

MAY 1971.

The Rector's Letter.

My dear **Friends**,

Whitsunday is the **Church's** Birthday and a very important day. As Christians, we are not asked to buy the Church an expensive present for its birthday, but it is our duty to remember it. We remember it by going to our own Church on that day and meeting our Lord at the Service of Holy Communion.

That is the minimum we can do. I hope all of you will make sure you give up that time and make that offering and contribution on **Whitsunday**.

You can, of course, read the story of the first **Whitsunday** called Pentecost in the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter II,

There have been several disappointments in the appointment of a Curate, but new lines of approach look hopeful.

Yours sincerely,

Allan Campbell.
Rector.

WHITSUN.

The Church will be decorated for **Whitsun** on Saturday, 29th May, at 11 a.m. and gifts of flowers and greenery will be appreciated. They should be left in the Church before then.

BEST WISHES

are extended to Mr. Roger **Pusey** and to Miss Ann Hoskin of Castle Field, High **Wycombe**, upon their marriage on the 3rd April at St. Lawrence Church, High **Wycombe**.

PARISH COUNCIL.

At their meeting of the Parish Council on May 10th, Mr. **R.G.** Stubbings said he did not wish his name to go forward for a further term in office as Chairman, and Mr. **D.R.M.** Curling was unanimously elected in his place.

The opportunity is taken to congratulate Mr. Stubbings on a very **distinguished** term of office since 1967.

GIFTS FOR AFRICA - CANCER RESEARCH.

1971 has been a record year so far, 24 books having already been forwarded to the U.S.P.G. for the benefit of Magila Hospital. The Sunday School has contributed nobly to this total, having collected 7,650 stamps. The children have had a special letter of thanks from U.S.P.G. Nine cot blankets have been despatched and two small pinafore frocks for the babes in the Hospital.

A parcel of used stamps of about 2 lb. has been sent for the benefit of Cancer Research, the value being £1 approximately.

CHURCH FETE - SATURDAY JUNE 12th.

By the kind invitation of Mrs. Jean Pusey, the Church Fete will be held at Little Bowers again, and Mrs. Harrington has kindly agreed to open it at 2.30 p.m.

Arrangements are being made to have the following stalls and sideshows:

<u>Stalls</u>	Household) Needlework)	combined	<u>Sideshows:</u>	Tombola
	Cakes) Sweets)	combined		Raffle
	Bric-a-brac & 2nd hand jewellery			Pony Rides
	Green Fingers			Skittles
	Ice Creams			Coconut shies
	Toys			China Smashing
				Children's sports
				Pegboard
				Lucky Town

In addition, there will be a Fancy Dress Parade for the younger generation, entries to be made on the ground to Mrs. Lawrence or Mrs. Ferguson.

Teas will be served by the good grace of the Mothers' Union, who will appreciate any gifts of cakes, etc., for the occasion.

CHINA SMASHING S.O.S.

Mr. Smith pleads for cracked china - not glass - for the china smashing stall. This should be deposited before the day in the front garden of Wheatsheaf Cottage and not round the side of the house, because of a dog which roams there. He also asks for an old dresser for his stall.

COLESHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held on Wednesday, May 26th 1971, at 8.15 p.m. in the Parish Room, and an invitation has been extended by the Committee to all residents of Colehill to attend.

A report of the work of the Association during the past year will be given and afterwards the meeting will be open for discussion on any points which may be raised within the objects of the Association.

TIDY VILLAGE COMPETITION;

The Village has again entered for this Competition and after a series of successes, last year - for the first time - we failed to qualify for the final judging, probably due to the mess made by contractors on the roads.

The time is now due for a concerted effort to regain the trophy.

CONGRATULATIONS.

To Mr. & Mrs. Nightingale on the birth of a daughter on April 21st.

To Penelope Weedon on winning the House Cup for junior sight reading at Chalfont St. Peter's Arts Festival.

VILLAGE HALL - A.G.M.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall on the 19th April, Mrs, Ovington, in the Chair, said the past year had been overshadowed by the death of Mr. Browne who, as Treasurer and in other respects, had done so much for the Village Hall, and the Committee were asked to dedicate themselves in maintaining the Hall in such a state that Mr. Browne would desire.

