

March 1982

The Rector's Letter

My dear Friends,

Easter Sunday is on the 11th April. This is the Feast of the Resurrection of Christ, and is the greatest and oldest feast of the Christian Church. Its importance is emphasised by the long preparation of Lent, and Passion-tide, and by the special ceremonies of Holy Week.

In the early Church, those to be baptised, after much preparation and having spent the night in prayer, were baptised early on Easter Day and received Holy Communion that day. The custom of the whole Church (that is every member of the Church) receiving Holy Communion on Easter Day is still held as essential for all Christians.

The Prayer Book Rubric (or instruction for those using it) says: "Every confirmed member of the Church SHALL communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter is to be one".

I, therefore, Invite you all to make a note in your diary for 11th April as soon as you receive this Newsletter, and note also the times of the three Celebrations of Holy Communion in the Parish on that day, and resolve to attend one of them.

At All Saints, Coleshill - 9.15 a.m.
At St Mary's - 8.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

Please join us as we kneel to meet our Lord.

The following poem seems relevant:

I thought of you as far away,
Beyond the bounds of time and space,
Yet here on earth you lived and died,
Men touched your robe, men saw your face.

I thought of you as long ago,
Of Roman greed and priestly price,
The Victim, sacrificed, yet now
I feel you standing at my side.

I thought of you as dead and dim,
A wraith from which all life had fled,
In dreary sermon, sugary hymn
An empty phantom buried.

... Yet in the body and the blood
I eat the bread, I drink the wine,
My heart, your heart, my tongue, your tongue,
Your life in mine, your body mine.

Yours sincerely,

Allan. Campbell, Rector

HOLY BAPTISM

On 27th December 1981, Benjamin George LAURENCE, son of George and Jessica Laurence, and grandson of Mr and Mrs Chenevix Trench, Windmill Farm, Coleshill.

IN MEMORIAM

Gwilym Ivor PRICE, of Ryrie Cottage, Coleshill, died on 26th November 1981, aged 82 years. He was chairman of 'Unigate' from 1960 - 1970.

Dr William (Bill) DAVIDSON, Ph D. B Sc., of Dornoch, Coleshill, died on 18th January 1982.

Jack Dunkley COSSEY, of 14 Hill Meadow, Coleshill, died on 9th December 1981, while staying with his daughter in Kinloss, Scotland. He was 65 and had bravely borne years of ill-health.

Jack was born in Coleshill and apart from wartime service in the Royal Air Force lived here all his life. He took an interest in village activities, especially the Horticultural Society on whose committee he served for many years - several as Chairman. More recently he had been an active committee member of the Coleshill Club,

We extend our sympathy to his wife Catherina, his son Peter and daughters Mary and Jane.

Ernest POST died peacefully at his home, Penridge, Village Road, Coleshill, on Saturday 20th February. He leaves a wife, Dora.

For many years Mr Post was manager of Barclays Bank in the City of London. On his retirement 18 years ago Mr and Mrs Post came to live in Coleshill. For many years he was Treasurer of the Spastics Society in Seer Green, and was also Treasurer of the Coleshill Residents' Association, the Coleshill Horticultural Association and was first President of; the Misbourne Club in Amersham. He was a keen gardener and exhibited in the Horticultural Show and helped on the Green Fingers Stall at the annual Church Fete.

We extend our sympathy to Dora.

Thomas Albert LEWIS died suddenly at his home 'Gowan Brae', Friars Road, Newbury, on 19th February, aged 88 years. He was a resident of the village for 36 years and was chauffeur to Mr Dudley Docker "of Coleshill House until Mr Docker's death. He then started his own car hire business and will be remembered by many local people.

He served in the Army in France from 1914 until the occupation of Germany in 1919 and was the personal driver to the Commander-in-Chief, Field Marshal Sir William Robertson. His war decorations included Military Medal, Mons Star General Service and Victory Medal and Mentioned in Despatches.

