

DIARY.

- Feb. 4th. Sun. EPIPHANY V. Holy Communion 8 a.m. and
after Morning Prayer.
Children's Church 10 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11 a.m. Evening Prayer 6.30pm
- " 7th. Wed. Holy Communion (Hambledon Homes Chapel) 10am
- " 8th. Thurs. Church Fellowship in the Village Hall
at 8 p.m.
"A visit to Africa" illustrated by Colour Trans-
parencies - Mrs. Peer. "Walking Tours in England
and Wales" (Colour Transparencies) - Mr. J. Adgie.
- " 11th. Sun. EPIPHANY VI. Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11 a.m., Evening Prayer 6.30pm.
- " 13th. Sun. SEPTUAGESIMA. Holy Communion 8 a.m. and
after Evening Prayer.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
- " 22nd. Thurs. Women's Fellowship at 3.0 p.m. at the
Rectory.
- " 25th. Sun. SEXAGESIMA. Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11 a.m. Evening Prayer 6.30p.m.
- " 28th. Wed. School Managers meet 4 p.m.
- March 4th. Sun. QUINGUAGESIMA. Holy Communion 8 a.m.
and after Morning Prayer.
Children's Church 10 a.m.
Morning Prayer 11 a.m. Evening Prayer 6.30pm
Preacher (all services) the Rev. A.J. Liddon.
Organising Secretary C.P.A.S. Offerings:-
Church Pastoral-Aid Society.
- " 8th. Thurs. Church Fellowship in the Village Hall
8 p.m. Speaker Mr. F.H. Wrintmore, Editorial
Secretary, London City Mission.
"A Visit to Palestine" illustrated by Colour
Transparencies.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP.

December Meeting. We were most grateful to Miss E.F. Denny
and Mr. C.A. Chapman for their lectures. Miss Denny gave a
most interesting account of a recent visit to Austria,
Germany and France and this was illustrated by Colour Trans-
parencies. Mr. Chapman also showed Colour Transparencies
taken in Cornwall at the Farnborough Air Display and also

in Hambledon. There were some remarkable photographs of jet aeroplanes travelling at great speed and in perfect formation.

Details of arrangements for future meetings will be found in the "Diary".

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

Children's Church Toy Service. Once again we were able to send gifts to homeless children, and we are grateful to all who brought toys and books to Church. Some of the gifts were taken to "Twizzetwig" the Church of England Children's Society Home at Hindhead, and the Matron in a letter thanking the children for these has written - "I do want you to know how very grateful we are to receive the toys".

At the service lessons from the Christmas Story were beautifully read by Rosemary Coupland, Margaret Sharplington, Carole Wood and Paul Vacher.

Carol Service of Nine Lessons. We wish to thank the members of the Augmented Choir, conducted by Mr. Martin Palmer, for their rendering of special carols and their leading of the congregational singing at the Carol Service. We are also most grateful to the members of our congregation who read the Lessons. The service was Tape Recorded by Mr. C.A. Chapman, and we hope to play parts of this back on some suitable occasion.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We were grateful to the Chaplain at St. Thomas' Hospital Hydestile - the Rev. J.H.B. Talbot - for his kind assistance at the Christmas Eve Service of Holy Communion. The Offertory (£21.12.3d) was given to Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service, and in a letter acknowledging the receipt of this gift the Director writes:- "The world-wide nature of our work in feeding the hungry, helping and otherwise encouraging the needy to help themselves, is a tremendous responsibility, and we are grateful for your continued support. You can be sure that your gift will be used for those in need without delay". The offerings on Christmas Day were divided between Christian Organisations working among homeless children, and amounted to £37. 17. 10d.

Decorations. The Church was beautifully decorated for the Festival and we wish to thank the ladies who so kindly

undertook this work, and also the friends who sent gifts of flowers, evergreen etc.

PERSONALIA.

Mrs. Grant (Mrs. Bernard Grillo's mother) who is one of our most regular worshippers has unfortunately been confined to her home since Christmas. We would like her to know how much we miss her at Church and we wish her a speedy recovery.

A Letter from the Treasurer of Hambledon Almshouses.

As Hon. Treasurer of the Hambledon Almshouses, I wish you to know how grateful I am for the donation of £101.3.0. from the Church Sewing Party. It has eased considerably the increasing anxiety we have felt about the roof of the Almshouses, which, having existed since 1906 frequently needs repair, and must soon be renewed (at a cost of not less than £200) if the dwellings are to remain habitable.

I have heard remarks that in this age of the "Welfare State" there is no need to maintain Almshouses. In addition to a duty to respect the generosity of those who many years ago provided those dwellings, there are further considerations. For example, National Assistance does not PROVIDE dwellings; moreover, bungalows for elderly persons wherever erected by the Hambledon Rural District Council are liable to be tenanted by deserving elderly persons from ANY of the seventeen Parishes in the Rural District. The Hambledon Almshouses are, of course, only for residents of this Parish, and the control is in the hands of Trustees all of whom are Hambledon residents.

Yours sincerely,

A.C. MAIN.

HAMBLEDON'S REFUGEE FAMILY IN AUSTRIA.

£27 was raised at the Bring and Buy Sale in November. There is still £3. 6. 0d in the Bank.

A cheque for £21 was sent to the Gettos and £5 spent to augment a gift parcel of clothes. This was delivered personally by Miss Tschada, the liason officer for the British Council for Aid to Refugees who was staying with us just before Christmas thus saving all the cost of postage and ensuring quick delivery. She also helped me to decide what was most needed. We sent a coat for each child and the Mother, a warm scarf for the Father, 3 woolly hats and 3 pairs gloves, jerseys, dresses for the girls and a

suit for the boy and a box of sweets.

Miss Tschada writes "I saw the Gettos and told them of my visit to you. All the clothes fitted beautifully and they were so pleased to have the money. They are writing to you and their thanks are very genuine. They are such a deserving family. Herr G. goes regularly for his medical check-up. I do hope his health holds out. The house looks neat and comfortable now due to a large extent to Hambledon's help.

Frau Getto writes. "First I must thank you for the wonderful Christmas present which Dr. Tschada brought herself. We have bought a kitchen stove with the money. It is a big one and gives a good heat. We are so happy to have the money. Dr. T. told us you had a little party and collected the money for us. How good of you to think of such a thing at a party and to think of the poor. No one has ever helped us like this before. We do not know how to thank you. Perhaps God will reward you for the good you have done is something great.

While Dr. T. was in England I was in tears. We always said we would buy a stove with my husband's Christmas bonus, but we were so hard up just then we had to buy food on credit. Then we paid up, but my husband had to buy shoes for us both because we had none. We were so unhappy. You can imagine our joy when the money came. Cheerfully we said "Now we can buy one". All the clothes fit beautifully and the coat for me is lovely too. Dr. T. says you will be happy to have a letter from us. I can't tell you what pleasure all these things have given us. I will finish with warm greetings to everyone and many many thanks again for all the kindness".

HELEN HARLAND.

A carol party went round the village on December 21st, and collected eleven guineas for the Ryder Cheshire Mission at Hydon Heath.

Many thanks to those who came and sang, and to all who gave so generously.

M.R.P.

CHURCH REGISTERS.

Holy Baptism.

Jan. 7th. Diana Elizabeth, daughter of Malcolm John William and Pamela Hazel Ann Barker.

" 13th. Susan Jane, daughter of Michael Warner and Gladys Wathen.