

ST PETER'S CHURCH * HAMBLETON

OCTOBER 1990

The Rectory
Hambleton

September 16th 1990

Dear Friends

"VISION"

I have just been reading Dr George Carey's book, "The Church in the Market Place", in which he writes about his time as Rector of St Nicholas, Durham, a few years ago. It makes exciting reading, as one sees how a church with a modest congregation felt called to move forward in worship and outreach and with great faith, prayer and sacrificial love were enabled by God to equip their church for its worship and mission.

Of course there are differences between a city centre church and a smaller more rural church such as St Peter's Hambleton, but there are nevertheless many lessons which I believe we can learn from this book. It costs £3.50, is published by Kingsway Publications, and the latest edition is on sale now in Christian bookshops.

The book also gives us an insight into the man who is to be the next Archbishop of Canterbury. I believe we should thank God for his appointment. No man can bring about the revival which our country so urgently needs - only God can do that. But many Christians in Britain have been praying for some time for a national spiritual awakening. In the meantime we know that an Archbishop still has considerable influence, and we must pray that Dr Carey will continue to give a clear lead in evangelism, in maintaining the biblical faith, and in encouraging the Church to exercise its ministry and mission in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In his book, Dr Carey stresses the importance of the local church having a vision from God for its work. Lack of vision can lead to "ecclesiastical terminal illness" he says. Where the minister and at least some of the congregation have a real vision as to how God wants the Church to move forward, then, through prayer, the wheels of change are set in motion. Complacency and contentment with things as they are are overcome, and a desire grows to share Christ with a broken and fallen world. Above all,

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there must be a concern for God's honour and glory.
From this will flow an openness to new possibilities, he
says. This will no doubt mean "entering into the pain of
change" but "deep urgent committed prayer will be found to
be the living stream which will transform the desert, and
make the vision a reality".

But is it only in town parishes that such change and
renewal is possible? By no means! A recent survey
has indicated many signs of hope and optimism among clergy
and churches in rural situations. In The Times on
August 20th there was an article about St James' Church,
Bream, on the edge of the Forest of Dean, where a
congregation that once numbered 20 now tops 200, and
where £1,000 is given each week in the collection and in
donations.

If such renewal is to take place, we must constantly
remember that "the Church" is not the building, however
attractive, but the people of God. The building is there
to serve the needs of God's people and to further their
mission to the community - it is not an end in itself.
Strictly speaking, we do not "go to Church". We are
the church - if we belong to Christ!

The Bible tells us that "where there is no vision, the
people perish". (Proverbs 29:18). One of our greatest
needs at this time, I believe, is to be clear about the
vision which God is setting before us as a Church, and to
pursue it.

Yours very sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER BLISSARD-BARNES

PS

I have just received a note of a Praise and Prayer Meeting,
arranged by the Diocesan Renewal Group, to take place
at Christ Church Guildford on October 19th at 12 noon.
The speaker is the Bishop of Dorking, and all are welcome.

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Aaron TAYLOR



CHURCH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

- Oct. 2nd Bible Society AGM, Godalming Baptist Church
at 8 00pm.
- 3rd Ladies trip to YWAM Relief Ship.
Deanery Synod, Hascombe. The Bishop of Guildford.
(NO HEALING COURSE AT THE RECTORY)
- 5th Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship, St John's Stoke,
Guildford, 8 00pm. Bishop Colin Buchanan:
"Church and State".
- 6th 9 00am Meeting for Prayer at the Rectory.
Scripture Union Training Day, Guildford.
Diocesan Stewardship Conference, Surrey University.
- 7th 17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY * HARVEST THANKSGIVING
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
10 30am Family Service (with creche).
11 30am Shortened form of Holy Communion.
6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
- 10th Healing Course at the Rectory at 8 00pm.
- 13th 9 00am Meeting for Prayer at the Rectory.
11 00am Church Urban Fund Service, Guildford
Cathedral. (Please take an invitation card from
the back of the Church if you wish to attend).
7 for 7.30pm HARVEST SUPPER AT THE VILLAGE HALL
with entertainment by the "Millionheirs" - a Barber
Shop Group from Millmead Baptist Church. Tickets
at £2.50 on sale from the Village Shop from
1st-10th October. Please remember to bring your
own place setting for main course and sweet, plus
an extra spoon for starter!
- 14th 18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
10 30am Holy Communion (1662) (Rev. Ted Elton)
6 30pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
- 15th Clergy/Readers' Meeting at the Rectory at 8 00pm.
- 17th Healing Course at the Rectory at 8 00pm.
- 18th "One World" week. Meditation at Busbridge Church
at 8 00pm followed by Holy Communion at 9 00pm.
for those who are able to stay.
- 19th Praise and Prayer, Christ Church, Guildford, with
the Bishop of Dorking. 12 noon.
- 20th 9 00am Meeting for Prayer at the Rectory.

