

March/April 1974

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

In the Oxford Dictionary Easter is described quite simply as "The Festival of Christ's **Resurrection**" and one of the descriptions the same dictionary gives of Resurrection is "the revival from **fi**use or inactivity or decay".

What a wonderful way to describe what we have been trying to do during Lent. By prayer and discipline we have been trying to bring back into use or activity our day to day discipleship ambassadorship and worship of Jesus,

Easter Day is the big occasion when we put into practice and are strengthened in that by meeting the risen Lord at the Altar.

Easter Day is the one real MUST for all Communicants. We look forward to being with you at our **Lord's** own meal that day.

Yours sincerely,

Allan Campbell
Rector

CHURCH SERVICES

The normal Church services at All **Saints'** on each Sunday at 9.00 a.m. will be

1st and 3rd Sundays Holy Communion (1662)
2nd and 4th " Holy Communion (Series No. 3)
5th Sunday **Mattins** and ante Communion

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HOLY MATRIMONY

On the 23rd February 1974

David John Howells to Sally Ann **Hearne**

DEATHS

With deep regret the following deaths are recorded:

On March 10th **Miss. Julia Burch**
 " 12th **Herbert McCann**
 " 19th **T. Marcham**

Sincere **sympathy is** extended to those who have been left behind*

THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS (Continued)

The December number of the Newsletter reproduced a leaflet issued by the Church Commissioners but did not include a statement as to how the Commissioners derived their income, or how they used it.

Briefly the Commissioners income of £28,507,169 for 1972/3 was derived from the following - Stock Exchange investments approx. 46% land and property approx. 40%, mortgages and loans approx. 7%, money received for particular beneficiaries approx. 7%.

It was used as follows:-

Clergy pay.. .. .	63.5%
Clergy and widows' pensions	14.0%
Clergy houses.. .. .	11.4%
New Church buildings.	2.7%
Administrative.	6.4%
Added to capital to increase income.	2.0%

The 63.5%, or £17,960,728 went towards Clergy stipends, which in total amounted to some £23,750,000. A small part of the balance of some £6,000,000 was made up from trust funds, glebe and fees, but the greater part was contributed from members of the Church.

The **Archbishops'** Advisers of Needs and Resources estimated in 1972 that the annual needs of the Church in 1975 would be £77 million, of which £31.6 million might be expected from the Church Commissioners, leaving a balance of £45.4 million to be raised from outside sources.

In other words, **THREE FIFTHS OF THE MONEY THE CHURCH NEEDS EACH YEAR MUST COME FROM MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH**, so the Parishes must raise enough money each year to pay for keeping up the Church and Churchyard, **maintaining** the services, the training of the Ministry, the Diocesan quota and help with the cost of paying and housing the clergy.

Many clergy are still paid less than £30:00 a week and have to meet substantial working expenses out of their pay which should be met in full by each Parish.

OXFORD DIOCESAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL WORK.

At the Annual General Meeting of the **Amersham** District Association, which took place on the 24th March in the presence of The President the Lord Bishop of Buckingham and some 65 others, we were told of the Flatlet Scheme in High **Wycombe** and how the problem of meeting financial commitments was giving rise to anxiety. After the meeting, there was a discussion about voluntary work in the community led by Miss. M. Ritson Smith (Principle Social Worker for the Diocese), Mrs. L. **Essame**, Area Officer for the new **Chiltern** Area, Bucks County Council Social Services Department, and Mrs. T. **Beresford**, Voluntary Service Co-ordinator, Bucks County Council, Wycombe Area.

During the course of his address, The Reverend R. V. **Stapleton**, Chairman said that the Association was indebted to a band of Rent-visitors who had been undertaking the day-to-day management of the house in High Wycombe. In the last 8 months of 1973, ten adults and six children had taken advantage of the accommodation we were able to offer them. It emerged that there was a large number of girls who need hostel accommodation rather than the more independent bed-sitter type we have available.

