



HALSALL PARISH MAGAZINE

Festival Edition

June 1973

**A RAINBOW
IN FLOWERS**

FOR THE FESTIVAL AT
HALSALL PARISH CHURCH

JUNE 1st 2nd 3rd 1973

Services at St. Cuthberts

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

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

4th SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

5th SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

9.00 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.

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20th May, 1973.

My dear Friends,

This Festival edition of your parish magazine is published as a tribute to all those parishioners who are working to ensure the success of this unique event. Under the fine leadership of the committee chairman the foundations for success have been well and truly laid, and when you receive this magazine they will have stood the test, that of receiving and catering for thousands of visitors. I wish to pay the highest possible tribute to you all for the way you are working and serving. The village will look resplendent with its hanging baskets and tubs of flowers and the passengers in the many coaches parading through the village from all parts of the North West will take away with them a lasting memory of one of Lancashire's most charming and picturesque villages. What is so inspiring is the fact that you are all enjoying the preparations and enthusiasm abounds. One thing you must not forget to do in the midst of all your work and that is to be sure to invite all your relatives, they will be most disappointed if you have forgotten to tell them about the Festival.

Sunday June 3rd will be a great day. We shall welcome both the Bishop of Liverpool and the Bishop of Warrington. I know you will all want to attend and so will many others as well. It would be advisable to come to church a little earlier than usual in order to get your accustomed seat.

Now to more serious thoughts. The Bible lays down certain rules and conditions which should govern our day to day lives. The Church exists in the heart of the community to help us week by week to observe the conditions and by so doing, helping us to live in peace first with God and ourselves, and then with each other. The only reason for the Church in Halsall organising the Festival is that our people may be drawn close together in fellowship, service, and worship.

Think seriously with me now about our responsibility. As members of a civilised community we all know that each of us is bound by many obligations and duties. We accept the standard of conduct in our everyday life which automatically means to each of us a responsibility to our fellow men. We acknowledge the need for law and order, for rules and regulations and we pay our rates and taxes perhaps not always with a smile—but nevertheless with the knowledge that we must meet the obligations of the State.

So much for society and people. But what about those whose conscience needs a stir I suggest that this Festival will give us something to think about.

The lesson which has come to many of us during the months of preparation is that meeting, working and planning together has created a larger sense of fellowship. My hope is that there will spring from this a Christian Society? If you give it a moment's thought you will come to the conclusion that individual responsibility is the basic factor too.

No Church can be greater than the Christian individuals who compose it. The heart of the Church

is the sum total of all our hearts and it is up to us to see that we make it tick with a steady beat. The Church isn't a society for the preservation of ancient beliefs. It is a society for the furtherance of a living religion and if we want a lively religion—and in my view any other kind would be useless—then we must all work to this end. The aim, surely, is to fill the Church—fill the Church to overflowing. To bring it back to its proper place as the centre of the Parish, the centre of village life. If we accept the challenge that this contains we shall accomplish something that has never been done before. We shall bring the families of the Parish together as a united body. United in fellowship, united in love, united in Eucharist in our Church, to the glory of God and the furtherance of His Kingdom. The Festival will remind some of us, and I believe some of us need reminding that we are members of a Church to which we owe something more than lip-service. Something more than mere token giving. And to this a great deal more. I hope that we shall all seek to take our fair share of financial responsibility for the maintenance and expansion of the Churches work both here in Halsall and in other parts of the world.

Almost everyday we hear or read of rising costs in all departments of life. These costs are making serious inroads into the financial resources of the Church in every parish and diocese in the world. It is against this background that we should consider our own responsibility in the matter of new giving to God through His Church. When we consider all the many blessings and gifts beyond the price of rubies which we receive at His hand, then add to them the brain power and intelligence with which we have been provided and which we have been trained to use, and by which we earn our daily bread—at this point let us stop and seriously consider our present level of giving back to God. The account which we are rendering to Him as a temporary Steward of these things. After all this has passed through our minds and been given careful consideration then and only then should we decide what our weekly offering to God must be.

May I appeal to you all in closing to read carefully the information about the importance of covenanting and having done so make a responsible decision to covenant your weekly gift to your Church.

May you all have a wonderful Festival and may God bless you all.

Your sincere friend,

HERBERT BULLOUGH

SIDESMEN'S ROTA

JUNE

- 3 P. Attwood, H. Rimer H.S. E. Blackhurst, J. Rimmer.
- 10 G. Porter, S. Par, R.H. J. D. Grimshaw, R. Dutton.
- 17 E. Grimshaw, D. Sephton, J.H. J. F. Smith, H. Dean.
- 24 T. Swift, T. Hunter, J.B. P. Aynsley, R. Gaskell.

JULY

- 1 J. Heaton, E. Orritt, H.S. H. Huyton, A. Grimshaw.

THE IMPORTANCE OF COVENANTING WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

What is a covenant?

It is a simple written agreement by a tax-payer to give a chosen amount of money to his Church for the next seven years. The agreement is between the individual and the Church; it is NOT an agreement with the Inland Revenue.

Why sign a Covenant?

Because it provides a "Free Cash Bonus" each year to your parish. The Church can recover from the State the whole of the income tax that you have paid on the gifts which you make by Covenant.

Does a Covenant cost anything?

No. It is absolutely free. You do not pay anything more to the parish and you do not pay any extra tax.

