

The Rectory
Church Street
Amersham

April 1990

EXPERIENCING RESURRECTION NOW

At the heart of the *Christian* faith is the life giving power of God. It is a power revealed most fully and clearly in Jesus himself, but it is most certainly not a power that is just given to him. The whole point of God's life in Christ is for us to share in Jesus' way, a way both of the cross and of the resurrection.

As God's power is not just reserved for Jesus, so neither is the resurrection. The desire of God is for all of us to experience the resurrection presence and power of Christ. This is not something that must wait until we die: it is to be experienced now. But how, and in what kind of situations?

If a person is feeling depressed or a sense of purposelessness in their life and then comes to discover the love that God has for them with an awareness of the closeness of Christ to their situation, then that will be an experience of the life-giving power of resurrection.

Or may be the situation is quite different: two people who have been very close to each other, perhaps a married couple, come to realize that in fact they have drifted apart. There have become areas in their relationship that just have not grown and so, in reality, have died. There has been an increasing number of issues that they have not talked about. They have slipped into patterns of relating that have stunted their growth. They suddenly find themselves facing up to the pain of this situation. In the hurt that they experience, they have firstly to acknowledge something of the "death" that has already taken place. Then they are able to acknowledge their responsibility for what has happened, forgive each other and begin again, maybe slowly and pain fully, but now with new hope and purposefulness; they have experienced the resurrection power of God.

Or in a much simpler situation, two people have an argument which develops so badly that they stop talking to each other. Their relationship is, effectively, dead. A word of forgiveness or apology is able to breathe back new life: resurrection.

This life-giving, resurrection force is felt in all its creativity in quite different ways as well. The composer sits staring at a blank sheet of paper, or maybe the person staring is the writer of this letter. Nothing. What is to go on the sheet? Out of that darkness and emptiness, an idea germinates and grows: new life has come.

Above all, God wants the limited nature of our lives and loves to become abundantly full with the whole of his life both here on earth and afterwards in heaven: that will be Resurrection.

Anthony Priddis

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Church Electoral Roll. As most of the church members will know, the electoral roll is being revised. The list has now been finalised, but if anyone who has not been approached would like to be on it, please contact: Ann Trotman - Amersham 433545.

Church Urban Fund. Thanks to the great generosity of many parishioners, All Saints' total contribution to the Church Urban Fund amounted to very nearly £6,000 - truly wonderful response. Nearly 300 projects are being supported by the Fund in deprived inner city areas across the country. Examples of typical projects are illustrated in a CUF handout of which there are a number of copies in church. Please do take one if you are interested. N.J.S.

Hymn Books. All the new hymn books have now been donated - many thanks to all who have taken part in this scheme. ..

Lent Discussion Group. John and Ann Chenevix-Trench have again invited the group to their home, where John has led the discussions.

The Church Clock. A firm, has been found which will restore to working order all three faces of the clock, and this started in the first week in April. While scaffolding is in place a check on the condition of the church roof will also be carried out.

Organ Renovation. This work will be starting on April 23rd, and carrying on during May for about six weeks. It is hoped that part of the organ will still be in commission during this time, but, in any case, there will be music at church services!

Coleshill Contact. A tea party was held at the home of Helen & Michael Spencer on January 30th, and enjoyed by all who attended. The next event is planned for Thursday, April 26th, at the home of Dumpy & Graham Swerling, Brentford Grange Farm.

Patsy Wright-Warren. Patsy is now at the Raphael Centre for T.B. eradication in Dehra Dun, India, run by the Sue Ryder/Cheshire Mission. She sends greetings, and a report on the following page to Colehill friends.

R.A.L.T.

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HOLY BAPTISM

On 4th February 1990, EILEEN JOYCE and MARC ALAN, children of Geoffrey & Christine Tuf of Manor Way, Colehill.

On 4th February 1990, NICOLA SARAH Brades of Slough

On 25th March 1990, CHRISTIAN JAMES, son of Hazel and Keith Glover of Manor Way, Colehill.

IN MEMORIAM

December 1989, Louisa Stefanovic of Meadowcroft Lane.

February 1990, Laura, Duchess of Marlborough

February 1990, Edith Saunders, of Cherry Garth, Holmer Green (late of Colehill)

April 2nd 1990, Ivy Appleby (nee Slade), late of Hill Meadow, Colehill.
Ashes interred All Saints' Churchyard.

