

ST PETER'S CHURCH HAMBLEDON : SEPTEMBER 1986

The Rector writes:

My dear Friends

One hears and reads many things about "the Church" these days, in the press, on television, on the radio. For an organisation that is supposedly shrinking and by many thought to be irrelevant, I find this rather interesting. What is "the Church"? What are churches for? Why bother to go to church? Can't I be a Christian without going to church? Isn't Christianity going to church on Sunday. Aren't most churchgoers a load of hypocrites!! Isn't the Church of England supposed to be the Tories at prayer! Very few people bother to ask what the New Testament has to say about the church and that after all is surely the most important question to ask. The Greek word (the New Testament was written in Greek) for church is "ecclesia", which literally means a group of people who have been called out. Called by Jesus Christ - called to be His people in the world. But what does that involve? It has absolutely nothing to say about the Authorised Version, the Alternative Service Book or 1662. Although to hear some people talk you would think that that was the case! It has nothing to say about Roman Catholics, Baptists, Presbyterians, etc. etc. either! Although to read Church History you could be forgiven for thinking that was the case also. No, what does the New Testament really have to say about being the church of Jesus Christ? What should it mean for us in Hambledon? This is the theme for our Parish Weekend September 13/14 led by the Rev. John Kingsley Smith and his wife Cherith. They will be leading three sessions in the Rectory on the Saturday and helping in the special services on Sunday. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as the people of God to consider together from His Word what it means to be His church in Hambledon. I do hope you will plan to be with us for as much of the programme as possible.

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN

Saturday 13 September - IN THE RECTORY

Sunday 14 September - IN CHURCH

Sept. 7 15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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Sept. 21 17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
10 00 am Children's Church
11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662) - Tim Symonds
Overseas Missionary Fellowship
(followed by coffee at the Rectory)
6 30 pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Sept. 24 8 15 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER AT
THE RECTORY

Sept. 28 18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

AND IN OCTOBER

Oct. 3 7 30 for 8 00pm HARVEST SUPPER IN THE
VILLAGE HALL

Oct. 5 19TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY : HARVEST THANKSGIVING

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00 am Family Service - Dss. Pauline Green
(followed by coffee at the Rectory)
12 30 pm Holy Communion (1662)
6 30 pm Evening Prayer (1662) -
Dss. Pauline Green

Oct. 8 8 15 pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
AT THE RECTORY

Oct. 12 20TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery
School)
6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

CHURCH REGISTERS

Weddings:

August 15 Robert William Murray and
Alexandra Marcia Wieler

August 16 Dane Jonathan Douetil and
Antonia Clare Williamson

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for July 1986 : £573.40 : Edric Hardy

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

September	7	Wedding Flowers
	14	Mrs Caroe
	21	Miss Bather
	28	Keith Fish

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

September	5/6	: Youth Fellowship
	12/13	: Mrs Muriel Campbell
	19/20	: Mrs Maureen Reynolds
	26/27	: Mrs Barbara Major/ Miss Anne Disney

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sept. 6 Sunday Club Treasure Hunt on Hambledon
Common

23 Bible Study Group re-starts at Dennys at
10.30am.

24 Bible Study Group re-starts at Little Woodlands
at 10.30am.

Oct. 3 Harvest Supper in the Village Hall.
7.30 for 8.00pm PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING
YOUR PLACE SETTINGS. Tickets obtainable
from Village Shop from middle September.

14 COFFEE MORNING and Bring & Buy with Cake and
Produce Stall at Aran Lodge from 10.30 - 12 noon
in aid of Shaftesbury Homes and Arethusa Training
Ship.

PERSONALIA

Beetle Mitchell has a grandson - born just as the August magazine went into production - his name is Frederick Anthony and we send all good wishes to Beetle and her family - especially to Daisy who now has a new brother. Many Hambledon friends are in hospital or nursing homes; please continue to remember in your prayers Miss Hewlett, Con Chapman and Jim Martin who are all in nursing homes and Dorothea Ellingson, recovering in the Royal Surrey Hospital from a recent fall; Charlie Elliott from the Cricket Green who is in hospital and Mr Riches from Hydestile Cottages recently home from hospital.

We hear good news from Caroline Lee, now living and teaching in North London, and send all good wishes to her and to Ian Jamieson on the announcement of their engagement. Caroline at one time was a joint leader of the Youth Fellowship with Patrick Williams.

It is good to see Paul and Faith Atkins back with us after their two years in Kenya and also Tim Arden-White recently returned from 6 weeks in Jordan; Tim has promised to write an account of his work there for the October edition of the magazine.

We said goodbye to Simon Mabley at the evening service on Sunday 24 August; he flies out to Pakistan on 27 August to work for 2 years with CMS at Edwardes College, a school in the north-west frontier close to the border with Afghanistan, where, amongst other activities, he will teach computer programming.

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

A Message to Hambledon : You are invited to a get-together of people in the deanery with the Archdeacon of Surrey, the Sub-Dean of the Cathedral and Mrs Jane Black. There will be a film-strip about the Cathedral and discussion about two-way links between it and the parishes. The accent is on what the Cathedral might do to work with the parishes and the deaneries.

