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The Rector's Letter

My Dear Friends,

This magazine should reach you before Easter. At this time we are coming to the end of the season of Lent, and looking forward to the most wonderful festival of the Church, the great thanksgiving for the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. However, before any great event or celebration there must be preparation. Lent is the greatest period of personal preparation in the Church's calendar. Advent is a time for preparation for Christmas, but not nearly so vital and important as the effort and determination we should have been making each day during Lent.

Have you made a determined effort, personally, to discipline your relationship with our Lord? Some continuing act of denial, or positive constructive acts of prayer and worship, or a demonstration of love to your neighbour?

On the economic side we hear every month about the value of our exports, and the value of our imports, and are told we have made a credit balance or a loss.

What is your state now we are nearing the end of Lent? Have you personally advanced or fallen behind in your relationship with Jesus during Lent? It is important for each of us to consider that question and face ourselves with the answer.

The Prayer. Book goes so far as to say that on Easter Day all confirmed members of the Church ARE to make their Communion. We look forward to meeting you at the Altar on that day, at All Saints' at 9^o30 a.m. or St. Mary's at 8 a.m. or 11 a.m.

I wish you happiness and joy. this Easter.

Yours sincerely,

Allan Campbell
Rector

HOLY BAPTISM

On 6th March JAMES SIMON, born 19th January, son of Anthony & Susan HICKINBOTHAM, Victoria House, Coleshill.

IN MEMORIAM

On 18th January, Mrs. Violet BLAKEMAN, aged 87 years. Mother of Mrs. Ralph Keeling of Chase Close, Coleshill. Our sympathy goes to Mrs. Keeling and family.

The tragic death of Gerard W. (Gerry) GRANT of Cedar House, Coleshill, on 8th February, while preparing his boat for this summer's sailing season, was a severe shock to his wife, to whom we send our deepest sympathy. It seemed a cruel blow that her mother should die on the day of her husband's funeral. We ask God to help and sustain her.

A brilliant and devoted soldier Lt. Col J.G. NEWELL, M.C., late West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales' Own), of North House, Coleshill, passed away peacefully on 21st January. The itinerant life of a regular soldier is always hard on his family, but for some years, since his retirement, they had lived peacefully and happily at Woodrow and Coleshill. He will be greatly missed by his widow and two sons.

MOTHERS' UNION

A most interesting ceremony took place during the Holy Communion Service at All Saints' on Sunday, 16th January, at 9.30 a.m. The new enrolling member of the Mothers' Union branch at Coleshill was commissioned. Mrs. Jean Antosiewicz was admitted to this office by the Rector, who during her commissioning said: "This office is a solemn trust carrying great responsibility, for the Mothers' Union is a society, within the Church, having special concern for all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life, I call you all to pray that God will bless this his servant, and add to her such gifts and powers as may be needed for her work".

It is important that she has the help and advice of the whole Congregation, bearing in mind the words of the final prayer used at that Service - "May she be conscious, in all she does, that the members support and uphold her, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen".

Allan Campbell, Rector,

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Mr, Donald Urry has been elected as a member of the Parochial Church Council to fill the vacancy that has arisen as a result of the resignation of Miss S. Boston.

FAMILY SERVICES

The Family Service Committee has been joined by Mrs. Antosiewicz, Mothers' Union, The next Services will be on Sunday, 27th March and 22nd May, It is hoped everyone will come along on those dates. There will be refreshments in the Village Hall afterwards.

H.J.M.C.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCHYARD

Thanks to Mrs. Hesford and Mrs. Williams for volunteering to re-plant and take care of the three rose beds in the Churchyard.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Love on the birth of a second son in June 1976.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On 4th March women in Coleshill joined in prayer in the Service for women throughout the world. The theme for 1977 was "Love in Action" and the speaker - Mrs. Joan Harper (from Chorleywood) - gave an interesting and helpful talk with suggestions how each of us could try to help one another. Mrs. Yvonne Williams sang a solo "God's Spirit is in my Heart" the congregation joining in the chorus. The collection amounted to £10.50.

The service in 1978 will be on March 3rd.

S.B.

THE COLESHILL CLUB

Our New Year got off to a good start. The members were entertained by the Water Eaton Evergreen Club who gave a concert of Old Time Songs and Sketches, which was much enjoyed, and during tea Mr. Jack Emblow gave us lovely music and songs in some of which we joined singing.

February was an open meeting at which a Bring and Buy Stall made the grand sum of £20.00, £18.00 of which will go towards the Jubilee Funds. During tea, Mrs. Farmer was elected our new President, and, Mrs. May our Vice President.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the Chess Group Meeting on February 24th, Coleshill came first in the competition for 5 items for a children's party. They included an iced cake, 2 savoury items, a sweet and fruit drink. The cake was superbly iced. Well done, Coleshill!

