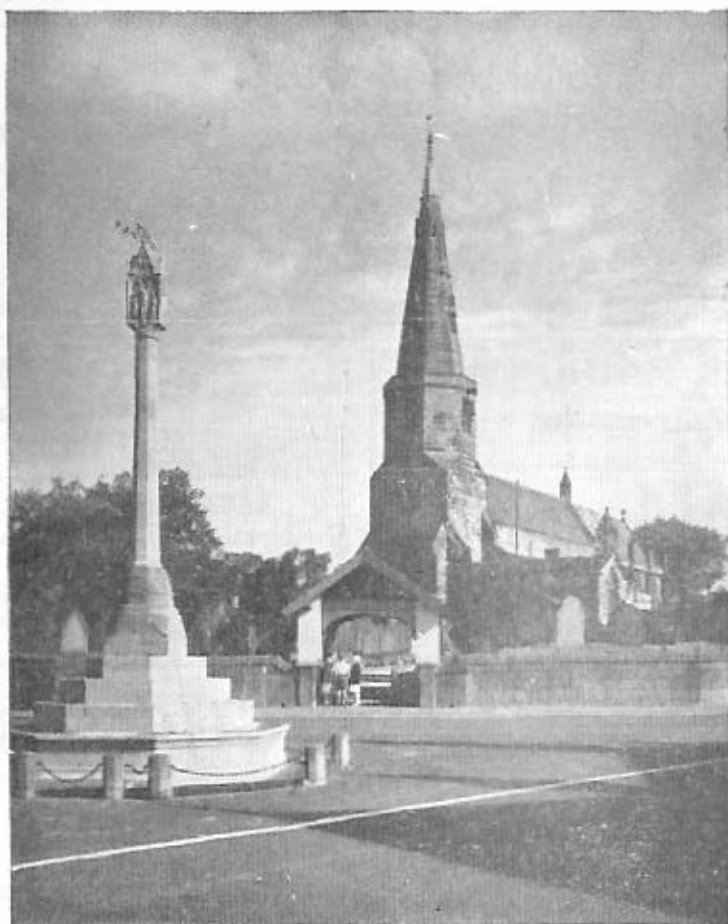


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PROCEEDS FOR CHURCH FUNDS

The Rectory,
Halsall,
Ormskirk.
18th June, 1971.

My dear friends,

Many people seem to think that the real object of going to church is to make them better people, and, of course worshipping God should make us better people. It should affect all our lives and if our worship is sincere, it certainly will. Any improvement in our character and conduct, is, however, an outcome of worship, not its object. Worship is the central activity of the church and it must centre on God or it is not worship at all but something else dressed up as worship.

Worship need not—and should not—be divorced from the needs of man, even from his most material needs. It can and should be concerned with the state of the world, as well as with the state of the soul, but it's first and last concern is God Himself. Of this the Lord's Prayer is the perfect example. It begins with the thought of God and His Will for us—"Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come"—and in its most widely-used version it ends with the same thought of God—"For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory." In between come our prayers for each other and for ourselves.

Worship is an act of praise to God, a recognition of His supreme "worth"—that's what the word, itself means—and the Church says that is man's first duty and the chief end of his life. It seems a somewhat forbidding idea that man's greatest blessing should be conceived of as a sort of perpetual churchgoing—as, indeed, it is pictured poetically in the Book of Revelation, where the angels are described as singing God's praises to all eternity.

It means something far bigger than that really. Man's whole life should be an act of worship. Archbishop Temple once said that, "the only final cure for unemployment is worship." He meant that man will never get rid of the evils of human life—unemployment or anything else—until all men everywhere seek with all their lives to express God's glory and praise.

It is in the light of that, that we should view the special kind of worship which is churchgoing. For it is no use thinking that way of living comes easily, naturally, and without effort. We cannot even begin to live lives of worship if we never think about God. We cannot find God everywhere and in all things until we have learned to find Him somewhere, and it is no use our expecting Him to mend our world, or improve our own character until we have forgotten ourselves and started to think about Him.

