

July 1969

I should like to say a personal thank you to all of you who made the church fete the success it obviously was. But I'm quite sure the general impression the church gives in the community at large should not be one of fund-raising or asking for money. This is far from the commission given to it by our Lord which is to bear the message of salvation to all men and to incorporate them in the family of the people of God. The church has been given Christ's job of reconciling man to God in this world and therefore also of reconciling man to man. The church will fail unless it is seen to be about its main task. In the world we live in the general impression people give is important. Money and material matters are necessary if the church is to do her work, but never let us give anyone the idea that they are our main concern, and our main concern must always be God and the people. This is why the best churches always solve their financial problems internally by a very thorough system of planned giving on the part of all their members. Our baptist friends, I suspect, set us an example here, and this is something we church people must tackle.

'I LIKE WHAT I LIKE'

It's roughly a year now since we started using the new Eucharistic rite, the new Communion service. It's quite surprising how it has caught on and become accepted. To say that is not to say that it is without its faults in detail - I should be among the first to level detailed criticisms of it. But on the whole it's an improvement on the rite of 1662 and the congregation have recognised it as such. This makes me confident that people are willing to accept new things (new forms, new words, new music) if they're worthwhile, and won't just stick doggedly to what they were brought up with when they were young. After all, those things were new once. We Christians are called to safeguard the essentials of our faith and keep them the same, but to adjust and change the accidentals according to the times we're living in. May God give us the grace to tell the difference between the two!

In these last few days before the final decision on the present Scheme for Union between Anglicans and Methodists on Tuesday 8 July, please pray that God's will may be done in the matter. We shall be having informal prayers at church at the actual time of the debate and voting - 7 p.m. on the 8th.

Yours in Christ,

J. S. Nightingale.

BALLET SUCCESS

Congratulations to Jennifer Jane White of Lourdes, Barrack Hill, who passed Grade 1 of the Royal Academy of Ballet examination on 7th June.

THE OPEN DAY AT RUSHMEAD

The residents at Rushmead old people's home were fortunate in having fine weather for their open day on Saturday June 7. Everything went very well and many well-wishers lent a hand. The nett amount raised was £106.10s. and the Matron, Miss E.G. Astridge, would like to thank all those who helped to make it such a happy and worthwhile occasion.

AMERSHAM No. 2

For some the advent of the automatic telephone in June was not an unmixed blessing. When the telephone first came to Amersham, the post office of course had the telephone number Amersham 1, but Mr G. Darlington, the local builder and undertaker, had the good fortune to become the first subscriber with the enviable number Amersham 2. Last month he lost this distinction and unfortunately has a 4-figure number like the rest of us now.

A LINK WITH NORTH MARSTON

When, to our intense regret, the Evd. J.E. Charrington left Coleshill in 1962, he became vicar of North Marston and Granborough, not so far away, and he and Mrs Charrington took up residence in the vicarage at North Marston.

The church of St. Mary the Virgin, North Marston is a handsome edifice of great architectural beauty dating from the 11th century. Years ago it gained more than local fame through the many miracles worked at the shrine of Master John Schorne, a rector who held the living from 1290 to 1340. The shrine was removed to St George's Chapel, Windsor in 1478. In the churchyard, there is the grave of John Camden Nield, a talented eccentric miser who died in 1852. Nield, who was educated at Eton and Cambridge, was called to the Bar in 1808 and upon the death of his father in 1814 he inherited a large fortune, including considerable property in Buckinghamshire which he would visit twice a year to collect rents. Upon his death he left his entire fortune of some £250,000 - apart from a few small bequests - to Queen Victoria. The Queen accepted the legacy, increased the various bequests and later restored the chancel of North Marston church, presented an east window with fine stained glass and a reredos of sculptured Caen stone. The rest of the legacy was used to purchase Balmoral estate. In the absence of Queen Victoria, the Prince Consort is held to have planted an oak tree behind the vicarage and when the Charringtons went there the view was restricted by an unsightly coppice. Wisely they had the saplings felled but forebore to touch the Prince Consort's oak which they left in isolated splendour.

As with our own Parish church of St Mary's and local church of All Saints', North Marston church is in sad need of restoration and a fund

was opened in 1967. In the special circumstances, a donation was received from Her Majesty the Queen.

C.E.O.