HoO.

COLESHILL RE

The Residents' Association organised a Cake Stall on March 5th. Proceeds were £26.50, which will go towards the Jubilee festivities.

NORZOM

Angela & Daphne Farmer would like to thank everyone who supported their Coffee Morning on March 9th. £72.00 was raised, enough to feed NORZOM for 3 years. Thank you.

MAGILA

Sister Edith Frances sends warm thanks for the very generous cheque for £14 which was sent to her from Coleshill as a Christmas gift for the babies. She hopes to send us details of the baby in the Coleshili cot before long.

M.W.

PARISH SHARE

The question is often asked "On what does All Saints' Church spend the money raised by the Village Fete?"

In recent years the Fete proceeds have enabled the Church to pay the largest bill of the year, the Diocesan Quota or Parish Share as it is now officially called. Whereas in 1972 our share was £285, it has since then increased every year so that in 1976 the payment had more than doubled to £654°

The Diocese of Oxford requires every parish in the Diocese to pay its share, determined according to its size, as a contribution to the Diocesan Budget. It is really a Church rate.

What do we get out of the £654 we have to pay? The answer is; nothing - at the moment! But what do you get from: fire insurance you pay on your house? Nothing, you hope, but a sense of security in case of need. So with the Parish Share. You may pay it for years without getting anything from it - but if the tornado which struck Coleshili a few months ago had torn the roof off the Church you would have been in the position to ask for help from the Diocese to replace it, having paid your due.

There are of course other ways this fund helps the Churches in the diocese. Grants are given towards the stipends of curates, repairs to Parsonages, help in case of sickness and so on.

But there is another side to all this. You may say that £654 is much too large a sum to pay as a form of insurance, but we have to remember that the quota covers not only All Saints', Coleshill, but the hundreds of Churches in the diocese. This is a case of community relationship - some of the parishes are wealthy and can give help, some are small and poor and need help. We complain about our rates but we pay them, even if we have no children to educate or do not want to borrow books from the Library. So we pay the quota for the good of the whole community in this area.

M.W. and A.M.V.P.

1st COLESHILL (ALL SAINTS') BROWNIE GUIDE PACK

We have had one enrolment this term, Tracey Feather, from Amersham, and Lucy Hatch should be enrolled by the time this is printed. Nicola Haubner, a newcomer to Colshill, has joined the Pack.

At half term we had an enjoyable sausage sizzle at Tawney's farm, and we have collected Christmas cards for charity. We are now in touch with a Brownie Pack in Scotland and exchange news, also with Prances Dowson, who was our Pack Leader, and now living in New Zealand. She writes that they have a remarkable collection of fruit and vegetables in their new garden, including some unknown ones.

We have taken part in Family Services and with the Guides held a Rummage Sale for the Village Silver Jubilee Fund. Brownie efforts throughout the country have resulted in ten Guide Dogs being provided for blind people. This was done as a Christmas good turn.

Several Brownies have been tested for House Orderly by Mrs. Antosiewicz and passed successfully. Elaine Timms has gained her Artist's badge.

H.J.M.C. (Brown Owl)

1st COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

Since our last notes, five Guides have been enrolled, Lois Plumridge has come up from Brownies and Michele Haubner has joined us.

Our Guide and Choir party in January was great fun. Guests and helpers all thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

This term has been very occupied with a Rummage Sale for the Silver Jubilee funds and an excellent entertainment, written, produced and acted by Guides for parents and friends. The theme was America, incorporating, amongst other things, Christopher Columbus, the Boston tea party, Fred Astaire & Ginger Rogers, Kojak, Batwoman and Robina, Starsky & Hutch, so it was a very comprehensive show.

A colour party took our flag to the Guide Thinking Day Service held at St. Aidan's Roman Catholic Church in Amersham on 27th February.

H.J.M.C.

HIGH WYCOMBE COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

Information has been received from the Community Health Council that the District Management Team is hoping to provide some medical cover for the Accident & Emergency Department at Amersham Hospital in the near future. Regrettably this will only be on a 9 - 5 Monday to Friday basis, but it is better than the poor service we have had recently. The Council proposes to study the Accident and Emergency Service in the District more closely so that if you have any comments, complaints or grumbles, will you please let Mrs. Stevens have your views on the lack of facilities at Amersham Hospital and its effect on community.

