

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

SEPTEMBER, 1975

THE RECTOR WRITES

Those who come, parents and children alike, will probably agree that one of our happiest services is the short half-hour of Children's Church on the first and third Sundays of each month at 10 a.m.

There must come a time, however, when a small number of the older boys and girls reach an age when they feel they are outgrowing this. Action choruses, which tinies and parents enjoy, bring them some self-consciousness, and they need something more suited to their growing years. This may be the stage, too, when it would help them to be taught their way about the morning and evening services of the Prayer Book, so that a little later on they can take their place in the main services of the church.

To meet this need, we hope to try out within Children's Church a senior group, who could move off at a certain point in the service into the vestry at the back of the church, with my wife to lead them. We hope that parents whose family includes both younger and older children will find this convenient. The first Sunday would be 19 October.

One would not think that normally a boy or girl would be ready for this until the age of, say, 11 or so, but parents will know best. This is one of the matters that we could talk over at another At Home for parents which we plan for Monday 13 October at 8.15 pm at the Rectory. Last time almost all our parents were able to come, and we hope for a large number again.

DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

1 Mon. 2.30 pm H-mbledon Homes Holy Communion

7 SUN. Trinity 15

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

14 SUN. Trinity 16

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at The Rectory

21 SUN. S. Matthew Trinity 17

Holy Communion at 8 am and 7.30 pm

10 am Children's Church

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at The Headmaster's House, King Edward's School

28 SUN. Trinity 18

Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am

10 am Series 2 Holy Communion

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

and in October

5 SUN. Trinity 19 HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Church

11 am Canon W. Butler (former Archdeacon in Uganda)

6.30 pm Canon W. Butler

7.45 pm Young People at The Headmaster's House, King Edward's School

6 Mon. 2.30 pm Hambledon Homes Holy Communion

12 SUN. Trinity 20

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Evening Prayer: Mr. John Lewis

#### CHURCH FLOWERS

September 7 Mrs. B. Wieler Oct. 5. Harvest Dec-

orations

14 Mrs. M. Caroe

12 Mrs. B. Wieler

21 Mrs. C. Oldham

28 Mrs. A.G. Goad

#### FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for July 1975

£38.95p

E.F. Denny

#### PARISH REGISTER

##### Funerals

August 19 George W.C. Stretch of The Bungalow,  
Great House.



### MIDWEEK MEETINGS AT THE RECTORY

During September we shall continue to meet fortnightly on Wednesdays in the Rectory. Part of the evening is spent following a group Bible Study course in the Gospels. There is also a short time of prayer for both parish needs and wider matters. And there is coffee and the opportunity to talk. All are most welcome.

The two dates are September 10 and 24, and the time is 8.30 p.m.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday is on 5 October when we shall welcome as guest preacher, Canon W.H.A. Butler, formerly Archdeacon in Uganda, and now General Secretary of the Ruanda Mission.

Harvest Supper is on the following Thursday, 9 October, in the Village Hall. Tickets will be priced 75p as last year, and will be available from Mr. Geoffrey Heath at the Village Stores.

### THE CHURCHYARD

It is good to have the Churchyard tidy again, and we are very grateful indeed to those members of the congregation who kindly tackled the wearisome task of clearing the long grass. Some gave many hours to it at various times during a hot summer, and we are much in their debt.

The whole area is now tamed, and within the capacity of our machines; and as we have now acquired a further machine which can cut grass right up to the edge of the tombstones, we can expect our Churchyard always to look clean and tidy.

#### GOOD NEWS OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Just too late for publication in our magazine last month came the good news that the Local Education Authority's proposal to cease to maintain our Church School had been rejected by the Minister. Of course we are most thankful about this, not only for our own sakes here in Hambledon, but also for the indication it gives that the importance of the small village school is fully recognized by the highest authorities.

We would like to thank all those who wrote letters or who in other ways supported the Managers in their resistance to the scheme. The parents body, the Hambledon School Association, worked specially hard in the matter, and we are most grateful to them.

Now there is more to be done. As soon as the holiday is over there will have to be discussion as to how our village school (now happily not to be closed) can best fit into the new three-tier educational system which will prevail throughout our area. When that is settled, we shall seek to bring the equipment of the school up to the best standard we can secure.

PERSONALIA

The tragic accident that brought about the sudden death of MR. GEORGE STRETCH has filled us all with shock and sadness. We want to assure his widow and the family of our special prayers now. Another we remember especially is MRS. SOPP whose sister has just died after a long and trying illness, leaving her husband with a young family.

MR. ALAN FITZPATRICK while convalescing from his operation had a most unwelcome return of an old disc injury which brought renewed pain and immobility. We hope sun and rest on holiday will make all the difference. MR. VACHER has suffered a stroke, mercifully very slight, but enough to force him to rest, which goes very much against the grain. It has been the turn of MR. ERNEST JEFFERY to follow his brother's bad example with a suspected ulcer, but the hope is that both can be put right without surgery.

Ladies, be careful when getting out of cars! Earlier in the summer MRS. AYLING tore her leg and suffered damage which took some time to heal. Now MISS CAROLINE ROGERS has had a similar misfortune.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

There will be no meeting in September.

The Autumn session begins in October. More details next month.



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

After the summer recess the W.I. will meet in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 10 September, when MRS. TANNER will give a demonstration of Christmas arrangements.

All new members will be very welcome.

B.J. Major

LOCAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND THE BIBLE SOCIETY

It is likely that the Annual General Meeting of the Godalming Council of Churches, and the Annual Public Meeting of the British & Foreign Bible Society in Godalming will be held together as a joint event on Thursday, 25 September. There should be further details available in the Church Notices, but members may like to book the date.

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