

July 1984

The Rector's Letter

My dear Friends,

Sunday 17th June was Trinity Sunday. The Church came into being the Sunday before on Whit Sunday - that day is the Church's Birthday. So the Church was in being on Trinity Sunday, and we begin the long period in the Church Calendar of Sundays after Trinity, almost half the year. This year there are twenty three Sundays after Trinity. So we find the Christian year (starting on Advent Sunday) made up of two distinct, almost equal parts.

The first part following the life and work of Jesus; and the second part, for us to put into operation in our lives, the things Jesus taught us through his disciples. We find this in part of the Collect for Trinity Sunday which says - "We beseech thee that thou wouldst keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end."

The tone for all the weeks after Trinity Sunday is set by the Collect for the first Sunday after Trinity "O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the; help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments, we may please thee both in will and deed, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen".

I would like to suggest to you that you say that prayer each day with your other prayers. If you do not pray each day (night and morning) I suggest you say the Lord's prayer, followed by the Collect for yourself, and then add a prayer for all whom you love. Try and remember to do so EACH day.

Yours sincerely,

Allan Campbell
Rector

Notes for your Diary

<u>HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ALL SAINTS</u>	Sunday	30th September
and Harvest Supper	Friday	5th October
<u>HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST MARY'S</u>	Sunday	7th October
and Harvest Supper	Wednesday	10th October

HOLY BAPTISM

On 11th March 1984, DAVID MICHAEL, son of Charles. Henry and Gillian Anne PUSEY of 4 Crosspath Cottages, Magpie Lane, Coleshill.

On 8th July 1984, OLIVER JONATHAN, son of Ashley Jonathan and Tracey Amanda EAMES of Stony Path Cottage, Village Road, Coleshill.

IN MEMORIAM

On 4th April 1984 ADELA INEZ PATRICIA PANTON aged 74 years at home in Coleshill.

Pat Panton was literally 'a daughter of the vicarage', that breeding-ground of character and nursery of a calm ability to cope. The vicarage in question was that of Faversham in Kent, where Pat was born 74 years ago, into a family of marked ability: her grandfather was a bishop and her brother was to become one. So nature and nurture combined to make her what we knew. We remember the quiet competence she brought to whatever she undertook, her tireless kindness to others and, above all, her serene and cheerful triumph over cruel disability and pain - achieved, surely, by not thinking about herself at all. Her life was a silent reminder that fortitude is one of the great Christian virtues. We salute her brave spirit.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer Service was held on 2nd March, Mrs Stowe of Penn Street gave a most inspiring talk on this year's theme - "Living Water from Christ - our Hope" which had been drawn up by the Women of Sweden. The collection was £21 and was sent to HQ to be distributed to 12 Christian Societies. 35 women attended our Service, several taking part in the readings and prayers. Mrs Waite played the organ. The Service for 1985 will be on the first Friday in March (1st) as usual. The theme will be "Peace through Prayers and Action".

S.B.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK ; 14-19th MAY

The final result of our collection for Christian Aid this year was £287.11½, of which £143.41½ was raised by the gymkhana and Dog Show, and £143.70 by envelopes and other donations.

This was a very encouraging result, as the costs of the gymkhana were high, relative to some other forms of fund raising activity. To offset this, the involvement of so many people, and the obvious enjoyment of the participants made the day very worthwhile. It was only made possible by a first rate support team, and I am very grateful for all the work they put in to make the day such a success.

We hope perhaps another year to have a few more spectators to encourage the competitors, and help to increase the funds.

Thank you all again, and also thanks to Miss Dollemore and the children at the School for their watercarrying relay race, which brought home to us and to them, the hardships experienced in other countries struggling for the basic needs we take so much for granted. Another £80 was made by the Traidcraft stall there.

R.A.L.T.

COLESHILL CHURCH FETE - 9th JUNE 1984

Suffice to mention that we had a wonderful summer day for our fete. It was perhaps too hot in the marquee but the visitors enjoyed themselves outside.

Individual thanks to the many helpers is not the aim of this paragraph, but exception must be made to congratulate Richard Valentine for his organisation to which he devoted so much time, including the planning meetings held with the fete committee which started way back in March. One more thank you to Mrs Campbell for her opening speech.

