

The Rectory
Church Street
Amersham

December 1989

HONOURING THE HEART OF LOVE

The greatest truth about the birth of Jesus at Christmas is that the One who is the source of everything that exists, the One whom we call God, was prepared to identify so totally with our situation that he took our human form. In fact, he was not just prepared to do this, he longed to do this, reaching out for us from the depths of his amazing love.

It is precisely because God has acted in this way in becoming human, that all human beings can, as a result, live with a new hope to be more like God. This hope is totally realistic and not just a mirage for sunny days since Jesus stayed with our human situation through all manner of costly and painful experiences. He did not just show us how to live out God's love in easy comfortable times, but in difficult and tragic ones.

This dimension of the tragic was not present only at the end of Jesus' life, but also at the beginning. We are very ready to sentimentalise the stable in which he was born or the manger in which he was laid, but their rough, uncompromising reality must have seemed very harsh to his mother when compared to his tender, infant skin. When compared to his divine origin, the contrast is staggering.

Yet the identification with the "marginalised" of society was not just in the circumstances of his birth. Within a very short time, he was a homeless refugee being carried to a foreign country. Perhaps that experience is one of the most telling for us this year when we are becoming increasingly aware of the rising number of homeless people in our own country, to say nothing of the homeless and refugees in other lands, especially the boat people in Hong Kong. Even if the numbers were not rising, the horror of even some people having to be in cardboard boxes on the pavement is one we should not be prepared to tolerate. The fact that more and more young people are finding themselves in this situation must surely grieve us and certainly grieve the heart of love of the One whose birth we celebrate.

If our celebration is of God entering human pain as well as human joy and showing that it can be redeemed by his love, then the way of celebration must reflect what God was doing, otherwise the celebrations will give him no honour. The work to alleviate the very pains he himself experienced and so many others now share is part of our honouring his royal birth.

And so to a more happy Christmas.

Anthony Priddis

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Harvest Thanksgiving. Gardeners and flower arrangers once again worked their magic in decorating the church so that it was truly beautiful and a worthy setting, in which to give thanks for the bounty of our land.

All Saints' Harvest Charity. - In its fifth year, thanks to the generosity of so many villa; ers, we were able to send £1,090 to Raphael - a really splendid outcome; as a result of which we have decided to support it for at least one more year. I have been asked by the Ryder/Cheshire Mission to pass on "heartfelt gratitude for a magnificent gift". When I go to Raphael next year, I shall be able to see at first hand how our money is being spent.

Church Urban Fund. All Saints has raised £3,273 through donations, sponsored walk and a coffee morning. This is well in excess of our target. The money is already being used to help people in need and to start new schemes for them in the most deprived areas of the inner cities.

All Saints' Festival. We celebrated our Patronal Festival with a guest service in the morning, but, disappointingly, few people took up their invitations. At Evensong we were joined by the congregation from St Mary's and enjoyed being able to worship with them and meet for a cup of coffee afterwards.

P.W-M.

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HOLY MATRIMONY

On 10th September 1989 Robert Weal Thompson of Amersham married Amanda Jane Newton, also of Amersham.

IN MEMORIAM

July 1989, Alice Louise Morris of Hill Meadow, Coleshill.

August 1989, Simone Louise Hernandez of Little Bowers, Coleshill.

November 1989, Doris Victoria Coleman of Barracks Hill, Coleshill.

COLESHILL C. of E. FIRST SCHOOL

We held a very successful Sports Afternoon with Jordans School on their Village Green on July 13th. Our own Sports, fete and barbecue on the morning of July 15th was held in blazing sunshine and realized £380 profit for the Parents and Friends Group "funds".

The end of term Service was held in Church on July 21st, conducted by the Rev A. Priddis. Bibles were presented to the leavers, scripture prize to Philip Bond, Pat Panten trophy and books to Sarah Beane and Luisa Ferrer.

