

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HAMBLEDON

SEPTEMBER 1963

DIARY

Sept.	1st. Sun.	TRINITY XII Holy Communion 8.00 a.m. and 12 noon Children's Church 10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m. Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
Sept.	4th. Wed.	Holy Communion in Hambledon Homes Chapel 10.00 a.m.
Sept.	8th. Sun.	TRINITY XIII Holy Communion 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m. Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
Sept.	15th. Sun.	TRINITY XIV Holy Communion 8.00 a.m. and after Evening Prayer. Children's Church 10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m. Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m. Preacher (all Services) The Rev. R. Hyatt, M.A. Chaplain at King Edward's School, Witley.
Sept.	22nd. Sun.	TRINITY XV. Holy Communion 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m. Preacher: The Rev. A. C. Bellerby, M.A., Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m. Preacher: R. West Esq., B.A., B.D. King Edward's School, Witley.
Sept.	26th. Thur.	Women's Fellowship at Beech Hill at 3.0 p.m. Holiday Transparencies by Miss E.F. Denny.

- Sept. 29th. Sun. TRINITY XVI. ST. MICHAEL AND ALL
ANGELS.
Holy Communion 8.00 a.m. and
after Evening Prayer.
Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m.
- Oct. 2nd. Wed. Holy Communion in Hambledon Homes
Chapel 10.00 a.m.
Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale at
"Dennys" - 10.30 a.m.
Proceeds:- L.H.M.U. Funds - see
separate announcement.
- Oct. 5th. Sat. Church decoration for Harvest Festival

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| Oct. 6th. Sun. | HARVEST FESTIVAL (TRINITY XVII. |
| | Holy Communion 8.00 and 12 noon. |
| | Children's Harvest Service 10.00 a.m. |
| | Morning Prayer 11.00 a.m. |
| | Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m. |
| | Offerings:- Freedom from Hunger and
Refugee Work of Missionary Societies. |

We should be grateful if gifts of Fruit, flowers, vegetables, eggs, etc., could be sent to Church on the Friday or early Saturday morning.

Children are invited to bring their gifts to Children's Church (Sunday at 10.0 a.m.) The Church will be decorated on the Saturday morning - Helpers warmly invited.

Fruit, vegetables etc., will be distributed to the sick, and to local hospitals and children's homes.

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HOLY BAPTISM

Aug. 18th. Melanie Caroline, daughter of Francis Roger
Derek and Diana Caroline Corbett.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Aug. 10th. David Ian Wiseman and Jennifer Mary Manvel.

Free-Will Offering Envelopes

Total for July 1963 - £26. 3. 9.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Our grateful thanks to those responsible for providing and
arranging the flowers last month. The following are the
arrangements for September:-

Sept. 1st.	Mrs. Dawson;
Sept. 8th.	Mrs. Wieler;
Sept. 15th.	Mrs. Goad;
Sept. 22nd.	Mrs. Booth;
Sept. 29th.	Miss Maw;
Oct. 6th.	Mrs. Dowson;

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR.

After attending Holy Communion on four consecutive
Sundays a young Communicant approached the Vicar of a Midland
parish and asked him if he would write a letter to his parish priest
at home to inform him that he had received Communion on each
of the Sundays of his holiday. This request shows how much the
need for faithful and regular attendance at the Lord's Table had
been impressed upon this young person.

The way in which many young people, and also older folk, become slack in their Church attendance shortly after their Confirmation is one of the disappointments clergy face in their ministry. During the period of preparation for Confirmation one is encouraged by the regular attendance of candidates at the classes and the Sunday Services. The habit so often continues for a few months and then attendance becomes spasmodic. Those responsible for the conduct of the services, and other Church members may be much to blame for this sad state of affairs, but one of the main reasons for the way in which many young folk drift away after their Confirmation is that they receive so little encouragement at home. Their parents, though full members of the Church, seldom attend public worship themselves and, after having seen to it that their children are duly Baptised and Confirmed, do nothing further to help them in their Christian life. There are, however, many young folk who become an example to their parents and teachers, and who will allow nothing, except sickness, to keep them away from Church. It would be good to see more families attending public worship and kneeling together at the Lord's Table.

