

APPEAL

CORPORATION OF THE SONS OF THE CLERGY, 1 DEAN TRENCH STREET,  
WESTMINSTER, LONDON SW.1P 3HB.

When I was widowed in April of this year various Church Charities wrote to me or sent a representative to me asking if I would fill in a "means test" form, in order for them to know whether or not I needed financial assistance. In all cases I refused saying that the "means test" had disappeared with the hungry thirties and the public assistance board and its application was a disgrace to the Church.

It is always gratifying when others agree with us and the above Charity through its registrar agreed with me and sent me a small donation. It asked me to advertise its existence and work, which is the purpose of what I am writing.

This Charity was founded in 1655, as you will know Oliver Cromwell was then on the Throne. Cromwell did not favour the Church - hence the desecration of many Church buildings. Many Clergy found themselves dispossessed of their "living" and completely impoverished. Those who had grown up sons were fortunate for these sons formed into a corporation and sustained their fathers. This corporation has continued and its purpose is to help all Clergy, Widows, and orphans who are in need.

Those of you who would like to help this time honoured corporation please send donations to the above. Perhaps some of you would care to have a covenant. Those of you who do not care to have a covenant with the Church, as this goes to help the diocese - Parochial Church Council please remember the "Sons of the Clergy".

Joan Whitwham.

CHURCH SERVICES AND NOTICES

There will be a service each Sunday at 11 a.m. Since these services are arranged each week, and not in advance, it seems pointless to remind lesson readers, as these services are usually Holy Communion. However, should the opportunity occur Mr Saunders, Mr Smith, Dr. Hamerton, Mr Breeze and Mrs FitzPatrick are on the readers' list for November.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Each Sunday at 10.15 in the Church.

CHOIR PRACTICE Each Tuesday. Children 7.30 p.m. Adults 8 p.m. in the Church.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SERVICES AND PARADES.

- 9.30 a.m. Banham Church.
- 10.50 a.m. Carleton Rode Church.
- 11.45 a.m. War Memorial at Carleton Rode.
- 1.50 p.m. Bus leaves New Buckenham for War Memorial at Old Buckenham. 2.15 p.m.
- 3.00 p.m. Service at New Buckenham.
- 6.20 p.m. Service at Bunwell.

HIGH ALTAR FLOWERS

- Nov. 6th. Mrs Gedge.
- Nov. 13th and 20th. Mrs FitzPatrick.

BRASSES

Mrs Hamerton, and Miss Penson.

Donald Steward (Churchwarden)



### ENVELOPE SCHEME

The Church runs a scheme for people who are unable to attend services regularly but would like to make a contribution to support its finances.

This scheme is treated with the utmost confidence and the Donors are only identified by their number and even the smallest amount is appreciated.

Anyone interested to kindly contact me.

Donald Steward.

### METHODIST CHURCH

#### Morning.

#### Evening

Nov. 6th  
13th.  
20th.  
27th.

Miss Taylor.  
Mr Turner  
Mr Humphreys  
Mr Neve

Rev. Webster  
Miss Barnard  
Mr Coleman.  
Mr Chaplin.

### WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

Nov. 8th. Miss Barnard.

Nov 20th. Rev. Webster.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

A sum of £50 was collected at the Sunday services and at the following sale of produce. Many thanks to all workers - those who decorated, those who sent produce and those who subscribed.

F. Potter.

### PAST AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB.

Nov. 4th. SALE - Parish Room 2.45 p.m.

9th. CHIROPODIST - New Buckenham.

17th. Next Meeting.

Dec. 8th. CHRISTMAS PARTY. 6 p.m.

Names of Committee as follows:-

Mr R. Ashton.

Mrs I. Bailey.

Mrs V. Cowdrey.

Mrs J. Howling.

Mrs F. Saunders.

Mrs M. Askew.

Mr J. Bilham.

Mrs R. Frost.

Mrs D. Neal.

Mrs E. Woodrow.

Mrs. M. Wright.

G. Gray.

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION -- WOMENS' SECTION.

Nov. 3rd. Annual General Meeting - New Buckenham.

