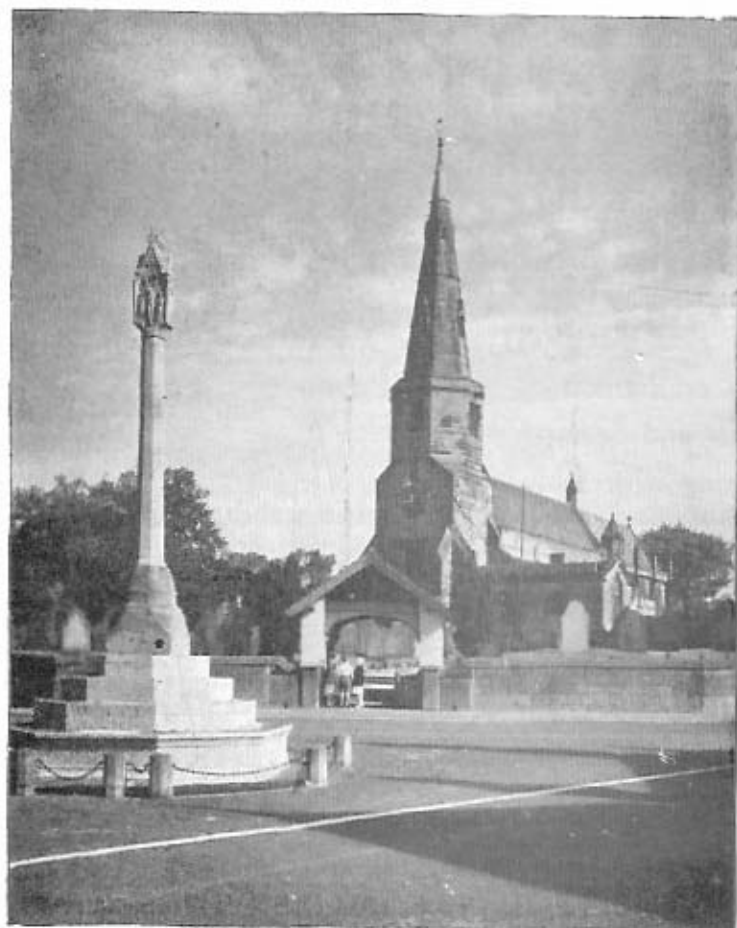


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My dear Friends,

The question is often asked of me "What do you think is the answer to our present day chaos?" Of course there are many answers to a question such as this. However, I am convinced that one way out of the difficulties of our age is a return to the former habit of worshipping God on Sunday. This is not to say that we must get back to that 'Victorian' Sunday when it was almost a crime to speak. Nothing of the kind. What I believe is absolutely necessary is to give God the first place on Sunday and everything else the second place. The decline in attendance at church is noticeable in all places. As your Rector, I note with sadness that familiar faces are now only there occasionally. If this does apply to you will you please think seriously about it and realise how much you are missed.

The central activity of the Church is worship. 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 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 its 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, Which 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 church-going, 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.**

How about a real effort here at St. Cuthbert's to worship God at least once each Sunday.

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

THE RECTOR'S HOLIDAY THANK YOU STALL

For several years I have been most grateful for the wonderful support given to my stall at the Bazaar. All sorts of lovely gifts have appeared from all parts of the world. When you say thank you for your holiday, as I hope you all will again this year please remember that people love to buy presents for birthdays and Christmas from the stall.

Thank you all again,
W.H.B.

YOUR TREASURE

An "In memoriam" in The Times read: "In tender memory of my golden girl, lovely and fearless, aged 19, drowned while swimming in rough sea, Sept., 1932; and her valiant brother, R.A.F.V.R., killed on active service, 1942; our only children; and

their beloved father, all so inexpressibly dear. To their ever-vivid memory, and our beautiful years together."

And one may see in that the story of overwhelming tragedy—which it is. But courageously and rightly it does not say that. No—"To their ever vivid memory....."

Treasured memories. Treasure indeed.

Where is your treasure and my treasure? In memories of the past? In our families? In the bank? In our possessions? In life and living? In hopes and dreams of the future?

There is treasure and treasure. And some treasure is beyond the worth of rubies and some treasure though it be much fine gold is but dross.

WHAT IS TREASURE?

Be clear what is your treasure. It is that which has a deep and pulling affection on your heart. the thing or person or occasion or occupation to which your mind will ever steal back.

And it may be one or more of a hundred things.

Why do young people who have fallen in love find life so bracing, so wonderful, so zestful? Because they have found that which warms their hearts and fires their minds.

Why do some middle-aged and older people find life still so alluring and attractive? Because they have found treasure of one sort or another which makes living and striving a continuous joy.