A Letter from Raphael

After three weeks living at Raphael, I realise that in spite of five years corresponding with and working and, praying for the place, my understanding of it was woefully superficial. What I am now able to experience is the wonderfully cheery atmosphere and the love and dedication shown by staff and volunteers.

Raphael is set amongst Sal trees on a ridge above a dried out river bed in the Doon Valley, with the Garhwal Hills as a back-drop. Each time I go for a walk in the woods or fields I seem to see three or four birds new to me - mostly of brilliant colours.

I have already feasted in Shiv Sadan, the leper village, as they celebrated the festival of Shivaratri; joined in singing with the mentally handicapped people of all ages in Ava Vihar (My Bonny Lies Over the Ocean is a special favourite!); taught English songs to the girls - children of leprous parents or orphans - of the Little White House (those in Coleshill who have heard me play the recorder may be surprised that I was invited back!); played Scrabble with one of the spastics (in English - he won but conceded that I might get quite good with practice!); and been covered with paint powder by everyone as we celebrated Holi - a happy festival marking the end of winter and the coming of Spring.

But perhaps of most interest to Coleshill have been my visits with the T3 Eradication Mobile Team. We set off in a jeep in the morning - the doctor, the lab technician, the driver and the cook, - and visit two or three villages which act as centres to which patients may come from miles around on foot, by bus or by pony cart. The doctor sets up his 'clinic', consisting of a table, two chairs and a tin trunk full of drugs, on a convenient verge or open space - as it might be the school playground or by the pond in Coleshill - and anything up to 100 patients squat around in a semi-circle waiting their turn. It may take several hours in the hot sunshine, but they are amazingly patient and there is little attempt at queue jumping. Their general health is checked, they are given a month's supply of drugs and those who need it get extra rations of milk powder and meal which, as you know is the particular aspect to which our contribution from the All Saints' Harvest Charity is put.

At one village we set up our camp in front of the local post office. I had a look inside to see what it looked like. It was a bare room with just two empty bedsteads in it. Later when I glanced at the doorway, I was surprised to see a calf trotting out! I never did discover where the villagers bought their stamps!

Raphael is run by 70 year old General 'Bunny' Bakhshi with a splendid blend of army efficiency and compassion. He sends his greetings and thanks to all in Coleshill.

I hope that this gives you a flavour of the place and that when I return I shall be able to give you a better idea of Raphael and the magnificent and unique work that you have been so generously supporting over the last five years. Thanks to an anonymous donation of £100 that I brought out with me, one of the young girls, the first from here to go on a computer course, will from today be able to get there on a bicycle and thus be much more independent, and more will follow.

Many people here have expressed a great interest in the village I come from, and I am hoping next week to be able to show them the slides that Stephen Hitchen took at the last Harvest Charity activities.

My greetings and very best Easter wishes to all in Coleshill.

Patsy W-W

CHRISTIAN AID 1990

Christian Aid Week starts on 14th May, and a house to house collection will be made during the week. Children from Coleshill First School are illustrating the theme "The world our community" on Tuesday, 15th May, at 2.00 pm, followed by a video, talk by Mrs Barbara Sparkes, Traidcraft stall and tea. Everyone welcome.

On Thursday, 17th May, we are holding a novelty Dog Show on the Cricket field, by courtesy of the Cricket and Archery Clubs. The ground will be open at 6 pm to allow dog owners time to register their dogs for the various classes for a 6.30 start. There will be a raffle, barbecue and cake stall.

Programmes : 20p each - available from the Secretary, Am 433545, or from the Village Shop, We hope to top our previous maximum and raise £1,000 to celebrate 1990.

COLESHILL VILLAGE FETE - SATURDAY 9th JUNE

The Fete is being held at the Cricket Field, and the following people have kindly agreed to run stalls. - Your contributions to assist them will be greatly welcomed

TONIBOLA	Sharon Hall	Am 725231
BOOKS	Ann Trotman	433545
CAKES	Kay Plumbley	724299
GREENFINGERS	Jean Smith	725402
HOUSEHOLD	Jean Croyden	721209
	(to be confirmed on her return from Australia)	
SECONDHAND CLOTHING	Lindsey Eardley	433815
SWEETS	Rosemary Valentine	725794
TOYS	(Madeleine Murray	728561
	(Eleanor Stillwell	721610
PRESERVES	Gill Bungay	726234
BRAN TUB	Jean Fremantle	726441
BROWNIES	Ann Lake - "Pink & White Stall"	726852
RAFFLE	Helen Savory	724112
CATERING	Barbara Plumridge	433044

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MAGPIE CLUB - SPRING 1990

WEDNESDAY 11th APRIL 11.30 am RAMBLE - meet at Village Hall. Please bring picnic lunch. (Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult).
(Madeleine Murray 728561).