He cannot because, until we have at least started to do that, we are shutting Him out with an image of ourselves. That is the best reason, not just for "going

to church" but for "going to Church to worship". The addition of those two words makes all the difference between a mere habit, and a glorious reality, which will begin to express the purpose of our living—in the words of the hymn.

"That my whole being may proclaim
Thy being and Thy ways.

We give thanks to God for the Faithful folk in Halsall who meet together on Sunday for Worship. We thank God also for the privilege of worshipping Him in such a beautiful church. May the numbers grow as the weeks go by until the whole village meets in God's House on Sunday. Let the wonderful Family Eucharist be only the beginning.

God bless you all,
Your sincere friend,
HERBERT BULLOUGH.

THE CHURCH AND THE CHILDREN

Does the Church today understand or care about the young? Or has it given up trying? Perched awkwardly on a wavering rope between babies brought to Baptism by non-practising parents, children fidgeting throughout a sermon which they don't understand, and non-square young people who harass their parents, an attitude pervades which says, like the disciples of old who said, "Go away, he's too busy!" Yet the Church professes to care terribly. Only in a few places can it be seen to open its arms gladly and pick up the children and bless them.

At St. Cuthberts we are at least making the effort. Increasing numbers of children are coming to church with their parents and the Junior Paper and Adventurer which they take home speak to them in a language they can understand.

We must remember that we are committed. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me! Do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Remember this! "Whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."

Wordsworth wrote:

"Trailing clouds of glory do we come
From God who is our home;
Heaven lies about us in our infancy!
Shades of the prison-house begin to close
Upon the growing boy,
But he beholds the light, and whence it flows,
He sees it in his joy."

Churches and Sunday Schools are not in business—or, as I see it, should not be—to give children a working knowledge of the doctrine of the Trinity or of the Virgin Birth or of St. Paul's headgear. They are in business to give children faith enough to hang on to their simplicity and not entirely to lose sight of their sense of adventure, which is more valuable than anything anyone can teach them. And if Jesus is real to the adults who are with them, he will be real to them too.

IF THE CHURCH GIVES UP . . .

When the boy Jesus sat in the temple, who learned from whom? Can true teaching ever be a one way activity, any more than true enjoyment or true worship?

If the Church gives up on children, the last light of spontaneity and life and laughter will leave its eyes. It would cease to be the Church of Christ.

"People always telling us
You is the answer
But we didn't ask them

Any questions.
 You may be the answer, Jesus,
 But I hope you know how we all feel,
 And anyway I don't think
 The people up in that church
 Care much about us.
 We don't care about them anyway,
 But I guess that we want them to,
 So maybe they is the ones
 That need your help
 More than we do."
 (poem from "Treat Me Cool, Lord,"
 Carl Burke, Fontana)

TAILPIECE

In case you are worried about the younger generation—it's going to grow up and start worrying about the younger generation.

GOD CARES FOR PEOPLE

THE STORY OF JONAH

(retold by H. Whelan)

And de Lord say to Jonah—"Dere is work for you in Ninevah" but dat Jonah 'e look dahn 'is nose at Ninevah. Den de Lord say again "Jonah—Ninevah!" But dat Jonah 'e takes a boat for Tarshish, in the opposite direction.

So de Lord he make a storm and it growed an' it growed till it look as if every one on dat boat is goin' to be drowned. So dey cast lo's to see which one started all de trouble and when dey find out dey throw Jonah overboard, which is wot h'ed bin tellin' 'em to do all de time. An' dat makes the storm stop. Den de Lord He call out to de whale "Dere's a man here I wants swallowed". Dat whale he takes a sly squint at Jonah and pretend 'e don't hear. Den de Lord He get sore, He open de mouth of dat whale wid one hand an' He shove in Jonah wid de other and slam 'im shut. Dat whale 'e don't much like it so 'e starts to throw up, till in the end Jonah decides dat Ninevah might not be so bad after all.

