

The Rectory
Church Street
Amersham

July 1990

THE CALL TO MINISTRY

On July 1st, John Baker was ordained priest in the Church of God. Quite a number of people went from Coleshill as well as Amersham to the Cathedral in Oxford for the service in order to be with John and to celebrate with him the joy of the occasion. A splendid service it was, too, although with the usual problems of visibility in the Cathedral!

The Church chooses as the time for the main ordination services of the year St Peterstide, that is either St Peter's day or a day within the week following. It does so as a reminder of the historic links between the ministry of the Apostles at the beginning, and the ministry in our own age. Just as Jesus called people to follow him in Galilee, so he continues to call people to follow him now. Those whom he called then to be his *disciples*, he also gave special tasks. It is no different to-day. He calls each of us and he gives to each of us special tasks to be done in his name as part of his Church.

The tasks which we are given vary a great deal from person to person: some are called particularly to preach or teach or visit the sick or housebound or spread the good news of the Gospel of Christ. We may all be called at times to do each of *these*, but some have it as a greater part of their ministry for Christ to let one area or more figure especially large in their discipleship. There are, of course, very many different parts of ministry within the Church which need to be lived out if the Church is to fulfil the work that Christ gives it and so be his body in the world. What is absolutely certain is that everyone is called to some part or other of this overall ministry.

It follows that it matters a great deal that each of us becomes increasingly aware of the part that God wants us to play. Sometimes individuals become aware by themselves; more commonly we become aware by someone else noticing for us and *encouraging* us. And, of course, the area of ministry to which we are called does not always remain the same throughout our *lives*. We may well begin in administration and move on to pastoral work, or begin by taking part in reading lessons or leading prayers and then feel the call to be involved in teaching or something else.

For some of us, as for John Baker, the call is to serve Christ in the ordained ministry of his Church. But the ordained ministry is but *part* of the whole ministry to which we are all called. More than *that*, the ordained ministry exists particularly to serve the other areas of ministry so that the whole Church can serve the world, as Jesus himself did.

Are you doing the ministry Christ has called you to?

Anthony Priddis

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

John Baker. John's ordination service in Oxford was attended by about 80 from the parish. A rather cold day prompted a change of plan for the picnic site, which was switched to the Priory Rooms, from the Cathedral gardens. John was presented with two gifts as a mark of this special occasion, a Cloak and a Pyx, and our good wishes and congratulations go with these gifts.

Church clock. The clock has now been renovated, with two faces in action, and with a west facing access hatch to facilitate service. Our thanks to Bernard Frost and Peter Bingham for their help and advice.

Churchyard light. A new light has been fixed up on the south west corner of the church to light the Barracks Hill entrance.

Coleshill Contact. A tea was held at Brentford Grange Farm in April, about 12 of our senior citizens came. Several came to the Christian Aid entertainment at Coleshill School on May 15th. The next tea party will be at the home of Peter and Ann Lawrence in August.

Harvest Charity. We are again supporting the Sue Ryder/Cheshire T.B. eradication scheme at the Raphael Home in India, and will be holding a Harvest Breakfast after the morning Harvest Festival Service on Sunday, October 7th. Patsy will be back from her visit to the Home, and will be showing a video and talking about her experiences. Please make a note in your diary now.

Harvest Supper. This will be held in the Village Hall on Friday, October 12th.

Churchyard Clearance. Saturday, July 28th, has been fixed for a "churchyard work day". There will be two sessions, from 10.30 - 12 noon and from 2.00 - 4.00 pm. If you are able to come to either of these sessions and help, or even for half an hour, please come, and bring your own tools!

HOLY MATRIMONY

On 19th May 1990 Roger Edwin Stephenson of Cowley, Exeter, married Rosemary Yvette Laurent of London.

On 26th May 1990 Ian Philip Mercer of Brighton, married Elizabeth Rachel Sears of Winchmore Hill.

HOLY BAPTISM

On 15th April 1990, STUART TOBY, son of Brian and Nicola Miles of Coleshill.

On 15th April 1990, HANNAH SHARRELL, daughter of Beverly Sharrell Keep of Coleshill.

