

St Peter's Church : Hambledon : September 1987

The Rector writes:

My dear Friends

As you probably know, some forty of our Young People's Fellowship went to the Youth with a Mission 'Go' Festival on the Show Ground at Stafford at the end of July. They had a great time and towards the end of the week I had a 'phone call asking me to preach on the following Sunday evening on the subject of "Fellowship" to follow on from what God had been saying to the Group during the week. Obediently, this I duly did. Let me share with you some of these thoughts:

Christian fellowship is a common participation in our partnership with Jesus Christ as our Saviour and God's Spirit who indwells each one of us. For this to be a real sharing this fellowship will express itself in a number of ways. In worship, Bible Study, Prayer and in care for the needy. Sadly, like many churches, we tend to polarise into two congregations, morning and evening. I made a plea for a little more cross-polarisation: for young people who tend to come in the evening to attend the morning service and for those who attend in the morning to sometimes come in the evening. The Family Service on the first Sunday morning each month is a special opportunity for the whole church to "come together" in worship.

Another opportunity to meet one another and listen to what God has to say to us as a church is the fortnightly Bible Study in the Rectory on Wednesday evenings at 8 00pm. There are of course other groups, but this one can act as a focal point for our "fellowship" together.

A further opportunity to extend this fellowship is through the Parish Prayer Meeting every Saturday morning at 9 00am at the Rectory. A prayerless church is a powerless church! Archbishop Trench once said: "We kneel how weak, we rise how full of strength".

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May I commend to you these possibilities and privileges of "fellowship" for the encouragement of each other in our Christian life and for strengthening our witness in the world.

Yours sincerely

PETER SERTIN

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 1987

Sept. 6 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 02am Holy Communion (1662)
11 07am FAMILY SERVICE
6 30pm Evening Prayer (1662)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

Sept. 7 7 45pm for 8 00pm PCC MEET AT THE RECTORY

Sept. 9 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
AT THE RECTORY

Sept. 13 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
RWANDA MISSION SUNDAY

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)
: followed by Holy Communion
Deputation Preacher:
The Rev. David Vail,
Secretary to the Rwanda Mission
(Sunday Club meets in the Nursery School)
4 00pm Tea Party at the Rectory to
meet the Rev. David Vail
6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
(Preacher : the Rev. David Vail.)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship
(Collections at the morning and evening
services will be devoted to the work of
the Rwanda Mission)

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Sept. 20 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION OF
THE REV. TED ELTON

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)

10 00am Children's Church

11 00am Morning Prayer (1662) :

The Rev. Ted Elton

(Followed by Reception at Feathercombe)

7 45pm Youth Fellowship

Sept. 23 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
AT THE RECTORY

Sept. 27 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)

11 00am Holy Communion (1662)

(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)

6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)

7 45pm Youth Fellowship

AND IN OCTOBER

Oct. 2 7 30 for 8 pm HARVEST SUPPER IN THE
VILLAGE HALL

Oct. 4 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

SUNDAY CLUB TENTH ANNIVERSARY

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)

11 00am FAMILY SERVICE

6 30pm Evening Prayer (1662)

7 45pm Youth Fellowship

(The speaker at morning and evening services
will be Mr Stephen Clarke of Christian
Outreach and collections throughout the day
will be devoted to this cause.)

Oct. 7 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
AT THE RECTORY :

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Oct. 11 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8 00 am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00 am Morning Prayer (1662)
: followed by Holy Communion
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)
7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

CHURCH REGISTER

July 26 : Baptism : ASHLEY GERHALD FILMER-PASCOE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY :

September 19 3.30 pm Deanery Day in the Cathedral
September 29 8 00 pm AGM of the Bible Society :
United Church, Godalming
October 2 7 30 pm for 8 00 pm Harvest Supper in the
Village Hall. PLEASE REMEMBER
TO BRING YOUR PLACE SETTINGS.
Tickets obtainable from
Village Shop from middle
September.

