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Good and Evil

I spoke recently at Evensong about the whole of life here being a constant battle between good and evil. Of course, looked at from the point of view of eternity, the battle has been finally and decisively won by our Lord's triumph at Calvary and Easter. Why then is life still a battle? Simply because we human beings have the power and privilege of free choice. Every day, every moment of every day, we can choose to appropriate Christ's victory to ourselves, make it true in our own lives. Whether we do or not is our own choice and our waiving, conscious lives are the battleground on which the many many choices of this sort are made. Some will be made for good and some for evil, but over a period of time a pattern will be discernible either upward or downward.

Life and Death

The decisive Easter victory was won by dying and rising again. Baptism, the act of becoming a Christian, is similarly a dying and resurrection - death to the old unchristian self and a new life incorporated in Christ. Small wonder that in earlier Christian times baptism was normally administered only at Easter and to a lesser extent at Whitsun.

The Easter Vigil

The most important and moving ceremonies of Easter and the christian year are the vigil rites of Easter night. I'm afraid that it would be impractical and premature to have them yet at Coleshill (although I've discovered a large paschal candle labelled "196V in the church sacristy!"), but I invite you to come with me to this two-hour service at Nashdom, our local Church of England Abbey.

I should very much appreciate your help in decorating the church for Easter on Holy Saturday afternoon.

Discussion Groups

These have flourished at Coleshill during Lent, although it has been found that Winchmore Hill isn't yet ready for them. I've been strongly persuaded to have regular study groups. Perhaps the best thing is for the discussion groups at All Saints' to evolve into the desired study group during this Easter season. I'll announce particulars in church.

GSS

The Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary is a sort of holy trades union for altar servers of the Church of England. They band together in local chapters and like to visit all the churches they can in their area from time to time and sing their guild office. Our local (Aylesbury) chapter

of St. Osyth have asked me if they might come to Coleshill and I was delighted to agree. They will hold their service at 3.30 on Saturday 26 April, followed by an address, and then our Mothers' Union have kindly agreed to provide tea in the village hall. Those who aren't members of the Guild are very welcome to come, but don't come if their sort of service with its adjuncts definitely puts you off. You've been warned, so don't you dare complain.

MR LOVELOCK-JONES

Mrs Lovelock-Jones of Beamond 2nd has kindly given most of her husband's theological books to the church - part to be sent overseas for 'Feed-the-Minds', and part for All Saints' to start a church library. We are very grateful to Mrs Lovelock-Jones for this generous gift, and we remember with gratitude too the service Mr Lovelock-Jones gave to God in our own and other Anglican churches in our neighbourhood. The church library will be something tangible to remember him by, and we hope it will appear at the back of the church during Eastertide.

THE NEWSLETTER

For some months Mr Ovington has suggested first to my predecessor and now to me that we take over the editorship of this newsletter. Both of us have fought a rearguard action, but the time has come when, quite understandably, Mr Ovington refuses to be put off any more. But it ought to be said that the fact that we have a newsletter at all is largely due to Mr Ovington himself who has superintended it since it first appeared in the village in March 1966, 38 issues ago, and I want to say publicly how grateful we all are to him for keeping the flag of the newsletter flying and for working so hard on it during the last 3 years. And now I have to tell my tale - please provide all the material you can for the newsletter and let me have it at the Parsonage by the third week of the month of publication.

BRIDGE DRIVE

In spite of an important function at Beaconsfield on 7 March, ten-and-a-half tables were occupied at the bridge drive that evening at Coleshill, which proved to be extremely popular. As a result of the evening the village hall funds benefitted to the extent of some £21.

WEDDING AT COLESHILL

Mr Watson Wm Jas Boxall and Miss Angela Stanton, who used to live at Amber Cottages, were married at All Saints' on Saturday 15 March. The rain kept off and it was a really happy afternoon. The reception was held in the village hall and afterwards Mr & Mrs Boxall spent a week in Majorca. Their wedding brought many former Coleshillians back to their home ground including Mr Reggie Fox, now at Baldock.

THE CHURCH FETE AT LITTLE BOWERS ON 14 JUNE

We hope to make some good plans for the Fete again this year. If you have any ideas at all or can do anything whatsoever to help please come to the preliminary meeting at Orchard House on Thursday 10 April at 8 p.m.

