

## RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

May I draw your attention to the arrangements being made for the Christmas Services—these are given in the Diary for the month. The Holy Communion Service on Christmas Eve last year proved to meet a real need, and we understand enabled many families to attend the Christmas Day morning service together. We hope that the times of services will again prove helpful to everyone.

The new Clergy Stall, in memory of the late Charles Edward Denny, will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Surrey at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, December 14th. We are most grateful to the Archdeacon for so kindly coming to Hambledon for the dedication.

We wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

C. EDWARD ELTON.



## DIARY FOR MONTH

- Dec. 4th. Thurs. Young Wives' Group, Christmas Carols, 2.30 p.m., at Beech Hill.
- 7th. Sun. ADVENT II. "Bible Sunday."  
8.0 a.m., Holy Communion.  
10.0 a.m., Children's Church.  
11.0 a.m., Morning Prayer.  
12.0 noon, Holy Communion.  
6.30 p.m., Evening Prayer.  
Colour film-strip address: "The Story of our Bible."
- 8th. Mon. Sewing Meeting, 2.30 p.m.
- 11th. Thurs. Church Fellowship in Village Hall, 8 p.m.  
"A Visit to Norway," illustrated by colour transparencies, by the Rev. A. H. Hargroves, M.A., Hospitaller, St. Thomas' Hospital.
- 14th. Sun. ADVENT III.  
8.0 a.m., Holy Communion.  
11.0 a.m., Morning Prayer.  
Dedication of new Clergy Stall by the Archdeacon of Surrey, Ven. A. J. de C. Studdert, M.A.  
6.30 p.m., Evening Prayer.  
Colour film-strip address: "The Risen Lord."



21st. Sun. ADVENT IV. ST. THOMAS.

8.0 a.m., Holy Communion.

11.0 a.m., Morning Prayer.

3.0 p.m., Toy Service.

6.30 p.m., Carol Service.

7.30 p.m., Holy Communion.

Collecting boxes (Missionary Societies) will be brought to the services for dedication and opening.

24th. Wed. CHRISTMAS EVE.

11.30 p.m., Holy Communion.

25th. Thurs. CHRISTMAS DAY.

8.0 a.m., Holy Communion.

11.0 a.m., Morning Prayer.

12.0 noon, Holy Communion.

28th. Sun. CHRISTMAS I. HOLY INNOCENTS.

8.0 a.m., Holy Communion.

11.0 a.m., Morning Prayer.

6.30 p.m., Evening Prayer.

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Jan. 4th. Sun. CHRISTMAS II.

8.0 a.m., Holy Communion.

10.0 a.m., Children's Church.

11.0 a.m., Morning Prayer.

12.0 noon, Holy Communion.

6.30 p.m., Evening Prayer.



#### CHURCH REGISTERS

##### **Holy Baptism**

"One Lord, one faith, one baptism."

Nov. 15th. Lucinda Mary, daughter of Hampden David Eric and Mary Parker.

23rd. Alan Edmund, son of David Edmund and Barbara Elizabeth Hutchins.



**Dr. and Mrs. Sansom**, who have attended our services during their furlough in England, have now returned to Kenya. They came to us with their two small daughters, and now return to their home in Nairobi with a third, and smaller, daughter. We have been glad to welcome them back to Hambledon, and have been very grateful to Dr. Sansom for his ministry at the services from time to time. We wish them every blessing, and look forward to their next visit to us.

#### **Coffee Morning at Hydon Ridge**

This proved to be a very happy and successful effort. The Sewing Meeting Fund has benefited by over £24. We are most grateful to Miss Denny and her helpers.

#### **Church Fellowship**

The attendance at the first meeting this session (78) was most encouraging. The film of village events, which included this year's Church Fête, shown by Mr. Head, was a special attraction, and helped some of us to "see ourselves as others see us." Miss Denny's colour transparencies of her recent tour in France were very much appreciated, and her commentary added to their interest. Mr. Secrett's film of his visit to Holland, with the shots taken at a Bulbgrowers' Festival, and the views of various parts of that fascinating country, brought the programme to a most colourful conclusion. The next meeting of the Fellowship will be on Thursday, December 11th, at the Village Hall. The Rev. F. H. Hargrove, of St. Thomas' Hospital, will be showing colour transparencies which he took this year when he visited Norway to take the services at one of the churches where services are held during the holiday season, for English-speaking visitors.

#### **Guildford New Cathedral Fund**

Mrs. L. P. Haviland, of Vale House, Hydon Heath, has very kindly offered to act as the Parochial Representative for this Fund. She will be glad to receive any further donations towards the New Cathedral Fund.