Staff, children and friends spent an enjoyable morning at Watford Theatre seeing 'The Nutcracker and the House-King'.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend any or all of the following events:

Bazaar	9th December	10.30 am
Concert	13th December	7.00 pm
End. of term Service in Church	20th December	11.00 am

HARVEST SUPPER

The Harvest Supper was, held in the Village Hall on Friday, 8th October. After a glass of sherry in the bar, presided over by Walter Clayton, a full house of 132 was gently but firmly persuaded by Nick Sadler, the M.C., to assemble in the dining hall. We then enjoyed a delicious supper of soup, quiche and vegetables prepared and served by Dumpy Swerling and her valiant helpers, followed by the usual galaxy of puddings and desserts made and given by ladies in the village. With wine included, i. t. is no wonder that tickets for the evening at £3 had to be taken up quickly.

The Choir, under Ruth Murphy, then entertained us delightfully with a selection of songs - an indication of the musical talent now existing in the village.

With virtually everyone knowing each other, this village party could hardly fail to be highly enjoyable and our grateful thanks go to all involved in the arrangements - particularly the cooks!!

D.C.U.

POPPY DAY

Our collection for the British Legion Poppy Appeal amounted to the splendid total of £306.14, an increase of £24.66 on last year. Many thanks to the collectors and all who gave so generously.

A.G.U.

MACPIE CLUB

Christmas holidays

Thursday, 21st December. 1.15 pm. Meet in All Saints' church to set up our small Nativity Scene. 1.30 pm. Leave church for carol singing around the village! Please bring 4 mince pies in a small plastic bag, as a gift. (Rosemary Valentine) (Am 725794)

Thursday, 28th December. 3 - 5 pm. Christmas party in the Village Hall. All children welcome. Please bring small donation towards hire of village hall, and a contribution of food for tea. Drinks will be provided.

(Madeleine Murray - Am 728561 & Jean Dover - Am 724831)

ALL SAINTS' MACPIE CLUB

The response and enthusiasm in our first term has been wonderful. This group is open to all children between the age of 3 and 11 years. We meet on Friday evenings between 5 & 6 pm in the Village School. Parents also welcome. Our dates for next term will be:

JANUARY 19th; FEBRUARY 2nd & 16th; MARCH 2nd, 16th & 30th.

Rosemary Valentine (Am 725794)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CRECHE

There is a Sunday School Creche during the 9 am service every 4th Sunday in the month. All pre-school age children welcome.

"VILLAGE VOICE" - BUCKS ADVERTISER

I have just agreed to be the "Village Voice" for Colehill in the new-style Bucks Advertiser which is to become more centralised around Amersham. I will have to produce a weekly column of what's going on in Colehill and will be grateful for any suitable items such as Golden Weddings; church, school and society activities; plans for the village etc. It will be a good opportunity to advertise forthcoming village activities for no cost so please let me have all relevant details by Fridays for publication on the following Wednesday. (The first; person to call me 'Scoop' gets a thick ear!!)

Lindsey Haubner, The Lodge, Rushmead, Colehill. (Am 722589)

COLESHILL VILLAGE DRAM GROUP

The Drama Group are delighted with the way their new production is coming along. Once again Teddy Joseph, newly elected as our chairman, is producing and directing. "Quatermaine's Terms" by Simon Gray is set in the staff room of a language college and the story follows the lives of the tutors as the various school terms pass. The performances will be on JANUARY 25th, 26th and 27th, and the tickets, available from the beginning of January, will be £2.50 on the Thursday, and £3.00 on Friday and Saturday. You can get tickets from me or the village shop, or order them through me to be left at the door in your name. There will be a bar and this time Mike and Tina from the shop will be running a sweet 'n' snack stall in the 'Foyer'!!

Lindsey Haubner (Am 722589)

1st COLESHILL GUIDES

We have been back as Guides for our winter term since September, and activities to date have been planning badges to take, taking part in our Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Guiding for the East Amersham District and planning our Christmas show which we are putting on for everyone in Colehill on SUNDAY, 3rd DECEMBER.