THURSDAY 19th APRIL 3 - 5pm EASTER PARTY in Village Hall. Please bring contribution of food for tea (drinks provided) and donation towards hall expenses. Age 7 and Under
(Eleanor Stillwell 721610)

WEDNESDAY 16th MAY 12.30 pm MOTHERS' LUNCH in Village Hall. Please bring contribution of food for lunch and money for wine and hall expenses)
(Rosemary Valentine 725794)

If there is anyone who would enjoy to help us, please phone one of the numbers above.

ALL SAINTS' MAGPIE CLUB. 5 - 6 pm in the Village School on FRIDAYS

HAY	4th and 18th
JUNE	15th
JULY	6th and 20th

Children aged 3 - 8 welcome.

R.V.

COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

We spent a very interesting day in High Wycombe in January studying different kinds of shops in the morning, and in the afternoon at the Urban Studies Centre, taking a traffic census.

We took part in the Litterblitz in March. Staff and children went to Jordans School on 23th March to take part in our Annual Music morning. We sang sea shanties and children were dressed as sailors.

Our Whist Drive will be held on Wednesday 4th April in aid of the School Fund.

We are particularly concerned about the speed of traffic through the village. Parents walking to and from school with prams and children report close encounters, and after school, when many adults and children are leaving the premises, there is great danger from speeding vehicles. PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY for everyone's safety.

Next term we shall be celebrating 140 years since the opening of the school, by studying the Victorian era. We should be very grateful for the loan of any photographs, documents or other articles relating to the school or the village, and for personal

reminiscences, even if second-hand. Please let Miss Dollemore know as soon as possible*

1st COLESHILL (ALL SAINTS') BROWNIE PACK

April 1990

numbers this term have remained at 11, even though we have had five new recruits, Holly and Katy Woodland who were enrolled on 26th February, Helen Oakden and Rachel Taylor who were enrolled on 2nd April and Victoria Proddow who will be enrolled next term. We have said goodbye to Gemma and Natalie who were transferred to another pack and to Suzy, Zoe and Sarah. We still have room for more girls.

Nicola, Suzy, Katy, Holly, Katie, Rebecca, Natalie, Rebecca and Gabrielle have worked hard and just gained their Safety in the Home Badge. Rebecca and Katie read Prayers at the District Thinking Day Service at St Mary's and were complimented on being the only ones who could be clearly heard all over the Church. Nearly all the Pack attended Church Parade at All Saints' last month where they enjoyed reading the lesson, read prayers and took the collection, again very competently.

They have been very busy making Thinking Day albums on America, Australia and Singapore, they made cards for Mother's Day, and a very large card to say Thankyou to Brown Owl who left us at half term, but came back to see us on the last day of term.

Since taking over the Pack, I have been encouraged by the enthusiasm of the Brownies and the support of the "Hums who are going to help me in the summer when I'm on my own. Thank you also to Snowy Owl who has been a great help. The Pack still needs another person to help me permanently, starting on September 17th, especially as, since agreeing to run the Pack, my husband has unexpectedly been posted to Zimbabwe for one year, which means that I will be joining him for some of the time. I shall be away for July (when Brown Owl will take the pack) and August but will be home to start the Brownies again in September. If anyone is interested in helping, please ring me on 726852, no qualifications needed, only enthusiasm, the girls are great and it's a very rewarding 1½ hours (plus a bit extra!!) I can really recommend the job.

Anne Lake

COLESHILL VILLAGE DRAMA GROUP

The Drama Group are having great fun rehearsing the hilarious comedy 'Outside Edge' by Richard Harris. Set in, and just outside a small cricket pavilion, it follows the frustrations of captain, Roger, desperately trying to assemble a team against the distractions of wife and girlfriend problems. Bob has trouble between wife and ex-wife; Alex's girl-friend has hysterics; Billy Dennis flirts indiscriminately while Kevin battles to keep out of the amorous depths of his wife's fur coat. Only Roger's stalwart wife, Miriam, remains completely in control - until someone mentions - Dorking!

