

## RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

May I first of all say "thank you" from my wife and myself for the generous Easter Offering you have given us. I wish that I could thank each one of you individually, but since this is impossible I would ask you to treat this as a word of personal thanks from us both.

The church looked really beautiful for the Easter Day services, and thanks to all who helped in any way with the decorations have been expressed elsewhere in this magazine.

May I draw the attention of those who wish to be presented to the Bishop for Confirmation this year to the announcement concerning the preliminary preparation class to be held in church on Sunday, May 10th. I hope that everyone wishing to be confirmed will attend this first class.

This month two great Festivals occur. Ascensiontide and Whitsuntide. Perhaps it is because Ascension Day falls on a weekday that there is a tendency to forget the importance of that day, when we remember the return of our Saviour to His rightful place in Heaven. We are also reminded at Ascensiontide of our Lord's Second Coming. "He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end."

On Whit-Sunday we will celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, and will again be reminded that the same Power, which so changed those men, is available for us today. In the Collect for Whit-Sunday we pray, "Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort." It is the Power of the Holy Spirit which we need today to enable us to live lives pleasing to God.

Yours sincerely,

C. EDWARD ELTON.

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## CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

May 3rd. ROGATION SUNDAY.

8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.

10.0 a.m. Children's Church.

11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer.

12.0 noon Holy Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

4th. Mon. Sewing Meeting, 2.30 p.m.

6th. Wed. Commonwealth and Continental Church Society  
Annual Meetings in Caxton Hall, Westminster, at  
2.30 p.m. and 6.45 p.m.



- 7th. Thurs. ASCENSION DAY.  
 9.25 a.m. Day School Service.  
 11.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 10th. SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION.  
 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer.  
 3.0 p.m. Confirmation Class.  
 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 14th. Thurs. Party from Hambledon visits the Guildford  
 New Cathedral. Meet at the Cathedral at  
 7.30 p.m. (see separate note).
- 17th. WHIT-SUNDAY.  
 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 10.0 a.m. Children's Church.  
 11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer.  
 12.0 noon. Holy Communion.  
 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.  
 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion.
- 24th. TRINITY SUNDAY.  
 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer.  
 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.  
 Preacher: Rev. F. H. Hargroves, M.A.,  
 Hospitaller of St. Thomas's Hospital,  
 Hydestile.
- 28th. Thurs. Young Wives' Fellowship at Beech Hill at  
 3.0 p.m.  
 Speaker: Sister Shreeves.
- 31st. FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.  
 MISSIONARY SUNDAY.  
 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer.  
 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.  
 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion.  
 Preacher all day: A Ruanda missionary.  
 Offerings and collections for the Ruanda  
 Mission (Church Missionary Society).
- June 7th. SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.  
 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 10.0 a.m. Children's Church.  
 11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer.  
 12.0 noon. Holy Communion.  
 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.



#### CHURCH FETE—SATURDAY, JULY 11th, 1959

At a recent meeting of the Parochial Church Council, the Rector suggested that an Organiser should be appointed to make the preliminary arrangements, and to superintend the Fête on Saturday, July 11th. Mr. H. M. Palmer (Willow House) has kindly promised to undertake this duty and he will also have to assist him Mr. Peter Roderick (Dora Cottage). Mr. S. Ayling will again act as Treasurer. Meetings for stall-holders and other helpers will be held, and the dates of these meetings will be announced in church.

#### EASTER DECORATIONS

The church was beautifully decorated for the Easter services, and we wish to thank all those who so kindly sent us gifts of flowers and plants for the decorations. The friends who arranged the flowers spent a great deal of time in so doing, and we are most grateful to them for their valued help. We also wish to acknowledge with thanks the gifts of several new containers for our flower arrangements.

#### PARISH MAGAZINES

To all our magazine distributors we would say a special word of thanks. In some cases a considerable distance is covered each month in order to deliver these notes, and we are grateful for all the help given by the distributors.

#### SEWING MEETING

As a result of the Tea and "Bring and Buy" Sale at Hydon Farm on Thursday, April 16th, the sum of £14 1s. 3d. has been added to the Sewing Meeting funds, which provide materials for the stall at the Church Fête. We wish to express our sincere thanks to Mrs. Head for providing such a delightful tea and for all the hard work she put into the preparations.

#### YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

Miss Edwards, the Outdoor Worker of the Diocesan Moral Welfare, gave a vivid description of her work in this area at the March meeting.

The speaker at the May meeting, which will be held at Beech Hall on Thursday, May 28th, at 3.0 p.m., will be Sister Shreeves.

#### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

A preliminary class for all who desire to be prepared for Confirmation this year will be held in the Parish Church on Sunday, May 10th, at 3.0 p.m. Arrangements will then be made for a series of classes to be held during June, July and September. The Confirmation Service will be conducted in the Parish Church on Sunday, October 18th, at 6.30 p.m., by the Assistant Bishop of Guildford.



### CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Dr. A. S. Laughton, of the National Institute of Oceanography, gave a most interesting lecture about the work done at sea by the Institute. His lecture was illustrated by colour films and slides. We were most grateful to Dr. Laughton for the way in which he explained to those of us who are not so scientifically minded some of the experiments and researches which are made in connection with Oceanography. The evening was most enjoyable, and we look forward to another visit from Dr. Laughton at some future date.

The present session of the Fellowship meetings in the Village Hall ended with the April meeting, but members will be able to meet again on the second Thursday in May, when we are arranging for a party from Hambledon to visit Guildford New Cathedral. Those who wish to join us on Thursday, May 14th, are asked to meet at the New Cathedral on Stag Hill at 7.30 p.m., when Mr Head, one of the Cathedral guides, who is also the father of Mrs. Denys Head, of Hydon Farm, will very kindly conduct our party round the Cathedral. Will those who will have spare seats in their cars on this occasion kindly offer to give lifts to those who are without their own means of transport? There are lists for this purpose in the church porch, and Mrs. Haviland (local New Cathedral Fund Secretary) will be organising the party and the transport.

### CHURCH ACCOUNTS

For the year ended December 31st, 1958

The Audited Accounts were presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, and were also affixed near the door of the Parish Church after that meeting. Space does not permit us to publish a full statement of the Accounts in the Magazine, but the following details may be of interest to readers who have not been able to peruse the Accounts:—

Total Income: £1,130 (1957, £936).

Donations to Missionary and other Societies: £272 (in 1957, £142).

Church Expenses: £311 (1957, £350).

Free-Will Offerings: £314 (1957, £289).

Income Tax recoverable on Free-Will Offering Deeds of Covenant: £97 (1957, £92).

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### HAMBLEDON CHURCH FETE

Saturday, July 11th, 1959

STALLS

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