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THE RECTOR'S LETTER.

My Dear Friends,

At All Saints' you approved, some time ago, to use the order of Holy Communion usually referred to as "Series". It is worth looking at the preface set out to this Service which says - "this Service is authorised for experimental use in the Church of England for a period not exceeding four years from 7th July 1967 under the provision of the Prayer Book (Alternative and other Services) Measure 1965. Its use is governed by Section 3 of this measure, the relevant portion of which reads as follows:- "A form or draft of a form of Service approved under either Section One, or Section Two, of this measure may not be used in any Cathedral, which is a Parish Church, or in any Church in a parish without the agreement of the Parochial Church Council of the Parish or in any Guild Church without the agreement of the Guild Church Council".

The following notes are added:-

- (a) Sections not preceded by the Symbol and material in brackets may be omitted.
- (b) The printing of prayers in short lines shows that the People should or may join with the Priest,
- (c) The People should say or sing responses printed in italics.

I cannot emphasize too strongly, as the Bishop of Oxford has repeated many times, this Service IS the experiment and we are not authorised to experiment with it. . . .

You will notice at the end of the Service para. 38 "but instead of the foregoing dismissal, or in addition to it, the Priest may say the Blessing". Most People feel that something is missing if the Blessing is left out so I always give it.

I would like to thank those of you who have read the Old Testament Lesson and the Epistle and compliment them on their performance.

Yours sincerely,

Allan Campbell,
Rector.

MEMORIAL - MR. CYRIL SAUNDERS.

It is hoped to have a memorial in the Church for Mr. Cyril Saunders, who served the Church so well.

An appeal for this will be circulated during the Autumn.

ST. MARY'S C. of E. AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL.

St. Mary's School for children aged 5-11 is shortly to be enlarged for children from 5-12. At the moment there are 299 children in the School and it is expected shortly to have nearly 400 children.

The cost of the building extension will be £50,000 and if it is to remain a Church School, as we hope it will, the Diocese and Parish will have to raise 20% of this amount - £10,000.

It is the great hope of the Parish that sufficient support and incentive will be forthcoming to maintain St. Mary's School as a Church School.

BRASS RUBBINGS.

To-day in England, brass rubbing is firmly established as a popular and absorbing hobby and the exhibition at St. Mary's 17th - 19th July was an attempt to raise funds for the better preservation of the five 500 year old Amersham brasses which in 1968 were removed from their familiar places on the walls of St. Mary's as part of the current restoration of the Church.

All five brasses had been divorced from their original slabs by "restorers" of the last century and it is hoped to re-lay the brasses on the floor. The replacement of these slabs is the most expensive item in the restoration, the total cost being something in the region of £500.

Originally conceived on a modest scale, the exhibition has gradually grown to its present size, embracing a total of 65 rubbings. Selection was made from the whole country and there is a rubbing of the most famous of English brasses - Sir John d'Abernon.

With five exceptions, all are the work of Bruce Campbell of Croxley Green and Liverpool University who made the rubbings of the Amersham brasses in 1969.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING.

The Choir and Sunday School outing to Littlehampton will be held on Thursday, August 6th, and coaches will leave Coleshill Church at 8 a.m.

Contact should be made with Mrs. R.C. Pusey (Amersham 4073) for seats on the coach.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW.

Mrs. E. Smith has consented to open the Annual Show of the Coleshill Horticultural Society on Saturday, September 12th.

Entry notices should reach the Hon. Secretary or any Committee member not later than Wednesday, 9th September, on the official form. Entry forms can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary or from any Committee member nearer the date.

There are two slight changes in the schedule for 1970. The entries for classes 23 (cauliflowers) and 30 (sweetcorn) have been deleted as there have been no entries for the last two shows, and three new classes have been introduced in a new Section to provide an opportunity for wider participation. The classes are: Dried Flowers, Floral Art and Posy - artistic and decorative, and need not be own grown.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

On Tuesday, July 7th, the Chairman, Mrs. Ovington said that in view of the competition "The Best Kept Village", urgent steps had been taken to tidy the surrounds to the Village Hall which looked like a jungle. To prevent it falling into a similar state it was agreed to try to engage someone who would keep it tidy from time to time. The question of litterbugs arose who leave their mark everywhere, and the Secretary was asked to write to the Parish Council with a view of curbing their activities.

