

January 1969

Letter from the Priest-in-Charge

A great advantage of my not having to write to you until I've been here three weeks is that I already know a fair number of you, and that makes my first letter to you very much easier. I was told of the kindness of the people of Coleshill before I came, and I should like to say how amply these words have been borne out. My wife and I are grateful for the warmth of the welcome you've given us - you make us very pleased to be here.

I must thank the Rector, too, for asking me to assume responsibility for Coleshill with Winchmore Hill and for so kindly arranging for me to be in full charge with the duty of presiding over Church Committee and School Managers' Meetings during my time here. It is my hope and prayer that I shall serve you well.

I recently came across an article contributed by a priest to a daily newspaper where he neatly summed up the task of "the authorities of the Church, whose very office and duty it is to lead men more and more deeply, and more and more freely, into the heart of God". The extent to which we Anglican Christians together achieve this aim will be the real test of our success as a Church. This is the good work of my predecessors, and we pledge ourselves to continue and extend it.

Several people have asked me since I arrived when we can go back to the old practice of having sung Evensong at All Saints' every Sunday instead of only twice a month as it is at present. I'm glad to say that we mean to make the change from the first Sunday in Lent, 23rd February. Of course, as members of the Church of England, our first allegiance is to the Holy Communion Service, but this doesn't rule out the need for other services and I hope this reversion to our old practice at Coleshill will help to build up our evening service.

I should like to say to everyone that I am very much open to suggestion; so please let me have any thoughts about what we might do in the village for people of all ages. And do feel free to drop in at the Parsonage at anytime or call upon me in any matter where you feel I can help.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

J. S. Nightingale.

VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee has decided to arrange the following events for the early part of 1969:

Friday, March 7th Bridge Drive

Friday, April 18th Wine and Cheese party, tombola and something else attractive, particulars of which will be announced when the Committee has sorted out suggestions.

Readers are asked to reserve these dates and support the events. Non-bridge players have time to acquire the necessary knowledge.

MAN-MADE CAKE COMPETITION

Mrs. Nightingale judged this competition at the Red Lion on 22nd December and pronounced the order of merit to be as follows: 1st: Mr. Mead; 2nd. Mr. A. Slade. Edible delicacies were then auctioned by the most persuasive of amateur auctioneers and as a result over £15 was raised for the Spastics.

BECOMING A COMMITTED CHRISTIAN, RESPONSIBLE FOR GROWING IN MY KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE OF MY FAITH SO THAT I SHOW CHRIST TO OTHERS

This is confirmation. If you would like to be prepared for confirmation and the other sacraments, please let the Priest-in-Charge know (tel: 722). A separate group can be arranged for adults - it's never too late to make this step. If you're already confirmed and would like a refresher course, don't hesitate to come along. Times to be arranged later.

STOP PRESS

A group of young people in the village spent the evening of 23rd December carol singing and raised £11.10.0d. for the Save The Children Fund. We congratulate them on this effort and they would like to thank those who gave them hospitality that night.

NEW CHRISTIAN

Hannah Jane, aged 2½ months, the daughter of Mr and Mrs M.Roberts of Barracks Hill was baptized at All Saints' on Sunday, 15th December. We wish her every happiness in life and pray that she may grow and thrive as a member of Christ's church.

NEW BIRTH IN MAGPIE LANE

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Hugh Janieson of Crosspath Cottages on the birth of their third son, David, on 12th of last month. We're very glad to hear that both mother and baby have been doing very well.

CHURCH CLOCK AND TOWER

Mr. G.T.Creber wishes to thank all those who have contributed to the fund for the restoration work on the clock tower and faces. The fund now amounts to £55. Much more will be needed for this work which is quite apart from the donation given by Mr & Mrs. Gales Howard for the installation of electrical control in memory of the late Miss Ruth Howard.

FOR BIAFRA

Well over £12 was raised at the Christmas crib in Church for the starving of Biafra. In Our Lord's name we thank all those who gave. The gift has been sent to its destination through Christian Aid.

THANK YOU

Very many thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas gift for Magila Hospital. Thanks to the generosity of individual donors and the Mothers' Union a cheque for £20 has been sent to Africa for the babies' party and other needs.

A total of 24 Green Shield stamp books has been sent to the U.S.P.G. in 1968 - this brings the number of stamps to over 30,000, an increase of 10,000 on 1967. And it makes Coleshill top the list of collectors for the mission in this way, the runner-up being St.Mark's, Noel Park, London, who collected 17 books. The books are worth about 11/- each and the present project is the purchase of an oxygenaire baby cot, complete with lid and an oxygen connection. This will be shared by the maternity units at the Magila and Korogwe hospitals.

