

RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

We have again arranged to have a service of Holy Communion at 11.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and there will also be celebrations at 8.0 a.m. and after the Morning Service on Christmas Day. We hope that everyone will make an effort to be present at the Family Service on Christmas Day, and that communicants will find it possible to come to the Lord's Table at a time convenient to them during the Christmas Festival.

The Carol Service will be held on the Sunday evening after Christmas, when members of our congregation will read the Lessons relating the Christmas Story, and the singing will be led by an augmented Choir.

There is a very real danger in these days of leaving Christ out of Christmas and of being so busy with the celebrations in our homes that we forget the real reason for the festival. Let all of us in Hambledon make Christ the centre of our Christmas celebrations.

We wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas.

Yours sincerely, C. EDWARD ELTON.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20th

CHILDREN'S TOY SERVICE, 3.0 p.m.

Children are asked to bring gifts of toys, games, books, etc., which will be taken to the Church of England Children's Society Home at Hindhead (Twizzeltwig). Parents are warmly invited to attend the service.

CHRISTMAS EVE

HOLY COMMUNION, 11.30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

HOLY COMMUNION, 8.0 a.m. and 12.0 noon.

FAMILY SERVICE, 11.0 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27th

CAROL SERVICE, 6.30 p.m.

Nine Lessons will be read by members of the congregation, and the singing will be led by an augmented Choir.

FOR YOUR DIARY

- Dec. 6th. 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.
- 7th. Mon. St. Peter's Youth Fellowship, 7.30 p.m., in the Day School.
- 10th. Thurs. Church Fellowship, 8.0 p.m. in Village Hall. Film of the Church Fête, 1959, will be shown, and also colour transparencies taken by members of the Fellowship during visits to the Continent (see separate note).
- 13th. Sun. ADVENT III. Ember Week.
8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- Dec. 17th. Thurs. **Carols at Beech Hill, 3 p.m.;** Young Wives' Group
- 20th. Sun. ADVENT IV. Missionary Box Opening.
8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer.
3.0 p.m. Children's Toy Service.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion.
Holders of Missionary and other collecting boxes (C.M.S. Ruanda, C.P.A.S., Children's Society, etc.), are asked to bring (or send) their boxes to church for the half-yearly box opening.
- 24th. Thurs. CHRISTMAS EVE.
11.30 p.m. Holy Communion.
Offerings for Day School Building Fund.
- 25th. Fri. CHRISTMAS DAY.
8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.0 a.m. Family Service.
12.0 noon Holy Communion.
Offerings and collections for Day School Managers' Fund.
- 27th. Sun. **Christmas I.**
8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer.
6.30 p.m. CAROL SERVICE.

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Jan. 3rd. Sun. CHRISTMAS II.

8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.

10.0 a.m. Children's Church.

11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

Preacher: Rev. Derek A. Parsons, M.A., Chaplain.
King Edward School, Witley.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

CONFIRMATION

We welcome into the full membership of our Church the following, who were confirmed in the Parish Church on St. Luke's Day, 1959:—

Roy Anthony Holm; Gordon Hammond; Robin Frederick James Luxford; Michael Puttock; David Winter; Trevor Winter; Cynthia Margaret Clark; Sylvia Thelma Holm; Julia Anne Kirby; Susan Margaret Pearson; Carol Pritchard; and Patricia Jessie Pritchard.

The following have been prepared for Confirmation by their respective School Chaplains:—

Georgia Taylor-Smith and Jane Taylor-Smith: Confirmation at Sherborne Abbey on November 20th.

Richard James Grillo: Confirmation at Rugby School on November 28th.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

St. Luke's Nursing Home for the Clergy

An appeal for the support of this Nursing Home has been made to the Parochial Church Council, and as the Confirmation Service was held on St. Luke's Day, the proceeds of the retiring collection were given to the Fund. A letter of thanks for this contribution (£9 3s. 0d.) has been received from the local Deanery Treasurer.

Earl Haig Fund

The offertories and collections on Remembrance Sunday amounted to £23 13s. 8d., which is being sent to Earl Haig Fund.

Bishop of Guildford's Challenge Fund

We were most grateful to Sir John Wenham and Colonel Blackburne-Kane for their visits to our church to preach about the Challenge Fund. The offertory and collections on Sunday, November 15th, were for the Fund, and, together with the grant from the Free-Will Offering Fund, amounted to £24 5s. 2d.

Magazine Distributors

We wish to thank all those who, month by month, distribute this magazine to subscribers in the parish. A considerable dis-

tance must be covered each month by most of the distributors, and we are grateful to them for the speedy delivery of their magazines. If any subscribers have not paid for their 1959 magazines yet, it would be appreciated if they would kindly hand their subscriptions to the distributor as soon as possible. We thank our Hon. Magazine Treasurer, Mr. Marsh, for his services, and also Mr. Hutchins, who is responsible for the collecting of payments from advertisers.

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DAY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Donations towards expenses will be gratefully received by the Headmistress (Mrs. Peer), the Sunday School Superintendent (Mr. C. A. Chapman), or the Rector. There may be those who would be willing to provide some of the cakes or other refreshments for the party, and Mrs. Peer will be pleased to receive promises to help in this way. The party will take place on Thursday, December 31st, or Friday, January 1st. At the time of going to press the final arrangements have not been made, but further details will be announced in church.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

The first meeting of the winter session was held in the Village Hall on Thursday, November 12th, when, in spite of the fog which had persisted throughout the day, there was an attendance of over sixty. We were most grateful to Mrs. Julian Haviland for her most interesting talk on work among refugees. She gave us a number of illustrations from her own experience of the work in Austria, and most of us left the meeting feeling, more than ever, the urge to do what we can to make known the needs of refugees and to support the efforts being made to assist them. This is "Refugee Year" and, in the near future, an opportunity will be given for the members of our congregation to make a contribution to the work.

The January meeting of the Fellowship will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday, January 14th, at 8 p.m., when the Rev. F. H. Hargroves, of St. Thomas's Hospital, will give a talk entitled "Seasons of the Year, Here and There." The talk will be illustrated by colour transparencies. Members will remember the visit of Mr. Hargroves last year, and will look forward to another of his interesting lectures.