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ANTHEM

"Teach me, O Lord"

Col. R. F. Hesketh

The Rectory,
Halsall,

17th October, 1968.

My dear Friends,

During the past two months the choir boys have been working extremely hard; the boys have been attending three practices each week and they have shown in no uncertain manner what they can do. Very soon now we shall have the great joy of hearing them perform the two great works by Pergolesi and Vivaldi. May I make a special appeal to you all to support them by your presence on Friday, 22nd November, at 7-45 p.m. This will most certainly be an evening to remember, and I pay tribute to the Master of the Choristers and his choir by printing their names in this Magazine. Not only are we to show our appreciation by supporting this great effort, but also we must say what a great improvement there has been to the lead given by the choir in the statutory services on Sundays. It is a joy to work with them and on your behalf I say thank you to them for all they do to enrich the worship we share together at St. Cuthbert's.

We have another enjoyable event during November — The Christmas Bazaar — it is always a happy occasion and we look forward to welcoming Lady Entwistle who will open the Bazaar at 2-30 p.m. on Saturday, 30th November. By now you will all be making your arrangements to help us in whatever way you can. Please support the stall holders and help yourself by purchasing your thrift tickets each week. There will be all the usual fun of a Christmas Bazaar and needless to say we are very much hoping for a grand total as last year. If we all resolve to do our little bit this success is certain.

A reminder now about Remembrance Sunday. This falls on the second Sunday in November (10th) and because of this our usual Family Eucharist will be held on November 3rd at 10-30. Please make a note of this, November 3rd, Family Eucharist; November 10th, Remembrance Service.

November 1st is All Saints' Day and November 2nd is All Souls' Day. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 7 a.m. and 10-15 a.m. on All Saints' Day and at the 10-15 a.m. service the faithful departed will be remembered.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Friday, 22nd November, at 7-45 p.m.

God bless you all,

Your sincere friend

Herbert Bullough.

ST. CUTHBERT'S CHOIR, 1968

Organist and Master of the Choristers: Mr. Gordon J. P. Hughes, A.R.C.M.; Sub. Organist: Mr. Edward Carr, L.L.C.M.

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THE LATE MR. J. HAROLD GRIMSHAW RECTOR'S WARDEN

It was with profound regret that we all heard of the sudden passing of Mr. Harold Grimshaw, the Rector's Warden. Although we had been anxious about him for a considerable time, we none of us expected him to pass to higher service so soon. We thank God for Harold's life in which we all may find something to enrich our own. He will be remembered with great affection at St. Cuthbert's for many years. We have all shared experiences of great happiness with him and we shall miss his kindly smile as we enter our church. His outstanding characteristic was his desire to serve God every day. He endeavoured to build his life on the foundation passed on by the prophet Micah — "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God". The Parish Church of St. Cuthbert, Halsall, has lost one of its 'saints on earth' and a gentleman "greatly beloved". The Rector has lost a wonderful friend, but the inspiration of his friendship is a life-long memory.

H.B.

ALL SAINTS

November is a month when we hear a good deal about saints. All Saints' Day is November 1st, All Souls' Day is November 2nd, and St. Andrew's Day is November 30th, and so it is a suitable time to discuss what we mean by "I believe in the Communion of Saints."

Archbishop Michael Ramsey in his book "Sacred and Secular" says: "The men and women whom we call saints have been marked by a growing reflection of the divine character mingled with awe, penitence and humility." But that is not the meaning of the word in our English Bible. In the Bible the word "saint" translates a Greek word which meant dedicated to a god. The Ancient Greeks used the word for groves of trees dedicated to their gods and also for people who were dedicated to the service of some god. The Christian Church has borrowed this word and has used it for all who have been baptized, because everyone who has been baptized has been dedicated to God. In the New Testament every baptized person is called a saint. St. Paul made a collection "for the poor saints which are in Jerusalem." He addressed his letter "to all the saints which are at Philippi." The word saint is not used to distinguish a higher grade of Christian from a lower grade. It is used to distinguish the baptized from the unbaptized.