As for financial details - (the figures in brackets indicate the previous year - 1983)

Gross Takings:	£1,222.06	(£1,167.55)
Expenses:	•£ 395.81	(£ 427.56)
Net result:	£ 836.25	(£ 739.99)

To sum up, in round figures the receipts were £55 up - the expenses £32 down, and the net result: £86 up.

A.M.V.P.

The individual staff results are shown below:

Gate	£ 95.05	Coconut Shy	£ 32.92
Tombola	246.50	Bowling	23.10
Raffle	113.35	Ices	32.40
Household	113.16	Hot Dogs	12.00
Green Fingers	59.00	Broken China	15.00
Toys	65.60	Frisbee	26.65
Sweets	43.00	Pony Rides	12.80
Cakes	55.30	Golf	12.60
Teas	60.31	Brownies	41.46
Books	57.38	Electric Puzzle	6.78
Bran Tub (Magpies)	7.30	Guess the Smarties	12.90
Produce	17.25	Bash the Rat	34.90
Guides	8.35	Donations	17.00
			<u>£1,222.06</u>
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1st COLESHILL (ALL SAINTS) BROWNIE GUIDE PACK

In May, the Brownies made decorated cylinders filled with 10p pieces to help towards the cost of curtains at the Ellesborough Pack Holiday House. We collected items for (and helped to serve) - at the 'Brown' stall at the Pete.

The following weekend was spent at Ellesborough, the first Pack Holiday to be organised by our village Pack. 17 Brownies accompanied Brown Own, Tawny and Unit Helper, Mrs Norman. Also in June, we raised £56.80 at a Coffee Morning where cakes made by the Brownies sold "like hot cakes"!!!

We attended the 70th Birthday celebrations in July with Brownies and Guiders from our District, when we dressed in clothes fashionable since 1914, and played games. We also attended the Family Service in April and June,

Interest Badges achieved:

First Aid Nikola Brown, Louisa Welch, Annabel Horrocks, Elizabeth Eardley, Victoria Redstone, Amanda Stratford.

House Orderly Emma Andrews, Joanne Gregory, Natalie Newton, Emma Norman, Joanne Glover, Charlotte Bond, Sophie Hesford, Nicola Barrett.

Swimmer Charlotte Bond

Animal Lover Sophie Hesford

Water Rescuer Sarah Fribbens

Anna Bayley made her Promise in May, and Annabel Eardley, Victoria Lee and Katharine. Sadler made their Promises in July.

M.E.T.

COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

We closed the Spring term with an Easter Bonnet parade, games and refreshments. Parents and friends joined in the festivities.

We helped Christian Aid week by having a 2-team relay race of our children from the pond with buckets of water, to symbolize the difficulties which some people have in under-developed countries. Dr Max Peberdy, Area Secretary of Christian Aid, gave a talk to the children and adults in school. A representative of Traidcraft sold items made by Indian people.

On June 5th all the children visited Mop End Environmental Studies Centre for the day, parents helping with transport, and on the 9th the children did five country-dances at the Church Fete in Magpie Lane. Mrs P Griffiths accompanied on the piccolo and Michael Griffiths on the bassoon.

On June 21st, Mr Coleman from R.N.I.B. came from Winslow to talk about work with blind people and on the 27th Mrs Dover came to talk about helping deaf people.

We held our Open Afternoon with country dancing, sporta and stalls on July 2nd, and on July 10th the older children visited Langley Park Environmental Studies Centre with Mrs Bayley.

We still have only a temporary Caretaker and would be glad to know of anyone who would like the post. (14½ hours per week, £2.04 per hour + 13% bonus).

S.J. Dollemore

W A N T E D - HELP for Coleshill Guides

Mrs Mead, the Guide Captain, is leaving at the end of this term.

There are fifteen Guides with lots of enthusiasm and talent who will need a new leader. Don't let them down. Please offer your help as soon as possible to Mrs Mead (Little Chalfont 2957) or to Mrs Plumbly (Amersham 4299). Training and regular help is available.