He leaves a wife Margaret, daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, to whom we send our sympathy.

Has your giving kept pace with your income?

Ten years ago congregations in the Church of England had to find only one fifteenth (6.6%) of clergy salaries. The rest came from investments, held either by the Church Commissioners or in the parishes.

But investment income has not, by a very long way, kept pace with inflation, and this is as true of the Church's income as of everybody else's. Today congregations have to find over two thirds of clergy costs - a tenfold increase.

It is mainly to meet the costs of the clergy that Coleshill, like all other parishes, pays over to the diocese every year an ever increasing sum known as the Parish Share. This has to be met out of our ordinary income - collections, covenants, the Pete etc; we are not allowed to use the Parsonage Fund for this purpose.

In 1981 our Parish Share was £2313 and the General Fund for the year managed to achieve a small surplus of receipts over expenditure. In 1982 our share is £2967, an increase of £650.

Where is the money to come from?

If we cannot find it, there is a terrible and real risk that the diocese will decide that Coleshill is not viable as a parish, and will close our Church. If we do not want this to happen, we have to find more money.

It can only come from increased giving on our part

In 1978 the average weekly giving by each regular communicant member of the Church was 70p. To maintain its value in real terms today this would have to be £1.00.

How much do you give?

Remember that if you make Free-Will Offerings, or enter into a Deed of Covenant, we can reclaim the tax you have paid on the money, and that adds nearly a third to the value of your gift. If everybody who comes to Church just at Christmas and Easter did something of this sort, for even a small amount, it would be an enormous help.

If all the regulars doubled the level of their giving, this would be a further enormous help. It will be an effort of course, but it is only by an effort on this scale that we shall keep going. And after all, if you were accustomed to put half-a-crown in the bag ten years ago, you would have to put in £1.50 today, to buy the same. But do you? Has your giving kept pace with your income?

We are much, much luckier than other parishes, who have to maintain their Church out of what is left when the Diocese has taken its cut. We have the Parsonage Fund to take care of that. It would be a tragedy if we can't do as well as the people who manage to keep going without our advantages - especially after we have made the Church so beautiful.

You don't have to be a pillar of the Church. Be a buttress and support it from outside.

Do, please, talk to Mr Panton about how you can help. His address is Waller's Oak, Coleshill; his telephone number is Amersham 6183.

J.C-T.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH COMMITTEE MEETING - 8th February 1982

Harry KENNERELL's memorial: the plaque is to be placed in the churchyard. In view of the intention to undertake certain paving and improvement of the area set aside for memorial plaques, which work it is hoped will be carried out during 1982, the placing of this plaque is to await the completion of this work.

A set of vestments intended as a further memorial to Harry Kennerell has been ordered from professional suppliers, and it is hoped to have them available for Easter.

The interior decoration of the Church has "been completed but the actual cost was not known.

Newsletter: A sub-committee previously appointed were able to report that Mrs DENING had volunteered to undertake production of the Newsletter following to Mrs Ovington's retirement as editor. The committee expressed their appreciation,

Annual Accounts: These were presented by the Treasurer, who explained that although all accounts were in credit, the General Account had had to bear an expenditure of £500 balance of the 1980 Parish Share, paid in January 1981, to make up the total of £1509 and the 1981 Parish Share in full (£2813) so that £2813 has been paid out. The Parish Share for 1982 will be even more.

Miss BOSTON tendered her resignation from the Committee after 20 years' service, which was accepted with much regret.

The Committee expressed their appreciation and thanks to Colin SMITH, Andrew LAWRENCE and helpers for fixing the lights to the Christmas Tree which shortly before Christmas appeared an impossible feat owing to snow and ice, but, in fact, the tree looked better than ever.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH FETE

The Church Fete will be held on Saturday 12th June and will be organised by Mr Richard Valentine (Tel: Amersham 5794).