Some of the Guides have achieved their badges - Annabel Eardley and Katherine Sadler have at long last managed to take and pass their Childcare badge, the delay being due to our inability (until Mrs Poole helped out) to find a tester - not to their inability to pass the test! We have two new Guides, Sarah McNeilly and Rosalind Poole and they will be enrolled the Monday after our Show.

We raised £30 at our Annual General meeting through a combination of doing face painting for the guests and designing faces with flour, curry powder and other ingredients.

Our Christmas Show is entitled "The Best Years of Your Life" and it will be a satirical (if not wormlike) view of school portrayed by those (for the most part) who are still there. We will begin at 3.30 pm with our show, and some fun stalls and our raffle, followed by tea and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you all.

Finally a further plea for help. If anyone or even a selection in rota can spare the time to assist me sometimes at Guides I would be grateful. The projects are limited when there is only one Guider, so to make the activities more exciting and interesting, please do come forward if you can.

Kay Hughes (An 433419)

1st COLESHILL (ALL SAINTS) BROWNIE PACK

We started the term with the most Brownies we've ever had, then one moved area, one left and the third was only over from Australia for a short while. So we are now back to 13!

We've had a busy term working for badges. As it was a mild Autumn we were able to be out of doors until the clocks went back. The following gained their Athlete's badge: Natalie Hall, Suzy Bond, Nicola Hall, Sarah Priddis, Rebecca Pyle, Natalie Christian, Natalie Galloway, Gabrielle Chase, Gemma Rudkin, Katie Cannon & Zoe Head.

Agility: Katie Cannon, Sarah Priddis, Nicola Hall, Suzy Bond, Rebecca Pyle, Natalie Hall, Natalie Christian, Natalie Galloway.

House Orderly: Natalie Love, Rebecca Pyle, Katie Cannon, Natalie Christian, Zoe Head, Rebecca Dell, Gabrielle Chase, Nicola Hall, Sarah Priddis, Gemma Rudkin and Natalie Galloway.

Collectors: Katie Cannon.

Since half-term we have been practicing for our Christmas Carol service - many thanks to Bader (Mrs Priddis) and John Raker who have been helping us - a great help as neither Snowy or I sing a note in tune! We have just enrolled our latest recruit - Rebecca Dell from Minchmore Hill.

Time really has come for Brown Owl to go into retirement - now I've reached Granny status. Several people have been approached with the view of taking over, so I'm just keeping my fingers crossed that something will work out.

Brown Owl

CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Since you elected me to represent you on the C.D.C. some 2½ years ago, I have been happy to help many villagers with their problems. I am a member of both the Planning and Environmental Services Committees and, although not a member, regularly attend Coleshill Parish Council meetings and consult with them on all matters affecting the village.

Of recent time, the weight of traffic both in volume and size throughout the village has greatly increased and the speed of the vehicles concerns many of us. In this connection, I have organised with the Bucks County Council for 'Please drive carefully' signs to be erected in strategic places throughout the village and I hope these will have some effect on the drivers of speeding cars and lorries.

First Time Sewerage - the proposed routes of the scheme have not yet been considered in detail but as and when any information is available, it will be made known.

Should anyone need any advice or help from me, I am always available. Please telephone me on Amersham 726969 and I will do my utmost to be of assistance.

Julie Burton

COLESHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Institute has been as busy as ever since the last report. The 40th Anniversary Tea Party was a great success. It was very well attended, and after an excellent tea and light entertainment, two founder members, Mrs Ruby Hay and Mrs Ivy Redding were presented with commemorative plates. A third, Mrs Florence Harris, who now lives in Cheltenham, received flowers and an Anniversary Cake from her local W.I. Market on behalf of Coleshill.

Outings have included the Open Air Museum at Newlands Park and Napledurham House, the beautiful summer weather adding to the enjoyment of both. In August, afternoon tea was arranged for a party from the Chalfont Centre for Epilepsy, who joined in some community singing arranged by Mrs Ivy Owen. Congratulations to the croquet team for their win over Kingshill and many thanks to Lindsey Haubner for her lovely flower arrangements which she brings each month throughout the year for the President's table!