"I believe in... the Communion of Saints." The word "Communion" means fellowship or comradeship. When we acknowledge our belief in the Communion of Saints we are saying that we believe that all who have been baptized, all the saints whether still living or whether departed this life, are one family, one comradeship, one fellowship in God. After the first Whitsunday the followers of our Blessed Lord "continued steadily in the fellowship." Although there were three thousand of them they were just like a large family; they shared all things in common. Rich men like Barnabas sold their property and gave the money to the apostles so that there might be food for all. That was the true spirit of comradeship. Then during the Middle Ages the monasteries were the most striking feature of Church life. Groups of Christians built houses in which they hoped to live together in perfect comradeship. They worked together in the fields, they fed together in the refectory, they prayed together in the chapel, they held all their possessions in common. Most of these monasteries adopted the Rule of St. Benedict: "No one shall presume to keep as his own anything whatsoever, neither book, nor tablets, nor pen, nor anything at all."

One of our great tasks today is to make the Communion of Saints a reality, to increase the amount of comradeship in the Church. The characteristic Christian virtues can only be developed in companionship and so it is impossible to be a good Christian and a Hermit at the same time. St. Basil asked: "How can a hermit practise love, when he has no one to love? How can he show patience when he has no one to provoke him? How can he show pity when he never sees a brother in trouble?"

All over the world eating and drinking together has been recognised as a bond of comradeship. In instituting the Holy Eucharist Our Lord took advantage of this world-wide instinct to try to bind His followers together while they worshipped in the closest comradeship. When we take part in the service of Holy Communion, we hold communion with God and with those who have passed into the higher life, as well as with those who share in the service with us.

THE CHURCH AND EDUCATION

Historically the Church, not only in this country but throughout Europe, was the force behind the setting up of the first schools. Clergy were once the only teachers, Church schools the only schools. Before the state made its first grant of £20,000 in 1833, all schools were wholly built and maintained from Church funds. These are well known facts; not so well known is the Church of England's concern for education as an expression of Christian faith and practice today.

The Situation Today

Today there are 7,100 Church of England schools in England and Wales teaching 841,000 children of all ages. Clearly the resources of the Church could not continue to meet the demands for modern building and amenities as education became an integral part of our developing society. As a result of a number of Education Acts, the state now pays 80 per cent of all costs for which the Church is liable.

Cost to the Church

The cost to the Church is over one million pounds each year, for building new schools and enlarging existing ones, as well as for routine maintenance and repairs. This money comes from endowments from the past, from contributions from central and diocesan funds, but principally from the direct gifts of people in the parishes. It will, of course, be remembered that the expenses of running the schools is not the Church's liability. If the Church is to continue to play its part, these costs must go up as the demand for better education increases. Not a month goes by without at least one new or recently modernised Church school being dedicated by a Bishop.

The School and the Parish Church

To meet the demand for these new and better schools, money is increasingly provided from diocesan and central contributions but the supervision, encouragement and support for teachers and pupils alike is still a parish responsibility. Lacking this personal care and attention, Church schools can become remote from the worshipping community to which they owe their origin; the pupils who should become the future leaders in their own parishes can drift away from the Church as easily as those in other schools.

Not only by giving money as the occasion arises, but even more important by taking a close personal interest and pride in the achievement of your own Church school; by knowing the staff and pupils; encouraging corporate worship when the school comes to Church and getting to know the children particularly from non-Church-going families, for it is through the teaching of the Christian faith in these schools that an important part of the Church's work continues. Above all, to make all those concerned with education in the parish and the pupils themselves feel part of your community.

