

July 1968

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

All Saints' Committee and the Parochial Church Council have approved the use of the Revised Holy Communion Service for a period of six months. Mr. Thomson proposes to start using this Service on the first Sunday in July at 9.00a.m..

I hope all of you will read again the leaflet "Experiment in Worship", price 2/-, a copy of which was given to all members of the Parochial Church Council. For those of you who have not had an opportunity to read it, copies will be provided at All Saints, which we hope you will buy and read very carefully. A thorough understanding of this is important. In any case, the most important thing is that we worship God sincerely and honestly and for all of us it should be a real Communion with each other and with Our Lord.

Yours sincerely,

Allan Campbell. Rector,

PARSONAGE PONDERINGS

I should like to thank you all very much on behalf of my wife and myself for your kind and friendly welcome to Colehill. It is most heartening to be so warmly received. I am pleased to say that we have at last reduced the chaos of removal into some semblance of order and we are beginning to get organised once again. I am sure that our stay in this beautiful and friendly village will be a most happy one. I hope soon to get round to visit you all - but it takes time, so I trust you will have patience. I beg for this particularly in respect of names, for to someone like myself, endowed with a sieve instead of a memory, it is very hard always to put the right name to a face one knows very well.

The Fête

It was a fortunate piece of timing to arrive here for the Church Fête, reported at length on another page, for it gave me the opportunity of meeting many of you straight away and seeing the village really alive. Everyone enjoys these affairs, even those - perhaps I should say especially those - who work so hard to make them a success. And this one certainly was a success. Thanks to the efforts of all concerned - it would be invidious to mention names - and to the very fine siting

of the Fete, and not thp least to Old Man Weather who forbore the threatened drenching, a record total was achieved. On behalf of the Church - thank you all very much.

One name at least must be mentioned, that of Mrs. Elkerton who so kindly came to open the Fete for us. I know she was pleased to be able to meet some of her old friends again. Needless to say, we were also pleased to see Mr. Elkerton in his old haunts once again.

It's no good. I cannot leave the Fête without saying one more thing. What a pity that marquee did arrive! I should have loved to have seen Mr. Ovington scuttling for safety in a helicopter. I think he was a little disappointed too!

Cyril Saunders- Pro-Churchwarden

From the notes of success we must turn to a sadder occasion. As you all know, Cyril Saunders - for many years one of the pillars of the Church - died on Friday 7th June in the Cottage Hospital, Chesham. He was buried in the grounds of the Church he served so well on Wednesday, 12th June. It was a mark of the esteem in which he was held that the Church was full for the Funeral Service. Mr. Campbell, in his tribute to Mr. Saunders, noted his years of faithful service and his devotion to his invalid wife, unable to attend as she herself was also in the Cottage Hospital.

He will be truly missed both in the Church and the village and I regret that I arrived too late to be able to meet him. May he rest in peace. Our sympathy goes to Mrs. Saunders and other members of the family in their bereavement.

The Choir

Mr. Ward, the choirmaster, has asked me to make known that more members of the choir will be welcome. So much more of interest can be undertaken if the choir is larger. So if you would like to join, young or old, do come along to the Church on Thursday evenings at 7p.m.

The New Service

As you will already have seen in the Rector's letter, it is proposed to start using the New Service on the first Sunday in July. This will give me the opportunity of explaining some of the points about it on the preceding Sundays, So make sure that you are there.

What I propose to do is not so revolutionary as might at first appear - having been done by many Churches for some years - but it does need understanding. I am always ready to discuss any points of doubt. All I ask is that we co-operate and give the New Service a chance. Let us see it as the Liturgical Commission intended - let us

try it for a period and then make up our minds about it.

R.T.

CHURCH FÊTE

Little Bowers was a splendid setting for the Church Fete on June 8th and the thanks of the Committee are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pusey, not only for offering the use of their beautiful grounds for the occasion, but also for the tremendous amount of preparatory work which they and their enthusiastic young family put in. The transformation by Lorna Pusey of a mobile shepherd's hut into a haunt of mystery for Madame Zenobia added to the attraction of the seances given by that wizardress of palmistry, Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey.

