

December 1967

My Dear Friends,

I hope we will not have to make any significant changes in the services at Coleshill during the time we are waiting for the new Curate. Starting on Sunday, December 3rd, there will be a Family Communion each Sunday at 9 a.m. and there will be Evensong on the second and fourth Sundays in each month at 6 p.m.

On Christmas Day there will be a Family Communion at 9 a.m. and on Christmas Eve there will be a Carol Service at 3 p.m. instead of Evensong. The usual sung Eucharist will be held at St. Mary's on Christmas Eve at 11.30p.m. and on Christmas Day there is 8 a.m. Holy Communion and 11 a.m. Carol Service.

Will you please ring me at Amersham 1135 or write to me at St. Mary's Parish Office for anything I can do for you. In cases of sickness, bereavements or requests for visits as well as Baptisms or Marriages I am available to you at all times.

I hope you will all have a very happy Christmas, remembering to meet Our Lord in the Service of Holy Communion especially on His Birthday.

Yours sincerely,

Allan Campbell

The Church will be decorated for Christmas on Friday, December 22nd at 2.30p.m. and it will be appreciated if gifts of flowers and evergreens can be taken to the Church that morning. The assistance of as many helpers as possible will also be appreciated.

BAPTISM

November 5th Katherine Frances Blunt, Copper Cottage, Coleshill

BURIAL

October 25th Ada Annie Cossey.

ORGAN RECITAL AND PRESENTATION TO MR. HOLDER

On Saturday, November 25th, there will be an organ recital in the Church by Miss Heather Crook, F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M., commencing at 6.30p.m. Miss Crook is a former organ scholar to Girton College, Cambridge, and at present is the organist to St. Giles in the Fields, Holborn.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Many helpers joined in the preparations for the celebration of our Patronal Festival in traditional style, and for the occasion the Church was decorated with many lovely flowers. At Evensong the sermon was preached by Mr. Lovelock-Jones and an augmented choir gave a beautiful rendering of the Anthem "What are These" by Stainer.

After the service, light refreshments were served in the Village Hall, where a band of young musicians under the direction of Mrs. Pauline Griffiths provided most enjoyable light entertainment.

Doubtless it was due to inclement weather that the congregation was not as large as usual.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day was celebrated with due solemnity and the hope has been expressed that the custom of laying a wreath in front of the War Memorial will be resumed next year.

CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTION OF FUEL FUND

All Saints Church Committee hold in trust a small fund - the Fuel Fund - which originated from two bequests known as the Taylor Trust and the Curling Charity for the purpose of providing for the purchase of coal for the aged poor or widows of Colashill and Winchmore Hill.

The Fund is administered by the Charity Commissioners who have agreed that money rather than coal may be distributed and used for the payment of electricity or gas bills.

A few years ago the method of distribution was changed and anyone who formerly received money from the Fund but has not done so since the change is asked to communicate with Mr. Cyril Saunders, Mr. G.T. Creber or any member of the Committee.

CHRISTMAS IN CAPE GOD

I am writing from a village in America, about the size of Coles-hill. Year round population is the same, but because it is on Cape Cod - the Isle of Wight of New England - the summer crowd is three times as big. Everyone has a boat. The beaches swarm. Old grey Victorian houses are jammed with everyone's relations, for everybody wants to come to the Cape.

In winter, it's the end of the world. Nothing happens. The rich, (plumbers, painters etc. who earn 25/- per hour) go to Florida. The rest of us dig in, and dig out every week when new snow falls. The children go off in the yellow school 'bus at 7 a.m. and are back at 3p.m. to hang about the drug store or the post office - centre of life here, since we collect our own letters.

For a slow writer, who must live like a hermit for six months to produce a book, it is ideal. New Englanders understand cranks and they are self-sufficient. They will be social with you - or leave you alone, whichever you want!

