

July 1985

The Rector's Letter

My dear Friends,

The schools are now breaking up for their Summer holidays. What a variety of things people do for their holidays! It seems that nowadays practically everybody has a holiday, in fact some people seem to have several holidays a year.

When you go on your holiday, at home or abroad, you will always find a Church, or many Churches nearby. If you are going abroad, go in and have a look at whatever Church you can find. In the heat of the day it may be closed, but in the morning and in the evening you will find it open and services taking place. Find out what you can about it, and sit peacefully and quietly reflecting on why the Church is there.

If you are spending your holiday in England - why not do the same? - walk round the Church, read and examine the Tombstones if you are visiting a country or village church and churchyard. The stones are very interesting, they tell us much history, and many of them are most wonderfully carved. Whichever Church you visit compare it with your own. Look at the Altar and its ornaments, and the colouring. Look at the pulpit and the Lectern and the Font. These are the four essential pieces of furniture in our churches.

The Font is near the Door, where we are Baptised, and so become members of God's family. Then in the body of the Church we are instructed in the Christian faith, from the Lectern, where we have the Bible read to us, and also from the Pulpit where we have the Bible and our faith explained to us. The Chancel step is the next phase in our Christian advancement, because it is there we are confirmed. So we are on our way to full membership of the Church as we approach the Altar (the Lord's Table), and kneeling at the Altar rail we receive the Holy Communion.

Such is the common ground we find in all our churches.

I invite you, therefore, on your holidays to be a church explorer, and see what you can learn, but always remember it is God's house you are visiting. Never leave it without saying a prayer.

Yours sincerely,

Allan Campbell

Rector

HOLY BAPTISM

On 31 December 1984, Holly Jocelyn, daughter of John Henry and Holly Monica WILD of Texas, U.S.A.

On 5 May 1985, Laura, daughter of Andrew Thomas and Kim Alison HILTON of Underwood Cottage, Coleshill Lane.

CONFIRMATION

On 10 February 1985, ALEXANDER HORSBRUGH-PORTER at Winchester College Chapel.

IN MEMORIAM

13 December 1984, EDWARD KEITH DIPPLE, of Copners, Magpie Lane, Coleshill.

ADA ALDRIDGE, aged 90 years, wife of the late Herbert Aldridge, died on 7th July 1985 in Herne Bay. Ada and Herbert moved into The Nightingales, Barracks Hill, when they were first married in 1932, and were staunch supporters of the Church and other village activities for many years.

HOLY MATRIMONY

On 22nd June 1985, Linda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ashwell of Fieldway, Amersham, married Andrew Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Larkins also of Fieldway, Amersham.

On 29th June 1985, Margaret Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs New of Fagnall Lane, Winchmore Hill, married Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Reading, of Fairfield, Coleshill Lane, Uinchmore Hill.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Following the Annual General Meeting held on 17th February, there are some changes in the officers and committee. We now have two new pro-wardens, a new treasurer and a new representative on the Village Hall Committee. Mrs Harris, who has been a member of the Church Committee and the Parochial Church Council at least since 1947, and the Church's representative on the Village Hall Committee since 1956, has retired from all these posts, after a remarkable record of service.

The officers and committee are now as follows:

Pro-Wardens:	Mr A Panton Mr R Valentine	Committee:	Mr J Chenevix-Trench Mrs H Collier Mrs J Ferguson Mrs L Horsbrugh-Porter Mr P Plumbly Mrs H Spencer Mr R Stubbings Mrs D Swerling
Treasurer:	Mr D Urry		
Secretary:	Miss P Wright-Warren		
PCC:	Mr J Chenevix-Trench Mr A Panton Mr D Urry Mr R Valentine Miss P Wright-Warren	Synod Rep:	Mr J Chenevix-Trench
		Village Hall Rep:	Mrs J Ferguson

During the year repairs were carried out to the Clock Tower and re-gilding of the clock face. Protective shield* were placed over stained glass windows to obviate constant breakages due to vandalism.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer service was held in Coleshill Church on the first Friday in March as usual. There was a very good congregation - including 16 "Readers" who took part in the Order of Service. The Speaker, Mrs Thelma Scott, who came from Berkhamsted to give a talk on the theme "Peace - through Prayer and Action" spoke very well and was much appreciated and enjoyed by everyone. Mrs Scott came originally from Canada and went to Uganda to do Missionary Work there. The Interdenominational movement, which was started in America by a Presbyterian Minister's wife in 1887, now welcomes husbands and families to the Services - we hope this invitation will be welcome in Coleshill.