Tickets, costing £3.00, will be available soon for the three performances on:
THURSDAY, 24th MAY; FRIDAY 25th and SATURDAY 26th.

COLESHILL V.I.

The last of the Institute's activities in 1989 was the usual Christmas lunch, unusual in that there was no formal meeting after it, just a pleasant time to mingle with friends, including those who came to represent other Institutes in the Chess Group. We were then entertained by Ivy Owen's dedicated ladies giving readings and songs. Tea and mince pies concluded a memorable afternoon.

One sad note among the festivities was the announcement of the death of Doris Coleman, who will be sadly missed.

The New Year heralded a new President, Rosemary Saunders and Secretary, Evelyn Clayton. Ann Trotman, the retiring President, sent a letter of thanks for a Speen Pottery bowl, a farewell present from the members, all of whom had enjoyed her three years in office.

The Christmas Bazaar was very successful. The Institute would like to thank everyone who supported it. Already donations have been made to the Mount Vernon Scam Appeal and the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

There is a "U.I. Driver of the Year" competition which Lindsey Haubner has entered. We all wish her good luck, and hope she will bring fame to Coleshill V.I. (Even if only for fifteen minutes!)

In March, as we were unable to meet in the Village Hall, Coleshill Cricket Club very kindly lent us their clubhouse for the afternoon. It was a lovely sunny day, and a pleasant change to be able to look out on our grassy surroundings from the comfort within.

The Group Meeting which Coleshill hosted in March was very enjoyable, with displays of Memorabilia presented by Coleshill, Amersham Common, Ley Hill, Little Chalfont and Chenies and Latimer V.I.s. The Tea, provided by Pat Embrow and Joy Hicks and their willing band of helpers was up to their usual 5 star standard.

There was a variety of subjects by our speakers, first of whom was Mr Glover, a Civil Engineer who gave a fascinating insight into the work involved in building the Channel Tunnel. Mrs Watson spoke about her trip to Katmandu, and Mr Lindsey recounted the work of the John Groom Foundation for the Disabled, and presented a film of how an accident victim who became paralysed, was housed by the Foundation in specially adapted accommodation, and was able to regain her independence.

Activities, past and to come, include play readings, a visit to Windsor Theatre, walks led by Ann Trotman, the weekly craft group meetings and a visit to a brewery. - this last as yet to be experienced.

More members are always welcome, and we look forward to meeting you.

J.P.

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our 1990 season starts at 7.45 on FRIDAY 27th APRIL in the village hall when the four main judges at our Annual Shows have kindly agreed to talk to us about successful exhibiting and to answer questions from the audience. Do come along, enjoy a glass of wine, find out the judges' secrets, and possibly win 2 free tickets to the Chelsea Flower Show.

A coach trip is planned for SUNDAY 17th JUNE to KEW GARDENS. A nearby alternative attraction is Kew Bridge pumping station which is steam driven every Sunday.

Annual Show date - 1st September this year.

J.S.

PARISH COUNCIL

We learned recently that our pond is one of the last two habitats in Britain of the Starfruit (Damasonium alisma). This quite insignificant looking plant has a very curious life-cycle: its seeds remain dormant in the mud at the bottom of ponds, and only germinate when the pond dries out and the mud is exposed. Then it can only flower and set seed when the pond is full again.

Consequently our efforts to keep the pond full last year were not helpful to Damasonium. They were undertaken to safeguard the mallard ducklings from predators; but mallard are not a threatened species, and Damasonium emphatically is. We are custodians of a great rarity, and pleas to refill the pond in future will fall on deaf ears - even if the Water Company allows it again, which is very unlikely. We must also be very careful about clearing weed growth.

COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB

The Cricket Season is creeping up on us once more. The weather has been kind to us the last few weekends and working parties have gathered and work has started in preparing the ground and pavilion for the new season. Although the work never really stops especially with a groundsmen like Vic Baldwin who not only puts in a lot of hard work throughout the summer but can very often be found at the ground working on the square or maintaining equipment through the winter months.

Unfortunately, we received some storm damage to the roof which brought down the ceilings in the bar and toilets. What a mess! Hopefully work will be completed this next week. Luckily we were still able to offer our hospitality to the Ladies of the V.I. for their March meeting.