Now when Jonah tells the people of Ninevah dat they're plain "No goods" an' dat de Lord is sure goin' to destroy 'em dey starts cleaning up their city and putting de ashes on their heads. An' when their king point out to de Lord all the repenting goin' on around and asks dat Ninevah be spared de Lord He says "Yes".

But Jonah 'e don't take kindly to dat and he goes off in a huff till 'e find a small tree where 'e can 'ave a good sulk in the shade till de Lord changes His mind. De Lord He sit tight. But when it's plain clear dat Jonah ain't going to budge neither, de Lord He shows His hand. Fust He finds Him a thin-lookin' worm and gits 'im feeding off Jonah's tree till dere ain't enough leaves left to cover a babby. Den He nudges a real mean streak of wind and says "See dat tree over dere—it's all yours". After dat He stokes up the sun till it's pipin' hot and den sits back to see 'ow Jonah like dat.

Now Jonah 'e don't take it lying' dahn. He speaks up for de tree. "What", says de Lord, "you feel kinda sad about dat tree—kinda sorry for it? Now you know how I feels about Ninevah. And it was me that made all them people, and although dey ain't much to look at yet I likes to see 'em grow". An' Jonah 'e knowed 'zactly wot de Lord meant and when at last 'e went 'ome 'e were sure glad de Lord still loved Ninevah an' hadn't let it be destroyed.

U.S.P.G. MONEY LAST YEAR HOW YOU GAVE IT.

You personally supported us last year. You and others gave money for the Society to use at its discretion in various ways. Some gave by subscription or private donation, others through church stewardship schemes, collections, boxes or our Project scheme.

Altogether this amounted to	£528,558
Some people gave money which was earmarked for some special purpose overseas. These gifts amounted to	£100,482
Because people had remembered the Society in their Wills, we received in legacies £226,901, of which we brought into income	£192,927
From invested capital we received dividends and interest amounting to	£ 93,384
We used the following money from Trusts and other funds	£180,965
All these gifts and legacies came to	£1,096,316

HOW USPGE USED IT

How would you have chosen to spend £1 million?

On buildings? On people? On Anglicans? Only?

How does one decide?

We cannot decide on our own from our desks in London. We have to consult the dioceses overseas, whose partners in Christ we are, and make our decisions in partnership. Our Overseas Division exists for this purpose (which involves a good deal of expensive travelling), and also to look after the welfare of our 830 missionaries already overseas, and costs

£29,746

What were our commitments?

Depending on you to bring in the money during the year we had already promised help to 70 overseas dioceses for a wide variety of evangelistic, educational, and medical work, and the training of missionaries. The greatest part was the salaries of missionaries, the whole figure being

£602,355

We sent on gifts specially earmarked by the donors for particular work abroad

£ 97,626

For ecumenical work through the Conference of Missionary Societies and like purposes we contributed

£ 13,100

That amounted to

£742,827

Which left us

£353,489

How did we use it?

For two main purposes

1 To help new and additional work which overseas dioceses were ready to start.

2 To serve and educate the Church in these islands, encouraging support in prayer, money and offers of service.

Without 2, which is the work of the Home Division, our work abroad would collapse.

On this work the Home Division used

£171,242

The administrative costs of Tufton Street,
including the Finance Division's work ... £ 73,758
And we reserved for staff pensions, etc. ... £ 6,304

**AMOUNTING TO £251,304
WHICH LEFT £102,185**

This was the money available for new work in the dioceses overseas. It met only one-third of the requests made by bishops abroad, and they in their turn, knowing how tight money is, were asking for less than they might.

So the gap was £200,000 between urgent requests and money available.

THE PROBLEM

Whilst it has been very good to see that the income of the United Society has doubled in twenty years from half a million in 1950 to a million pounds in round figures in 1970, the stark fact remains that the total of the supplementary budget has decreased annually over the past four years.

It was a dispiriting experience during April 1971 to sit at a meeting of the Grants Group and examine requests from abroad totalling £348,000 and to realise that every request was an urgent need put forward by a hard pressed bishop. The experience was dispiriting because we knew that there was only £60,000 left in the kitty to allocate.

