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THE NEW SERVICE

Violent or capricious change is seldom good for the church. Certainly change for change's sake never is. But much more quietly and thoughtfully she must throughout her history undergo a constant process of change as she adapts the presentation of her essential and unchanging faith and message to changing times and as she receives a renewed & deeper understanding of that faith and how best to express it.

I suggest that it's on these lines that we assess the value of the new eucharistic service we've been using at All Saints' for the last six months at 9 a.m. on Sundays.

But first I think we have to distinguish between two different but related things, both of which were introduced together last summer. One is the celebration of the Eucharist by the priest facing the people (westward celebration or the basilican mode, as it is called). It was well-nigh universal in the Christian church during its first 800 years and was dropped in favour of the eastward position during the middle ages because of changes in ways of thinking, changes in church design and because the place where the priest used to stand became occupied with reliquaries. In the last generation the more primitive and ancient Christian practice of the priest facing the people has been very widely revived because it gives a renewed sense of the Christian community as the people of God, it seems more congruous with the Last Supper when the Eucharist was instituted, the congregation can see what's being done, and whereas the north and eastward positions expressed the respective attitudes of different parties in the church most parties seem happy with the westward position and this has indeed helped to unite them. My own personal opinion is that I like both the eastward and the westward position, but as it's part of the job of a priest to reflect the thinking of the church at large I ought to point out that according to the vast majority of liturgical scholars there is every indication that the priest facing the people will again become the norm in western Christendom for some considerable time to come. And a sign of this is the fact that to my knowledge no anglican churches have been built in very recent times which don't take proper account of this.

The other matter is the new form of the service, i.e. the re-arrangement of the prayers etc., and in many parts a new form of words. The idea behind the changes is that both by the shape of the service and also by the words, especially in the central prayer - the thanksgiving, the participants may have a clearer idea of what the service is: a thanksgiving for the gift of life, death and resurrection of

Christ, and a renewal of that sacrifice for us now during which we may participate in a special way in Christ's life by receiving His Body and Blood in the act of Holy Communion. In short, the service is a THANKSGIVING, a SACRIFICE and a holy MEAL where Christ our Lord is the true President, at once both PRIEST and VICTIM.

MAUNDY THURSDAY & GOOD FRIDAY

At All Saints' on Maundy Thursday " 3rd April, there will be the Eucharist of the Last Supper at 7.30p.m. On Good Friday it's best of all if we can spend part of our Lord's last hours on the cross (12-3) with him in church. I suggest a service of about an hour in length:

At C oleshill 12 noon
At Winchmore Hill 2 p.m.

I hope you will find the enclosed leaflet about Lent helpful.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

J. S. Nightingale.

P.S. Having been a spiritual father for some years it is, to say the least, a revealing experience to become a natural one too! I want to say thank you to you all for your wonderful kindness at Giles' birth and for sharing our joy with us. Perhaps it was your prayers that helped him to live when at the beginning his breathing stopped on that snowy morning of the 11th.

FREDERICK JAMES WARE . . .

Coleshill has lost another well-known figure within less than a year of the death of Mr Cyril Saunders. On Candlemas Day, 2 February, Jim Ware, who was clerk to the Parish Council for 30 years from 1930 to 1960, died at midday at Anersham Hospital. In serving the Parish Council as clerk and twice as a member he carried on a family tradition begun in 1894 when his grandfather became chairman. Born at Cngar Hill Farm, he took an active part in the village's social activities, especially the football, cricket and social clubs and the Village Hall Committee, and he organised the village whist drives.

We cannot but admire the courage of his widow, Mrs. Kay Ware, and our earnest prayer is that God may comfort her in her temporary loss and give Jim eternal rest.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT - 16 MARCH - MOTHERING SUNDAY

There will be a service for our Sunday School children and their parents this year on Mothering Sunday at 10.30a.m. at All Saints'. There will be flowers for each child to give to his mother. On this day we think not only of our love for our earthly mother, but also of our mother the Church and of St Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Lady readers are reminded of the Women's World Day of Prayer to be held at All Saints' on Friday, 7 March at 2.30p.m.