What is clear, if our lives are in any way to be rich and resplendent, they must seek treasure and have treasure.

Let it be something deserving of our affection and thought.

Where do I come in?

But I feel the resentment of those who are saying: "Ah! This is all right for the young and for the gifted. But where can an ordinary, mediocre, uninspired person like myself begin to find and have treasure which is in any way worthwhile?"

For us all there is to be found what I believe to be the best and richest and most lasting treasure of all. Treasure which grows year by year, which no bereavement, loss, illness, parting can ever take from us. Treasure which makes us nobler and better persons in the pursuing. Treasure which uplifts, makes life rich and zestful, which brings no pangs of conscience, no sense of forboding, only the exhilaration of moving on to perfection. But it must be given the devotion of heart and mind. Seek ye first," said Our Lord, "the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and everything else you need and is worthwhile will be added unto you."....

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

LITTLE THINGS

Teach me to notice little things,
The shaft of golden light,
Green leaves, the scent of new-mown hay,
The sound of wings in flight;
The kittens playing in the yard,
The jewels on the grass—
So let my love, though small, shine through,
Dear Lord, bring it to pass!

HOW NOT TO BE BUSY

(This article is by Michel Quoist, a famous French priest and writer)

"I'm completely overwhelmed with work!" Don't ever say that, don't even think it! If you do, you'll end up believing it and that would be disastrous.

The great men of history do ten times the work that we do in ten times less time. Why? Because they know how to organise their work. They carefully guard their tranquility of mind or else they are able to regain it in a short time. They put themselves completely into everything they're doing. Don't write: "I haven't a minute to call my own, I only have time for a line...." etc. Just write what you have to say, without all the blustering. You'll save a lot of time and you'll also safeguard your peace of mind.

Don't say to someone who's come to visit: "I can only take a moment, I'd offer you a chair, but... .." and then keep him standing there while you do something else. Have him sit down and give him ten minutes of your time, calmly and quietly. Try to give the impression that you have nothing better to do than spend this time with him.

If you've been told several times recently: "Oh, I didn't dare disturb you the other day...you looked so busy," watch out, that's a serious warning signal because many more are likely to have come and gone away without bothering to mention the fact. Chances are that they may have needed your help that day. We don't usually confide in someone who's overly busy because it's obvious that he hasn't room for us all. Leave the door open to them to enter into your life.

You have plenty of time, but you spend your time wasting it. You'll never gain time by trying to do more than one thing at a time. At supper when you pour the milk you fill one glass at a time. In your daily affairs you have to learn to fill each minute at a time, otherwise some minutes will overflow while others remain empty.

Constantly tell yourself: for this moment I have only one person to deal with and that's the one who's right in front of me; I have only one letter to write, the one I'm writing right now; I have only one thing to do, what I'm doing here and now. In this way you'll be able to work more rapidly, more efficiently and with a lot less headaches.

Have you a lot of work to do? Offer your sleep or your leisure to the Lord and be at peace. You're not wasting your time. Time is a gift of God and he will demand of us an exact account of our use of it. But be at peace: God is not an overbearing father; he doesn't give us a job to do without at the same time giving us the means to accomplish it. We always have time to do what God would have us do.

When you don't have enough time to get everything done, stop for a moment and pray. Then place your work before God as you do it. When you can't finish, leave, even if others become insistent and refuse to understand, for God has **not** given you this work to do. You never have too much work to do.

Once you see what God wants you to do then leave everything else aside and put yourself completely into the task at hand. God is waiting for you here at this very moment, at this very place and nowhere else.

ALWAYS ON SUNDAY

(Someone had to say it!)

Today we went prepared to church, the rule was Series Two,

At Evensong Our Father's "which," before lunch he was "who."

We found to suit our wandering thoughts, an adequate confession.

Tonight poetically we pray in '28 Tradition.

There're places where we all may stand, and times when we may sing.

We still address the Lord as "Thou," now there's a funny thing.

'Tis modernise!, experiment!—no!, not too much not yet!

With Authorised and N.E.B., no-one can be upset. There're some of us who like to lean t'wards

nonconformity,
While others' outlooks more in tune with brothers-staunch R.C.!

To-day we went to C of E—established, ordered, planned,

Why did I find I always had the wrong book in my hand?

SUMMER HEAT

First man: "I had a beard like yours once, but when I found what it made me look like, I got it cut off."

Second man: "And I had a face like yours once, and when I found I couldn't get it cut off I grew a beard."

MORE HEAT

A clergyman recently invested in a car of a well-known make. "They should have supplied a live squirrel with it," he snorted indignantly. "Why so?" we ventured. "To pick up all the nuts that drop off!"