Mrs Joy Hicks continues to arrange an interesting programme of speakers, Mrs Wright gave a History of Lacemaking with examples, and Mrs Drey brought a fascinating display of Patchwork quilting to illustrate her talk. It was of particular interest to Lindsey Haubner's Patchwork group (their second quilt is nearly finished). The last speaker this year was Mrs Russell-Smith who gave a most interesting insight into the work of the St Francis Hospice at Berkhamsted and the enormous amount of money which has to be raised voluntarily each year to keep it open.

A great deal of effort went into the presentation of the Christmas Bazaar in the Village Hall, with stalls loaded with members' handiwork, produce, gifts, craft, cakes, delicatessen and a lovely array of dried flowers. The mini-lunches were a great success and proved both tasty and sustaining to patrons and stall holders alike.

The last meeting this year before the annual Christmas Lunch was the A.G.M. There are three new committee members, and Miss Ann Trotman has retired as President after a very hard-working and popular three years in office. Her place has been taken by the former secretary, Mrs Rosemary Saunders, and the new Secretary is Mrs Evelyn Clayton. Mrs Trixie Browne enters her 35th year as Treasurer, surely a record? Miss Trotman, in her farewell speech, congratulated the Institute on the variety of its interests, which is its strength, and it is to be hoped it continues thus, gathering new members all the time.

J.P.

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The main event since our last report has been, of course, the Annual Show at the beginning of September. The Show, graciously opened by Mrs Julie Burton, provided a marvellous display of flowers, vegetables, flower arrangements, home baking and handicrafts. Congratulations to the Cup winners and indeed to everyone who entered. The Society would particularly like to thank the many people who helped the committee to prepare the Show.

Our final event for 1989 was the Greenfingers Stall in October on a fine Saturday morning by the pond. We are sorry that some people did not know the event was on that particular day, and will improve our 'publicity' next year.

Planning for 1990 has started so please put FRIDAY, 27th APRIL down in your new diary. We are aiming to have a Judges' Panel for the main event as the Show Judges have kindly agreed to come along and give their advice on show entries and to take questions from the audience.

J.H.S.

COLESHILL TENNIS CLUB

The past few months have been spent in negotiations with various bodies and organisations which unfortunately is a slow process, but hopefully we shall have news in the New Year on the future of Coleshill Tennis Club.

David George

THE COLESHILL BRANCH OF THE H.S.P.C.C. -

Once again we would like to thank our friends for their generous support. Many of you enjoyed the talk which John Chenevix-Trench gave on Coleshill and its history - after expenses, we were able to send Headquarters a cheque for £500.00. This year's total from the 'House to House' Collection held in October was £192.60 - an increase of £30 over the previous year.

Our CHRISTMAS TEA - following the Carol Service at All Saints' Church on Sunday 17th December - will be held at GROVE HILL by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Dawson.

Tickets at £1.00 per head can be bought either from Committee Members or from the Village Shop. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible.

To help the Committee with catering, tickets will ONLY be on sale until Saturday, 9th December so please buy your tickets without delay.

CAROL SINGING - WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER - This year our group will be singing round the centre of the village. If you would like to join us (and we need as many voices as possible) please meet at the church by 7 p.m. - warmly clad and with a torch. G.H.

<u>Committee Members</u>	Gillian Dungey	Jean Fremantle	Mary Sadler
	Anna-Marie Descutter	Sharon Hall	Rosemary Valentine.

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

After eight years loyal and hardworking service to the Hall, Jean and Alan Dover have said that they need a break. The Management Committee is therefore looking for a replacement, to take effect from April 1990. The work is paid and could be divided into three separate roles if necessary, consisting of a Bookings Secretary, Cleaner and Caretaker. If you are interested, or know of anyone who might be willing to help, please contact Jean Dover on Amersham 724831.

The Jumble Sale raised £209 - many thanks to all those who helped with this effort.

