

ST. PETER'S HAMBLETON

THE RECTOR WRITES

All who have been to our Children's Church, from 10 to 10.30 am on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, will know what a delightful and useful part of our church programme it is. The church is normally well filled with children from the pre-school years to 12 or 13, and their parents and even grandparents too. It is a very happy thing to see whole families coming together like this, and there is no good argument for doing away with this much appreciated service.

There are, however, several arguments in favour of adding to it. After a good deal of thought we are starting in October a rather different provision for children on the other Sundays, i.e. the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of each month during school term time only. The time will be 11 am, and the place The Rectory. Two teaching groups will be catered for, one for children aged about 5 to 8 years, and the other for those aged about 8 to 11 or 12.

Several parents in the village have from time to time asked for a Sunday School. Well, here we are, though we shall call it SUNDAY CLUB please, as a more appealing title. There will be Bible teaching of course (no doubt with drawing and modelling and acting sometimes to help), and singing, and our "staff" will spare no pains to make it a happy hour.

Many of our parents may like to seize the chance of coming sometimes to the 11 am adult service while their children are being cared for in a Sunday Club. So to help release parents for this there will also be at the Rectory a creche for babies and tinies too young for the younger class.

We plan to start on 9th October. Please make this well known in Hambleton, and pray that God may make it a blessing to our village.

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DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

- 4 SUN. Thirteenth after Trinity
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
- 11 SUN. Fourteenth after Trinity
Holy Communion at 8 am
11 am Morning Prayer
6.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory
- 14 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)
- 18 SUN. Fifteenth after Trinity
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 Heath Cottage
- 25 SUN. Sixteenth after Trinity
CHURCH PASTORAL-AID SOCIETY SUNDAY
Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am
10 am Series II Communion: Rev. Colin Turner
11 am Morning Prayer: Rev. Colin Turner
6.30 pm Evening Prayer: Rev. Colin Turner
7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands with
the Rev. Colin Turner
Collections all day to C.P.-A.S.
- 28 Wed. Bible Society Annual Meeting in Godalming
Library at 8 pm
- 30 Fri. 7.30 for 8 pm HARVEST SUPPER (Village Hall)

AND IN OCTOBER

- 1 Sat. CONFIRMATION SERVICE at Shottermill, 7pm
2. SUN. HARVEST THANKSGIVING (Seventeenth after Trinity)
 Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon
 10 am Children's Harvest: Rev. John Hamilton
 11 am Morning Prayer: Rev. John Hamilton
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
 7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage
- 9 SUN. Eighteenth after Trinity
 Holy Communion at 8 am
 11 am Morning Prayer (and SUNDAY CLUB begins)
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
 7.45 pm Young People at the Rectory

CHURCH FLOWERS

September 4	Miss E.F. Denny
11	Mrs E.A. Wieler
18	Mrs D. Ringer
25	Mrs P.M. Corbett
October 2	Harvest Flowers
9	Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for July 1977, £88 - 84p
 E.F. Denny

CHURCH REGISTERSMarriage

August 6 Richard Bruce Godden and Lynette Ann Head

PERSONALIA

GILLIAN HEAD of Hydon Farm has been awarded a good B.Sc. degree in biochemistry at Cardiff University. We warmly congratulate her, and send her our best wishes as she goes on now to undertake research into rheumatoid arthritis.

Three of our church members were involved in a car accident on the way to morning service one Sunday in August. Though the car was a write-off, we are all most thankful that the injuries were not serious. MISS LOGERS needed blood transfusion and many stitches in a head wound, but came from hospital after only a few days; MRS VARDEN needed to be kept only over night; and MRS PRISCILLA GRILLO shrugged it off calmly as though nothing had happened!

MR DENIS HAMILTON has been in Mount Alvernia Hospital for surgery. MRS LEECH is now safely home from St. Luke's. MR CHARLES VACHER, taken hurriedly to St. Luke's hospital with a heart attack, has been making slow but steady improvement, and went on to Milford Chest Hospital before coming home. MR GASKIN is still awaiting an operation, and hoping that delay will not be too long. DR JACK AND MRS SYMONDS are nursing his sister, who was in their care a year ago when she broke her arm, and is now at Heath Cottage again recovering slowly from a broken pelvis, which demands very much heavier nursing.

We give our warmest congratulations to CAPT. P.M. and MRS CORBETT on the safe arrival of a baby daughter, a sister for Sean and Jasper (of Children's Church) and a grand-daughter for MR and MRS JOHN CAVE. Many will know that MRS PRITCHARD of Nutbourne Cottages has been nursing her father MR WARREN (formerly of Cherryhurst) for much of the summer. He had greatly improved and was getting on steadily when a further decline set in, and he died in mid August at the age of 91. We remember her especially just now.

ALAN and MARGOT FITZPATRICK, known especially to our Sunday morning congregation, are moving away to a new home in Norfolk. We shall miss them here, and their son ROSS who came down from London and joined us when he could. They all thank their friends here for many kindnesses, and hope to join us at the Fairmile House Party next February!