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

Total for July 1987 : £511.40 : Edric Hardy

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

September 6 : Mrs Joan Hardy
13 : Mrs M Caroe
20 : Miss Harrill
27 : Mr Keith Fish

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

September 4/5 : Mrs Dinah Staines
11/12 : Mrs Barbara Major
18/19 : Mrs Elizabeth Secrett
25/26 : Youth Fellowship

FROM OUR FRIENDS THE BOLTONS

We were quite overwhelmed by the kindness of Hambledon church people in thinking of giving us a farewell gift - we felt it was undeserved but are glad to receive it. The sum given (nearly £300) was most generous and we are amazed that people wanted to show their love and friendship to this extent. We are thinking of using it to help provide a better welcome to visitors such as yourselves: a microwave oven or a chair-bed is what we are thinking of at present.

Some of you must have been wondering if we were ever moving but after many delays the actual day came (on August 11th) and we had fine weather and helpful removal men. The house is almost tidy and we are off to Northumberland and Scotland for a holiday in the second half of August, so that we shall be fresh and fit for work and church involvement in September. Thank you, friends, and we hope to keep strong bonds of Christian fellowship with those in Hambledon who have known us. Should you be travelling in our direction along the A281 to Brighton do please call.

Mac and Sheila Bolton
Netheroaks, Winterpit Close,
Mannings Heath, Horsham,
West Sussex RH13 6JY.
Tel. Horsham 210318.

SUNDAY CLUB TENTH ANNIVERSARY

October 4th is a red letter day for Sunday Club - it is ten years' old. We are celebrating this birthday at the Family Service which is also the Harvest Thanksgiving. We hope that all past and present members of Sunday Club will be with us then.

It gives me a lot of pleasure to see ex-Sunday Club members currently in the Hambledon Youth Fellowship at almost platoon strength. These include Elizabeth Freemantle, Andrew Williamson, Vicki Blackman, Sarah Hammond, Andy Pakenham-Walsh, and my own son to name just a few. It is also a happy coincidence that on

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that Sunday Sarah Clarke (nee Mabley) will be with us, since Stephen is preaching throughout that day. Sarah was a stalwart helper in Sunday Club 3 years' ago.

After ten years I feel it is time for a change in the leadership of Sunday Club. We are very fortunate that Gerry and Julia Harrington of Lane End (tel. Wormley 3406) are taking over this month (13th September) and will be responsible for Sunday Club in the future. Rowena Hall will continue her invaluable role among the younger members.

As Gerry and Julia's twin daughters are now $1\frac{1}{2}$ years' old, the time has come to start a creche. We hope this will begin shortly and will encourage the parents of young children in the village to make use of this when they come to church. Please let the Rector know of any family who might like to take advantage of this.

I wish those now running Sunday Club as much blessing in the future as the Lord afforded me.

Nigel Pollock

THE DR STRANG MACLAY MEMORIAL FUND

The objective of the fund was to establish a useful form of permanent memorial to Dr Maclay.

The generosity of former patients and local people to the fund has enabled three differing aims to be achieved:

A donation is to be made, in Dr Maclay's name, to the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation. Marie Curie nurses provide care to the terminally ill at home, enabling patients to remain within the family unit.

Secondly, a donation to the surgery of a syringe pump. This equipment allows a constant or regular metered dose of pain-alleviating drug to be injected into patients, again often those in terminal care.

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Thirdly, the donation to the surgery of a computer. This was a project Dr MacLay had devoted much time to investigating and understanding during the last two years. He foresaw the benefits which would enable the practice swiftly to access the names of patients requiring screening and inoculations and to co-ordinate patient responses to a particular drug.

To meet the third objective, the continuing practice is itself donating one-third of the computer's cost, as well as all the subsequent service and software costs.

As contributions are still being received, the fund will remain open for donations until 30th September.

Donations may be sent to : Mr C E Hall
Silver Leys
New Road
Wormley
Godalming, Surrey.

PERSONALIA

It is good to know that Mrs N Phillips at The Garage is home again from a recent spell in hospital following a fall. We send our good wishes to all sick friends for a speedy return to health and strength.

