

April 1971.

The Rector's Letter.

My dear Friends,

Easter Day is the happiest of all Christian festivals, the most encouraging and reassuring, and the one from which Christians derive their joy and hope in life. It is rather important we let all around us, and those with whom we work, realise that there is joy and hope in the world, particularly at this otherwise very depressing period in our Country's existence.

I invite you all to make your Communion on Easter Day at either Coleshill or St. Mary's.

Yours sincerely,

Allan Campbell
Rector.

St. Mary's

Coleshill

Maundy Thursday

8 p.m. Holy Communion

7.30 p.m. Holy Communion

Good Friday

10 a.m. Litany & Ante Communion
2 pm - 3 pm Service of Devotion

12 noon - 1 pm. Litany & Devotions

Easter Day

8 a.m. Holy Communion
10 a.m. Children's Service
11 a.m. Holy Communion
6 p.m. Evensong & Sermon

9 a.m. Holy Communion
6 p.m. Evensong

Church Decorations for Easter.

The Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday, 10th April, and volunteers are asked to be in the Church by 11 a.m. Gifts of flowers will be appreciated and should be in the Church before then.

COVENANTED INCOME

This form of income enables us to meet the increasing costs of maintaining our Church, but we would like more people to do this.

For every £1 donated in this way the gross income is £1.71. Anyone who would like the necessary form, and any information, will be gladly supplied by the Hon. Treasurer.

The forms 185 claiming refund of tax will shortly be sent to those who have already contributed by Deed of Covenant and to expedite the annual claim to the Inspector of Taxes the duly completed and signed forms should be returned as soon as possible.

R.G. Stubbings.

ALL SAINTS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Annual General Meeting of All Saints on the 25th February, Mr. N.N. Nicholls introduced Mr. R.J. Higgs, a churchwarden of St. Mary's, who took the chair in the absence of the Rector, the Revd. Allan Campbell, following an operation, to whom deep sympathy was expressed.

The meeting recorded their warm thanks to the Revd. J.A.S. Harrington for his great help in conducting many of the services at All Saints and at Winchmore Hill for the past 9 months, pending the appointment of a Curate; and then dealt with elections which were as follows:-

Pro-churchwardens	Mr. N.N. Nicholls (and Hon. Secretary) and Mr. D. Powell-Price
Hon. Treasurer	Mr. R.C. Stubbings
Assistant Hon. Secretary	Miss Asher
Synod Representatives	Miss S. Boston and Mr. N.N. Nicholls
P.C.C.	Mrs. Dryden, Mrs. Harris, Mr. D. Powell-Price and Mr. R.C. Stubbings
All Saints' Committee, additional members:	Mrs. Hollingsworth, Mrs. Lawrence, Miss McLean, and Mr. Panton
Village Hall	Mrs. Harris
Social Work	Mrs. Young
Missionary	Miss Williams

Mr. R.C. Stubbings, as Hon. Treasurer, then presented the annual accounts for the past year. The income amounted to £1,206.18.6d. and included the following major items: church services collections £387.19.3d.; covenanted income £373.7.7d.; and Cyril Saunders Memorial Fund £45.9.0d. (to be carried forward). The expenditure amounted to £1,190.15.5d. and included the following; fixed quota £289 (against £206); assistant clergy fund £137.3.9d. (against £592); parsonage expenses £120.7.5d. (against £170); fabric fund £170 (against £139). After a short explanatory statement the report was accepted, with thanks to Mr. Stubbings.

A letter was then read from the Amersham & District Council for Social Work and it was agreed to publish an article which they had furnished in the Newsletter and to consider the idea of holding some sort of a function in support of the cause.

Mrs. Ovington called attention to the bathroom in the Parsonage which needed considerable repairs before any new occupant moved in; and Miss McLean asked whether consideration could be given to the idea of one simple form of Communion Service (either old or new) say once a month at 8 a.m.

The memorial to Cyril Saunders was then discussed and it was agreed that Miss Boston, Mrs. Ovington and Mrs. Waite should see some designs for a vase and report back.

It was decided to hold the Church Fete on Saturday, June 12th, at a venue to be decided upon.

Finally, a vote of thanks was passed to Miss Aldridge for her great help in opening and closing the Church and for general assistance.

VILLAGE HALL - SHOULD MORE USE BE MADE OF IT.

The village hall was made available for the village in 1923 by several local people - the late Mr. Harrison, Mr. Stubbings, Mr. Ware and the Reverend Kenneth Mumford who realised that a local centre was essential if village activities were to be maintained.

At one time the hall was run by the Social Centre who arranged regular dances, socials, whist drives, etc., and a Christmas party, until 1960 when the hall was taken over by a trust, approved by the Board of Education, and management was taken over by a management committee. The role of the Management Committee is to make the hall available for meetings, lectures and classes and other forms of recreation with the object of improving the conditions of life for local inhabitants, and to carry this into effect they have kept it in a good state of repair and attractive for local functions.

