

August 1968

PARSONAGE PONDERINGS

"Not the righteous but the sinners"

There are many **misconceptions** about the Church - not the least of which conceive it to be a **collection** of "good" people who meet together in a sort of **mutual** admiration society. The result of this upon non-Churchgoers is twofold. On the one hand, people say "I'm not good enough to go to Church or go to Communion" and on the other hand, people say "People who go to Church are hypocrites; they pretend to be good and think they are better than we are, but, in fact, they are a jolly sight worse".

All of which shows that you **just** cannot win.

However, as I originally stated, the premise of all this talk is a misconception. The Church is composed of people who know that they are not only **SINNERS**, **falling** short of what **God** wants them to be, but also **FORGIVEN SINNERS**. They know that **God** has given them a completely new start - a new life - and that He will help them to grow more like Him. They meet together to thank **God** for the revelation of Himself in Jesus Christ and for that new beginning given to them and offered to ALL.

No-one , **then**, is **PERFECT**, not **even** the Vicar, but **EVERYONE** is **WELCOME** as a member of **God's family**.

We may not see eye to eye all the time, any more than any other family, but we can still **LIVE** together, **WORK** together and **WORSHIP** together and build a community that is **TOLERANT**, forgiving and, **therefore**, **HAPPY**.

If you are not, at the present, a regular worshipping member of **God's** family, **DO COME** - **YOU WILL BE WARMLY RECEIVED**.

Visiting

Talking of warm receptions reminds me of what I said in the last **Newsletter**. I hope to get round to visit you all. I must confess, however, to being a little hesitant about knocking on doors, I know from experience that clergy have a habit of calling at the most inconvenient times - and, although the reception is usually most cordial, that does not alter the fact of the **inconvenience**. In order to avoid this sort of thing, I am enclosing a loose sheet with this issue which I hope you will return, indicating the most convenient time for me to visit you.

Choir

Although we have a good choir at present, we could **still** take some more members. I know that we have ex-choir members in the village and

also lots of young people who can sing (I heard them at the School on Open Evening). Come and make fuller use of your talents by leading the worship of God's family.

### Sunday School

Mrs. Pusey has asked me to remind you that there will be no Sunday School during August. It will restart on September 1st.

There will be a Sunday School and Choir Outing to Littlehampton on August 8th.

### The New Service

At the time of writing, we have used the New Service of Holy Communion on two Sundays. I am very pleased to say that, so far, I have heard only favourable comments - though that, perhaps, is to be expected. None the less, I do feel that the favourable response is a genuine one and seems to indicate that the New Service goes some way to supply what people want. We shall continue to use it for the next few months. Please remember that I welcome comments, both favourable and unfavourable.

### Readers

One of the advantages of the New Service is that members of the congregation can take a more active part. At present, Old Testament and New Testament (Epistle) lessons are read by the congregation, Mr. Nicholls is arranging a list of readers and would welcome your name if you would like to read. This applies, of course, to men and women.

### Intercessions

If there is any particular person or need that you would like to pray for during the Services, do let me know beforehand; I shall be only too happy to bring it before God during the intercessions. A word to me, or a slip of paper to me or the sidesman before the Service is all that is required.

### Thanks

May I give a word of thanks to all those who have helped to make the Church cleaner, tidier and brighter of late and have undertaken specific jobs to keep it so. I am sure we are all grateful as it makes such a difference to the whole atmosphere of God's House.

Thanks, too, to the ladies who keep the linen clean. I am most grateful for their valuable contribution.

St. Andrews, Winchmore Hill

As you will know, there is now a service of Holy Communion on the 2nd. Sunday of each month at 10.30a.m.. The response so far has been very encouraging. It would help to make the service brighter if a pianist could be found to play a hymn or two for us. If you can play, or know someone who can, I shall be most grateful if you will let me know.  
(Amersham 722)

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Sunday August 4th Mrs. Powell Price August 18th Mrs. Ovington  
11th Mrs. Waite 25th Mrs. Long Brown

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTER

Burial - Mrs. E. Payne on June 22nd. R.I.P.