Much more needs doing. It would be useful if all "Church based" organisations in the area could work together, to mobilise our resources both in money and man-power. There are all kinds of needs to be met - clubs or hostels for homeless or lonely people, day nurseries as well as more support for the many statutory and voluntary services which are already being provided.

CONGRATULATIONS

Hearty congratulations are extended to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Slade who celebrate their Golden Wedding this Year, having been married on May the 24th, 1924.

Mr. Slade comes from an old and much respected Coleshill family, having been born at Forge Cottage, as were his two sisters and eight brothers. His father and grandfather were well known blacksmiths and all nine sons followed the craft to start with. Frank stuck to the anvil and was well known for his skill until he retired a few years ago.

Before her marriage Grace Slade was a Londoner, and had a job at Chesham, where she met her husband-to-be on Armistice Day as he was there on leave from his Regiment in France, the Royal Field Artillery.

COLESHILL CHURCHYARD. A TRIBUTE TO MR. WARE.

No visitor to Coleshill can fail to have been impressed by the beautifully kept churchyard in the centre of the village.

The grass has always been close cropped, the hedges beautifully shaped and clipped, the flowerbeds and paths quite weed free - in short, the whole impression is of a garden tended with loving care.

For many years this has been undertaken by Mr. Sydney Ware. Indeed he has even planted his own shrubs and flowers there. Now after carrying the burden on behalf of the village for so many years, he is relinquishing it.

This Newsletter provides a fitting opportunity to say a hearty "Thank You" to Mr. Ware from the whole village for his devoted work.

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A most enthusiastic reception was accorded to Mrs. D. Hesfo. at the Annual General Meeting of this Society on the 8th March, when in response to a popular appeal, she agreed to take over the Hon. Secretaryship from Mr. Rann, who had been obliged to retire from office on account of pressure from other work.

With the help of a very lively Committee, Murray had run seven highly successful annual shows since succeeding the never to be forgotten Charlie Jerram in 1967 and had introduced a revised set of rules which are still in operation.

The other officers were then re-elected with enthusiasm, Mr. E. H. Grindley - President; Mr. E. Smith - Chairman; Mr. E. A. Post - Hon. Treasurer. It was agreed to hold this year's show on Saturday the 14th September.

The Show caters for flowers, fruit, vegetables, cookies and Children's art, and entries to be made on the official form to be obtained from the Committee, must be made by Wednesday 11th September. There is nothing fiercely competitive about the Show, but there is some friendly rivalry as to who holds the 7 challenge cups competed for each year. New entries are particularly welcome.

It will help the Hon. Treasurer, if Patrons will send their donations to this worthy cause to Mr. Post, Penridge, Village Road, Coleshill, without waiting for any request, and perhaps other residents might like to join the patrons.

1st COLESHILL GUIDE COMPANY

Meetings finish on the 25th March and begin again on the 22nd April.

Rachel Wege was enrolled on the 11th February and this term we have welcomed Julia Davis, who has resumed Guiding with us, after a short break.

We have much enjoyed talks on Home Nursing by Mrs. Wege, and have hopes of everyone sprouting a Home Nurses badge on her arm.

Mrs. Griffiths passed Eileen Davis for her Minstrel Badge, the first badge to be taken and won by this Company. Mrs. Helps tested and passed Susan Ware, Amanda Rees, Julia Davis, Eileen Davis and Rachel Wege for their Hostess Badge.

On Thinking Day Sunday, some of us attended a Service at the Free Church, Amersham. The Church was packed with Guides, Brownies and Rangers and the Service was taken by an ex Guider.

On 29th June, a bus has been booked to go to Stoke Mandeville to watch the paraplegic games (children 10-16) and the Brownies will join us.

Since writing the above, I have heard that Coleshill Guides and Brownies made the best effort in aid of kitchen equipment for Stoke Mandevill Hostel. As a result 1 Guide and 1 Brownie and myself have been invited to the formal presentation of the equipment on 30th March. We again thank all those who supported us.

We hope to help at the District Jumble Sale at St. John's Hall (Methodist) Amersham on 20th April.

H.J.M.C.