The following have kindly agreed to organise stalls:

Tombola	- Mrs Waite	Toys	- Mrs Eardley
Raffle	- Mrs Gow	Sweets	- Mrs Valentine
Household	- Mrs Grindley	Books	- Miss Boston
Green Fingers	- Mr & Mrs Clifton	Magpie Club	- Mrs Swerling
Cakes	- Mr Collier	(Bran Tub)	

Suggestions regarding further stalls or sideshows are always welcomed - please get in touch with Mr Valentine.

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Editor's Note

The Village Newsletter is published three times a year - on 1st April, 1st July and 1st December. If you would like to help in any way or if you have contributions or items of news please contact the editor:
Mrs Alison Dening, Little Hertfordshire House, Coleshill. Tel: Am 3779.
Items may also be left with Mrs Panton at Waller's Oak.

I would like, on behalf of her readers, to thank Mrs Ovington for all her hard work in editing this newsletter. It is already apparent to me that it must have cost her many hours of tactful persuasion in getting the news together for each edition and I think we would like to say how very much her endeavours were appreciated.

A.D.

THANKS

Jessie FUSEY would like to thank all the friends in the village who so kindly sent Get Well messages during her spell in hospital. They were very much appreciated.

DO YOU ENJOY SINGING? - We need you in the choir!

The choir badly needs more voices - children or adults. In particular we need trebles (boys), sopranos (girls) and at least one bass.

As well as the hymns at the ordinary Sunday Services, we put on special efforts - anthems at Easter and Harvest and carols at Christmas; also a short entertainment at the Harvest Supper: last time it was a "rock" Samson and the time before "The Daniel Jazz".

If we get enough people it would be worth organising some sort of annual "do" for the choir.

If you enjoy singing, here is an opportunity to do it in pleasant company and in a way that really contributes to the life of Coleshill. And, by the way, don't think you'll be committed to coming every Sunday of the year!

If you are interested, or if you know anyone of any age, who might be please contact John Chenevax-Trench (Tel: Am 5439) or Patsy Wright-Warren (Tel: Am 3356).

J.C-T.

NEWS OF THE VILLAGE HALL

There is little to report about the Village Hall that you can't see with your own eyes. During the Winter there was a long frozen spell; then a long muddy spell; then there were foundations. Just now, before we go to press there are walls and the hint of a roof. By the time you receive this newsletter there might be a lot more to see. I hope village historians have been around with their cameras to record this major event in Village life for future generations.

The new Hall is due to be finished around 30th June and then over to you and the village societies to fill it with life. We will go fund-raising during the year to make sure we can complete the finishing and the furnishing of our new hall to the best possible standard.

J.D.

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

From time to time there have been enquiries as to whether Coleshill is a Sunday School. The answer is "yes", but instead of calling it Sunday School we call it the "Friday Fellowship". This is obviously because we meet on a Friday as this day was found to suit more people than a Sunday.

The age group of children ranges from 4 to 11 years, and after an initial service in the Village School consisting of singing and prayers, the children are split into three groups. In these groups a story from the Bible is told by one of the group leaders - this is followed by an activity relating to the story, which may be drawing, acting, modelling or a quiz.

There are about 25 children who belong to the Fellowship. Last Christmas the younger children took part in a Nativity Mime, and the older children read three chosen lessons and said prayers. This was performed in the Spence's home and watched by the parents. The children all played their parts magnificently. Afterwards there were refreshments of mulled mince pies and other goodies. Then everyone, full of the Christmas spirit, made their way home in the snow.

One last word: our grateful thanks to our senior helpers of the Fellowship without whom we could not manage - Mrs Waite who takes the older children, Mrs Mork who so ably plays the piano and Mrs Hickin who is our great mainstay.

H.S.

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Well, everything is shooting up - including the new Village Hall - this year we can, once again, enjoy a hall full of flowers in the Coleshill Annual Show. A brand new venue with shiny clean walls will prove an admirable backdrop so now it is up to everyone to accept the challenge to produce something to fill it more than ever before.