SILVER PAPER FOR GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Aluminium foil of all kinds - bottle tops, baking foil, pudding or pie containers and the silver paper round sweets and cigarettes - can buy a guide dog for a blind person. It's only a matter of saving what you would otherwise throw away. Mrs Riley of No. 11, The Bit, will be delighted to receive collections of silver paper both large and small.

HALE POPULATION EXPLOSION

Four boys have been born in a row at Coleshill. After the birth of David Jamieson of Crosspath Cottages in December, last month saw the birth of a son to Mrs. Lawrence of 2 Chase Close, the birth of Giles to Mr and Mrs Nightingale of the Parsonage and of a third child, Jeremy, to Mrs Farr of Sunrakers Cottage, The Bit. The female flag has been kept flying though at Winchmore Hill where Mrs. Heslop has given birth to a daughter. We send our warm congratulations to all the happy parents and are delighted that the mothers and children are doing so well.

THREE SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS

We are very pleased to hear that Mr Eddie Wiltshire of Winchmore Hill, Mr Jeffrey Harris of 8 Manor Way and Mr J.B.Robinson of 6 Chase Close, both of Coleshill, all had successful leg operations last month.

THE CHURCH CLOCK

Major repairs start this month to our church clock. It means that its works have to be taken away and that villagers won't be able to set their watches by it or hear its chimes for a while. The priest and people of All Saints' apologise for the inconvenience this will cause. At least the repairs will make sure that the clock serves us well in the future.

NURSING AT GREAT-ORMOND STREET

Miss Marilyn Jerram, the daughter of Mr & Mrs C. Jerram of 10 Hill Meadow, who has been working as a nursery nurse at Amersham Hospital, takes up a new post at the beginning of this month at the famous children's hospital in Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.. One of her last charges before leaving Amersham Hospital was the young Giles Nightingale whose mother was very grateful for her skilled attention. We send Marilyn all our best wishes for her new life in London.

THE VILLAGE HALL

At a meeting of the Committee on 13 February, the hon. secretary, Mrs B rowne, referred to notices in the local press saying that the music and dancing licence has not been renewed as two reports had been received that fire precautions were inadequate and that nothing appeared to have been done about it.

Mrs Browne said that in November the fire brigade had made 3 recommendations about notices, one being that the exit notice should be illuminated, that there should be at hand a battery light in case of a power cut and that the release equipment on one of the doors should be repaired. These recommendations had been put in hand immediately but there was some delay in obtaining a small but vital replacement for the door release. On January 21 Mrs Browne advised the fire brigade that all their recommendations had been carried out but, unfortunately owing to the postal strike the letter did not arrive in time

It was resolved to renew the application for a licence and the Chairman was asked to write letters of explanation to the press.

Mrs Browne then reported that Mr Adams had kindly agreed to inspect the floor when the weather became more suitable and Mr Rupert agreed to co-operate with Mr Adams.

Final arrangements for the bridge drive on 7 March and the wine and cheese party on 18 April were then made.

Annual General Meeting

It was arranged to hold the A.G.M. on 22 April followed by a Committee meeting and a small sub-committee was appointed to look into the rules.

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

At the wine and cheese party in aid of the village hall on 18th April, there will be a tombola to be arranged by the good offices of the W.I., and a competition to guess the identity of people from their photographs when they were very young.

Admission will be by ticket (7/6 each) obtainable from any member of the Committee, Mr Bowler or Mr Price, and each ticket-holder will be entitled to 2 glasses of wine and a modicum of cheese. Proceedings will commence at 8 p.m.. The Committee hopes that it will receive full support in this further effort to raise funds for the hall which is invaluable for local functions.

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS.

Regretfully we had to cancel the meeting at Winchmore Hill on 20th February because of the deep snow that fell the night before. We were disappointed that we didn't have the opportunity of hearing Mrs Hollingsworth speak on marriage-guidance, but she has assured us that we can keep her up our sleeve for a talk about this in the future.

