

Church of St. Nicholas



Remenham

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, REMENHAM.

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(St. Nicholas, Remenham.

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SERVICES

8 a.m.	Holy Communion	<u>1st Sunday</u> in each month.
11 a.m.	Mattins (Family Mattins	Every Sunday <u>1st Sunday</u> in each month)
12 noon	Holy Communion	<u>3rd Sunday</u> in each month following Mattins.

Sidesmen

<u>1st Sunday</u>	8.00	H. W. G. Dibley.
	<u>Mattins</u>	J. A. H. West; R. W. Ewart.
<u>2nd Sunday</u>		R. I. D. Athurton; R. Hardy.
<u>3rd Sunday</u>		Sir Colville Deverell; H. Cartwright.
<u>4th Sunday</u>		Major D. Young; M. T. Boulton.
<u>5th Sunday</u>		Major S. C. Mason; G. Every.

Altar Flowers (Nov.) Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Selwyn.

Church Cleaning (Nov.) Lady Deverell, Mrs. Goodenough
and Mrs. Hardy.

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Dear Friends at Remenham,

This, your News-Letter, is a new venture which I hope will have every success and I am glad to be able to write in this first issue and assure you of my interest and care for the Church and People at Remenham.

We live in a time of change, and change from what we have always been used to and taken for granted can be upsetting. The Church is not exempt from the changes that time brings. The important thing is that in the midst of change we preserve what is essential and for the Church that means that the Gospel must still be proclaimed, the Grace of Christ must still be made available in Word and Sacrament and the fellowship of the Church still be maintained and hopefully increased.

All these with your help and co-operation I am very concerned to see continued at Remenham and, although I am not able to come down to Remenham very much compared with the time I have to spend here at Henley at St. Mary's, rest assured that you are in my love and prayers continually and I am only too glad to help you in any way that I can.

God bless you.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Payne

Rector of St. Mary's Henley &
St. Nicholas, Remenham.

Diary of forthcoming Events

October 29th Hall decorating party from 10 a.m.
" " Jumble Sale, Chantry House, 2.30 p.m.
Nov. 7th-13th Poppy week.
" 12th Patchwork Sale, Chantry House, 10.30 a.m.
" " Jubilee Review Party, 7.30 - 11.30 in the
Hall.
" 13th Remembrance Service 11 a.m..
Sherry in the Hall after Mattins 12 noon.
" 15th Bring and Buy - Remenham Place,
10.30 - 12 noon.
December 4th Feast of St. Nicholas, Patron Saint.
Toy Service in Church 11 a.m.
" 19th Christmas Party in the Hall.
" 21st Children's Party in the Hall.

From the Parish Register

HOLY BAPTISM

September 17th Kay Jennifer Tarsmane.
October 16th Robert George Stevens.

MARRIAGES

September 3rd Christopher Malcolm Howard Wood and
Philippa Jane Iseult Murley.
" 17th Julian Zawadski and Rosalind Ann Higgins.
October 15th Hugh Robert McGeechan and Jacqueline
Elaine Eaton.

BURIAL

September 30th Gladys Winifred Ansell, aged 83.
(An old and faithful member of Remenham
Church)
October 3rd George Brown, aged 70.

All about the Newsletter

At the last meeting of the P.C.C. it was decided to publish a Parish Newsletter every two months, to broadcast items of local news and announce forthcoming events throughout the village. Mrs. Every volunteered to produce this, with Miss Diana Rhodes as Editor. It will be distributed free to parishioners and regular churchgoers outside Remenham, but if you would like to help defray the expenses please contact Mrs. Every, Holme Farm, Aston, who will gladly provide details. Complete sponsorship of one issue assures advertisement for your business, firm, pet project or charity.

This is the first number of the Newsletter and as you will see there has been plenty to report. If you have any items of news or interest for future publication, please send copy to Miss D. Rhodes, The Cottage, Aston, by November 21st.

At a meeting of the P.C.C. held on 28th September 1977 Mr. West reported on his negotiations with the Oxford Diocesan Parsonages Board, over the question of the Parish Hall. After discussion, the P.C.C. resolved to ask the Parsonages Board to make the necessary arrangements for the Parish Hall to be transferred to Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Limited, with the effect that the Remenham P.C.C. would become the administrative trustee of the Hall. The practical effect of this resolution will be to remove the legal ownership of the land on which the Parish Hall stands from the Church, as part of the Glebe land in Remenham, and give full control to the Remenham P.C.C.

However, as a P.C.C. does not have power to hold land, Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Limited, are brought in purely to hold the land, provided that the Remenham P.C.C. see that the Hall is used primarily for ecclesiastical purposes (which includes its letting for non-ecclesiastical purposes, i.e. for village functions). There should be no question of the Church Authorities having the right to sell the Hall in the future, without the concurrence of the Remenham P.C.C.

There would be a possibility in the future of asking the Charity Commission to make a scheme in connection with the Hall, permitting the Remenham P.C.C. to grant a 28 year lease of the Hall, to Village Hall Trustees (i.e. to individuals who would then assume full responsibility for the maintenance and outgoings of the Hall). The P.C.C. resolved to defer discussion of this important matter until it had been put to the Easter Vestry meeting of the Parish in March, 1978.

The Parish Hall Committee

The Committee are planning a number of social events to be held in the Hall in the coming months, for the benefit of the village and to help raise funds for repairs and maintenance.

