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1st SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Mattins and Sermon
6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

2nd SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

10.30 a.m. Family Eucharist
6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

3rd SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Mattins and Sermon
6.30 p.m. Evensong with Holy Communion

4th SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

5th SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Mattins with Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

Holy Baptism: Second Sunday in the month at 3.30 p.m.

Churchings: By appointment

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Lent at St. Cuthbert's

All Week Days are Fasts.

A Daily Prayer for Lent.

Father, give to Thy children that which they themselves know not how to ask. We dare not ask either for crosses or consolation; we simply present ourselves before Thee, we open our hearts to Thee. Behold our needs which we know not ourselves; see and do according to Thy tender mercy. Smite or heal, depress or raise us up.

We adore all Thy purposes without knowing them. We are silent; We offer ourselves in sacrifice.

We yield ourselves to Thee. We would have no other desire than to accomplish Thy will.

Teach us to pray,

Pray Thyself in us. AMEN.

HOLY COMMUNION

ASH WEDNESDAY—16th FEBRUARY.
7 a.m. 10 a.m. 7.30 p.m.

SUNDAYS AT 8 a.m.

20th February. 27th February. 12th March.
19th March. 26th March. 2nd April.

SUNDAYS AT 9 a.m., 5th March.

SUNDAYS AT 6.30 p.m.
20th February and 19th March.

SUNG EUCHARIST

SUNDAYS AT 10.30 a.m.

27th February. 12th March Family Eucharist.
26th March. 2nd April Family Eucharist.
Maundy Thursday, 30th March at 7.30 p.m.

SERVICES ON ASH WEDNESDAY, 16th FEBRUARY

7.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION.
9.30 a.m. DAY SCHOOL SERVICE FOR
PARENTS AND CHILDREN.
10.00 a.m. MATTINS, LITANY AND HOLY
COMMUNION.
7.30 p.m. SHORT EVENING SERVICE WITH
HOLY COMMUNION.

TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday in Lent there will be a short evening service with short address and discussion on "The Call to the North" (No service on Tuesday, 14th March).

WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday in Lent there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 10 a.m. and on Wednesday 15th March at 7.30 p.m. Call to the North.

MOTHERING SUNDAY, 12th MARCH

Family Eucharist at 10.30 a.m.

Family Service at 2.30 p.m.—Gift Cards for Mother.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 30th MARCH

Sung Eucharist at 7.30 p.m. followed by the stripping of the Altar.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 31st

10.30 a.m. MATTINS, LITANY AND ANTI
COMMUNION.

2—3 DEVOTIONAL SERVICE.

(Services subject to alteration if Deanery Procession of Witness is arranged.)

APRIL 1st

HOLY SATURDAY AT 7-30 p.m.

Short Evening Service and the lighting of the Paschal Candle.

EASTER DAY

8.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION.
10.30 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST.
6.30 p.m. EASTER SERVICE OF NINE
LESSONS AND EASTER HYMNS.

EASTER DECORATION

Once more we say thank you in anticipation of a beautifully decorated Church on Easter Day. We rely on your gifts during LENT which enables us to purchase the flowers for the Easter Decoration. To those who give of their time and talent we are deeply grateful.

H.B.

THE EASTER OFFERINGS

According to the usual custom Offerings on Easter Day will be presented to the Rector. Those unable to be present may send their contributions to the Church wardens.

The Rectory,
Halsall.
18th January, 1972.

My Dear Friends,

Discipline is a very unpopular word today but it is a word which cannot be omitted from a Christian's vocabulary. Lent reminds us of this fact. Of course discipline is not an end in itself; it is simply the means to an end and that end or object is freedom or self-government.

"Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild."

And that, I would suppose, is the origin of the forty days of Lent. In other words the Lenten fast is an attempt to identify ourselves with the Lord during a critical period of His ministry. He had to say "No" to things in themselves desirable in order to be able to say "YES" to God's will for Him. We conform ourselves to the exterior pattern of His life in order that He may conform us to the interior pattern, that is to say, to His spirit.

But Lenten self-discipline may be justified on psychological as well as religious grounds. William James tells us to "keep the faculty of effort alive in you by a little gratuitous exercise every day. That is, be systematically ascetic or heroic in little unnecessary points. Asceticism of this sort is like the insurance which a man pays on his house. The tax does him no good at the time, and possibly may never bring him a return. But if the fire **does** come, his having paid it will be his salvation from ruin. So with the man who has daily accustomed himself to habits of concentrated attention, energetic action, and self-denial in unnecessary things. He will stand like a tower when everything rocks around him."

That is a refreshing secular justification for what the Church has long advised in Lent. However, lest we should become proud of our ability to be masters of our will we should remember the saying of an old English mystic—"Where you attack the roots of sin, fix your thought more upon the God whom you desire than upon the sin which you abhor."

