

June 1975

The Pastoral Letter

My Dear Friends,

Pentecost or Whitsun was the birthday of the Church. On that day, a group of people whom we would today consider deprived and powerless, inherited the earth, not just in a spiritual sense, but quite literally. This noisy rabble of publicans and sinners, harlots and lepers, the poor and the socially unacceptable, were given such a measure of power that they were able to challenge the might of the Roman Empire, and within a remarkably short time, to supersede it.

The contemporary Church is more respectable than when first established. But it continues to welcome the poor and outcast, the publican and sinners indeed it has to, for those are its lifeblood. And in our Christian sophistication, when we talk of power these days, we are often speaking about the centres of power in contemporary society, and the way in which ' **authorised** is exercised and decisions made, rather than of that consuming fire of the first Pentecost which brands men with love.

It is proper that Christians are concerned with both aspects of power and are aware of the dynamics of both. Many Christians today are concerned that the most important decisions - those about life and death, or love and belonging - are increasingly been made not by the individual, but through complicated processes which we cannot readily discern. Power to make decisions passes from the individual to the State, and thence often to multinational corporations, which rise above States, establishing or toppling regimes, in the pursuit of objectives of which the public is generally unaware.

When power becomes manipulative and dehumanising in this way, Pentecost witnesses to the fact that there is another power which touches men, which enables them to see reality, and which is ultimately invincible. And the task of the Church is, as always, to be seen to stand on the side of the powerless, proclaiming liberation, and demonstrating in its own life, both the kind of society, and measure of man, which the Gospel demands.

Richard Elliott

HOLY MATRIMONY April 5th James William Tucker of Wooburn Common and
Paula Eve Garrett of Winchmore Hill
April 26th Mervyn John Herriott of Winchmore Hill and
Susan Edith Pickford of Amersham

CONFIRMATION by the Bishop of Buckingham

March 16th Julia Davies at St. Mary's Parish Church

CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid Week in Coleshill, although brought forward one week, has been memorable. Commencing with a special service at our Family Communion on Sunday, 11th May, followed by a "Sharing Lunch" on Wednesday, the 14th, and ending with an "Auction" on Saturday, the 17th, Coleshill's total contribution to Christian Aid amounted to £390.60p.

The discussion in Church on Sunday, the 11th, led by the Priest with his usual humour and wisdom was brief but stimulating and the friendly atmosphere generated at the coffee drinking session afterwards sent us home with a feeling of warmth.

The "Sharing Lunch" alas brought all too few of us together to express our hopes and fears on what Christian Aid stands for and is trying to accomplish in the World today, again under the wise guidance of Michael Elliott.

The "Auction", (an inspiration of our beloved Miss Williams) was from every point of view a big success. The generosity of the donors and the superb organisation of Mrs. Peggy Go'w, together with the unstinted labour given by a band of cheerful hardworking, too numerous to mention, helpers, contributed to an event that must have inspired the large group of buyers who enabled our remarkable auctioneers, Mr. Sidney Clifton and Mr. Reg. Woolacott to reach the sum of £351.60p.

C.E.H.

It is only right that the name of Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey should be mentioned as she did so much for the cause.

Ed.

THE COLESHILL CLUB

About thirty members of the Winchmore Hill Thursday Club joined us for our March meeting. It was a great pleasure to see old friends reunited - some after many years - and to hear their reminiscences. We thank Mr. Spooner for arranging the transport to Coleshill and look forward to accepting his kind invitation to our club to visit Winchmore Hill in the autumn.

Last month one of our members, Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey, held our attention as she talked of her varied and interesting career both here and in Germany. It was encouraging to us all to hear how she overcame enormous problems in her determination to help those in need or distress. The meeting ended with a very successful bring-and-buy stall instead of the customary raffle.

We are very grateful to the Baptist Chapel for the gift of their urn, although we are very sorry that they no longer use it due to the closure of their Chapel.

Unfortunately, when we planned the Cake Stall for May, we did not realise it would co-incide with the effort for Christian Aid. In the circumstances it seemed only sensible to postpone the stall until later in the summer, on a date to be given after the next meeting.

M.W.

"A FLORAL FIESTA"

This Spring the Horticultural Society held its first social evening - "A Floral Fiesta".