Since 1961 the Committee has spent almost £1,000 in repairs and decorations and to raise funds they have held functions, primarily to raise money and also to encourage village life.

In round figures, heating, lighting, insurance, and postage cost £100 per annum and experience has shown that this is just about covered by lettings although the charges have recently been increased. One has to reckon about £150 for repairs, renovations, etc. each year.

The hall has been let for regular meetings of the W.I., for church functions, wedding receptions, keep-fit classes, birthday parties, folk dances, pop groups, yoga, sherry parties, wine and cheese parties, whist drives, bingo, entertainments, plays, by a youth club, now defunct, etc., etc. The management committee has therefore fulfilled its role.

The question has been raised whether more use should be made of the Hall, i.e. whether there is a call for social and educational activities, and a questionnaire on the subject is included in this number of the Newsletter. Residents are asked to consult their families and to complete this as soon as possible when the replies will be collected by a number of volunteers.

The responsibility for such activities must, however, be borne by a special committee set up for the purpose.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Monday, 19th April 1971 at 8.15 p.m., and all residents are invited to attend. It may be possible to consider the replies to the questionnaire.

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of this Association has been fixed for Wednesday, 26th May 1971 in the Parish Room at 8.15 p.m.

WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER.

The Women's Day of Prayer at Golehill on the 5th March was well attended. The speaker, Mrs. Fenning of Little Chalfont, chose for her theme "A new people for a new age". A collection was taken and amounted to £5.10.0d. which was sent to help the distribution of Christian literature throughout the world.

CELEBRATION - 50 YEARS WITH THE M.U.

Mrs. T. Bilby of Chapel Road, Winchmore Hill, completed 50 years as a member of the Mothers' Union at the March meeting, when Mrs. Allan Campbell, Diocesan Mothers' Union Vice-President, spoke of the work and responsibility to the Church of the Mothers' Union. The occasion was celebrated with a special cake baked by Mrs. Jean Antosiewicz and Mrs. Bilby was presented with a bouquet of flowers with the best wishes from all members.

Mrs. Bilby was accompanied by her daughter and grand-daughter, which made three generations present.

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held at Winchmore Hill on Thursday, 15th April.

AMERSHAM AND DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL WORK.

A new look has arrived in Moral Welfare Work in this area. Our District has combined with mid-Bucks and High Wycombe. A centre has been opened which is served by a team of social workers and secretary. It is opened from 10 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. daily at 11a Amersham Hill, High Wycombe, (almost opposite the Railway Station), Tel: High Wycombe 25779.

The new Social Worker for the district is Mrs. Presnail, recently from Liverpool. Anyone interested is invited to meet her and those who support her work on May 4th at the Annual General Meeting at St. James' Church Hall, Gerrards Cross, at 7.30 a.m. or at the Annual Meeting immediately following at 8.15 p.m.

The Council for Social Work offers help with family and social problems, and Mrs. Presnail would be glad to speak about her work to any group of people in the district.

COFFEE MORNINGS

In aid of mentally handicapped children.

A coffee morning will be held in the home of Mrs. Ruperti, 1 Chase Close, on Thursday, 22nd April, 10 a.m. - 12 noon, in aid of the Heritage House School for mentally handicapped children, the immediate object being to raise funds for the appeal for £8,000 made by parents to buy a hydro therapy pool for the children, from which great benefits are expected with confidence.

There will be a raffle, a "bring and buy" stall and a cake stall for which gifts will be appreciated.

In aid of the Amersham & District Council for Social Work.

With pleasure the Committee has decided to accept the kind invitation extended by the Misses Boston to hold the coffee morning (referred to in the report of the Church A.G.M.) in their new home "Lansdown" and the date has been fixed for Wednesday, 5th May, at 10.30 a.m. There will be a "bring and buy" stall and a cake stall, for which - needless to say - gifts will be greatly appreciated.

PASSAGE TO INDIA

Although I have lived in Oxford for the past three and a half years, Coleshill is still very much my home. I went to Oxford to take the one year secretarial course at the College of Technology after which I remained in the City working as secretary to the Bursars of All Souls College. To widen my experience I changed my job after 15 months and became secretary to one of the general managers at the publishers, Pergamon Press.

I have very much enjoyed my time in Oxford but have always wanted to work abroad and so, just ~~over~~ a year ago, I began applying to international organisations such as the World Health Organisation in Geneva. However, I soon realised there is much more to the world than European capitals, and felt I would prefer to go to a less developed country. As I wanted to work for a specifically Christian organisation I enquired whether missionary societies had any secretarial posts, and am now, with the Lord's help, leaving for Delhi for two years on 14th February to become secretary to the Executive Director of the Bible and Medical Missionary Fellowship. New international headquarters are being set up in Delhi as a centre for the National Councils in Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, United States and Europe. People, mainly doctors, nurses and teachers, though some industrialists too, go to India, Nepal and West Pakistan, so I will be in touch with an interesting variety of countries and nationalities.

