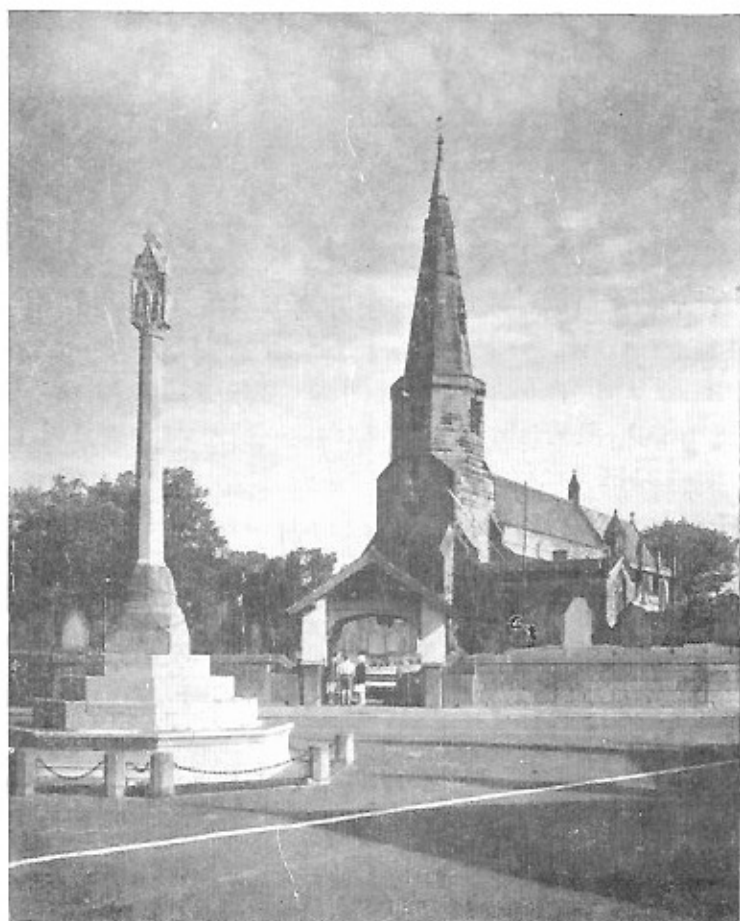


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PROGRAMME

September, 1966 — June, 1967

The meetings are open to all and we welcome any who are not members of the Mothers' Union

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The Rectory,
Halsall,
13th September, 1966

My Dear Friends,

Some weeks ago an appeal was made in church for new members to offer their services to God in the choir. As a result one little girl has joined the choir. I refuse to accept this as being all that the village can do to ensure that our lovely church is served by a good and enthusiastic choir. I am sure there must be other girls and boys who could offer their service to God in this way. Naturally they will need encouragement from their parents and friends.

At the present time we are making every effort to have a fine anthem for our Harvest Festival services. What a job this is with so few members in the choir. We have a keen young organist giving of his best, supported by a small but loyal band of faithful choristers. What about it Halsall? Surely we can find boys and girls and young men and women who are willing to serve God in this way. Village choirs in the past were part of the glory of the Anglican Church. Let us strive to restore this glory to the ancient church of St. Cuthbert's. What about all the former members coming back again, I see no reason why they should not do this, they will be warmly welcomed.

Let us strive to ensure that there are no vacant places in the choir stalls on Sundays. By doing this we are making the largest contribution to the worship of God in Halsall for a keen and enthusiastic choir does more than anything else to ensure no vacant seats in the congregation.

It would be remiss of me not to thank our present choir for their faithfulness and loyalty. It is

always a pleasure to join them for practice on Fridays and to join with them in leading the worship on Sundays.

God Bless you all,

Your sincere friend,

HERBERT BULLOUGH

A GOOD JOB FOR A BOY OR GIRL

Just a minute! Would you like a job? A real job? Working with other boys and girls and men and women as part of a team? Working for God and God wanting your best? Ever thought of being in a church choir?

HOW OLD SHOULD I BE?

