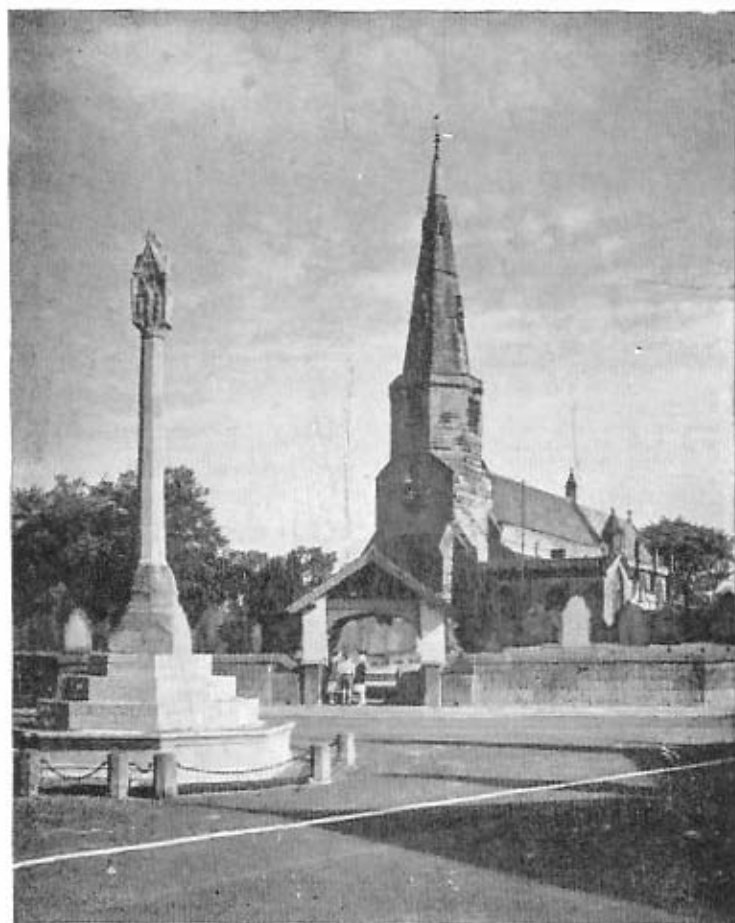


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## 4th SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist  
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

## 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

## 3rd SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.30 a.m. Mattins and Sermon  
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The Rector,

Halsall,

22 October 1974

My dear friends,

This magazine is very largely concerned with giving you all as much information as possible about the finances of the Church of England through The General Synod, and of the Diocese through the Diocesan Board of Finance. I do this for two reasons. Firstly members of the Church of England should be informed members, they should know the facts. Secondly in order that you may see and understand when we appeal for your financial support because the demands made upon the Parochial Church Council's funds are increasing each year. Next year our Diocesan Quota will be £565, a rise of £140. The reason? Look at the total of the Diocesan Budget—£150,300, a rise of £33,950. Why? Because £40,000 has been added to help increase the stipends of the clergy who are on the Diocesan minimum scale of £1750 per annum.

I would earnestly request that you study the budgets carefully. By studying the Diocesan Board of Finance Budget for 1975 you will then see what the parish quota of £565 is helping to do. By studying the General Synod Budget you will then see what the Diocesan contribution of £27,700 is helping to do.

Now may I thank you all for the most wonderful Harvest Festival and Gift Day of my ministry amongst you. We had record collections and a bumper record Gift Day. The total amount received on Harvest Festival Sunday is well over £750, a truly magnificent effort. Great sacrifices were made

by our faithful church members and the Parochial Church Council are deeply grateful to all who supported this wonderful day.

The next big Parish effort will be the Bazaar on Saturday 30th November. I hope you will all do your utmost to make it a huge success by making gifts for the stalls, buying thrift tickets, and joining us along with your friends on the day itself.

Now a reminder about Sunday School. It was a joy to see the little ones brave the gales and turn up for school at 2.15 last Sunday, 20th October. They have a lovely time with Mrs. Armstrong and her loyal band of helpers. Your child is missing something very enjoyable and very important if he or she for one reason or another is not attending. Parents are invited to stay in school if they wish.

