

RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

Almost two thousand years have passed since our Lord told His disciples, when they met together just before the first Good Friday, that He was about to leave them and that after His departure they would receive the Holy Spirit. They were completely stunned by the blow which came to them as they witnessed the cruel death of their Master on the Cross, but within three days they were rejoicing over His Resurrection from the dead. They were soon brought to realise that their whole outlook on life must now change. No longer would they be able to walk the streets and lanes of Palestine with Jesus of Nazareth—the old life had ended. On several occasions during the period following Easter Day, the Risen Lord appeared to them and then vanished from their sight. These appearances helped them to realise that even though they now no longer saw Him constantly with them yet He was still in their midst. They were now daily learning to practise the Unseen Presence of their Lord in preparation for that day “when He was taken up from them into Heaven,” which was the signal for them to return to Jerusalem and wait for the fulfilment of His Promise to send to them the Holy Spirit. He had told them—“If I go not away the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart I will send Him unto you.”

On Whit-Sunday we celebrate that outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the followers of Jesus as they awaited their Master's Promise following His Ascension. We recall the remarkable difference which the reception of the Holy Spirit made in their lives—they were changed from weak and frightened men into strong and powerful witnesses to Christ. If only we will allow the Holy Spirit to take control of our lives the same change in us will become apparent. Let us then make this our prayer:—

“Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me!
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me!
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me!”

Your sincere friend,

C. EDWARD ELTON.

DIARY FOR JUNE

Sunday Services will be as usual (details on inside cover of magazine), with the exception of Whit-Sunday, when there will be Holy Communion at 8.0 a.m., and also after both Morning and Evening Prayer.

Tuesday, June 4th.—Parochial Church Council meet at the Rectory at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, June 26th.—Alexandra Rose Day. Collection in Hambledon for the Church of England Children's Society.

Thursday, June 27th.—H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Guildford New Cathedral.
Young Wives' Group meet at Beech Hill at 3.0 p.m.

N.B.—Please book the date!—July 20th, Church Garden Fête.

PERSONALIA

Wedding.—Our very best wishes are extended to Dr. Kathleen Muirhead, of Malthouse Farm, on the occasion of her marriage to Dr. Christopher Whitfield at St. Peter's Church on Saturday, April 27th.

Accident.—We were deeply sorry that within only a few days of Dr. and Mrs. Whitfield's wedding the bride's brother was involved in a serious car accident, which cast a shadow across the home where so recently there had been rejoicings. Our thoughts and prayers have been very much with them all, and we are glad to know that at the time this magazine goes to press the latest news of Dennis Muirhead's progress is encouraging.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Godalming.—Congratulations to Mr. Bernard F. Grillo, of Beech Hill, upon his election as Mayor of Godalming. We wish the new Mayor and Mayoress (both members of our congregation) every happiness and success in their work.

ANNUAL VESTRY AND PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

It was encouraging to see so many present at the Annual Meeting which was held during Easter Week. At the Vestry Meeting thanks were expressed to the Churchwardens for their services during the previous year and particularly for the work they had done during the interregnum. The Churchwardens were invited to continue in office for another year, and we were delighted to know of their willingness to accept the invitation. We extend to

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Mr. C. A. Chapman, Rector's Warden, and Mr. S. Ayling, People's Warden, our prayerful good wishes as they undertake their duties for another year.

At the Annual Parochial Meeting the members of the Church Council and all Church Officials were thanked for their services in the past year. The new Parochial Church Council was elected, and various matters of interest were discussed and some suggestions made with reference to future activities of the church.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NOTES

Over 40 members of the Women's Institute accepted the invitation of the Governor of the Tower of London and Mrs. Weiler, who is a past President of the Institute, to spend an afternoon and have tea at the Queen's House, which is their official residence. The day started with two coach-loads arriving at Kew Pier and travelling down river for two hours by steamer, past Hammersmith, Chelsea, the Houses of Parliament and under Tower Bridge, after passing through the Pool of London. Those that wanted a quiet afternoon were allowed to rest in the house and the rest toured the buildings with Mr. Griffin, the Chief Yeoman Warder, who had already shown the Institute lantern slides of what they were to see. After a delicious home-made tea, Brigadier Weiler himself took the party round the Crown Jewels and said good-bye at the entrance gate, ending a most memorable day.

CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptism

"One Lord, one faith, one baptism."

Mar. 10th.—Maureen Patricia, daughter of Brian and Mary Alice Keenan.

Marriages

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

Mar. 30th.—Michael Hockley and Morvyth Kittie Maurice.

Apr. 27th.—Christopher Digby Whitfield and Kathleen Mary Muirhead.

HAMELEDON PARISH CHURCH

G A R D E N F E T E

at The Rectory

SATURDAY JULY 20TH, 1957 at 3.0. p.m.

Opener:-

BRIGADIER L. WIELER, Governor of The Tower of London

Various Stalls: Teas: Refreshments: Ices:

Competitions: Display, by Scholars of Day School

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GIFTS FOR STALLS, REFRESHMENTS & PRIZES FOR GAMES
AND COMPETITIONS

will be gratefully received by the following:-
(or gifts may be left at The Rectory)

<u>Working Party</u>	- Mrs. C. J. Carle, Busses Cottage
<u>White Elephant</u>	- Mrs. C. A. Chapman, Tigbourne Court.
<u>Produce &</u>	- Mrs. K. D. Cole, Beech Cottage;
<u>Cakes</u>	Mrs. K. N. MacRae, Malthouse Cottage;
	Mrs. C. Dowson, Court Farm.
<u>Bottles</u>	- Mr. & Mrs. D. Head, Hydon Farm
<u>Bran Tub</u>	- Mrs. B. Grillo, Beech Hill
<u>Refreshments</u>	- Mrs. A. G. Goad, Court Vale.
<u>Soft Drinks</u>	- Mrs. H. Hutchins, 9, Hydestile Cottages.
<u>Games etc.</u>	- Mr. C. A. Cronhelm, Stone Cottage;
	Mr. H. M. Palmer, Willow Hse., Hydestile; Mr. R. F. V.
	Boardman, Windacre; Mr. R. W. Williams, Bermonda
	(Hoopla)

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Entries invited for FLOWER ARRANGING COMPETITION
(Judges: Mrs. K. D. Cole and Mrs. K. N. MacRae)
- Flower vase to be given as Entrance Fee -

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Fete Secretary: Mr. S. Ayling, Hope Cottage, Lane End.