AMERSHAM MOBILE LIBRARY

In accordance with the revised schedule, the Library Van will call at Coleshill on Thursdays, August 1st, 15th and 29th and on alternate Thursdays thereafter, calling at Rushmead 9.45 - 10.05a.m., Coleshill House 10.10. - 10.45 a.m., the Parish Room 10.50 - 11.20 a.m. and the Old Parsonage 11.25 - 11.40 a.m., then at Winchmore Hill 11.50 - 12.20a.m..

FELICITATIONS

Best wishes are extended to Stephen Rann upon being appointed deputy Head Boy at Dr. Challoner's Grammar School.

EDITORIAL

This Newsletter is issued gratuitously each month and in the ordinary course of events is delivered to people whose names are on the Church Register and to others who have asked for copies. In order that Mr. Thomson's request about visiting shall reach as many homes as possible, arrangements are being made to send a copy of this number to every house in Coleshill and as many in Winchmore Hill as possible. People who would like their names to be added to the distribution list are asked to advise Mr. C. E. Ovington, Bowers Croft, Magpie Lane, Coleshill. (Amersham 2233)

## COLESHILL SCHOOL — OPEN EVENING & PRIZEGIVING

Mrs. G. T. Creber, a parent and Manager, presented the prizes at the Open Evening and Prize Giving at Coleshill School on Thursday, 11th July.

A concert by the school choir and orchestra, under the direction of Mrs. Pauline Griffiths, made it clear that the high musical standards of the school are being more than maintained. An interesting display of the work of the pupils also showed the first class attention devoted to art and crafts.

The Headmaster, Mr. L. J. Barker, Dip. Ed. said that the number of pupils at the school was declining. Cut of 60 on the roll, 4 came from Amersham, 15 from Winchmore Hill, 3 from outlying farms and only 38 from Coleshill proper. This was due to a decreasing juvenile population and to an inadequate bus service.

The Buckinghamshire County Council had a scheme in hand, delayed by a curtailment of Government spending, but in a few years' time Coleshill School might well become a school for 5 - 8 year old children. With more pupils, it might still cater for those between the ages of 5 and 12 years.

As Headmaster, Mr. Barker was often complimented upon the high quality of pupils passing through the school. This was achieved through a good personal relationship in the school and enlightened teaching. A good proportion went on to Grammar schools while others made their mark at other secondary schools.

Sometimes Mr. Barker wondered whether people indulged too much in quasi-psychology by giving fancy names to common faults, by calling habitual stealing "compulsive acquisitiveness"; "social maladjustment" covering a multitude of sins. On the whole, Coleshill children were very good, but if Mr. Barker found them rude, he checked them or if he found them lazy, he did his best to stimulate them. It was difficult to know what to do in the case of children tired by watching too much T.V..

The school was crowded by parents and friends who heard about the year's work and, wonder of wonders, small classes. Among the prize winners was Robert Griffiths, who won a County Art Award,

Other prizewinners were: Class 1 (Boy) Robert Griffiths; Class 1 (Girl) Jennifer Creber; Class 2 (Boy) Stephan Junger; Class 2 (Girl) Belinda Myers; Infants (Boy) Neil Payne; Infants (Girl) Clare Creber; Religious Education: Shane Riley; Nature Study: Christopher Reading; Athletics (Girl) Jane Cossey; English: Deborah Meeks; Art: Gary Tilson;

Music: Jennifer Creber; Gardening: David Bowler; Science and Mathematics: Robert Griffiths; Most Help to the School and Head's Prize: Maria Myers; Improvement (Boy): Benjamin Edwards; Improvement (Girl): Audrey Jerran; Leavers Prize: Barbara Cropper. Brooke Bond Tea Travel Competition; Junior Art: Robert Griffiths, James Rann (merit); Junior Composition: Jennifer Creber, Maria Myers (merit); Handwriting: Deborah Meeks, Gary Tilson (merit); Infant Art: Jacqueline Hurst, Karen Gordon (merit).

#### A TRIP TO WOBURN ABBEY

Today we went to Woburn Abbey. We left school at about 9 a.m. and got there at 10.15a.m. The driver for the day was Mr. Weller. When we got there Mr. Barker said that we could go and play in the grounds. There was an old Navy helicopter that we could play in. Our group went down to the fair. There were some Go-Karts which were two shillings a go. I had two goes. We had our dinner and then went to the Safari place.

