

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 1988

September 04 14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am FAMILY SERVICE
6 30pm Evening Prayer (1662)

YPF WEEKEND HOUSEPARTY

September 11 15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

September 12 7 45 for 8.00pm PCC MEET AT
THE RECTORY

September 14 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND
PRAYER AT THE RECTORY

September 18 16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
10 00am Children's Church
11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)
6 30pm Evening Prayer (ASB)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

(Preacher throughout the day
the Rev. G N Nicholson)

September 24 9 00 - 1 00pm PCC QUIET MORNING
AT THE RECTORY

11 15 am Presentation of Best Kept
Village Trophy Award and
Village Hall Award on
Village Green.

September 25 17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

RUANDA MISSION SUNDAY

8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am Holy Communion (1662)
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)

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September 25 4 00pm Tea Party at Brackenwood,
(contd.) Brook Road
6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship
(Preacher throughout the day
Dr Jon Henderson)

September 28 8 00pm MEETING FOR BIBLE STUDY
AND PRAYER AT THE RECTORY

(The Rector will be leading a Holiday Houseparty in
Jersey from 28 September - 5 October)

AND IN OCTOBER :

October 02 18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am FAMILY SERVICE
6 30pm Evening Prayer (1662)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

October 07 HARVEST SUPPER IN VILLAGE HALL
7 30 for 8 00pm

October 09 19TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY HARVEST
THANKSGIVING
8 00am Holy Communion (1662)
11 00am Morning Prayer (1662)
(followed by Holy Communion (1662))
(Sunday Club meets at the Nursery School)
6 30pm Holy Communion (ASB)
7 45pm Youth Fellowship

FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

The total received in July 1988 was £2,019.30 :
John Taylor



CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER

September 2/3 : Mrs Elizabeth Secrett
 9/10 : Mrs Dorothy Newel
 16/17 : Mrs Maureen Reynolds
 23/24 : Mrs Muriel Campbell
 30/ : Mrs Pat Williams)
October 1 : Mrs Molly Vacher)

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER

September 4 : Wedding Flowers
September 11 : " "
September 18 : Miss M Harrill/Miss C Bather
September 25

AN AFRICAN BISHOP AT HAMBLETON

St Peter's was full for the Morning Service on 31 July to hear Bishop Crispus Nzano of Mombasa, who was over here for the Lambeth Conference. The visit to Hambleton was arranged by David Symonds who, introducing the speaker, recalled how he had taught the young Kenyan some forty years ago.

Bishop Crispus began his sermon with a moving tribute to David's teaching, which had given him both the means and the desire to enter the ministry. His message to us was "Come to Jesus", and we could well understand why the simple, Bible-founded commitment of so many African Christians is such a shining and challenging example to affluent, sophisticated and unrepentant societies such as ours. We also heard that, whereas in 1967 there was but one African Bishop at the Conference, this year they formed the largest group with 175. During their stay in England many of them had the opportunity to

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visit and preach in churches in various parts of the country. This was a unique occasion for Hambledon and we were greatly privileged to hear Bishop Crispus and to meet him and his gracious wife at an informal gathering for coffee after the service.

Tom Arden-White

RUANDA MISSION SUNDAY * 25 SEPTEMBER

Our guest speakers on this Sunday will be Dr and Mrs Jon Henderson. They have spent many years working in Mission Hospitals in Rwanda and Burundi and will have an interesting story to tell us. They are now in general practice in Southampton and Mrs Henderson is an ex-St Thomas's Hospital nurse. The programme is:

11 00am and 6.30pm : Dr Henderson will preach.

4 00pm : Tea Party and informal meeting at Brackenwood, Brook Road, by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Nigel Pollock.

7 45pm : Young People's Fellowship and a Video at the Rectory.

Jack Symonds

PERSONALIA

We are delighted to learn that both Mrs Edwards and Mr Vernon Hopkins are now home from hospital. Mrs Dorothea Ellingson has been moved from the Royal Surrey to Milford Hospital where she is in Birch Ward. Visitors are always welcome and Miss Mary Parker advises that 5 00pm seems to be a good time to make your visit. Dr Jack Symonds has gone into the King Edward VII Hospital at Midhurst for a few days and we send to all our sick friends our prayers and wish them God's comforting presence at this time.

