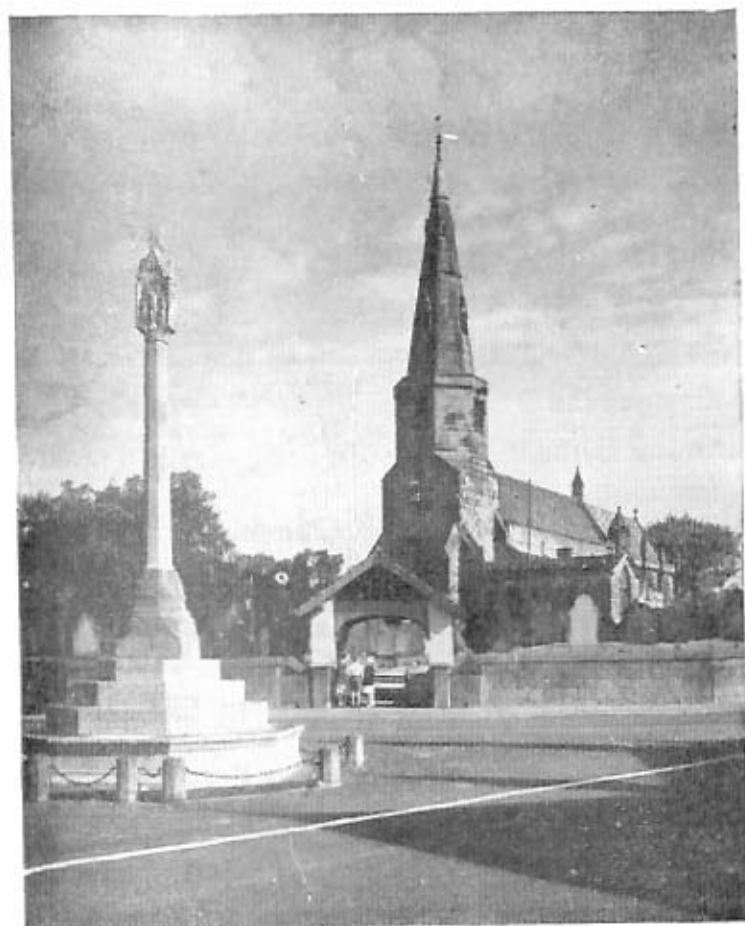


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1st SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

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

SUNDAYS AT 8 a.m.

12th March

19th March. 26th March. 2nd April.

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

SUNDAYS AT 6.30 p.m.

19th March

SUNG EUCHARIST

SUNDAYS AT 10.30 a.m.

12th March Family Eucharist.

26th March. 2nd April Family Eucharist.

Maundy Thursday, 30th March at 7.30 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday in Lent there will be a discussion on "The Call to the North" (No meeting on Tuesday, 14th March). Come and say your piece at the Rectory at 7.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday in Lent there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 7 a.m. and 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,
Ormskirk.
18th February, 1972.

My Dear Friends,

Each Sunday in Church we remember in our prayers, "all those in authority"—and this is very necessary. These days there is so much comment on the affairs of the nation, so many interviews on television, many of them hostile, so much marching and counter marching in the streets, it is a good thing for Christians to remember that those who have great responsibility need the support of our prayers.

We so often expect too much, both physically and spiritually, of those who are frail creatures like ourselves, and we need to think deeply about the great burden of decision resting on them which can only be borne where there is goodwill and support on the part of those who are governed.

As Christians and as citizens we have not only to pray but to vote and if need be to act. It is here that we find ourselves in great need of understanding what we are about, unless we are content to go with the crowd.

No doubt the Churches may not count for much in public affairs as they once did. Yet there is some ground for optimism in the fact that something like a Christian public opinion begins to be formed and can and does play a vital role in the affairs of the nation.

Lately I have been thinking a good deal in rather a bewildered way about rules. Today rules are on the religious scrap-heap. A past generation respected them and lived by them, and were not ashamed. People had a rule of life and kept it. Perhaps it was the rigid "ruliness" that finally knocked rules for a burton. The swing of the pendulum swept every good rule away. Sensible rules can be good, they do act like a map to guide us on our earthly pilgrimage. It is the absence of sensible rules that has led to a lot of suffering and disaster, as, for instance, in indiscriminate and repeated divorce. I read an interesting article recently which said: "In 95 per cent of all divorces, either one or both partners do not attend Church regularly. In regular church-going families one marriage in 57 fails. When both man and wife are in church regularly, and say daily prayers, only one marriage in 500 ends in divorce."