We all piled into the Safari lorry. Soon we were off. Soon we were on the rough ground. We saw a great number of deer: Fallow Deer, Red Deer, Axis or Chital, Rusa, Swamp Deer, Pere David, Mutjack, Chinese, Water Deer and Manchurian Deer. We saw rabbits, Pheasants and bison. I saw a couple of squirrels darting up a tree. All the girls in the back kept screaming at the bumps.

We went down to the lakes. There were quite a number of people fishing. The lakes were big and on one of them I saw a stork. It was white in colour and had light green beak and legs. I saw a man land a nice common carp weighing about three pounds. It put up a fight.

We left there at about three o'clock and arrived at school at about a quarter to four, in time to catch the bus.

We had a "super" time.

3rd. July 1968.

Gary Tilson (aged 10)

#### THE 'BUS SERVICE

At their meeting on July 11th, members of the W.I. expressed grave concern about the inadequacy of the local bus service after the recent cuts. Now, it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, for people without cars to get to and from the Doctor or the hospital, and shopping in Amersham or Beaconsfield may take up best part of a day.

They are making representations through the proper channels.

## COLESHILL COMMON

At the Annual General Meeting of the Residents' Association on May 2nd, a question was raised about the rules governing the use of the Common and part of an article which was published in the Newsletter for July 1966 is therefore expanded.

The rules are embodied in a scheme, drawn up under the Commons Act 1899, and approved by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries on 28th November 1950 and bye-laws approved 24th July 1964.

Inter alia, the scheme provides that the management of the Common shall be vested in the Amersham R.D.C. who shall maintain the Common free from all encroachments and shall not permit any trespass on or partial or other enclosure of any part thereof. The inhabitants of the district and neighbourhood shall have a right of free access to every part of the Common and the privilege of playing games thereon subject to bye-laws made under the scheme.

The Council may set apart for games any portion of the Common which they may consider expedient but such grounds shall not affect prejudicially the enjoyment of the Common as an open space and shall not be so near any house or road as to be a nuisance or an annoyance to the inhabitants of the house or users of the road.

Under the bye-laws, a person shall not, without authority, place any road material on the Common so as to create litter, neither shall he injure anything growing on it or take any substance therefrom, nor may firearms be discharged thereon. Except in the case of a fair held with the consent of the Council no person may place on the common any show, exhibition, swing, roundabout or any other like thing. Grazing is prohibited without authority.

The supplementary bye-laws provide that no vehicle may be driven on the common and prohibit the lighting of fires and the fixing of bills and notices on any noticeboard on the Common.

Each year the R.D.C. makes a grant to the Parish Council for the maintenance of the Common but it is in the interests of residents to keep it tidy.

## VILLAGE HALL

It now transpires that November 15th is not convenient for the proposed wine and cheese party and the Committee is to meet to consider alternative arrangements.

In the meantime, readers are asked to review their possessions with the idea of sending what they can spare - without too much of a pang - for disposal at the Jumble Sale on October 18th.

SERVICES

ALL SAINTS COLESHILL

Every Sunday  
9.00a.m. Parish Communion  
2nd & 4th Sundays  
6.00p.m. Evensong  
ST. ANDREWS, WINCHMORE HILL

2nd. Sunday (August 11th)  
10.30a.m. Holy Communion.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, AMERSHAM

8.00a.m. Holy Communion  
10.00a.m. Children's Church  
11.00a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays:  
Holy Communion (New Service)  
2nd & 4th Sundays: Mattins  
6.00p.m. Evensong

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thurs. Aug 1 Mobile Library Van Coleshill  
8 Sunday School & Choir Outing - Littlehampton  
15 Mobile Library Van - Coleshill  
29 -do-  
Sun. Sept 1 Cricket Match, Coleshill C.C. versus The Ladies  
Sat. 14 Coleshill Horticultural Society 23rd Annual Show  
Fri. Oct 18 Jumble Sale in aid of the Village Hall  
Fri. Dec 6 Whist Drive

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