P.M.L.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Common

Readers will probably have noticed that a start has been made on coppicing the sallow at the WE corner Of the Common. We hope to do a little each year, in rotation. Sallow is a valuable food plant for the insects on which birds feed, and coppicing keeps it healthy. It also encourages the low, dense growth which birds prefer for nesting, and lets in light, which we hope may lead to the gorse regenerating. There is still a little more work to do this year, and volunteers will be welcome; please contact John Trench on 725439.

Dogs

The Council is empowered to make by-laws to control the fouling of footpaths by dogs, but is very reluctant to do so, as anything of the kind would be impossible to enforce. Instead we appeal to dog-owners, through this newsletter, to discourage their pets from depositing unwelcome offerings where people may walk, or, if that is impossible, to use some kind of poop-scoop.

Council Proceedings

Two resolutions were passed at the last Council meeting, which we hope will help to keep people informed of what is going on in the village, and enable them to make their views known. One is that copies of council minutes will be posted on the village notice board for two weeks or so after each meeting. The other is that before the formal business of each meeting opens, there will be a quarter of an hour during which any member of the public may speak. After exactly 15 minutes the chairman will declare the meeting proper open, after which only members may speak - though anyone is welcome to stay and listen.

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

The Reverend Anthony M. Priddis, The Rectory, Church Street, Amersham, Bucks.
Tel: Amersham 729300

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	Matins (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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Sunday 10th December	5.00 pm	Christingle Service
Sunday 17th December	3.00 pm	Carol Service
CHRISTMAS DAY	9.00 am	Parish Communion

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Pro-Wardens	- R. Valentine, Friars Vane, Coleshill	725794
	- J. Chenevix-Trench, Windmill Farm, Coleshill	725439
Hon. Treasurer	- D.C. Urry, Ardlair, Coleshill	727420
Hon. Secretary	- Miss P. Wright-Warren, 1 Amber Cottages, Coleshill	433356

Brownies - Monday Evenings 5.30 - 7.00 pm Coleshill School

Guides - Monday Evenings 7.00 - 8.15 pm Village Hall

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

MOBILE LIBRARY - This calls at Coleshill every other THURSDAY, stopping at;

The Church 3.45 - 4.00 pm

Hill Meadow 4.00 - 4.15 pm

Next visits: DEC 14th & 20th; JAN 11th & 25th? FEB 8th & 22nd, MAR 8th & 22nd.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Jack Adams
Joan Allan
Geoffrey & Nancy Alpe
Peter & Jennifer Brock
John & Julie Burton
Adrian, Sue & Simon Caddy
John & Ann Chenevix-Trench
Kitty Clifton
Ronald & Mary Colles
Nancy Collier
Catherina CCSey & Family
Leslie & Jean Croydon
David & Marigold Curling
Norman & Minnie Darvill
Tony, Pat, John & Fiona Dawson
Christina (Deaky) Deacon
Jim & Alison Dening & Family
Charles & Anna-Marie Desoutter
Alan & Jean Dover & Family
Tod, Ann, James & Robbie Downie
Jonathan & Lindsey Hardley & Family
Albert & Louie Edwards
Jack & Pat Embrow
Robin & Jacky Ferguson & Family
Bernard & Joan Frost
David & Chris George & boys
Peggie Gow
Maisy & Andrew Grant
Lena Grayer
Harold & Win Crindley
John Guest
Denis & Chloe Hall
Florence Harris
Jack & Lindsey Haubner & Family
Les & Joy Hicks
John & Lavinia Horsbrugh-Porter
Bill & Barbara Houlton & Auntie
Teddy & Betty Joseph
Peter & Ann Lawrence & Family
Margerie Long-Brown