This month we shall be meeting at St. Michael's, Amersham, for a service on Lady Day, Tuesday, 25 March at 2.30, and we look forward to celebrating the Annunciation of our Lady with M.U. members further afield than our own immediate district.

ADVANCE NOTICE: We shall be meeting in April on the fourth Thursday, the 24th, at Winchmore Hill for an Annual General Meeting at 2.30p.m.

A TALE OF TWO CITIES

The tale of two cities told by Mr. R.J. Woolacott to the Women's Institute at their meeting on February 13 was very topical as its main theme was the link between Amersham and a beautiful city within a city in the Netherlands - Amersfoort.

The link was established after the speaker had noticed the similarity of the names when he was in Holland in 1957 and since then parties from both towns have visited each other.

In Amersfoort there is an oak shield with the Amersham coat of arms on the wall of the Town Hall, whilst in Amersham Council Chamber there is a painting presented by the Burgomaster of Amersfoort. In addition every year on the occasion of the birthday of the Queen of Holland, Amersham flies a flag with a St. George cross superimposed upon another similar cross - a replica of one celebrating the 700th anniversary of the granting of a charter to Amersfoort.

In point of fact, the talk was a reproduction of a recording made specially for the occasion, illustrated with beautiful colour slides and accompanied by lovely music.

The opportunity is taken to congratulate Mr Woolacott upon his appointment as President of the National Federation of Building Trades Employers and to wish him every success in his high office.

SCHOOL WHIST DRIVE

Mr. R. Pusey has consented to act as M.C. at the whist drive in aid of the school on 5 March at 7.30p.m. Tickets (2/6 each) for this popular and worthwhile event can be obtained from the school or from either of the village shops.

CRICKET CLUB

At the annual general meeting of the Cricket Club on 11 February, the following officers were appointed for the coming season:

President: J.Adams; Chairman: C.Newton; Hon.Sec.: A.E.Carter; 36 Elizabeth Avenue, Amersham (Tel.Little Chalfont 2890); Hon.Treas: 17. Francis; Captain: W.Francis.

Best wishes are extended for a happy and successful season.

WELCOME TO COLESHILL

Captain R.J.Kerswell and his wife Brenda have come to live at Park End Cottage for some time. We hope their stay in the village will be a very happy one.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 4 (Tues) Baptist Sisterhood. 2.45. Speaker: Miss Standing
First Winchmore Hill discussion group 8p.m.at Winchcombe,
Coleshill Lane.
- 5 (Wed) School Whist Drive at 7.30p.m.
- 7 (Fri) Women's World Day of Prayer in All Saints' at 2.30
Village Hall Bridge Drive, 7.45 for 8 p.m.
- 10 (Mon) Parish Meeting in the Parish Room at 8.30p.m.
- 13 (Thur) Travelling Library at Coleshill
W.I.:Mrs Darby - "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend"
- 16 (Sun) Mid-Lent Sunday - Mothering Sunday. Besides the usual ser-
vices, a service for children & parents at All Saints, 10.30
- 25 (Tues) Lady Day: H.C. 10a.m.& 7.30p.m.Mothers' Union service at
St. Michael's, Amersham at 2.30
- 27 (Thur) Travelling Library at Coleshill
School Managers' meeting at 8p.m.
- 30 (Sun) Palm Sunday: Holy Week begins
- Apr 3 (Thur) Maundy Thursday: H.C. 7.30p.m.
- 4 (Fri) GOOD FRIDAY: Services at Coleshill at 12; Winchmore Hill
at 2p.m.
- 6 (Sun) EASTER DAY
- 18 (Fri) Wine and Cheese party for the Village Hall at 8p.m.
- 22 (Tues) Village Hall Annual General Meeting at 8.15p.m.
- June 14(Sat) Church Fete.

++++++ Please save all your pieces of broken crockery for the Fete+++++

BOWLING MISPRINTS

- "Pay for peace in Jerusalem" - Psalm 122 in the Jerusalem Bible, 1966
- "Empires rise and sink like bellows" - Hymn 199 Parish Hymn Book, 1968