We have done our best with the loaves and fishes given to us by the Church at home and there is little doubt that God will bless their distribution.

On the other hand the hungry sheep look up and are not all fed and this is a flock which grows daily.

IAN SHEVILL

Secretary of USPG

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OPEN DAY AT ST. CUTHBERT'S DAY SCHOOL

On Tuesday, 6th July, you are all invited to visit our School from 2-15 onwards to see some of the work done by the children. The prizes will be presented to the children by The Bishop of Blackburn. During the afternoon we shall make a presentation to Mr. A. R. Gaskell, our retiring Headmaster. Former pupils, parents and friends will be most welcome to visit the school and meet Mr. Gaskell in the evening between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. during which time coffee will be served.

FOR OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

Events that followed Christ's Resurrection

When our Lord was crucified, His friends thought that their hopes and expectations had been completely shattered, and they were plunged into deep sorrow. Even when Mary Magdalene rushed in with her story that the Lord was risen, they couldn't quite believe her. The events which followed clearly showed that the Lord was indeed risen from the dead.

They thought that their Master would continue his ministry from where he had left off, not knowing that this time, it was to take a much deeper form, and He would be working with them and through them in Spirit, and not in body.

On that day, two disciples were walking to Emmaus, a village which was about eight miles from Jerusalem. They were still unhappy about the suffering and painful death of their Master, and were discussing the whole episode, when Jesus himself drew near and walked with them without their knowing that it was Jesus. He joined in the discussion, and gradually explained to them how the recent happenings had been the fulfilment of the Scriptures, saying, "Ought not Christ therefore to have suffered these things and to enter into his Glory?" It was getting rather late and they invited him to stay the night with them. He accepted, and at Supper, "he took bread, blessed it, and broke it and gave unto them" in the same manner in which he used to do. It was then they fully realised that the man who had been walking with them was no one else but the Lord. They said to each other, "Did not our heart burn within us while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the Scriptures?" They returned to Jerusalem to inform the others and to confirm Mary's words that "the Lord is risen indeed." Thus he revealed himself "in the breaking of bread."

Among other appearances he made was the one to Peter and some other disciples as they were fishing at the sea of Tiberias. He said unto them "Children, have ye any meat?" When they answered 'No', He said, "Cast your net on the right side of the ship and ye shall find." They obeyed and succeeded in catching more than a hundred, where a little while before they were unable to catch a single one. "It suddenly dawned on them that 'it is the Lord!'" As they settled down to eat, he spoke to them in a gentle manner as usual, and said to Peter, "...lovest thou me?" This question was repeated three times, and Peter answered three times "Yes Lord thou knowest that I love thee" Jesus then said unto him, "Feed my sheep".

There is a lot, we as little children can learn from the events that immediately followed the Resurrection.

1. The Love of Christ: Throughout his ministry, he revealed his love to mankind in several ways. He healed the sick, raised up the dead, fed the hungry multitude and finally died for us. Immediately he rose up, his first concern was for his Sheep. He gathered them together, comforted them, and showed them clearly what he wanted them to do. The only way we can show our gratitude is by loving others as ourselves. He is the Great Shepherd, and we are His Sheep. A Good Shepherd will always see that none of his Sheep goes astray or wanders too far from the fold. Selfishness, greediness, laziness, dishonesty and all other mistakes drive us far away from the fold, while love, honesty, selflessness and other virtues make us very faithful members of the fold.

2. Obedience: When our Lord told Peter and his friends to cast out their nets into the sea, they did not argue or explain that they had been doing exactly that all morning without success but they obeyed at once. The result was very gratifying. We must have simple trust in the leadership of Christ, and find no excuses, no matter how genuine to us they are. All we have to do is just to obey. Obey the inner voice that we call conscience, and not suffocate or strangle it by repeated disobedience. Obey the simple rules laid down in the Christian teaching and in the end we shall be worthy to be partakers of his kingdom.