The younger the better: something between 9 and 11 for boys and 11 years and upwards for girls.

HOW MUCH TIME DOES IT TAKE?

The Sunday Services are:

MORNINGS 10.30 a.m. (1 hour approx.)

EVENINGS 6.30 p.m. (1 hour approx.)

and the practice is on:

FRIDAY AT 7.30 p.m. (1 hour approx.)

DO I NEED TO BE ABLE TO READ MUSIC?

No. We will teach you that: and how to sing, breathe, keep still, and enjoy psalms, hymns and anthems.

DO I NEED TO HAVE A SUPER VOICE?

No. Some of the best choir boys and girls have not got good solo voices, but they can sing well with others. We are looking for CHOIR BOYS AND GIRLS not soloists. If you are keen and have a normal voice WE CAN MAKE A GOOD CHORISTER OUT OF YOU.

WHAT IS THE CHOIR FOR?

The choir's job is to LEAD the worship of God in church: not only by singing well, but by the way you walk, kneel, stand, sit, and listen. Everybody notices you. A glorious church and parish like ST. CUTHBERT'S needs and deserves a fine choir, YOU COULD BE PART OF IT.

DO I GET ANYTHING OUT OF IT?

Yes! A great deal. Satisfaction from doing a good job. Training in working with others, in self-confidence. A useful knowledge of the PRAYER BOOK and of the rudiments of music. Lots of enjoyment in singing. You make new friends. There is the Annual Outing and the Christmas Carol Singing. You receive a small amount of pocket money. Most important of all—YOU BELONG TO ST. CUTHBERT'S CHOIR.

What about it? You can give it a try, anyway. Talk it over with your parents, then come and see the choirmaster, Mr. Carr or the Rector. You won't be sorry.

IT'S A GOOD JOB FOR A BOY OR GIRL

It may seem only a little thing the Lord has for you to do, but it is an important one.

Do not put yourself out of the way of being employed by Him . . . do not begin by laying down laws for yourself as to what you will do and what you will not do.

But cry out of the depth of your heart "HERE AM I, SEND ME."

A SUNDAY DREAM

A little cloud of dust floats by, at what seems a great distance away in space. The rest is emptiness—nothingness. But wait—there are other things in the emptiness, so far away that they might be anything, or nothing! Must be other clouds of dust. This must be how God sees the Universe!

One of the little clouds is coming nearer—it's all round me—or is it? It seems to have dissolved and there are only specks of dust, miles apart. I know: one of those specks is the earth. How tiny it is! Yes, it is coming closer—I can see land and sea, great continents and oceans. Now it is rushing at me—I can see streets and people . . . How terrifying—all this space and nothingness, and the earth alone in the midst of it all! I never knew . . . I never knew.

The dream fades as I wake. I stretch and turn over to look at the clock. Ah, thank goodness—Sunday! No need to get up yet. Is it worth getting out to fetch the Sunday papers from the doorstep? Well, it would be nice to see what is going on in the world. Ugh! Nippy this morning—flick on the electric fire and pull up the eiderdown—that's better. Now, what's cooking?

Sensational manhunt . . . Hollywood star says she is very fond of so and so . . . airliner crashes . . . someone is "able to reveal" that Lady X is considering a separation . . . international conference breaks up—Prime Minister says situation now serious . . . page of improbable-looking fashions . . . thousands thought to have perished in famine . . . a page of advice for investors . . . racing . . . football . . . Nothing of interest really—the usual stuff. Ah, well, better get up. Ought to put in an appearance at church. Bit of a bore, but one should set an example.

"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done . . ." Good Lord, haven't we had that already once during this service? Someone ought to do something about these services; no wonder those teenagers and non-churchy types come once and never again—must be completely baffled and bored to tears! "The scripture moveth us in sundry places . . ." Phew! At school they at least used to tell us how to translate Chaucer and Shakespeare into our own language . . . Gosh, these hassocks—no wonder people get arthritis. See now, where are we? Just had one lot of prayers, haven't we? Yes, that's right. Well, at least that means that we're about half way through. Let's hope he makes the sermon short and snappy . . .