The evening will begin with coffee at 8.00pm and finish before 9.45pm. at Chandler Middle School, Roke Lane, Witley, on October 7th 1986. If you are able to come it would be a help to the organisers if you would inform Canon Oldham, Dora Cottage, Hambledon. tel. Wormley 2087.

CASA SERENA

The 'Casa Serena' is a house in the heart of Sao Paulo, Brazil, which provides a sanctuary for 50 children, gathered in from the streets of the city where they have been abandoned by their families. There are 60,000 such children in Sao Paulo. The house is run by Brother James, formerly of the Order of Mother Theresa, who houses them, feeds them and invites them to share in his knowledge and love of the Bible. Brother James also invites parents to visit the Casa Serena to see how their children flourish under good care. After a time, the children, with renewed strength, self-respect and direction, often become incorporated back into their own families. The Hambledon Youth Fellowship has made a commitment to support this vital work and it was in this connection that Sam Parker held a Hunger Supper on Thursday 24 July, at which was raised the sum of £250 for the work at Casa Serena.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES OUTREACH

Caroline Atkins writes: Thank you all so very much for your love, support and prayers for my time up at the Commonwealth Games Outreach with YWAM (Youth With A Mission).

500 of us, from many different countries, met in St Cuthbert's Church in the centre of Edinburgh, to share our faith and the deep love we have for our Lord and Saviour with the people in Edinburgh, both locals and visitors alike. We spent the first 5 days getting to know each other, sharing what the Lord was doing in our lives and giving the praise and glory up to Him. Those meetings were very precious times, times of learning more about God, ourselves, and what the Lord was saying to us as individuals as well as a whole. By the end of the 5 days we were eager to go (even in the rain!) to share God's love, promises and hope with those we met. We were split into teams of up to 50, living in the churches of Edinburgh and sharing worship with them on Sundays. Each day was different, ranging from joining up with other teams to spend time in the central square of Princes Street (the main street in Edinburgh), doing drama and dance, singing and giving testimonies, to handing out tracts and

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information about the coffee bar we were running with live Christian bands playing, to sitting on park benches talking and praying with whoever the Lord led us to. The greatest joy for me personally was to see a flicker of understanding and hope come into the eyes and faces of those we met, ranging from a young 11 year old to an elderly gentleman of 75. We all learned much about the love, compassion and power of our Lord Jesus, that He considers NO ONE too dirty, or the wrong colour to come into His presence, and watch Him minister to people in many different ways - it was a privilege and deep joy to hold my Father's hand, and be a part of His work in the City of Edinburgh. (Isaiah 40 v.21-31).

There is so much to tell, of the miracles, saved lives, lessons learned and friends made, it would take too long to write it all down, but I am more than happy (as are Chris Maclay and Louise Nelson) to share with you more of what our loving Lord is doing in our cities. May the Lord continue to work in and through His people in Hambledon - to share the GOOD NEWS with those we meet, to welcome people in with the open arms of the Lord - to share the MOST IMPORTANT thing in our lives with those around us - the Living Lord Jesus.

BLANKETS FOR SUDAN

In some small way we in Hambledon have provided a fraction of the blankets needed but it is gratifying to learn of the following uplifting team effort: Following the appeal by Christian Outreach, ably publicised by Tear Fund, well over 24,000 blankets have now been sent to Port Sudan. At the height of the collection in May, Christian Outreach were receiving over 30 telephone calls a day from people as far apart as Orkney, Cardigan, Penzance, Norwich and Newcastle! Many people gave time and energy freely to bring the blankets to a central warehouse at Leicester which was loaned by Benson Shoes Ltd. Bensons also allowed Christian Outreach to use their network of 40 midland retail shoe shops as collecting points for blankets which were then transferred to Leicester by their van which visits each shop weekly. Christian Outreach are also grateful to Tristar National Transport (TNT) who collected and

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delivered nearly 2,000 blankets from outlying districts
free of charge. Thanks must go to Tear Fund who
helped with publicity and paid for the sea freight to
Port Sudan.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

Nearly two years ago, when sadly the Women's Institute had
to close, we formed a very friendly informal group,
meeting the second Wednesday of each month - hence the name
WAG's!! There is no membership fee - just 25p when you
come; there is always a cup of tea and something to eat.
A trading table sometimes does brisk business, where you can
sell anything from a pin to an elephant; "unwants" can
be turned into bargains - 20% of your selling price goes to
the funds. Create a sensation and turn up with an
elephant - preferably a white one!

Sept. 10th at Hawthorn Cottage at 2.45pm is the next
meeting when we shall have Mrs Jill Fry expounding on the
subject of "Enjoying Flowers". On Thursday October 9th
the doors are open to everyone at 7.0pm in the Village Hall.
Bring all your friends and neighbours and walk the "South
Downs Way" with Fred and Maureen Shepherd. Keep in mind
our Annual Sale at the Village Hall on Saturday Nov. 22nd
when the Cheshire Homes and the Village Hall will benefit
from the proceeds.

Joan Hardy

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting will be on Thursday 25 September when we
shall welcome a visit from Mrs David Symonds.

Brenda Gardner

HAMBLETON BROWNIES

The Brownies are very fortunate to have Mary Grove,
Barbara Shepherd and Pauline Underwood all helping to keep
the Pack together. A change of time and day for meetings
is planned from 18th September when the next session begins.
In future they will meet on Thursdays from 5 - 6.30pm in
the Village Hall.