In so many other spheres of life the rules are so easily broken or ignored. We have recently had to clean up on soccer matches, and now we have to start cleaning up the House of Commons. Would that we could all make a Lenten resolution to "Keep the Rules" and stick to it.

The rule of the Church to attend a service on Sunday rain or shine is also badly broken nowadays. Here is a comment on this:—

I go to church on rainy Sundays because God has blessed the Lord's day and made no exceptions for hot or cold or stormy weather.

I expect my priest to be there. I should be surprised if he were to stay at home because of the weather.

In any important business matters rainy weather does not keep me from my appointments.

Bad weather will show me on what foundation my faith is built.

Those who stay away from Church because it is too warm or too cold or too wet frequently stay away on "fair" Sundays.

I do not know how many more Sundays God may give me, but it would be a poor preparation for my first Sunday in Paradise to slight my last Sunday in the Church Militant.

God Bless you all,

Your sincere friend,

Herbert Bullough.

U.S.P.G. ASKS A QUESTION

"WHO DO WE THINK WE ARE?"

- We think we are important.
- For one reason only: there is a big job to do.
- The Church of England is the biggest Church in the Anglican Communion and we are one of its official Missionary Societies.
- We serve 75 dioceses in 37 countries; a big chunk of the Church.
- The work increases, so our overseas commitment gets no less, even though the young Churches keep shouldering more of the load.
- There are 850 missionaries on our list. Not overpaid.
- Nor are our home staff, but our costs go on going up.
- Helping young Churches pioneer new work can only be done with the money available over and above sustaining these solid commitments. It gets more difficult.
- On this new work we spend every available pound—in 1969 £215,000; in 1970 £161,000; in 1971 £102,000.
- Sericus. The work grows but the money shrinks.
- We are the inheritors of great work done for God and there is much more to do. Now.
- Which is why we think we are important. Now.
- And why we want your money.
- NOW

MISSIONARY GIVING NO OPTIONAL EXTRA

Making Christians is a primary task of the Church.

There can be no debate about this because the Church is composed of Christians who are, by definition, followers of Christ.

Christ gave to his followers a clear-cut command to go and 'teach all nations, baptising them'.

Therefore mission in the 1970s is not an optional extra for Christians, it is not a peripheral charity, it is the very heart of the Gospel and involves every man who calls himself a Christian.

In different parts of the world the flickering flame of Christian witness has turned into a bush fire.

Indonesia has seen a mass movement of people in-
to the Christian Church, whilst in Africa the Christian population is escalating dramatically.

More Christians means more pastors, teachers, and training which the developing countries themselves cannot afford, no matter how hard they try.

The USPG is asking for money so that you may fulfil one of your primary tasks as a Christian, which is the making of other Christians.

Money is crystallised energy. Your pay cheque represents your life's work for a week. We are challenged to give our lives to God and here is one way of doing it—by giving God some of your week's work in cash.

If a man and woman are married but not economically related to each other, there is something suspect about that marriage.

If a man says he is a Christian but is not economically related to God, there is something suspicious about his Christianity.

Let your Christian commitment be above suspicion. Let it be clear that you are out to make Christians. This you can do through USPG if your giving is considered, committed, and constant. The alternative is unthinkable for a man's relationship with his God. It means simply a casual tip on an occasional basis.

Please take a U.S.P.G. Missionary box from the Font in Church and make a regular gift each week by using it.

H.B.

GIFTS TO ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

Your church has recently received two lovely gifts through the generosity of faithful worshippers. From Mr. Henry Serjeant (Snr.) in memory of his wife, the Warden's Staves. From the Orritt Family "in thanks" the Rector's Board. These gifts are here acknowledged with grateful thanks from us all.

H.B.

ST. CUTHBERT'S GUILD

On Tuesday 14th March Mr. H. Sheepwash of Leyland Paints will visit us to help with our decorating problems. The subject is "Home decorating". Come and get some tips from the expert and then go home and save yourself pounds and pounds.

H.B.

HALSALL AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY

On Thursday 9th March at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Tattersall the Assistant County Planning Officer from Preston will visit us to introduce the discussion on "The conservation of the Lancashire Countryside. This is a supremely important subject and the meeting is open to all. It will be held even if there is a power cut. Please make a note of the date and come along with your friends. Your questions on "Planning and development" can be answered at this meeting.

