

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

We look forward to welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Nightingale to the Parsonage during the first week in December. I know you will all try to make them very happy in their new home. Mr. Nightingale is a graduate of London University, but redeemed himself by going to Kings College, Cambridge to do research. He was ordained in the diocese of Southwark where he had a Curacy for two years. Since then he has had a temporary post in this diocese and is looking forward, with his wife, to a settled home with us here for some time to come.

I know it will cause you all great pleasure to know that Mr. and Mrs. Giles Howard propose to have the church clock electrically controlled in the memory of the late Miss Ruth Howard.

A very happy memorial and a very useful one for everybody.

So far, £50 has been contributed for the restoration work in the clock tower and faces.

The Services on Christmas Day are:

All Saints: 9.00a.m. Family Communion  
St. Mary's: Christmas Eve 11.30p.m. Holy Communion  
Christmas Day 8.00a.m. Holy Communion  
11.00a.m. Carols.

In addition there will be:

Carols at St. Mary's % Sunday, 15th December at 6.30p.m.  
Festival of Lessons and Carols by Coleshill School at All Saints  
Wednesday, 18th December 7.00p.m.

The Messiah at St. Mary's

The Amersham and Chessam Bois Choral Society with the Misbourne Orchestra will give a performance of Handel's Messiah at 7.30p.m. on Saturday, 21st December.

Carol Service at All Saints Sunday, 29th December at 3.00p.m.

May I wish you all a very happy Christmas

Yours sincerely,

Allan Campbell. Rector.

## THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE 1968

The renewal of the Church in faith, ministry and unity was the theme of the Lambeth Conference of 1968.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, preaching the opening sermon of the Conference, took as his text Hebrews 12,27-9. ("The removal of what is shaken ..... that what cannot be shaken may remain"). He said: "Amidst a shaken earth we who are Christians receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, and are called so to enjoy it that others are led to find it and receive it with us". He then continued:

"God calls us to faith, to ministry, to unity.

The FAITH to which we are called is a supernatural faith and it cannot adapt itself to every passing fashion of human thought. But it will be a faith alert to distinguish what is shaken, and is meant to go, and what is not shaken and is meant to remain.

The MINISTRY to which we are called is "to offer to God acceptable worship". We know that the only worship which God accepts is the expression of lives which reflect God's own righteousness and compassion. Service must not only inspire individuals, it must go on to affect states and nations in their policies, rich and poor, developed and undeveloped, one towards another.

UNITY comes not by combining this Church with that Church much as they are now, but by the radical altering of Churches in reformation and renewal.

We are all stirred to ask God to show us what are things rightly shaken and the things not shaken which must remain. Therefore let us be grateful in receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken. It is the kingdom of Christ crucified. His cross is the secret of our faith, the heart of our ministry, and the source of our unity."

### IN MEMORIAM

With deep regret, the deaths are recorded of Harold Stockwell and, as the result of an accident, Vincent Moody.

Vincent Moody was the son of A.P.H. Moody, for many years hon. treasurer of All Saints Church. He will be greatly missed by the old people at Rushmead.

Sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been left behind.

-----

## VISITING OUR CATHEDRALS

To arrive at a Cathedral City for the first time can be an unforgettable experience; nothing can ever quite equal the thrill of the initial impact. Each church conveys its personality not only visually but also in its atmosphere.

Largely through the accidents of geography, some Cathedrals seem to bustle with visitors, while others are so unforthcoming that one treads gingerly into their emptiness. Many are seen at their best, especially internally on summer afternoons, perhaps with the west doors thrown wide open, but crisp winter mornings can be hardly less enjoyable. As with all architecture, sunshine is essential for full appreciation, both within and without.

Not counting the rarish Church Cathedrals and the four modern Anglican Cathedrals (Coventry, Liverpool, Guildford and Truro) England has 26 Cathedrals of which, very conveniently, exactly half are of the first rank. These are (1) Three in the South East and South, Canterbury, Winchester and Salisbury; (2) Three in the West and South West, Gloucester, Wells and Exeter; (3) Three in or close to East Anglia, Norwich, Ely and Peterborough; (4) Three in the North East, Lincoln, York and Durham; (5) One in London, St Paul's.

The other 13 are also well worth a visit, but no Cathedral lover should miss any of those named above.