David & Ineke McCammon & Family
Judy McLean
George & Pat McNeil
George & Ruby May & Violet
Henry & Diana Maynard
Ron, Ruth, Gregory & Alex Murphy
Nita Ovington
Alastair Panton
Philip & Hazel Pearce
Tony & Stella Platzner
George & Barbara Plumridge
Peg Pomeroy
Derek, Alex, Susannah & Philip Pond
Dora Post
Margaret Price
Micky Prothero
Doug & Jessie Pusey
Roger Pusey
Brian & Pam Pusey
Jim & Pleasance Riley
Gillian, Colin & Clare Sach
Nick & Mary Sadler & Family
John & Helen Savory
Ewart, Jean, Beryl & Colin Smith
The Spencer Family
Mollie X. Stone
Pam & Paul Stubblings
All the Swerling Family
Peggy & Ann Trotman
Donald & Anita Urry
Richard & Rosemary Valentine & Family
Betty Waite
Sidney & Ann Ware & Family
Chris & Mary Wege & Family
Doreen Wheldon
Catherine Wicks
Mercie & Martin Williamson
Reg & Liz Woolacott
Spike & Phyllis Wright
Patsy Wright-Warren

The above have advised that they do not propose to send Christmas Cards locally but extend to all friends their very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Bob & Mary Tilson send best wishes and Christmas Greetings from Llandrindod Wells
to all friends in Coleshill

A cheque is being forwarded to the Treasurer of All Saints' Church with the money received for the above greetings.

What do you want to be able to buy at
THE VILLAGE SHOP?

A Questionnaire from the Parish Council

The Parish Council believes that most people support the idea of a village shop, but not everybody's support extends to actually using it. This may be because you have not been able to find what you want there, so to help Michael and Tina Deeks to stock the things you do want, the council is sponsoring this questionnaire, and the Church Committee has kindly agreed to distribute it with the Newsletter.

Please complete it and either drop it in at the shop, or through the letter box of David Curling, The Rosary, or John Trench, Windmill Farm.

I would use the village shop more if it stocked ... (Please tick items)

Packet Soups other than Bachelors (specify)
 Nescafe Gold Blend ☐ Continental Blend ☐
 Cheese - Ementhal/Jarlsberg ☐ Edam ☐ Other
 Marmalade - Cooper's Oxford ☐ Other (specify)
 Chocolates - Black Magic ☐ After Eight ☐
 Salami ☐ Smoked Mackerel ☐
 Frozen Scampi ☐ Other Ready Meals (specify)
 Frozen Rolls/French Bread ☐
 Shaving Soap ☐ Aspirins ☐

Anything else? Write in space below; specify brand if relevant*.

Do you know what they stock already?

Before you answer that last question, turn over and see some of the things that Michael and Tina already stock, and the services they provide. You could be surprised!

You could be pleasantly surprised too by their prices; Some things cost less than at Waitrose! Where they can't match Waitrose, of course, is in variety - there just isn't room. But you can get your basics there, and a bit more besides - without queueing at the dreaded checkout. Do make a point of doing at least some of your weekly shopping at Coleshill's own shop. It's the only way to make sure we go on having one.

Some of the things you can get at the Shop

Groceries) & Provisions)

Cheese - Philly, Cheddar, Brie, Processed
Bacon
Packet Soup (Bachelors)
Tinned Soup (Heinz)
Filter Coffee Tea
Instant Coffee (Maxwell House)
Canned Vegetables and Fruit
Marmalade (Golden Shred)
Margarine, Lard
Salad Cream
CEREALS - Corn Flakes, Rice Crispies, Weetabix
Sugar

Other Food

Free-range eggs
Bread & Cakes (special requirements to order)
Fresh Fruit & Veg
Frozen Food - Peas & Beans, Fish, Chicken portions
Oven-ready chips
Fruit Juices, Squashes, Mixers

Dairy Produce

Milk, Butter
Long-life cream
Ice Cream (Grange Farm)

Household

Kitchen towels, Loo paper,
Fairy Liquid, Scouring Powder, Bleach

Other

Dairy Box Chocolates and other sweets
Cigarettes
Kodak Film
Light Bulbs
Torch Batteries (Hi-Tech)
Toothpaste, Brylcreem
Newspapers & Magazines (specials to order)

Stationery

Paper and envelopes
Wrapping paper
Greeting Cards
Pens - felt-tip and ball-point

Off-Licence

A range of Wines, Beers & Spirits always in stock

Video Club

Dry Cleaning and Shoe repairs Two-day service!