

June 1967

My dear Friends,

It must be admitted that Trinity Sunday is, for most people, an unsatisfactory day. It really ought to remind us of all that, in the light of the Incarnation, we have come to understand of God's dealings with his people in the past, the present and the future. Instead, it seems, (perhaps inevitably) to present us with a difficult and unattractive formula.

To sum up lessons in a formula is always a difficult and dangerous business, and it cannot be claimed that the Church has been successful in its attempt. The doctrine of the Trinity is forced into a prominence which it is far from holding in the New Testament and gives some excuse for those who see in theology a deliberate challenge to common sense.

What we wish to affirm is in itself very simple; it is that Christ displayed the divine nature perfectly so far as could be shown under the conditions of an earthly life, and that the Spirit which inspires the actions of Christ's faithful followers is not only the Spirit, but the very Spirit of God. The early theologians rightly shrank from any attempt either to explain or define these mysteries. The Athanasian Creed is often criticised as an attempt to explain the inexplicable, but those who read it with any care will see that it contents itself with stating emphatically what its author believed to be true, and with denouncing well-meaning attempts to simplify and explain.

There is no reason why a Christian should hesitate to admit that he does not understand the ultimate nature of the Godhead. Considering how little we really know of the nature of human personality it would be very strange if he did, and still more strange if he could find a formula adequate to express it. But we must be thankful that we are not bound to an explanation couched in the philosophical language of a distant day. It is to psychology that we must ultimately look for light upon this mystery.

The facts on which the Christian faith rests are plain and simple; Christ, the Son of God, has made His Father's will known; Christ has sent, and sends, as He promised, His Spirit to guide us "into all the truth".

W.L.H.

#### MEW ARRIVALS

April 9 To Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Earl (Née Judith Patmore) a daughter,  
Penelope.

May 34 To Mr. & Mrs. J. Grapes (née Brenda Collier), a son.

#### BAPTISM

May 14 at St. Mary's, Amersham, Sarah Jane, infant daughter of Mr & Mrs.  
L. J. Grayer

## CHURCH COMMITTEE MEETING

The Rector, the Revd. Allan Campbell presided at a well-attended meeting of the Church Committee on May 1st, and was supported by the Revd. W.L.Holder.

The Hon. Secretary Mr. N.I. Nicholls, said that before the urgent repairs to the roof of the vestry could be started, it would be necessary to make material alterations to the cables bringing electric power into the Church and the Committee might like to consider whether the opportunity could be taken to install a more efficient heating system in the Church. It was agreed to go into this matter with an adviser from the Electricity Authority.

With great satisfaction, the Committee heard from Mrs. R. Pusey that the Sunday School had outgrown the vestry and it was agreed to re-arrange some of the pews at the back of the Church to accommodate the children.

Discussion then turned upon the cleanliness of the interior and it was arranged to **remove** and destroy some of the matting as it was almost impossible to keep this clean.

Mr. Stubbings asked whether Evensong could be held every Sunday and it was agreed that this should be considered although it would not be possible to have an organist for any additional services.

Upon the proposition of Miss Williams a grant of £20 to Magila Hospital was authorised.

At the request of the Committee, Mrs. Ovington agreed to act as Chairman of the Fete Committee and invited people who were willing to help to attend a meeting on May 15th. She also invited suggestions about stalls or sideshows.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Committee on Sep. 26th

All present showed their great pleasure in having Mr. Saunders with them again after his illness and convalescence, and Mr. Saunders wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, good wishes and many kindnesses which he received during that time.

## RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There was a gratifying attendance at the A.G.M. of the Residents Association on April 26th when Mr. S. Clifton, in the Chair, reported upon the activities of the Association during the past year when they had maintained vigilance over proposed development in the village with the object of ensuring that they were in keeping with the general character of the village.

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The Committee were enquiring of the Bucks C.C. whether the increased use of heavy lorries using village roads as a through route could be controlled and were keeping an eye on any plans which may be announced for an Anershan by-pass in case it affected Coleshill. So far nothing definite had been published.