A.C.

## MISSIONARY REPORT - 1968

All Saints Church has continued the grant of £20 for 1968 to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Magilala in support of the Coleshill Cot. The occupant of the cot is now a motherless baby, five months old, called Grace - Peter having gone back to his father. In addition to this, the hospital received a most welcome gift from the Sisterhood in February and an anonymous gift of £20 has just been sent to Africa to buy things for the hospital for which, otherwise, there was no money.

Sister Edith Francis sends warmest thanks for "these wonderful gifts" - doubly welcome as there are now 29 babies in the unit and too few cots and chairs. It has been possible to buy three extra cots and four extra chairs necessary to complete the number required. It is hoped at Christmas to send a small cheque to provide little presents for the babies.

15 cot blankets have been sent to Africa, thanks to the hard work of those who make them and to the most generous response to appeals for wool. It seems that by the end of the year we shall have collected more than the 24,000 Green Shield stamps which we set ourselves to get to

provide hospitals in Africa with additional surgical instruments, scales for weighing both babies and adults and a much needed machine to make polythene bags cheaply for the protection of out-patients' cards and other hospital equipment.

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Coleshill W.I. was held on Thursday, November 14th and was well attended.

In her Presidential address, Mrs. Harrison recalled that when dealing with the different aspects of the W.I. movement, their County Chairman, Mrs. Argent, had referred in particular to friendliness and opportunities. Many of the monthly speakers had remarked upon the friendly and cheerful atmosphere at Coleshill and, as President, Mrs. Harrison hoped that all members, especially new members, found that this was so.

If one considered the numerous activities organised by the County and National Federations, one found that there were very many opportunities in the W.I. movement. No-one could attend them all but they were so many and so varied that there was something to suit most tastes. Members who had attended painting days, drama festivals, handicraft and produce shows and driving conferences had found them interesting and instructive. It was an excellent thing to have interests outside one's domestic life and the provision of these other interests was one of the ideas behind the formation of the W.I. movement.

Mrs. Harrison concluded by expressing warm thanks for the help extended to her by her fellow officers and committee members during her year of office.

The retiring officers, Mrs. Harrison, President; Mrs. Collier, hon. Secretary and Mrs. Browne, were re-elected with enthusiasm and members joined with Mrs. Ovington in saying how much they appreciated all that Mrs. Harrison had done as President.

### NEW MAGISTRATE

On Monday, 11th November, Miss Molly K. Stone of Amber Cottages, Coleshill, was sworn in as a magistrate at Bucks Quarter Sessions at Aylesbury. Best wishes are extended to Miss Stone upon this, her latest appointment.

### MUSIC FOR EVERYONE

In one respect the musical evening on October 23rd was experimental as people who had not previously listened to stereophonic recordings did not quite know what to expect. In the event they were astonished at the high quality of the recordings and one man, giving his age away, was heard to remark "if you had closed your eyes you might have thought that you were at Queen's Hall". The programme included classical and light classical music.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Hadyn Theobald, who presented the recordings and to Mr. R. Woolacott who, with the Committee made the arrangements.

### WINCHMORE HILL CRICKET CLUB JUBILEE DINNER

A hundred and nineteen people attended the Winchmore Hill Cricket Club annual dinner which celebrated the Club's 50th anniversary, at the Village Hall, Coleshill on 9th November.

Mr. Tilson, the hon. secretary, sketched the history of the Club since its formation in 1918, and made special mention of Mr. Percy Francis, who was present, Mr. T. Wingrove and other founder members and Mr. Albert Barnes, the founder of the supporters club, which had helped so much to make the club itself as strong as it is today.

Their wicket was one of the best in the Wycombe league and for this they were indebted to the Earl Howe, who in the first place had granted permission for the club to play there and to Mr. John Payne and his father for their hard work in the preparation of the pitch.

Mr. Tilson also extended warm thanks to the ladies who provided such excellent teas.

### W.I. CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The W.I. Christmas Bazaar will be opened at the Village Hall on Saturday, 30th November by Mrs Bakewell at 2.30p.m. and doors will open at 2.15.

The organisers are working hard to maintain the fine reputation of the Bazaar for the high quality of the articles which are offered for sale. The bazaar presents a splendid opportunity for the purchase of Christmas presents.