It was hoped that the evening would appeal to many villagers, not only those who supported the annual show, and with this in mind, a film entitled "In Search of an English Garden" was shown. This highlighted many of the wonderful gardens in England open to the public.

The film was followed by a time for refreshments and for buying raffle tickets. The evening continued with a show using slides which had been lent by villagers and showed their own gardens, or gardens open to the public here and abroad. An excellent commentary on these slides was given by Mr. Murray Rann who was able, in some cases, to give villagers some facts about their own gardens which they did not know themselves.

The Committee would like to express their thanks for the generosity of those who supported the evening. Thanks to your efforts £30.97 was raised to offset by £4 the deficit left by the 1974 Village Show.

It is hoped to make the Spring Social Evening an annual event for the Society.

D.H.

GOLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The annual village show will be held this year in the Village Hall on Saturday, 13th September, and the Committee look forward to this year's show being as great a success as its predecessors.

Patron's donations go a very long way towards meeting the expenses of the show and if you feel that you would like to contribute, the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Ernest Post at 'Penridge' would be very pleased to receive your donations - if possible by June 20th - so that an up to date list of patrons can be included in this year's schedule.

We look forward to welcoming you at the show.

D.H.

1st COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

As a Company, we, together with the Brownies, attended the Mothering Day Service on the 9th March.

Mrs. Chenevix-Trench visited us on the 17th March to talk about cooking, bringing with her a delicious chocolate cake, the ingredients of which we had to guess. Rachel Wege brought a visitor from France to a meeting. She had only just arrived but joined in at once and we enjoyed having her.

Beryl Smith and Wendy Williams attended a Patrol Leaders training by the Amersham Rangers. Captain attended a day's Guider training in Chesham.

The Kingfisher Patrol organised and ran, with the help of the Snowdrops, a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Stall at Grove Mill during the holidays. They raised £17, half for the Save the Children Fund and half for the Coleshill Club. It was an enjoyable event and many thanks to everyone who supported it.

We had a visit from our Commissioner at the first meeting this term, and she plans to give us camp training on the 16th June and 7th July. Four Guides are to camp with her Company in Sussex in July. We have three recruits, Anna Horsbrugh-Porter, Sally Lee and Sharon Reavey. Rachel Wege has gained her Minstrel Badge and Service Flash and Joanna Swerling a Dairymaid Badge. The Kingfishers gained a Patrol Enterprise Pennant.

The Snowdrops are organising a sideshow at the Church Fete. We should be very grateful for prizes for this - anything welcome, and can be given either to Beryl Smith, Snowdrop Patrol Leader, Wheatsheaf Cottage or left with Mrs. Coales, Grove Mill.

A Company of Guides from Northwood Hills will be camping, with Mr. Pusey's kind permission, in the field near Grove Mill from 26th July for a week. One of the Guides coming here has Grandparents in this Village and the Guider camped in Coleshill 25 years ago.

H.J.M.C.

BROWNIE NOTES

We started off this term with 19 Brownies. One has left since and we number 18. Anna Horsbrugh-Porter, Sally Lee and Sharon Reavey have left us to go on to Guides.

We are busy with our World Venture and have just had a Japanese evening. We are hopefully engaged in working for our stall for this year's fete, "B" for Brownies being our theme. We would be grateful for contributions - anything beginning with a "B" which can be sold.

Some of our Brownies are finding the time to work for various Interest Badges. Judith Richardson has gained a Pony Rider's Badge and Lois Plumridge a Musician's Badge within the last few weeks. Rhiannon Proctor is the new sixer of the Sprites and Nicola Reavey the new sixer of the Imps, with Ruth Jerram and June Mileham seconders respectively.

G. Richardson
Brown Owl

COLESHILL C. of E. FIRST SCHOOL - WHIST DRIVE

A very successful whist drive was held on the 19th March. Mr. N. Meeks was a wonderfully efficient M.C. and the proceeds amounted to £18.63 which went to the School Funds.

VILLAGE HALL A.G.M. - After 15 years Mrs. Browne retires as Hon. Sec.

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall was held on Tuesday, 29th April, with Mr. D. Hall in the Chair.