Wonder if I should run the mower over that bit of grass before supper? Better hurry—feels sultry enough for a thunderstorm. Why do Sundays often seem to turn out so depressing? Start off with a paper full of sex and horrors and frustrations and international complications; go on to a stodgy church

MEETINGS IN 1966

First Tuesday in the month at 7-30 p.m.

September

27—Opening Meeting in School, Speaker: Dr. Barbara Hitch (our own Link Missionary).

October

2—Harvest Festival.

7—Scout Dance.

8—Farmers' Poultry Drive.

20—U.S.P.G. Meeting Philharmonic Hall (a coach has been booked).

22—Whist and Domino Drive Bazaar Effort.

November

1—All Saints Day.

Holy Communion 7 a.m. and 10-15 a.m.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.

Meeting in School, Speaker: The Rector.

Subject: "Gypsies."

26—Christmas Bazaar, 2-30 p.m.

December

6—Meeting in School, 7-30 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. T. Orr.

Subject: "The Lighter Side of Hospital."

18—Family Service 2-30 p.m. with children.

Carol Service.

24—Christmas Eucharist, 11-30 p.m.

25—Evensong at 3 p.m.

(No Evening Service).

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service and finish up with a thunderstorm! Pretty typical.

Why do we keep up all this pretence of religious observance on Sunday? Why not go with the crowd? At least they're honest and don't pretend to be better than they are. If the world's in a mess and going to the devil I don't see how chaps like me pretending to be good and going to church is likely to save it!

Well, that's that little job done. Grass certainly looks tidier. Time for a bit of a sit-down in the deck-chair. Might not rain after all—some blue sky up there. How deep it looks, beyond that shining cloud edge . . .

What was that dream? Something about God, up there looking down at the earth . . . or was it someone looking at specks of dust? We must seem like a speck of dust to God, out there in all that endless space . . .

"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." Had that twice in church this morning, I remember. Doesn't seem much hope of anything like that happening! More likely someone will let loose a nuclear rocket and that will be that. What can God, up there, care about a speck of dust, anyway?

"God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son." Did He really do that? Seems fantastic—if this world is really only a speck of dust! Why should God be interested in us? Anyway, if He is concerned about the world He could hardly be concerned with the individual human microbes crawling about on it . . .

"I tell you, there will be greater joy in heaven over one sinner who repents . . . As for you, even the hairs of your head have all been counted . . ." Good heavens! Why do these things keep coming into my mind, as though someone was answering my thoughts?

MEETINGS IN 1967

January

- 3—Meeting in School. Speaker: Mrs. I. D. Sell.
Subject: "The Origins of Surnames."

February

- 7—The Party.

March

- 7—Devotional Service in Church. Speaker: The Rector.

April

- 11—Meeting in School. Speaker: Mrs. Christian.
(Matron Southport Children's Hospital).

May

- 2—Meeting in School.
7—Rogation Farm Services. Visit of The Bishop of
Liverpool. 6-30 p.m. Preacher: The Bishop.

June

- 6—Garden Meeting at the Rectory, 2-30 p.m. with
Bring and Buy Sale.
Speaker: Lady Mary Hesketh.

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"Be assured, I am with you always, to the end of time . . . He who has faith in me will do what I am doing; and he will do greater things still because I am going to the Father."

What—me? That couldn't mean someone like me! I'm not the type for that sort of thing. I'm no saint . . . don't know anything about theology . . .

"Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee when he saw two brothers . . . casting a net into the lake; for they were fishermen . . ."

Well, those two chaps were no great saints or scholars. Most of Jesus' disciples were a pretty ordinary lot, come to that! Yet they had more influence on the world than all our politicians and bishops and other learned types. I don't get it . . .

"When he comes who is the Spirit of truth, he will guide you into all truth . . . No branch can bear fruit by itself, but only if it remains united with the vine; no more can you bear fruit, unless you remain united with me . . ."

