

May 1967

My Dear Friends,

After Easter, the next major festival is the Ascension of our Lord. In the Church calendar this will be observed on May 4th. A children's service will be held that day at 9a.m. and will be followed by Holy Communion at 9.30a.m.. But the festival of Easter is so important that no less than 5 Sundays are devoted to this great Message. The Resurrection has been described as the Keystone of the arch of our faith. Remove the Keystone and the whole arch will collapse and Christianity will be no more than the other great religions of the world - a code of morals. The Revd. J.B.Philips' great book "The Ring of Truth" (I hope you have read and enjoyed it and can face life more confidently. Copies of it are still to be found in the Church) points out that it was the certainty of the Resurrection that made the first Christians so radiant and confident that they were prepared to face Martyrdom rather than renounce Christ. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith". History is a cordial for drooping spirits. This certainly was how this belief affected the Christians of the first century. It was certainty of what they believed that turned the world upside down and even converted those who persecuted them, and Christianity was recognised by the Roman Empire and brought the persecutions to an end. Read Hebrews Ch. 11 again to realise the victories of faith that led St. Paul to say "We are more than conquerors through Him". Today we are treading where the Saints have trod only as we hold fast the faith once for all delivered to the Saints.

The doctors at Amersham and at Mount Vernon have pronounced me fit for all normal duty although I still make use of some of my parishioners occasionally to take me to the hospital in their cars. I hope, though, that it will not be long now before I am able to drive my car again.

Cyril Saunders, who has had a major operation in Amersham Hospital is convalescing at Clacton-on-Sea. He writes happily, and we shall be delighted when he returns and joins us in worship again and undertakes the many jobs that he did as Churchwarden at Coleshill.

Whitsunday, May 14th. The services will be: Holy Communion 8a.m., Sunday School 10a.m., Sung Matins 11a.m., Holy Communion 12 noon. Any change will be published on the Notice Board.

W.L.H.

NEW ARRIVAL

To Mr. & Mrs. Lawson, on April 16th, a son.

WHITSUN

The Church will be decorated for Whitsun on Friday, 12th May at 2.30p.m. and as many helpers as possible will be welcome. Gifts of flowers and greenery will be appreciated and should be left in the Church in the morning.

IN AID OF THE VILLAGE HALL

As has been stated before, when a village hall is wanted for a local function it is wanted urgently, and during the past few years concerted efforts have been made to raise funds for the repair and decoration of our own hall. To date, the guttering has been replaced, the interior of the hall has been repainted in light and attractive colours and linoleum has been laid in the ante-room.

This will be on view on May 3rd, when the Committee are staging a play at 8.00p.m. to be followed by a sherry party, to let people see what has been done and also to raise additional funds for further decoration.

The play "Beauty for Sale" deals with the time when a woman risked her reputation by going to a beauty parlour and will be a repeat performance by the local W.I. Players who presented it with great success to our W.I. before Christmas.

Tickets for the play and sherry party will be 7/6d each or 2/- for children (play only, pay at the door)

All readers are asked to support this function. Tickets are available from Mrs. Browne, Mrs. Harvey or any member of the Committee.

LOCAL SUCCESSES

It is pleasant to record that Stephen Rann was awarded a second prize for his painting entitled "The Carpenter" at the Amersham and District Federation of Arts Exhibition of Children's Art on 30th March - 1st April at Dr. Challoner's Grammar School, where Lorna Pusey, Jill Rupert, Michael Griffiths and Gary White also had pictures selected for display. Michael Griffiths has also passed Grade III examination of the Associated Board of Royal Schools of Music with his bassoon.

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There was a refreshing air of liveliness at the Parish Annual General Meeting on March 20th, when Mr. R. G. Stubbings, in the chair, reported that many steps had been taken by the Parish Council during the year to look after matters affecting the village.

He said that the clearance of the Common had been delayed by its waterlogged condition but we hoped that a start would be made before the nesting season was in full swing. In the meantime, two drainage trenches had been dug. To preserve the amenities, an electric cable had been laid underground which had involved the Electricity Board in £300 more than the cost of overhead cables. On behalf of all present, he extended thanks to Mr. Grindley, who could not be present that night, for having cleared a portion of the Common so that children could play thereon.

A tree, presented by the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, Penn Branch, had been planted on the Common by the Earl of Courtown, to commemorate Coleshill having been adjudged, once again, the tidiest village in its class. Mr. Stubbings appealed to all residents to help to keep up the record.

The Parish Council took a great interest in applications for building in the village and had arranged to receive from the Amersham Rural District Council a list of planning applications affecting the locality. These were displayed on the Parish Notice Board.

The Forestry Commission had leased 286 acres of Hodgemoor on which open spaces were to be reserved for camping sites for Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, and for picnics. He took the opportunity to thank Mrs. Stevens for all that she had done in this and similar connections as a member of the Amersham Rural District Council.

The Parish Council had deemed it to be in the interest of all concerned to become members of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England (Penn Branch) and also to join the Chiltern Society.

The suggestion was under consideration that a pond should be made behind the Bit, where there was a pond years ago, to take some of the excess water, and the safety of the children would have to be considered very carefully.

Application had been made for the rate of one penny to cover the services administered by the Parish Council.

In reply to a question, Mr. Stubbings said that the Common had been registered officially some years ago and that there was no need for further action.

He concluded by extending thanks to Captain Platt and to Mr. Jerram for their valuable services on the Council. Captain Platt, who had been chairman since 1957 had left the district, and after 21 years on the Council, Mr. Jerram had resigned for reasons of health. In consequence there would be two or maybe three vacancies to be filled.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Stubbings on the proposition of Mr. J. Ware and that conscientious secretary, Mr. S. Ware, who does so much for the village and hides his light under a bushel, said that all electors in the Parish were entitled to attend all Parish meetings as well as the annual one, and he sincerely hoped that more people would show their interest in what the Council was doing by turning up at the ordinary meetings which were held some tea times a year.

