

WE WISH ALL OUR READERS A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th. CHILDREN'S CHURCH TOY SERVICE 10am.

(Children are invited to bring gifts of toys, books, etc. to be distributed at a Children's Society Home).

CAROL SERVICE 6.30 p.m. - Augmented Choir and reading of the Nine Lessons by members of congregation.

CHRISTMAS EVE (Sun. Dec. 24th).

(Usual Sunday Services - see Diary)

HOLY COMMUNION 11.30 P.M.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Holy Communion 8 a.m. and after Morning Service.

Family Service 11.0 a.m.

As Christmas Day falls on a Monday this year it will be necessary to hold the Toy Service on Sunday, December 17th, and the Carol Service will also be arranged on the same Sunday.

DIARY.

Dec. 3rd. Sun. ADVENT SUNDAY. Holy Communion 8 a.m., Children's Church 10 a.m., Morning Prayer & Holy Communion 11 a.m., Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.

7th. Thur. Sewing Meeting Sale of Work and Coffee Evening at 8pm at Tigbourne Court. Proceeds for the Hambledon Almshouses.

10th. Sun. ADVENT II (Bible Sunday).

Holy Communion 8 am, Morning Prayer 11 am, Preacher The Rev. A.W. Mills, Vicar of Thursley, Evening Prayer 6.30 pm. Offerings: British and Foreign Bible Society.

14th. Thurs. Church Fellowship 8pm - in the Village Hall. Speakers (using Colour Transparencies) - Miss E.F. Denny and Mr. C.A. Chapman (see "Notes and News").

17th. Sun. ADVENT III. Holy Communion 8.0am., Children's Church 10.0 am - TOY SERVICE - (see "Notes and News"), Morning Prayer 11.0 am., Carol Service 6.30 p.m.

N.B. No Holy Communion after Evening Service.

Dec. 24th. Sun. ADVENT IV. Holy Communion 8 am & 11.30 pm. Morning Prayer 11 am., Evensong (shortened) - No Address 6.30 p.m., Holy Communion 11.30 pm.

Dec. 25th Mon. CHRISTMAS DAY. Holy Communion 8 am and after Morning Service, Family Service 11.0 a.m.

Dec. 27th. Wed. St. John. Holy Communion in Hambledon Homes Chapel 10 a.m.

31st. CHRISTMAS I. Holy Communion 8 am & 7.30 pm., Morning Prayer 11.0am., Preacher: Rev. D.A. Parsons, M.A., Chaplain - King Edward's School. 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

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Jan. 7th. Sun. EPIPHANY I. OVERSEAS MISSIONS SUNDAY. Holy Communion 8.0 am., Children's Church 10.0am., Morning Prayer and Holy Communion 11.0 am., Evening Prayer 6.30 pm. Preacher: The Rev. Canon Laurence Barham, General Secretary, Ruanda Missions (C.M.S.). Offerings Ruanda Mission (Church Missionary Soc'y)

NOTES AND NEWS.

Our Thanks

To Mrs. Dowson for so kindly allowing us to park cars in her courtyard. We greatly appreciate this privilege.

To the ladies who provide flowers at Church every Sunday.

To the Magazine Distributors. May we add that it will assist them considerably in their duties if readers will pay in advance for their magazines.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP.

Mr. C.N. Golden, F.R.C.S., of the Royal Surrey County Hospital gave us a most interesting lecture (illustrated by colour transparencies) about a visit to the U.S.A. and Canada, at the November meeting of the Fellowship. He had visited America as delegate to a conference of Surgeons.

Mr. C.A. Chapman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Golden.

On Thursday December 14th at 8.0 pm. in the Village Hall two members of the Fellowship will be showing colour transparencies they took during the summer of 1961. Miss Denny will speak about a visit to Austria and France, and Mr. C.A. Chapman will show slides of Cornwall, Farnborough Air Display and Hambledon Church (Harvest). We will look forward to a most interesting evening - remembering former lectures given by Miss Denny and Mr. Chapman.

SCHOOL CONFIRMATIONS.

The following members of our congregation hope to be confirmed after preparation classes at their respective schools:-

Mary Stanford (Sherborne School) Dec. 1st.

Harry B.N. Grillo (Rugby School) Dec. 2nd.

Christopher D. Da Costa (Malvern College) Dec.2nd.

We commend them to your prayers as we welcome them into full membership of our Church, and look forward to their joining with us at the Lord's Table.

SEWING MEETING

Coffee Evening and Sale of Work Thursday, December 7th at 8pm. at Tigbourne Court (by kindness of Mrs.C.A.Chapman).

You are warmly invited to join us for this social occasion and buy your Christmas Gifts. The proceeds of the sale will be given to the Hambledon Almshouses Fund - which is in special need. (Repairs, Re-decoration and roof renewal).

LADIES HOME MISSION UNION. ANNUAL MEETING

CHURCH PASTORAL-AID SOCIETY. Oct.26th 1961.

Mrs.Chapman kindly let us hold the Annual Meeting at Tigbourne Court again this year.

The Rector, opening the meeting, voiced our feelings when he said how fortunate and honoured we were to have Miss Norah Coggan, sister of the Archbishop of York and Central Secretary of L.H.M.U. to speak to us. Remembering her visits to us in the past we also greeted her as a welcome friend.

Miss Coggan gave us a wonderful condensed history of man's struggle through the ages to reach that Light which alone can penetrate the darkness of materialism and godlessness.

Taking as her text Col.1.12,13 "Thanks unto the Father.. Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath transported us unto the Kingdom of his dear Son", she gave us a vivid and human account of some of the great work being done in our parishes, and made us realise how much the L.H.M.U is helping in the perpetual fight against those dark powers which now, more than ever, threaten to engulf us.

Mrs.Haviland moved a vote of thanks to Miss Coggan which was heartily endorsed.

The Secretary (Miss E.F.Denny) then reported that over £24 was contributed by Hambledon last year and this summer a successful Coffee morning and Bring and Buy Sale had already brought in £36. Some of last year's 43 members had now left the district, but 5 new members were enrolled at the end of the meeting.

A collection amounted to £6.3.0.

Grateful thanks to Mrs.Chapman for her hospitality and

for all her hard work and generosity in providing such an excellent tea, and to her willing helpers.

HAMBLEDON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The November meeting of the Hambledon Women's Institute was held at the new home of an old friend and member, Mrs. Ellingson, who is settling in Hambledon on returning from America. Mrs. Chesson, the President, thanked Mrs. Ellingson for her hospitality and wished her many happy years in her new home.

The Speaker, Miss Peggy Innes amused members with an account of the trials and tribulations, as well as the rewards of the repertory theatre. Miss Mary Parker thanked Miss Innes for her informative talk.

Five guineas were collected for a Christmas present to be sent to the Institutes adopted Displaced Person who is still in a camp in Germany.

'ABSENTEEISM'

Having completed over 800 baptismal entries in our Baptismal Register and filled it, I have obtained a new one. This old register was begun when I came to the parish about eight years ago. This works out to about one hundred baptisms a year. Assuming that each child with its parents and god-parents number six in all, 4,800 people and babies have come to St. Peter's for a baptismal service. The thought strikes me that if all these people decided to come to Church - just ONCE a year, our present congregation would be doubled! - and this every Sunday. Or just doesn't baptism matter at all? - An extract from the

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After Sunday service a young couple talked to me about joining the church. I hadn't met the husband before, and I asked what church he was transferring from. A little sadly, he replied, "I am transferring from the municipal golf course."

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