Well, what does that signify—that a chap like me could become a channel of the power and wisdom of God in the world? One hears of miracles being worked, even today—plenty of them in fact; but the churches don't seem to go much for that sort of thing — not officially, anyhow; in fact they seem rather to frown on it.

"A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, or a poor tree good fruit . . . That is why I say you will recognise them by their fruits."

Good Lord, why do these disturbing answers keep coming back at me—out of the mouth of Jesus? He seems to have known it all! But what's the use: I'm only one insignificant chap; how could I make any impression on all the evil in the world, all the dangers and problems between nations, all the apathy and faint-heartedness in the church?

"You must therefore beg the owner to send labourers to harvest his crop . . . But courage! The victory is mine; I have conquered the world . . . Full authority in heaven and on earth has been committed to me."

Yes, if Jesus was—is—the Son of God, our world and its problems must be like a speck of dust compared with the unlimited power at His disposal; yet He seems to be interested in every detail of the creation, down to things so small that we can't see them. Pretty incredible that God should love all this—even human beings!

What is the church — what am I — doing to invoke this great power? Why are we so afraid? Why do we compromise with evil? We could—can—save the world, if what Jesus said is true. He came to save the world: He seems only to need human channels for His power, to do that very thing. What are we waiting for?

What was that experiment we used to do at school? Put some iron filings on a piece of paper; put a magnet underneath; tap the paper, and all the filings take up individual positions to make a pattern. Yes, God — us — the Holy Spirit guiding, giving power.

This was a good Sunday after all!

HARVEST FESTIVALS

Sunday, 2nd October.

- 8-00 a.m. Holy Communion.
10-30 a.m. Matins and Sermon.
2-30 p.m. Children's Gift Service.
6-30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.
Preacher at all services, the Rector.

We shall be glad of all the help we can have in the decoration of the Church on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, September 30th and October 1st. Also as much help as possible on Monday, October 3rd, when we take out the fruit and flowers to the aged.

THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Christmas Bazaar will be opened at 2-30, on Saturday, 26th November, by Mrs. Henry Serjeant. We hope the village will support this effort to reduce the debt on the Organ Fund. By now the Thrift Tickets are well and truly circulating and I hope you are all saving up for the occasion by purchasing some each week.

The following stalls will be organised:—
Apron Stall, Christmas Decoration Stall, Linen Stall, Barton Stall, Christmas Gift Stall, Mothers' Union Stall, Bottle Stall, Fruit and Vegetable Stall, School Stall, Cake Stall, Grotto, Sweet Stall, Hand Knitted Goods Stall.

1st HALSALL SCOUT GROUP

After the Holidays—now back to work. The Scouts had a very enjoyable time at their Summer Camp at Wray Castle, and were visited by Parents and Friends on their Open Day. This turned out to be a well supported and memorable occasion for all concerned.

During the Summer months a considerable amount of equipment has been purchased which has reduced our Bank Balance drastically. We hope now to be able to rely on your support for our next event

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which is to be a Dance and Social in the School Hall on Friday, October 7th. We hope to maintain the pleasant atmosphere of the New Years Eve Dance and to again cater for all age groups. The MINUS GROUP will commence at 8 p.m. to enable the Younger Members to expound some of their energy, followed by Ken Braddock and his Band at 9 p.m. with Music for Dancing until the Interval for refreshments, when again the Group will take over until approx. 11 p.m. when the Annual Draw takes place, after which Music for Dancing again until 1 a.m.

It was decided to hold the Annual Draw at this time of year instead of New Years Eve, as it was felt there are already enough taking place around the Christmas Period.

It is very gratifying to see so many Scouts and Cubs attending Church Parade at the Family Eucharist, who together with the Guides and Brownies make a very pleasing sight.

We wish to welcome Miss Annette Prescott our new Assistant Cubmistress and Miss Cynthia Massam our new Cub Instructor, this follows the resignation of Miss Diane Dagnall who has been appointed Cub Master of the 1st Ormskirk Pack. May we thank Diane for her past services and wish her every success in the future.

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THE BLESSING

A coach will be going from St. Cuthbert's. Please had your names in to the Church Wardens as soon as possible. This is one of the most inspiring meetings of the year.