THE INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHIC SCIENCES

The Institute is holding an Open Day on Saturday 17 October 1987 at Brook Road Wormley, between 11.00am and 5.00pm. All are welcome to attend but it must be stressed that children under the age of 16 years must be accompanied by an adult. The Institute is among the foremost of the world's laboratories specialising in the study of the seas and the deep oceans and the displays will interest all age groups. Further information can be obtained from:

The Open Day Office
Institute of Oceanographic Sciences
Deacon Laboratory
Brook Road
Wormley GU8 5UB (Wormley 4141)

HAMBLEDON YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

HYF has been eagerly awaiting the British summer and a chance to don T-shirts and swimsuits and barbeque or sunbathe. Unfortunately, few such occasions have arisen, although on one evening, a group of us hired rowing boats and took to the water at Farncombe. Boat races and water-fights followed!!

Near the end of July, 40 of us safely arrived in Staffordshire, along with over 1,000 other Christians, for the 'Go' Festival organised by Youth with a Mission. The days were packed with talks, seminars and worship, as well as concerts from Christian bands; walks and professional counselling for those with particular needs.

Some of HYF's members then went with YWAM for a week or two in such cities as Birmingham, Nottingham and London in order to share their faith with others. This took place on the streets and in pubs and housing estates, with the help of drama and music groups. The outreach was challenging but fruitful and fun and much was learned from the experience.

We would like to express many thanks for the generous contributions from Hambledon church, some of which was used to provide all the cooking equipment, without which we could not have coped.

Tamsin Lamb

AND FURTHER THOUGHTS ON THE 'GO' FESTIVAL

The Festival provided a considerable challenge to those who attended from the Hambledon Youth Fellowship. There was a variety of teaching, all on the foundation of Biblical truth and during the day one could choose which seminar to attend. In the evening we would all congregate in the main hall where we would praise together and then listen to a speaker.

The main theme running through the week was that we should GO OUT and lead active, practical Christian lives which complement our praise and promises to God and God's own promises which we find in the Bible. For example, if we sing 'Jesus is Lord' and clearly He is not Lord in certain areas of our lives, then we are lying in our praise.
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Without question God worked in many ways within each of us. One of the most significant things which happened to me occurred during a talk by Clive Calver. During his address he started to talk about our nation and questioned whether we could still be proud to be British. As he spoke he listed a number of events, issues and conditions which are present in our nation; rape and abortion, crime and sub-standard housing, and as he continued I felt anger and outrage mounting up inside me for I know who is responsible for all these things - Satan - who works in man to such a degree that these ills are now established in our society.

I was so incensed I was close to slamming my book on the ground and shouting out to defend the name of our nation while making it clear who's kingdom Clive Calver WAS talking about and declaring that in the name of Jesus the Christ we should be fighting against it.

By this time Clive was still relentlessly continuing his list and I felt sure that should he say any more I would be on my feet. He mentioned a few more points and miraculously I remained silent. Looking back it was just as well. Clive didn't need telling and I don't suppose anyone else did either.

However, a deep impression was left on me. I felt a tremendous burden, although my physical pain had gone. I took delight in the fact that God's power is greater than all these manifestations of evil put together.

Half an hour later three wonderful people were praying for me in my tent. What unity we have in Jesus! (How that among other things should be developed). We spent half an hour or more in prayer. There were several things which we shared to encourage and by the end I was left with a deep feeling of peace with my burden lifted.

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My concern for our nation's condition has not changed. Indeed, it has been reinforced, and I believe that God has given me something to do about it. When I felt pain and anger I believe it was a taste of His own pain and anger. It gave me the necessary adjustment, to align my sights, set my course ... AND GO!

Woody Schofield

LOUISE ARDEN-WHITE has spent the past 6 months working with Youth with a Mission and has written about her work:

I have spent the first 6 months of this year on a Discipleship Training School (DTS) with YWAM. This is YWAM's 'basic' course - that is, if you were to join full-time staff with them, one requirement would be the completion of a DTS. They are run in bases in many parts of the world and it was to Amsterdam that God directed me in January 1987, along with 35 others from 11 different countries.