#### **Hambledon (C. of E.) Day School**

It is perhaps a well-known fact that the sanitation at our Day School is very antiquated, and that modernisation of the buildings in this respect has been long overdue. We are glad to be able to report that, after rather long negotiations with the various authorities concerned, and the presentation of several different plans, the commencement of the actual work of



modernisation is now really in sight. Stage one, which will provide for modern toilet and cloakroom accommodation for the children, a new servery for school meals, and a staff room (all attached to the main building), is to be commenced very shortly. Part of the cost will be met by the Education Authorities, but the Church will also be responsible for a considerable sum. We have certain funds in hand, and application has been made to the Diocesan Board of Religious Education for a grant. It is certain that the improvements to the School will prove to be a very costly item, and the Managers will be using the entire funds at their disposal for this purpose. We know that our friends will bear in mind the need to take a share in supporting this scheme to improve our own Church School. The welfare of our children should be a matter of vital concern to us all.



#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

**Photograph for the Church Vestry.**—We are most grateful to Lt.-Col. T. R. Phillips, of Godalming, for the gift of a framed photograph of his father, the late Rev. Richard Phillips, who was Rector of Hambledon from 1875 to 1907.

**Kneelers for the Choir.**—Miss Margaret Maw, of Pendell Cottage, whose hand weaving is so much admired, has very kindly made a gift to the church of hand-woven material which will recover the kneelers in the Choir stalls. The material has been specially woven, and tones well with the new blue carpet which was recently placed in the Chancel. We are most grateful to Miss Maw for her generous gift.

**The following collections for special objects have recently been made in Church:—**

**Commonwealth and Continental Church Society:**  
£8 18s. 0d. (Sunday, October 19th, at 11 a.m.).

**Guildford New Cathedral Fund:**  
£23 6s. 10d. (Sunday, October 26th). A further £2 was given on Sunday, November 16th.

**Earl Haig Fund:**  
£25 5s. 0d. (Remembrance Sunday, November 9th).



### MISSIONARY BOX OPENING

Collecting boxes, on behalf of several Church Societies, including the Ruanda Mission, C.P.-A.S., and Children's Society, have been distributed to members of our congregation, and we propose to hold half-yearly "Box Openings" in the future. We should be grateful, therefore, if box-holders would kindly bring their boxes to church (at any of the services) on Sunday, December 21st. The boxes will then be dedicated during the services, and will be emptied after the service by the Churchwardens, or appropriate Secretaries.

N.B.—Please make sure that your box is marked with your name before bringing it to church.

(If your box has only recently been emptied, then you may prefer to wait until the next "box opening"—this will be in about six months' time.)



### LADIES' HOME MISSION UNION

(Church Pastoral-Aid Society)

There was a large attendance at the meeting, opened by the Rector, on Tuesday, October 28th, when Miss N. Coggan came to speak to us, and gave us a vivid and inspiring talk on the work and aims of the L.H.M.U. We are grateful and proud that she found time to visit us again this year. Directly after Miss Coggan's address 14 ladies asked to be enrolled as new members, so now the Hambledon Branch of L.H.M.U., only started in 1957, numbers 21.

We thank Mrs. Chapman for allowing the meeting to be held at Tigbourne Court, and for providing such a delicious tea.

A collection taken for L.H.M.U. amounted to £5 12s. 0d.



### SYMPATHY

The sudden death of **Mr. Frank George Collier**, Superintendent of the Hambledon Homes for the past eight years, came as a great shock to us all. We wish to extend to his widow and family our deep sympathies in their bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. Collier had done a great deal for the Homes during their period of service together there, and were responsible for many improvements which have been made. It was always his hope that a hall of some kind may some day be provided which could be used for church services and recreational purposes. During the past few months Mr. Collier had had this particular need very much in mind. The staff and the residents at the Homes will very much miss their Superintendent. We are pleased to know that Mrs. Collier is, for the present, continuing her services as Matron, which will mean so much to everyone connected with the Homes.



## THE PARISH MAGAZINE

We very much regret that it will be necessary to increase the price of this magazine (commencing with the January, 1959, issue) from 3d. to 4d. per copy. During the past eighteen months production costs have increased considerably, and this increase has been due in part to the fact that the amount of local matter has been more than doubled. We feel sure, therefore, that you will agree that you are now getting better value for your money, and that, with the "Home Words" and Diocesan Notes insets, the price is really very reasonable.

The following are suggestions concerning the way in which our readers can help us to produce a magazine of interest to everyone in the village:—

- (1) News about local events (W.I., Cricket and Football Clubs, etc.) can from time to time be included in the magazine if Secretaries will send these news items to the Rector.
  - (2) If you have not paid for your 1958 copies yet, then please let your distributor have the money before the end of the year. Or send it to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Marsh, Bryony Hill, or to the Rector.
  - (3) Please support our advertisers—they help to make publication at a reasonable price possible.
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