

November 1984

The Rector's Letter

My dear Friends,

I write to wish you all a very happy Christmas, and trust you will be able to spend this great day with your family. It is a wonderful family day, the poet Tennyson says - "The time draws near to the birth of Christ." That birthday is one we all share, and I invite you to come to Church on that day to meet, not just the baby Jesus but our risen Lord and Saviour.

Many of us have been disturbed of late by utterances, made in public, about our Christian faith. I would like to assure you of our belief and for you to assure yourselves, by reading the Gospel stories about our Lord's Birth.

In St Matthew's Gospel Chapter One beginning at verse 18, we read: "Now the Birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise; when as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost now read on to verse 23. See also St Luke's Gospel - please read Chapter One, verse 26: "the Angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a City of Galilee, named Nazareth to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph," of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary and read on to verse 38.

Nothing could be clearer or more concise. That is what we believe; and that is what we say in the Creed - 'I believe in Jesus Christ, his (God's) only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary

On Christmas Day we come to worship that Child.

The first Christian act of worship was attended by a very small congregation of a few herdsmen who, as the result of a divine visitation, had learned of the birth of the Saviour, and had hurried to the place to see and to adore. It is our duty to worship and adore.

Finally, I quote from Rudyard Kipling in his poem 'Eddi's Chapel' where he begins "Eddi, priest of St Wilfred, in his Chapel at Manhood End, ordered a midnight service, for such as cared to attend", and finishes by saying: "said Eddi of Manhood End, I dare not shut his Chapel on such as care to attend."

Your Church will not be shut on Christmas Day, it will be wide open, and I hope and pray "you ALL will CARE" to attend.

Yours sincerely,

Allan Campbell

Rector

HOLY BAPTISM

8 July 1984 Oliver Jonathan, son of Ashley and Tracy Amanda EAMES of Stony Path Cottage.

19 August 1984 Jeremy Charles, son of, Keith James and Hazel Cynthia GLOVER of 26 Hill Meadow.

14 October 1984 Alexandra Frances, daughter of Graham Dudley and Lynda Teresa PYLE, Coldharbour Farm

FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be a school Going Down Service at All Saints on Wednesday, 19th December at 10.45 a.m. All are welcome.

23rd December 3.00 p.m. Lessons and Carols at All Saints.

6.00 p.m. Lessons and Carols at St Mary's

Christmas Eve 11.30 p.m. •• Holy Communion at St Mary's

Christmas Day 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St Mary's >•

9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at All Saints

11.00 a.m. Family Carols at St Mary's ••<

HARVEST SUPPER

Harvest Supper was on Friday 5th October and proved, as usual, that the nicest parties are, the ones where everybody knows everybody else. We sat down to a meal that proved (also as usual) that Dumpy Swerling is an organiser of genius. the flowers also demonstrated something we all know: the talent of Jackie Ferguson.

The children butted and the Rector made a speech. It was the absence of a main road through the village, he thought, that enabled Coleshill to keep its sense of community.

Then the choir gave a creditable rendering of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat', in a much shortened concert version, thus ingeniously overcoming the problem of male voices: Joseph doesn't need male voices. Finally with Stella Hunter at the piano (specially tuned for the occasion) we all sang the old favourites, ending, traditionally, with 'Good-bye'.

* CHRISTMAS GREETINGS *

The following have advised that they do not propose to send out Christmas Cards locally, but extend to all their friends their very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year½

Jack Adams
Peter & Joan Allan
Geoffrey & Nancy Alpe
F.G. Appleby & the girls
The Barrett Family
Sybil Boston
Eva Brackley
Leonard & Jean Bristow
Peter & Jennifer Brock
Trixie Brown
John & Julie Burton
Rev Allan & Mrs Campbell
John & Ann Chenevix-Trench
Kitty Clifton
Coleshill Village Stores
Hilda Collier
Nancy Collier
Mrs Cossey & Family
Geoffrey & Hilda Creber & Family
David & Marigold Curling
Norman & Minnie Darvill
Jan Day
Christina (Deaky) Deacon
Jim & Alison Dening & Family
Charles & Anna-Marie Desoutter
Keith & Natalie Dipple
The Dover Family
Ann, Ted, James & Robbie Downie
Jonathan & Lindsey Earleley & Family
Louise E. Edwards
Albert & Louie Edwards
Jack & Pat Emblow
Robin & Jackie Ferguson & Family
Peggie Gow
Maisie & Andrew Grant
Lena Grayer
Win & Harold Grindley
John Guest
Rodney & Renee Gunn
Denis & Chloe Hall
Florence Harris
Tim & Rebecca Harris & Family
Elizabeth Harvey
Jack, Lindsey & Nicola Haubner
Michele Haubner
Eric & Ann Hearne
Desmond & flargot Hesford
Michael & Di Hesford
Roger & Jean Higgs
The Horsbrugh-Porter Family
Bill & Barbara Houlton & Family