Here is a morning prayer from Bishop Andrews which some of you might like to use during Lent:

"O Thou who sendest forth the light, createst the morning, and makest the sun to rise on the evil and on the good;

Enlighten the blindness of our minds with the knowledge of the truth;

Lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us, that in Thy Right we may see light;

And at the last, in the light of grace, the light of glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

May I make a special appeal to all our people—especially those who once—years ago—were regular worshippers at St. Cuthberts to make a real effort to join us at worship this Lententide. Nothing would give me greater joy and this joy would be shared by all our congregations.

May God Bless you all.
Your sincere friend,
Herbert Bullough.

THE EPIPHANY

A Feast of the Church on January 6th. It originated in the East where it was celebrated in honour of our Lord's Baptism (sometimes also in connection with the Nativity) from the 3rd century onwards. From the 4th century there is ample evidence for it, when it ranked with Easter and Pentecost as one of the three principal feasts of the Church. One of its main features in the East is the solemn blessing of the baptismal water.

It was introduced into the Western Church in the 4th century but here lost its character as a feast of the Baptism of Christ, which it has retained in the Eastern Church down to the present day. Instead it became associated with the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles in the person of the Magi. The blessing of the water was consequently dropped in the West, where it came to be part of the ceremonies of Holy Saturday. Further secondary associations are the Miracle of Cana and the finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple. In England the Sovereign makes offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh in the Chapel Royal on the Feast.

U.S.P.G. NEWS. BISHOP WINTER TOLD TO GET OUT, ORDERED FROM HOSPITAL BEDSIDE OF DYING PRIEST.

As Bishop Colin Winter of Damaraland was praying at the hospital bedside of one of his clergy who was dying as the result of an accident, a guard entered the ward with a police dog and ordered him to 'Get out'.

The Bishop's offence was that he was in an African hospital after visiting hours without a permit. He refused to go until he had finished his prayers.

It was a sad ending to Damaraland's Diocesan Synod which had met at Windhoek during the first three days of October. The diocese includes the whole of South West Africa, and delegates had come over gruelling bad roads from as far away as Ovamboland 700 miles to the north.

In spite of the fact that South West Africa is torn with racial tensions, the Synod had, according to many who were there, been conducted with great

patience and charity by all those taking part, and on the Sunday the rejoicing reached a climax with the ordination of evangelist Abraham Hangula to serve the African township of Katatura near Windhoek.

TYRE BURST

On the Sunday afternoon a pick-up truck set off for Ovamboland carrying thirteen passengers, including two girls, who had all been at the Synod. Most of them were travelling in the back of the truck under a heavy wire mesh cage which is intended for the protection of the passengers. A few miles south of Okahandja a front tyre burst, and the truck turned over, losing its cage, and throwing ten of the passengers into the road.

They were all taken back to Windhoek for treatment. One priest, called Michael, was so seriously injured as to be recognisably dying, and two others were critically ill.

As soon as he heard of the accident Bishop Winter rushed to the hospital to see his injured people. After visiting the others he then returned to the bedside of the dying Michael, and it was while he was saying prayers there that the guard and dog ordered him out, but the Bishop insisted on staying until he had finished.

This story was reported to USPG by Duncan Lyon, vicar of the parish of Duxford, near Cambridge. At the invitation of Bishop Winter he spent three weeks in Damaraland in October on a fact-finding tour, and was there at the time of the Synod.

In South West Africa's difficult position under the disputed claim of South Africa it is not easy for the Church to plan for the future, said Mr. Lyon. The administration is harassing the Church by refusing to give permits for the Bishop and some of his clergy to visit different areas of the diocese, mail is being intercepted, and telephones tapped. But, said Mr. Lyon, the morale of the diocesan staff is extremely high, and every diocesan event is turned into an occasion for family rejoicing.

In a very large and very poor diocese there is one constant problem, which is really about money. It is transport. The huge distances along rutted desert roads mean that the average saloon car lasts only two years, and a Land-Rover only four. Duncan Lyon says, 'In my opinion, if the number of vehicles the diocese now has, and the amount of travelling that is now done were curtailed, it would be absolute disaster for the life of the diocese'.

CHURCH IN SOUTH AFRICA TO CARRY ON THE DEAN'S WORK.

The Church of the Province of South Africa (the Anglican Church) made headline news in the world's daily papers by its decision to risk the further displeasure of the South African Government and to continue the work for the dependants of prisoners which the Dean of Johannesburg had been doing before his arrest.

The decision was not made by any meeting called *ad hoc* to deal with a crisis, but by the Standing Committee of Provincial Synod, the representative body which continues the work of the whole Church in the Republic between Synods (as well as in Lesotho, Swaziland, and Mozambique).

The full significance of the decision will not become clear until after the Dean's appeal has been heard. What is significant **now** is that the Church without waiting to hear that result has put itself on record as being ready to set up shop for the people who need help. It has publicly committed itself to the gospel precepts of care for the poor and the distressed, and asked the Archbishop to take action.

The news of the decision was greeted with warmth by Church leaders of other denominations in South Africa, where the grip of the law on those who put humane Christian attitudes into practice continues to tighten. It is increasingly difficult even for the clergy to get permits to visit their flock if they are of a different colour, as the story about Bishop Colin Winter showed.