We are very pleased to hear of the good progress made by Mrs Jessie Pusey, the enrolling member of our Mothers' Union, after the operation on her foot. We've missed seeing her about, but are delighted that things have turned out so satisfactorily for her.

IN THE HOLLOW OF HIS HAND

He shewed me a little thing, the size of a hazel-nut, lying in the palm of ~~this~~ hand, and it was as round as a ball. I looked thereon with the eye of my understanding and thought, 'What may this be?'. And it was explained in general thus - 'It is the whole creation'. I marvelled how it could last, for methought it might suddenly have fallen to nought for littleness. And I was answered in my understanding - 'It lasteth, and ever shall, because God loveth it'.

From one of the visions of the Lady Julian of Norwich 1373.

UNIVERSITY SUCCESS

Mr Martyn Dryden, the son of two All Saints' church people, has just gained a B.Sc. degree in electronics at the University of Canterbury, and he has been accepted at Leeds University for the year's course for a Diploma in Education. Martyn, who is only 19, hopes to teach Physics.

HOLY BAPTISM

On Trinity Sunday, 1st June, Darren James Lee, second son of Mr & Mrs E.E.G. Lee of 19 Pond Close, Winchmore Hill, was made a Christian and joined the family of Christ's church at Evensong at All Saints'. Jeremy Robert Farr was also baptised at the same service on the following Sunday, 3th June, at Coleshill. His parents live at Sunrakers Cottage, The Bit, and also have two charming daughters.

On his marriage to Mary Ellis, Thomas Ellwood, the early Quaker, took a house at Hunger Hill (Ongar Hill) near Coleshill, and he gave directions to find it in verse:

'Directions to my friend inquiring the way to my house

Two miles from Beaconsfield, upon the road
To Amersham, just where the way grows broad,
A little spot there is called Larkin's Green,
Where on a bank some fruit trees may be seen;
In midst of which, on the sinister hand,
A little cottage covertly doth stand:

"Soho!" the people out and then inquire
For Hunger Hill; it lies a little higher.
But if the people should from home be gone,
Ride up the bank some twenty paces on,
And at the orchard's end thou may'st perceive
Two gates together hung. The nearest leave,
the furthest take, and straight the hill ascend,
That path leads to the house where dwells thy friend.'

Prom 1662 Ellwood was a close friend of Milton, but perhaps we may be pardoned for saying we can understand why his poems have never enjoyed the fame gained by his great friend.

MUSICAL SUCCESSES

Congratulations to Penny Weedon of Potters Meadow who got 88 and 80 in two solo competitions in the Chalfont St. Peter Arts Festival, 86 in musical composition, 85 in quick study, and the House Cup for sight-reading.

A bursary entitling the winner to a week's residence at a British Federation of Music Festivals summer school was awarded to 14 year-old Michael Griffiths of Field-End House, Magpie Lane, who was second in the instrumental junior class. He plays the bassoon.

The competition took place at the end of May..

COMING-OF-AGE

Congratulations to Miss Loveday Pusey of Little Lands, Barrack Hill, who reached the age of 21 on Sunday, June 22nd.

COLOURED PEOPLE IN BRITAIN

There are at present about 55 million people living in Britain and of these about $1\frac{1}{4}$ million are coloured; 180,000 of these coloured people were born here. According to the estimates made by the Race-Relations Board our population by the year 2000 will be 70 millions of whom $2\frac{1}{2}$ million will be coloured. Another interesting forecast is that if all the dependents of coloured people at present living here were to come from overseas to join them they would total roughly 236,000.

(These facts were given by Sir George Sinclair, M.P. for Dorking and a member of the House of Commons Select Committee on race relations in a recent wireless broadcast).

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BEST-KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The preliminary judging of the competing villages will be between 1st and 15th July, and the final judging before 31st July. The decision of the judges will be final. Presentation of the Cups and Signs will take place on Saturday, 13th September 1969.

The method of awarding points will be as follows: (a) Each village will commence with 100 points; (b) Points will be deducted in accordance with the following schedule where the particular feature does not come up to the judges' requirements:-

	Marks to be deducted
General Well Kept appearance	Up to 25
Hedges and fences adjacent to and surrounding buildings and gardens;	" " 10
Churchyard and /or Cemetery	" " 10
Surrounds to school and playground	" " 10
Playing fields	" " 10
Tidiness of flower and vegetable gardens	" " 10
Tidiness of allotments in cultivation	" " 10
Surrounds to Village Hall	" " 5
Surrounds to War Memorial not in a Church or Churchyard	" " 5
Ponds and streams	" " 5

If a village does not possess one of the Points to be judged, an "X" will be marked against the item on the marking sheets. These will be taken into account by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman when calculating the percentage of marks gained by the Village.