In her report for the year, Mrs. T. Browne as Hon. Secretary, welcomed five new members to the Committee - Mrs. Pomeroy, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Young, Mr. Clifton and Mr. Hall. During the year the Committee had organised a Jumble Sale, a Whist and a Bridge Drive, and thanks were due to Mr. Mountier for the excellent dance organised by him resulting in a profit for the funds amounting to £37. Regarding social activities, it was felt that more use could be made of the Hall in this respect and a questionnaire on this subject had been included in a recent Newsletter.

With regard to maintenance, the trees at the back of the Hall had been lopped to prevent leaves from blocking the gutters, the weeds and nettles round the hall had been cut on two occasions and a weedkiller had been sprayed in the Spring.

Especial thanks were due to Mrs. L. Grayer for the gift of a splendid gas cooker.

The report was adopted and the Chairman thanked Mrs. Browne for all she had done and also members of the Committee of both sexes for their very considerable help.

Mr. Ovington, as Hon. Treasurer, submitted a financial statement for the past year. Hire of the Hall amounted to £137, which just about balanced normal outgoings. There was a balance of some £310 to carry forward but this would scarcely meet repairs to the gutters, the outside walls, the windows - all urgent, and equally as urgent - the cost of new heaters.

Mrs. Browne then read out a list of representatives nominated by local associations to serve on the Management Committee and other members of the Committee, having signified their willingness to serve, were re-elected.

COMMITTEE.

At a subsequent meeting of the Committee, the following elections were made:

Chairman	Mrs. Ovington
Vice-Chairman	Mr. D. Ruperti
Hon. Secretary	Mrs. T. Browne
Hon. Treasurer	Mr. S.G. Clifton
Hon. Auditor	Mr. L.G. Stubbings

VILLAGE HALL; (Contd.)

The following decisions were then made:

Booking fees: Agreed to increase the scale to £5 a day and £1 an hour.

Repairs, heating and alternative lighting (fire precautions).

A special sub-committee was set up consisting of Messrs. Clifton, Mountier, Ruperti and Woolacott, to go into the questions of outside and inside repairs, walls, gutters, window sills, alternative lighting, and to report. They were handed two estimates which had been received.

Questionnaires Some 33 replies had been collected to date containing some useful suggestions. A special sub-committee was appointed, Messrs. Mountier, Smith and Woolacott, to consider these and to recommend which suggestions were practical and how they could be put into effect.

Jumble Sale: Agreed to hold a Jumble Sale on Friday, 1st October.

Date of next Meeting: Monday, 14th June.

COFFEE MORNINGS.

In aid of Mentally Handicapped Children.

An outstanding feature of this morning held at the home of Mrs. Ruperti on the 22nd April was a painting of Amersham by the late Fred. Stubbings. It was open to offer over £1, and eventually realised £3.50.

The morning raised about £29, - a praiseworthy effort in support of the appeal to raise funds to buy a hydro-therapy pool to help these unfortunate children.

In aid of Social Welfare.

This was a more ambitious morning because it had three charities in mind, viz:-

The Amersham & District Council for Social Work.
Christian Aid
The Mission to Seamen.

although the last number of the Newsletter only referred to one of them.

It was a glorious day, Lansdown was showing what it will look like in a few months' time, and the results were as follows:

Entrance	£7.06
Competition	1.15
Raffle	10.07
Bring & Buy	14.60
Cakes	17.06
Donations	<u>5.23</u>

£55.17

Divided between the three charities concerned.

MR. AND MRS. G.P.E. HOWARD

A long association with the Village - over 40 years and beneficent for Coleshill - was severed on May 10th, when Mr. and Mrs. G.P.E. Howard left Grove Mill and departed for their new home, Long Park, Higher Batson, Salcombe, South Devon. They take with them the best wishes from those who knew them.

GROVE MILL.

In the Newsletter for November 1966, there was an article by the late Miss Howard about Grove Mill. The article mentioned that the old machinery was taken out and used in the war effort. There was no mention about the grindstones, and we are indebted to Mr. Giles Howard for the following information:

5 are outside the front door of Windmill House, now sadly covered with black asphalt.

1 is by the front door of Grove Mill

1 is outside the mill door.

PIONEERS OF HYMN WRITING. (contributed)

Isaac Watts.

A statue in one of Southampton's public gardens commemorates one of our pioneers of hymn writing, Isaac Watts (1674-1748).

He complained one day to a friend about the poor quality of the hymns sung in Sunday School and Church. His friend challenged him to write better ones. For the next two years he wrote a new one every week. His hymns mark the change from Psalm to hymn singing in nonconformist churches.