H.B.

CALL TO THE NORTH

What is it?

It is a call to all Christians living in the North to understand more clearly the meaning of the Christian Faith. In other words—"KNOW YOUR FAITH". If you know your faith you can then help to pass on this understanding to those who have little or no experience of it.

How did it begin?

It is a call from the Leaders of all denominations who have had many meetings and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit have called us to a course of study.

What are the arrangements for Halsall?

On Tuesday evenings in Lent at 7.30 p.m. at the Rectory we meet together to discuss our faith following the questions which have already been circulated. Come and "Say your piece."

PRAYER IN AFFLUENCE

Because we have eaten enough and do not need it,
Because we have already drunk more than is good
for us

And there is plenty more where that came from,
Perhaps, Lord, we should pray,
'Do not give us our daily bread'.

But we haven't the courage to pray it,
In case you should take us at our word
And we should suddenly be like the refugees
We watch at supper time, on television,
Hungry and cold and waist high in flood waters
Of Bangla Desh and the Oxfam supplies not reaching
them.

Lord, what can we pray as we go to our warm beds,
A prospect of sleep and a busy day ahead
Totally absorbing us with work, comfort and
Smaller, private worries—until we sit down
To supper again, to watch, with mouths full,
Another newsreel—more silent mothers,
More swollen babies with hookworm and dysentery,
More old men toiling through mud,
Paling bamboo rafts across rivers
Phenomenally swollen.

They watch us from the screens,
Patient, hungry, under threat of war.
I wish they did not watch us.

The burden of them is intolerable.

For it seems they stare out at us,
Marooned at our tables,
On the rafts of our plenty
And that it is we who are losing,
In the flood of our surfeit,
Our humanity.

Give us this day our daily bread
But, O Lord,
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

IMPORTANT

THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Under the Synodical Government Measure 1969 all electoral rolls in all parishes have to 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 can be obtained from the Electoral Roll Officer, on the new role must be completed and the forms 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.

SERVERS' ROTA

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| Mar. 5 | 9.00 a.m. | Christopher Pimlott |
| 12 | 8.00 a.m. | John Gaskell |
| | 10.30 a.m. | Michael Lewis and Stephen Dutton |
| 19 | 8.00 a.m. | Malcolm Serjeant |
| | 4.00 p.m. | David Stopforth |
| 26 | 8.00 a.m. | Peter Balmer |
| | 10.30 a.m. | Harold Grimshaw |
| 30 | 7.30 p.m. | Raymond Juba and David Stopforth |
| Apr. 2 | 8.00 a.m. | Jim Heaton |
| | 10.30 a.m. | Brian Heaton and Malcolm Serjeant |

SIDESMEN'S ROTA

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| Mar. 5 | G. Porter, S. Park, J.H. J. D. Grimshaw, R. Dutton. |
| 12 | E. Grimshaw, D. Sephton, J.R. J. Chestham, H. Dean. |
| 19 | H. Grimshaw, M. Manners, H.S. P. Ainsley, R. Gaskell. |
| 26 | T. Swift, T. Hunter, R.H. W. Pounds, J. Halsall. |
| Apr. 2 | E. Serjeant, D. Swift, J.H. J. Heaton, J. Banks. |

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"In Sure and Certain Hope"

- Feb. 23 Kenneth Alan Bailey, Carr Moss Lane, Halsall, Aged 16 years.

HOLY BAPTISM

- "Received Into The Family Of Christ Church"
- Feb. 13 Amanda Jane, daughter of David and Stella Balmer c/o Shepherds Farm, Clieves Hill, Aughton.
Justin Karl, son of John Raymond and Sandra Prescott, 173 Wennington Road, Southport.
Mark Stephen, son of Stephen and Jean Houghton, of 57 Newton Street, High Park, Southport.

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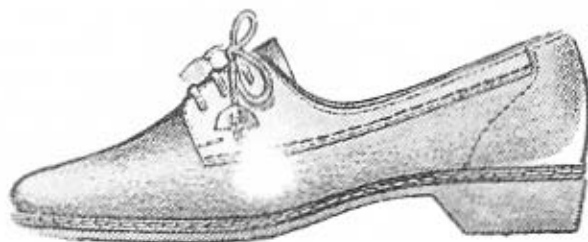
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