HALSALL CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

We wish every success in the future to all the children who are leaving Halsall C. of E. School at the end of this month.

Janice Baker, Christine Sherman, Steven Brookfield, Andrew Critchley, Michael Knowles, Damian Marron and Wesley Smith to Ormskirk Grammar School.

Christopher Bowen to Ormonde High School, Maghull.

Mandy Baybutt to St. Wyburn School, Southport.

Susan Rimmer, Carol Rigby, Susan Downie, Nadine Kenyon, Jill Waterworth, Shirley Rigby, David Halsall, Gary Bond, Peter Wilkinson, Andrew McVittie, Keith Damen, Leslie Culshaw, Andrew Joynson, David Gilbert, Stuart Loines, Derek Stevenson, Richard Abram, Joy Gilbert to Ormskirk County Secondary School.

New communicants who have recently been confirmed and are attending the mid-week communion services are: Janice Baker, Michael Knowles, Christopher Bowen, Peter Wilkinson, Lesley Culshaw, Steven Brookfield.

FRIEND OR ENEMY

Television seems to share with crime the distinction of being more often in the news than most other things. What's on the telly continues to be top topic. Yet the fundamental question is whether television itself is friend or enemy.

Witnesses for the prosecution, those who would condemn the telly to outer darkness—and surprisingly often they are those who never look at it—claim that the thing is a monstrous device for the wasting of time and for the encouragement of vacancy of mind. To sit and stare at a television screen is too often, it is claimed, to receive without giving, to be given pleasure without having to do anything to create it. Essentially, it is to watch other people doing things with consequent less time to do things oneself. In other words the whole thing is a piece of mass hypnotism.

On the other hand, there are those who see in television a good friend who, by the kindly magic of the electronic wonderworld, opens up to the average family horizons far wider, more stimulating and more mind broadening than any they would otherwise see. So television according to counsel for the defence, is a thoroughly good thing: broadening the mind, opening the eyes and releasing many people from the limitations of time and place.

Meanwhile, what are the rest of us to think? Above all, how should we seek to use this thing in our own homes? Perhaps the first thing to note about the case against television is that almost every one of the points made in it were originally made against sound radio. It was said that, for instance, it wasted the time, that it intruded into the home, that it made people listeners, instead of readers and doers. And surely the charge that watching television is a waste of time rather depends on what you mean by wasting, and what the person concerned would be doing with the time not thus spent in viewing.

On the other hand, the responsibility of using this wonder of science wisely rests squarely upon

those who in their own homes have to make the decision. The ultimate question as to whether any scientific invention is to be a friend or an enemy of man must in the end be decided by man himself, because everything depends on how he uses it.

Television, which, after all, is a very wonderful thing, can be a real addition to life, if it is used, as all things should be used, with moderation and selection. To use this marvel with a sense of responsibility, picking the programmes we want to see, or think we ought to see, and then turning it off afterwards, is at least one way of making the most of television. For here is certainly something which should not be enterprised, as it says in the Marriage Service, nor taken in hand 'unadvisedly, lightly, or wantonly.' In short, once the wonder of television is used with a sense of responsibility, there is no reason why it should not become very much of a friend, and nothing at all of an enemy.

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SERVERS' ROTA

JULY	7	9.30 a.m.	Maurice Core.
	14	10.30 a.m.	David Stopforth and Colin Stopforth.
	21	9.00	Keith Stopforth.
		6.30 p.m.	Stuart Simpkin.
	28	9.00 a.m.	Jim Heaton.
		10.30 a.m.	Simon Andrews and Malcolm Serjeant.
AUG.	4	9.00 a.m.	Michael Lewis.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

JULY	7	Mrs. J. Silcock.
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	28	Mrs. H. Grimshaw.
AUG.	4	Mrs. J. Moorcroft and Mrs. G. McCoy.

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July 28:	H. Huyton, A. Grimshaw, H.S. J. Heaton, E. Orritt.
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June 9th—David Stephen, son of Stephen and Mary Hulm, of 3 Carr-Moss Lane, Halsall.
June 9th—Marc James, son of Allan Leslie and Carol Doreen Huyton, of 27 Carr-Moss Lane, Halsall.

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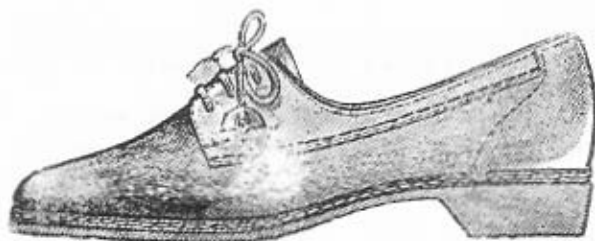
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