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My dear Friends,

A Happy New Year to you **all**. It used to be the custom to make "New Year Resolutions" and I would like to suggest that we revive this commendable **custom** and as Christians show our belief to others by practising it regularly. I suggest a worthwhile resolution "To come to Church every **Sunday**". That, surely is our **minimum** duty and it is also the best way we can "bear witness to Jesus".

Some time ago, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York issued the following short guide to the Duties of Church **Membership**, which you may like to have before you for **reference**:-

To follow the example of Christ in home and daily life and to bear witness to Him.

To be regular in private prayer day by day

To read the Bible **carefully**

To come to Church every Sunday

To receive the Holy Communion faithfully and regularly

To give personal service to Church, neighbours and community

To give money for the work of parish and diocese and for the Work of the Church at home and overseas.

I pray you may all have the strength of mind and purpose to keep and live up to your New Year **Resolutions**.

Yours sincerely,  
Allan Campbell.

#### NATIVITY PLAY

It was fitting that the festival of Christmas should be ushered in at Coleshill by the children of the **school**, in a charming play written and produced by the school.

The first scene, set in France, had interludes of verses of a carol sung in French, recorders **providing** a delightful and tuneful accompaniment. Another moving moment occurred later, when the scene, changing to Bethlehem, the young children sang very quietly "Away in a Manger"

The whole performance in its simplicity reflected great credit on all, both staff and children, and the smoothness with which it took place was evidence of **much** hard work.

## ORGAN RECITAL

At the organ recital on November 15th, Miss Heather Crook gave a delightful rendering of some beautiful music. Miss Crook, a native of Amersham, studied at the Royal Academy of Music and further as organ scholar at Girton College, Cambridge, and at present is organist of St. Gales in the Fields, Holborn. On behalf of all present, the pro-Churchwarden, Mr. N. N. Nicholls, extended sincere thanks to Miss Crook for her most enjoyable performance and to Mr. John Ward, our organist, for making the arrangements.

## PRESENTATION TO THE REVEREND W. L. HOLDER

After the recital, Mr. Nicholls said that he had a duty of a rather different nature to perform. As had already been announced, due to ill-health, Mr. Holder would be resigning his position as Priest at Coleshill from November 30th.

Everyone who knew Mr. Holder could not fail to be impressed by his dedication to his calling and, in more recent years, his courage in the face of serious illness. In the space of twelve months he had undergone two major operations the effects of which would have daunted a much younger man.

In paying a warm tribute to Mr. Holder for his unstinting service, Mr. Nicholls said that the cheque for £250 with which he was presenting him, gave some indication of the regard in which he was held. This sum was subscribed by the people of Coleshill and other friends whose names were recorded in a book presented at the same time.

Mr. L.W. Barker, Dip.Ed., on behalf of the local school, of which he is Headmaster, added his tribute and a presentation was made to Mr. Holder by some pupils from the school.

Mr. Holder was visibly moved when he rose to make his reply and to thank everyone for their kindness. He also expressed his gratitude to the Bishop for the pension arrangements that had been made for him.

We have since learned that Mr. Holder has most generously given his three chasubles to All Saints Church. One is white and gold, one green and gold and one is for use in Advent and Lent. The Church is most grateful for these gifts.

## MISSIONARY REPORT 1967

The Coleshill Cot at Magila Hospital - shewn to me with pride - has been supported for another year. Peter is now three years old and will be returning to his father before very long. It is good to know that the father has asked to be prepared for Baptism and Peter will probably be baptised at the same time. His new home will be very poor and the

Coleshill present will provide him with some toys, clothes and baby food to take with him. He will also take a couple of blankets made in Coleshill.

Over 20,000 Green Shiell stamps have been collected in 1967. These have gone to help provide artery forceps and scales for weighing babies, both urgently needed at Magila. Warmest thanks to all concerned.

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### WEDDING

On Saturday, December 2nd at All Saints Church, Miss Heather Weedon elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.A.J. Weedon was married to Mr. Stephen Vaughan Smith.

