

ALL SAINTS' VILLAGE NEWSLETTER No. 65.

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PASTORAL LETTER

The Parsonage,
Coleshill.

My Dear Friends,

My wife and I should like to thank all of you who have given us such a warm welcome in the village. If every stranger were given such a welcome, whether in a village or a town, I am sure that many of the world's troubles would be eased, and God's Kingdom would be much closer. We are proud that you gave us this warm welcome.

Being given a welcome is a sure sign of real friendship. One of the Church's chief duties is to welcome new members into the Family. This means so much more than just the Curate shaking hands at the door of the Church. It means conveying friendship at the home, visiting when in hospital, consoling during bereavement, and sharing joy.

"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one towards another". (Romans 12:15)

* wishing you all a very Happy Christmas,

Your sincere friend and Curate

Richard Love.

CHRISTMAS 1971

Friday	December 24	Christmas Eve	St. Mary's	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass
Saturday	" 25	Christmas Day	St. Mary's	8.00 am	Holy Communion
			"	11.00 am	Carols
			All Saints	9.00 am	Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS CARD

A Christmas card has been produced for St. Mary's and is on sale at 10p a copy, the proceeds to go to St. Mary's Restoration Fund to relay the brasses in the north transept. Subscribers should place their orders on a sheet displayed in the church porch.

The card shows the brass of John Drake, 1623, which is in the Drake Chapel of the Parish Church of St. Mary's and is most attractive.

MARRIAGES

July 31st At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Littlehampton,
Martyn Hugh Dryden and Barbara Anne Lawford.
Martyn Dryden was a choirboy at All Saints for 10 years
and a regular server for 5 years. He is a B.Sc. Canterbury,
and now teaches physics.

Oct. 2nd Able Seaman Robert Dickinson and Marilyn Barbara Joan Jerram.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING AND PATRONAL FESTIVAL

There were large congregations at the morning and evening services at All Saints' on Sunday the 31st October when Harvest Thanksgiving and the Patronal Festival were kept.

At the 9 o'clock service, thanks were given to God for the Harvest. Harvest Festival in a village has perhaps more significance than it does in a town. It was certainly a happy occasion. Children, who were invited to attend, brought their gifts which were received at the Altar. Traditional hymns were sung. From the Chancel, the Reverend Richard Love suggested ways in which we could benefit from keeping both Harvest Festival and the festival of All Saints.

At 6 o'clock, our Patronal Festival was celebrated, although All Saints' Day itself fell on the following day.

Some parishioners from our mother Church of St. Mary's came and were made very welcome. The choir was augmented for the occasion, though we are sure it will continue, and they reverted to the much loved custom of walking up the aisle in procession, singing that most beautiful of hymns "Now thank we all our God".

During the service, the Rector, the Reverend Allan Campbell, explained from the Chancel how the occasion was being used to dedicate the beautiful and useful wrought iron flower stands which had been purchased out of the fund raised in memory of their late Churchwarden, Cyril Saunders. What Cyril had done for All Saints was beyond all praise. He was loved by all parishioners and the Rector paid the highest tribute to his dedicated service.

The sermon was preached by Mr. Love who took for his text Hebrews Chapter 12 Verse 1. He showed how the saints encourage us in our journey through life.

The service was concluded fittingly with the glorious hymn "For all the Saints, who from their labours rest".

After the service there was a reception in the Village Hall. Refreshments were kindly provided by the ladies,

PRESENTATION TO THE REVEREND P.A.S. HARRINGTON.

After morning service on Sunday, the 26th September, Mr. N.F. Nicholls pro-churchwarden asked those attending to remain behind because he wanted the opportunity to express, on behalf of all church people, in Coleshill, their very sincere thanks to the Reverend P.A.S. Harrington for all he had done over the past fifteen months for All Saints' and for his interesting and thought provoking sermons.

There had been no time to approach everybody about a farewell gift but the suggestion had been made to a limited number of people who might be interested. The result was spontaneous and on their behalf Mr. Nicholls presented Mr. Harrington with a parcel of bulbs for his garden, which he had chosen, and a cheque which was unexpected, in sincere appreciation of all that Mr. Harrington had done for All Saints'.

INTERVIEW WITH THE REVEREND AND MRS. RICHARD LOVE.

Ladies first. -

Mrs. Love said that she was very pleased to be living in the Parsonage. She and her husband had spent several days there getting the house ready before they moved. She was very grateful to find that members of the Kneeler Group had done some tidying up and had also washed the paint work, as well as leaving a parcel of groceries. Other parishioners had made a brave attempt to turn the garden into something less like a wilderness.

Although Scottish, she has spent most of her life in Southend-on-Sea. She went to Whitelands Teacher Training College in Putney, and later spent several years teaching in South London, until the birth of her son Dickon. Dickon is now 19 months old.