NEW BIRTH

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs John and Christine Payne of 2 Kiln Cottages, Winchmore Hill on the birth of their second child, Sally Patricia, early on the morning of Thursday 6 March. We're glad to hear that both mother and baby are well.

MOTHERS' UNION - FUTURE DATES

24 April at Winchmore Hill: A.G.M.

13 May at Oxford: The Amersham Deanery Festival

19 June at Mrs Collier's (Orchard House, Winchmore Hill): Garden party and Bring-and-Buy Sale.

17 July at White's Hill, Beaconsfield Road: Mrs Hollingsworth, marriage-guidance counsellor.

18 September at Coleshill: Mrs Milroy

16 October at Winchmore Hill: Mrs Payne on church needlework

20 November at Coleshill: Mrs Cobb on Florence Nightingale.

N.B. All dates are Thursdays at 2.30 except 13 May which is a Tuesday.

CHURCH KNEELERS

On one of the very few fine spring mornings in Februray, a coffee morning was held at Waller's Oak to raise funds for the church kneelers. It was very well attended. The bring-and-buy stall, cake stall and raffles were well supported and the splendid total of £25.10s. was raised. Many thanks to all the kind supporters, and workers. The kneeler fund is now on a firm footing.

F.E.S. Boston.

LOCAL WORTHY LAID UP

Mr Douglas Pusey, our local milkman, had the misfortune to fall over a log in the middle of March and crack two ribs. Even this didn't stop him working (nothing would!) until the doctor told him a few days later to stay at home for three weeks and on no account to work. All this has happened in addition to the fall on the ice which he had at the beginning of this year, and which gave him much pain in his leg, but again on that occasion he carried on working undaunted. We miss seeing him about the village and the devoted service he gives to us, his devoted customers, and we hope that April will see him about again. In the meanwhile we're grateful for the way his family is carrying on with the work.

REPORT FROM MAGILA

Three parcels of cot blankets have been dispatched to Magila Hospital already this year. The first has arrived and is much appreciated. Unfortunately our workers once more will have to slow down as the large quantity of wool grown last year is nearly finished! Will knitters take the hint and let us have any more oddments they have accumulated?

Four books of "Green Shield" stamps (5120 stamps) have been collected but more are badly needed to meet the request from hospitals in the back-country for surgical instruments and other equipment which cannot otherwise be afforded.

No further news has been received of baby Grace, the occupant of the Coleshill cot, as a letter with details about her and the way the Coleshill Christmas gift was used has been lost in the post.

BOOK THESE DATES

Thursday, 21+ April

USPG. Annual Rally in the Albert Hall at 7.30p.m. to be presided over by the Archbishop of Canterbury; tickets may be had from the Parsonage at 3/- each.

Tuesday 6 May

A concert at the Albert Hall at 7.30p.m. in aid of Vellore Hospital and Medical School. Transport arranged from Amersham to and from the Hall.

Saturday 31 May

A quiet day conducted by the revd. Kenneth Symcox arranged for all friends of USPG and others interested in the work of the missionary society - to be held in St. Michael's, Amersham-on-the-Hill. Full details later.

THE 'CHURCH TIMES' TRAIN-A-PRIEST FUND

£4 was raised by a spontaneous extra collection after the 9 a.m. service on Mid-Lent Sunday last month, and it has been sent to help married men with children who understandably find life financially very hard while they train for the priesthood.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE ALERSHAM & DISTRICT MORAL-WELFARE ASSOCIATION
(Oxford Diocesan Council for Moral Welfare)

The revd R.M.V. Stapleton, Rector of Chenies and Little Chalfont, has been elected the new chairman of our local Moral-Welfare Association. He succeeds Fr. W.F.C. Clarke of St. Michael's, Beaconsfield, who has had to give up as he is retiring to Warminster in Wiltshire this year. The Association does manifold work for all those with social problems great and small who ask for its help, and we wish Fr. Stapleton God's guidance and every success as the new head of it. Fr. Clarke's retirement is not the only major change in our neighbouring parish of Beaconsfield: the Vicar, the revd C.R. Warner, has just gone to be Vicar of The Lee, Great Missenden. We hope that both priests will be very happy in their new surroundings.

THE VILLAGE HALL - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friends of the village hall, i.e. those who think it an advantage for the village to have an attractive and well-kept hall are asked to attend the Annual General Meeting in the hall on Tuesday 22 April at 8.15p.m.

Wine and Cheese Party

After careful consideration it has been decided to postpone this until the Autumn.