What does the Parish gain?

A "Free Cash Bonus" each year of 42p for every £1 paid in covenantal donations. This is a substantial bonus, as the table below clearly shows.

If you give:		The Parish will receive an Annual Cash Bonus	
10p a week	£2.22	a year
20p a week	£4.44	a year
25p a week	£5.57	a year
50p a week	£11.14	a year
75p a week	£16.71	a year
£1.00p a week	£22.28	a year

Will I have to change my way of giving?

No. Carry on precisely as you do at present. However, the usual Envelope system is advised though this is not essential.

What do I have to do to become a Covenantor?

Very little and it is quite simple.

1. Complete the Covenant Form (which will be supplied to you).
2. Get it witnessed
3. Give the Form back to the Rector or church treasurer.

You are then a Covenantor.

Can I safely commit myself for seven years?

In the event of your death, or if you leave the covenant lapses. If you move to another parish in the diocese, the covenant can be transferred. In the event of unfortunate circumstances, such as illness or hardship, payments may be suspended or the covenant may be cancelled.

What check is there that I have fulfilled my covenant?

Only you know how much you have given to the church, and soon after 5th April each year, you will be sent a certificate (R185) and asked to sign it to the effect that you have given to the church during the year, at least the amount shown in your covenant. This is all that is required.

How do I see the results?

Every year after 5th April, your parish will be sent a cheque for the tax recovered on all the covenants taken out for the parish.

Is Covenanting Confidential?

Yes, at every stage. No one need know what you

earn, how much tax you pay, how much you give to the Church, or how much you covenant for. You will be shown how to make a Covenant without such questions being asked. You will place your signed Covenant in an envelope and your tax certificate will come to you, in April, under cover.

WHITSUNDAY

On Whitsunday the Christian Church keeps high festival, for on this day, referred to in the Acts of the Apostles as the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles and changed them from timid followers of Christ into men whom their opponents accused of 'turning the world upside down.' No one can read the Acts, especially the early chapters, without noting in the disciples a release from tension, a banishment of fears and a wonderful sense of confidence in men who but a few weeks before were defeatist in attitude and woefully weak in witness. They knew their inadequacy. Their self-confidence had been shattered at Calvary when they failed Christ miserably. It was the consciousness of a power beyond themselves and at their disposal which enabled them to lift their heads and look one another in the face, and stand up to the very people who had crucified their Master and who knew all about their weakness. Only the certain knowledge that Christ was alive could have made this startling difference, this and the equally certain fact that they were conscious of a power which had taken possession of them. The point of the observance of Whitsunday is that we give thanks for the coming of this Holy Power. Much of the tension and strain of life is due to an inner sense of inadequacy. We secretly feel that we are not equal to the demands of life and this inward uneasiness makes us strain and strive. We waste energy which should be kept for the task in hand. We ourselves cannot supply the power to meet life. That is God's part. Our part is to draw upon His power through quiet dependence upon Him. This is the secret of relaxation, our realisation of the fact that we may draw upon the power of God's Holy Spirit. The disciples, we are told, went everywhere, 'the Lord working with them.' So He will work with and through us.

SERVER'S ROTA

JUNE

- 3 9.00 a.m. Jim Heaton,
10.30 a.m. Harold Grimshaw, Malcolm Sergeant.
10 10.30 a.m. Barry Gaskell, Michael Lewis.
17 9.00 a.m. Peter Balmer.
6.30 p.m. Colin Stopforth.
24 9.00 a.m. Stephen Dutton.
10.30 a.m. David Stopforth, Keith Stopforth.

JULY

- 1 9.00 a.m. Malcolm Sergeant.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

JUNE

- 3 Flower Festival.
10 The Congregation.
17 Mrs. H. Grimshaw.
24 Mr. J. Huyton.

JULY

- 1 Mrs. H. Gaskell.

Flower Festival

in

St. Cuthbert's Church

A RAINBOW IN FLOWERS

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The Flower arrangements have been
created by well known local arrangers,
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Refreshments available throughout the
Festival in St. Cuthberts School

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Good parking facilities for coaches and
cars. Coach parties welcome

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June 1st, Friday 10 a.m. — 9 p.m.

June 2nd, Saturday 10 a.m. — 9 p.m.

June 3rd, Sunday 12 noon — 5 p.m.

Historical Exhibition

In

St. Cuthbert's School

- ☐ Brass
- ☐ China
- ☐ Furniture
- ☐ Costumes
- ☐ Silver
- ☐ Agricultural Implements
- ☐ Pottery
- ☐ Jewellery
- ☐ Historical Records
- ☐ Embroidery

All Exhibits on Loan
None for Sale

Art Exhibition

In

St. Cuthbert's School

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- ☐ Visit a Victorian Home in Holly
Lodge New Street.

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- ☐ Pictures by local Artists
- ☐ Historical Photographs

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- ☐ Pictorial History Books
- ☐ Colour Transparencies
- ☐ Festival Brochure

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in the Church.

Festival Services

Sunday, 3rd June

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9.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.30 a.m. Festival Eucharist

Preacher:

The Rt. Revd. John Bickersteth,
Bishop of Warrington.

6.30 p.m. Festival Evensong

Preacher:

The Rt. Revd. Stuart Blanch.
Lord Bishop of Liverpool.

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The Church will be closed after the
Festival Evensong on Sunday, June 3rd

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