Mrs. Love's main interest is singing. She has had the opportunity of singing on Radio and Television. She used to be a member of both the choir of St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, and the New Philharmonia Choir. She is also a keen dressmaker and needle-woman.

Mr. Richard Love is not new to Buckinghamshire. He was born in Burnham, and went to school in Slough. Later, he attended King's School, Rochester. He wanted to see the world before starting university, so through Voluntary Service Overseas, he spent a year teaching in Sarawak. Mr. Love feels that by spending a year with the Chinese, Malay and Dayak people in the humidity of tropical rain forests, his outlook on missionary work has widened.

On his return, he read Theology at King's College, London, where he received an A.K.C. He was ordained in Southwark Cathedral on Trinity Sunday 1968.

At school, Mr. Love was interested in fencing and shooting. As a Queen's Scout, he is a keen camper, and as he enjoys gardening, he intends to put the Parsonage garden back into shape.

Mr. Love said that he would enjoy serving on the Village Hall Committee, and with regard to the News Letter, he was looking forward to working with the present editor.

CELEBRATION.

Mrs. Harris is so well known in the Village for all the hard work she puts into the Church, and the Village Hall celebrated her 50th year as a member of the Mothers' Union last September. The occasion was celebrated with a special tea and a special cake.

CONGRATULATIONS.

To the following for their successes in the Summer Examinations of the Associated Board of Royal Schools of Music, Grade I Violins
Clare Creber Julia Davis Eileen Davis.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S

From time to time it is proposed to publish short paragraphs about items of particular interest in the locality and price of place Goes to our Parish Church of St. Mary's Amersham, which dates from the beginning of the 12th century (Early English). The main features are described in a folder "A quiet look round the Church" on sale at the Church, price 5p., proceeds towards the Restoration Fund.

A short time ago, the chancel screen was removed and the effect was almost magical. Now upon entering the Church, one's eyes are directed to the glorious East window with its 17th century Dutch stained glass representing the Twelve Apostles and the Chancel roof all shown up by the Chancel walls which have been whitened.

From "A quiet look round the Church" we try to keep this lovely old Church in good repair and as beautiful as possible. There is much to be done when we can afford it. Please say a prayer for us and our Church before you leave.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT COLESHILL.

From the Buckinghamshire Advertiser 28.10.71

"A former home for old people at Coleshill may be demolished and the site redeveloped as a council housing site for the London Borough of Hillingdon.

Hillingdon Council has been holding lengthy discussions on the subject recently. The Council's Social Service Committee wants to sell the Rushmead site and build a new home within the borough with the proceeds.

But the borough's top officials are to look again at the site with a view to its possible development as a housing project for people on the Council's waiting list who may wish to live at Amersham. A further announcement from the Hillingdon Council is expected at a later date.

Mr. A.T. Rawlinson, clerk to Amersham Rural Council, said this week that he had no notification about the Rushmead site. If the Hillingdon Council decide to redevelop the site, they would have to seek planning permission from the R.D.C."

ANTI-LITTER

Extracts from the Chiltern News (Newsletter of the Chiltern Society)

"We are failing... Our anti-litter organisation has disappeared.... The litter plague is clear for all to see.

This is what the Chiltern Society aims at throughout the Chilterns. We want to appoint a number of organising litter wardens throughout our area. Each warden will be responsible for locating black spots in his/her area, directing the labour to clear them and arranging for collection of the dumps by the local authority without exception enthusiastic in the cause. Labour we can recruit from the Boy Scouts and other bodies and from the local schools. Parish Councils are most helpful and active and once the ball starts rolling other citizens come out from behind their hedges and join in. Much of this recruitment can be initiated centrally and you can be sure you will have the strongest possible backing from the Executive Committee and Council....

So please come forward wherever and whoever you. Write or phone Dr. Gwen Grant, Whitethorns, Denham Lane, Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks, Chalfont St. Giles 3612. We will tell you what to do. All we want are the bodies to do it".

THE CLOCK AND THE DUPLICATOR

Two items, amongst others, of general interest at the Church Committee on the 2nd November were the church clock and the duplicator.

With regard to the church clock, which has stopped for some time, investigation has shewn that the bell rope had broken and had entangled itself with the works of the clock. It would be necessary to put up scaffolding to remedy things and this was in hand.

With regard to the duplicator, it was recalled that this was purchased about two years ago from donations put up by readers for the purpose. The duplicator was housed in the Personage and apart from minor faults it worked moderately efficiently when last used in the summer of 1970. A major fracture has been found in the frame and it will cost £60 to recondition it.

IT IS HOPED THAT MANY OF YOU WILL BE PREPARED TO HELP FINANCIALLY WITH THIS IN VIEW, AND WE ASK YOU TO SEND DONATIONS TO MR. R.G. STUBBINGS SPRINGFIELD, TOWER ROAD, COLESHILL, MARKED "FOR THE DUPLICATOR".