The collection amounted to £31.20 - an all time record for us. Many thanks to you all.

S.B.

CHURCH FLOWERS

It is about 7 years since the late Miss May Williams asked me to find helpers to arrange flowers in Church for the next few weeks, and since then - with helpers - we made a rota for flower arrangers and had amazing offers of help and willingness from a great many people to help with decorations. When we have Festivals and special occasions the preparations are always a cheerful event - with many people helping each other, using their skill and imagination to beautify the Church which gives much pleasure to the worshippers and visitors..

I would like to say how very grateful I am for all the support I have received and many thanks too for all the generous donations towards the Church Flower Fund which I have had from time to time. It is a great pleasure to me that Mrs Ferguson has kindly agreed to take over the organization of helpers, and I am indeed grateful for all her help to me. I will look forward with pleasure to seeing the lovely arrangements we always have in our Church.

S.B.

CHURCH CHARITY

All Saints' Church Committee has decided that the Church should raise some money for charity on behalf of the third world and that harvest time, when we are celebrating our own plenty, would be a good and suitable opportunity. There will be small fund raising events after the Harvest Festival morning and evening services on 29th September and there will be other opportunities to join in, including at the Harvest Supper on 4th October.

The Committee has not yet selected the charity, but is determined to find a specific project, and one where there is feedback on how our money has been spent.

This is a new venture, and I do hope that you will support it generously.

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It was a sad day on 2nd December last year when the Rector and Canon Hickin joined together to celebrate Holy Communion in St Andrews, Winchmore Hill. The state of the building meant that it had to be closed and the site would be sold. It was decided that it would be suitable to hold the last service on the Sunday after St Andrews Day. The congregation from Coleshill joined those from Winchmore Hill for this final act of worship.

CANON HICKIN'S RETIREMENT

Ever since he, retired to live in Winchmore Hill in 1973, Canon Hickin has been coming over to Coleshill to join in the church life of the village. He has taken services in the mornings and in the evenings; in the summer and in the depths of winter, when the snow in the lanes was almost as high as the hedges. He has stood out in the biting wind to lead us on Remembrance Sundays and has always supported us for our carol service, Harvest Supper and Fete, which he opened this year.

He will be especially remembered for his work with the young of the village. He and his wife have done a lot for the Magpie Fellowship and on the one and only occasion when we had a confirmation in All Saints', he prepared the nine girls. His gentleness and spirituality; his peaceful joy and smiling serenity have been a source of comfort and inspiration to many of us. He has been a true friend to the village.

Unfortunately he feels that after September he can no longer take the services at All Saints. We shall miss him greatly. We pray for him and his family and wish them well, and hope that we shall still see them in the village.

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1st COLESHILL (ALL SAINTS') BROWNIES

The Pack has attended the Family Service on alternate months. The Brownies enjoyed a day at Thorpe Park during the Easter holidays. We are preparing for a fund-raising evening on 15th July to enable us to buy a flag for the Pack. There will be a play - "The Six Good Turns", a cake stall and refreshments.

Natalie Newton and Joanne Gregory have left us to join the 1st Coleshill Guides, Elizabeth Freemantle made her promise in March and is a Pixie, and Katie Wood made her promise in June and joined the Imps Six.

Badges Achieved - Journeys

Highway. Elizabeth Eardley, Joanne Gregory, Victoria Redstone, Emma Norman.

Roadway. Nicola Barrett, Charlotte Bond, Joanne Glover, Sophie Hesford.

Footpath. Emma Andrews, Linda Bosher, Anna Bayley, Annabel Eardley,
Victoria Lee, Katharine Sadler.