I am very much looking forward to going and should have some fascinating tales to tell ~~when~~ I return. I am also hoping to see my brother, Stephen, when he passes through Delhi again on his Asian travels.

Philippa Rann

PARISH COUNCIL

The following is an abridged account of the activities of the Parish Council during the preceding year;

Common: Grass mown twice

Nine loads of soil have been tipped in the roughest parts and some has still to be spread.

Tidy Village Competition:

For the first time we failed to qualify for the final judging.

Litter Bins :

A request was made to the Rural District Council for new bins.

One has been fixed by the seats on the Common, one has been repaired at The Magpies, one at Hill Meadow is yet to be delivered.

Froghall Brickworks:

The Council objected to an extension of these works as this would have resulted in a large number of vehicles using the narrow lane

Allotment Gates;

A new pair of gates has been ordered but these have not yet been hung.

Parish Room Floor:

Further repairs have been carried out.

Rural Bus Services:

At the last meeting on 25th February to which approximately 30 people came, a general discussion took place regarding the threatened cancellation of the Amersham to Beaconsfield service and it was requested that should the bus service be terminated by the Town & Country Buses Ltd., that a private operator be found if possible to run the services.

Planning Applications:

All relating to the Parish were discussed, and, where necessary, observations were passed to the Planning Officer.

COLESHILL C. of E. PRIMARY SCHOOL WHIST DRIVE.

There were 50 present at this Whist Drive on Wednesday, 24th March, and Mr. N. Meeks made an excellent M.C. It was a very pleasant social occasion and the following were the prize-winners:

First Prize	Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Meeks
Second Prize	Mrs. Rann and Mrs. Lawrence
Third Prize	Mrs. Jerram and Mrs. Gossey
Raffle	Mrs, Green

The evening made £20 towards the School Funds and Mr. Barker, the Headmaster, wishes to convey thanks to the donors and to the helpers.

APPEAL FOR WOOL

Old Mother Hubbard went to her cupboard
To get her black baby a shawl
But when she got there
Of wool it was bare
So nothing for baby at all.

In other words, Miss Williams pleads for more spare wool for her blankets.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wed.	Mar.	31	Concert in Parish Church of St. Mary's 8 p.m.
Sun.	Apr.	4	Palm Sunday
Thurs.	"	8	Mobile Library Van, Coleshill (Maundy Thursday) W.I. Mrs. E. Fenwick - "Junketing Around".
Fri.	Apr.	9	GOOD FRIDAY
Sun.	"	11	EASTER DAY
Thurs.	"	15	Mothers' Union - Winchmore Hill.
Mon.	"	19	Village Hall, Annual General Meeting 8.15 p.m.
Thurs.	"	22	Mobile Library Van, Coleshill. Coffee morning - Mrs. Rupert.
Wed.	May	5	Coffee morning at Lansdown
Wed.	"	26	Residents' Association A.G.M. Parish Room 8.15 p.m.
Sat.	June	12	Church Fete

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, AMERSHAM

Rector; The Revd. A. Campbell, M.A. (Cantab), Beaumont, Hervines Road, Amersham (tel. 7135) or St. Mary's Parish Office, Church Street, (tel. 4712).

Sunday Services: 8.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
 10.00 a.m. Children's Service
 11.00 a.m. 3rd & 5th Sundays;
 HOLY COMMUNION (New Service)
 2nd & 4th Sundays: Mattins
 6.00 p.m. Sung Evensong.
 N.B. 1st Sunday: One morning Service only
 at 10.00 a.m.
Every Wednesday: 10.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

For an experimental period of six months starting on the 3rd January 1971 there will be one service only on the morning of the first Sunday in each month. This service will be a Holy Communion Service for families worshipping together, i.e. father, mother and children. It is hoped that parents will bring children up to the Altar Rail with them.

Maundy Thursday April 8 8.00 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Good Friday " 9 10.00 a.m. Litany & Ante Communion
 2 - 3 p.m. Service of Devotion
Easter Day " 10 8.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
 10.00 a.m. Children's Service
 11.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
 6.00 p.m. Evensong and sermon.

ALL SAINTS', COLESHILL.

Sunday Services 9.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Maundy Thursday April 8 7.30 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Good Friday " 9 12 noon - 1 p.m.; Litany & Devotions
Easter Day " 10 9.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
 6.00 p.m. Evensong

St. Andrews Mission Church, Winchmore Hill.

There is a celebration of Holy Communion on the second Sunday of each month at 10.30 a.m. (includes EASTER DAY)

Pro-Churchwardens: N.N. Nicholls (and Hon.Sec.) Orchard House (tel: 6734)
 D. Powell-Price, Coleshill Lodge (tel: 3949)

Treasurer: R.G. Stubbings, Springfield, Tower Road (tel: 4738)

Assistant Hon. Sec.: Miss Asher, Radnor Cottage, Magpie Lane (tel: 6866)