As a Member of the Parochial Church Council

Among your many other responsibilities, please do not forget that the Church school is an integral part of the parish and that despite the flow of money from the State and from diocesan and central funds, it is the parish contribution which symbolises the Church's continuing care at parochial level. There is no better way of bringing this need to the attention of all the parish than by having the Church school on the budget and noted in the published parish accounts. The P.C.C. should also receive reports from their school, and the staff of the school should have parish status, attending the meetings of the Council when school matters are discussed. In this and many other ways, a close and rewarding association between the P.C.C. and the school can be established.

Your Church school needs your Support

If your Church school is Aided, then all this comes home to you with great force when the Parochial Church Council is concerned with money matters. But a Controlled school is also a Church school, even though the Church's opportunities in it are limited. It is, therefore, important that you should do all you can to strengthen its integration in the whole life of the Church and parish.

Educational Policy

Worshipping members of the Church of England can be grateful for the Church's past role in the field of education and its continuing care for the needs of the young today. It is in Church schools that the problems of integrating coloured immigrants can best be overcome so firmly established in the Church's policy against any form of racial discrimination; it is in Church schools that the Christian faith can best be taught by sincere and qualified teachers and it is through the corporate activities of a parish that the boys and girls at Church schools can be led to become the future members of a worshipping community. In all these ways this is the Church serving the community.

THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS

The Church Commissioners for England were established by law in 1948 to take over the functions of the former Queen Anne's Bounty and Ecclesiastical Commission. There are 95 of them, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, their chairman, and the other diocesan bishops, the Prime Minister and certain other ministers, nominees of the Crown and of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and 25 clergy and laymen elected by the Church Assembly. The full body, however, meets only once or twice a year; the brunt of the work is done by various committees and officers.

The Commissioners own and manage as trustees capital assets of the Church which have accumulated over many years — from ancient endowments, the former possessions of bishoprics and other sources. Much of the original assets have been sold, and the bulk of the present investments has been purchased in the open market. No part of the Commissioners' income derives from the State.

The Commissioners' traditional function is to "make additional provision for the cure of souls," or, in other words, to add to what is already being done by the parishes for the maintenance of the ministry. It has been established that whereas the Commissioners provide about three-quarters of the stipends of the clergy, the contribution of the Commissioners to the total annual budget of the Church is slightly under one-half.

Out of an income last year of over £17 million, £12½ million was paid out directly to the clergy — to bishops, archdeacons, cathedral chapters, incumbents and assistant curates, clergy pensioners and their widows — amounting to some 20,000 individuals. The amounts ranged from the diocesan bishops' average stipend of £3,116 to the minimum clergy pension of £500.

Nearly £4 million was allocated to diocesan stipends funds for their allocation to clergy as needed.

Over recent years £2,000,000 has been allocated in grants to dioceses to help in building, improving, repairing and decorating parsonage houses. Very considerable sums are given to provide Churches in new areas. Church schools are helped by a million pound scheme spread over 25 years. £600,000 was added to capital — about one-third as 50 per cent grants to gifts and bequests by the laity for the endowment of benefices.

In sixteen years, by a wise investment policy on the Stock Exchange, the Commissioners have more than doubled their income, and increased their capital resources, to the great benefit of the Church at large.

Apart from their financial obligations, the Church Commissioners have to make administrative decisions on the union of benefices, the formation of new parishes, the alteration of parish boundaries, and the disposal of redundant Churches. They also have to approve proposals for the provision and sale of parsonage houses and the sale and lease of glebe.

The Commissioners' financial affairs are bound to be of some public interest because the funds which they control make them substantial investors on the stock exchange, and large owners of both urban and agricultural property. It ought to be noted however, that it is the policy of the Commissioners not to invest in amusements, breweries, distilleries, newspapers or companies primarily engaged in armament production. With re-

gard to their ownership of residential property, it is their policy to manage it as a credit to both the tenant and landlord.

Church people ought not only to appreciate the tremendous amount of detailed work that the Commissioners' undertake, but also be ready to correct the popular misunderstanding and prejudice about the financial provision of the Church.