For the benefit of newcomers to the village, there will be various classes for vegetables, flowers, fruit and flower-arranging as well as cooking and crafts and art sections for the children. So get planting and join in the fun. Schedules will be available soon and the Show will take place on Saturday 4th September.

If you have any suggestions or would like to join the Society, we will be very pleased to see you at our A.G.M. on 7th April in the Cricket Pavilion. Until then, let EM leave you with this thought:

There once was a young man from Leeds,
Who swallowed a packet of seeds, . . .
Within just one hour . . .
His nose was a flower,
And his head was a riot of weeds! Boom boom

A CHRISTMAS PUDDING - SERVED BY THE COLESHILL VILLAGE DRAM GROUP

Villagers who braved the weather on 21st December were warmly rewarded by a rich Christmas Pudding served with style by the Coleshill Village Drama Group. Owing to the temporary indisposition of the Village Hall we had the pleasure of seeing the group perform in the Church which provided a seasonal setting enhanced by some clever lighting. The largest plum in the pudding was an extract from Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol, adapted and produced by Ann Chenevix-Trench, entitled "The Cratchits' Christmas Dinner".

This was a delightful production with real goose, real pudding and real children. Surrounding this we had a variety of sketches, poems, songs and some flute and cello pieces. Patsy Wright-Warren told us the amusing story of Sam's Christmas pudding which won a battle at Badajoz. Celia Harrison reminded us that we are never too old to enjoy Pooh's Hum for Snowy Mother.

This was followed by some contemporary doggerel. All puddings need a bit of sauce and this came in the shape of Coleshill's own Pam Eyres, who thought bore a resemblance to Martin Menist. Sandra Weller read some extracts from the ever fresh Pepys' Diary which contrasted well with the Shaw that followed it, creditably performed by Lindsey Haubner and Stephen Hitchin. An excerpt from "O What a Lovely War" was successfully presented by three authentically helmeted soldiers and gave a brief but poignant insight into Christmas in the trenches in the first world war. The evening ended with us all joining in the singing of Christmas Carols. Gongratulations to the C.V.D.G. for a delicious and varied Christmas Pudding.

A.D.

COLESHILL C.E. 1st SCHOOL

Tales out of School:- The Bucket Theatre Group came to Coleshill School on 4th February and entertained the children with a dramatic production called "Stripes". It could be said that the children entertained themselves for there was 100% audience participation, and spelling has improved since provided the wanted words end with a magic 'e'.

Coleshill Up-helly-aa. The end of winter was celebrated somewhat prematurely on 9th February when Ashley Green, Little Missenden and St Mary's Schools sent squads of Vikings to join the Coleshill squad. After Viking songs and a Viking Rush the specially constructed dragon ship - this year named "The Raven" - was carried to the bonfire by six ship-bearers led by the Guizer Jarl and the Raven standard bearer. It was an ideal day for a bonfire, warm and fairly calm. The wood and paper needed some coaxing at first but eventually flames rose high in the air and licked round the ship. The Raven and swords came to a glorious end according to the best Norse traditions.

After refreshments and a final look at the fire, all Vikings returned to their own fjords to await the Simmer-dim. A-oi.

B.D.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer was held on 5th March - it was our 1st year in Coleshill. We welcomed Mrs Hickin who gave a most helpful and understanding address on the theme "Gathered for Worship - Scattered for Service". Our thanks to her. The theme was drawn up by the women from the whole of Ireland and we had traditional Irish hymns and, 10 readings for the Scripture passages and quotations. 1982 is the Golden Jubilee of the movement - messages of blessings and greetings had been received at H.Q. from the Queen, the Queen Mother, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Cardinal Hume and the leaders of many Christian Churches.

Our collection was £20.50 which will be sent as usual to H.Q. for Christian literature and missions.