First and foremost, however, is a blitz on the interior of the Hall, and there will be a "painting party" on Saturday, October 29th. Do come along and join in - the more the merrier; bring your own brush and a pot for your share of the paint.

Doors open - 10 a.m.!

Please note that the Hall is available for hire. Bookings should be made through Mrs. Every, Tel : Henley 4825, who will answer all enquiries.

News has reached us that our old friend, Mrs. Morris, is in Kennet Ward, Battle Hospital, with a broken leg. Get well soon!

Jubilee Review Party

Remember our Jubilee Day? When we all sat down to a sumptuous tea in the Church square; when children were given mugs, and O.A.P. 's got tea caddies? The flower festival in the Church? The Exhibition in the Hall? Decorated bicycles - and boats? And finally dancing till the small hours in Mr. Cridlan's barn?

And those other Jubilee events - whist drive, ball, sausage-and-mash, bring and buy, football and cricket matches?

Many people have suggested a get together to review it all and the Chairman of the Jubilee Committee, Mr. Peter Sanderson, has very kindly agreed to organize this. He is sending this invitation to all houses in the parish with an order form for tickets : £1 each (including Buffet). Proceeds will go towards the Hall maintenance.

"I should be delighted if you would join us on Saturday 12th November at 7.30 p.m. and to bring with you any slides and photographs taken at any of the events. Also, if you have any cine films, please let me know as we are hoping to have a showing of these films.

Unfortunately the Church Hall will only accommodate a limited number of people and I hope that you will obtain your tickets early as they will be sold on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Yours sincerely,

Peter A. Sanderson. "

There will also be a "get-together" after the Remembrance Sunday Service in the Hall. Sherry will be available.

Remenham Parish Council

At a recent meeting renewed objection was recorded to proposals for the reconstruction of the old Carpenters Arms as a restaurant. The Council noted that the Henley Swimming Baths were likely to be put to a different use as a result of a change of tenancy; it was feared that this might prejudice the continued use by the public of the "free bathing area" adjoining the baths. Discussion on this subject developed into a more general one about the footpaths in the village. As so much of the land in the parish has changed hands in the last few years and there is a possibility that some of the new landowners or tenants may be unaware of the existence or track of these footpaths, the Council plans to "walk the paths" at Easter - further details will be published later.

Remenham Women's Institute

After several months of meetings in the village hall, the W.I. has now returned to the Remenham Club. Sept. 12th was a beautiful sunny afternoon and everyone appreciated the river views and delicious tea. The highlight of the afternoon was an enlightening talk and demonstration on Beauty Care by Kirsten Grepne, our own beautician from Aston.

On October 10th Mr. Phillips of the Warburg Nature Reserve gave a fascinating talk with slides of the local river birds all taken on the Thames reach between Marsh and Hambledon locks.

Mrs. Simpson gave her usual lovely birthday posies to members. Several suntanned ladies had just returned from a W.I. holiday in Yugoslavia. It was a great pleasure to welcome back Mrs. Patsy Young after a long absence, and Mrs. Joan Kuipers from her spell in Australia.

The N.F.W.I. held a "shop" in Debenhams of Oxford St. London for two weeks in October; hand-made goods from all over the county were sold in aid of the Queen's Jubilee Fund. Berkshire County gave three out of the many items selected for press notices, of which two came from Remenham; Mrs. Frazer's beautifully decorated eggs and Mrs. Ridsdale's adorable sundresses and pants for toddlers.

All Remenham ladies are eligible to join our Women's Institute and will be most welcome. Meetings are held on the second Monday in each month at 2.30 p.m. except in December when there is to be an evening Christmas party.

Remenham Place

This is a residential home for the elderly, owned by the S.O.S. and run by a local house committee in conjunction with the Matron, Mrs. Booth, and her excellent staff.

Their autumn coffee morning takes place on Tuesday, November 15th at 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon; admission 20p including coffee and biscuits. The proceeds are in aid of the amenity fund which provides extra luxuries for the residents. Do support this event not only by bringing and buying but also by taking the opportunity to visit Remenham Place, meet the residents and staff, and see for yourselves what goes on.

Remenham Residents' Association

This association was formed to help Remenham keep its identity as a small village, and to preserve for everyone the beauty and peace of the countryside.

There has been an Open Meeting and a Members' Meeting. At the last a progress report was given; achievements included having road signs replaced, an unsightly fence removed, and work done on some of the public drains. This may not sound very impressive but at least the authorities now know that the Parish Council is well backed up.

The next meeting will be held in March, when we hope as many members as possible will be present and we plan to make it a social occasion as well.

Berkshire County Library

The East Berkshire Mobile Library asks us to draw your attention to the service which is offered free in this neighbourhood. Every two weeks the library van comes round, stopping at five vantage points in the parish at the following times : -

Aston : The Flower Pot.	12.15 - 12.30
Remenham Church.	12.35 - 12.45
Remenham : Little Angel.	1.55 - 2.15
Remenham Hill : Five Horseshoes.	2.20 - 2.35
Remenham Hill : Post Box.	2.40 - 2.55

Forthcoming dates : Oct. 31st; Nov. 14th. 28th; Dec. 12th.

The van carries a wide selection of books for all tastes and ages, and the librarian is always willing to order any titles which are not on board but may be available at the Central Library.

This service is completely free - why not take advantage of it ?

November 7th - 13th Poppy Week

The Royal British Legion depends on your help to help others. Please give generously for your Poppy.