There are two main themes: the greatness of God the Creator (I sing the almighty power of God Eternal whose high abode becomes the grandeur of a God) and the love of God in the redemption of mankind through Jesus Christ (When I survey the wondrous Cross).

His fame was widespread and marked by a monument in Westminster Abbey.

Francis Ridley Havergal

"Pray to God to prepare you for what He is preparing for you". These words of her mother, who died when Francis Ridley Havergal was eleven proved one of the two pregnant influences in her short life (1836-1879).

The other was a remark of a school friend who "begged to go to Jesus and tell him I wanted to love Him and could not and that he would teach me to". This led on to a total commitment of her life to God in 1851, an experience reflected in such hymns as "In full and glad surrender" and "Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee".

She describes how her hymns came to be written - "I believe my King suggests a thought and whispers a musical line or two and then I look up and thank Him delightedly and go on with it". This experience is also reflected in hymns like "Lord speak to me that I may speak" and "Master speak, thy servant heareth". A friend recalls her sweet voice ringing through the room (she was very musical) and her bright eyes dancing with joy. On her death bed she exclaimed "Oh how splendid to be so near the gates of Heaven".

CHURCH ACCOUNTS.

In the account of the A.G.M. of All Saints' Church on the 25th February in the last Newsletter, a summary of the accounts showed an item of £137 towards the A.C.F. against £592 in 1969. The actual figure was £137 in 1970 against the item of £336 in 1969, (The figure taken by mistake was the sum total of fixed quota £256 and A.C.F. £336, i.e. £592).

We are indebted to Mr. R.G. Stubbings for having pointed this out.

COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB.

The Club had a very successful season in 1970 finishing in joint first place in Division III of the High Wycombe league, and after a series of play off games achieved promotion to Division II for this season. The match against the President's XI is fixed for Sunday, 18th July.

THE NEWSLETTER

Owing to problems in connection with production, it is difficult for the Newsletter to be issued each month as previously. For the time being, until things get running again, it is proposed to issue a number when sufficient copy is available. A plan would be to publish a number in time for Christmas, Easter, Whitsun and the Patronal Festival, with extra copies in between. A notice will be placed in the Church porch giving the approximate date of the next issue with the last date for receiving copy.

Readers are asked to hand notices which they require inserting to either of the pro-churchwardens by the dates specified.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Wed.	May 26	Residents' Association AGM Parish Room 8.15 p.m.
Sun.	" 30	WHIT SUNDAY
Thurs.	June 3	Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
Sat.	" 5	Gift Day for Restoration Fund of Parish Church of St. Mary's The Rector will be at the Church to receive gifts 9 am - 9 pm.
Thurs.	" 10	W.I. The Samaritans
Sat.	" 12	CHURCH FETE - 2.30 p.m. Little Bowers. Cello Recital Parish Church of St. Mary's, 7.30 p.m.
Mon.	" 14	Village Hall Committee - 8.15 p.m.
Thurs.	" 17	Mobile Library Van, Coleshill.
Sat.	July 10	Barbecue Quarrenden Farm - Parish Church of St. Mary's.

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, AMERSHAM.

Rector: The Revd. A. Campbell, M.A. (Cantab), Beaumont, Hervines Road,
Amersham (tel. 7135) or St. Mary's Parish Office, Church Street,
(tel. 4712).

Sunday Services:	3.00 a.m.	HOLY COMMUNION
	10.00 a.m.	Children's Service
	11.00 a.m.	3rd & 5th Sundays; HOLI COMMUNION (New Service)
		2nd & 4th Sundays: Mattins
	6.00 p.m.	Sung Evensong.
N.B.	1st Sunday;	One morning Service only at 10.00 a.m.
Every Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	HOLY COMMUNION

For an experimental period of six months starting on the 3rd January 1971 there will be one service only on the morning of the first Sunday in each month. This service will be a Holy Communion Service for families worshipping together, i.e. father, mother and children. It is hoped that parents will bring children up to the Altar Rail with them.

ALL SAINTS', COLESHILL.

Sunday Services	9.00 a.m.	HOLY COMMUNION
	10.15 a.m.	Sunday School.

St. Andrews' Mission Church, Winchmore Hill.

There is a celebration of Holy Communion on the second Sunday of each month at 10.30 a.m.

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