" 4th. WHIST DRIVE - Bunwell.

" 23rd. COUNTY CONFERENCE - NORWICH.

Please give generously to "POPPY DAY".

E. Powell.



### AGE HALL FUND

Our Harvest Supper made a profit of £150. I would like to thank all who supported this evening. All who gave the items for the auction and a really special thanks to my wonderful helpers.

We all work as a team and this makes work much easier. I think all who came had a very good evening.

The Bingo for September made £16.

BINGO Nov. 9th. Proceeds for the Owls Carleton Rode.

OUR BINGO: FRIDAY NOV. 25th.

Jean Howling.

### R.N.L.I. ANNUAL SALE

This will take place on Thursday Nov. 24th from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Village Hall.

There will be the usual stalls and raffles.

### ARTICLES, NOTICES, etc.

INVALIDS: Mr Wilfred Saunders and Mr Barry Stamp are improving and "about" again.

### ARRIVALS

Welcome to Mr and Mrs Drake and family who have come to live in King Street.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr and Mrs J. Kemp and Mr and Mrs G. Tite who celebrated their Ruby wedding anniversaries a few weeks ago.

WELCOME BACK TO THE CHOIR Mrs Madge Leverett.

H E L P !! From 1st of January. WANTED 2 rooms for Surgery. Monday and Wednesday evening (2 hours) and Friday afternoon (½ hour). Good rent paid. Any suggestions or offers please to Dr Hamerton.

### PARISH NEWS

Thank you to the people who have subscribed since the last issue. Mrs Lucie Addison writes:-

"What a shame that our Parish News is no longer to have a bright cover!

It has always made me eager to pick it up from the doormat and see what is inside. Since we read the cover is going through lack of funds could we not all make a small annual donation - anything up to 50p a family and get that brightness back again. Donations could be handed to the volunteers who deliver the magazine or put through the vicarage door."

### A MOTORIST'S PRAYER

Give me a steady hand, a watchful eye.  
That none may suffer hurt when I pass by,  
Thou givest life I pray no act of mine  
May take away or mar that gift of Thine.  
Shield those, dear Lord, who bear my company,  
From foolish folk and all calamity.  
Teach me to use my car for others' need.  
Let me not miss, through witless love of speed  
The beauties of thy world. That thus I may  
With joy and courtesy go on my way.

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### THE FLOWER FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

After our fifth Flower Festival, we as a Committee decided that this must be discontinued as an annual event. The Committee had mixed feelings about this, as Flower arranging is a form of expression and those who have done the arrangements have given great service to the Church. We hope they have also helped themselves by participating. Certainly our Festivals have attracted many visitors from near and far.

At our last meeting it was decided to put this decision before the Parochial Church Council and abide by their decision as to whether or not the Committee should continue as a money raising committee.

Some of the members have resigned and it would be necessary to attract new members and new ideas.

Mrs Betty Barnes has left the minute book with the Church Wardens.

Joan Whitwham.

### VANDALISM

Recently building materials have been taken from the building site at the Corner of the Common and thrown onto the Playing Field and surround.

Will all parents impress upon their children to leave such materials alone as it causes great inconvenience and annoyance to the builders and site owner.

### THOUGHTS FOR NOVEMBER from the writings of IAN FEARN

"Thinking is the means by which we learn to know ourselves; then speech becomes the medium by which we make friends".

"Each of us has the spirit of the poet hidden somewhere within - the impulse of the aspiring mortal to express the 'Quality of another dimension'".

### PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting Tuesday November 1st at 8.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE RURAL DEAN:- PRINCE OF PEACE

When Premier Begin and President Sadat had their historic meeting recently they greeted each other with the word "SHALOM". It is the beautiful Jewish word for PEACE, a word much used at Christmas time when we think of Christ as Prince of Peace.

But Shalom, Peace, is more than a greeting. Shalom, Peace, is more than the absence of noise. Shalom, Peace, is more than the absence of war and violence. Shalom, used so many times in the Bible, is one of the richest and most pregnant words of any language. It stands for things of great depth. I mention three aspects but they do not exhaust its meaning.

