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THE PARISH CALENDAR

September

16—Sat. AYLBURTON FETE.

17—*Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*: H.C. 9.0 & 11.0 (Common 10.0, Primrose Hill 6.0 p.m.); E. 6.30.

18—Mon. Primrose Hill Young Wives 8.0 p.m.

20—Wed. Lydney Young Wives 7.30 p.m.

21—Thurs. *St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist*: H.C. 7.30.24—*Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*: H.C. 9.0 (Primrose Hill 8.0, Aylburton 11.0); M. 11.0; E. 6.30.

25—Mon. Aylburton Church Council 7.0 p.m.

26—Tues. Prayer Group 7.30 p.m.

28—Thurs. Harvest Evensong at Parish Church 7.0 p.m. Rev. W. J. R. Watts, Vicar of Viney Hill.

29—Fri. *St. Michael & All Angels*: H.C. 7.30.

October

1—*Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*: H.C. 9.0 (Aylburton 8.0); Family Service (Harvest) 11.0; Aylburton Common Harvest Evensong 3.30; E. 6.30.

2—Mon. Primrose Hill Young Wives 8.0 p.m.

4—Wed. Mothers' Union 2.45; Lydney Young Wives 7.30 p.m.

5—Thurs. Aylburton Harvest Evensong 7.0 p.m. Rev. R. A. Norman, Priest-in-Charge of Woolaston and Alvington; Primrose Hill Harvest Evensong 7.0 p.m. Rev. C. Gardner, Minister of Lydney Methodist Church; Lydney Harvest Supper, Church Room 7.30 p.m.

8—*Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity*: H.C. 9.0 (Primrose Hill 10.0, Aylburton 11.0); M. 11.0; E. 6.30.

9—Mon. Primrose Hill Harvest Supper 7.30 p.m.

11—Wed. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 10.45.

12—Thurs. Parochial Church Council 7.30 p.m.

15—*Twentieth Sunday after Trinity*: H.C. 9.0 & 11.0, Rev. J. P. W. Rees, C.M.S.; (H.C. Common 10.0, Primrose Hill 6.0 p.m.); E. 6.30.

16—South Forest Deanery Synod 7.30 p.m.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

Lydney Vicarage,

August 31st, 1972.

My dear Friends,

The Parochial Church Council has accepted a tender from Sodbury Vale Builders for the re-decoration of the parish church and we hope that this will be done during the next few weeks. It has needed doing for a long time, and would have been done last year but for the emergency over the bells. Meanwhile of course the cost of the work has gone up considerably, and it is possible to undertake it now only through an offer of very substantial help by the trustees of the Viscount Bledisloe Trust and the Clara Watts Trust. We have some money in our own Fabric Fund which we can use for this purpose, but we must replace it as soon as possible by

any special efforts that we can make, because it will certainly be needed for other things as well, including that mentioned lower down this letter. We do not know exactly when the firm will be able to begin the work, nor quite how long it will take, probably three or four weeks, but while it is going on we shall have to use different parts of the church in turn for services. This may be a little inconvenient, but will be well worth while. The damp on some of the walls has made the church look shabby for a long time, but since the roof was re-slatted and bigger gutters and fall pipes were fixed there has been no fresh influx of damp, and the walls have now had time to dry out.

I hope that anyone who can help by arranging a coffee morning or any other such effort for the re-decoration will do so; Mr. Ridler's collection and sale of odd bits and pieces of scrap metal is well on the way to realising £200; what has come in since the bells were paid for will go towards the re-decoration. We shall need an extra effort for the Christmas Sale too, so that there may be something to spare for this work over and above the amount that has to go into meeting the running expenses of the parish.

When the bells were re-hung we found that a lot of rain was coming in high up on the north side of the spire whenever it was driven by the wind against that side. While Westbury-on-Severn spire was being repaired our architect got them to look at our spire, and it happens that the manager of the firm worked on our spire the last time it was repaired in the early fifties. After inspecting it with binoculars they are now going to put ladders up the outside and inside to make a close inspection above the little windows, to see how serious the defects in the stonework are; this inspection will cost £75 and is the call on our Fabric Fund which I referred to above.

Many of us will feel a deep sense of loss by the death of Mr. A. K. McCullagh; until his illness about a year ago he hardly ever missed the early Communion, and even since then he very often managed to come; he was always present when he was on duty as a Sidesman, and many times he took the place of someone else who could not come. There was a simple unforced friendliness about him, and about his wife who went before him a few years ago, which was very appealing, and the smile which greeted one as he came into church or as one went into his shop was worth going a long way to see; he did not need many words to express his friendship, his smile said all that was necessary. Our very deep sympathy goes out to his sons, but it is good to know that he is united again to the wife whom he so much missed.