DIOCESAN JUBILEE

The 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Diocese of Guildford is being celebrated this Autumn. Here again are main events:-

Sat. 10 Sept. Thanksgiving service at the Cathedral

Sept. 27 - Oct. 1 Exhibition at the Cathedral

Wed. 5 Oct. Jubilee Communion Service at the Cathedral: The Bishop speaks on "The next fifty years".

Alas, admission for the two main services must needs be severely limited, and admission is by ticket only. The exhibition is however open to all, and the Cathedral filled with a wide range of tableaux depicting the place of the churches in the life of the community over the years, will be open from Tuesday 27 September to Saturday 1 October. The times are 10.30 am to 8 pm daily except on the Saturday when closure is at 5 pm.

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Service this year is on Saturday 1st October at 7 pm at St. Stephen's Shottermill, and will be conducted by the Bishop of Dorking. A small group of our Young People is being presented then, and we hope that as well as their families, other members of the congregation will come across to support them at this service. The final preparation talks for the candidates will be on September 2, 9, and 16.

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The Harvest Supper is this year on FRIDAY 30th September at 7.30 for 8 pm in the Village Hall. A great deal of work is done behind the scenes. Once again the Young People are decorating the hall beforehand. Mrs Vacher and Mrs Sarah Grillo and their helpers are preparing the supper. Messrs Tom Grillo and Ray Williams and others move furniture and set the scene. A group of our own members are to sing to us after supper. Tickets are priced 75p as for two years past, and will be on sale beforehand at the Cricket Green Stores.

Harvest Thansksgiving Services are on the following Sunday, 2nd October. We decorate the church on the Saturday morning. Some of our ladies are very gifted at flower arranging, and we are very grateful for all they have given and done over the years, and look forward to this again. There is, however, need for extra help, and not only from the highly skilled. We ask therefore both for gifts of flowers fruit and greenery, and also for a number of volunteers to help us on Saturday morning. It is a great help if both gifts and helpers can be at church as near as possible to 9.30 am. The font area will again be a "children's corner", as last year.

The Rev. Joh Hamilton, who lived at Enton and was member here until University, and Theological College, and Ordination, is kindly coming from his parish in Ealing to preach for us both at Children's Church and at 11 am.

..... AND OTHER EVENTS

A Barbeque for the older boys and girls of Children's Church has been planned at the Rectory on the evening of Monday 5 September, and we hope for a fine evening. Some of the Young People's Group will be joining us later for some singing.

On Sunday 25 September the Communion Service at 8 am will be conducted by Canon Oldham, and the other

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services (10am, 11 am, and 6.30 pm) by the Rev. Colin Turner who comes to preach on behalf of the Church Pastoral-Aid Society, and then to speak to the Young People at the end of the day. Up until about two years ago the Rector used to be on the Committee of this grand society which does so much for our own Church of England, and especially in many of its more needy parishes. Mr Turner's visit should help us all to understand its work better. Collections throughout the day will be for the C.P.-A.S.

MID WEEK MEETINGS

We meet at the Rectory on Wednesday 14 September at 8.15 pm for Bible Study (continuing in John's Gospel) and Prayer.

On 28 September, the local auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society holds its Annual Meeting in Godalming Library at 8 pm. and we hope many of our members will come with us to that.

From 19th October we plan a short weekly Autumn study series. Details next month.

VILLAGE HALL JUMBLE SALE

The Secretary of the Village Hall Committee gives us notice of a Jumble Sale in aid of Hall funds, to be held there on Saturday 24 September. They would be grateful for our support.

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PARISH FELLOWSHIP

Throughout the autumn and winter months we have the use of the Village Hall on the second Thursday of each month for an informal evening of interest and entertainment. The programme is arranged by the church, but is not meant only for church members. ALL are invited to join us when they can.

The evening begins at 8 pm with some feature of interest, often a talk illustrated by transparencies, or sometimes something light-hearted; and it ends with light refreshments at about 9 pm or 9.15 pm.

With the dark evenings coming on, when nothing can be done in the garden, it is good to have this monthly opportunity. All who live in Hambledon, or even farther afield, are most welcome to come.

The first two evenings of the autumn session are:-

October 13 One of our local naturalists, Mr Richard Steele, shows us colour transparencies, particularly introducing us to some beautiful butterflies which observant eyes might see nearby.

November 10 Dr Anthony Laughton of the Institute of Oceanographic Sciences gives a talk illustrated by transparencies on "What's new in Oceanography".

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Meetings take place on the fourth Thursday of each month, at 3 pm, at the home of Mrs Ellingson. It is hoped that the autumn session will begin on 22nd September. The name of the speaker will be announced, but ladies are asked to book the date now.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Hambledon Women's Institute does not meet in August, but looks forward to the next meeting on September 14th. The speaker booked for that day is ill, so there will be a "Sale-Sew-In" when work will be begun for the Annual Sale in October. The competition is for a fruit pie.

Mrs R. Steele