"DEAN OF JOHANNESBURGH APPEAL"

A fund has been opened in this country for Dean French-Beytagh's defence costs which are expected to be £40,000 by the time his appeal has been heard.

Cheques are payable to 'The Dean of Johannesburg Appeal,' and should be sent to: Canon R. G. Gibbon, 1 North Grove, London, N.6.

During the imprisonment of Dean French-Beytagh of Johannesburg before his trial, many of the Anglican churches in South Africa tolled their bells every day at noon.

Among them was the Cathedral at Windhoek where the bell is hung in a framework outside the church building.

As it was rung each day violent reaction was provoked among some of the white citizens of Windhoek, including white Anglicans. They threw stones and rubbish at the cathedral staff and the small

gathering of passers-by (including a few Africans) who stood round the bell while it was being tolled.

Then the bell's clapper was stolen in an attempt to silence it. But a member of the cathedral staff climbed the bell-frame each day and used a heavy spanner to keep it tolling. Eggs and stale food, among other missiles were thrown at him; but the bell was tolled every day until the Dean's release on bail.

ST. CUTHBERT'S GUILD

On Tuesday, 8th February, the members of St. Cuthbert's Guild invite you all, young and old, to join them at a Film Evening. We are delighted to announce the screening of the wonderful film "Ring of Bright Water" starring Bill Travers, and Virginia McKenna. The film is in colour and runs for 1 hour, 47 minutes. This film packed every cinema where it was screened. Don't miss it! Come early to get a good seat. Admission for non-members will be 15p. Children accompanied by an adult 10p.

HALSALL AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY

On Thursday, 17th February, Mr. J. R. Kelly—Entomologist, M.F.F., Leeds—will visit us to speak on the subject of "Crop Pests and their Control." Please note the date and support us with your friends.

H.B.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

- Feb. 6 Mrs. W. Barwiss.
Feb. 13 Mrs. Pilling.
March 12 The Congregation (Mothering Sunday).
April 2 The Congregation (Easter Day).
April 9 Mrs. H. Dean.

SERVERS ROTA

- Feb. 6 9.00 a.m. Peter Balmer.
13 10.30 a.m. Tony and Barry Gaskell.
16 7.30 p.m. Colin Stopforth.
20 8.00 a.m. Raymond Juba.
6.30 p.m. Christopher Pimlott.
27 8.00 a.m. Brian Heaton.
10.30 a.m. Harold Grimshaw, Malcolm Serjeant.
March 5 9.00 a.m. Christopher Pimlott.
12 8.00 a.m. John Gaskell.
10.30 a.m. Michael Lewis, Stephen Dalton.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA

- Feb. 6 H. Huyton, A. Grimshaw, J.H. T. Swift, T. Hunter.
13 C. Shacklady, W. White, J.R. E. Serjeant, D. Swift.
20 P. Attwood, H. Rimmer, H.S. P. Saunders, T. Grimshaw.
27 B. Heaton, J. Gaskell, R.H. E. Blackhurst, E. Orritt.
March 5 G. Porter, S. Park, J.H. J. D. Grimshaw, R. Dutton.
12 E. Grimshaw, D. Sephton, J.R. J. Cheetham, H. Dean.

IMPORTANT

THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Under the Synodical Government Measure 1969 all electoral rolls in all parishes have to be re-created as from January 1st, 1972. The Electoral Roll at St. Cuthbert's ceased to exist on 31st December, 1971. Application forms for enrolment on the new role must be completed and the forms can be obtained from the Electoral Roll Officer, Mr. R. A. Gaskell, 10 Jacksmere Lane, Scarisbrick, or the Verger, The Wardens, and The Rector.

QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 1 Holy Baptism
- 2 Membership of the Church of England
- 3 17 years of age.
- 4 Residence in the Parish or habitual attendance at St. Cuthbert's Church over the past 6 months if resident outside the parish.

HOLY BAPTISM

Received into the family of Christ's Church.

Jan. 9th: Michael John Harold, son of Harold and Jean Susan Grimshaw of Gorsuch House, Burscough.

Jan. 9th: Victoria Jane, daughter of John Leonard and Christine Grimshaw, Edge Farm, Burscough.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

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Jan. 12th: Eddie Edwardson, 93, Segars Lane, Halsall. Aged 58 years.

Jan. 19th: William Thomas Prescott, Summerwood Lane, Halsall. Aged 55 years (Cremation).

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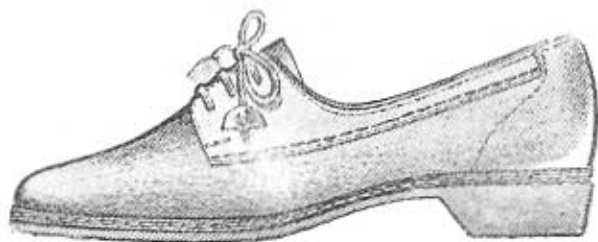
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