Interest Badges

Pathfinder: Elizabeth Eardley, Joanne Gregory, Georgina Hutchins, Emma Norman, Victoria Redstone.

Writers: Elizabeth Eardley, Victoria Redstone. Needleworker: Emma Norman

Safety in the Home: Emma Andrews, Anna Bayley, Annabel Eardley, Sarah Lamping, Victoria Lee, Katharine Sadler.

Artist: Nicola Barrett, Anna Bayley, Charlotte Bond, Joanne Glover, Sophie Hesford, Victoria Redstone.

House Orderly: Annabel Eardley, Alexandra Desoutter, Elizabeth Freemantle, Sarah Lamping, Victoria Lee, Katharine Sadler.

Book-Lover: Anna Bayley, Sophie Hesford.

Pony Rider: Nicola Barrett; Sarah Lamping. Swimmer: Elizabeth Freemantle.

H. T.

1st COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

After Christmas we had some appointments to make in the company and Angela Chalwin was appointed Patrol Leader of "Snowdrops" with Jo Ferguson her Second, and Katie Dobey joined Ruth Bayley in "Kingfishers" as Second. During the last two terms we have had varied evenings spent in handicrafts such as Christmas decorations, outdoor activities like cooking on the common and preparing for badges.

We welcomed Victoria Cann, Nikola Brown, Louisa Uelch, Natalie Newton, Emma Cox and Julia Cox as newly enrolled guides with Jo Gregory preparing for enrolment next year. The guides really concentrated on acquiring their badges this year and even the newly enrolled guides managed to begin their interest badges.

These were:

Art and Craft: Ruth Bayley

Writer: Ruth Bayley and Angela Chalwin

Agility: Ruth Bayley, Angela and Nicola Chalwin

Accident Prevention: Ruth Bayley, Nikola Brown, Victoria Cann, Angela Chalwin, Nicola Chalwin, Katie Dobey, Jo Ferguson, Laura Harvey, Victoria Timms and Louisa Uelch.

Yellow 8 Point: Nicola Chalwin and Jo Ferguson

Green 8 Point: Angela Chalwin

Red 8 Point: Ruth Bayley

The guides, to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of guiding, organised a Tea Party for the Senior Citizens of the village at which they provided a programme of entertainment and served afternoon tea. The entertainment comprised dancing and singing and the playing of various instruments. They then talked to their guests amongst whom were several 'old' guides. In May 5 guides attended an excellent camp at Marlow specialising in water activities.

Finally, particular thanks are due to Mrs Peat and Mrs Griffiths who have assisted the guides in their accident prevention and camping activities.

COLESHILL W.I.

Coleshill W.I. have had a very busy and interesting year. We were very pleased to welcome 5 new members, Mrs Jan Day, Mrs Kathy Honk and Mrs Doreen Wheldon; also two newcomers to the village, Mrs Betty Harris, daughter-in-law of our Mrs Florence Harris and Mrs Christine Clarke.

We were the hostess Institute to the Spring Group meeting this year and we have been on Group Outings to Guildford Theatre and Frogmore Gardens. A number of enjoyable walks were arranged and led by Miss Ann Trotman. Mrs Betty Waite took part in the Brain of Bucks Quiz and did very well. She was also our representative at the AGM at the Albert Hall.

Some very popular talks have been given by various speakers and two more interesting ones are to come - "The Queen's Flight" by Flt Lt Rimmer and Swan Upping by Capt Turk. We are now very busy with the arrangements for the lunch, entertainment and tea party given to our friends from the Deaf and Dumb Club of Acton on the 4th September.

The Institute warmly welcomes new members or guests - we meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 2.30 in the Village Hall. (except August). Please do come along.

COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

In November last the older children visited the Village Post Office for project work, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Tilley. Our Christmas Bazaar raised £157.71 and £16 was sent to the Ethiopia Famine Fund from the children's Craft Stall.