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All good wishes for their future happiness to Michelle Goff and Bernard Price who are to be married in Hambledon Church on 3 September and to Caroline Atkins and Graham Trevorro also being married at Hambledon on 10 September. Caroline and her family have long been associated with church and village and we remember her as she makes her new home with Graham in Cornwall.

Pippa Duffy is home from Hongkong for a holiday and we wish her a relaxing time during which she can re-charge her batteries before returning to work with Jackie Pullinger in the exacting task to which God has called her. We have enjoyed having her back in Hambledon and she has been able to bring the Youth Fellowship up-to-date on her work.

The Sunday Club had a day out on 23 August when 26 children and several adults visited Guildford Cathedral for a session on brass rubbings and a "gentle" tour of the building. After a picnic lunch on Stag Hill and some games organised by Kathy Sartin, the party took to the water from Guildford Boatyard to St Catherine's Lock and back. We are afraid the poor boatman giving a commentary on the interest to be found on the riverbank and beyond had rather an uphill task with 26 rather excited youngsters on board!

Two final items of news: one sad - as we say farewell to the Gillett family as they move from Hambledon to make their new home in Liphook. We shall miss them all very much and send them our good wishes and pray that God will bless them in their new surroundings.

and the other glad -
as we say 'hello' once again to the Rectory cat who
has returned home after 10 weeks' absence without leave!



REPORT ON THE PCC MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 1988

- 1 The meeting opened in prayer and the minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed.
- 2 Under the topic of Matters Arising the following were discussed:
 - (a) Fabric - the progress on the repair of the wall and the improvements to the path through the churchyard.
 - (b) Freewill Offering Secretary - the finding of a person willing to take over from Edric Hardy.
 - (c) Finance - the financial situation following the Stewardship Campaign.
 - (d) Missionary Giving - increasing the amount of giving and how this might be directed.
 - (e) Parish Barbeque - thanks were extended to all who helped and donated equipment/food as well as those at Feathercombe for their hospitality.
 - (f) Pew Bibles - further quotes were assessed and the issue of which version should be chosen.
- 3 There were two 'new' topics raised:-
 - (a) Readers - the idea of introducing more variety of readers was discussed and whether a rota could be set up to complement the existing Sidesman rota.
 - (b) Children's Church Services - the issue of Children's Church services and their relation to Sunday Club was discussed. Suggestions were made as to how better provision could be made for children's involvement in the Family Service and the timing of Sunday Club itself.
- 4 The Harvest Supper arrangements were covered under Any Other Business. The Harvest Supper will be on 7 October.

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5 The meeting closed with prayer.

Once again, if you have any comments on PCC business or topics you would like to be discussed, please do not hesitate to contact myself, the Rector or the Churchwardens. The next meeting will be on Monday 12 September.

Geoff Clarkson
Secretary

BIRMINGHAM NEWS

At long last I've got round to writing to apologise for all the news you haven't had from me and to thank you for your on-going concern and prayers for me. In a situation where self-discipline is vital, and I don't have much of it, your prayers, I know, are what the Lord uses to keep me turning to Him. Thank you for continuing to pray despite my poor communication.

So what has been happening? Well, as part of the Ministry Team at Christ Church, Sparkbrook, I have seen some encouraging breakthroughs by the Lord : in the local schools, in the church and in the lives of young people in the community. I have just come back from a youth camp where eight young people became Christians and youth work continues to be an important part of my time, especially through the Open Youth Club we run on a Monday night.

Over the last few months I have felt God sharpening my understanding of His place for me in local church ministry and believe that there is more for me to learn and to give at Christ Church in a supportive rôle. This has meant putting off my intended approach to the Church of England for ordination training. This doesn't mean however that I have turned aside completely from that path. What it does mean is that at the end of September, when my CPAS sponsorship runs out, I hope to move on to a permanent job in Birmingham somewhere.

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The last piece of news is that over the last year I have been going out with a Christian Pakistani girl from our church. Her name is Riffat and she is a convert from Islam. Over the year we have sensed God's commitment to us as a couple very strongly and believe He has a place for us being together in His purposes. At the end of July we took the step of getting engaged and hope to get married after Easter next year. I hope you will have the opportunity to meet Riffat at church before too long.

