for which we have to give thanks.

Harvest Thanksgiving Weekend this year is 7 - 9 October, beginning with the Harvest Supper in the Village Hall.

October 7th - 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Tickets are on sale at the Village Shop from 26 September to 5 October at £2.50 each and we are grateful to all who have promised help in getting the Hall ready and have offered to produce food. DO REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN PLACE SETTINGS for main course and pudding - the starter will be provided in containers but you will need a small spoon with which to eat it!

Next year (1989) we are planning to hold the Harvest Supper on a Saturday evening. The present arrangement of Friday means that the tables have to be put up on Thursday evening and helpers during the day on Friday are always in short supply. We are hoping that by holding it on a Saturday evening will relieve pressure

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all round; it could also mean that we could start earlier, say 7.00 for 7.30pm. If there are any objections to this arrangement, perhaps you could let the Rector know.

Church decoration for Harvest takes place on Saturday morning, 8 October, and we are grateful to all who give their time to this autumnal treat which we all so much enjoy.

Thanksgiving Services for Sunday October 9 are set out on page 3 of the magazine.

CHIDDINGFOLD SCOUT AND
CUB SCOUT GROUP

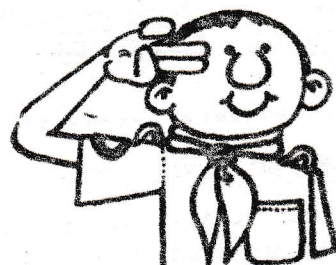
ARE HOLDING A MICHAELMAS FAIR
ON SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER AT
2 00PM IN CHIDDINGFOLD CLUB

There will be: JUMBLE
RAFFLE
TOMBOLA
CAKES
ETC.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

The sun must hold a special quality when it shines on Hilltop Farm. Judith Ledeboer welcomes us, looking fit, with a tan that could be the envy of many a sun-worshipper; we all looked pale shadows in her company!

We were reminded of the Fred Shepherd evening on Thursday October 13th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Make this a success - bring your family and friends to see these beautiful slides with music. A must for everyone.



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The general chatter was then interrupted by a discussion of the forthcoming sale. Gifts of cakes, produce, good-as-new, books, toys, white elephant, tombola; anything to help make this event a success.



Proceeds from our Sale this year will be devoted to Hambledon Village Hall Extension Fund; the Cheshire Home; and Hydestile Wildlife Hospital.

Do come along on SATURDAY OCTOBER 22nd AT 2.30pm
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Joan Hardy

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Some time ago we had a visit from Mrs Ruth Carpenter, who gave us an interesting talk about her early days with the China Inland Mission, learning the language and starting her Missionary work in China, up to the time when she was married. On October 27th we look forward to another visit from her to hear "Part Two" of her experiences in China up to the time when she was forced to leave. Do come and hear what she has to tell us. It's an exciting story. Time and venue to be advised.

Brenda Gardner

BIBLE SOCIETY

The local branch of the Bible Society are holding their Annual Meeting in Queen Street Baptist Church, Godalming, on Tuesday 4 October at 8.00pm. Please do your best to be present to support the work done by this very worthwhile Society.

HAMBLEDON SCHOOL

Miss Mary Parker writes:-

It is now some time since we had a successful meeting at the school, to see and learn about the improvements that have taken place there. I was particularly impressed, because I remember the school long ago, when it was not so well equipped as it is now. So it was suggested that I should write down my memories, in case they are of interest to people who have come to live in Hambledon.

In order to do this, I consulted several friends who used to be pupils in the school, at different times between the years 1912 - 1939 and with their help I have collected the following memories:

When I first remember the school there were three classrooms. The first was taken by Mr Milligan, who ruled his pupils with a rod of iron, in the shape of a cane. The middle class was taken by Mrs Milligan, and the infants by different people, of whom the one I remember best was Miss Winson.

In the main classroom there were two plaques on the wall, which are still there, representing Mr and Mrs Bookham, who lived at a cottage in the wood below Hydon Ball. It was at that time the only dwelling, and water was fetched from a well at the bottom of the hill. Shortly after Mr and Mrs Bookham had died, the cottage was burnt down but it was rebuilt, and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr and Mrs Gill, lived there for many years and raised a family. One of the Gill daughters married Mr House, and another one married Mr Luxford, and their children and grandchildren still live in the neighbourhood.

Heating in the school classrooms was provided by combustion stoves, although at one time one classroom had an open fireplace, from which the ashes had to be cleaned out every day.

There was no indoor sanitation - just six wooden

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sentry boxes in the playground, with buckets in them, three for the boys and three for the girls, and these were looked after by Mr Dedman, who, with his wife, was caretaker of the school for fifteen years. Their son, Charlie, remembers how he used to help his mother move all the desks every Friday evening, so that she could scrub the floors throughout the school. As the ground in the playground was sand, this must have meant a considerable amount of work, but no doubt it was safer for the children to play on than the present hard surface. Part of the playground, which is now grassed over, was used for allotments, where the children grew vegetables.

There was no kitchen, so the children brought their own drinks and sandwiches, which they ate in the playground if it was fine, or in one of the classrooms if it was wet or cold.

Perhaps the most significant change is the fact that the children walked to school every day, from as far away as Hydestile, Lane End, or the far end of Vann Lane. On Sunday most of those same children came back for Sunday School, which took place in the school from 10.00am until 10.40am; then they all went up to the Church, where the boys sang in the choir and the girls sat in the small pews in front of the organ screen, which were known as the school children's pews.

Mr Milligan was the choirmaster and organist, playing first on a harmonium, which stood under the pulpit, where there is now a pew, and later on the organ, which was installed in 1923. As far as I know, he never missed a service!

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(Sorry that space prevents us from printing more of this article by Mary Parker but the concluding paragraphs will be in the November magazine) Ed.