Villagers will be pleased to hear that the Village Hall is now licensed again for music and dancing.

COLESHILL VILLAGE SCHOOL

A very successful annual Whist Drive was held at Coleshill School on Wednesday 5 March and the following were the prize-winners:

Lady

Gentleman

1st Prize: Mrs D. Post

Mrs K. Ware

2nd Prize: Mrs H. Jamieson

Mrs F. Rixon

3rd Prize: Mrs Harris

Mr A. Wingrove

Raffle: First prize: Mrs E. Bethel

Second Prize: Mrs H. Dean

Mr R. Pusey was the M.C. for a very enjoyable evening which resulted in a profit of £20 for school funds.

L.W. Barker, Headmaster

SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WEEK

Palm Sunday (2nd in Passiontide) HC: 9a.m. Evensong: 6p.m.

Tuesday in Holy Week: HC: 10 a.m.

Wednesday in Holy Week: HC: 7.30p.m.

Maundy Thursday: HC: HC: 7.30p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY: 12 noon at Coleshill; 2 p.m. at Winchmore Hill

HOLY SATURDAY: Easter Vigil at Nashdom Abbey, near Burnham, at 11a.m.

EASTER DAY: HC: 10a.m. 11a.m. at Winchmore Hill. Evensong: 6 p.m.

EASTER TUESDAY: HC: 10 a.m.

EASTER WEDNESDAY: HC: 7.30p.m.

EASTER FRIDAY: HC: 12 noon.

LOW SUNDAY: HC: 9 a.m. 10.30a.m. at Winchmore Hill. Evensong: 6p.m.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

April 1 (Tues) Baptist Sisterhood - 2.45. Speaker: Mr H.S. Leith

2 (Wed) Coleshill School closes this afternoon

3 (Thurs) Maundy Thursday: HC: 7.30p.m.

4 (Pri) GOOD FRIDAY: Services at Coleshill at 12noon; Winchmore Hill at 2p.m.

6 (Sun) EASTER DAY

10 (Thurs) Travelling Library at Coleshill

W.I. at 2.30; a gardening talk from Mr A.E. Humber

• Meeting about the Church Fete at Orchard House at 8p.m.

15 (Tues) Baptist Sisterhood - 2.45; Bible Study (open meeting)

21 (Mon) 1st day of term at Coleshill School

22 (Tues) Village Hall - Annual General Meeting at 8.15p.m.

23 (Wed) ST. GEORGE'S DAY (patron saint of England) - HC: 7.30p.m.

24 (Thurs) Travelling Library at Coleshill

Mothers' Union at 2.30 at Winchmore Hill

25 (Fri) St. Mark the Evangelist - HC: 7.30p.m.

26 (Sat) GSS Office sung at All Saints' at 3.30p.m.

May 15 (Thurs) ASCENSION DAY

May 25 (Sun) WHITSUN

He that buys land buys many stones,

He that buys flesh buys many bones,

He that buys eggs buys many shells,

But he that buys good Ale buys nothing else.

('A Collection of English Proverbs', by John Ray, Cambridge 1678)

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, COLESHILL

Priest-in-Charge: The Revd. J.S.Nightingale, The Parsonage (tel.722)
Pro-Churchwarden & Secretary: N.N.Nicholls, Orchard House, (tel.1834)
Pro-Treasurer: G.T.Creber, Applecroft, Meadowcot Lane, (tel.3350)

Every Sunday: 9 a.n. HOLY COMMUNION

10 a.n. Sunday School

6 p.m. Evensong

Every Tuesday: 10 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

Every Wednesday: 7.30p.m. HOLY COMMUNION (this service also on
holy days)

Morning and Evening Prayer each day at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

For other Services, please see the weekly notices in the church porch.

ST. ANDREW'S MISSION CHURCH, WINCHMORE HILL

HOLY COMMUNION on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10.30 a.m.

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, AMERSHAM

Rector: The Revd. A.Campbell M.A.(Cantab), Beaumont, Hervines Road,
Amersham (1135) or St.Mary's Parish Office, Church Street,(1712)

Sunday Services: 8 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

10.a.m. Children's Service

11 a.n. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays:

HOLY COMMUNION (New Service)

2nd & 4th Sundays: Mattins

6 p.m. Sung Evensong

Every Wednesday: 10.00a.m. HOLY COMMUNION