May I commend to you the following short guide to the duties of Church membership which was issued by the Archbishops a few years ago:-

"All baptised and confirmed members of the Church must play their full part in its life and witness. That you may fulfil this duty we call upon you:-

- 1) To follow the example of Christ in home and daily life and to bear personal witness to Him.
- 2) To read the Bible carefully
- 3) To be regular in private prayer day by day.
- 4) To receive the Holy Communion faithfully and regularly.
- 5) To come to Church every Sunday.

- 6) To give personal service to Church, neighbours and community.
- 7) To give money for the work of the parish, diocese and for the work of the Church, both at home and overseas.
- 8) To uphold the standard of marriage entrusted by Christ to His Church.
- 9) To care that children are brought up to love and serve the Lord".

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We wish to record our sincere thanks to Mrs. Peer who for some time has been responsible for keeping our Sunday School together. This has been no easy task and, in common with so many parishes, we have found that the interest in the Sunday School has for several years been gradually decreasing. It has been decided that instead of holding a class in the School on the 2nd., 4th., and 5th. Sundays in the month, we should experiment with a new type of gathering for both parents and children in Church. We therefore commend to the present Sunday School scholars and all who are interested the new "For Parents and Children". This will be held on the second and fourth Sundays in the month, commencing on the Second Sunday in OCTOBER (13th) CHILDREN'S CHURCH (the Family Service) will, of course, continue to be held on the first and third Sundays, and at certain Festivals, and "Parents and Children" will only replace "Sunday School".

'FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN'

Several parents have asked 'Could we not have Children's Church every Sunday, instead of just on the first and third of the month'. Starting in October we shall be holding a new gathering on the second and fourth Sundays (and, when appropriate, on the

fifth) which we are simply calling 'For Parents and Children'. The time and place will be the same, and the service quite similar to our present Children's Church, although perhaps different enough to give variety.

'For Parents and Children' will be run by Bill Smyly and Derek Davis, both of whom have considerable experience in this type of work, and the first of the 'new' services will be on October 13th at 10 a. m. Please note the date and come along to give us all an encouraging start.

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CHURCH PASTORAL - AID SOCIETY - LADIES' HOME MISSION
UNION.

Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale - Wednesday October 2nd.
10.30 a. m. AT "Denny's" Cricket Green.

Proceeds for L. H. M. U. Funds. (Coffee 1/6)

ANNUAL MEETING - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28th at 3 p. m.
at Tigbourne Court. Speaker: The Hon. Lady Smith of
Pirbright. Book this date now!

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship re-opens on Thursday, September 26th.
at 3 p. m. at Beech Hill, when Miss Denny will show some
holiday transparencies.

The Speaker at the October (24th) meeting will be
Miss Wenham.

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We are sorry to know that Miss Stenning of Meadow View, Rock
Hill is now in the Royal Surrey County Hospital. We assure her
of our prayers.

SURREY BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION - 1963.

Hambledon has won the Competition for larger villages -
Congratulations!

This is a worthy achievement for, although we were grouped with the "larger villages" of the county, the number of people residing in private houses is comparatively small. A good proportion of our population is housed in the hospitals, old people's home and a temporary accommodation for families. The following are some of the judges' comments:-

"The particular points made by the judges ... were that the churchyard, pond and playing fields were very good indeed. The verges were good but some of the hedges needed trimming.

During the preliminary judging there were some weeds and litter near the Village Hall. There was a commendable absence of advertisements.

As regards the village hall a great effort had been made to improve the old hall. The state of the interior was in the circumstances good except for the kitchen."

Lord Hamilton, Chairman of Surrey County Council Social Service will present the Trophy for the Best Kept Village on Saturday (afternoon) 21st September. Time and place to be announced later.

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