On 29th April 1990, EMMA JANE, daughter of Simon and Lesley Swerling of Chalfont St Giles.

COLESHILL C of E FIRST SCHOOL

In April we held a very successful Whist Drive, with Mr N Meeks as M.C., which resulted in £64.20 being raised for the School Fund.

On May 15th we took part in Christian Aid activities. The children sang songs about litter and re-cycling and a video was shown on the same theme. We had a talk by Barbara Sparkes about Traidcraft, followed by tea and the Traidcraft stall.

In June, the children, staff and a few parents spent the day at the Mop End Environmental Studies Centre and later in the month visited the Royalty and Empire Exhibition at Windsor as part of our study of Victorian times.

CHRISTIAN AID (Coleshill) 14 - 18 May 1990

The weather was kind for both our fund raising events during Christian Aid Week. On 15th May, the children of Coleshill School played a collection of instruments garnered from waste materials, and accompanied songs arranged by Pauline Griffiths on the theme "The World our Community, this is our Charge". A video film picked up the same theme, of the use of discarded items in third world technology, and Mrs Barbara Sparkes rounded off the afternoon by showing the children how some of the items on her Traidcraft stall were made. A raffle and donations raised £39.53. Many thanks to Miss Dollemore and her staff for hosting Christian Aid again.

On 17th May, we had our fourth dog show, by courtesy of Coleshill Cricket Club, on their ground. Special guests were Mr and Mrs Messa Conteh and their little boy. Mr Conteh is Christian Aid's representative for our area. Dog Show classes and agility tests attracted a great variety of different shapes and sizes of dogs, and the Top Dog Cup and Agility Test Cup were both won by Wellington Eardley. A new trophy was given by the Denning family in memory of their dog, George, who won the first Dog Show in 1984. This went to the dog with the most outstanding character in the show, and was won by Fred Swerling.

Children enjoyed an obstacle race organised by Helen Spencer and Dumpy Swerling, and the barbecue was a sell-out organised by Hazel and Philip Pearce, helped by Barbara and George Plumridge.

Many thanks to the Cricket Club members who ran the bar, lent their pavilion and ground and made us so welcome. The total for the evening was £242.20. Our house-to-house collection was most generously supported, and the total events for the week raised a record £1,042.55. Thanks to all who contributed to this marvellous total.

CHURCH FETE - 9th JUNE 1990

As always, the weather was the deciding issue. As luck would have it, the forecast was wrong and we enjoyed a warm and dry afternoon. The result was a record year with income at £2,533 - beating last year's record by some 18%.

So many villagers contribute so much to this village occasion, that it is impossible to mention them all.

However, all the main marquee attractions - Tombolas, raffles, household, clothes, greenfingers, toys, cakes, books and preserves did a wonderful job and many excellent bargains were struck! The tea tent - always popular - added strawberries and cream this year (kindly donated by Mrs Heimann). The Bouncy Castle surprised us all by miraculously turning from "loss leader" to a substantial "profit earner".

The other outside attractions - Coconuts, ices, bowling, hot dogs, frisbee, pistol shooting, Guides', Brownies, and throwing the sponge (mainly at our willing Rector!) all worked very hard to good effect. Again, the professional archery contribution gave the afternoon a certain quality.

The Church Fete Committee would like to thank all concerned for their dedication, good humour and village spirit for making the afternoon so successful.

COLESHILL VILLAGE DRAMA GROUP

The Drama Group is 'resting'!

MAGPIE CLUB - SUMMER 1990

The following activities will be taking place during the summer holidays

Thursday 26 July, 12 - 2 pm. Teddy Bears' picnic at Grove Mill for 0 - 8 year olds. Please bring picnic lunch and teddy bear!

Pat Dawson - 433036

Friday 27 July, 3 - 5 pm. Poetry for fun. In small Village hall. For children 7 and upwards. Do bring any funny, interesting or lively poems with you!

Lindsey Haubner - 722589

Wednesday 1 August - 12 noon. River Chess Picnic. Meet at Village Hall. Bring picnic lunch, game or swimming things. For all ages.