Finally, remember that the evening service is now at 3.45 p.m. until further notice.

God bless you all.

Your sincere friend,

HERBERT BULLOUGH,

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## FRIENDSHIP

Most of us know many people whom we regard as friends and whom, we feel, are friendly towards ourselves. But how many of these friends are proved friends? On this question I always think of this (admittedly rather flippant) passage of Robert Louis Stevenson:

"The friendships of men are vastly agreeable, but they are insecure. You know all the time that one friend will marry and put you to the door; a second will accept a situation in China, and become no more to you than a name, a reminiscence; a third will take up with some religious crotchet and treat you to sour looks henceforward. So in one way or another, life forces men apart and breaks up goodly fellowships forever.... And a man who has few friends, or one who has a dozen (if there be anyone so wealthy on this earth), cannot forget on how precarious a base his happiness reposes, and how, by a stroke or two of fate—a death, a few light words, a piece of stamped paper, a woman's bright eyes—he may be left in a month, destitute of all."

There is a great deal of truth to experience in this passage. This, one feels, is life! And yet some friendships endure. There are men—and women—who

remain unchanged as the North Star through all the vicissitudes of life. Men and women who, if they make friends, remain so for ever, even if wide oceans separate them! They can endure all adversities, all contrary winds of fortune, all slights of men. This, I believe, is because the well-being and happiness of the other person is their chief concern. Such a man was Gabriel Oak in Hardy's "Far From the Madding Crowd." Read this side-light on his character by the girl who had consistently slighted him:

"What a way Oak had, she thought, of enduring things. Boldwood, who seemed so much deeper and higher and stronger in feeling than Gabriel, had not yet learnt any more than she herself, the simple lesson which Oak showed a mastery of by every turn and look he gave—that among the multitude of interests by which he was surrounded, those which affected his own well-being were not the most absorbing and important in his own eyes. Oak meditatively looked upon the horizon of circumstances without any special regard to his own standpoint in the midst."

How true a summary of Oak's character this is becomes clear as one follows the story. We find him pressing the suit of a well-to-do farmer, against that of a trifling adventurer, without ever putting forward his own case. "You know that I love you, and shall love you always. I only mention this to bring to your mind that at any rate I would not wish to do you harm. I have lost in the race for money; and good things, and I'm not such a fool as to pretend to you now I am poor. But Bathsheba . . . this I beg of you to consider that you should be more discreet in your bearing towards this soldier."

Such disinterestedness, one may feel, is rare, but it does exist in certain people, and where it is to be found it is the greatest treasure in human experience. Look at life from the point of view of the spectator—sit in the grandstand and view the game as it is played on the pitch. The player whose every move is determined by the opportunity, and by the needs of his fellow players, is the one who rises head and shoulders above the rest. This is the spirit in which all enduring friendships are maintained—above all, it must be the basis of marriage. Romantic attraction is a fickle substitute, fleeting and insecure. Listen again to Stevenson writing, as it were, from the press-box in the grandstand:

"The blind-bow boy, who smiles upon us from the end of the terraces in old Dutch gardens, laughingly hurls his bird bolts among a fleeting generation. But for as fast as ever he shoots, the game dissolves, and disappears into eternity from under his falling arrows; this one is gone ere he is struck; the other has but time to make one gesture and give one passionate cry; and they are all the things of a moment."

## HALSALL AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION SOCIETY

It was with regret that we had to postpone our last meeting owing to the date clashing with polling day. The meeting will be arranged in the near future.

This month we look forward to an interesting evening with Mr. E. Marshall who will speak to us about farming in America. The date is Thursday, 14th November at 7.30 p.m. in the schools. I shall look forward to meeting you all then.

H.B.

### SERVERS ROTA

Nov. 3	9.00 a.m.	Maurice Core.
10	10.30 a.m.	David Stopforth and Tony Gaskell.
17	9.00 a.m.	Jim Heaton.
24	9.00 a.m.	Peter Balmer.
	3.45 p.m.	Keith Stopforth.
	10.30 a.m.	Barry Gaskell and Simon Andrews.
Dec. 1	9.00 a.m.	Stuart Simpkin.
8	10.30 a.m.	Malcolm Serjeant and Colin Stopforth.
15	9.00 a.m.	Barry Gaskell.
	3.45 p.m.	David Stopforth.