Sandy Laing Hutcheon
Hugh Jones
Joan Kunzer
Peter & Anne Lawrence & Family
Ilarjorie Long-Brown
David & Ineke McCammon & Family
Pat McCann
Judy McLean
Violet Martin
George & Ruby May
Henry & Diana Maynard
The Menist Family
Kathy Monk
The Norman Family
Willie Northcliffe
Nita Ovington
Alastair & Christopher Panton
Philip & Hazel Pearce
Tom & Stella Platzner
George & Barbara Plumridge
Peg Pomeroy
Dora Post
Margaret Price
Mickey & Huw Prothero
Doug & Jessie Pusey
Roger & Ann Pusey
The Richardson Family
Jim & Pleasance Riley
Dorothy Rodnight
The Ruperti Family
Nick & Mary Sadler & Family
Ewart, Jean, Beryl & Colin Smith
The Spencer Family
Sidney & Emily Stevens
Mollie K. Stone
Bob & Pam Stubbings
The Swerling Family
Arthur & Betty Tilley
Peggy & Ann Trotman
Donald & Anita Urry
Richard & Rosemary Valentine & Family
Betty Waite
Sidney & Ann Ware & Family
Chris & Mary Wege & Family
Doreen Wheldon
Catherine Wicks
Peter & Yvonne Williams & Family
Mercie & Martin Williamson
Reg & Betty Woolacott
Spike & Phyllis Wright
Patsy Wright-Warren

CHRISTIAN AID

In response to the 'Famine Relief in Africa' appeal, we arranged a coffee afternoon held by kind invitation in Mr and Mrs Spencers' home.

A short slide/tape programme presented by Mr David Morgan of a recent visit to Tigray by Dr Max Peberdy gave us the background to the famine there.

Dr Peberdy had been assigned the task of buying up food and conveying it into war-torn Tigray. This involved travelling by night, and hiding under cover of trees by day to avoid air attack - a difficult and dangerous journey. The most impressive aspect of the crisis was the spirit and sharing of resources of the people of Tigray - those with a little taking families with nothing into their homes and caring for them. By the request of the whole group the £323 collected was earmarked specially for Tigray.

R.A.L.T.

COLESHILL CLUB

In July Miss Boston kindly invited us to her lovely garden where we played games and enjoyed a delightful tea in gorgeous summer weather, friends from Winchmore Hill Thursday Club were invited to join us.

We enjoyed some lovely flower arranging which Mrs Maynard so kindly demonstrated for us at our August meeting and in September we had our Annual Lunch and afterwards we were entertained by our Coleshill School children which we thoroughly enjoyed.

On Monday, 22nd October, we were kindly invited to join the Brownies for a party, we were entertained by singing and poetry and a lovely tea was served.

The A.G.M. was held at our October meeting. We thank all who have helped us in the past year.

R.M.H.

COLESHILL WOMENS' INSTITUTE

At the annual meeting on November 3th, the committee was re-elected, with two additional members, Mrs Plumridge and Mrs Wright. The composition of the committee is now:

President:	- Mrs Joseph	Mrs Ovington
Secretary	- Mrs Emblow	Mrs H Collier
Treasurer	- Mrs Brown	Mrs Cox
Outings Secretary	- Mrs Whyte	Miss Deacon
Programme Secretary	- Miss Trotman	Mrs Hall
Press Secretaries	- Mrs Plumridge	
	- Mrs Wright	

The remaining events on our programme for 1984 are the bazaar on 24th November and the Christmas lunch on 13th December. The bazaar includes stalls for cakes, sweets, Christmas decorations, books, boutique, produce and a bran tub. A visit by Father Christmas is expected.

The programme for 1985 includes talks on Swan Upping, German Wines, and a demonstration of Tambour beading. New members will be welcome.

R.A.L.T.

COLESHILL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

In July we presented a cheque for £130 to the Royal National Institute for the Blind, the result of a sponsored Spelling Test. This term the children also painted pictures for the Coleshill Show, which would be held before the children returned to school in September.

An end-of-term service was held in the church in July, conducted by the Reverend Campbell, and attended by parents and others.

In September, the children made models and butterfly pictures for Winchmore Hill Show, and on 26th September our Open Assembly/Harvest Festival was well attended. The following day the children entertained the members of the Coleshill Club with items from our Summer Concert and presented each one with a plate of fruit and vegetables. The remaining produce was sold and a cheque for £15 sent to the National Children's Homes.

On 6th November, all the children spent the day at Shortenills Nature Study Centre, parents helping with transport, and on the 22nd, with the help of several parents, the children were taken to Amersham Health Centre for a morning's dental education.

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Future events:

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: SATURDAY, 1st DECEMBER at 10.30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: THURSDAY, 3rd DECEMBER at 7.00 p.m.

MAGPIE CLUB

We started the summer holidays with a visit to the retired horses at Speen. This proved a very interesting day with masses of horses for everyone to see.

We had a swimming afternoon at the McCammons and we were lucky the sun shone the whole time.

The village outing to Bournemouth was another successful day. We had quite pleasant weather and the children were able to spend quite a lot of the day in the water.

We had a really lovely Teddy Bears Picnic in the Valentines' garden with a record breaking entry of 34 teddies, all vying for prizes for the oldest, smallest, largest or best-dressed teddy.