In the course of her report as Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Browne said that in November the Committee was saddened by the unexpected death of Mrs. Gibbon How, a very staunch helper whatever the occasion. There had been two resignations, Mrs. Pomeroy and Mr. Ovington, and Mrs. Weedon had been co-opted to represent the newly formed Coleshill Club. Two members were elected at the last A.G.M., Mrs. Parkes and Mrs. Valentine, who had shown their willingness to co-operate by adding the initials of C.V.H. to every hall chair.

During the year the Hall, owing to demands from the insurance company, was entirely rewired electrically at considerable expense. The yearly inspection of the Fire Brigade was satisfactory but a more foolproof emergency lighting was advocated - to be considered when finances permit. The heating system is to be serviced regularly, and filters are to be kept clean by male members of the Committee. Estimates are being sought for re-decoration of the Hall and arrangements have been made for it to be cleaned once a fortnight, a most satisfactory arrangement. On the recommendation of a sub-committee, the possibility of roof lining was deferred.

It had been necessary to increase booking fees owing to increased maintenance costs, but, nevertheless, bookings had been satisfactory.

As usual the Committee had to thank Mr. Harris for his attention to the cisterns, etc. - all done voluntarily.

From the Chair Mr. Hall congratulated Mrs. Browne upon the excellence of her report which covered almost everything. As he saw it, it is the duty of the Committee to preserve and improve the structure and make it available at a reasonable cost to all organisations and individuals in the Village. To this end we have had the electrical system re-wired as mentioned by Mrs. Browne. Apart from the further redecorating of the Hall, the tables and chairs need renewing. It was with deep regret that hiring charges had to be increased.

Mr. Hall then said how much he was indebted to the Committee for all their loyal and faithful work. He could only mention a few. Mrs. Harris for looking after bookings, and Mr. Clifton as Hon. Treasurer kept the books in such an immaculate state and prevented us from having grandiose ideas which would put us in the red. Later on he would refer to Mrs. Browne.

Mr. S.C. Clifton as Hon. Treasurer submitted a highly satisfactory audited statement of account to 31.3.75. The major item was the account for the wiring of the Hall, which came to £316 and so the nett result of the year was a deficit of £116 which was carried down and set against the general fund, leaving it at £308.

A discussion then followed about the increased charges. Concessionary charges could not be made to one group and not to another and the matter was referred back to the Committee.

Mrs. Browne then read a notice nominating people to serve on the Committee representing local organisations including Mrs. Coales to represent the Girl Guides. Other members were re-elected en bloc.

From the Chair, Mr. Hall then said that members would be very sorry to have learned that Mrs. Browne had expressed a wish that her name should not go forward for re-election as Hon. Secretary. For years her name had been linked with the Village Hall. She first took office in 1960, with her husband as Hon. Treasurer who did so much until his decease a few years ago. Nothing was too much for Mrs. Browne and her loyalty was an inspiration. Mr. Hall then handed to Mrs. Browne a beautiful carriage clock with the most grateful thanks of the Committee, to which Mrs. Browne, with some emotion, responded.

At a subsequent meeting of the Committee, Mr. Denis Hall was re-elected Chairman to everyone's great approval and Mr. Hall then said that after some pressure Miss Penny Weedon had agreed to her name going forward as Hon. Secretary. This was put to the meeting and carried with great enthusiasm. The other officers were then re-elected. Vice-Chairman Mr. R. Woolacott, Hon. Treasurer Mr. S.C.Clifton, Hon. Auditor Mr. R.G. Stubbings.

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* BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION *
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* Coleshill has again entered for this Competition which has *
* been revived this year after having been dropped for 1974 *
* owing to boundary changes. *
* Importance is attached to the general well-kept appearance *
* of the village which includes hedges, fences, surrounds, and *
* general tidiness. *
* The preliminary judging takes place between the 1st and 15th *
* July, and the final judging before 31st July. *
* The Parish Council sincerely hopes to retain the commemorative *
* sign by the Village Pond and the co-operation of everyone will *
* be appreciated. *
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COLESHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of this Association was held in the Parish Room on Monday 5th May, 1975. There were about 40 people present, plus members of the Committee.

The Chairman welcomed all present, especially those who were attending for the first time. He also thanked the Officers for their work during the past year, and said that as Mrs. Stevens would not be standing again as Councillor, it was not too early for someone, man or woman, to offer themselves as candidate for the next Election to the Chiltem District Council in 1976. It would be an enormous loss to the Village if we did not have a representative living in Coleshill.

