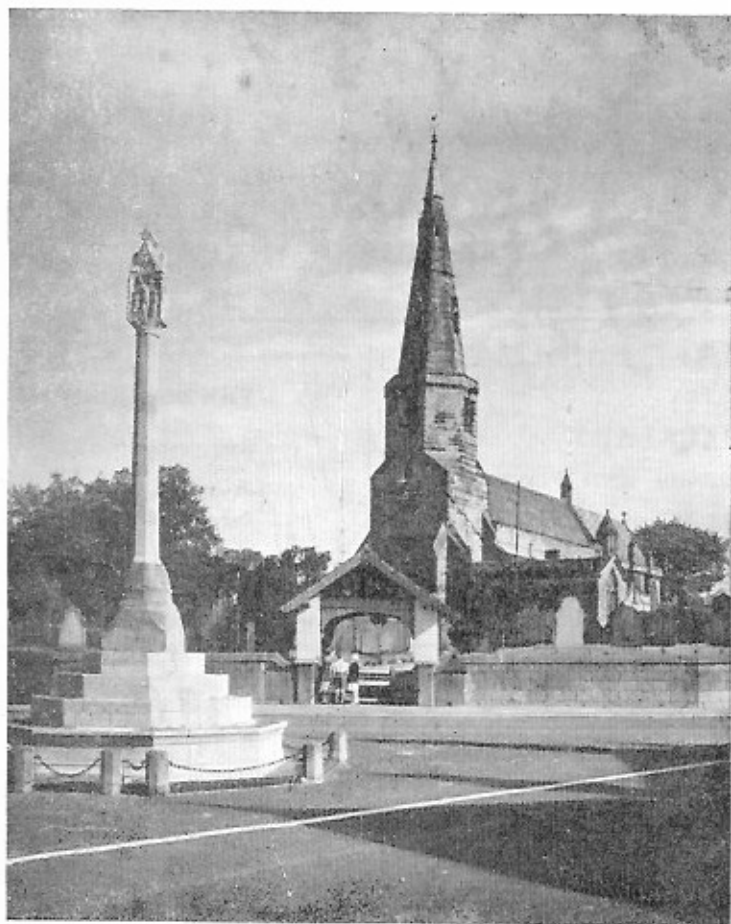


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My dear friends,

How quickly the experimental year of worship at St. Cuthbert's seems to have gone by. It has been very interesting and we have learned important trends from it. It is never very safe to assess success or failure by counting heads but at least they have been a guide during this last twelve months.

Here are the figures (average number) for communicants at the various services:

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion	17
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion	17
10.30 a.m. Family Eucharist	117
10.30 a.m. Eucharist	63
10.30 a.m. Mattins with Holy Communion	50
6.30 p.m. Evensong with Holy Communion	69

With this information before them the Parochial Church Council had very little difficulty in deciding on the future pattern of worship at St. Cuthbert's. It was unanimously agreed, following a strong recommendation from myself that as little change as possible should be made.

THE ONLY CHANGE IS THIS:

The 9 o'clock service of Holy Communion will be held on the 1st Sunday in the month, starting on September 1st, instead of the 3rd Sunday in the month, when the early service will be at 8 a.m.

The services are now as follows.

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. The 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.

With the pattern of worship now fixed and well established we can look forward to a strengthening of our fellowship, and although we may feel satisfied that our congregations are excellent for a village church, there

is always room for improvement, and we look forward to seeing many more of our people joining us on Sundays.

With a fine choir to lead our worship, a fine organ to listen to before the service begins, and remembering that we rarely go over the hour (except when the numbers of communicants make it impossible to finish the service within the hour) there is no reason why our services should not continue to inspire us all. The future is indeed a rosy one thanks to the faithfulness of the regular Sunday worshippers.

Another item of importance which the Church Council acted upon was the question of the winding of the clock and chimes. It is now becoming increasingly difficult for Arthur Mawdsley to climb the steps every day to do this job. The cost of the work today is in the region of £1,000. Although the Treasurer presented a gloomy report the Council decided to go ahead immediately with the work. They were right to do this. To wait means to pay more. It is hoped that the work will be completed by the end of this year. We shall depend entirely on the Bazaar to pay for it. It means extra effort all round to ensure the complete success of the Christmas effort.