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Oct. 21st 19TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
- 10 30am Morning Prayer (ASB) (with creche)
- 6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB) (with Healing Ministry)
- 24th Women's Fellowship, Dennys, 3.00pm.
Healing Course at the Rectory at 8 00pm.
- 27th 9 00am Meeting for Prayer at the Rectory.
- 28th 20TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
 - 8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
 - 10 30am Morning Prayer (1662)
 - 11 30am Shortened form of Holy Communion
 - 6 30pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
- 31st 9 00am Meeting for Prayer at the Rectory.

AND IN NOVEMBER

- Nov. 3rd 9 00am Meeting for Prayer at the Rectory
- 4th 21ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
 - 8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
 - 10 30am Family Service (with creche)
 - 6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
- 7th NO HEALING COURSE
- 10th 9 00am Meeting for Prayer in the Vestry.
- 11th 22ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY * REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
 - 8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
 - 10 30am Remembrance Service
 - 11 30am Shortened form of Holy Communion.
 - 6 30pm Evening Prayer (ASB)

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

The total giving for August amounted to £1305.16.

John Taylor

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR OCTOBER

October	5/6	Mrs Brenda Jones
	12/13	Mrs Dorothy Newel
	19/20	Mrs Ann Smith
	26/27	Mrs Muriel Campbell

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FOR OCTOBER

October	7th	Harvest Thanksgiving
	14th	" "
	21st	Mrs Pat Williams
	28th	Mrs Ann Smith



PARISH NOTES AND NEWS

Forthcoming Conferences:

As usual, details have been pouring in! Here are just a few of them:

"The Church and the Community". Canon Robert Warren, Rector of St Thomas' Crookes, Sheffield, speaks at the Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship Dinner at Merrist Wood College of Agriculture, December 7th, 7 30 for 8 00pm. Tickets £7.50. from the Rev. Hugh McCurdy, 19, Cambridge Close, St. John's, Woking GU21 1YS.

"Holiness unto the Lord" with John Wimber. London Docklands Area, Isle of Dogs, October 22-25th. Contact Address: Holiness Conference, 21/23 Clarendon Villas, Hove, East Sussex. BN3 3RE.

"Bringing the Church Family Together". Scripture Union Conference at Guildford on October 6th. For details ring 071 861 3257.

Courses at Waverley Christian Centre. Details are at the back of the Church.

"A Time to Plant". An Anglican Renewal Ministries Conference at Swanwick from November 5th-8th for spiritual renewal and Church growth. Form at the back of the Church. Church Urban Fund Thanksgiving Service, Guildford Cathedral, October 13th, 11.00am. If you wish to attend, please take an invitation card from the back of the Church.

Annual Report from Meath Home, Godalming (for women and girls with epilepsy). At the back of the Church. Church groups who would like to visit the home or invite a speaker to their meeting should contact the Administrator, Eleanor Lochner, on Godalming 5095.

The Cellar, Godalming, are looking for volunteers to help with working in the coffee bar as a volunteer, making cakes for the coffee bar, joining one of the Cellar teams, helping with Cellar events, becoming a Friend of the Cellar, supporting the Cellar with prayer, using the Cellar and supporting Cellar events. Contact Trisha for more details on Godalming 7097.

Welcome back! We much look forward to the visit of a former Rector of the Parish, the Rev. Ted Elton, who will officiate at Holy Communion and preach at the 10.30am service on October 14th. My only regret is that I shall not be there myself, as I am preaching at Highfield Preparatory School that morning.

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Many congratulations to Canon Charles Oldham, who celebrated the 56th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on September 16th. He officiated at our 8 00am Service of Holy Communion on that day.

Our Link Missionaries. It was very good to welcome Andrew and Felicity Maclay on September 16th and to hear how they are preparing to serve the Lord in Burundi next year. We hope to see them again in February and to provide further opportunity for them to meet members of our congregation. Please pray for them as they look forward to the arrival of their baby and prepare to go overseas later. A more detailed account of the events of this Sunday are provided by the Secretary of the Missionary Committee, Shirley Pollock, on page 8.

Harvest Festival

As shown in the calendar, the Services will be on October 7th and the Supper on the 13th. The "Millionheirs", who will be providing the entertainment, are a talented Barber Shop Group from Millmead Baptist Church. Do book your ticket! These are available from the Village Shop from 1st-10th Oct. Sunday Club and Pathfinders Special Weekend.