In his report the Chairman said that the Gipsies had, for the time being, gone from Coleshill, and ditches had been dug in certain places to prevent their return. The County Council have made some progress towards providing two permanent sites, and we thanked Earl Howe for his help towards this end. There was a serious accident at the Water Tower involving a local lad, and we had written to the County making several suggestions for the improvement of this junction. The County had pleaded poverty, but we were still pressing for further action.

AC-AC. Members of your Committee had attended meetings of the Action Group formed at very short notice to protest at the new routes suggested for planes leaving Heath Row. Some concessions had been gained from the Civil Aviation Authority, and planes should now be cruising at 5,000 ft. instead of climbing as they pass over this area. At the end of six months representations would again be made to the Authority.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. This showed the financial state of the Association to be in a healthy condition, and the report was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Clifton asked for nominations for Chairman, as he had now served for several years and thought it time for a change, but no name was put forward, and Mr Clifton took the Chair again. Mr Troughton was elected as Vice-Chairman, Mr. Post as Treasurer, and Mrs. Stevens as Hon. Secretary. Other members of the Committee were elected en bloc, but as was explained, we should be glad of any extra people willing to serve.

The Meeting was thrown open for questions, and many matters were raised. Mr Coales said he had attended many meetings on Aircraft noise, and urged people to fill in the leaflets which had been distributed as this was most important. More leaflets were available on request to Mrs. Stevens.

Mr. Weedon mentioned the Switching Station at Mop End, and Mrs. Ovington the bad state of the footpath behind Cherry Tree Farm. Miss Stone said she had heard a report on Radio that evening regarding the charges for sewage removal. There was a lively discussion and wherever possible subjects raised would be dealt with by the Committee as soon as practicable.

The Chairman thanked all present for their attention and interest and declared the meeting closed. Mr. Pox proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

SPRING FESTIVAL

The Coleshill Village Drama Group and All Saints' Church Choir excelled themselves when on the 11th April they produced in the Church a Spring Festival.

Those responsible are to be congratulated upon arranging a balanced programme which brought out the quite outstanding talents of the performers leading up to an outstanding finale.

The highlights perhaps were the dramatic excerpts from "Under Milk Wood" and the prologue from "Canterbury Tales".

The finale was quite breathtaking. The congregation stood and sang "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" while the curtain was drawn back showing the altar beautifully decorated with glorious spring flowers.

The programme was as follows

A NEW DAY

Extracts from 'Sleepers Wake'	J.S. Bach
A verse from the 'Rubaiyat' of Omar Khayyam	Edward Fitzgerald
Dance-mimes Dawn	Rimsky-Korsakov
Dramatic Excerpt: Under Milk Wood	Dylan Thomas
Songs Morning Has Broken	
Poems: Daybreak	Walter de la Mare
On May Morning	John Milton
Before Morning - . . .	T.S. Eliot
The King's Breakfast	A.A. Milne

A NEW YEAR

Dramatic Excerpt: Canterbury Tales, Prologue	Geoffrey Chaucer
Round: Sumer is icumen in	Anon (13th Century)
Organ; Fanfare	Kenneth Leighton
Instrumental: Divertimento	Mozart
Songs The Lilac Tree	Written & composed by Ann Trench, harmonised by Penny Weedon
Reading: April (from 'A Cornish Year')	C.C. Vyvyan
Poems: Home Thoughts from Abroad	Robert Browning
Spring	G.M. Hopkins
Weathers	Thomas Hardy
The Cherry Tree	A.E. Houseman

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Chorus: These Bones Gonna Rise Again Anon
Poems: Infant Joy William Blake
 When I Was One A.A. Milne
 Ballade of Saving Doubt John Trench
 A Time to Dance C. Day Lewis
 Chorus from 'The Rock' T.S. Eliot

Easter Hymns Mesus Christ is Risen Today.

THOSE TAKING PART:

Lovick Burton	Stephen Hitchen	Keith Taylor
Ann Chenevix-Trench	Elisabeth Hollingsworth	Frances Trembath
John Chenevix-Trench	John Horsbrugh-Porter	Stephen Vaughan-Smith
Eileen Davis	Ruth Marsden	Betty Waite
Julia Davis	Hugh Jones	Jenny Ware
Susanna Davis	Rita Rann	Sidney Ware
John Dryden	David Ruffett	Susan Ware
Michael Elliott	Timothy Ruffett	Penny Weedon
Daphne Farmer	Beryl Smith	Patsy Wright-Warren

ASSISTED BYs Pam Emblow, Helen Hitchin, Richard Farmer

The Committee would like to thank the Pembroke School for the loan of lighting equipment and Penny Weedon for the loan of her electronic organ.

