

February/March 1972

The Parsonage,
Coleshill.

My dear Friends,

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is over, but this does not mean that our own prayers and actions cease. As I write this letter, my thoughts are still on the death of George Higgs. He will be remembered for his courage and humanity not only as a policeman, but also as a brother and a friend. I will remember him, even though I never met him, as the one through whose death Baptists and Anglicans were brought together. The memory of walking up the path of the Churchyard side by side with the Baptist minister brings upon me the shame of a divided Church. How strange and sad it is that the churches have to wait until there is grief and tragedy before making any real effort to come together.

Uniformity of religious worship may not be desirable to all people. On the other hand, active co-operation in the spreading of the Gospel and in the caring work of Christ should be our constant aim; not only between Anglicans and Baptists, but also between Roman Catholics and all Free Churchmen. Our prayer is joined with that of Jesus Christ; "That they may be one; as thou Father art in me, and I in thee that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." - St. John 17s 21.

Your sincere friend and Curate

Richard Love.

LENT 1972

Lent is the traditional time for fasting and self denial. The Bible reminds us that mere fasting is useless in itself. It only serves a purpose if our spiritual life and our desire to help other people are thereby stimulated. I hope that the Church will be of real service in giving the opportunities to use Lent for this purpose.

PARISH COMMUNION

As usual every Sunday at 9.00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

As usual every Sunday at 10.15 a.m.

EVENSONG

throughout Lent will be at St. Mary's, our Parish Church and not at All Saints. Special preachers have been invited each week. Transport to Amersham will be arranged; please contact the Curate.

FOR OLDER CHILDREN

at 2.30 p.m. on every Sunday during Lent, there will be a short service, during which "The Adventures of Young Churohman" can be heard. First Sunday will be 20th February.

FOR ADULTS Bible study/Discussion group will meet at 8.00 p.m. on the first three Thursdays and the last three Tuesdays in Lent. These gatherings will be in houses in the village. Details can be found on the Church porch notice board.

MID-WEEK SERVICES Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday at 10.00 a.m. and every Thursday in Lent except the first and last Thursdays in Lent.

PRIVATE PRAYER The Church is open every day, and heated on Sundays and Thursdays.

BIBLE READING There is a special epistle and gospel for every day in Lent. Alternatively, why not study our Lord's life in St. Mark's Gospel.

AT ST. MARY'S Every Wednesday there is Holy Communion at 10.00 a.m. and an evening service of devotion at 3.00 p.m.

HOLY WEEK 1972

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Palm Sundays services as usual

Wednesday: 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion, 8.00 p.m. Service of Devotion.

Maundy Thursday: 8.00 p.m. Holy Communion

Good Friday: 10.00 a.m. Ante-Communion, 2.00 p.m. Service of Devotion.

Easter Sunday: 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
6.00 p.m. Evensong.

ST. ANDREW'S WINCHMORE HILL

Palm Sunday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Tuesday, Discussion group/Bible study

Easter Sunday? 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

ALL SAINTS' COLESHILL

Palm Sundays 9.00 a.m. Parish Communion, 10.15 a.m. Sunday School

Maundy Thursday: 8.00 p.m. Holy Communion only. "

Good Fridays 11.00 a.m. Mattins and Ante-Communion

Easter Sunday: 9.00 a.m. Parish Communion, 10.15 a.m. Sunday School.

HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday 16th January: Anita Victoria Baldwin

HOLY MATRIMONY

Saturday 13th November: Edward William Taylor Jamieson and
Gail Carolyn Williamson.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD

Saturday 15th January: George William Higgs

Wednesday 19th January: Mary Rogers

IN MEMORIAM

With deep regret the deaths are recorded of Mrs. Rogers and PC George Higgs and profound sympathy is extended to those who have been left behind.

Mrs. Rogers was 73 at the time of her death and for some time her health had been failing. She had lived at Coleshill most of her life.

PC George Higgs died on an errand of mercy as he was in a car with a nursing sister and a cardiac technician, which crashed on the journey from St. George's Hospital to Chertsey Hospital. The driver was also killed.

PC. Higgs, aged 38, was born in Coleshill, went to the village school, played cricket for the Coleshill Club and afterwards for Fencibles C.C. and for the Metropolitan Police. A most likeable man, cut off in his prime.

Amongst others, 200 members of the Police Force attended the funeral at All Saints on Saturday, 15th January, when the service was conducted by the Reverend E. Chambers.

