

St. Peter's Church,
Hambledon.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

In the Diocesan Leaflet details have been given about the arrangements made for the visit to Guildford Diocese of some of the overseas Bishops who will be attending the Lambeth Conference. Among the important subjects which will be discussed by the Bishops, when they meet at Lambeth, will be Christian Unity. This is a matter which should be of real concern to every member of the Christian Church. In recent years much of the bitterness and strife which has, unfortunately, been known to exist between members of the various denominations, has gone, and there have been signs of a growing desire for a closer fellowship.

The Christian Church is regrettably still a divided Church, but the leaders of the Protestant denominations have met on several occasions to discuss the possibility of closer fellowship and unity between them. In the Overseas Mission Field "our unhappy divisions" have mystified many a convert to the Faith, and it is, therefore, perhaps natural that it has been the Younger Churches which have made most rapid strides towards Christian Unity. The Church of South India has much that it can teach the Church in the West about practical moves towards Re-union. It may take many years before the churches which have been torn asunder by bitter controversy in the past unite with each other, but there are hopeful signs today which indicate that there is a definite desire to understand each other better and to work together wherever it is possible. Conversations between the Church of England and the Methodist Church took place in this country in 1955, and more recently there have been conversations between the Presbyterian Church and the Anglican Church. The Reports of the World Council of Churches and the other meetings of Christians to discuss Church Unity have revealed how very real is the desire for closer fellowship, and at the same time how many and varied are the problems which must be overcome. The Bishop of Rochester said recently: "None of us can escape to strive with all our power to fulfil our Lord's High-priestly prayer, as He offered Himself upon the Cross, that His Church might be One."

Yours sincerely,

C. EDWARD ELTON.

CHURCH REGISTERS

Offeratories and Communicants

			£	s.	d.	Comts.
Apr. 20th.	Alms ... ..	...		11	0	16
	Church Expenses ... ..	...	4	15	3	
				1	4	6
27th.	Alms ... ..	...	5	4	4	13
	Church Expenses ... ..	...			
			2	3	0	23
May 4th.	Alms ... ..	...	1	1	1	
	China Inland Mission ... ..	...	4	7	11	
	Church Expenses ... ..	...			
			1	10	0	22
11th.	Alms ... ..	...	5	4	10	
	Church Expenses ... ..	...			
				18	0	13
15th.	Alms ... ..	...			
			1	0	6	21
18th.	Alms ... ..	...	3	19	3	
	Church Expenses ... ..	...			

HOLY BAPTISM

"One Lord, one faith, one baptism."

May 11th. Lynette Valerie, daughter of Dennis Arthur David and Hazel Luxford.

Burial

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."

May 8th. James Laker, aged 93 years.

SYMPATHY

By the Home Call of **James Laker** we have lost one who, for many years, was a regular worshipper at St. Peter's Church, and who acted as a Sidesman for over thirty-five years. Due to failing health, Mr. Laker had been unable to attend the services recently, but he was always keenly interested in the affairs of the Parish Church. He will be greatly missed by many, and in particular by his devoted wife and his family, to whom we extend our deep sympathy in their sorrow.

GERANIUM DAY—COLLECTION FOR NATIONAL
INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

(April 22nd, 1958)

The result of the collection was £8 10s. 0d. Mrs. Tickell, who organised the collection, wishes to thank all collectors for their kind help, and also those who supported the collection.



FOR YOUR DIARY

June 5th. Thursday. Meeting for Stall-holders and Helpers to make plans for Church Fête at 8.0 p.m. at the Rectory.

24th. Tuesday. Alexander Rose Day. Collections for Church of England Children's Society.

26th. Thursday. Young Wives' Group meeting, 3.0 p.m., at Beech Hill. Speaker: Mrs. J. C. Banham, J.P., of Woking.

July 6th. Sunday. Children's Church, 10.0 a.m. Speaker: Miss Higgins, of the C. of E. Children's Society.

Choir Club

Mondays, June 2nd, 16th and 30th, at 7.0 p.m.

Church Fête

If you have not already done this—please book the date now
—SATURDAY, JULY 19th.

We are pleased to be able to announce that SIR JOHN WENHAM, J.P., has kindly consented to open the Fête.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The names of the members of the Council are as follows:—

Chairman: The Rector.

Vice-Chairman: Mr. C. A. Chapman (Churchwarden).

Secretary: Miss E. F. Denny.

Treasurer: Mrs. Peer.

Diöcesan Conference Representative: Major L. P. Haviland.

R.D. Conference Representatives: Mrs. Ayling and Mrs. Elton, Mr. S. Ayling (Churchwarden), Mr. R. V. F. Boardman, Mr. C. A. Cronhelm, Mr. D. E. Head, Mr. H. Hutchins, Mr. A. Palmer, Mr. P. E. Roderick, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Dowson, Mrs. Haviland, Miss Mellersh and Miss Parker.



VILLAGE NOTES

KEEP HAMBLEDON TIDY

Judging in the best-kept village competition takes place from mid-June—mid-July. A small Committee of Parish Councillors and representatives of organisations in the village has been formed to see what can be done to clean up any untidy places. It is hoped that everyone in the village will co-operate to ensure success.