At Christmas, the man from the hardware store, dressed as Father Christmas, rides an old cow pony to the four corners where all the children are gathered in snow suits, the little ones towed on sleds. They all get presents and we sing carols and cook hot dogs and drink egg nog. Everyone's house is lit with coloured lights. Trees are garlanded with little glass lanterns and candles shine in every window all down Main Street.

Different in detail from an English village, but vastly the same, because it isn't a town. It isn't corrupt. It isn't sophisticated. People like to live here.

Monica Dickens.

TALK ABOUT TANZANIA

On November 7th, Miss Williams amplified her recent articles published in the Newsletter with a delightful talk about her recent visit to Tanzania, illustrated with slides. A collection for a Christmas present for our protege, Peter, brought in £2.5.0d.

Thanks are extended to Miss Williams and to the Misses Boston for their hospitality.

WOMENS INSTITUTE

The Annual General Meeting of the Coleshill branch was held on Thursday, 9th November when the hon. secretary, Mrs. Collier, rendered a report upon their active and successful year.

In her Presidential address, Mrs. Harrison said that over the years, village life had changed considerably and few villages were as snail and isolated as they were 50 years ago when the W.I. was founded.

The public image of the Institute had changed also and, as the County Chairman had said, they were a voice in the land - and a voice which was listened to. Certainly they were asked for opinions on many matters and it was supremely important that carefully considered answers should be given to the questionnaires received from time to time. The same close attention had to be given to any resolution put forward by the Institute.

Mrs. Harrison concluded by recommending members to make every effort to attend one or two Council meetings - interesting and friendly affairs - to take an interest in County and National Federation affairs and not to forget that they were part of a countrywide and worthwhile organisation.

The following officers were then re-elected: President, Mrs. Harrison; Vice Presidents: Mrs. Ovington and Miss Boston; Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Collier; Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. Browne; and Mrs. Rupert. was elected to the Committee.

LOCAL SUCCESS

News has just filtered through to the Editor of a further most meritorious success, William Adams (R.G.S. High Wycombe) having passed the G.C.E. at 'A' level in Geography, History and Economics. Deferred but nonetheless sincere congratulations, William.

The Pro-Churchwardens, Hon. Treasurer and Committee thank the contributors to the fund raised for Mr. Holder upon vacating his appointment and regret that they have not been able to acknowledge donations individually. It is hoped to place a list of subscribers in the Church porch as soon as possible.

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

The wine and cheese party on 17th November, organised by the Village Hall Committee proved to be very popular. The guests, i.e. those who had been persuaded to buy tickets at 7/6d each, were invited to partake of a selection of fine cheeses and to enjoy three glasses of wine, choosing between a claret, a beaujolais and a reisling.

During the evening they were given the opportunity to identify twelve unnamed cheeses and twelve unnamed wines. The palate of Miss Sybil Boston was in best form for the cheeses and those of Mrs. Wagstaff and Mr. Barrett for the wines. The connoisseur who diagnosed a number of disinfectants scored no points, neither did the optimist who thought it sufficient to answer red wine, white wine, water.

Between whiles, people queued for a tombola.

As a result of the evening, something in the region of £50 was added to the Village Hall funds which are being stretched to the utmost to pay for the renovations of the lavatories and expensive repairs to one of the walls which is leaking badly. Meanwhile repairs and decorations completed to date have made the Hall most attractive. It is available for local functions.

The Committee extends grateful thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Woolacott who organised the wine and cheese tasting, to Mr & Mrs. Eyres who looked after the wines for consumption on the premises, to the W.I. who organised and ran the tombola and to the other helpers who prepared the room and washed the glasses with surprisingly few breakages.

HAPPY MEMORIES

Mr. E.F. Shrimpton writes from Ealing and sends congratulations upon Coleshill being adjudged the best kept village for 1967. He says:
"I was born in the house near Wallers Oak on November 3rd 1876 and am proud and fortunate to have been born in such a healthy spot in Old England. My sister will be 100 years old on August 31st and so my advice is to live in the Chilterns..... My father, Frederick Shrimpton, worked for Major Howey at Coleshill House, also Mr. E. Wootherby. I remember listening to beautiful music played by Miss Lucy Taylor and her mother, violin and piano. My pal William Dover was taught to play the fiddle and he taught me and that was the start of music in my home....."