BROWNIE NOTES

This term ends on March 25th with a games evening and we welcome Susie Williams as a new Recruit. A total of 28 Interest badges have been taken this term, and we would like to thank Mrs. Farmer for testing so many of our Brownies in "bulk lots" for House Orderly and Safety in the Home badges. We would also like to thank Mrs. Blunt, Mrs. Giffiths and Miss. Davison for their invaluable help with testing.

On Saturday April 20th, there will be a Jumble Sale in St. John's Methodist Hall. This is for District Funds. If anyone has any jumble, will they please let me know at Amersham 6670, or contact Mr. Coals at Amersham 3883.

We are sorry to lose, Joanna Swerling next term as she is going to Guides and we wish her every success.

Next term begins on April 22nd. Finally our continued thanks to Mrs. Eyres who makes our lives a little easier with her help.

G. Richardson
Brown Owl

P.S. If anyone has a continental frame tent they could lend us for the fete, would they kindly let me know.

SCHOOL WHIST DRIVE

A very successful School whist drive was held on Thursday the 21st March 1974 with Mr. N. Meaks as M.C.

A profit of £24.60 was made and will go towards the purchase of simple musical instruments for the children, and any surplus will be used to re-stock the fish tank. The Governors wish to thank all helpers and others for their generous support.

THE GIFT OF HEALING

From a letter from the Bishop of South West Tanganyika "I have felt that the gift of healing must be one of the signs of the Church since Jesus and his Disciples gave it such importance. Edmund John, brother of our Archbishop, a very humble man, seems to have discovered that he is a channel for healing in his **later** years. He now holds missions in several places and has been the instrument of freeing many people not only from forms of possession but also from physical complaints. He insists that Jesus is the **Healer** and he himself only the channel. He refuses any payment and makes no appeal for money. He fasts completely for three days during the mission and does not leave the church. He stresses that penitence is an essential and combines his healing with preaching the Gospel".

Dr. Ursula Hay, who was the doctor at Magila Hospital told me that she had been helping at one of his missions in **Dar-es-Salaam**. She went a sceptic and came away aware that she had seen the Gospel in Action.

M.W.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The International and Interdenomination Women's Day of World Day of Prayer was held in Coleshill in the Baptist Church on Friday 1st March.

About 40 women were present and the address on the theme "Make us Builders of Peace" was given by Miss. Philippa Rann who has recently spent several years in India. She gave an inspired address on the theme, high lighting the need for each one of us to help create peace in our homes and in our immediate surroundings - as well as playing our part in building peace and goodwill as members of the world community.

There **was** a collection of £9:00 which was sent to help the distribution of Christian Literature throughout the world. The date of the Women's World Day of Prayer for 1975 is **March** 7th.

MUSICAL AFTERNOON

Thursday the 14th February was a unique occasion for Coleshill W.I. members as they relied upon a colleague, Mrs. Woolacott, to provide the entertainment. This she did by presenting a stereo tape recording of all **kinds** of music, **orchestral**, pianoforte and various solos. Each was introduced by an excellent commentary, and the result was a most enjoyable afternoon.

Mrs. Woolacott must have felt that the time spent on making up the tape was well worth **while**.

AMERSHAM R.D.C. OFFICIAL GUIDE

Recently the Amersham R.D.C. has revised its official guide and congratulations are extended to the editor Mr. L. Edgar Pike. While available, copies may be obtained from the Council Offices.

In less than 40 pages, the guide contains a mass of most interesting data and some splendid photographs including one of Coleshill Village Pond and Church. On the same page there is a view of the River **Misbourne** at Great **Missenden**, then happily full. Of the Misbourne the guide states that it has the odd characteristic of disappearing suddenly and completely, often for months on end. This has earned for it, the name of woe water, local people affirming that if it reappears it presages a national calamity. Yet as Geologists have confirmed, even when the bed is dry, it is still flowing as an even larger underground river.

RECITAL

Following the success of their December recital, reported in the last number of the Newsletter, the Coleshill Village Drama Group hope to continue promoting such entertainment. In future, it is intended that the proceeds of any concert should be divided between a charity, the Church and the Drama Group.