S.B.

COLESHILL BOYS' CLUB

Coleshill now has its own boys' club, formed in the autumn of 1981 for boys between the ages of 8 and 15 years. Until last summer it met on Monday evenings in the old village hall for games including 5-a-side football, rag hockey, table tennis and darts. Swimming at the Amersham pool has also been a regular activity. The highlight of the club so far has been a weekend camp last summer in the grounds of Woodrow High House, which belongs to the London Federation of Boys' Clubs. Meetings in the summer and early autumn were held in the school or school grounds (for cricket etc). Since the demolition of the village hall, however, we have been unable to find a suitable alternative meeting place and are consequently awaiting the lighter nights (and warmer too!) so that outdoor meetings at least can be resumed in the school grounds, pending the opening of the new village hall.

The club has slowly been accumulating its subscriptions which supplement a small grant from the Parish Council. The hope is to acquire a snooker table as soon as possible. If you know of one for sale or can help with other aspects of the club Graham Hankinson, Cliff Welham, John Holland and John Horsburgh-Porter would be pleased to hear from you

Go Ho

MAGPIE CLUB

Once again we sang carols and delivered logs to some of the older residents of the village. This year we divided into three groups which proved to be more civilised and I think easier than trying to squeeze about 25 children round a front door!

We decided to have a break from the Christingle Service this year but we hope to have another one in 1982.

We also went on a hike after Christmas, which, although it was pretty cold, was enjoyed by all.

Magpie Mothers We tried twice to organise a coffee and paté lunch but the elements got the better of us. Eventually it was third time lucky - the Pantons kindly lent us their house and about 25 mothers came along. We were pleased to see quite a few new young mothers.

1st COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

At the beginning of the Spring Terra we held an Investiture Ceremony during which Ruth Bayley, Kingfisher Patrol, was presented with her Patrol Leader's stripes, Victoria Eesford, Kingfisher Patrol, was presented with her Second's stripes; and Emma Norcliffe, Snowdrop Patrol, was presented with her Second's stripes.

Three recruits, Elizabeth Timms, Amanda Valentine and Elizabeth Mead joined us this term and are working at their pre-enrolment challenges.

At the District's Thinking Day Service, Amanda Valentine and Elizabeth Mead were part of the Coleshill Guides Colour Party.

Our meeting on 22nd February had an oriental theme in celebration of this special day known to Guides and Brownies world wide as Thinking Day. We dressed in oriental costume and ate specially prepared food. Captain challenged the guides to bring to the meeting chopsticks which they had made and decorated. These were used to eat the food. Each guide is to be congratulated on her splendid efforts.

1st COLESHILL (ALL SAINTS') BROWNIE GUIDE PACK

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Swiss Coffee Morning, and we were able to give £62.20 to our Thinking Day Fund which goes to help others. We have collected Christmas cards for the Chalfont St Giles Epileptic Centre and continue to collect stamps to raise money for eye treatment clinics overseas, we are always grateful to receive used stamps for this purpose. We took part in the District's Thinking Day Service at St Georges, Little Chalfont on 21st February.

We have been joined this term by Lucy Long and Sarah Dover, Nicola Brown came last term and is now enrolled. We have said goodbye to Kate Lee, Louise Wyatt and Amanda Valentine, who have joined the Guides, Venetia Hawkes has also left us. Lisa and Zoe Hart and Tanya Conyers-Silverthorne have left for different parts of the country.

Some of us will soon be taking part in a Course of First Aid. The badges gained since last reporting are as follows:

Highway Amanda Valentine

Roadway Tanya Conyers-Silverthorne, Crystal Mullins, Madeleine Fielding, Sarah Oakden, Alexandra van Wely.

Footpath Catherine Hutchins, Sophie Dening. Booklover Madeleine Fielding

Toymaker Amanda Valentine Collectors Madeleine Fielding

House Orderly Sophie Dening, Emma Ferris, Louisa Welch, Catherine Hutchins, Kirsty Goode, Alexandra van Wely, Louise Norcliffe.