It was good to see a number of children and young people gathering for the special programme on August 31st and September 1st. There was much activity in the Village Hall followed by a Barbecue at the Rectory on the Friday, and an outing on the Saturday. It was good to see the Church so full on the Sunday for the Family Service, and for the baptism of Aaron Taylor. Many thanks to John Reaney and friends from Busbridge Church, and also to some of our own young people, who helped to lead the weekend. Please remember Sunday Club and Pathfinders in your prayers, especially the new leaders in Pathfinders, praying for growing support from children and their parents.

PERSONALIA

We are delighted to know that Mr Peter Roderick is now home from hospital and making headway. Peter has especially asked for an expression of his thanks to all who sent him cards and get-well messages during his recent stay in hospital; he was very much touched by the thoughts of "his public"! We are looking forward to seeing him out and about again. Both Mr Douglas and Mrs Brenda Maclachlan have been poorly of late and Douglas has only recently returned home from a spell

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in hospital. We send our good wishes to them both.
Mr Reg Vickery has now moved from the Royal Surrey Hospital to Milford Hospital and is making frequent visits to Roehampton for the fitting of his new limb.

Mrs Daisy Frogley is in St Luke's Hospital but is improving with rest and treatment. To all our sick friends we send our good wishes for an improvement in health and strength.

The Brownie Revels were held at Pound House on 15th September by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Philip Vacher. Many will remember that Pound House was once the home of Mrs Dorothea Ellingson, to whom the Brownie movement meant so much in the days when she was District Commissioner. Auntie Mary Parker was able to bring Dorothea to spend a short time with the Brownies from her Nursing Home in Bramley.

An engagement spied recently in the national press of Michael Beresford of Headington, Oxford, and Bryony Jones of Mervil Cottage, daughter of our good friends Denis and Brenda. We send to Michael and Bryony our good wishes for their future happiness.

We were sorry to learn that the father of Mrs Anne Riggs has recently died and we send to Anne our love and sympathy at this time.

And finally, many congratulations to Jay and Ruth Jervis, who are rightly very proud to announce the arrival of a new grandson!

HAMBLEDON NURSERY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR
SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER AT 10.30AM

BRING-AND-BUY * STALLS FOR GIFTS * DECORATIONS

CHILDREN'S BOOKS * TOYS * BRIC-A-BRAC * SWEETS

CAKES * TOMBOLA * ETC.

Children's Competitions and Entertainment (while you shop)

Refreshments * Raffle

Please contact Sharon Westhead, Co-ordinator - Godalming 23988

DO COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIONS.

MISSIONARY NEWS

Many will have had the pleasure of hearing Andrew and Felicity Maclay speaking to us at both the morning and evening service on Sunday 16th September. At each service they were asked various questions, similar to a short "Wogan interview". We learnt that Andrew has belonged to Hambledon church since the age of 5, when his family moved to Hambledon and his father, Strang, became part of the local practice. Andrew was one of the early members of the Hambledon Youth Fellowship. On leaving school, he went to Cambridge and met Felicity. Afterwards he did YWAM projects which is still strongly supported by our present Hambledon Youth Fellowship. After studying to become an Accountant he did a 2-year course at All Nations Bible College. Andrew had always been interested in Africa, especially Ruanda, due to the involvement of Dr Jack Symonds in the Youth Fellowship. We also learnt that Felicity visited Ruanda whilst studying at Homerton as she had a friend working there. Felicity, a trained teacher, has also done a course at Bible College and is expecting their first baby in December.

Andrew and Felicity will be going to work in Burundi, which is part of the Mid-Africa Ministry (formerly known as Ruanda Mission) next year, to help found and run a Theological College. St Peter's are to be one of their "links" which means supporting them prayerfully and financially. They will be spending two weeks with us in February 1991 getting to know each group belonging to St Peter's, from the Mums & Toddlers to the Women's Fellowship. We look forward to that time.

Shirley Pollock

HAMBLEDON YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

As Missionary Secretary I would just like to summarise briefly the exciting places our young people have been spreading the gospel and in future months we hope to hear about their travels. Duncan Sandys went to evangelise in Hungary, Lucy Sandys went with Rachael Jenkins to Belgium. Sarah Stansfield went to

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North Africa, Jane Underwood did outreach in Poland, after completing 6 months with YWAM. Wesley Robinson did outreach in Luxembourg, having been to the YWAM School of Evangelism. James Lasseter went to work in a hospital in Nepal, Richard Hemery spent a month in Moscow, Nick Pollock spent 11 weeks in Uganda and Helen Lewis is about to go to Uganda. Well done!

Shirley Pollock

OVERSEAS MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP

A Houseparty for this region is being organised by OMF at Pilgrim Hall, near Uckfield, Sussex, from Friday to Sunday 5-7 October 1990. Price £50. Day Visitors on Saturday £9. including midday meal. Theme "One Passionate Purpose" based on a new booklet by Howard Peskett.