The Mothers' Union Prayer

O Lord, fill us with Thy Holy Spirit, that we may firmly believe in Jesus Christ, and love Him with all our hearts. Wash our souls in His precious blood. Make us to hate sin and to be holy in thought, word and deed. Help us to be faithful wives and loving mothers. Bless us and all who belong to the Mothers' Union; unite us together in love and prayer, and teach us to train our children for Heaven. Pour out Thy Holy Spirit on our husbands and children. Make our Homes, Homes of Peace and Love, and may we so live on earth that we may live with Thee for ever in Heaven; for Jesus Christ's sake.

There are no Corporate Communion Services for the Mothers' Union, but all members are expected to be regular Communicant members of St. Cuthbert's Church.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Oct. 2—The Congregation.

9—Mrs. Moorcroft and Mrs. Townsend.

16—Mrs. W. Halsall.

23—Mrs. T. Rimmer.

30—Mrs. Ainscough.

Nov. 6—Mrs. Hesketh and Mrs. Winstanley.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA

Oct. 2—a.m. E. Grimshaw, R. Gawne.
p.m. J. Heaton, J. Banks.

9—a.m. H. Huyton, A. Grimshaw.
p.m. R. A. Gaskell, R. Hunt.

16—a.m. T. Swift, T. Hunter.
p.m. C. Shacklady, J. Balmer.

23—a.m. R. Dutton, T. Grimshaw.
p.m. H. Baldwin, W. White.

31—a.m. W. Robinson, E. Blackhurst.
p.m. R. Heaton, J. Colley.

Nov. 6—a.m. J. D. Grimshaw, G. Midgley.
p.m. R. Lewis, H. Rimmer.

SERVERS' ROTA

Oct. 2—8-00 a.m. John Pounds.

9—8-00 a.m. John Gaskell.

10-30 a.m. Harold Grimshaw, Tony Gaskell.

16—8-00 a.m. Malcolm Serjeant.

23—8-00 a.m. Jim Heaton.

10-30 a.m. Harold Grimshaw, Roger Dutton.

30—8-00 a.m. Peter Balmer.

Nov. 6—8-00 a.m. Brian Heaton.

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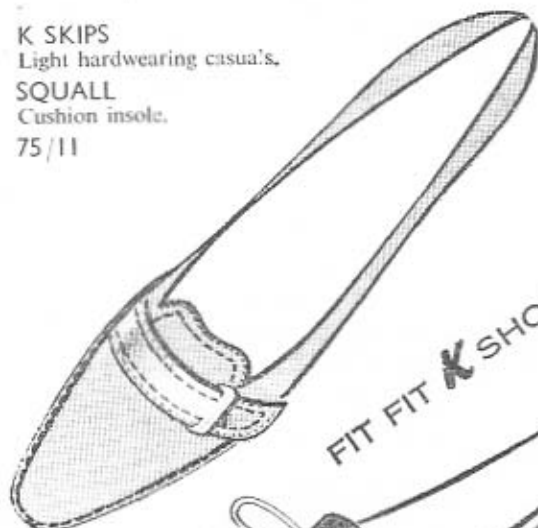
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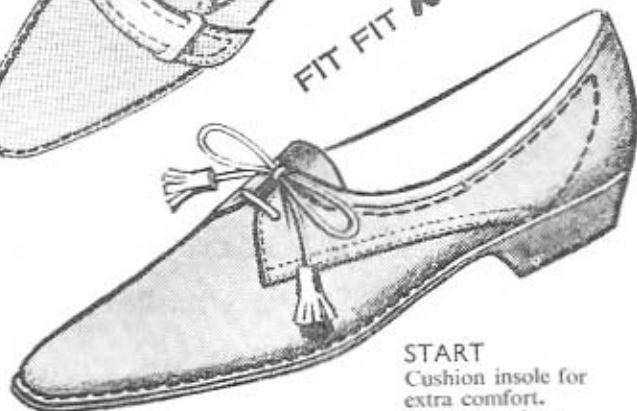
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