Graham Pyle has stood down as Chairman this season after working extremely hard for the Club during his spell in the "Chair" and, as they say, behind every successful man there stands a good woman and this proved to be the case as Lynda certainly gave her all working long and hard for the club. Both are staying actively involved. A difficult act to follow. Tony Barber has been elected to take over as Chairman.

Stuart Watson who has been our Club Captain for quite a while is getting married in June so decided not to stand for re-election. Stuart will still carry on playing. Shaun Cremin has been elected as Club Captain. Good luck to Tony and Shaun.

This season we are looking forward to playing league cricket on Saturdays, Club Cricket on Sundays and we have once again entered the Norsk Hydro National Village Competition as well as the usual mid-week knock-out competitions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Vice Presidents for their continued support. It is very much appreciated.

Anyone wishing to join the Club as a player, vice president or social member contact me on Amersham 722143.

Kate Barber

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

The end of March marked the end of - an era of the Hall. After more than eight years Jean and Alar, Dover have retired from looking after the Hall and taking bookings for it. They really have been very conscientious and hard-working in resolving the varied problems that have occurred in the Hall's first eight years. They have kept it immaculately clean and ensured that all its complicated pieces of equipment have been maintained in good order. We are very grateful to them and we shall be thanking them formally at the AGM.

This is due to be held at 8.15 pm on THURSDAY 26th APRIL. All members of the Village are invited and will be most welcome. There will be a glass of wine at the end of the meeting.

The new Bookings Secretary is Mrs Chris Tuffney who lives at 2 Manor Way, very conveniently close to the Hall. Her telephone number is 728437 and we welcome her to her new job and wish every success. The cleaning and caretaking is being undertaken by Mrs Julie Grover who lives at 11 The Bit. Similarly we welcome her and wish her success. Her telephone number is 726374.

P.H.L.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

Wed	4th	Whist Drive, Coleshill School
Wed	11th	Maggie Club Ramble
Thurs	19th	Maggie Club Easter Party
Thurs	26th	Coleshill Village Hall A.G.M.
Fri	27th	Coleshill Horticultural Society Evening

MAY

Tues	15th	Coleshill First School - Christian Aid
Wed	16th	Maggie Club Mothers' Lunch
Thurs	17th	Christian Aid Novelty Dog Show
Thurs/Fri/Sat	24th/25th/26th	Coleshill Drama Group Presentation

JUNE

Sat	9th	COLESHILL VILLAGE FETE
Sun	17th	Visit to Kew Gardens - C.H.S.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Do try and make use of your Mobile Library. It carries a most comprehensive selection and they will endeavour to obtain books for you if requested.

This calls every other THURSDAY, stopping at: The Church 3.45 - 4.00 pm
Hill Meadow 4.00 - 4.15 pm

Next visits: APRIL 19th; MAY 3rd, 17th & 31st; JUNE 14th & 28th

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

The Reverend Anthony M. Priddis, The Rectory, Church Street, Amersham, Bucks
Tel: Amersham 729380

The Reverend John Baker, 31 Piggoetts End, Amersham, Bucks.
Tel: Amersham 726089

St Mary's Church, Amersham

Sunday Services	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.15 am	Family Communion (with Creche, Sunday School and Young People's Church)
	11.30 am	Vatins (with Holy Communion 1st Sunday in month)
	6.00 pm	Evensong
2nd Wednesday of each month	10.00 am	Holy Communion

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, COLESHILL

Sunday Services: 9:00 am Parish Communion
6:00 pm Evensong (1st Sunday in month only)
Family Service: 9:00 am 2nd Sunday in month

EASTER SERVICES:

GOOD FRIDAY	11.00	an	Mattins and Litany
EASTER DAY	9.00	am	Parish Communion

		Tel
Pro-Wardens	- J. Chenevix-Trench, Windmill Farm, Coleshill	725439
	- Mrs D. Swerling, Brentford Grange Farm	726414
Hon. Treasurer	- D.C. Urry, Ardlair, Coleshill	727420
Hon. Secretary	- Miss A. Trotman, Lawyers Cottage, Nagpie Lane	433545

Brownies - Monday Evenings 5.30 - 7.00 pm Village Hall

Guides - Monday Evenings 7.00 - 8.15 pm Village Hall

W.I. - 2nd Thursday of each month (except August) 2.30 pm Village Hall