(N.B. - An article about the Common was published in the July 1966 number of the Newsletter)

COLESHILL SCHOOL - A REAL HERITAGE

In an article in the Spring number of "The Use of English" Mr. L. Y. Barker, Dip. Ed. expresses the view that all country children should start their school life at the local village school.

He supports his contention with sketches of life at our local school, of which he is the well-known headmaster, and says that the school is a real heritage, practical as well as pleasant to look at, with a character of its own. There they have concentrated on a varied scheme of work which includes knowledge of the countryside and all that goes with it, at the same time maintaining the high traditions which the school has for music and academic work.

The school always tried to have a creative approach to mathematics and children spend most of their time on individual assignments which call for weighing, measuring, timing, estimating and using apparatus of various kinds. Money sums are worked with real coins and no coin had ever been lost. English is taught creatively through the medium of wall newspapers, weekly talks, poems and illustrated stories. At Christmas there is often a Nativity play written in the school and produced at the Church. French is the popular second language taught.

In art and craft the children seem to be particularly good at weaving, basketry, modelling and many kinds of needlework, possibly because until fairly recently plaiting and lace-making were local industries.

There is a tradition of service and the older children serve the younger ones at lunch. There are no prefects, although older pupils do the innumerable jobs which arise in running the school and maintaining it,

Mr. Barker quotes verses written by pupils of ages varying from 9 to 11 - uninhibited products from active healthy children with a secure place in the "family" life, i.e. the school.

The school has a character of its own.

CRICKET

The following officials have been appointed for the forthcoming season: President, Mr. J. Adams; Chairman, Mr. C. Newton; Hon. Sec. ,r. A. E. Carter; Fixture Secretary, Mr. J. Rolfe; Team secretary, Mr. F. Newton; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. V. Austin; Captain, Mr. ¥. Francis; Vice-Captain, Mr. J. Harris; Sunday Captain, Mr. A. 3. Carter; Sunday Vice-Captain, Mr. S. Chalwen.

The Committee is as above plus: Mr. G. Clifton; Selection Committee: Mr. ¥. Francis, Mr. A. S. Carter, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. S. Chalwen. Scorers: Mr. I. Palmer, Miss V. Edwards.

APOLOGY

The opportunity is taken to apologise to Mrs. Stevens for the omission of her name from the list of the Youth Club Committee members.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Wed. Apr. 26 Residents Association Annual General Meeting at the Parish Hall, 8p.m.
- Sun. 30 Walpurgis night.
- Tue. May 2 Sisterhood - Mr. Illing - Dr. Barnados Homes.
- Wed. 3 Play "Beauty for Sale" and sherry-party in aid of the Village Hall.
- Thur. 4 Ascension Day
- Sat. 6 "Dream of Gerontius" by Amersham & Chesham Bois Choral Society at Dr. Challoner's Grammar School at 7.30p.m. Tickets from Woodcock's or members. 8/6d.
- Sun. 7 By the courtesy of Mr. & Mrs. Canfield, the grounds of Hertfordshire House will be open to the public for the benefit of the Retired District Nurses Fund and the National Trust Garden Scheme 2p.m.- 7p.m. Admission 2/-, children 6d.
- Tues. 9 Annual General Meeting, Village Hall at 8.15p.m.
- Thurs. 11 W.I.. Mrs. Hornsby, V.C.O.. Discussions on resolutions for N.F.W.I. A.G.M.. Trading stall.
- Sun 14 Whit Sunday .
- Tues 16 Sisterhood, Mrs. Spooner
- Thurs. 18 Mothers' Union at Winchmore Hill
- Thurs. 25 Mobile Library "Van - Coleshill
- Tues 30 Sisterhood. Mr. A. D. Barnes
- Sun. June 25 Hertfordshire House open to the public
- Sat July 8 CHURCH FETE AT LUCKINGS FARM, by kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs. H. Grindley.

THANKS

Thanks are extended to those who so kindly responded to the appeal for protective footwear for a leper hospital in India. The sum of £8.17.6d. was given, providing nearly 15 pairs of shoes.

Also to those who collected sufficient Green Shield stamps to fill 6 books. The money is to be used to buy a set of three forceps for a hospital in dire need in Africa

THE YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club is developing admirable corporate spirit and recently some of the members amongst themselves organised a successful visit to a skating rink.

• SERVICES

ALL SAINTS, COLESHILL

Every Sunday:

9.00a.m. Parish Communion
10.00a.m. Sunday School

2nd. and 4th. Sundays:

6.00p.m. Evensong

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
AMERSHAM

. 8.00a.m. Holy Communion
10.00a.m. Children's Church
11.00a.m. Matins & Sermon
(N.B. On the 1st Sunday in
each month the 10a.m. and
11a.m. services combine
for a Family Communion at
10.00a.m.)
6.00p.m. Evensong & Sermon

SERVICES FOR ASCENSION DAY AND WHITSUNDAY

ALL SAINTS

Ascension Day:

9.00a.m. Children's service
9.30a.m. Holy Communion

Whitsunday:

8.00a.m. Holy Communion
10.00a.m. Sunday School
11.00a.m. Matins
12 noon Holy Communion

ST. MARY'S

Ascension Day:

9.15a.m. Children's Service
10.00a.m. Holy Communion
11.00a.m. Dr. Challoner's Founder's
Day Service

Whitsunday:

8.00a.m. Holy Communion
10.00a.m. Family Service
11.30a.m. Holy Baptism
6.00p.m. Evensong & Sermon

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