

ST. PETER'S, HAMBLEDON

SEPTEMBER 1978

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THE RECTOR WRITES .....

One of my hopes in the planning of our Sunday services is that sermon subjects shall meet the questions most in the minds of us all.

So on each of the Sundays in September there will be near the Church door a Question Box at every service, in which you are welcome to "post" either a question to be answered, or perhaps a request for a sermon on a particular theme, or problem, or Bible passage. There might be a question about some part of Christian belief (about God, or about Jesus, or the Holy Spirit; or miracles, or the Bible itself, or the after-life). There could be a question about the Christian life, or about ordinary daily life, or modern world problems, though I would be foolish indeed if I pretended to know all the answers!

If a question or suggestion seemed likely to be of general interest to others too, then I would gladly try and answer it in a subsequent sermon. Questions posted at Children's Church would be answered at a later Children's Church; 11am questions would be answered at a forthcoming Morning Prayer; 6.30 pm questions would be taken on a later Sunday evening. If the questioner particularly needed to be anonymous, then so long as the question seemed right for general airing it could be answered none-the-less.

If the question, though important to the questioner, seemed not of sufficient general concern, or for some reason seemed not best dealt with in a sermon, then I would gladly answer it personally if it were signed in the ordinary way.

We shall have to call this September Special Offer! I hope I have not let myself in for more than I expected!

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DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

3 FIFTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon  
10 am Children's Church  
11 am Morning Prayer  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer in Modern English  
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

6 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer(Rectory)

10 SIXTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am  
11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club reopens  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
7.45 pm Young People at The Rectory

17 SEVENTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm  
10 am Children's Church  
11 am Morning Prayer  
6.30 pm Holy Communion: Rev.David Lambert(Woking)  
7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

18 Mon. 7.45 for 8 pm Parochial Church Council

20 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer(Rectory)

24 EIGHTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 10 am  
10 am Series II Communion Service  
11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

27 Wed. Bible Society Public Meeting: Godalming Library

29 Fri. 7.30 for 8 pm Harvest Supper (Village Hall)

AND IN OCTOBER1 NINETEENTH AFTER TRINITY HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon  
 10 am Children's Harvest Service  
 11 am Morning Prayer  
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer in Modern English

4 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer (Rectory)

8 TWENTIETH AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am  
 11 am Morning Prayer: Sunday Club  
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
 7.45 pm Young People meet

12 Thu. 8 pm Parish Fellowship reopens (Village Hall)

CHURCH FLOWERS

Sept. 3 Mrs M. Stevens  
 10 Mrs E.A. Wieler  
 17 Miss E.F. Denny  
 24 Mrs M. Caroe  
 Oct. 1 HARVEST FESTIVAL FLOWERS  
 8 Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Total for July 1978, £123 - 62 p.  
 E.F. Denny

CHURCH REGISTERSBaptism

Aug. 6 Peter Ellery Bruce Read

Marriage

July 29 Michale William Bracewell & Diana  
 Rosamund Thalia Dean  
 Aug. 5 Paul Edward Higgins & Gillian Ann  
 Thompson

Burial of Cremated remains

July 29 Sir Maurice Parsons, K.C.M.G.

Burial

Aug. 4 Jean Lindsay Martin



### BEREAVEMENTS

We remember specially in our prayers members of our congregation who have been bereaved:-

Lady Parsons lost her husband, after many years in hospital during which he was not able to recognize her. SIR MAURICE PARSONS KCMG, a man greatly respected and influential in the world of finance, was Director of Operations for the International Monetary Fund from 1947 to 1949, and Deputy Governor of The Bank of England from 1966 to 1970. Lord O'Brien in a warm tribute in The Times described him as a supremely able and articulate ambassador of his country in the world of international monetary affairs, and added "He was a devout and influential Christian". Indeed, he and his wife used their home to help others find a personal faith in Christ, and we rejoice that he is now with the One he loved and served so well.

General Martin lost his wife Jean without warning from a sudden heart attack. She had been shopping in the Village Stores only a few hours before. She was the daughter of Sir Henry Cowan, a former M.P. for Guildford. Soon after her marriage in 1944 she followed her husband to India where he was involved in the Burma campaign, but it was not until the war was over that they were able to set up house together. During two further years in India they spent a memorable "end of war leave" of three months walking across the Himalayas into the mountains of Central Asia, using passes of 18,000 feet. She shared fully in the life of her husband in his various subsequent commands, in Trieste, and Fontainebleu as well as in this country. On his retirement in 1956 they came to live in Hambledon. She shared actively too in his sporting life, skiing together in the winter, and sailing in the Baltic and elsewhere. She said recently that she had never been happier than in these retirement years in Hambledon.

Miss Jean Hewlett lost her sister Dorothy after

a crippling heart attack. In the earlier years of her health and strength she was always busy. Her life's work was the care and teaching of the blind, and she learned braille to further this. She had a serious car accident some 20 years ago, and suffered much discomfort as a result. We remember her as a regular worshipper and communicant on Sunday mornings, and behind this lay a real personal faith in Christ and love for God, with daily Bible Reading and prayer an important part of her life.