Speakers : Ian and Anne-Marie Prescott on church planting in the Philippines.

Dr Albert Ong on Malaysians.

Edyth Banks on publishing OMF books;
and hopefully

Jenny Russell on Christian Education in the Philippines, with young people who have been in East Asia with OMF for short-term work.

If anyone can attend, it would be very worth your while.

Shirley Pollock

DANGERS OF HALLOWEEN PARTIES

"Children who attend them and adults who organise them do not realise the Halloween Party's hidden dangers". Thus begins an article in the booklet 'Doorways to Danger' produced by the Evangelical Alliance. "On the face of it" says the writer, "Halloween is just harmless childish fun. It is an opportunity to dress up, play games and inflict 'trick or treat' on the neighbours. And it is probably true that no one who has been involved has ever suffered direct harm as a result. Yet an eminent psychiatrist, Dr David Enoch, warns that despite its fun side, Halloween is the periphery of something far more serious and it can place people in jeopardy".

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Copies of EA's latest Action Agenda, which gives much useful information about what parents and others can do to combat this evil, are available at St Peter's or from Tom Arden-White.

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At this time of year, the commercial thought of Christmas sends many a shiver down the backs of all but the best organised. For the others like myself, on the assumption that this edition of the magazine will appear on 7 October, just a reminder that you have only 67 shopping days left!

While we organists and choirmasters may be seen madly running round Godalming for presents on Christmas Eve, the one thing that cannot be left until then is the planning of Christmas music. Thus, there is the annual appeal to both the regular stalwarts and a particular welcome to any newcomers to come and join the Choir in making music.

By consensus of opinion, it has been agreed that Thursday is the best night for practices. These will be held in the Church at 8 00pm and normally finish by 9.15pm.

Practices will be held on:

October 18;
November 8, 22 and 29; and
December 6, 13 and 20

with the two Carol Services being on Sunday 23 December.

Just two other commercial plugs:

- 1 To our regular supporters - I hope we can count on your help again. And do you have a friend who might come along and join us?
- 2 To the young music makers, who mainly attend the evening services - you have much musical talent. Would you not consider giving it to the Church, through the Choir, for Christmas?

Choral singing, and particularly carol singing, can be very satisfying, and it can also be fun. All we ask is about 8 hours of your time between now and December 23.

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Will you help - please?

For any other information or any queries you may have,
please give me a ring (Wormley 683057) or
Peter Gardner (Wormley 682158).

Otherwise, may we look forward to seeing you on Thursday
18 October at 8 00pm?

Paddy Newel

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

By the time you read this magazine, we shall have
commenced our Autumn series of meetings, with three more
to come before Christmas. Next time we are looking
forward to another visit from Miss Beryl Morgan. This
will be at Faith Denny's home on Wednesday 24 October.
Thank you, Faith, for continued hospitality.

Brenda Gardner

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

A sweet bouquet brings the very essence of the seasons.
From its heart comes joy, gilding the eye with the
beauty of its being.

And what a joy it was too, when Mrs Audrey Stedall showed
us how to arrange flowers for a room with dahlias and
gladioli in shades of peach. For the dining table, small
pom-pom dahlias in pinks with silver foliage complementing
the candlestick. For a buffet table, autumn flowers,
leaves and fruit. Who would dare eat the fruit and spoil
the arrangement?

While she deftly arranged the flowers, Audrey told us of
the basic mechanics needed to hold it all in place,
along with lots of tips which would be quite useful to
we arrangers who just "put flowers in a vase"! Thank
you, Audrey, for a lovely afternoon.

On Wednesday, October 10th, Mr Cornick from
Hydestile Wildlife Hospital will be with us
with some of his rescued friends that are not
quite fit enough to return to the wild.



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Do come and bring your friends to make their visit worthwhile and give them all a good welcome at the Village Hall at 2.45pm.

On Saturday, November 3rd, we shall be holding our Annual Sale in the Village Hall. Gifts of anything saleable, cakes, preserves, bric-a-brac, good jumble, nearly-new. Things for the Tombola and Raffle would be appreciated. All proceeds to help with local charities.

Please put these two dates in your diary and remember to come along.

Joan Hardy

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning
we will remember them"

The House-to-House collection this year will take place between 29th October and 10th November. I would be very grateful to hear from anyone who would be willing to join the team of collectors which calls on houses in the Hambledon and Hydestile area.

I hope that the Poppy Appeal this year is as successful as it was last year, so please give generously, remembering the large numbers of ex-service men and women and their dependents who benefit from your donation.

The Remembrance Sunday Service will be at 10.30am on Sunday 11th November.

Alison Bouckley
(Wormley 683647)



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