JUMBLE SALE - VILLAGE HALL.

An amount of some £63, a record, was realised at the Jumble Sale on September 4th in aid of the Village Hall and the Committee extends thanks to the willing workers who were noticeably tired at the end of three days of preparation, salesmanship and clearing up.

The outside of the walls and the gutters, are being repaired and painted and an alternative form of lighting, installed to comply with recent regulations re fire precautions.

The Committee are giving their earnest consideration to some form of heating to replace the existing form of gas heaters which are obsolete and inefficient.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR TIED BABIES AT MAGILA HOSPITAL

Miss Williams writes as follows:

"We are hoping to be able to send once more a small Christmas gift to be used for the motherless children at Magila. Last year our gift helped to provide for a Christmas party and for small presents for the children.

If any one would care to take part in this I shall be very glad to have a few pence to add to the fund".

* SURGERY *
* Mr. Love will be in Church each Saturday morning from *
* 10 a.m. to 12 noon for interviews and any personal or *
* parish problems. *

ALLOTMENTS IN COL3SHILL.

For several years, only a few of the allotments in Coleshill have been cultivated and the time has come to consider whether it is worthwhile to continue with the present allotment scheme.

The expenses in keeping the allotments in being are very much in excess of the annual income as at present only two are being cultivated, a third is being maintained in order to keep the weeds down.

There are, however, a further 8 allotments available for letting at 18 p. each per annum. Would anyone wishing to rent an allotment please get in touch with Mr. S. Ware at Littlelands, Coleshill.

The Parish Council would also like to hear from any resident of Coleshill who has strong views on the subject of allotments in the village in order to be able to decide whether or not it is desirable to keep them in being.

S.C.W.

ROYAL SOUTH BUCKS AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

The following local awards have been announced:

- Best Cultivated Farm King George V Cup.
1st - R.J. Higgs, Quarrendon Farm, Amersham.
- Best Managed Ley 3rd - R.J. Higgs, Quarrendon Farm, Amersham
- Best 4 acres of 1 year
ley 1st - 3.O. Swerling, Brentford Grange Farm, Coleshill.

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 + The W.I. Christmas Bazaar will be held in the Village +
 + Hall on Saturday, 27th November, and the prices of +
 + admission will be 3 p. for adults and 2 p. for others +
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Thurs. Nov. 11 W.I. Annual General Meeting
 - " " 18 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
Mothers' Union, Coleshill
 - Sat. " 27 W.I. Christmas Bazaar
St. Mary's - Christmas Fayre, 2.30 p.m.
 - Sun. " 28 Advent Sunday
 - Mon. " 29 St. Andrews Day
 - Thurs. Dec. 2 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill.
 - Fri. " 3 Whist Drive, Village Hall. 7..45 pm
 - Thurs. " 9 W.I. Christmas Party
 - Fri. " 10 Entertainment at Village Hall provided by pupils of
Coleshill School and a performance by the W.I. Drama
Group, Entrance 10 p. - Lucky programme.
 - Tues. " 14 Nativity Play by pupils of Coleshill School, All Saints 7 p.m.
 - Thurs. " 16 Mobile Library Van, Coleshill.
Carol Service St. Mary's, 2.15 p.m.
 - Wed. " 22 Carol Service round the War Memorial, Amersham.
- Rotary Club, 7,30 p.m.
 - Fri. " 24 CHRISTMAS EVE, St. Mary's, Midnight Mass 11.30 p.m.
 - Sat. " 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
- 1222
- Feb. 2 All Saints Committee 8.00 p.m.
Annual General Meeting 8.30 p.m.

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, AMERSHAM.

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

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| Sunday Services | 8.00 a.m. | HOLY COMMUNION |
| | 10.00 a.m. | Children's Service |
| | 10.00 a.m. | 1st Sunday - Family Service
HOLY COMMUNION |
| | 11.00 a.m. | 3rd & 5th Sundays:
HOLY COMMUNION (New Service) |
| | | 2nd & 4th Sundays: Mattins |
| | 6.00 p.m. | Sung Evensong |
| N.B. | 1st Sunday: | One morning Service only
10.00 a.m. |
| Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve | 11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass |
| Dec. 25 | Christmas day | 3.00 a.m. Holy Communion |
| | | 11.00 a.m. Carols |

ALL SAINTS', COLESHILL.

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| Sunday Services | 9.00 a.m. | HOLY COMMUNION |
| | 10.15 a.m. | Sunday School. |
| CHRISTMAS DAY | 9.00 a.m. | HOLY COMMUNION |

St. Andrews' Mission Church, Winchmore Hill.

There is a celebration of Holy Communion on November 23th (eve of St. Andrew's Day) and on the second Sunday of each month at 10.30 a.m.

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