DEDICATIONS - PYX AND CIBORIUM

At the November meeting of the Church Committee, the question was raised about the provision of suitable vessels for taking Holy Communion to those who were unable to come to Church because of illness. On the following day, there were two extremely kind offers from anonymous donors to present a pyx and a ciborium to the Church. These were accepted with grateful thanks. The pyx, in memory of Alice Barber, WPS dedicated at the morning service on the Sunday before Christmas. The ciborium was dedicated on the first Sunday after Epiphany.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union has been meeting on the third Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m. The November meeting was at Coleshill. After a service in Church, the Curate talked about missionary work in Sarawak, showing examples of native carrying and fighting weapons.

The January meeting was held in Rushmoor Cottages. The meeting opened with prayers, and after some future programme planning there was an informal tea party. £2.00 was raised for the Mission to Lepers.

The next meeting will be at Winchmore Hill Methodist Church Hall on Thursday, 17th February, at 2.30 p.m. Colour slides of the Oberammergau Passion Play will be shown. Newcomers will be very welcome.

MUSICAL SUCCESSES 1971

Congratulations to the following whose names are announced in the report of the Associated Board of Royal Schools of Music on the examinations in December 1971:

Lynne Truett	Grade II piano
Jennifer Creber	" III piano, with merit
Jane Cossey	" III violin
Rosalind Chandler	" III violin, with merit

CHRISTMAS AT COLESHILL

Services

YG were very pleased to see so many people at the Christmas Services. On Christmas Day, there was the Parish Communion during which the Crib was blessed. The day after, St. Stephen's Day, there was the service of Nine Lessons and Carols. The lessons were read by representatives of all sections of the Church, and the carol singing was led by the choir.

At the Christmas Services, there was a plate beside the Crib and over £22 was given for homeless families.

Carol Singing

The sum of £30 was collected by a party of carol singers organised by the Misses Lorna and Loveday Pusey and was handed to the Save the Children Fund and gratefully acknowledged.

Entertainment

On Friday the 10th December, entertainment was given by the Women's Institute Drama Group and the children of Coleshill School before a large and enthusiastic audience.

The choir and recorder ensemble were directed by Mrs. Pauline Griffiths and earned a well merited encore.

Parts in the play were taken by the talented Mrs. Browne Mrs. Chalk Mrs. Post and Mrs. Chenevix Trench, with Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey as producer Mrs. McBeth as stage manager and Mrs. Hall as prompt, and gained much applause.

After paying for the use of the hall and refreshments, the proceeds £2.50 were handed to the Spastics Society.

This is one of the many occasions which brought out how worth while it is to have a village hall.

Whist Drive

A very enjoyable whist drive was held on the 3rd December with Mr. George Pledge as an admirable M.C., in spite of the fact that only 5 tables were occupied.

For years a whist drive has been held in the first part of December. The usual numbers of posters were displayed, and there was a note about the event in the Newsletter.

The Committee will have to decide about next year's event - whether to abandon it or to hold it on a Thursday.

Man Made Cakes.

The competition, held at the Rod Lion on the Sunday before Christmas, was a great success and men thoroughly entered into the spirit of the event. There were two classes, plain and decorated and the winners were decorated - 1st Mr. Ling, 2nd Mr. Tilson. Plain - 1st Mr. Greaves 2nd Mr. Pates.

Mr. Rupert excelled himself as auctioneer and the result together with a raffle, amounted to £93 - a record - and was sent to the Ponds Home for Spastics in Seer Green.

Coleshill School Nativity Play

"How Far to Bethlehem?" was the title of the Nativity Play written and performed by the children of the school. One of the children has written an account of the play?

"In December, near Christmas, we held our Nativity play. First of all the narrator told us where the story actually was. It began one day in a Church in Italy. Two tourists looked at a painting and admired it.

The second part was 300 years ago. A family were living in a snail house quite near to the Church. Michael was painting outside when suddenly it started to rain. His sister Anna helped him to bring in his painting. His mother Isabella came in and the whole family started talking about the painting. Suddenly Michael got into a temper and stamped out of the room. A few minutes later there was a bang at the door. Roberto opened the door to a stranger. Michael explained the Christmas story to the stranger.

Then the shepherds tipped on the stage. Suddenly they saw a large star. They also saw angels and the Archangel told them about Jesus. Then as the play came back to the family, the painting came to life.

It was quite successful and I enjoyed it very much. There was also a choir that sung in the middle of the play".

The following appeared in the plays Francos Winney, Andrew Tilson, Caroline Bowler, Lynne Truett, Clare Creber, Debra Reading, Colin Gordon-Giles, Wendy Williams, Clive Sutton, Karen Gordon-Giles, Georgina Faux, Brian Jamieson, Raymond Pusoy, Jennifer White, James Truett and Ian Jamieson.