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Nov. 3rd: Mrs. J. Hesketh and Mrs. H. Winstanley. Nov. 10th: Mrs. L. Heaton. Nov. 17th: Mrs. T. Hunter. Nov. 24th: Mrs. A. Kniveton. Dec. 1st: Mrs. L. Huyton.

### SIDESMEN'S ROTA

Nov. 3: J. F. Smith, H. Wood, J.H. E. Grimshaw, D. Sephton  
Nov. 10th: J. Critchley, R. Gaskell, J.B. T. Swift, T. Hunter.  
Nov. 17th: H. Huyton, A. Grimshaw, H.S. J. Heaton, E. Orritt.  
Nov. 24th: H. Grimshaw, H. Manners, R.H. W. Pounds, C. Armstrong.  
Dec. 1st: C. Shacklady, W. White, J.H. E. Serjeant, D. Swift.

### HOLY BAPTISM

"Received into the family of Christ Church"  
September 29th—Jonathan Mark, son of John and Christine Grimshaw of Edge Farm, Burscough.  
September 29th—Kate Michele, daughter of James and Joyce Spencer of Halsall House, Halsall Road, Halsall.  
October 13th—Martin James, son of Francis and Norma Earl of 18 Renacres Lane, Halsall.

### CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"In sure and certain hope"  
October 16th: Wilfred Park of 5 Drummersdale Lane, Scarisbrick, aged 78 years, (cremation).

# GENERAL SYNOD BUDGET, 1975

## Central Fund for Ordination Candidates

Grants to men training for Ordination amounted to £364,000 in 1973 and will be higher in 1974. The provision of £400,000 in the 1975 budget is expected to be just sufficient to cover the cost in that year. Three hundred and sixty-one men were ordained in 1972 and three hundred and seventy-three (including 23 for the auxiliary pastoral ministry) in 1973.

## Section A—Service of Loans

These provisions relate to the repayment of loans raised for the expansion of the Church Colleges of Education and the improvement of the Theological Colleges.

## Section B—Personnel Grants

The provision for lay workers pensions has been reduced in 1975 when the Church Commissioners become responsible for meeting premiums. The saving to the General Synod Budget is being used to help to provide retirement accommodation for deaconesses and lay workers.

## Section C—Central Services

The increase in the provision for General Synod Commissions to £12,000 includes the sum of £5,000 towards the cost of a Unity Commission which all the Churches have agreed to set up. Other increases are entirely due to inflation and appear to be particularly heavy because, regrettably, the provision made for 1974 is proving to be inadequate. No less than 78% of the total of Section C relates to staff costs. If the provision for the Boards and Councils of the General Synod does not rise with inflation, it would be an inevitable consequence that central church work would have to be reduced.

## Section D—Grants and Provisions

The grant to the British Council of Churches represents about 45% of the total contributions from member Churches. The grant to the World Council of Churches includes a special contribution towards the cost of the next Assembly in Djakarta and the general grant represents about 2% of the total contributions from member Churches.

The Church of England's share of the Commitments of the Anglican Communion, which include the expenses of the Anglican Consultative Council and the Anglican Centre in Rome, is about 30% of the whole.

## Subventions

The grants from the Corporation of the Church House and the Central Church Fund reduce the total of the budget and the amount requested from the dioceses which is about 8½% higher in 1975 than in 1974.