W.I. CHRISTMAS PLAYS

On Thursday, 12th December, Coleshill W.I. ended their 1968 programme with two one-act plays performed by their enthusiastic drama group. As their President, Mrs. Harrison, was in the cast, Mrs. Ovington, a vice-president, opened the meeting and welcomed the Revd. Nightingale, Mrs. Nightingale and other guests.

After the conclusion of the ordinary business of the meeting, the audience settled themselves down to enjoy the two plays.

The first, "Nothing Legal" was a rollicking farce and the players entered into their parts with great gusto. In the second, a nativity play "Prelude", the players combined to produce an outstanding performance. Much thought and a lot of work had been given to the setting and the costumes. The dispositions on the stage could not be bettered

and there was sincerity in every spoken word.

- The box of chocolates presented to the producer, Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey, by Miss Sybil Boston was but a token of appreciation of all that Mrs. Harvey and the players had done.

Those taking part were: Players - Mesdames Adams, Browne, Harrison, Post, Pusey, Rann, Ruperti and Schlatter; Prompt corner - Mrs. Antosiewicz; Assistant stage-manager - Mrs. Plunridge; Lighting - Mr. Rann.

WORLD TOUR

Mr and Mrs Giles Howard are sending home copious reports of their world tour and we hope to publish extracts in the next number of the Newsletter.

SCHOOL CAROLS

We are again grateful to Mr. Barker, the assistant teachers and the pupils of the school for all the work they put into the Carol Service held in Church on Wednesday, 13th December. It was certainly a success, especially the little French adoration at the end.

DARK MORNINGS

The Amersham Accident Prevention Committee suggest that the wearing of some light coloured article of clothing by children going to school these dark mornings will enable them to be seen more easily by motorists.

THE BEGINNING OF A CAREER

We send our best wishes to Mr Richard Attridge, the son of Mr & Mrs L.W. Attridge of 26 Hill Meadow. After a period of training with No. 5 District Police Training School, Eynsham Hall, Oxon, he had the honour of being on the passing out parade on 6th December and took up his duties as a police constable at Marlow on December 9th.

LOCAL SUCCESSES

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Jane Cossey and Sally Coombs upon passing the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music examinations in December 1963 in Grade 1 Violin, with merit,

WHIST DRIVE

There were ten tables at the whist drive on 10th December, which is becoming known as a traditional prelude to Christmas festivities. On show were the prizes for the Village Hall Christmas raffle drawn that night as well as the prizes for the whist drive - an appetizing, mouth-watering and glittering display.

THE ANNUAL FETE

The Church Committee are delighted to accept the kind offer of Mr & Mrs Raymond Pusey to have the annual fete at Little Bowers once again. It will be on Saturday, 14 June.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 1st (Wed) The Circumcision of Our Lord (& World Peace Day). Holy Communion 8 p.m.
- 2nd (Thurs) Travelling Library at Coleshill
- 6th (Mon) THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD: Holy Communion 8 p.m.
- 7th (Tues) Baptists' Sisterhood meet at 2.45p.m.
- 9th (Thur) W.I. "One in Five"
- 13th (Mon) The commemoration of the Baptism of Our Lord: Holy Communion at 8 p.m.
- 16th (Thur) Travelling Library at Coleshill
Mothers' Union
- 16th & 17th A Chekhov Evening: Two plays "The Bear" and "Uncle Vanya" presented by the girls of Dr. Challoner's High School in the School Hall at 7.30.
- 18th (Sat) Church Unity Octave begins
- 19th (Sun) Other Christians especially invited to Baptist worship at 6 p.m.
- 21st (Tues) Baptists' Sisterhood meet at 2.45p.m.
- 25th (Sat) The Conversion of St. Paul: Holy Communion 11 a.m.
- 30th (Thur) Travelling Library at Coleshill.
- Feb 11th (Tue) Village Hall Committee Meeting 8.15p.m.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, COLESHILL

Priest-in-Charge: The Revd. J.S.Nightingale, The Parsonage (tel.722)
Pro-Churchwarden & Secretary: N.N.Nicholls, Orchard House, (tel.1834)
Pro-Treasurer: G.T.Creber, Applecroft, Meadowcot Lane, (tel.3350)

Every Sunday 9 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
 10 a.m. Sunday School

2nd & 4th Sundays 6 p.m. Sung Evensong

Morning and Evening Prayer each day at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.,

For other services, please see the weekly notices in the church porch.

S.P. ANDREWS MISSION CHURCH, WINCHMORE HILL

Holy Communion on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10.30a.m.

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, AMERSHAM

Rector: The Revd. A. Campbell M.A.(Cantab), Beaumont, Hervines Road,
Amersham(1135); or St. Mary's Parish Office, Church Street (1712)

Sunday Services: 8 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
 10 a.m. Children's Service
 11 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays:
 HOLY COMMUNION (New Service)
 2nd & 4th Sundays: Mattins
 6 p.m. Sung Evensong

Every Wednesday: HOLY COMMUNION at 10.00a.m.