

ST. PETER'S, HAMBLETON

SEPTEMBER 1980

The Holy Communion Service
on the fourth Sunday of each month
(hitherto at 10 am)
will henceforth begin at 9.45 am

THE RECTOR WRITES

In July our Parochial Church Council spent an evening talking over the pattern of our services, and considering whether the time has come for some adjustments. One is mentioned above, and others are explained on pages 4/5.

This summer seemed a good moment for such reflection. Thirteen years of experiment in the Church of England, when temporary services have been tried out extensively, have now culminated in the official authorisation of the ALTERNATIVE SERVICES BOOK. Series II and Series III now give way to this more permanent book, which takes its place alongside the 1662 Prayer Book. We needed therefore to consider afresh what patterns will serve us best at Hambleton, and we share our thoughts and conclusions with you on pages 4/5.

As you probably know, material changes can only be made by the Rector and the elected Church Council jointly. In any case I have no entrenched views which I would want to thrust upon the congregation. The fact is, however, that we found a very real consensus among us all, so that on no point was it necessary to take a vote.

My prayer is that there will always be the same understanding and goodwill throughout the whole of the Hambleton 'family'.

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CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

7 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY 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 The Rectory

10 Wed. 8.15 pm Bible Study and Prayer at Bermonde

14 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer

Sunday Club & Senior Group reassemble

6.30 pm Evening Prayer: Miss Joan Hall

Offerings to The Ruanda Mission

7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

21 S. MATTHEW. SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 6.30 pm

10 am Children's Church: Mr Bolton

11 am Morning Prayer: Mr G.M. Bolton

6.30 pm Holy Communion: Canon A.C. Turnbull

7.45 pm Young People at Heath Cottage

24 Wed. 8 pm Bible Society Public Meeting in
Godalming Public Library (see p.8.)

28 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am and 9.45 am

9.45 am Holy Communion (see page 5)

11 am Morning Prayer and Public Baptism
Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.45 pm Young People at Little Woodlands

29 Mon. 7.45 for 8 pm Church Council meets

ALL IN OCTOBER

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OCTOBER 5 HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Holy Communion at 8 am and 12 noon

10 am Children's Harvest Service

11 am Guest Preacher: Rev. Patrick Ashe

6.30 pm Thanksgiving Service

8 Wed. 8.15 pm New Bible Study Series begins (Rectory)

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

12 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at 8 am

11 am Morning Prayer and Sunday Club

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

CHURCH FLOWERS

Sept 7	Mrs D. Symonds
14	Mrs E.A. Wieler
21	Mrs Alan Secrett
28	Mrs H.J.C. Page
Oct 5	Harvest Flowers
12	Mrs E.A. Wieler

FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for July 1980 £331 - 01p. E.F. Denny

SENT TO CHRISTIAN OUTREACH following the Organ
Recital by Christopher Mabley on 31 July, £51.

THE SUNDAY CLUB SPONSORED SWIM for Royal Surrey
School of Nursing finally raised £80 - 97p.

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptisms Aug. 10 Angus Frederick Secrett
17 Georgina Kate Berry

Burial Aug. 17 Heidi Marie Elizabeth Parfitt (2)

4. SOME ADJUSTMENTS TO OUR SERVICES

Please read first, as an introduction to this, the Rector's letter on page 1.

THE 10 am COMMUNION SERVICE ON THE 4th SUNDAY

It seems that this service was introduced here in 1967 as an extra service to try out the Series II Communion Service. Perhaps for this reason, some had felt that it had not been given the same status as our other services. We must somehow correct this impression! The 10 am service has settled down to be steadily attended by a good number of our congregation. It particularly provided, too, for some united Christians families who like to bring their children with them. The service is not long, and in the short sermon children are borne in mind.

More recently, with the introduction of Sunday Club, there is on the fourth Sunday the alternative provision of special teaching for children in the Rectory at 11 am. Needless to say, Sunday Club and Communion Service are not in rivalry! Each has points in its favour; we treat each as important; and we leave to the wisdom of parents which they choose as being best adapted for their own children.

We agreed, however, that for the 10 am Communion Service some improvements could be made, partly (though not only) to help our younger worshippers.

- (i) An extra hymn. Because the present service seemed a little curtailed in its singing, three short hymns will be used of a more varied sort.
- (ii) The new service. As the experimental years are over, we shall replace our Series II booklet with the newly authorised booklet at this service. Inevitably it will feel a little strange on the first or second occasion, but the Rector will seek to give every help to the congregation, and with a little patience we shall soon settle down.

(iii) THE SERVICE WILL START AT 9.45 am

beginning on September 28. It is true that the extra hymn will add only a few minutes: but all regretted the hurrying away that has been necessary in order to clear the way for the 11 am service which followed. A few more minutes available to talk to one another after the service will be most welcome.

Alas, our church has no place for the Holy Table to be placed at Communion with the congregation gathered around, and the minister visible and near; nor for a Church Parlour where refreshments and conversation could be available afterwards. We cannot rebuild our church, and the important sense of "family" must be built in other ways.