Thank you again on behalf of the church in Sparkbrook for your support and for the impact of your prayers on our neighbourhood for the wonderful purposes of God.

Tim Arden-White

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH * SUDAN FLOOD VICTIMS

On two Sundays - August 21 and 28 - we have been able to give to the work being undertaken in the Sudan by Christian Outreach. As you know, they are a small Christian Relief Organisation, with limited finances, but they have been able to send £20,000 from their funds which they had already allocated to another project, for the relief of the people suffering from the flooding. Christian Outreach Director, Martin Lee, has already flown out to Khartoum and it is as a result of this visit that he has requested this money to enable him to buy much needed supplies in Sudan. Christian Outreach are also planning to airlift supplies of plastic sheeting for temporary shelters; High Energy Biscuits; and basic medicines for treatment of cholera, malaria, stomach infections and dysentery. Hambledon can supply much needed money and blankets and the latter can be left at the Village Shop or with Mrs Gay Mabley at Tigbourne Wood, New Road. (Wormley 2702).

St Peter's Church acknowledges with grateful thanks
a very generous anonymous donation of £2,000.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

A rather small number of us gathered for a happy
afternoon together in July. Quite a few were unable
to come, for one reason or another and we particularly
missed Dorothea Ellingson. We were grateful to her
for making her home available to us as usual.

On the last Wednesday of September - the 28th -
we are having a get-together over a cup of tea at
The Hill - do come and join us then, if possible.

Brenda Gardner

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP

Continuing the saga of the cake - it proves you can
have your cake and eat it! All this arose of course
when a WAG member drove off with a cake on the roof
of her car which she had won in the raffle at the
meeting in the afternoon; what was more surprising
was that it was still there when, having dropped off
her passenger and moved on a few yards to home, she
was greeted by a chorus of workmen and dropped off
passenger by "The cake - it's on the roof of your
car"! It says a lot for WAG driving or the state
of Hambledon roads!!

Our next meeting on September 14 takes the form of an
informal afternoon at the home of Miss Ledeboer,
Hill Top Farm, where, over a cup of tea, we shall be
discussing the Annual Sale which is to be held on
October 22nd.

Before that you are all invited to an evening with

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Fred Shepherd with his beautiful slide sequence and music.

NOTE THE DATE : THURSDAY OCTOBER 13TH AT 7.30pm.

Come along and bring your friends, you will certainly enjoy it.

Joan Hardy

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The presentation of the Trophy to Hambledon for winning the Small Villages Section of this Competition will be held outside the Village Shop on Saturday 24th September at 11.15am. After everyone's hard work, it would be lovely to have a good crowd there, so do please try to come, plus all your families.

At the same time there will be a presentation to the Village Hall Committee for coming third in the Best Kept Village Hall Competition.

There will be refreshments for everyone after the ceremony.

Elizabeth Maclay



HARVEST SUPPER * FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER * 7 30 for 8 00pm
HAMBLEDON VILLAGE HALL.

Please remember to bring your place settings.
Tickets obtainable from the Village Shop from
September 26th.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Thanks again for all who helped with the Fete on 9 July - £2,833 has been raised towards our target of £11,000.

This winter a social/fundraising event will be held in the Hall each month.

Dates fixed are:

Wednesday 21 September from 7 30pm

An Indoor Bowls Evening. Proper bowls on a mat. An invitation is extended to all who would like to find out what this form of leisure activity is about. If successful, we would purchase the equipment and arrange regular sessions. No admission fee.

Thursday 20 October at 8 00pm

A visit from Godalming Band (mostly brass and 24 of them). A Concert of Band Music will be given. Tickets £2.50 each.

Saturday 26 November from 10 00am

A Christmas Sale. Not old left-overs from the Fete but all new items that you may need for yourself or could give as presents.

Friday 16 December from 8 00pm until midnight

A Christmas Dance - more details later.

In the New Year we will be holding a Feature Film Evening, a Jazz and Blues Session and possibly a Dress Show.

Mic Coleman