1st COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

Several evenings during the Spring term were taken up by various projects. The girls practised 'make up' on each other and Mrs Chalwin showed the Guides how to care for their hands and nails with a 'Manicure' evening. Heart shaped Peppermint Creams were made for Valentine's day. Another evening a fashion parade was held and each guide modelled their favourite outfit and told the company why they chose it. In March we had a 'Book' review, each girl giving a short account of her favourite book, then on April 2nd we entertained Mrs Haubner and Mrs Plumbly with singing, dancing, reciting, playing recorder and flute, miming and combined with our Christmas Pantomime the whole company earned their Entertainer badge.

We have had some enjoyable, though rather chilly, evenings on the common this term doing camp fire cooking, following a compass trail and playing rounders. Thank you very much to Coleshill Parish Council for letting us use the common for camp fires. Nichola Chalwin was enrolled into Kingfisher patrol on April 2nd.

In time for Easter and the Summer months the guides had a 'Clean up Coleshill' evening as part of their service project. Mrs Wyatt and Philippa have had to leave through pressure of work but Mrs Chalwin has come to the rescue for the rest of this term. We welcome Laura Harvey and Joanne Tack who joined us after Easter.

Badges achieved:

Cook: Emma Norcliffe

Craft: Ruth Bayley

Needlewoman: Ruth Bayley

Entertainer: Ruth Bayley, Victoria Hesford, Angela Chalwin, Kate Andrews, Katey Dobey, Victoria Timms, Emma Norcliffe, Elizabeth Timms, Alison Mead, Philippa Wyatt, Joanna Ferguson, Nicola Axon.

Yellow 8 Point: Angela Chalwin, Kate Andrews

Green 8 Point: Emma Norcliffe

J A Mead

COLESHILL CLUB

In February we very much enjoyed slides shown to us by Mr and Mrs Bristow of their holidays. A very interesting talk on India was given by Mrs Woodrough in March who was preparing to lecture on the liner Q.E.2. At our meeting in April Canon Hickin gave us a very interesting talk on the years he spent in Nigeria and in May we had a very helpful talk and film by P.C. Binns on road safety.

We were very sorry to lose Mrs Tilson as our secretary, but very pleased to welcome Mrs Watson who has so kindly taken over as our new secretary.

The Bring & Buy sale in June was in aid of our lunch which will be held in September this year. A welcome cup of tea is served after- each meeting, and we thank everyone who helps us every month.

The Coleshill Club meets on the 4th Thursday of each month.

R.M.

COLESHILL W.I.

We were pleased to welcome several friends from the village, as well as visitors from other Institutes to our W.I. Promotion day on May 23rd, and hope that some will be encouraged to join the Institute.

A group of fifteen members went up to the W.I. Olympia Exhibition, open from June 26th to July 1st, This was an opportunity to see the work of the W.I. on a national scale, and the standard of exhibits was superb.

On Wednesday, August 1st, we are holding our annual party for a group of deaf and dumb adults from Acton. The programme includes luncheon, an entertainment and stalls of home produce, so that everyone can take home a tangible reminder of what we hope will be a happy day.

R.A.L.T.

HELP!

Would everyone who purchased desserts at the last Drama Group production please check that they have returned the bowls and dishes, as a number of these are still missing. (Please contact Lindsay Haubner - Tel: Am 22589)

COLESHILL VILLAGE DRAMA GROUP;

"Confusions" - three plays by Alan Ayckbourn - 11th and 12th May 1984

These three one-act comedies were performed amid a super banquet organised by the Drama Group to raise funds for stage lights. 'Those of us who came on the Friday night found the Group's sense of comic timing as unerring as ever as a power cut was in fullwing.

With candles lit and the bar open the crowded hall waited, patiently, good-humouredly, merrily. At last there was to be a performance at which the actors would be more sober than the audience. We couldn't know that in the kitchen the maitre chef, Sandy Laing Hutcheon, was in piteous distress as the power stayed off and his dinner stayed cold. Finally two fearless members of the cast - they say it was Nick and Jim - ventured out with a backpocket full of greenies from the bar, determined to find the electricity board and bribe them to turn Coleshill back on. In the end the bribe wasn't necessary - the boys told the hard-bitten linesmen that the village hall was full of impoverished pensioners and expectant mothers shivering while they waited for a bowl of gruel and an inspirational address.