Before welcoming Mrs. Elkerton, the Revd. Ronald Thomson conveyed a message from the Rector, who regretted that he could not be present at the opening of the Fete, as before the date had been fixed, he had been committed to take a wedding. He sent best wishes and hoped to attend later in the afternoon, Mr. Thomson then introduced himself, his wife and his family and then welcomed Mrs. Elkerton. Mrs. Elkerton said how pleased she was to be with her friends in Coleshill again and felt sure that Mr. and Mrs. Thomson and family would be as happy here as she and her family had been whilst with us. Mrs. Elkerton then declared the Fête open and people who had taken up strategical positions were first at the stalls and tombola.

The stalls and tombola - displaying the result of months of begging and baking and sewing and growing - were in a large marquee and there was a smaller one for teas, whilst grouped around were traditional side-shows. Much interest was shewn in the woollen blankets, knitted by a number of good people for the hospital in Magila, which were on show, and also in the exhibition of church kneelers - the number of additional kneelers since last year, the fresh designs and the first-class craftsmanship being very noticeable.

Perhaps the highlight of the afternoon was the fancy dress parade for young people, the order of merit being adjudged to be: Jennifer Ware, Jennifer White and Raymond Pusey. The afternoon was made all the more enjoyable by the excellent band from Raan's school who, under the direction of Mr. Higgs, played selections from its repertoire.

The Committee thanks all the helpers, those whose names were recorded in the last number and the additional helpers and conscripts who helped on the 8th. Special thanks go to the Mothers' Union, who organised the teas and to Mr. Reg. Woolcott who provided tinned music when the band was not playing and proved that his voice is still golden.

The gross takings came to £309. 19s. 1d. - another record for an afternoon Fete. A little more is expected to come in but the outgoings will be heavier than usual owing to the hire of the marquee.

Proceeds

Household	£28.12.9		b/fwd £150. 4. 4
Bird Table	13. 9. 0	Tombola	87.10.6
Needlework stall	33.11. 3	Raffle (Mrs.Ware &	
Needlework raffle	8.10. 3	Mrs. Woolacott)	10. 4. 6
Cakes & produce	13.12. 5	Teas	9.14. 7
Cake raffle	3.15. 6	Cocoanut shies	7. 0. 5
Toys	9.18. 3	Smashing crockery	4.16. 1
Pony rides	13. 0	Skittles	4. 0. 0
Ice Cream	4. 7. 0	Gate	17. 5. 0
Green fingers	21. 7. 8	Hoopla	4. 0. 6
Lucky People	6. 7. 0	Slippery pole	1. 2. 3
Sweets	19. 0	Golf	1.18. 5
Fortune telling	5. 1. 3	Pencils	2. 6.
		Donations	12. 0. 0
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c/Fwd	£150. 4. 4		
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The Mothers' Union particularly wish to record its thanks to the people who so generously presented the cakes which made the teas so enjoyable.

STOP PRESS

The Church Committee has decided to do its best in the future to hold the annual Fete on the second Saturday in June of any particular year.

VILLAGE HALL

The Committee of the Village Hall are arranging the following events to raise funds for interior decoration and repairs to the Village Hall:

Sunday September 1 Cricket Hatch. Coleshill C.C. v. The Ladies
 Friday October 18 Jumble Sale
 Friday November 15 Wine and Cheese Party
 Friday December 6 Whist Drive
 in the New Year Bridge Drive

The Committee are planning to hold its annual jumble Sale on the 3rd Friday in October each year.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Once again, Coleshill has entered this competition in the class for villages with a population of between 500 and 1000 and will have to make special efforts if it is to retain the pictorial sign near the pond which the village has held for three years in succession.

Marks will be awarded as under:

(1) Absence of litter	40marks
(2) Orderliness of advertisements	10 "
(3) General tidiness apart from litter (including that of the Churchyard, the surroundings of the Village Hall and War Memorial and of hedges, fences, walls, verges, out-houses, sheds, ponds and streams	20 "
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The preliminary judging will be between 1st and 15th July and the final judging before July 31st.

Volunteers who would like to help are asked to get in touch with Mr. S. Ware, of Littlelands, Coleshill.

