

## Hambleton Parish Magazine.

NOVEMBER, 1944

*J. Robertson Esq*

My Dear Parishioners,

I have received a warm letter of thanks from the Matron of St. Thomas' Hospital for the Fruit and Vegetables, and also of the Flowers which were taken down to the Hospital after our Harvest Festival. Our Offertories amounted to £14 0s. 10d. and this was divided between that Hospital and the County Hospital at Guildford. There are three dates in November which I draw your attention to.

November 5th will be kept as Remembrance Sunday, formerly known as Armistice Sunday. Our Bishop writes "In response to the request of the Secretary of the British Legion, I make this announcement. Last year the Church collections throughout the country reached the record figure of £35,000. It is hardly necessary to add that the Legion will have now to face the substantially increased claim from those who have seen service in the present war, and I am sure that we shall all do our best in different ways, including what we can do through the church collections to increase the response to the British Legion Appeal."

On Sunday, November 12th, Canon Eric Southern will speak to us from the pulpit at the Morning Service on the spiritual side aids of the Bishop's Challenge. Canon Southam is well-known as a Preacher and Broadcaster, and it will be a privilege to hear him.

On Wednesday, November 15th, Hambleton Parishioners are invited to attend a meeting at the Institute at 3.30 p.m. to discuss how to accept the challenge. Mr. Eric Parker has kindly consented to take the chair. Canon Southam and Major Fairbanks Smith will speak. Similar meetings have been held in other Parishes and one notes they have been well attended. Hambleton Parish must not let us down. You must come and support our Chairman.

We are glad to learn that the District Council has decided to erect at least eight cottages in I hope the very near future, with the possibility of more if the demand warrants them. We owe a great deal of thanks to our Parish representative on the Council, Col. J. Robertson who has most ably and incessantly advocated our claims, and necessity.

Yours sincerely,

EDWARD J. SEYMOUR.

### IN MEMORIAM

We all of us feel much sympathy with Mr. Eric Parker and his Family in the loss of his youngest son, Captain Christopher Parker, M.C., Queen's Bays (2nd Dragoon Guards) who was killed in action in Italy in September. He was only 24 years of age. After leaving Eton, and at the outbreak of war he was reading for Honours at Trinity College, Oxford. Christopher Parker was born at Feathercombe and we mourn that one so well-known to us has been cut off from our midst.

He was awarded the Military Cross for his gallantry during the campaign in North Africa. The citation read: "After serving with great courage and initiative in all the Regiment's engagements from January, 1942, Lieut. Parker was specially selected in September, 1942, to command



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the Reconnaissance Troop. Throughout the Alamein Battle he displayed untiring devotion to duty, though continually under very heavy shellfire. His complete disregard of danger and coolness in action were the highest example to all ranks. On the 3rd November, 1942, in order to direct the fire of the Sherman Squadron, he personally took his car forward to the right flank to a bare ridge in full view of the enemy position. During the whole morning he stood on his car under heavy shell-fire, observing and correcting our 77mm. fire, with the result that three 88mm. guns were destroyed and the main infantry position systematically shelled. The position was abandoned by the enemy that night."

After serving through the African campaign, Capt. Parker was sent to Italy at the beginning of this year.

### MOTHERS' UNION

A short meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held at King Edward's School on Wednesday, November 22nd, at 2.45 p.m., to discuss plans and programme for 1945.

It is hoped that as many members as possible will be present.

F. ENID BELLERBY, *Enrolling Member.*

### RED CROSS PRISONERS OF WAR FUND

Miss Seymour hopes to have a stall of various articles suitable for Christmas gifts at the November W.I. Meeting at the Institute. Proceeds to go to the Prisoners of War Fund.

### YOUTH MOVEMENT

The Hambledon Branch held a Birthday Party at the Institute on September 22nd. It was most successful and there was a full house.

It was extremely well organised and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

### HAMBLEDON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We had no outside speaker at our October meeting, but instead some of the members who have lived in the village for a long time gave their reminiscences of Hambledon as it used to be. We also had an exhibition of village curios brought by members.

### AID TO RUSSIA FUND

Hambledon Flag Day ... .. £10 4s. 0d.

### OFFERTORIES DURING SEPTEMBER

	£	s.	d.
Sick and Needy Fund ... ..	2	13	10
Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Help Society ...	26	0	2
Church Expenses ... ..	2	4	3
Church Expenses Box ... ..	2	1	0

### HOLY BAPTISM

October 15.—Stephen Morgan Herrington.

October 22.—Sarah Rose Anson.

### MARRIAGE

October 7.—John Henry Tyler and Eileen Doris Willis.



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