Sue Cacacicco - 722068

Tuesday 7 August. 3 - 5 pm. Cycle Gymkhanas. Bring picnic tea.

3 - 7 year olds at Coleshill School Playground. Madeleine Murray - 728561

7 - 11 year olds at Friars Vane Paddock. Rosemary Valentine - 725794

Friday 10 August. 2 - 4 pm. Tennis and Short Tennis at Forge House for children 8 upwards. Please bring tennis shoes and racket if possible.

Jane McNeilly - 726736

Friday 17 August. 12 noon. The Rye Playground, High Wycombe. All ages. Meet at Village Hall. Bring picnic lunch,.

Eleanor Stillwell - 721610

Tuesday 21 August. 2 - 4 pm. Swimming. At Friars Vane for all ages.

Rosemary Valentine - 725794

Thursday 23 August. Day trip to Bournemouth. For further information phone: Dumpy Swerling 726414

Thursday 30 August. 10 am. Meet 10 am at Village Hall for walk to Winchmore Hill or meet on Winchmore Hill Common at 11 am for Games. Bring picnic lunch.

Sue Cacacicco - 722068

ALL CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 8 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

1st COLESHILL (ALL SAINTS) BROWNIE PACK

Tawny Owl has flown off to Zimbabwe for a couple of months so old Brown Owl is just giving a short Brownie report.

There are now fifteen Brownies in the pack. The four new recruits are Jennifer Green, Marianne Lee, Ellis Tuffney and Susannah Pond.

The Brownies ran a very successful Pink & White stall at the Village Fete. They took part in the family service in June, and also attended the District Brownie Revels in Amersham where the theme was 'On Safari'. One of the last activities of term was a Teddy Bears' picnic in the beautiful garden of our County President, Joan Frost, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A very pleasant day was spent at Kew. There was so much to see that inevitably time was against us. The weather was superb and made for an excellent day out.

A reminder that the Annual Show will be on SATURDAY 1st SEPTEMBER. We would once again ask everyone to support this annual Village event

COLESHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The past three months have been busy ones for Coleshill W.I., with the emphasis on preparations for the "Celebration 70" scrapbook, which is being passed from one to another of each of the 185 Institutes in the Bucks Federation to commemorate the 70th Birthday. This is in addition to the arrangements to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the National Federation of W.Is.

In April, the caretakers of the Village Hall, Mr and Mrs Dover retired. Their kindly care was much appreciated by all W.I. members, who use the Hall for meetings.

The June meeting started with a very good attendance, about 75%, for a Group Photograph, taken by the 'Bucks Examiner' photographer, to go in the Scrapbook. It was noted that some members also appeared in the last Group photograph, taken in 1965 to mark the 50th anniversary of the National Federation.

Mrs Colley of Forty Green W.I., who represented Coleshill at the Albert Hall, came to the meeting to report on the proceedings at the A.G.M. The resolutions were carried and the meeting was made historic by the presence of the Queen, and in the expectation that it would be the last A.G.M. to held in London.

At the end of June a Bring and Buy sale was held at the Cricket Club in aid of the repairs to the Club roof. Those attending both brought and bought very generously, and £126 was raised.

There have been interesting talks - on the Origins of Horsedrawn Transport by Mr Stiff; and Mr Renshaw, assisted by Mrs Bromley, presented a film about the work of the Red Cross in Eritrea and the Sudan, having first given a brief outline of its International history. There is much to look forward to in the coming months. The craft group will be taking the king size patchwork quilt they have been working on to the Craft Exhibition at Dr. Challoner's Grammar School in Amersham on 3rd and 4th August to raffle it and raise money for the Alzheimer's Disease Society. Do please buy some tickets and win an heirloom! There are parties for some of the members of the Chalfont Centre for Epilepsy and for some Deaf and Dumb friends who will also be visiting the Horses' Rest Home at Speen.

Outings are planned to Highclere Castle and the Mill at Sonning, so anyone interested in these activities should hurry up and join; they will be made most welcome.

Date: 2nd Thursday in month (except August) Time: 2.30 pm. Place:
Village Hall.

J.P.