Other matters at which the Health Council will look in the near future are:

1. Services for Stroke patients.
2. Family Planning facilities.
3. Rural Services.
- 4° Out-patient departments at Amersham and High Wycombe.
- 5° Services for the Mentally handicapped
6. Maternity services and the new Maternity Department at Wycombe

The Community Health Council would be pleased to have your views and comments on any of these matters or on any other aspect of the Health Service through the Secretary, Coleshill Residents Association (Tel; Amersham 4246)

COLESHILL AND THE GIPSY PROBLEM

Since the publication in the Local Press of the proposition to put four Gipsy sites in or very near Coleshill there have been several meetings of the Parish Council and the Residents Association both in Coleshill and Amersham to decide how best to deal with this situation.

Strong objection was made to so many pitches being sited in Coleshill and Amersham, and the County Council, through representations made to the Chiltern District Council, was asked for a fairer spread of these itinerants throughout the district. Nobody really wants these encampments within their borders, but since the Government has directed County Councils to find sites wherever Gipsies gather, we have to take our share, but we do not feel obliged to accept more than a certain number - 15 spread over the Chiltern District was considered to be a generous allocation, especially when the permanent site for 16 pitches at Chalfont St. Peter is taken into consideration.

Many suggestions for alternative sites were put forward and several accepted, but the District Council is forwarding to the County the proposition that a small site just inside the entrance to Hodge Moor Woods be considered. Your representatives will continue to oppose this. It would be quite wrong to have a Gipsy site close to two Picnic Areas which are very well used, not to mention the farmers who have had such awful experiences in this direction in the past.

We now understand that all the caravans at Whites Hill are within the Coleshill Parish, and we shall use this information when trying to get a reduction in the numbers to be settled in this area.

E.S.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

March

Pri 25th For Silver Jubilee - Talk oh Roses by Peter Harkness.
Organised by the Horticultural Society. 8.15 p.m. Village Hall.
Tickets: 40p.

Sun 27th Family Service

Thu 31st Mobile Library

April

Sat 2nd For Silver Jubilee - Bring and Buy Coffee Morning.
Organised by the Council Tenants. 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon. Parish Rooms.

Pri 8th GOOD FRIDAY

Sun 10th EASTER SUNDAY

Thu 14th W.I. Talk on Birds by Mr. C. Paym
Mobile Library
Horticultural Society -- A.G.M. 8 p.m. Parish Room.

Sat 16th For Silver Jubilee -- Entertainment by Drama Group and the Choir.
8.00 p.m. Village Hall. Tickets 50p.

Tue 26th For Silver Jubilee -- Draw of tickets for Raffle organised by
Village Hall Committee.

Thu 28th Mobile Library

May

Pri 6th For Silver Jubilee - Talk by Jean Archer on "Old Amersham".
Organised by W.I. 8.00 p.m. Village Hall. Tickets 40p, children 20p.
including refreshments.

Thu 12th W.I. Mrs. Wherry, V.C.O.
Mobile Library.

Sun 22nd Family Service

Thu 26th Mobile Library

Sun 29th WHIT SUNDAY

June

Mon 6th) Jubilee Holidays
Tue 7th)

Thu 9th W.I. Historic Churches of Bucks by Mr. Frank Winter

Sat 11th * * * Village Fete * * *

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

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

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, AMERSHAM

Sunday Services 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 11.00 a.m. Matins
 11.30 a.m. Holy Communion (1st Sunday in month)
 6.00 p.m. Choral Evensong

Each Friday 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

ALL SAINTS' COLESHILL

Sunday Services 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion
 6.00 p.m. Evensong, 1st and 3rd Sundays in month

EASTER SERVICES

April 7th Maundy Thursday 8.00 p.m. Holy Communion (Canon Hickin)
April 8th Good Friday 11.00 a.m. Service (Canon Hickin)
April 10th Easter Sunday 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (The Rector)

ST. ANDREW'S MISSION CHURCH

2nd and 4th Sundays 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Pro-Churchwardens - N.N. Nicholls, Orchard House, Coieshill. Tel; 6734
 J.C. Chenevix-Trench, Windmill Farm, Coieshill. 5439
Hon. Treasurer - A.M.V. Panton, Wallers Oak, Coieshill **6183**
Hon. Secretary - Miss H.C. McLean, 8 Amber Cottages, Coieshill 3361

Choir - Thursday evening in the Church 7.00 p.m.
Brownies - Monday evenings in the Village Hall 5.30 - 6.45 p.m.
Guides - Monday evenings in the Village Hall 6.45 - 8.00 p.m.
Mothers' Union - 3rd Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m.
Coieshill Club - 3rd Wednesday of every month at 2.30 p.m.
W.I. - 2nd Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m.