Mention must also be made that Father Christmas descended a week later at the school by helicopter.

Clare Creber

REPORT AM) THANKS - MAGILA HOSPITAL 1971

Thanks to generosity and much hard work, it has been possible in 1971 to do a little more for others than in previous years. The Sunday School, the Mothers' Union and many individuals have been helped greatly in this way.

We reached the new high level of collecting 48 Green Shield Stamp books (61,440 stamps), the Sunday School collecting ten of these books. U.S.P.G. tells us that we are again the top collector of these stamps for them in England. Seventeen cot blankets and four small frocks have been sent to Magila Hospital and three little woollen coats are in hand. We are very grateful to the Sunday School for collecting more than 3 lbs. of wool and venture to say once more our cupboard is nearly empty of wool. A cheque for £7 was sent to Africa for the Magila babies' Christmas party and another £4.20 is to follow. The annual donation of £20 has been given by All Saints' Church towards the maintenance of the Coleshill Cot in the hospital.

Three parcels of used postage stamps have been forwarded to the Cancer Research Unit. The total weight of stamps was 10½ lbs., the value being between £5 and £6. All stamps are useful, particularly the special issues in Britain and foreign stamps. We are very grateful for a First Day Commemorative cover of the Christmas 2½ p. stamp.

For all this, very many thanks. If in 1973 more people would help in these very simple ways an even better report might be made at the end of the year M.W.

LIVING IN A FAIRGROUND

"Look out! - there's a cow". The dodgem car skilfully avoids the animal and r.t the same time overtakes a slow plodding buffalo cart. A taxi presses within inches, the turban-clad Sikh driver blowing his horn madly, pedestrians, handcarts, bicycles, motor bikes, buses, lorries all add to the melee of traffic that never ceases.

My first impression when coming to this city (Delhi) was one of vast fairground - and this comparison seems more and more apt as time goes on. The dodgem cars are three wheelers, - two scooter scooters that, in their masses, form a cheap taxi service. They are brightly painted and give a very bumpy, often hair raising ride. The English dodgemen have ceased to excite me. These and the colour, smells, noise, people and speed of life all add to the fairground impression. It is an interesting fact that the gypsies in Europe, by whom fairs began, originate from India.

There is a great variety of costume among the inhabitants of this cosmopolitan metropolis and the usual bright sunshine brings out the colour in the saris, dresses, lungis, shirts, slacks and Punjabi outfits to advantage. The majority of Indians are good looking and wear their clothes well. As one moves around the wafts of an infinite variety of smells are caught - fresh fruit, garbage, curries, animals etc. - all intermingled. The noise of traffic is never ending but it is possible to retreat to a large garden where a wonderful selection of bird songs can be heard. At night these change to those of cicadas and tree frogs, and this is the time too when the beautiful perfume of the flowering shrubs is at its best.

It is a usual comment on India in general to note the number of people. In Delhi they will be sitting on the pavement - shaving someone mending a bike puncture, selling fruit or cigarettes or just lying asleep. There will be a group chatting, leaning against an unhired taxi. There will be people overflowing from the many small wayside teashops. They will be waiting for buses - which always pack in twice as many as they are comfortably able - and a continual stream moves leisurely along the pavements and weaves in and out of the hooting traffic. Probably the heat during most of the year causes the gentle placid pace of life. In shops, offices everywhere, things take twice as long as the usually impatient westerner expects. But it is fun to relax with the people and observe the life around as one waits - there is much cause for amusement. It is a very enjoyable life, providing one has patience and a sense of humour.

Among the masses, of course, are individuals, and I feel privileged in the friendships I am able to make. I think of the elderly grandmother, walking with a stick, who has such a loving trust in the Lord, and the way her grand-daughter's testimony showed what a wonderful witness the old lady is. I think also of the attractive young secretary with the lovely voice, who, with a couple of other young people, has brought many youngsters to the Lord, through their singing in a group "The New Found Love". There are several students at the University who are active for the Lord and whose fellowship I enjoy. I feel very much at home here and will always praise the Lord for bringing me here.

Philippa Rann

December 1971

ITEMS OF INTEREST

In the last number of the Newsletter there was a note to the effect that it was proposed to include a certain number of short paragraphs about items of local interest, not only in the village but in the neighbourhood.

We are indebted to Mr. L. Elgar Pike F.S.V.A. who is so well known for his local knowledge- for having consented to furnish some appropriate paragraphs which will appear over his initials "L.E.P."