The Shalom which Christ came to bring is firstly inner tranquillity and calm, gifts which are much sought after today even though people may not discuss them a great deal on the street corner. People must be seeking inner tranquillity otherwise the doctors would not be dishing out millions of tranquillisers every year. The Shalom of Christ is tranquillity without tranquillisers. This Shalom, this Peace, breaks through into the lives of those who are not possessed by their possessions, into the lives of those who do not make a god of the ceaseless, stressful round of busy-ness, into the lives of those who are wise enough to spend a part of each day in relaxed and reflective silence.

But secondly, Shalom is not only personal, it is also intensely social. As Christ the Prince of Peace was the man who lived entirely for others, so one of the secrets of our own Shalom lies in being freed from excessive self concern. It lies in the experience of living more for others than for ourselves, however foolish that may seem to some of those around us. Even Christmas can be a time for self concern, a family huddle of selfishness, with presents from him to her and her to him. So self contained.

Just before last Christmas I had a telephone call from a newcomer to Harling. He said "We don't have any children and we are well off, so can you find us someone to share our Christmas" In the life of that man and his wife, the Shalom, the Peace of Christ was bursting through.

There is a third and totally relevant meaning of Shalom. It stands for the breaking down of economic, racial and social barriers. That doesn't mean we must all have the same amount in the bank, or all have the same colour skin, or all have the same professional standing. It does mean that every single person is to be accorded dignity and treated with respect, despite their differences from us. God knows how much we need that kind of Shalom - in this and other countries! In Ireland today there are one or two courageous communities where Catholics and Protestants are living and working together as a wonderful Christian witness in that violent country. In their lives, as in the determination of the women who won the Nobel prize for Peace this year, we see again the Shalom of Christ bursting through the gloom.

In one of the new Communion services the celebrant turns to the people and says "The peace of the Lord be always with you".

May the peace of the Lord in all its depth and beauty be with you all this Christmas time and in the coming year.

Yours very sincerely,

Derek Price.



## CHURCH SERVICES

There will be a service at 11 a.m. each Sunday. As these notes go to print I am trying to arrange for our Midnight Communion service and Blessing of the Crib.

Notice of all services is written and put in the Church porch.

There will be no Sunday School during the School holidays.

Choir practice as arranged.

Will the ladies kindly arrange flowers as usual for Christmas.

### BRASSES

Mrs. Smith.

Donald Steward (Church Warden)

## METHODIST SERVICES

### Morning

4th December.

11th "

18th "

Mr Mayes.

Rev. Coggle.

Mr Davidson.

### Evening

Mrs Coleman.

Rev. Webster

Carol Service. New Buckenham Band. Friends from Parish Church please join us.

Christmas Day.

Own arrangement.

## WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP

Dec. 6th 2.30 p.m. Carols.

Open Meeting: Everybody welcome.

F. Potter.

## PAST & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Please send in news of these on or before 24th of the month. Late events can be included if there is space - if not they will be printed later.

Joan Whitwham.

## GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB

December 8th. Christmas Party. 6 p.m.

Thursday December 15th. Next meeting.

Gwen Gray.

## R.N.L.I. ANNUAL SALE.

This took place in the Village Hall on November 24th. The total amount realised was £390. The Grand Draw realised £90 (included in the above figure). Mrs Lizzie Symonds (Kings Street) sold 960 of the books and the Committee would like to record their gratitude to her.

(Lifeboat Committee)

## VILLAGE HALL FUND

Our Bingo on Friday 25th November made a profit of £3.50. I have recently purchased seven new trays for the Hall. These will cost £5.44. All the trays had vanished from the kitchen. I do hope the new ones will remain. The pegs in the mens' cloakrooms have been replaced at a cost of £5., so I hope these will be respected.

Our Bingo on December 7th is a Village Bingo - proceeds for Church, Chapel and Village Hall.



On December 17th we are having our annual Xmas Fayre for Church, Chapel and Hall Funds.

We should be pleased with any provisions, plants, Xmas goods, cakes, White Elephant and Bottles, also your full support.