Two matters of somewhat greater significance were being kept under close review, the first concerning proposals made by the Eastern Electricity Board to erect a switching station covering some 20 acres, with the inevitable pylons to serve it in the Anersham Rural District area. The original suggestion was that it should be on the borders of our village. Influential representations caused the Board to propose another site much further from Coleshill, but still within the Chiltern area of outstanding natural beauty. This may be the subject of a public enquiry.

The second concerned Hodgenoor Wood which was acquired in 1939 by the Bucks C.C. who have since leased it to the Forestry Commission. The Commission have started to plant quick growing coniferous trees, restricting free public access to definite footpaths, causing some local anxiety. Meetings have been held on the site and it is hoped that a reasonable compromise will be reached "as undoubtedly the woods would benefit from some scientific management.

The Committee extended thanks to Mr. Everall for consenting to two seats, given by Miss Howard and Mrs. Stevens, being placed on his land near the pond, and also to Mr. Gaynor, who had left the district, for his past services on the Committee. The Committee also recorded their appreciation of the services rendered by Mrs. Stevens as Hon. Secretary and also as Coleshill's representative on the Anersham R.D.C..

The officers - Mr. S. Clifton, chairman; Mrs. Stevens, hon. secretary and Mrs. Grindley, Hon. Treasurer, were re-elected with enthusiasm. The Committee - Mrs. M.C. Attridge, Dr. W. Dunwell Messrs D. Curling, A. Fox, W. Houlton, C. Young and Lt. Col. A. McQueen were re-elected en bloc and Messrs D. Rupert and D. Shannon were added to the Committee.

#### PLAY, SHERRY PARTY AND PRESENTATION

Every seat in the village hall was occupied on the evening of Wednesday, May 3rd. when the Committee held a sherry party preceded by a play to celebrate the redecoration of the hall. •

The play "Beauty for Sale" was presented by the W.I. Players and dealt with a bogus beauty parlour in business in one of those periods of English history when it was not considered proper for a woman to improve upon nature by the use of cosmetics, when reputation was risked by resort to rouge. On a candle-lit, well set stage, all the players,

Mrs. John Harrisson, Mrs. I. Pusey, Mrs. Rann, Mrs Chenevix Trench, Mrs. Browne and Mrs. Gaunt entered into their parts admirably.

Mr. John Harrisson, a trustee of the hall, said he felt sure the entire audience would wish him, on their behalf, to congratulate all the players upon the high standard of their most enjoyable performance. A tremendous lot of hard work and preparation must have been involved and great credit was due to the enthusiastic producer, Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey. It gave him great pleasure, on behalf of the Committee, to present her with a bouquet of beautiful spring flowers.

Mr. Harrisson then said that people in Coleshill were very fortunate to have such a splendid hall for meetings. He called attention to the tasteful redecoration of the hall and hoped that more people from the village and elsewhere would hire it for functions, receptions and social occasions.

People might not realise the amount of responsibility attached to the hall. It had to be kept clean and in good repair. Damage had to be noted at once and remedied. All this entailed constant vigilance. Funds had to be raised, for ~~income~~ from lettings was very seldom sufficient to meet outgoings. All had to be done by voluntary workers and Mr. Harrisson mentioned the names of some of the good people, who, in the past, had been of great help - Mrs. Edwards, Mr. Jack Parry and Mr. Bob Wilson who had been outstanding, just to mention a few. For a number of years, responsibility had been taken over almost in its entirety by Mrs. Browne as Hon. secretary and Mr. Browne as hon. treasurer. In spite of the fact that they lived in Amersham and no longer at Coleshill, they always seem to be doing something for the hall, arranging functions, getting it ready for meetings, clearing up afterwards, repairing damage, etc.

It was the unanimous wish of the Committee that they should do something to show how much they appreciated all that Mr. and Mrs. Browne did and he was most happy to ask them to step forward and accept the Wedgewood fruit bowl which he handed them with very best wishes and the sincere hope that they would continue the good work which we all so much appreciated.

### WEDDING

On May 3rd, at Amersham, Eileen Joan Higgs to Michael James Mead.