THE FARMERS' MEETING

It seems a very long time since we had our last meeting. You will all remember the tragic foot and mouth outbreak which completely ruined our last programme.

We begin again on Thursday, 14th November, when we welcome Mr. R. G. Dunncliffe of the British Sugar Corporation Ltd. He will speak to us and create a discussion of the subject of New Developments in Sugar Beet.

Please note the date and do your best to attend.
H.B.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

Our next meeting will be a very interesting one. It is an Open Meeting for anyone interested. The subject is "The use of Tape Recordings" and the speaker will be Mr. John Ashcroft of Shirdley Hill. He will have some recordings with several former workers on the "Altear Bob". Please ensure a good attendance by inviting all your friends. The men folk are welcome. Tuesday, 5th November, at 7.30 in the school.

SERVERS' ROTA

- Nov. 3— 9.00 a.m. Jim Heaton.
10.30 a.m. Family Eucharist: Harold Grimshaw, John Pounds.
- 10— 8.00 a.m. Brian Heaton.
- 17— 8.00 a.m. Tony Gaskell.
6.30 p.m. Raymond Juba.
- 24— 8.00 a.m. John Gaskell.
10.30 a.m. Michael Lewis, Roger Dutton.
- Dec. 1— 8.00 a.m. Malcolm Serjeant.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA

- Nov. 3 J. D. Grimshaw, R. Dutton, P. Aynsley, H. Rimmer.
- 10 J. Cheetham, H. Serjeant, G. Porter, S. Park.
- 17 P. Aynsley, N. Britnell, E. Grimshaw, E. Gawne.
- 24 J. Heaton, J. Banks, T. Swift, T. Hunter.
- Dec. 1 H. Huyton, A. Grimshaw, P. Saunders, T. Grimshaw.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

- Nov. 3 Mrs. Hesketh and Mrs. Winstanley.
- 10 Mrs. L. Heaton.
- 17 Mrs. Neale.
- 24 Mrs. Kniveton.
- Dec. 1 Mrs. L. Huyton.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together"

- Sept. 28 Sydney Lancaster, 14 La Mancha Kennels, Shirdley Hill, Halsall, and Pauline Armer, 62 Heathey Lane, Shirdley Hill, Halsall.
- Oct. 5 John Frederick Ashton, 2 Robinhood Lane, Highmoor, Wrightington, and Kathleen Cram, St. Nicolas Nursery, 271 Smithy Lane, Scarisbrick.
- 5 Edwin Ford, 21 Coronation Road, Windle, St. Helens, and Marjorie Ellen Porter, 5 Renacre Lane, Halsall.
- 12 John Leonard Grimshaw, Edge Farm, Burscough, and Christine Hargreave, 3 Staveley Road, Ainsdale.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD

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- Oct. 19 Mary Ashcroft, aged 62 years, Station Road, Barton.
- 19 Alice Swift, aged 51 years, 198 Summerwood Lane, Halsall.
- 21 John Harold Grimshaw, aged 62 years, Edge Farm, Burscough.

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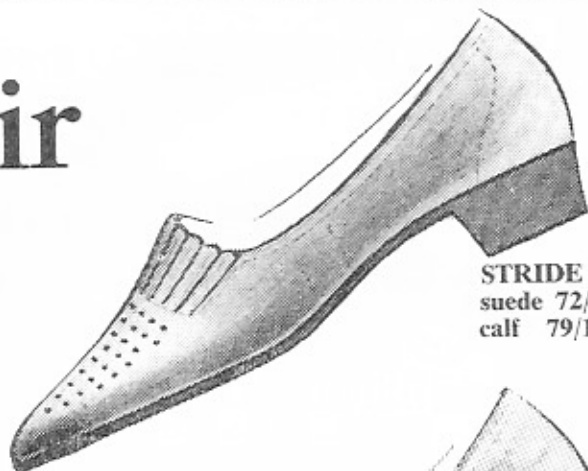
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