NOW AND THEN

An aeroplane flying low over Coleshill for most part of an afternoon in May aroused a considerable amount of curiosity. In actual fact, the pilot was distributing fertilizer over Mr. Douglas Pusey's farm and it took him three hours to cover the 150 acres.

Mr. J. Fare recalls that years ago, he would spread fertilizer by hand over the sane ground and he was doing well if he covered 10 acres in a day.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Violin players, recorder players and choir from Coleshill School under Mrs. P. Griffiths and Miss B. A. Davison, took part in the County Music Festival at Holmer & Green Secondary School on Friday, 14th June.

THE BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

The aim of the Bible Reailing Fellowship is to help groups and individuals at home and overseas to read their Bibles intelligently and devotionally. Daily readings and notes are compiled each quarter in four grades.

WHY NOT BEGIN NOW?

For particulars, apply to the local Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Baxter, The Old Parsonage, Coleshill.

ACCIDENTS IN THE HOME

We are Indebted to Councillor Mrs. E. Stevens, who represents Coleshill on the Amersham Accident Prevention Committee for the following extracts from a report which she rendered after attending the National Home Safety Conference held in London in October last.

" Everyone is aware of the shocking number of road accidents but it was surprising to hear that road and home accidents were running almost neck and neck in the autumn of 1966 and about 5 million people attend hospital every year because of some sort of accident. More than 1,500,000 of these need treatment after accidents in the home. In 1966, 32 people died and 140 suffered burns as a result of children playing with matches. This calls for some education of parents on the prevention of accidents in the home. Fireworks are an annual cause of accidents, and fortunately there was a slight falling off in the numbers in 1966, although there were 551 serious cases needing hospital care.

Mr. F. H. Roberts, F.R.C.S. Ed., Surgeon in Charge, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, talked about the frightful results of burning and scalding, with their long-lasting physical and psychological effects. Children under five years of age and elderly people spend a great part of each 24 hours at home where, even in their beds, they are not safe, for as we know, children play with matches and adults smoke in bed. Common forms of accidents are: coal gas poisoning; smothering by bedclothes; falls - particularly in the aged (often from shoe laces left undone); poisoning from medicines taken accidentally, having been left within the reach of children, and household cleaning agents.

Everything pointed to the need for education in proper care and attention in the home, especially for young parents. Architectural design came into the picture - sharp corners of protruding wall junctions and sharp edges of furniture, Medicine cupboards must be provided and kept locked and out of the reach of children. Fireguards should be in every home and left in place, not removed while children are still about.

Perhaps the most encouraging item of the day was the address and presentation to young people from organisations such as the Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, Red Cross etc, of Home Safety Awards under the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme"

ALL SAINTS, COLESHILL

Every Sunday:

9.00a.m. Parish Communion
10.00a.m. Sunday School

2nd. & 4th Sundays:

6.00p.n. Evensong.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, AMERSHAM

8.00a.m. Holy Communion
10.00a.m. Children's Church
11.00a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays:
Holy Communion (Hew Service)
2nd & 4th Sundays:
Mattins
6.00p.n. Evensong & Sermon

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wed. July 3 Coleshill School Outing to Woburn Abbey
Thurs. 4 Mobile Library Van. Coleshill
Tues. 9 Sisterhood. Open meeting arranged by Mrs. Chambers
Thurs 11 W.I. Garden Party and Competition at Waller's Oak.
Coleshill School, Open Evening and Prizegiving.
Thurs 18 Mothers' Union Film Show. Mrs. Croad, Winchmore Hill
Mobile Library Van. Coleshill
Tues. 23 Sisterhood. Open meeting with Bring and Buy Stall before
closing down for August.
Sun. Sept 1 Cricket Match. Coleshill C.C. v. The Ladies
Sat 14 Coleshill Horticultural Society 23rd Annual Show
Fri. Oct 18 Jumble Sale in aid of the Village Hall
3?ri. Nov 15 Wine & Cheese Party in aid of the Village Hall
Fri. Dec. 6 Whist Drive

EECTOR: Revd. Allan Campbell, Beaumont, Hervines Road, Amersham 1135
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