BAPTIST CHAPEL SUNDAY SCHOOL  
(contributed)

The Baptist Chapel Sunday School, which was re-opened in June 1966, has now completed its first year. Mr. Riley and his helpers convey their grateful thanks to the parents who send their children along so regularly on Sunday mornings (when the measles etc. epidemics allow) and the children for their lively interest in all that takes place.

The Lord has greatly blessed us in many ways, through many answered prayers, also through the joy we have shared with Marilyn Jerran ( a primary helper) as she witnessed for the Lord through the waters of baptism.

However, the success of a Sunday School can only be measured by the souls won for Christ, This is the aim of the teachers, to teach each child that the only way to salvation is complete surrender to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

"This is the way, walk ye in it" Isaiah 30 v.21.

NAPOLEONIC MEMORIES

During the Napoleonic wars, it became difficult to accommodate the many French prisoners who were brought over to England, The Dartmoor prison at Princetown was originally built in 1809 to house some 5000 of these prisoners of war; but, as in the two wars of the present century, many had to be billeted in rural areas, where they were put to useful work.

The first indication that any war prisoners may have come to Coleshill was the casual discovery of a few French coins near Windnill House.

Then, more recently, the de-licensed "Fleur-de-lys" was sold and modernised. Whilst the work was being undertaken there, names and scribbles in French, which had been made with the smoke from a candle, were found on the upstairs plasterwork. This tends to confirm that some of the prisoners of war were, in fact, at Coleshill, being quartered in this old inn.

L.E.P.

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It is pleasing to record that Anthony White has passed Grade III in the Associated Board of Royal Music examinations in the trumpet.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Thurs June 8 Mobile Library Van - Coleshill  
W.I.. Mr. Bell (L.P.T.B.) "Lost Property"
- Pri 9 Barbecue at Quarrendon Farm in aid of the Restoration  
Fund for the Parish Church of St. Mary
- Tues. 13 Sisterhood. Speaker - Mrs. W. Bizley
- Thurs 15 Mothers' Union, Coleshill. Speaker - Mrs. Broad, Loudwater  
Vicarage "Ronance of a Missionary"
- Thurs. 22 Mobile Library Van - Coleshill
- Tues 27 Sisterhood. Speaker - Revd. Joyce Knee for the B.F.B.S.  
*W. Buckinghamshire House Olden*
- SAT JULY 8 CHURCH FETE AT Luckings Farm by kind invitation of Mr.  
and Mrs. E. 3. Grindley
- Sat Sept 9 Coleshill Horticultural Society. 22nd ANNUAL SHOW

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Coleshill Horticultural Society is happy to announce that Mr. M. Rann has accepted the hon. secretaryship and Mr. E.A. Post the hon. treasurership of the society and so it will be possible to continue the Shows which have been held with such success for 21 years. The retiring secretary, who has done so much for the Society, expresses the hope that the new officials will receive as much support as he received in the past. At the Annual General Meeting on May 16th, Mr. E.H. Grindley was re-elected President and Mr. J. Cossey Chairman and it was decided to hold this year's Show on Saturday, Sept 9th. The Committee is considering the suggestion that entries should be submitted not later than the Wednesday before the Show.

PARISH COUNCIL

The following were returned unopposed to the Coleshill Parish Council: Curling, David Richard Michael, company director; How, Charles John Gibbon, retired; Howard, Ruth Millicent Eliot, single woman; Norton, Joan Gabrielle, housewife; Stevens, Emily, housewife; Stubbings, Robert George, clerk; McQueen, Alexander Brown, lieutenant-colonel, retired; Rann, Samuel Murray, engineer; Young, Christopher Malcolm, publisher. The three last-named are new members. Mr. S. Ware continues as clerk to the Council.

BRITISH LIMBLESSEX SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Buckinghamshire branch of this Association acknowledges with deep appreciation the sum of £6. 0. 11d. collected in the village by Mrs. F. Appleby and Mrs. C. V. Cossey.

SERVICES

ALL SAINTS COLESHILL

Every Sunday

9.00a.m. Parish Communion  
10.00 a.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. Family Service  
6.00p.m. Evensong

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