3. **The presence of Christ:** Our Lord is ever ready to take part in our Life if we open the door of our hearts to Him. He is knocking at the door and asking "Lowest thou me?" We must open the door unhesitatingly and say "Oh come to my heart Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for thee." No matter how little our problems, or how big, He is ever present to help us out, if we'd only let him.

4. **A Short Prayer:** Eternal God, the Light of the minds that know thee, the life of the Souls that love Thee, and the strength of the wills that serve Thee, grant us so to know Thee that we may truly love Thee, so to love Thee that we may truly serve Thee whose service is perfect freedom. **Amen.**

THE BUDGET 1971

AS ADOPTED BY THE DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

	£
Church Assembly	
1. Apportionment	25,000
2. Ordination Candidates	7,000
Pastoral Committee	
1. Repairs to Churches	1,000
2. Administration	2,500
Dilapidations	
1. Administration	1,800
2. Parsonage Houses	500
Board of the Ministry	
1. Group Life	2,000
2. St. Elphin's Bursary	200
3. Widows' and Dependents	150
4. Women's Work	600
5. Sundries	500
Board of Education	
1. Church Schools	10,000
2. Board of Education	3,300
3. Youth Council	2,100
4. Children's Council	2,750
5. St. Katharine's College	250
Council for Evangelism and Lay Training	900
Synodical Government Expenses	2,600
D.M.E.C.	200
Board of Moral Welfare	3,500
University Chaplaincy	500
Publications	
Year Book	400
Sundries	50
Contingencies	1,523
Diocesan Advisory Committee	250
Depreciation	2,500
Administration	12,500
Stipends	1,000
Sites and Buildings	2,000
Total Estimated Expenditure	87,573
Less Sundry Income	9,500
Total	78,073
Budget Equalisation	3,927
Proposed Total to be Apportioned on the Rural Deaneries	82,000

Ormskirk Deanery Apportionment	5,850
Parochial Apportionments	£ Old
Aughton St. Michael	530 410
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Lathom St. James	300 205
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Maghull	650 495
Maghull St. Peter	85 —
Melling	225 70
Newburgh	265 145
Ormskirk	750 700
Scarisbrick	320 200
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SERVER'S ROTA

July 4	9.00 a.m.	Barry Gaskell.
11	10.30 a.m.	Roger and Stephen Dutton.
18	8.00 a.m.	Peter Balmer.
	6.30 p.m.	Christopher Pimlott.
25	8.00 a.m.	Jim Heaton.
	10.30 a.m.	Michael Lewis, Brian Heaton.
Aug. 1	9.00 a.m.	Raymond Juba.
8	10.30 a.m.	Harold Grimshaw, Malcolm Serjeant.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

July 4	Mrs. J. Silcock.
11	Mrs. J. Pounds.
18	Mrs. P. Saunders.
25	Mrs. H. Grimshaw.
Aug. 1	Mrs. Moorcroft and Mrs. Sephton.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA

July 4	C. Shacklady, W. White, J.R. E. Serjeant, D. Swift.
11	B. Heaton, J. Gaskell, H.S. P. Saunders, T. Grimshaw.
18	P. Attwood, H. Rimmer, R.H. E. Blackhurst, E. Orritt.
25	G. Porter, S. Park, J.H. J. D. Grimshaw, R. Dutton.
Aug. 1	E. Grimshaw, D. Sephton, J.R. J. Cheetham, H. Dean.
8	T. Swift, T. Hunter, H.S. P. Ainsley, R. Gaskell.

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I have often been asked why I don't run a stall at the Bazaar. This year I am going to do so. It will consist of gifts brought back from holidays. Will you say "Thank you for your holiday" by remembering your Church when buying your presents to bring home? I have already received some lovely gifts as a result of my announcing this in Church and I am greatly encouraged. Of course we can say "Thank you" for so many things not only for our holidays. Thank you all in anticipation of a lovely stall.

H.B.

HOLY BAPTISM

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