In closing may I once again thank all those who faithfully, week by week, make a gift to their church in the envelope scheme, including of course those who make an annual gift. This is the vital income of St. Cuthbert's Church and with ever increasing costs it is becoming more and more important to increase the number of members in the envelope scheme. If you are a reader and you do not have the envelopes will you please consider taking them. The scheme is simple and confidential but nevertheless vital.

Wishing you all good holidays when they come.

God bless you all,

Your sincere friend,

Herbert Bullough

MISSIONARY GIVING—1967

Owing to the early publication of the annual reports of the eleven Missionary Societies, whose returns are recorded, the annual survey of Missionary Giving in the Diocese is available earlier than has been possible hitherto.

The total from the Diocese is £54,977, compared with £55,661 in the previous year, a decrease of £684. Five of the Societies shared a total loss of £1,646 as follows:

	decrease
CMS (£32,497)	£1,009
Commonwealth and Continental (£1,133)	187
Mersey Mission to Seamen (£951) ..	104
SPCK (£734)	160
Jerusalem and the East (£177) for nine months due to change in financial year	186
which was partially set off by increased contributions to:	

	increase
USPG (£11,100)	£79
BCMS (£2,725)	215
Bible Society (£2,229)	161
South American MS (£2,000)	461
Melanesian Mission (£152)	46
Church's Ministry among the Jews (£1,339)	same
thus reducing the net loss to £684.	

The comparison of those figures with those of the previous year, however, does not present quite a true picture of Missionary Giving in 1967. They include all money received by the Societies, e.g. sums sent direct to headquarters that cannot be attributed to any particular parish, and legacies. If comparison is made with actual parochial giving, the result is better.

The total from the parishes amounted to £48,248 which is an increase on the previous year of £1,048. The Societies that received an increase were: CMS (£596); USPG (£395); SAMS (£341); Bible Society (£171); BCMS (£151); and the Melanesian Mission (£48). Those with reduced support were: Com and Con (by £213); Mersey M/S (by £133); SPCK (by £111); and Jerusalem and the East, 9 months (by £186); CMJ (by £11).

The explanation of the Diocesan total being down by £684 and the Parochial total being up by £1,048 is due mainly to fluctuation in legacies, e.g. those received by the CMS were (£1,591 less than in the previous year, which brought the Diocesan figure down but had no effect in the Parochial total.

The number of parishes that support the Societies varies very little year by year. The Societies that are not definitely geographical or are specialists are: CMS easily in the lead with support from 168 parishes; USPG 77, and BCMS 26 parishes. Many parishes of course contribute to more than one Society; one parish, to as many as ten of the eleven Societies.

The question is sometimes asked, what is a reasonable sum for a parish to subscribe to the Societies. 10 per cent of income is sometimes suggested, but that is an uncertain quantity; should deductions be made for this or that expenditure, and if so where is the line to be drawn? The Diocesan Quota is perhaps a better guide and more or less a reliable index to the potential resources of a parish. In support of that suggestion it can be noted that in 1966 the total to the Missionary Societies was £55,661 and the total Quota apportioned to the deaneries was £57,500. Last year the budgeted diocesan requirement stepped up to £64,500, and provided a new yardstick for Missionary Giving.

In 1967, only 47 parishes achieved the quota objective; 76 gave less but more than a half; 94 less than half; and 10 parishes gave nothing at all to the named Societies.

From the figures of last year it would appear that at least some notice was taken of the urgent appeals that go out from all the Missionary Societies, e.g. five parishes reached a four-figure contribution, another doubled its quota, and 116 gave as much or more than in the previous year. But, from 111 parishes the subscriptions were less.

Alongside any conclusion arrived at from this survey, there are other factors that have to be taken into account that dispel any justification for complacency at the situation.