WHERE WAS COLESHILL CH. PEL?

Coleshill, which had been a detached part of Hertfordshire, was transferred to Bucks in 1832, being then described as a hamlet and chapelry and it was stated that the chapel had been demolished about forty years previously.

There is a tradition that this was a very old building and that it stood near Chapel Farm; whilst another location mentioned was Brainford (Brontford?) Wood. Subsequently some foundations and remnants of paving ("in the manner of dicework") are said to have been found in the latter place. Yet again remains of what could have been ecclesiastical buildings were ploughed up in a nearby field.

What is entitled "A Parliamentary Survey of Livings" dated 1649 includes Coleshill, stating it to be an unattached hamlet of 200 persons, with the comment "and we conceive a church were fit to be erected and endowed with the tithes thereof amounting to £70, the people earnestly desiring the same".

Was or was there not a church built as a result of this recommendation and if so whereabouts?

L-E-P.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

This article is of unique interest because for some time the idea of writing a history of All Saints has been under consideration but more information is required.

The present Church of All Saints was built in 1861 and was dedicated on the 7th December 1861. It was built of characteristic brick and flint from a design of G.E. Street, who also designed the Law Courts London.

Can anyone please supply any further information? If so will they kindly communicate with the Reverend Richard Love e.g. date about the organ, the font, the stained glass East window, the memorial window on the South side of the chancel, when was the West window bricked up and why, when was the churchyard consecrated for burial purposes, etc., etc. In fact any information which may be useful.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the annual general meeting of the W.I. on the 11th November, the following were elected or re-elected to offices
President - Mrs. Ovington; Vice-presidents - Mrs. Collier and Mrs. Post;
Hon Secretary - Mrs. Grayers; Hon. Treasurer - Mrs. Browne;
Committee: Mrs. Antosiewicz, Miss S. Boston, Mrs. Chalk, Mrs. Hall,
Mrs. Howe, Mrs. Morrison, and Mrs. Powell-Price.

BRIDGE DRIVE

A Bridge Drive will be held at the Village Hall on Friday, 24th March, at 8 p.m. The same pairs will play together throughout the evening but they will move from table to table and meet other pairs as at a whist drive.

Tickets will be 75 now pence a pair which will be obtainable from members of the Committee. To make the evening a success readers are asked now to make up a table or tables. This is a light spirited competition and nobody should keep away because his or her bridge is not quite up to the text books.

THE NEWSLETTER AND THE DUPLICATOR

In the last number of the Newsletter it was stated that the duplicator (purchased some time ago by readers of the Newsletter) was found to have a major fracture in the frame and repairs would cost £60. An appeal was made to those who might help.

The result was spontaneous, but then it stopped short possibly due to the many appeals at Christmas. Another £30 is required and ANYONE WHO IS PREPARED TO HELP ARE ASKED TO SEND CONTRIBUTIONS TO MR. R.G. STUBBINGS, SPRINGFIELD, TOWER ROAD, COLESHILL. MARKED "FOR THE DUPLICATOR".

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

The Women's Day of Prayer Service will be held on Friday, 3rd March 1972 at 2.30 p.m. in the Baptist Chapel, Coleshill, when the speaker will be Mr. Lovelock Jones. All women will be welcome.

If anyone would like to sing in the Choir, will they please contact Miss S« Boston.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

February

Wed 16th ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.
Thur 17th Mothers' Union at Winchmore Hill, 2.30 p.m.
Sun 20th LENT I
Wed Fri Sat - 23rd, 25th, 26th. Ember Days
Thur 24th ST. MATTHIAS Apostle Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.
" " Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
" " 8pm Discussion group. Also Folk dancing at the Parish Church
Sun 27th LENT II

March

Wed 1st St. David's Day
Thur 2nd Holy Communion 10.00 a.m. 8.00 p.m. Discussion group
Fri 3rd Women's World Day of Prayer.
Sun 5th LENT III
Tues 7th Village Hall Committee 8.15 p.m.
Thur 9th Holy Communion 10.00 a.m. Discussion group 8.00 p.m.
" " Mobile Library Van, Coleshill.
" " W.I. "Songs for Everyone"
Sun 12th LENT IV. MOTHERING SUNDAY. parish Communion for mothers & children.
Tues 14th Discussion group 8.00 p.m.
Thur 16th Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.
Fri 17th St. Patrick's Day
Sun 19th PASSION SUNDAY. Clocks forward!
Tues 21st Discussion group 8.00 p.m.
Wed 22nd Confirmation Service at St. Mary's Parish Church