Animal Lovers Venetia Hawkes, Jo-anna Ferguson, Kate Lee, Louise Wyatt.

Jo-anna Ferguson is now Sixer of the Pixies, Philippa Wyatt, her Second; Claire Badgehot - Sixer of the Sprites, Laura Harvey her Second; Joanna Matthews - Sixer of the Elves, Melinda Vicary her Second; Anne Rimmer - Sixer of the Imps, Madeleine Fielding her Second.

H.J.M.C.

GOLESHILL CRICKET CLUB

As we approach the new season we shall have completed the Pavilion and Bar. We look forward to enjoying the new facilities and hope the Vice-Presidents will also. The Club has social members and subscriptions are £1 per season. This entitles participants to use the bar and pavilion.

A Bingo evening was held at the pavilion on 10th March.

We start playing in "Late April and practice at the ground starts on the last Friday in April. Youngsters in the village will again be welcome, as will any senior members. At the present time we are having net practice on Saturday evenings at Chalfont Leisure Centre.

M.E.To

COLESHILL CLUB

This has been suspended until the Village Hall is re-opened.

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

This is thriving but the chairman reports no news at present

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 24 March CONFIRMATION SERVICE at St Mary's Church
by the Bishop of Oxford at 7.30 p.m.
This is the first visit to the Parish by the Bishop of Oxford

Wednesday 7 April Horticultural "Society A.G.M. (Cricket Pavilion)

Friday 23 April At St Mary's Church - Faure's Requiem Mass.

Thursday 20 May Ascension Day

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* COLESHILL VILLAGE CHURCH FETE *
* SATURDAY 12th JUNE *
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Saturday 9 June BARN DANCE - Quarrendon Farm

Saturday A Sept Horticultural Show

Sunday 3 October - Harvest Festival at St Mary's

Sunday 10 October ~ Harvest Festival at All Saints'

Mobile Library: April 8th, 22nd. May 6th, 20th
June . 3rd, 17th. July 1st, 15th, 29th

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

Rector: The Reverend Allan Campbell, M.A. (Cantab)
Beaumont, Horvines Road, Amersham. Tel: 7135
and St Mary's Parish Office. Tel: 4712

St Mary's 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.	Evensong
<u>Each Wednesday</u>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
<u>Good Friday</u>	11.00 a.m.	Ante Communion
	2 p.m.-3 p.m.	Service of Devotion
<u>Easter Day</u>	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.00 a.m.	Matins
	11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong

All Saints' Church, Coleshill

Sunday Services	9.15 a.m.	Parish Communion
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong - 1st and 3rd Sundays in month, starting on 2nd May
21st March, Mothering Sunday	9.15 a.m.	Family Communion
9th April, Good Friday	11.00 a.m.	Service of Devotion
11th April, Easter Day	9.15 a.m.	Parish Communion
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong
On 2nd Sundays in the month	9.15 a.m.	Family Communion
9th May, 13th June, 11th July		

St Andrew's Mission Church, Winchmore Hill

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

Pro-Wardens	-	J.G. Chenevix-Trench, Windmill Farm, Coleshill.	Tel 5439
		D.Co Urry, Ardlair, Coleshill	Tel 7420
Hon Treasurer	-	A.M.V. Panton, Waller's Oak, Coleshill	Tel 6183
Hon Secretary	-	Miss H.C. McLean, 8 Amber Cottages, Coleshill	Tel 3361
Brownies	-	Monday Evenings 5.30 - 6.45 p.m.	
Guides	-	Monday Evenings 6.45 - 8.15 p.m.	
Mothers' Union	-	3rd Tuesday in every month	
Coleshill Club	-	3rd Wednesday of every month at 2.30 p.m.	
W.I.	-	2nd Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m.	