The spending value of money, as everyone knows, continues still to deteriorate. In 1966 the 1947 pound was worth no more than 10/8d.; last year it took another plunge and fell to 10/2d. How much further it is falling during the present year is anyone's guess, but it represents a headache for the Missionary Societies who have heavy commitments overseas.

Devaluation is another blow to the Missionary Societies' economy, for it means that the pound sterling

is now worth less abroad in countries that have not devalued, and Missionary Societies spend much of their income in those countries.

The value of the survey being ready earlier in the year than usual is that there are six months to counter any signs of reduction in Missionary Giving, and to overcome, so far as is possible, the effects of the difficult economic conditions with which the Church, in company with everybody else, has to contend.

TEN RULES FOR PARENTS—BY THEIR CHILDREN

Reproduced from the Marriage Guidance Journal, May, 1968. A report of a discussion by a group of 14-year-old grammar school girls.

1. If we have done something wrong, you are quite right to tell us off. Please make it short and pithy, and don't go on about it for hours.
2. Please remember the good things about us as well as the bad.
3. If you want us to do something, or don't want us to, tell us why—not just 'because I say so'.
4. Please tell us when you are pleased with us, because it encourages us to go on behaving like that.
5. If you make a mistake, admit it. If you do something wrong, please apologise. We should do the same.
6. Could you listen to us more often? Then we would be more willing to listen to you.
7. When we go out in the evening, we should be back by a certain time, but please make this time flexible at weekends in the case of films, dances, etc. as long as we have told you about it beforehand.
8. When we start having boy friends, if we go out with one boy quite a lot then we should bring him home to meet you. Please make him welcome, but do not under any circumstances get out the best cups and saucers. Also, do not ask him a lot of questions about his home, his parents, his family, his school and what he does in his spare time. Do not judge him on appearance only. Long hair doesn't mean he is a criminal. Just because he comes from a 'good' school, or is the son of one of your friends, it doesn't mean he is therefore a nice boy.
9. We want to be trusted, so please don't worry about us so much, and don't always expect the worst.
10. You often tell us that you didn't do that when you were young. We would be genuinely interested to know just what you did do when you were young.

THE FARMERS MEETINGS

Here is the programme for the next session.

Thursday, 14th November

New Developments in Sugar Beet
Mr. R. G. Dunncliff, British Sugar Corporation.

Thursday, 5th December

Trends in the Poultry Industry
Miss E. Clark, A.C.P.H.A., N.A.A.S.

Thursday, 23rd January

New Advances in Pest Control
Mr. J. Morgan, N.A.A.S., Leeds (Entomologist)

Thursday, 27th February

Cultivating Machinery
Mr. T. Dewes, County Farm Mechanisation Adviser
N.A.A.S.

For Car Drivers—An American Minister suggested from his pulpit a list of hymns for car drivers—

At 45 miles an hour . . .
Highways are happy ways.
At 55 miles an hour . . .
I am but a stranger here, heaven is my home.
At 65 miles an hour . . .
Nearer my God to Thee.
At 75 miles an hour . . .
When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.
At 85 miles an hour . . .
Lord, I'm coming home.

AUGUST ABERRATIONS

A **Wolverhampton Parish Magazine** announces: "A meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held on Tuesday in the Church Hall, when Deaconess ——— will speak."

A **Derby Congregation**, after the induction of their new incumbent, rose up bravely and sang—

Awake, our souls! Away, our fears!
Let every trembling thought be gone!
Awake, and run the heavenly race,
And put a cheerful courage on.

Not to be beaten! Said a headmaster of Harrow to a boy who was about to be punished for fishing out of bounds. "Are you aware Dr. Johnson defined a rod as a long stick with a worm at one end and a fool at the other?"

"Did he, sir?" replied the boy. "Then when you thrash me, sir, at which end of the rod will be the worm?"

EPITAPH

Here lies in a horizontal position the outward case of George Rontleigh, watchmaker, whose abilities in that line were an honour to his profession. Integrity was the Mainspring and prudence the Regulatory of all his actions. His Hand never stopped to relieve distress, so regulated were his emotions. He never went wrong. All knew his Key. His hours glided by till an unlucky Minute put a period to his existence. He died November 24th, 1802, aged 57. Wound up in the hope of being taken in Hand by his Maker. Cleaned and Repaired and Set Going in the world to come.

From a Devonshire Tombstone.

"SHORTEN OUR EVENSONG"

Lord, we will worship twice a week,
(But not for very long),
Our faith is strong, our flesh is weak
(Forgive me if I'm wrong).
The Psalms must all truncated be
Chance visitors to please:
The lessons must be brief, for we
Cannot sit long at ease.
The prayers, not more than three, must take
A short and snappy form:
And rapid, too, the hymns we'll make:
(Two verses be the norm.)
Sermons must all be very short,
Lest people should be bored.
What's that? Church Services, you thought,
For YOU and not for Man were wrought!
That's too bad of you, Lord.

"JESUS, THIS IS JOHNNY"

A short but lovely story—He saw much of his Lord and came often to His Temple.

"Your Father Knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him."—Matt. 6:8.

"Jesus—this is Johnny!" And Johnny rendered unto God the simplest and most perfect prayer it is possible to make.

Have you ever stopped to watch busy workmen making a deep hole in a roadway under repair? Or been intrigued by one of those clattering chattering compressor drills tearing up the surface, with a man clinging to the handles? Do you remember the great machine churning a trench for a new drain, men wielding picks, loading rubble into wagons, mud, piles of stones, wheelbarrows, planks of wood, pipes and the smell of petrol fumes and tar-macadam? Men at work. Men with power in their arms, and strong muscles in their backs?

Johnny could have been any of these. In his work-soiled clothes, cloth cap, and powerful frame, he looked like any other man who serves the community in the rough and heavy jobs of life. But he was a remarkable man.

Every evening on his way home, he entered a little church. In the porch he took off his cap, opened the door, and walked as quietly as possible in hob-nailed boots, down the central aisle, and knelt in the front pew.

For a few moments he absorbed the beauty of the Altar the warm glow of stained glass windows, and felt the Great Peace which ever pervades a holy place of worship. The stress and strain of the day melted in his wonderful prayer.

"Jesus—this is Johnny."

Then Johnny rose to his feet, clanked as quietly as possible in his hob-nailed boots up the tiled aisle, put on his cap, mounted his bike, and went home to tea.

Like Johnny, we too can become simple, humble and completely in love with Jesus.

This is the wondrous revelation of Jesus Christ. It is the abundant life for which we yearn. It is the truth that God is already Perfect Everything as quickly as we learn to believe and accept it.

In this generation of quickened education, intelligence and understanding, we do not need to stretch our imagination to realise that an Almighty Power is ever at work in the world.

The more simple our faith the more surely will we release our lives, difficulties and relationships with others, completely to Him, and thus find ourselves forever poised in a wonderful partnership with the Lord. Then, like Johnny, we shall simply present ourselves to God Almighty, and know that His Love is all we need for the perfect fulfilment of our lives.

Jesus—this is Johnny. The simple and perfect prayer of a son of God coming home to the Father.

The time had come when Johnny was ready to serve in heavenly realms. As his spirit was lifted free, the Minister of Christ's Church who was with him knew the presence of the Lord. He heard a wonderful voice say:

"Johnny—this is Jesus."

THE RECTOR'S HOLIDAY

From a hilarious article in a U.S.A. Episcopalian magazine on "The Rector's Vacation."

The story goes, having handed over to his Warden he sets off on a fishing holiday—And then follows seven letters from the Warden. Here's a digest.

Dear Rector,

July 20.

Just a note not to worry. All goes well. Enjoy yourself and get lots of rest for the hard winter's work.

Dear Rector, July 23.

There's been a rainstorm and water has poured in on your books. But don't worry, Vernon got on the roof to repair . . . he misjudged the slope of the roof. But don't worry. Doc says he'll be out of traction for Thanksgiving. . . .

Dear Rector, July 27.

With Vernon having all those doctor's bills and not working, we decided to organise a little benefit for him—a turkey shoot, but it turned out they're illegal. The only people arrested were Sam and Emmet Clarke. We've used Church Funds to bail them—which has emptied the account. So don't cash your August cheque. But don't worry, enjoy yourself . . .

Dear Rector, July 31.

Due to shortage of funds we sent a firm note to all pledgers who are behind. Some of them are a bit sore about it and have gone over to St. Andrew's. But if that's how they take it, we're better rid of them.

Dear Rector, August 3.

It's a shame the Verger's quit. He's been here so long. He could have waited for his pay. I've taken on a youngster. Mrs. Biederman says I shouldn't have taken on a kid on parole. But he looks fine to me. So don't worry. Things are going fine.

Dear Rector, August 7.

It's a shame about the fire but don't worry. Also the Treasurer has quit after the new verger stole last Sunday's collection and disappeared. We've rented a gymnasium for the services. It's a lot better and sure cheaper to use than an old Church. So everything's fine. We hope you are having a fine time.

Dear Rector, August 10.

I'll be real glad to see you and hand over, though amazed to hear you are breaking your holiday. You are only half through. But I guess you love work so much you can't keep away. I've decided I need a rest, so I shall be away when you return. No doubt you'll be glad to pick up the threads.

As ever,
Your Churchwarden,
Marty

I trust you all have good and safe holidays!—The Editor.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA

- Aug. 4—J. Heaton, I. Banks, E. Grimshaw, E. Gawne.
11—H. Huyton, A. Grimshaw, T. Swift, T. Hunter.
18—R. Gaskell, R. Hunt, P. Saunders, T. Grimshaw.
28—E. Serjeant, D. Swift, C. Shacklady, J. Balmer.
Sept. 1—H. Baldwin, W. White, W. Robinson, E. Blackhurst.

SERVERS' ROTA

- July 28—NO CELEBRATION AT 8 a.m.
—10.30 a.m. Harold Grimshaw and John Davies.
Aug. 4—NO CELEBRATION AT 8 a.m.
—10.30 a.m. Mattins with Holy Communion Roger Dutton.
11—10.30 a.m. Tony Gaskell and Jim Heaton.
18—9.00 a.m. Brian Heaton.
—6.30 p.m. Michael Lewis,

- 25—8.00 a.m. Peter Balmer.
—10.30 a.m. Raymond Juba, Malcolm Serjeant.
Sept. 1—8.00 a.m. John Pounds.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

- Aug. 4—Mrs. Moorcroft and Mrs. Sephton.
11—Mrs. Stopforth.
18—Mrs. McCoy.
25—Mrs. Crook.
Sept. 1—Mrs. Lawson.

HOLY MATRIMONY

- "Those whom God hath joined together"
July 6 Kenneth Peter Jones, 4 Pauls Lane, Churchtown
and Suzanne Elizabeth Ward, 77 Segars Lane, Ainsdale.

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Raffle	12	17	6
Hoopla	5	13	0
Fruit and Vegetable Stall	22	0	0
Refreshments	12	1	11
Lingerie	34	15	7
Cake Stall	24	16	0
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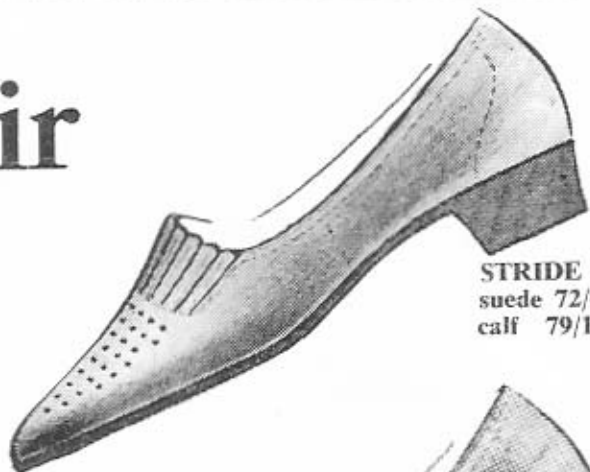
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