My nearest relations are named Appleby. My cousin Susan married George Appleby. Bill Archer and his mother lived at Bowers Farm about 1880. I remember Bennie Hingrove, a real happy old boy, and his wife worked on Bowers Farm when I was 12..... I remember being a member of the C.E.T.S. and the song I sang. Miss Penny Jackson helped me and Mr. George Darlington told my mother that if I behaved myself he would teach me a trade and he did. I was taught by Mr. H.G. Muckley, a good man, good mechanic and kind.

I have a painting in my kitchen by Mr. Stubbings to give me happy memories of years ago. Isn't life wonderful?

W.I. CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The W.I. advise that there will be many attractive bargains - many suitable as Christmas presents - at their Bazaar on Saturday, 25th November.

EDITORIAL

The Editor extends grateful thanks to those who have helped with the production of the Newsletter for the past twelve months and he pleads for more contributions, particularly advance notice of future events, reports of functions, personal paragraphs and notes of local interest.

Copy is "made up" between the 16th and 18th of each month and sent to Mrs. Dryden for her kind and expert attention not later than the 20th. Upon completion the pages are stapled together and then distributed by a team of volunteers to some 200 people whose names are on the Church Register or who have asked for copies. So far the Newsletter has been issued gratuitously but, owing to the drain upon the Church finances in consequence of the urgent need for structural repairs etc., the time may come when it may be necessary to open a special fund towards the cost of production.

The object of the Newsletter is to encourage interest in the communal life of the village in all its aspects and a copy of this number is being sent to every householder. Any person who wishes to have his or her name added to the distribution list should advise one of the Pro-Churchwardens or any member of the Committee.

SERVICES

ALL SAINTS, COLESHILL

Every Sunday:
9.00a.m. Parish Communion
10.00a.m. Sunday School
2nd & 4th Sundays:
6.00p.m. Evensong

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY. AMERSHAM

8.00a.m. Holy Communion
10.00a.m. Children's Church
11.a.m. 1st Sunday: Family Service
3rd & 5th Sundays: Sung Eucharist
2nd & 4th Sundays: Mattins
6.00p.m. Evensong

SPECIAL CAROL SERVICE

The Amersham & Chesham Bois Choral Society have very kindly agreed to give a Carol Service on Wednesday, December 20th at 8.00p.m. in St. Mary's in aid of the St. Mary's Restoration Fund.

Please make a point of being there.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sat. Nov 25 W.I. Christmas Bazaar 2.30p.m.
Organ recital 6.30p.m. followed by presentation to Mr. Holder.
Tues. 28 Sisterhood. Speaker to be arranged
Thurs. Dec 7 Mobile Library Van - Colehill
Pri 8 Whist Drive. 8.00p.m.
Sat 9 Amersham & Chesham Bois Choral Society. Concert at Dr. Challoner's Grammar School Hall 7.30p.m. Works by Beethoven and Rossini.
Tues 12 Sisterhood. Invitation to Mrs. Lewis'. Then closing down for Christmas.
Wed 13 Nativity Play in Church at 7.00p.m.
Thurs. 14 W.I. Drama Group will present two sketches
Wed 20 Special Carol Service at St. Mary's 8.00p.m.
Thurs 21 Mobile Library Van - Colehill
Mothers Union Christmas Party at Mrs. Antosiewicz, Colehill,
Sun 24 Christmas Eve. Carol Service at 3.00p.m.
Mon 25 CHRISTMAS DAY. Family Communion at 9.00a.m.

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Wed: Jan 17 All Saints Committee Meeting 8.00p.m. followed by Annual General Meeting at 8.30p.m.