The Christmas Concert was attended by an audience of over 90, and the children's Christmas Party and Dinner were both much enjoyed. An end-of-term service was held in church on 19th December, conducted by Rev A Campbell, who also conducted the Ash Wednesday Service in School on 15th February, as Ash Wednesday fell during the half-term holiday.

On 5th March, the older children visited the Urban Studies Centre in High Wycombe. In March a Whist Drive was held in school for parents and friends which raised £43.70 for School Funds. In April the children attended a very enjoyable Music Morning at Jordans County First School conducted by Mrs Joan Godfrey (Music Adviser).

Rev Campbell conducted an end-of-term Service in Church. The children had made Easter gardens which were displayed. Parents joined us both then and later for tea, songs (and Easter Eggs) before ending the term,

In May a string quartet from Amersham Music Centre gave a short concert in school. The children did a play about refugees to an audience of parents and friends for Christian Aid Week. The Traidcraft Stall raised £60 and tea was served. In June the children performed Country Dancing at the Church Fete.

We visited Brentford Grange Farm, by kind permission of Mrs Swerling, and we also visited Mop End Environmental Studies Centre. In July, a very successful Sports Day, School Fete and Barbecue were held which raised £235 for School Funds. We thank everyone who supported us on this occasion. The Summer Concert was held on 11th July.

The Rev Campbell will be conducting an end-of-term Service in Church on Tuesday, 23rd July, at 10 an. Everyone is welcome..

MAGPIE CLUB

As has been our custom now for the last several years, we sang carols and gave mince pies and scones to some of the older residents of the village just before Christmas. After Christmas we had a party for the under eights in the Village Hall when a good time was had by all.

We had a Scavenger Hunt during the Easter holidays which was very well attended. Our dog Fred excelled himself by eating Jo Ferguson's ear-phones during the picnic. Obviously he took exception to not having a picnic tea!

During the Summer holidays we are hoping to have our village outing to Bournemouth.

D.S.

COLESHILL CLUB

In November we were very pleased to welcome Mrs Pat Emblow demonstrating how to make sweets in preparation for Christmas, which was most enjoyable. In January PC Jacob came and gave us a very helpful talk on Safety in the Home. The following month we very much enjoyed Mr and Mrs Bristow's very colourful slides and talk on their various holidays.

In March Miss Trotman gave a most interesting talk and slides on Natural History of Coleshill, and in April members enjoyed playing games and quizzes. A Bring and Buy sale was held in May in aid of our Autumn lunch and in June we enjoyed the singing of the Harmony Trio with old and new songs, a very nice change for

us.

Tea is served after each meeting and we thank everyone for their help every month. The Club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 2.30 p.m.

R.M.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 1935

We had two main events in Christian Aid Week In May. On the 14th, Miss Dollemore and the staff at Coleshill First School arranged a vivid series of scenes acted by the children on the theme of the week - Homelessness. Mrs Margaret Filer came from Holtspur to bring the Traidcraft stall, and talked to the children about relationships, and the way we can help underdeveloped countries.

On Sunday, 19th May, we had a sponsored walk, with a ploughman's lunch arranged by Mrs Swerling at Brentford Grange Farm. This raised £293. Adrian Taylor was the 'top sponsored person' with £26.20 for which he received a small prize at the village fete.

The house-to-house collection amounted to £321 and with profit from teas on the 14th, together with some individual donations, we altogether paid £630.89 in to Christian Aid on 1st July. Add to this just over £62 taken on the Traidcraft stall, and Coleshill raised a total of £693.

Very many thanks to all who gave so generously to collectors and helpers, and to Miss Dollemore for the school's contribution.

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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.

COLESHILL VILLAGE DRAMA GROUP

An evening of reminiscence (for long-established Colehillites and enlightenment (for newcomers) was enjoyed during the Easter holidays when the Drame Group created 'Colehill Recollections'. After a lovely supper, prepared by Rebecca Harris and during which a continuous slide show of village scenes was provided by Stephen Hitchen, the regular group was joined by some of the village children and some newcomers and vacationing students to enact scenes from old village life.