The bride, who was given away by her father - a pro-Churchwarden from 1962 to 1965 - looked very beautiful in a long dress of white wild silk worn under a long coat of Nottingham lace, and carried a Prayer Book with a spray of yellow freesias. Miss Penny Weedon, the bride's sister made a delightful bridesmaid in an ankle length dress of midnight blue velvet and carried a posy of yellow freesias and white chrysanthemums. The bride's mother looked very charming in a suit of cornflower blue and a flame coloured hat with matching scarf. Mr. Timothy Weedon and Mr. Cyril Saunders - a pro-Churchwarden - acted as ushers.

Before she went to the University, the bride was a tremendous help with our Sunday school and we all join in wishing Heather and her husband every happiness.

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Eight and a quarter tables full of people braved the snow to attend the whist drive in aid of the village hall on December 8th. A most enjoyable evening was passed under Mr. J. Ware as M.C. and Mr. Browne as 2 i.c. and fortune at the drive and the inevitable raffle was amply rewarded by sumptuous prizes.

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In response to a number of enquiries it is mentioned that the short article in the last number "Christmas in Cape Cod" was written by the eminent Authoress, Monica Dickens, the great-grand-daughter of the immortal Charles.

### W.I. DRAMA GROUP

On December 14th, members of the W.I. and their friends enjoyed two sketches by their Drama Group on somewhat more ambitious lines than previously.

The first "The Tinder Girl" was a spooky affair and called for

straight acting. The second, "Meet the Best People" was a rollicking farce in which the players let themselves go unrestrainedly. It was apparent that all the performers had taken great pains to ensure that they could produce their lines so convincingly and among admirable performances, that of Mrs. Browne as Mrs. Moggs was outstanding.

The performance reflected great credit upon those who took part and upon the producer, Mrs. Chenevix Trench, who at the end of the show was presented with a box of chocolates by Mrs. Wolcott on behalf of the Institute. Responding, Mrs. Trench thanked all those who had helped off-stage, including the husbands who had been responsible for the lighting and the effects.

### MAN MADE CAKE COMPETITION

At the Red Lion on December 16th, Mr. Rupert Davies (Maigret) opened the man made cake competition organised by Mrs. Stanton, when the judges, Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Pettit, proclaimed the order of merit to be (1) Mr. J. Mead (2) Mr. H. Appleby (3) Mr. W. Houlton and Mr. C. Shirley (tied). Highly commended Mr. R. Hawkins, Mr. George Stanton taking away the wooden spoon for the second year in succession.

Edible creations were then auctioned by that past-master at persuasion, Mr. Ruperti, for the benefit of aged villagers living alone and for residents at Coleshill House and Rushymead. The auction realised £22.10.0d. to which was added some £22 collected throughout the year in a bottle opened by Maigret.

### EDITORIAL

Modesty precludes the publication of a letter from a "Well Wisher" who sends special thanks to the producers of the Newsletter for the trouble they take in bringing news of events, occasions, forthcoming events and special items from writers away from Coleshill to the notice of readers.

This is indeed appreciated by the Editor, the hon. printer, the staplers and those who deliver the goods.

Owing to the Christinas holidays this edition will go to press earlier than usual and the Editor apologises in advance for omissions and errors throughout the ensuing year. The February edition will be later than usual for the very good reason that Mrs. Dryden will be in California, U.S.A. from January 5th to January 23rd with the Ambassador College Choir from St. Albans giving various concerts in California and Texas.

Best wishes are extended to Mrs. Dryden and we hope for something Californian from her pen upon her return.

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 Service  
11.00a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
Sung Eucharist  
2nd & 4th Sundays  
Mattins  
6.00p.m. Evensong

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thurs. Jan 4 Mobile Library Van, Colehill  
Tues 9 Sisterhood. Speaker: Revd. E. Chambers  
Thurs 11 W.I. Mrs. Howard: Things to make for a bazaar.  
Wed 17 All Saints Committee 8p.m. followed by A.G.M. at 8.30p.m.  
Thurs 18 Mobile Library Van, Colehill  
Mothers Union, Winchmore Hill. Speaker: Miss J. Hughes  
from South American Missionary Society  
Tues 23 Sisterhood. Open Meeting arranged by Mrs. S. Chambers.  
Fri Mch 1 Womens' Day of Prayer - Baptist Chapel, Colehill  
Sat June 8 Church Fête.

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