#### PERSONALIA

MR CROWHURST is safely back from hospital on a later stage of convalescence. MISS SYBIL HARCOURT-CLARKE has had a more prolonged stay than she had expected in Mount Alvernia Hospital where they have been trying to discover the cause of the pain which has made movement difficult for her of late. NEIL FISH has been in hospital for surgery on both feet, and it may be some time before he is fully mobile again.

Our best wishes go with several of our young people at the beginning of a new academic year. WENDY ARDEN-WHITE begins her teaching career at the Church of England Middle School at Colehill, near Wimborne. PAUL ATKINS returns for a fourth year at Bishop Otter College of Education, Chichester, and DAVE SMITH at Shoreditch College, Egham. Both have received their Diploma of Education, but now take this further year for the Bachelor of Education degree. CAROLINE ATKINS begins a course of secretarial training, and CAROLINE LUCAS a course at Capel Bible College. TIMOTHY ARDEN-WHITE sets off for Manchester University to read Geography, and CAROLINE BRANDON to either Durham or Hull University to read theology. TIMOTHY PARKER and JEREMY ERDY both begin at Cambridge University, Timothy to read English at Leterhouse, and Jeremy to read Mathematics at Trinity. With Andrew MacLay and Christopher Mabley already there, we should see plenty of that attractive shade of light blue around Hambledon at Boat Race time.



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#### LADIES DISCUSSION GROUPS

The "Tuesday morning group" has grown. It began with three members; but during recent months, with numbers in double figures and others thinking of joining, it seems likely to grow too big for the easy and open discussion which has been its most helpful feature. It has therefore been decided to offer two similar groups, on different morning, as follows:-

TUESDAY MORNINGS at The Rectory (as before) beginning 19th September.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS at Longacre, New Road, Wormley, (home of The Boltons) beginning 20th September. In each case the time is 10.30 to 11.30 am (coffee at 10.30 am, then discussion centred around a Bible character, or passage or problem). All ladies are most welcome at either, even if they cannot come every week. Mrs Thompson, or any of the ladies who have come, will gladly say more.

#### SUNDAY CLUB

Sunday Club reopens in The Rectory on 10 September. It caters for children aged about 5 to 11, from 11 am to 12 noon on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of each month during term time. To enable parents to come to the 11 am service there is also a creche for tinies in The Rectory on the same Sundays. The senior group (for boys and girls aged 12 to 14) is also on the same Sundays at 11 am, beginning in the morning service in church, and later moving off to their special activity in Court Farm Cottage.

#### PARISH FELLOWSHIP

The Parish Fellowship season begins on 12 October, and from then on takes place each second Thursday of the month at 8 pm in the Village Hall. An open evening of an informal nature (often an illustrated talk of general interest, and sometimes an evening of games) is arranged by the church, but is meant for a wider audience, indeed for all who live in Hambledon and for their friends too.

GOD'S BOOK FOR HIS WORLD 7.

The Bible Society presents in  
Godalming Library  
at 8 pm on Wednesday 27 September 1978  
"LET THE WORD SPEAK"

Various local churches focus on Africa,  
South America, Eastern Europe, England,  
Bangladesh

Music by Hambledon Young People's Group

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

In our informal fortnightly Bible Studies in St. John's Gospel we have now reached the later chapters. The dates in September are 6th and 20th. We meet in the Rectory at 8.15 pm, and all are most welcome.

HAMBLEDON CRICKET CLUB

£86 was raised and much fun enjoyed at the Fete on 12th August at The Old Schoolhouse. This was followed by a disco at the Village Hall. Both events were to start a fund to carry out absolutely essential repairs to the cricket pavilion, and together produced a total of £120. This was but a drop in the ocean compared with the estimated cost of a new building (£20,000).

The cricket committee wish to thank sincerely all who helped or supported in any way. Other events are planned at which continued interest would be much appreciated.

G.E.P.



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HARVEST SUPPER

in the Village Hall

Friday 29 September, 7.30 for 8 pm

Tickets £1      Bring your own place setting

It is with regret that the ladies who are preparing the supper tell us the price must be raised to £1.

We can seat in reasonable comfort just over one hundred in the hall, and last year all tickets were sold well before the day so that, alas, some of our Hambledon friends were unable to come. Several of our people have been glad to invite friends and relatives from much further afield, and we are always glad to have them, though we would not wish to see Hambledon friends crowded out. Tickets should be on sale in the Village Store from about the time this magazine is published, and we ask that between this time and September 15th sales restricted to Hambledon residents and our immediate neighbours. We ask Hambledon people kindly to wait until after 15 September before buying tickets for others outside our area.

After supper, always in itself a joyful occasion, Mr Richard Steele and a team of friends are to entertain us.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services are on 1st October.