Some characters, such as Horace the postman (Derek Horrocks), Benny Wingrove the roadman (John Wicks), Hazel Pearce, the farmer's wife (Gill Pusey) and the schoolboy Doug Pusey (Dominic Spencer) who grew up to be our village milkman, were seen often in the village and were well-known to everyone. Others, such as housemaids Olive and Dorothy (Catherine Wicks and Marian Horrocks) showed how life in the large houses was hard for the servants while at the other end of the social scale, Mr Bagehot (Colin Smith) of Windmill House looked very grand in his driving clothes (even if the first driving lesson he gave to Charlie Pusey ended with the first car in Colehill in the pond!)

The cast of twenty four was the largest we have needed and the group is very grateful to all the people, (especially those mentioned above) who helped us out by taking parts. Also to Stella Hunter, who managed to convert Lindsey Haubner's la-la-las into recognisable, readable music and to Micky Haubner for playing it on the piano. After the play a short quiz was followed by an exhibition of wonderful photographs and memorabilia of old Colehill life. These photographs have probably never been seen collectively before and showed all aspects of the village, from the school children in white pinafores and knitted ties at the turn of the century, through the dreadful snow storm of 1926/27 which swallowed up Magpie Lane, to the rows of tiny cottages before they were converted into one home. Much has changed, but thanks to the kindness of the many people who so generously allowed us to borrow these treasured photographs, the memories and stories will continue to be passed on.

At Christmas we will be presenting our second pantomime, 'Cinderella' by David Wood. Once again we would be extremely pleased to hear from anyone prepared to help with set building and designing or anyone v/ith a Godmother who knows how to turn pumpkins into silver coaches!!

* Lindsey Haubner

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW - 7th SEPTEMBER 1985

In April, during our seemingly endless cold wet spring", we had a talk by the RHS Show Manager on 'The History of the Chelsea Flower Show' which gave a hint of brighter days ahead with an abundance of flowers and colour".

V/ith summer here at last (at the time of writing, anyway) hot sun, blue skies", bees buzzing and everything blooming in gay profusion, our thoughts turn to the Annual Village Show to be held on Saturday, 7th September". The schedules are now available free from the village shop and entries will be most welcome from everyone, whether they are under 6 years old (a picture entitled "On the Farm") or a senior citizen (a hand made article completed in the last 12 months).

In between are categories in which the whole family can enter something: vegetables, flowers - just one perfect rose could win you a cup - cakes, preserves, flower arrangements (no, you don't have to be an expert!), sewing, knitting or other hand made articles, and lots in the children's section. They range from edible necklaces to a picture of a pop star, from 6 fancy biscuits to a model made from vegetables. This year the Ward-Tetley Book Award for 8-13 year olds will be for a pressed flower picture, so now is the time to be picking and pressing!

We look forward to a successful show with entries galore, and afterwards the fun of the auction of exhibits kindly donated for the purpose. Great bargains to be had!

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

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| Sunday Services | 3.00 | 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 (1st Sunday)

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| Sunday | 8 | September | Family Service |
| Sunday | 29 | September | HARVEST FESTIVAL |
| Sunday | 13 | October | Family Service |
| Sunday | 3 | November | Patronal Festival (All Saints) |
| Sunday | 10 | November | Family Service (Remembrance) |

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Friday 4 October Harvest Supper

Pro-Wardens - A.N.V. Pantou, Waller's Oak, Coleshill. Tel: 6183
R.Valentine, Friars Vane, Coleshill. Tel: 5794

Hon Treasurer - D.C. Urry, Ardlair, Coleshill. Tel: 7420

Hon Secretary - Miss P. Wright-Warren, 1 Amber Cottages
Coleshill Tel: 3356

- Brownies - Monday Evenings 5.30 - 6.45 p.m.
- Guides - Monday Evenings 6.45 - 8.15 p.m.
- Mothers' Union - 3rd Tuesday in every month (weather permitting)
- Coleshill Club - 4th Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m.
- W.I. - 2nd Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m.
- Mobile Library - MOBILE LIBRARY calls every other Friday between 9.45-10.15 am
Outside the Village Hall.
Next visits: 2nd, 16th and 30th August.