The school is divided into two three-month phases - the lecture phase and outreach phase. During the first 3 months, a typical day would include an hour of worship or intercession, lectures for 2½ hours in the morning and sometimes more in the evening; we were all assigned work duties, which we carried out in the afternoons. Small group time once a week in the evening was very special and valuable, and any remaining time we spent enjoying each other's company in less serious ways!

The teaching is specifically aimed at our personal relationships with God - knowing Him better and understanding ourselves and areas of our lives that needed healing/changing and generally being equipped as better disciples. It was a wonderful opportunity to "soak" in the presence of God, being treated to the excellent teaching, which included lectures from Floyd McLung and Brother Andrew. During this time, God gave me new understanding of His Fatherly love, and of how even the "smallest" sin caused Him great sadness in His perfect

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holiness. It was a marvellous time of learning and also forging new and very special friendships.

Also during this period, we were given outlines of the various different outreach opportunities to ask God which we should each undertake. I can assure you it wasn't the white beaches, palm trees and pineapples that drew me to the Indian Ocean Island of Mauritius! (well, not completely anyway!) We were a pioneering team, as far as YWAM is concerned, and arrived in Mauritius to serve the church, and we particularly helped to encourage the youth. We joined with a small team from a DTS in Switzerland, and had an incredibly busy and fulfilling time. We worked closely with about 5-6 churches, and with others less closely, taking services, evangelistic meetings, cell groups and going into a number of schools - in one school working alongside Youth for Christ to set up a Christian Union. It was a refreshing experience to be amongst people who wanted to hear about Jesus.

There isn't enough space here to give any details of what God was doing there, suffice to say that we saw Him setting free and giving new life to some dear people as we worked with the churches, in what is a fascinating and beautiful island of varied races and cultures - we were thoroughly welcomed and blessed. God was true to His character - so faithful, and in our weakness, He did give us strength. It almost seemed that the more "burnt-out" we were, the easier it was to plan meetings, and the better they went!

It has doubtless been the best 6 months of my life, which I attribute completely to God, but at the same time I've been incredibly impressed by the humility and commitment of the YWAM staff in Amsterdam, to seeing through God's plans and purposes. I'm now taking each step with great anticipation and growing love and excitement for my heavenly Father, who cares so deeply and is so committed to the best for each of His children. "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed".

(John 8:36)

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NB : If you would like to borrow tapes of lectures, I have the following titles:-

"Looking for Security" - Bart Dooknweerd
"Sin and steps of restitution" - Bart Dooknweerd
"The disciple and his enemy" - Bill Lemke
"Pride and Humility" - Floyd McLung
"Responding to Disappointment" - Sally McLung
"Cycle in the life of Man and Nations" - Brother Andrew

Louise Arden-White

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

It was a pity that so many members had to miss our July meeting when we had our Rector with us and enjoyed his thoughts on Psalm 23. This led on to a helpful discussion over tea afterwards. We are now having a break until our October meeting on 22nd, which, as usual, will be at 3.00pm at Ellingsons and we shall have Mrs Nancy Morris with us again.

Brenda Gardner

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

Having no meeting this month gives me the opportunity to say thank you to many people. To the hostesses who have kindly opened their homes and provided tea. To Molly Vacher who collects our 25p and deals with money matters. Queenie Atkins for the raffle; Cynthia Miller sees to the trading table and last, but by no means least, Brenda Gardner, who has been our mainstay and guided us from the closing of the W.I. to our friendly Wednesday Afternoon Group now in its third year.

Brenda now hands over the reins to Hilary Morrison, who, aided and abetted by Cynthia, should make a good team. Thank you to all of you for your support, to make it the success it is. If you are interested in joining us, each meeting costs just 25p (ladies only of course!)

Come and join us in the Village Hall on September 9th at 2.45pm for a Cookery Demonstration and know-how by Mrs Sally Chambers. If you have ideas, a varied programme is being planned for next year.

Joan Hardy