We ended the holidays with a picnic and cricket match. As the children are all too good for us mums, we mixed the sides and this made it a fairer game! Everybody enjoyed the afternoon.

COLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A wonderful summer meant a colourful show in most Coleshill gardens which were not affected by hosepipe bans. Already those days seem a long time ago as we scrape up soggy leaves from our lawns and complain of the rain and the cold. However, some villagers still have reminders of their happy, summer days - the cup winners at the Horticultural Show. These cups have now been engraved and returned to the winners, who were:

The Grindley Challenge Cup	-	Mrs P Griffiths
The Jerram Challenge Cup	-	Mrs D Heimann
The Woolacott Vase	-	Mrs C M Wicks
The Cotswold Challenge Cup	-	Mrs A G Urry
The Coleshill Challenge Cup	-	Mrs Jean Smith
The Edmond Waller Challenge Cup	-	Mrs D J Stiel
The Ovington Rose Bowl	-	Mr Denis Hall
The Clifton Cup	-	Mrs Sharon Hall
The Wheatsheaf Children's Cup	-	Jo-Anna Ferguson

The numbers of entrants were down this year, possibly as September 1st was too close to the holiday period, and we do hope more of you will enjoy competing next year. The most disappointing class was the Wand-Tetley Book Award. There are some very talented children in the village but not one felt inclined to try for our lovely book prize. Perhaps the suggested subject was not inspiring enough. Any suggestions for next year?

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Catherine Wicks as our new Honorary Secretary who would be very happy to receive your suggestions for speakers or outings.

Enjoy your winter rest and happy gardening in 1985.

L.H.

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*           FORTHCOMING ATTRACTION           *
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*   SPRING MEETING - WEDNESDAY 3rd APRIL 1985   *
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*   "The History of the Chelsea Flower Show"   *
*   with superb slides                         *
*   by Allan Sawyer                           *
*   Manager of the Royal Horticulture Society shows *
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*   •           EVERYONE WELCOME               *
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1st COLESHILL (ALL SAINTS) BROWNIE GUIDE PACK

We entered the 'Brownie Challenge 84' with an entertainment consisting of singing and recitations to which we invited the members of the Coleshill Club, Badge Testers, the Coleshill Guides, a Pack of Amersham Brownies and Parents. Refreshments made (mostly) by the Brownies were served afterwards. We were fortunate to secure the services of Mrs Kathy Monk who accompanied us on the piano. We are grateful to Mrs Hilda Collier for making us a new Owl. This was presented to the Pack at the entertainment.

We were very pleased to be given permission to hold our weekly meetings at Coleshill School.

Sarah Lamping made her Promise in October. We attended the Family Services in September and November. For our October half-term outing we went to London Zoo.

Interest Badges achieved

Cook: Emma Norman, Joanne Gregory, Natalie Newton, Sophie Hesford, Joanne Glover, Annabel Horrocks, Elizabeth Eardley.

Athletes: Louisa Welch, Joanne Gregory, Natalie Newton, Georgina Ilutchins, Emma Norman, Sarah Fribbens, Joanne Glover, Charlotte Bond, Nikola Brown.

Dancer Elizabeth Eardley

H.T.

THE DRAMA GROUP

After a series of light-hearted comedies and the pantomime, the group felt you might like to see something a little more serious this time. We have therefore chosen a good story by Arthur Miller called 'ALL MY SONS' to produce on 6th, 7th and 8th DECEMBER.

Set in America, just after the last war, it slowly reveals the secrets behind the comfortable facade of a middle class family.

The tickets, available from Catherine Wicks at 'Turbury', Village Road, (Tel: 4922), or the Village Shop, will cost £1.50 on the Thursday evening, and £2.00 on the Friday and Saturday.

L.H.

THE PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL

Rector: The Reverend Allan Campbell, M.A. (Cantab)
Beaumont, Hervines Road, Amersham. Tel: 7135
and Gt 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
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong in month)
Each Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

Christmas at St Mary's:		
Sunday 23rd December	6.00 p.m.	Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve	11.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Christmas Day	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.00 a.m.	Family Carols

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, COLESHILL

Sunday Services	9.15 a.m.	Parish Communion
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong (1st Sunday in month only)

Christmas Services:		
Sunday 16th December	5.00 p.m.	Christingle Service
Sunday 23rd December	3.00 p.m.	Carol Service
Christmas Day	9.15 a.m.	Parish Communion

Family Services (2nd Sunday in Month)

13 January	9.15 a.m.	
10 February	9.15 a.m.	
17 March	9.15 a.m.	Mothering Sunday

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Pro-Wardens	- J.G. Chenevix-Trench, Windmill Farm, Coleshill. Tel: 5439	
	- D.C. Urry, Ardlair, Coleshill "	7420
Hon. Treasurer	- A.H.V. Panton, Waller's Oak, Coleshill	6103
Hon. Secretary	- Hiss P. Wright-Warren, 1 Amber Cottages, Coleshill	3274

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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 an	
	Outside the Church. Next visit: Friday 7th December	