	1975 £	1974 £
Central Fund for Ordination Candidates	400,000	395,000
<b>Section A—Service of Loans</b>		
Church Colleges of Education	150,000	155,000
Theological Colleges and Training Houses	47,000	47,000
	197,000	202,000
<b>Section B—Personnel Grants</b>		
Lay Workers Training	24,000	25,000
Lay Workers Pensions—Augmentation	28,000	55,200
Lay Workers Retirement Accommodation	27,000	—
	79,000	80,200
<b>Section C—Central Services</b>		
The Convocations	1,400	1,350
General Synod and its Standing Committees	84,700	74,150
General Synod Commissions	12,000	7,250
Church Information Office	63,150	55,020
Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry	100,400	83,400
Board of Education	101,925	88,340
Board of Mission and Unity	41,190	34,630
Board for Social Responsibility	55,040	45,240
Council for Places of Worship	41,835	33,400
Council for the Deaf	8,000	7,730
Hospital Chaplains Council	7,665	6,220
Liturgical Commission	2,850	3,400
Central Board of Finance	85,740	68,240
Statistical Unit	40,135	34,150
Offices and Common Services	67,300	60,920
Staff Pension Fund	8,500	7,000
	721,830	610,440

## Section D—Grants and Provisions

Education Grants	11,100
British Council of Churches	33,720
World Council of Churches	16,400
Ecumenical Grants	9,570
Archbishops' Council on Evangelism	4,600
Brussels Ecumenical Centre	2,000
Commitments of the Anglican Communion	22,250
Miscellaneous small Grants	3,200
	102,840

## Subventions

Grant from the Corporation of the Church House	30,000
Grant from the Central Church Fund	98,000
	£1,372,670
Net Totals	£1,264,230

**LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE  
BUDGET FOR 1975**

Quota for General Synod .....		27,700	
Synodical Government .....			
Diocesan Synod .....	1,000		
Gen. Synod & Convocation Expenses .....	1,500		
Rural Deans Expenses .....	1,500	4,000	
Diocesan Admin. Expenses .....			
Salaries .....	14,000		
Travelling .....	400		
Printing and Stationery .....	5,000		
Office Expenses .....	—		
Rent .....	1,250		
Postage .....	1,200		
Telephone .....	600		
Audit and Professional .....	1,300		
	23,750		
Less Charged .....	1,600	22,150	
Expenses of Property .....		2,000	
Depreciation .....			
Property .....	1,200		
Furniture and Fittings .....	1,150	2,350	
Legal Charges .....		2,400	
Publications Account .....		500	
Parsonages Committee .....			
Administration .....	1,600		
Unofficial Parsonages Allocation .....	750	2,350	
Board of Education .....			
Church Schools Allocation .....	11,000		
Board of Education .....	2,600		
Youth Council .....	2,700		
Youth Centre Grants .....	250		
Children's Council .....	3,100		
St. Katharine's College .....	250	19,900	
Board of Mission and Unity .....		2,000	
Board of Ministry .....		18,000	
Board for Social and Moral Welfare .....		4,000	
Diocesan Advisory Committee .....		300	
Foxhill Conference Centre .....		500	
Contingencies .....		1,200	
University Chaplaincy .....		500	
Pastoral Committee .....	3,400		
Repairs to Churches .....	2,500	5,900	
C.T.N. Provincial .....		—	
C.T.N. Diocesan .....		—	
Budget Equalisation Account .....		—	
		115,750	
Less Sundry Income .....		10,450	
Net Budget .....		105,300	Rise of 15.27%
Buildings Allocation .....		5,000	
		110,300	Rise of 20.74%
<b>STIPENDS ALLOCATION</b> .....		40,000	
Quota .....			
Maintenance of the Ministry .....			
(collected separately from the parishes) .....			
	Quota	150,300	Rise of 29.18%
<b>NOTE:—</b>			
The figure for stipends is made up as follows:			
1974 Allocation repeated .....		15,000	
Maintenance of the Ministry payments transferred from separate collection .....		10,000	
Amount requested by Stipends Committee .....		15,000	
		<u>£ 40,000</u>	

The Stipends Committee's recommendation of an extra £15,000 for clergy stipends will have the effect of raising the base rate by £100 giving a 12% rise to clergy on the bottom of the scale.



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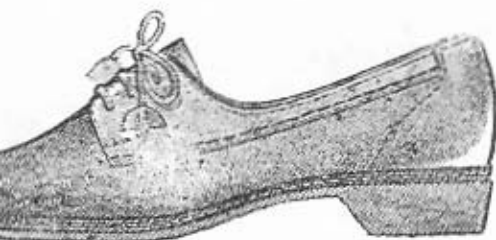
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