Repairs to the Hall were authorised and the following arrangements made:

Fri. Oct 2nd Rummage Sale - People are asked to set on one side disposable treasures which they can spare.

Date to be arranged Dance kindly arranged by Mr. Mountier.

Fri. Dec. 11th Whist Drive.

Next Committee Meeting - Tuesday, 22nd Sept. at 8.15 p.m.

THANKS

The following letter is reproduced at Miss Lorna Pusey's request:

"To all the Sunday School Children, I would like to give my thanks for your generous gift of money I have received on leaving the Sunday School, prior to beginning College. I have enjoyed every minute of our time together and feel that it has put me in good stead for my future career as a teacher".

Lorna Pusey.

A CONTRIBUTION FROM A MEMBER OF THE AMERSHAM
AND CHESHAM BOIS CHORAL SOCIETY

It sounded an exciting prospect to be invited to take part in the T.V. programme "Songs of Praise" at St. Michael's Church, Amersham, recently.

Together with 79 other members of the Choral Society, 80 children from the four local Secondary Schools and many others from St. Michael's congregation, I attended 4 long rehearsals during the previous two weeks. Then came the camera rehearsal the night before the recording; we sang a humn, sat down for 20 minutes, sang another, sat down again, etc., while the T.V. Floor Manager walked to and fro listening intently to a voice through his headphones. At intervals, he would look up, stare accusingly at the singers for 10 seconds, then walk on again. The 3 huge cameras rose and fell, turned and swooped in a fascinating way (but we had all promised faithfully not to look at them). From scaffolding all round the inside of the Church, dozens of enormous arc lamps poured the dazzling light and heat down on us, and we decided that summer dresses were in order for the actual recording the following evening.

On that evening, with Peter West introducing the hymns, we sang our way through the entire programme with no interruptions, only to be told - "That was the final rehearsal - the next time will be the real thing!" So we sang it all again and then the Producer appeared and said "I'm sorry, but something went wrong behind the scenes, we'll have to do some of it yet again!" which we did, growing hotter and hoarser and more exhausted with every verse. Finally, at 10.15 we were told that it had all been very successful.

Some of my friends are looking forward to seeing themselves on T.V. at 6.45 p.m. on August 2nd.Me? I spent the evening singing my heart out immediately behind three men, each over 6 ft. tall. I didn't see a thing, and I'm quite sure the camera didn't see me.

Joan Dryden.

COLESHILL C. of E. PRIMARY SCHOOL.

At a recent meeting of parents in **Coleshill** concern was expressed at the contemplated re-organisation of Coleshill School and it was agreed to lodge a protest with the appropriate **Department**. Accordingly the following letter was sent to the Permanent Under Secretary of State, Department of Education and **Science**, over the signature of some 70 electors.

"We, the **undersigned**, being electors of Coleshill, wish to object most strongly to any **re-organisation** of Coleshill C. or E. Primary School, which will so drastically reduce numbers as to make the School a less workable unit than at present.

It is understood that at the time of the intended re-organisation, Coleshill will become a First School, taking children from the ages 5 - 8 years only, and if this is so, the numbers will fall considerably down to possibly less than 20.

From the point of view of future pupils we do not consider such low numbers would provide the best conditions in which to start school, and we therefore earnestly ask you to reconsider the decision to change the status of the School from one taking infants and Juniors to an Infants School only.

Our greatest fear is, of course, that should some parents send their children out of the village to school, and the numbers become lower still, this would mean closing down of the School altogether, which would be a disaster for the Village as the School and its activities form an integral part of village **life**. It is incomprehensible that these perfectly good school buildings cannot be put to their full use, **when** all over the area new buildings are being added to existing schools because of shortage of school places."

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES.

Thurs.	Aug.	6	Choir and Sunday School Outing to Littlehampton.
"	"	13	Mobile Library Van, Coleshill.
"	"	27	" " " "
Sat.	Sept.	12	Horticultural Show.
Tues.	"	22	Village Hall Committee, 8.15 p.m.
Fri.	Oct.	2	Rummage Sale in aid of Village Hall.
Sun.	"	4	Harvest Festival.
Fri.	Dec.	11	Whist Drive.