The next recital will be held in All Saints' Church, Coleshill at 8.00 p.m. on Friday the 17th May, which is the Friday of CHRISTIAN AID WEEK and it will be in aid of Christian Aid. There will be a guitarist and a reader and full details will be available nearer the date.

If any charity wishes to be invited for future recitals, will they please contact Miss. Patsy Wright-Warren, 5 Amber Cottages, Coleshill, Amersham 3356.

As a result of the recital in December, referred to above, the Drama Group donated £20:00 to the Church funds, which was gratefully acknowledged by Mr. Panton, the Hon. Treasurer.

Incidentally the Drama Group point out that there were two printers' errors on the back of the programme relating to the December recital. In point of fact Mr. and Mrs. James Harrison were responsible for the Merry Thoughts, and Mr. Ron Bone was responsible for the Review Group which followed them.

A.G.M's

Residents are cordially invited to attend the following A.G.M's:

Tuesday April 23rd.. .. Village Hall A.G.M. Village Hall 8.15 pm
Wednesday May 1st Residents Association A.G.M. Parish Room
8.15 p.m.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Deanery Festival for 1974 will be held at St. Mary's Church, Chesham on Tuesday the 14th May.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

April - Thur. 4th.. .. Mobile Library Van, Coleshill
Thur. 11th.. .. MAUNDY THURSDAY
W.I. Miss Maria Piccaver
Fri. 12th.. .. GOOD FRIDAY
Sun. 14th.. .. EASTER DAY
Thur. 18th.. .. Mobile Library Van, Coleshill.
Fri. 19th.. .. Coleshill C.C. Dance
Tue. 23rd.. .. Village Hall A.G.M. Village Hall 8.15 p.m.
Tue. 30th.. .. All Saints' Church, Committee Meeting.
May - Wed. 1st.. .. Residents Association A.G.M. Parish Room 8.15 pm
Thur. 9th.. .. Mobile Library Van, Coleshill. W.I. V.C.O. Mrs. Wood
Tue. 14th.. .. Mothers' Union, Deanery Festival, St. Mary's, Chesham.
Fri. 17th.. .. Drama Group, Recital, All Saints Church 8.00 p.m.
Thur. 23rd.. .. Mobile Library Van, Coleshill

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S, AMERSHAM

Summer Festival - Friday, Saturday & Sunday 19th - 21st July.

THIS NEWSLETTER

Technical difficulties have impeded the production of this number and the Editor is very grateful for the help which has made production at all possible.

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

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

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, AMERSHAM

Maundy Thursday 8.00 p.m. Holy Communion

Good Friday: 11.00 a.m. Litany and Anti Communion
 2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. Service of Devotion

Easter Day 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (1662)
 10.00 a.m. Family Communion (Series 2)
 ~~11.00~~ a.m. Mattins and Communion (1662)
 6.00 p.m. Evensong

Sunday Services: 8.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
 10.00 a.m. Children's Service - 1st Sunday in the
 month this service
 is Holy Communion
 Series III

 11.00 a.m. MATTINS
 6.00 p.m. Evensong
 10.00 p.m. Holy Communion

ALL SAINTS' COLESHILL

Sunday Services:	9.00	a.m.	PARISH COMMUNION
	10.15	a.m.	Sunday School
Good Friday	10.00	a.m.	Holy Communion

St, **Andrew's Mission Church, Winchmore Hill**

2nd and 4th Sundays 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Pro-Churchwardens: N. N. Nicholls, Orchard House (Tel: 6734)
D. Powell-Price, Coleshill Lodge (Tel: 3949)
Hon. Treasurer: A. M. V. Panton, Wallers Oak (Tel: 6183)
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. Dryden, 14 Woodside Close, Amersham. (Tel: 3449)

Brownies: Monday Evenings in the Hall at 5.30 p.m.

Choir: Thursday Evenings in Church at 7.00 p.m.

Mothers' Union: 3rd Thursday afternoon of every month at 2.30 p.m.