The first play (Mother Figure) was one of those that makes you laugh but gets under your skin - which is a kind of compliment. How we wriggle at the obsessive mother and the nursery-language used to convert the neighbours into docile kids. Horribly effective mum by Lindsay Haubner, no wonder her husband never showed up. Excellent stage crying by Mary Sadler and very good body language by Stephen Hitchen, as the hapless neighbours.

The middle play (Between Mouthfuls) seemed the hardest to put across because of the nicety of timing required as the waiter moves between the two couples dining on stage. John Wicks served us well as the waiter but could have done to be more absolutely stony amid the social decay around him. Diana Maynard gave an excellent tough performance; Sally Codling was as usual a pleasure to listen to. The two husbands, John Horsbrugh-Porter and David Hall, gave endearing performances which we might imagine we had seen before.

The last play (Gosforth's Fete) shows a manic local character attempting to organise the local fete amidst all-too-familiar disasters. The young heroine was played with some diffidence but great charm by Beryl Smith. Hugh Jones as the Vicar and Nick Sadler as the Scoutmaster were both - no, not typecast, it was their actor's flair that made the parts fit so well. Patsy Wright-Warren was as usual impeccable, even as a Tory councillor, Gosforth himself was Jim Denning, or was it the other way round, an absurd, hilarious, awful character who holds the play together, portrayed in a powerful self-transformation by this normally shy and retiring actor. His collapse or leap off stage as the curtain fell, to the strains of the approaching brass band, was a fitting climax.

The plays were admirably produced by the tireless and inspiring Ann Chenvix-Trench. The supper tables were exquisitely decked with flowers by Peggie Gow.

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - SATURDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

So far this year we have suffered the "wettest month on record" and enjoyed the "sunniest month on record" and the long, dry spell has seen many of us with longer arms caused by humping watering cans for our precious flowers and vegetables. We do so hope you will still be able to produce some exhibits for our show on September 1st - perhaps we should have introduced a class for the most weatherbeaten thunderstorm victim!

There will always be room for cookery or craftwork, so please try to enter something as this competition is one village challenge in which all can participate, meet new friends and possibly turn out to be a superstar if yours is the best entry.

Schedules with entry forms are free and can be collected from the village shop or from Lindsey Haubner (Am 22589).

Many exhibits are auctioned after the show, so come along and possibly pick up a bargain.

NEWSLETTER

An early reminder that the Christmas Greetings will be included in the next publication of the Newsletter.

Would everyone who wishes to send their Christmas Greetings via the Newsletter be sure to contact either Alison Denning (Tel: 3779) or Barbara Plumridge (Tel: 3044) by mid October. (25p per entry)

As cards and stamps are costly items, this is a very good way to send local greetings, and also help the Newsletter funds.

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

Rector: The Reverend Allan Campbell, M.A. (Cantab)
Beaumont, Hervines Road, Amersham. Tel: 7135
and St Mary's Parish Office. Tel: 4712

St Mary's Church, Amersham

Sunday Services	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.00 a.m.	Matins
	11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (1st Sunday in month)
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong
	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

All Saints', Coleshill

Sunday Services	9.15 a.m.	Parish Communion
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong 9 (1st Sunday)

Sunday 9 September	Family Service
Sunday 30 September	HARVEST FESTIVAL
Sunday 14 October	Family Service
Sunday 4 November	Patronal Festival (All Saints)
Sunday 11 November	Family Service (Remembrance)

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Friday 5 October	Harvest Supper
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St Andrew's Mission Church, Winchmore Hill

2nd & 4th Sundays	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
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Pro-Wardens	- J.G. Chenevix-Trench, Windmill Farm, Coleshill.	Tel 5439
	D.C. Urry, Ardlair, Coleshill.	Tel 7420
Hon Treasurer	- A.M.V. Panton, Waller's Oak, Coleshill	Tel 6183
Hon Secretary	- Miss P. Wright-Warren, 1 Amber Cottages, Coleshill	Tel 3274

Brownies	- Monday Evenings 5.30 - 7.00 p.m.
Guides	- Monday Evenings 6.45 - 8.15 p.m.
Mothers' Union	- 3rd Tuesday in every month
Coleshill Club	- 4th Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m.
W.I.	- 2nd Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m.