

RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

I would draw your attention to two important events in our parochial programme this month. One is the Missionary Sunday on July 13th, and the other is the Church Fête on Saturday, July 19th.

MISSIONARY SUNDAY, JULY 13th, 1958

On this Sunday we will be privileged to welcome as our special preacher the Rev. Fred Barff, of the Ruanda Mission of the Church Missionary Society. Mr. Barff had arranged to attend the Keswick Convention, which commences on Saturday, July 12th, but he has delayed his journey in order that he may be with us for the week-end. We do hope that you will all make a special effort to be present at the services on Sunday, July 13th, to hear our special preacher and to support the work he represents.

The attention of the Parochial Church Council was recently drawn to the fact that, compared with the other parishes in our Deanery and Diocese, the financial support given by Hambledon to the Overseas Missionary Work of the Church is very meagre. It was felt that we could, and should, give more regular support to Overseas Missions. We do give regular support to the work of Home Missions, through the Church Pastoral-Aid Society, and we also devote a Sunday every year to the work of the Colonial and Continental Church Society, which serves our own people who are living overseas. Only occasionally do we support the Bible Society and the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society (now amalgamated with the C.M.S.). We also give our Good Friday collection to the Church Missions to Jews. The support for "Foreign Missions" has, however, been almost negligible in recent years. In view of the special interest which is being aroused by the arrival in this country of Bishops from all parts of the Overseas Mission Field, who have come for the Lambeth Conference, it was felt that we should re-introduce, this year, a "Missionary Sunday." This will become an annual event.

Reverting to the Lambeth Conference, it is well to remember that many of the Bishops who will be attending the Conference come from overseas dioceses which did not exist a matter of fifty or a hundred years ago. The Anglican Church has become established in those areas because there were men and women in the Church at home who obeyed the call of Christ to "go out into all the world and preach the Gospel," and there were also those

at home who supported them by their prayers and gifts. I quote: "With its colourful pageantry of races and peoples Lambeth will provide living witness to the world-wide growth and out-reach of the Anglican Communion. Over the past 150 years its dioceses have grown from 69 in number to 333. This, under God, has resulted from the stimulus and initiative of missionary societies within the Church fired by the Spirit to witness through their varying activities and emphases."

CHURCH FETE, SATURDAY, JULY 19th, 1958

This month we will also remember the need to support the work of the Church in our own Parish. The Annual Fête provides us with such an opportunity, and it also enables us to meet for fellowship. The Fête will be held in the Rectory garden and Sir John Wenham has very kindly consented to be the opener. Fuller details about the effort will be found in this magazine. Do support us on Saturday, July 19th, by your presence and by your gifts. We hope for a fine day, but if it should be wet the stalls, etc., will be transferred to the Day School.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely,

C. EDWARD ELTON.



FOR YOUR DIARY

- July 2nd. Wed. Annual Diocesan Service at Stag Hill (outside New Cathedral), 7.0 p.m.
6th. Sun. Children's Church, 10.0 a.m.
8th. Tues. Sewing Meeting Outing to Isle of Wight.
13th. Sun. MISSIONARY SUNDAY.
Preacher: The Rev. Fred Barff, of the Ruanda Mission of C.M.S.
15th. Tues. Mothers' Union Meeting at Elstead at 3.0 p.m.
19th. Sat. CHURCH FETE at 3.0 p.m. at Rectory.
Opener: Sir John Wenham, J.P.
31st. Thurs. Choir Outing to New Forest and Milford-on-Sea.
Aug. 3rd. Sun. Children's Church, 10.0 a.m.
Choir Club at Rectory, Mondays, July 14th and 28th, at 7.0 p.m.

CHURCH FETE

At THE RECTORY

SATURDAY, JULY 19th, at 3.0 p.m.

Opener:

SIR JOHN WENHAM, B.A., D.L., J.P.

Various Stalls

Teas	Refreshments	Ices
Out-door Games	Hoop-la	Donkey Rides

Competitions: Flower Arranging, Cake, Ankle

Display by Scholars of Day School

ADMISSION 3d.

Gifts for Stalls, Refreshments and Prizes for Games
and Competitions will be gratefully received by the
Organisers.

For further details please see enclosed leaflet.
