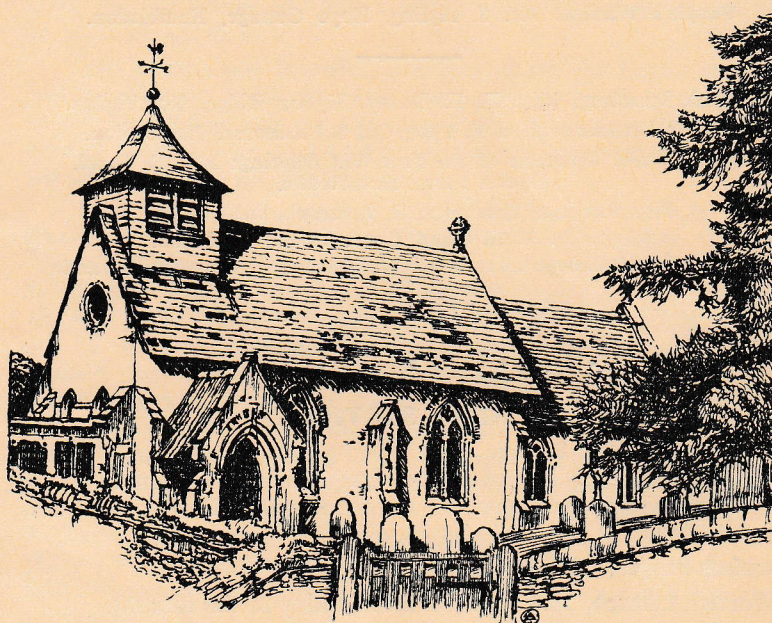


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PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER, HAMBLEDON.

Rector:

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Hydon Farm, Hambledon.

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Verger: Mr. A. G. Goad, Court Vale, Hambledon.

Young Wives' Group: Mrs. B. Grillo, Beech Hill, Hambledon; and
Mrs. C. E. Elton.

Sunday School Superintendent: Mr. C. A. Chapman.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion, 8 a.m.

(and after Morning Prayer on the first Sunday in the month,
and after Evening Prayer on third and fifth Sundays in the
month.)

Morning Prayer, 11 a.m.

Children's Church, 10.0 a.m. (on first Sunday in the month).

Evening Prayer, 6.30 p.m.

Sunday School—in the Day School at 10 a.m. (except on first Sun-
day in month).

WEEKDAYS

Sewing Party—Mondays (fortnightly) at 2.30 p.m.

Young Wives' Group—Fourth Thursday in month at 3 p.m. (at
Beech Hill).

Choir Practice—Fridays at 6.30 p.m.

Church Fellowship—Second Thursday at 8 p.m.

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, should be arranged in
consultation with the Rector.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

The services on Good Friday and Easter Day were well attended and it was good to see so many families in Church. I am sure that many must have felt encouraged and uplifted by the services, and must also have felt the urge to attend church more frequently in the future. We do hope that you will act upon that urge, and we assure you that a warm welcome always awaits you at your parish church.

The church was beautifully decorated for the Easter services, and we wish to thank all those who spent so much of their time in the decorating and we also thank the many friends who sent gifts of flowers. The Easter Offering was a most generous one, and we do thank you all most sincerely.

This month we celebrate two of the major festivals of the Christian Church—Ascension Day and Whitsunday. In the Apostles Creed we give utterance to our personal and collective belief that "He ascended into Heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God". The Church of England has set apart Ascension Day as one of the great commemorations of her year's life and thought (with a special Collect, Epistle and Gospel) and yet how few of her members really give a thought to the observance of this festival. Unfortunately Ascension Day falls on a week-day, and being (unlike Christmas Day and Good Friday) not regarded as a public holiday, receives scant attention. For those who are able to attend church during the morning of Ascension Day there are services at 9.25 a.m. (for scholars and staff of the Day School) and at 11 a.m. Holy Communion. On Whitsunday there will be the usual morning and evening services, and Holy Communion will be at 8 a.m. and 12 noon.

During the forty days following His Resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples on several occasions and each time He vanished again out of their sight. In these appearances He was teaching them that, even though they may no longer constantly see Him, yet, He was still in their midst. He had promised to be with them always. At the end of the forty days He withdrew, in His bodily form, from this world, and it is noticeable that the disciples did not sink down in sorrow and mourning after they had seen Him ascend into Heaven, but they "returned to Jerusalem with great joy". They had been told, immediately after His Ascension, that "this same Jesus which is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven", and Jesus had previously told them that He would leave them, but that He would send them "another Comforter".