Father Christmas will be there. Mrs Peter Taylor, Bury's Hall, will open this event at 2.30 p.m.

Jean Howling.

#### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WOMENS' SECTION

Group Meeting on December 13th. Village Hall 2.30 p.m. This is a TUESDAY.

Ethel Powell.

#### NOTICES, ARTICLES etc.

Arrivals. Welcome to Mr and Mrs Slade, St Martins Gardens.

Births. On November 9th to Doug and Kathy Whybra - a daughter, Sally.  
In September to David and Annette Holland a daughter - Helen Rebecca.

Marriage. On September 17th. Peter Taylor (Burys Hall) to Susanne Chumming from Suffolk.

Invalid Mrs Hazel is in hospital at Kelling.

#### NEW BUCKENHAM SURGERY

I am sorry to say that we have had no offer of big enough accommodation, or a nurse. We shall have to close the Surgery on January 1st. Suitable buses from New Buckenham to Attleborough and back are Monday to Friday:

From New Buckenham

9.21 a.m.  
11.27 a.m.  
4.46 p.m.

From Attleborough (Queens Square)

10.25 a.m.  
12.30 p.m.  
2.25 p.m.  
6.30 p.m.

R.A.M. Hamerton.

#### POOPY DAY

Donations in boxes for the Poppy Day Appeal amounted to £40.71. Together with the Church Collection and the sale of wreaths the New Buckenham total was £75.61 which is well up on last year.

Many thanks for the generous contributions and the work of the House to House Collectors and those who kindly had a box on their premises.

Most people will agree that this is a most worthy cause.

Ruth Hamerton.

#### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

We are arranging a Carol Service for December 23rd at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Church (Friday).

There will be well known carols for all to sing, and the Choir will sing three carols. We hope to include readings. Welcome to all including our Methodist friends. Please come and if you have a suitable candle - bring it with you.

Margaret Thomas.



## DEPLOYMENT OF THE CLERGY

"Implementation of the recommendations of the Bishop of Sheffield Commission means that most young clergy will be directed to the North"

Press Report.

"O Septimus Potts is come up from the South,  
With a frown on his brow and an oath in his mouth,  
And a sense of vocation all twisted in knots,  
So pity the plight of the Reverend Potts.

For Septimus Potts he did what he was told,  
And petitioned for guidance like good men of old;  
Did he get any guidance? Yea, verily lots:  
"Your vocation is rural, O Septimus Potts.

"You were born in the South, you were raised on a farm,  
Your manner with rustics will work like a charm,  
You will carry the Gospel to homesteads and cotts;  
You are summoned to Suffolk Young Septimus Potts".

But the Bishop of Sheffield and those of his kind,  
To pay heed to such counsels were most disinclined  
"We decree you are called to go northwards of Notts  
So forget about guidance, O Septimus Potts".

Now the Reverend Potts in the North he is glum  
And everyone says he should never have come  
His zeal has grown cold, his vocation it rots;  
Who will answer to God for poor Septimus Potts.

Taken from the Norwich Churchman.

And why should the clergy be subjected to direction of labour?  
In the absence of war, only the armed services are thus directed. If clergy prefer the green pastures of the south to the grey areas of the north, they should be enticed from South to North by substantial monetary reward - deployment would be achieved and differentials introduced. We are constantly told that men are not coming forward for the ordained ministry. This is not strictly true, reference to the report from A.C.C.M. suggests that about 40% are turned away yearly. Perhaps some are unsuitable, but mostly it is because of the Church's inability to pay them.

Joan Whitwham.

## THE DEANERY SYNOD

A meeting was held at Attleborough on November 23rd. Mr Arthur Sheldrake was in the chair. Members had previously been issued with the 2nd report from the Churches' Unity Commission setting out the ten propositions for Church Unity. The Rev. H. Tim Townshend addressed the meeting and briefly stated the views of the General Synod of which he is a member. After some discussion a vote was taken on the motion "that this synod share the view of the general synod that the ten Propositions of the Unity Commission provide an acceptable basis for continued discussion with other Churches".

The vote was in favour with 3 exceptions from Attleborough.

Joan Whitwham.

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