THE NEW SERVICES GENERALLY

We all realised that many of our members come to us because we chiefly use the 1662 services they love. For this reason, among others, we have been slower than most churches in using Series II and Series III during the experimental years.

Now the Alternative Services Book is with us, not on a temporary basis, alongside the 1662 Prayer Book. While the language can never be as majestic, there are other merits in the new book, e.g. there is more variety; the change of phrasing (as some of our members have remarked) wakes us up to think about the words we use; younger worshippers, and adults who are new worshippers (whom we are specially keen to help) often find the new wordings more directly accessible. There is also the danger that if in Hambleton our ears were too inflexibly closed to the new services we might become unable to worship happily elsewhere with fellow-members of our Church of England family. This would not be giving the best help we could to our membership.

Bearing all this in mind, our united feeling was

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that our general customs should for the present be

The 1662 Holy Communion Service should continue to be used each Sunday at 8 am, and at noon on the first Sunday, and at great Festivals.

1662 Morning Prayer should be normal at 11 am.

1662 Evening Prayer should continue on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.

The NEW Evening Service (in the Alternative Services Book) should now be used on the 1st. Sunday in place of the present temporary Service in modern English.

The New Communion Service should be used at 9.45 am on the 4th Sunday, and also at 6.30 pm on the 3rd Sunday, with all possible help to the congregation.

PERSONALIA

The loss by RICHARD AND MARIETTA PARFITT of Hydon Edge of their lovely little girl Heidi at the age of 2½ has made us more sad than we can say. At the simple funeral service in our church, made beautiful with flowers, and filled with a large number of friends, we held on to the truth that Heidi is now with the Lord Jesus, in His home of unending joy and gladness. We pray that this truth may strengthen her parents now.

Three of our members have been in Milford Hospital recently:- MR FROGLEY, with a heart condition which needed their care for about a fortnight: MISS WHITTLE, one of the two residents in the Almshouses, after an attack of giddiness and a fall in Godalming; and MR CHARLES VACHER for a special course of treatment which we all hope will lead to an improvement in his heart condition. MRS BERTHA DE VERE GREEN was taken to the new County Hospital for an operation from which she is recovering well.

We send our warmest good wishes to JOANNA GARDNER on her marriage on 9 August to MR ERIC HOWE; and also to KARIN JARVIS who on September 6 is to marry MR GRAHAM STONEHILL.

MR & MRS MACLACHLAN have both been unwell, and we send them our best wishes. They will have rejoiced to get the happy news that their daughter Talla, now in the Argentine, has had a baby.

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HARVEST SUPPER

Friday 10 October

Village Hall

7.30 for 8 pm

Tickets approx. £1.20 BRING YOUR OWN PLACE

SETTING

Tickets will be on sale soon. As in the past two years, we ask Hambledon friends kindly to delay buying tickets for friends outside the Hambledon area until after 20 September

Extracts from a letter from Victoria Blackman (a member of Sunday Club Senior Group) now in Argentina for two years:-

"I received your letter a week ago. The reason I did not write is because I thought it would be more interesting to tell you about my holiday. We went by plane to Tecuman (in the north of Argentina) and drove to Jujuy. Then to Humahuaca where we saw many Indians. The Indians have very dark skin and wear very bright coloured clothes. We then carried on to Salta by mountain roads which were very steep and cloudy. We saw a huge man-made dam on Cobra Corral. Then we went to Tecuman again, and back to Buenos Aires by plane.

One week Marney Patterson and Co. came to visit Hurlingham. First of all there was a little talk with two of his partners, Alice and Harry. They invited all the 12 year olds and over to a meeting and a sing (in fact several of the songs I learnt in Sunday Club). Then on the parish lunch Marney spoke. He was very interesting and spoke about the heart transplant in man to become a Christian.

Have a happy summer holiday. I must go and practice my lines as I am in the school play."

8. WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES

There will be one September meeting, on 10th at 8.15 pm, at "Bermonde", by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Ray Williams.

After that, there are special meetings locally on September 24 and October 1st.

On October 8 there will be the first of a new Autumn series of Bible Study evenings, fortnightly in the Rectory.

TUESDAY GROUP

On Tuesday 23 September Mrs Piers de Berniere-Smart is inviting members of the Tuesday discussion group to coffee at Aran Lodge at 10.30 am. Other ladies are most welcome to come too. Are you free to join us? This could be a good moment to find out more. The Autumn Bible Studies begin the following Tuesday at the Rectory.

AUTUMN PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY

This Godalming Area meeting each Autumn is a good focus for all denominations, and we hope that once again a really good number from the Hambleton congregation will be there.

The date is Wednesday 24 September. The place is Godalming Public Library. The time is 8 pm. We are not holding our own Bible Study that evening to make it possible for us all to go. There is once again a varied and interesting programme, with slides and features to light up the Bible in its setting within the Holy Land.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The September meeting is on the 10th, when there is to be a talk on Counselling by Mrs Norah Adams J.P. There will also be a competition for a nosegay in a jamjar to take to a sick person.