In the Acts of the Apostles a graphic account is given of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit ("The Comforter") on the disciples on the first Whitsunday. We read of the change which took place in the hearts of these men—instead of being fearful they became fearless, and their preaching was with such power that "there were added unto them about three thousand souls that same day".

We profess in the Creed that we believe in the Holy Ghost. He indwells every Christian. It is the men and women who have let the Holy Spirit guide and control their lives who have done, and are doing, great things for God. The Arm of God is not shortened—His Power is still the same—but we limit Him by our failure to let Him take control of us.

Yours sincerely,

C. EDWARD ELTON.

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CHURCH REGISTERS

Offeratories and Communicants

| | | £ | s. | d. | Comts. |
|-------|---|----|----|----|--------|
| March | 23rd. Alms | 1 | 15 | 0 | 17 |
| | Church Expenses | 3 | 11 | 2 | |
| | 30th. Alms | 2 | 13 | 6 | 28 |
| | Church Expenses | 5 | 2 | 8 | |
| April | 3rd. Church Missions to Jews ... | 1 | 8 | 6 | 22 |
| | 4th. Church Missions to Jews ... | 4 | 16 | 11 | |
| | 6th. Easter Offering | 52 | 16 | 2 | 134 |
| | China Inland Mission | 2 | 4 | 0 | |
| | 13th. Alms | 1 | 9 | 0 | 21 |
| | China Inland Mission | | 13 | 11 | |
| | Church Expenses | 3 | 9 | 1 | |
| | Church Box | 1 | 5 | 7 | |
| | Private Communions 6. Hambledon Homes 29. | | | | |

HOLY BAPTISM

"One Lord, one faith, one baptism"

April 13th. Mark Christopher Brodie, son of Edward Melvill Brodie and Nancy Beatrix Hoare.

HOLY MATRIMONY

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

March 29th. Brian Edwin Smith and Janet Ann Barnes.

BURIAL

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

March 26th. Annie Chalcroft, aged 86 years.

CREMATION (at Woking)

March 20th. Henry John May, aged 86 years.

SEWING MEETING FUNDS

A "Bring and Buy" Sale was held at Hydon Farm on Thursday, April 17th, and as a result £14 was added to the funds. The effort proved most successful, and we are extremely grateful to Mrs. Denys Head for so kindly inviting us to her home and providing tea. About forty ladies were present. To all who helped in any way—our sincere thanks.



FOR YOUR DIARY

May 4th. Sunday. Children's Church 10 a.m.

15th. Thurs. ASCENSION DAY.
9.25 a.m. Day School Service.
11 a.m. Holy Communion.

22nd. Thursday.
Young Wives' Group meets at Beech Hill at 3 p.m.

25th. WHITSUNDAY.
Holy Communion 8 a.m. and noon.
Morning Prayer 11 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.



VILLAGE NOTES

Village Hall.—The response to the programme of events to raise money, organised so ably by the Social Committee, has been magnificent. Voluntary help of many kinds has been unstinted, every function has been well attended, and, as indicated by the barometer on the hall, the repairs and improvements fund has topped the £200 mark. In addition the response to the membership scheme is proving most heartening; nearly everyone seems to be joining, and that is what the committee wished most of all irrespective of the amount given.

There is however much to be done. The roof repairs are now being carried out. Improvements to heating and lighting are under consideration and a supplementary application has been made to the Carnegie U.K. Trust for a grant towards the cost. An application will also be made to the Ministry of Education for a grant towards the cost of improvements to the sanitary and other

accommodation, and a local architect, Mr. Philip Mabley, F.R.I.B.A. has most kindly offered to draw up the plans. Materials for curtains and redecorations will be ordered shortly.

Best Kept Village Competition.—As most people will know Hambledon has entered for this competition and it is hoped that everyone in the village will help to keep the village tidy and looking at its best.

Judging will be from mid-June to mid-July and no notice of when judging will take place will be given.

Marks will be awarded as follows:

Paucity and orderliness of advertisements, 5;

Absence of litter and unsightly refuse dumps, 15;

Condition of fences, hedges and walls, 15;

Condition of churchyards, cemeteries, surrounds to war memorials, village halls and bus shelters, 25;

Condition of village centre, border greens, playing fields, verges, paths, ponds and streams, 20;

Tidiness of flower, vegetable and allotment gardens, neatness of outhouses, sheds, 20.

Total 100.

Neither the architectural beauty of buildings nor any modern planning is taken into consideration by the judges.

Village Signs.—The Parish Council are very grateful to Mrs. McKinnon Wood for her generosity in paying the cost of renovating the village signs.

Don't forget the date, Saturday May 17th, and COME TO THE FAIR, Hambledon Village Hall, 3 p.m. In aid of Village Hall funds.

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