The result was a small gain for the Fabric Fund. Next year the organisers may not be so modest about the price of tickets.

ANOTHER NOTABLE CONCERT IN ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

On the evening of Friday, 9th May, an enthusiastic audience was privileged to enjoy another recital given through the generosity of celebrated artistes in aid of the Church Fabric Fund which has now to face an additional heavy expense in extensive repairs to the organ. As a result the fund benefitted by some £50.

To have a singer of such international repute as Willie Northcliffe (his songs were being recorded throughout the performance for Austrian television for which he is at present in rehearsal) and a distinguished musician like Robert Vincent, organist to St. Martin in the Fields, to entertain us in our somewhat remote Buckinghamshire village was thrill indeed.

The delightful programme which was of the highest professional standard was admirably introduced by Sandy Hutcheon who also provided us with translations of some of the songs. Willie Northcliffe's splendid tenor, beautifully produced and of great power and sweetness was heard to full advantage in his wide choice of songs by Schubert, Sibelius, Grieg, Mahler and Lehar, and the beautiful setting by Ralph Davier of the Lord's Prayer was most sensitively and movingly rendered.

The singer was accompanied on the organ by Robert Vincent whose own performance of four solo pieces by Stanlet, Haydn, Humilus and Bach were a delight to the ear and very greatly enjoyed-

PRINCESS MARINA CENTRE FOR SPASTICS

Mrs. Post, who as Chairman of the local Inner Wheel, organised the recent coffee morning at Shardeloes, would like to thank residents for their support,

The result was £52 in aid of the Princess Marina Centre for Spastics.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

June

- Thurs 12 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill.
W.I. Dr. W.S. Walton "Forty Years a Public Health Doctor"
(not 13th as shown on card)
- Sat 14 Church Fete
- Wed 18 Coleshill Club
- Thurs 26 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill.

July

- Thurs 10 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
W.I. Miss Sue Barber "A Tasty Morsel"
- Tues 15 W.I. Garden Party
- Wed 18 Coleshill Club
- Thurs 24 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill

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C H U R C H F E T E

The Church Fete will be held this year, by kind invitation of Mr. E. H. Grindley at Wheelers Field, Magpie Lane, on SATURDAY, 14th JUNE, at 2.30 p.m.

There will be the usual stalls, a tombola, raffles, sideshows, teas, and all the fun of the fair.

Admittances	Adults	5p
	Children	2p
	Cars	20p

Miss Frances Trembath has kindly consented to open the Fete.

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THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

Rector; The Reverend Allan Campbell M.A. (Cantab)
Beaumont, Hervines Road, Amersham (Tel. 7135)

The Parish Office is now in the Parish Church of
St. Mary's North Side.

St. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, AMERSHAM

Sunday Services 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (1662)
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Series 2)
11.00 a.m. Matins
6.00 p.m. • Choral Evensong

Each Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

ALL SAINT'S COLESHILL

Sunday Services 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
10.45 a.m. Sunday School
6.00 p.m. Evensong (First Sunday only)

St. ANDREW'S MISSION CHURCH Winchmore Hill

2nd and 4th Sundays 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Assistant Curates Michael Elliott M.Div The Parsonage, Coleshill
(Tel.: 4229)
Pro-Churchwardens N.N. Nicholls, Orchard House (Tel.: 6734)
J.J.G. Chenevix-Trench
Windmill Farm (Tel.: 5439)
Hon. Treasurer: A.M.V. Panton, Wallers Oak (Tel.: 6133)
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. Dryden, 14 Woodside Close
Amersham (Tel.: 3449)
Brownies: Monday Evenings in the Hall at 5.30 p.m. - 6.45 p.m.
Guides: Monday Evenings in the Hall at 6.45 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.
Choirs Thursday Evenings in Church at 7.00 p.m.
Mothers' Union 3rd Thursday afternoon of every month at 2.30 p.m.