The purpose of the competition is to encourage consciousness of litter and other factors tending to spoil the amenity of the villages.

Please get in touch with Mr S.Ware of Littlelands, Barrack Hill if you can help the village in any way to win this award. Perhaps all villagers would like to help in one quite easy way - picking up any rubbish or litter they see as they walk about. This is something the youngsters could very easily do.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Village Hall Committee announce:

- (a) the next meeting of the Committee will be on Mon. 25th August at 8.15pm
- (b) instead of the Gala Evening provisionally arranged for October 17, the Committee propose to hold a Hallowe'en party on October 31st and people are asked to book the date. Further particulars will be announced later.

THE CHURCH FETE

When Rushymead had such glorious weather for its open day, it seemed too much to expect similar luck for the church fete on the following Saturday, but the sun shone on bravely and although it was sultry there was no hint of rain. Little Bowers, through the kindness of Mr & Mrs R. Pusey, again provided a lovely setting. Mrs Pepys, wife of the Bishop of Buckingham, opened the fete and made a point of buying from every stall and speaking to as many people as possible. We were glad to see that she was rewarded by two lucky draws from the tombola. Coleshill can be sure that the Bishop will remember us favourably next time he has recourse to the whisky and gin!

Mrs Pepys judged the fancy dress competition and the prizes went to an ingenious fire engine (and driver), a poodle disguised as a sheep (with shepherdess) and a Miss Muffet. The Raans School Band gave the Royal garden party touch, assisted by music provided by Mr Woolacott who also worked hard making the announcements. The Mothers' Union worked like trojans in the heat providing an excellent tea and coping with all the washing up.

Our thanks are due to Mrs Ovington for making the preliminary arrangements, and especially to Mr Nicholls for doing so much hard work, and to all the stall-holders and helpers, many of whom worked throughout the previous months making and collecting the goods and prizes. The gross takings were £294.14.5d (with more to come in) and this after the expenses of just under £40 will be put to church funds. Particulars of the takings of individual stalls are on the church notice-board.

COME AGAIN

Said to our organist, Mr Ward, by a villager after a service: 'Did you play the organ? Oh, I do think you played beautifully. I do hope you'll come again.'

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

July

- 2 (Wed) Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 3 (Thur) Mobile library at Coleshill and Winchmore Hill
- 4 (Fri) Church Youth Club's Jumble Sale in the Parish Room at 7.30
- 8 (Tues) Final National Voting by Anglicans & Methodists on the proposed Scheme of Union at 7 p.m. Prayers in church at that time
Baptist Sisterhood at 2.45 - Mr Tilling on Dr Barnardo's Homes.
- 10 (Thur) W.I. at 2.30: Madame Dash - "My Village in Prance"
- 15 (Tues) Church Council at St. Mary's School at 8.15p.m.
- 17 (Thur) Mothers' Union meet at White's Hill at 2.30
Mobile library at Coleshill & Winchmore Hill
- 22 (Tues) St. Mary Magdalene - HC: 10a.m. Baptist Sisterhood 2.45 - Open meeting before closing down for the month of August
- 25 (Fri) St. James the Apostle - HC 12noon
- 26 (Sat) St. Anne - HC: 11a.m.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, COLESHILL

Priest-in-Charge: The Revd. J.S.Nightingale, The Parsonage (tel.Am.4229)
Pro-Churchwarden & Secretary:N.N.Nicholls, Orchard House (tel. 6734)
Pro-Treasurer: R.G.Stubbings, Springfield, Tower Road (tel. 4738)

Every Sunday: 9.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

10.15 a.m. Sunday School

6.00p.m. Evensong

Every Tuesday: 10.00a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

Every Wednesday: 7.30p.m. HOLY COMMUNION

Every Friday: 12.noon HOLY COMMUNION

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 (7135) or St.Mary's Parish Office, Church Street, (tel.4712)

Sunday Services: 8.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

10.00 a.m. Children's Service

11.00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays:

HOLY COMMUNION (New Service)

2nd & 4th Sundays: Mattins

6.00p.m. Sung Evensong

Every Wednesday: 10.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION