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ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH - HALSALL

Services

The large number of communicants now attending the Family Communion on the second Sunday each month has made it necessary for us to examine the arrangements for services at St. Cuthbert's Church. After very careful consideration the Parochial Church Council has unanimously agreed that certain changes should be made. These changes will come into effect on the 1st Sunday in July and after a period of twelve months the Church Council will review the position again.

The times of the services are as follows :

1st SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

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

2nd SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

- No celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m.
- 10.30 a.m. Family Eucharist.
- 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

3rd SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

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

(Please note the change in the time of the early service of Holy Communion. It is now 9 a.m. on this Sunday; there is no service at 9 a.m. at Shirdley Hill).

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.

It is the fervent hope that these arrangements will offer the maximum opportunity for all our people to make frequent Communion and enjoy the fellowship of congregational worship in our ancient and beautiful church.

Please keep this notice for reference until you are familiar with the new arrangements.

W. Herbert Bullough (Rector)
Harold Grimshaw (Rector's Warden)
Henry Serjeant (People's Warden)
Harold Dean } Deputy Wardens
John Huyton }

WOULD HE DO TODAY?

The Rectory,
Halsall
15th June, 1967

My dear friends,

Someone asked me the other day what I thought was the first essential in our church life. The answer I gave was this—"To worship God". Really and truly to worship God is the secret of inward peace and spiritual strength.

We worship only what we love. We love only what we believe is best, and most beautiful and true. When what we love, or whom we love lets us down, fades, or dies, we are unhappy. Many things we love, sometimes people we love, we can love only for a time, because as we grow older our nature changes, and we begin to see more truly, and realise that we have been loving things and people for unworthy reasons. We have worshipped what was not worth worshipping—what was short of the highest. We have been mistaken—we have been let down by something upon which we staked our happiness. But God never changes, and though as we grow older our natures change, and so much that pleases us at one period of our lives leaves us cold at another period, God satisfies us from childhood to old age. If we worship Him in trust and confidence He never lets us down. If we follow Him, and remain true to Him we find strength and vision to avoid letting ourselves down.

Thus in our church life the worship of God comes first. Especially we should not fail to worship Him together on Sunday which is the day of the church's weekly commemoration of the Resurrection. Amidst all the attractions of the world which try to claim our love, and win our worship, we as a family believe that God alone satisfies, and never fails us, nor lets us down. It is in this faith that we worship Him together in our services, and in a special sense is this true of the Family Eucharist. This service carries us back in mind to that memorable scene where Jesus with His disciples sits down to a meal for the last time. In our spiritual perception the scene comes back to us like a memory. We see the simple meal, simply served; we sense the stillness of the hour, its tension, and its beauty; the quiet conversation in the room, the murmuring, and the stir in the streets outside; the evening light streaming in through the windows, and over all a touch of sadness of farewell.

"And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave it unto them saying, This is my body which is given for you, this do in remembrance of me." (St. Luke 22, 19).

"And He took the cup, and blest it, and gave it unto them saying, Drink ye all of it, for this is my blood of the new testament which is shed for many for the remission of sins." (St. Matthew 26, 27).

In this scene from the life of Jesus, our sacrament of the Eucharist is rooted. "This do in remembrance of me." Eucharist is the church's way, the family way of keeping trust, in memory, with Christ at the Last Supper.

But it is more than a memory, it is the reception by us, and the experiencing by us of the gifts, and promises made by Him to His disciples, and to all followers who came after them.

The worship of God is the secret of inner peace, and the source of strength, and grace to rise above the lesser attractions with which the world seeks to allure us.

In our church life it comes first. May I now ask you all a question?

Does it come first in your church life?

God bless you all,

Your sincere friend and rector,

HERBERT BULLOUGH

"I have here," said the Bishop's Chaplain, "a letter from a man about that vacant living. Shall I just read you his qualifications?"

"Do," said the Bishop.

"He says this," said the Chaplain:

"I have preached in a number of small churches, mostly situated in big towns, but I have never been in one place for more than three years. I have had some success as an author.

"My relations with certain church leaders in towns where I have preached have not always been of the best, and some of them have actually threatened me. I have been in gaol three or four times for causing a breach of the peace.

"I am over 50 years of age and my health is not too good. My memory is rather poor; indeed, I have been known to forget whom I have baptised. Nevertheless, I still get quite a lot done.

"If you can see your way to appointing me, I shall do my best for you."

"Good heavens!" said the Bishop. "Appoint an unhealthy, trouble-making, absent-minded gaolbird? What! Who on earth is the fellow?"

"Well, Bishop," said the Chaplain, "he signs himself 'Paul'."

THE MOTHERS' UNION

We had a very enjoyable meeting at the Rectory last month and it was a great pleasure to welcome our visitors from St. Cuthbert's, North Meols.

This month we all meet, I hope, in the Cathedral on July 4th, leaving by coach at 6.15 p.m. Mrs. Gaskell has the tickets and we sincerely hope you will all join us.
H.B.

1st HALSALL SCOUT TROOP

Congratulations to our Scouts on winning the trophy at the camping competition held last month. Well done, Halsall Scouts.
H.B.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"These whom God hath joined together"

June 3—Peter John Aynsley, 53 Southport Road, Thornton, Liverpool 23, and Jessica Grimshaw, Edge Farm, Burscough.

June 10—John Noel Gregson, Slate Farm, Mawdesley, and Margaret Elizabeth Huyton, 154 Carr Moss Lane, Halsall.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD

"In sure and certain hope"

June 12—Richard Henry Aindow, Scholes Street, Chadderton, aged 39 years. (Cremation).

85,000 MADE TO THINK

'Task 6' on another provocative tour

'At this moment precisely,' says a card which you are invited to have stamped in a time clock, 'I promise to think again.' There is an alternative clock-card which is more demanding, not even Billy Graham could be more importunate in wanting a decision for Christ. 'At this moment precisely,' says this other card, printed in red, 'I commit myself to his purpose wherever I am.'

A gimmick this use of a time clock might be, but it is one of the many original ideas in this imaginative exhibition which so far has drawn 85,000 people to see it. 'Task 6', so called because it is dedicated to a missionary purpose in six continents, has lived up to its intention to be a missionary exhibition quite unlike any other, and it has reaped its reward in the crowds that have come to see it.

But has it had the effect that was hoped for? Who knows, other than God. But its punches are below the belt, and it takes by the scruff of their necks those who have stood comfortably by and looked on. It is out to attack the conscience, and it would be a leather-skinned conscience which came away unscathed.

However, it does offer hope and opportunity. Not only does it show the depths of cruelty and bestiality to which men can sink, but it also shows the redeeming work which can be done, and is being done, by those who are working in God's name. Missionaries are shown as ordinary people at work with a divine purpose, and the message of the exhibition is that you, too, have a part to play in God's mission to the world.

NINE SOCIETIES

'Task Six' has been the work of nine Anglican missionary societies in co-operation. It opened last year in Canterbury Cathedral after a preliminary showing at Westminster, and then moved on to York Minster. 25,000 people saw it at Canterbury; 30,000 at York. But the most impressive crowds were at Harrogate where 18,000 people went through the exhibition in four and a half days. There the queue to get in was 50 yards long and four deep.

This year, still under the directorship of Mr. J. P. A. Macmanaway, 'Task Six' is touring more of the cathedrals of England. During the beginning of this month, June 29th to July 11th, it will be in Liverpool Cathedral. It has already been seen in Gloucester, Wells and Bristol. It will later be at Lichfield, Chichester, Worcester and Chester and the programme is already filling up for 1968.

Are you joining the Parish Party on July 4th? Coach leaves the Church for Liverpool at 6.15 p.m. Fare 3s. 6d., children 1s. 9d. We are also to be shown round parts of the Cathedral not generally open to the public.

Diocese of Liverpool

Visitation 1967

THE CHARGE

of the Worshipful Chancellor of the Diocese of Liverpool
His Honour

JUDGE EDWARD STEEL, LL.B

This year you will have observed a new question to be answered:—'Are any and what original Trust Deeds or Title Deeds kept in the Parish?'

This is not prying into your affairs, but is based on experience in the Diocese. Not infrequently the Registry

have come across Parish properties to which no title deeds can be found or Private Trusts of which the Incumbent and the Parochial Church Council were quite unaware, often the last Trustee died years ago, and endless trouble and expense is incurred which could have been avoided. Further, some of these trusts may be affected by the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure, 1956, or the Incumbents' and Churchwardens' Trusts Measure, 1964. Without going into technicalities, an expert examination of a Trust may make it possible to take advantage of the Ecclesiastical and Charitable tolerance allowed by the terms of the Rating and Land Commission Acts, and other enactments.

On a related subject, should you receive a Compulsory Purchase Notice, a planning notice or anything of that kind, it should be sent immediately to the Board of Finance. Although such notices have to be sent to the people immediately concerned, negotiations are required to proceed through the Diocese in order to obtain knowledgeable advice and the best price and concessions.

It is interesting to look back over the history of the Church of England and to observe how, by degrees, the interest and responsibility of laity has been enlarged. The Faculty Jurisdiction, as the Bishop of Exeter recently reminded the Church Assembly, is directed to securing the rights of the laity in their Parish Church. At the Reformation, the share of the laity was practically nil. A great step forward was taken by the setting up of Parochial Church Councils, and now we have proposals for synodical government, which gives the laity a greater share in the future of the Church than ever before. When I first considered the contents of my Charge, I thought of dealing in detail with the great changes brought about. When I saw the length of the draft Charge, I realised that one of the first exercises of your new found powers might be to ensure that the Chancellor's Visitation occurred much less frequently than every three years! As it gives me very great pleasure to meet you all I was not prepared to take the risk of this pleasure being curtailed and I scrapped the original Charge.

With the increase of the power and authority of the laymen in the Church must come and will come an increased sense of responsibility. If we feel that the Church has not the appeal or is not making the impact that it should it is no use blaming it on the parson. We must search our own consciences and see what we can do to improve things.

Are we being fair to the Clergy in a financial sense in all our parishes? In 1966, The Church Commissioners put out a pamphlet entitled "Helping The Clergy," in which this passage occurs:—

"Expenses of Office. In carrying out the duties of their office, rectors, vicars and assistant clergy necessarily incur expenses such as the cost of postage, stationery, telephone and transport (including in most cases the cost of running a car). They have to meet these expenses out of their income unless they receive help towards them. A recent analysis showed that the average parochial contribution towards the expenses of rectors and vicars was still no more than £35 a year, and that 40 per cent of them did not receive anything whatever for this purpose. The Commissioners do not help with this expenditure. Only the laity can meet this need."

The Archdeacons on their Visitations might feel some diffidence in reading that passage to you, as a layman I feel none. I say quite simply that it is not good enough, and it is something which we must tackle in our individual parishes.

The next matter I shall touch on may seem remote from a Chancellor's Charge, but it is one on which I feel most strongly. As a Judge I am becoming increasingly aware of the terrible havoc which is being wrought

amongst teenagers and the young by drug peddling and drug addiction. When I attended a Law Conference in America in 1960, lectures and discussions took place about this matter but, at the time, it seemed to me that it was not a question which affected us. How wrong I was. In less than five years it has become a menace here. You may have the same reactions to what I am saying now, but you would be wrong. At the moment it may be confined to the big cities but it is spreading like wildfire and it is impossible to forecast the ultimate effect of this evil traffic.

I expect that all of us when young spent our money foolishly but, for better or worse, we usually had little to spend and did not provide a worthwhile market for commercial exploitation. That situation has now changed. For economic reasons the young have now far more loose money to spend than married couples with family responsibilities. The business world has not been slow to recognise this fact. The young provide almost exclusively the market for long-playing pop records and Carnaby Street clothes, but they do not make them. They are made by business men who, quite legitimately, have recognised the potential of this new market.

This knowledge is not confined to business men it is recognised by the criminal classes and their profits from drug peddling are enormous. A very small chemist's shop may contain a stock of drugs of the purple heart type worth £15. If the shop is broken into and the drugs stolen they will fetch on the black market at least £150.

In a recent case before me, an exhibit was a quantity of Indian hemp or hashish, a quantity which I could hold easily in my two hands. The intention was to sell it in Manchester, and if it had been sold it would have realised over £3,000. You can appreciate the profit on that transaction when you realise that in India and America hemp grows as a weed and is there for the plucking. True, it has to be smuggled into this country, but despite the vigorous efforts of the police and customs such smuggling can never be completely eliminated. It is unnecessary to go into details of the consequences of hashish addiction except to say that the name "assassin" was given to a caste in India which lived by murdering and robbing travellers because they committed these offences when under the influence of the drug hashish.

Once you realise that these young people are being battered on by evil criminals you can appreciate the size of the problem. These criminals are not going to give up their enormous profits easily, and the mischief will grow and spread. The consequences of this evil traffic are not confined to the terrible harm done to the victims physically, morally and mentally. To get supplies of the drug to which they have become addicted and which they need in increasing quantities they will and do resort to crime, and in the case of girls to prostitution. Once the victim is hooked, then the peddler wants more and more money for his merchandise.

You may say, "What is this to do with us, a gathering of Church Officers? Surely it is a matter for the police and the courts?" It is, and every effort is being made to stamp it out. At the present moment the Lord Chief Justice has introduced a Bill to regulate the coffee bars and other places where drugs are peddled, but no crime has ever been completely stamped out by the agencies of law and order. It must be tackled from both ends. It does concern us, because if through our youth organisations or by our individual efforts we can prevent even one young person being caught in this vile net we shall have achieved something.

To those of you who may be inclined to say, "This is not the sort of thing we expect from the Chancellor in his Visitation Charge," may I remind you of what our Lord said about the millstone and the neck. If this wicked traffic is not the concern of the Church, what is?"

Finally, may I thank you all for coming? As I have said before, I repeat with all sincerity, the opportunity of meeting you all is an inspiration to me and makes one realise the strength of the Church for good.

SERVERS' ROTA

- July 2— 8.00 a.m. Jim Heaton.
 July 9—10.30 a.m. Harold Grimshaw, John Pounds.
 July 16— 9.00 a.m. Peter Balmer.
 6.30 p.m. Michael Lewis.
 July 23— 8.00 a.m. Roger Dutton.
 10.30 a.m. Harold Grimshaw,
 Gordon Midgeley.
 July 30— 8.00 a.m. Raymond Juba.
 10.30 a.m. Malcolm Serjeant.
 Aug. 6— 8.00 a.m. Brian Heaton.

SIDESMMEN'S ROTA

- July 2—a.m. P. Saunders, T. Grimshaw.
 p.m. J. Cheetham, H. Gaskell.
 July 9—a.m. W. Robinson, E. Blackhurst.
 p.m. H. Baldwin, W. White.
 July 16—a.m. J. D. Grimshaw, G. Midgeley.
 p.m. R. Heaton, J. Colley.
 July 23—a.m. J. Cheetham, H. Gaskell.
 p.m. R. Lewis, H. Rimmer.
 July 30—a.m. P. Aynsley, N. Britnell.
 p.m. G. Porter, S. Park.

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- July 2 Mrs. J. Silcock.
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