COLESHILL CRICKET CLUB

I am pleased to report that we are enjoying a good season on the field. In the Saturday League our 1st Eleven are in second place in their division, and the 2nd Eleven are in third place.

Unfortunately we were knocked out of the National Village Competition by Kimble in a hard-fought game. We shall look for our "revenge" next year. The 1st Eleven are out of the Mid-week knock-out competition but our 2nd have reached the semi-final which we will play 24 July. Our Sunday Eleven are also enjoying a good season.

The Committee and Club Members would like to take this opportunity to offer a big Thank you to our friends the W.I. who held a coffee morning, the proceeds of which were donated to the Club to be put towards the costs of repairing the damage we received during the storms earlier this year. Their hard work and efforts on our behalf are very much appreciated by all. Thank you Ladies.

K. Barber

CAN YOU HELP?

Mrs Florence Appleby, who lived in Coleshill for nearly 50 years before moving to Old Amersham, is in Booker Hospital following a stroke. Her daughters, Jean and Freda, find it impossible to visit her by public transport.

I am therefore hoping to make up a rota of people who would be willing to drive them to Booker once a week. If you could help I should be grateful if you could let me know - Amersham 727207.

Ann Lawrence

A CLOSED SHOP?

A message from the Parish Council:

Have you been into the shop lately? Did you know they run a 48 hour dry-cleaning service and a well-stocked off-licence? They have delicious cakes and biscuits, a good selection of soups, petfood, and many staples like sugar, eggs, bread, butter, jam ... even greetings cards and a video library. And they are not expensive!

With a 200% increase in the business rate, falling use of the Post Office (due to pensions being paid into bank accounts), the opening of the new Tesco, and people's apparent reluctance to use its service, Coleshill Village Stores is facing its biggest crisis ever. Closure is a real and imminent possibility. Four sub-Post Offices have closed in South Bucks in the last four months. Ours could be the fifth, if we sit back and do nothing.

Coleshill has an adult population of four hundred. It is not much, but it is more than we had in the not-so-distant past when we supported two shops. We could certainly support one now, if we really want one.

Since they took over, Tina and Michael have worked very hard to improve the shop. They have introduced many new lines and services not previously available. After the Council circulated a questionnaire last year, they started stocking many of the lines requested, but unfortunately the people who requested them did not buy. They have not achieved the turnover necessary for survival, and in fact are losing money. We can't expect them to go on doing this for our convenience.

There is a handful of good regular customers. They come from all walks of life, and are in no way exceptional in their needs. Others could find it equally useful. Any household could easily spend £5 a week there, if not £10. As it is, no more than 50% of the population have ever been inside the shop, and fewer than half of those use it at all regularly. It is not intended as a place where you do a full weekly shop. It is a convenience service. Given a bit more support, they could improve their stock and make it even more convenient!

Our last chance to keep a shop and post-office in the village is upon us. Please help Coleshill keep its stores. It can be done - if everybody does their bit.

J.C.T.

COLESHILL VILLAGE HALL

The Management Committee is aware of some possible inconvenience that may be caused by cars parked in the area of the Hall, and at its next meeting it will discuss whether any changes are possible. Central to the discussion is the need for the Hall to balance its financial books. Reduced use of the Hall will lower the numbers of cars but similarly reduce the income. If you have views on the traffic volumes, on alternative sources of income, or on the most equitable way to proceed in the interest of the Village as a whole, please speak to Peter Lawrence or to any member of the Committee. Our meeting is on Thursday 19 July.

P.M.L.

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

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The Reverend John Baker, 31 Piggotts End, Amersham Bucks.
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St Mary's Church, Amersham

Sunday Services	8.00 am Holy Communion
	10.15 am Family Communion (with Creche, Sunday School & 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

October 7th:
Harvest Thanksgiving: 9.00 am Parish Communion
6.00 pm Evensong

Harvest Supper: Friday, October 12th.

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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

Mobile Library: Calls every other THURSDAY, stopping at:

The Church	3.45 - 4.00 pm
Hill Meadow	4.00 - 4.15 pm

Next visits: JULY 26, AUGUST 9 S 23, SEPTEMBER 6 & 20