We were all shocked and deeply moved by the accident in which three young men of the parish died together, and the very large number at their funerals showed how wide was the sympathy for their families. Andrew Humphreys in particular will be remembered for his singing as a boy in the choir, and the sadness which such an accident brings is made even more poignant when the victims are all in early manhood. All members of their families will be helped by the sympathy that has been shown to them on all sides, and we pray that they will find strength and comfort beyond what we can give in the love and mercy of God.

Yours very sincerely,

W. H. Leach.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Mothers' Union: The new session of meetings will start on Wednesday, October 4th in the Church Room at 2.45; there will be a talk by Miss Battenti, one of the staff of the Health Department at the Shire Hall, on "Family Life", and we hope to continue our Bring and Buy stall. Tea hostesses will be Mesdames Bramley-Moore, Biddle, Brambell and Bullock. The corporate Communion will be on October 11th at 10.45 and intercessions on the 18th at 2.45.

Lydney Young Wives: The second meeting of the new season will be on Wednesday, September 20th at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Room, when we hope the Gloucestershire Education Committee will send us a speaker to talk about the new comprehensive school. On October 4th Mr. Peter Ball, a jeweller and silversmith will tell us about his work. Congratulations to Mrs. Linda Woodroffe on the birth of her son.

The Harvest Supper: The Lydney harvest supper will be held in the Church Room on Thursday, October 5th at 7.30. Tickets will be on sale after church services and can be had from various members of the P.C.C. or from the Vicarage, price 30p. Tickets must be bought not later than Sunday, October 1st to ensure a seat, as last year we were almost swamped by a rush of people on the night who had not bought tickets beforehand, so that we seriously underestimated the number coming. Mr. & Mrs. Maiden are bringing a Country Dance party to entertain us, and there will be an opportunity for everyone to join in.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services: There will be held at the Parish Church on Thursday, September 28th at 7.0 p.m. when the preacher will be the Revd. Wilfred Watts, Vicar of Viney Hill, and on the following Sunday at the usual times; we shall of course be grateful for gifts with which to decorate the church. As the Sunday will be October 1st the morning service will take the usual Family Service pattern of the first Sunday in the month. Aylburton and Primrose Hill will hold their harvest services a week later on Thursday, October 5th and Sunday, 8th, and on the Thursday the Revd. Roy Norman of Woolaston and Alvington will preach at St. Mary's, Aylburton, and the Revd. Colin Gardner of Lydney Methodist Church at Holy Trinity, Primrose Hill. Aylburton Common Church will have one harvest service on Sunday, October 1st at 3.30.

Church Missionary Society: The Area Secretary for C.M.S., the Revd. Philip Rees, will preach at the Parish Church on Sunday, October 15th at 11.0.

The Thing Itself: Evangelism is not a programme of Christianity; it is simply to be a Christian (Dr. D. T. Niles of Ceylon).

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

The world of human relationships, of political events, of social change, is the world where God is at work. What he is doing — his purpose — is variously described by biblical writers, but one phrase which sums up many others that are used is their affirmation that God is establishing his shalom.

Shalom is a Hebrew word which (like its Greek equivalent in the New Testament) is usually translated in English versions of the Bible as 'peace'. But this translation is inadequate. Shalom means much more than the absence of conflict; it is a strongly positive word, impossible to define precisely, but used to describe the condition of human community in which

there is justice, freedom, social harmony, and integrity. Where people are set free from captivity to fear and sin and enabled to enjoy a truly human existence, there is shalom. Where economic, racial and social barriers have been broken down, and men's common life is built on trust, reciprocity and respect for human dignity, there is shalom. Shalom includes the ideas both of individual maturity of character and also of the developed, full, participant society.

The word shalom runs throughout the Old Testament, and it gives content and meaning to the Greek word for 'peace' which is used in the New Testament. The Messiah is thought of as the shalom-bringer, the Prince of Shalom, the one who will 'speak shalom to the nations'. In the Fourth Gospel, Jesus says to his disciples 'Shalom I leave with you; my shalom I give to you'. St. Paul thinks of Christ as 'our shalom' who 'breaks down the enmity which stood like a dividing wall' between Jew and Gentiles; to him God is the God of shalom and the gospel is the gospel of shalom.

From the standpoint of biblical faith, wherever true 'development' is taking place, there God is at work, bringing in his shalom. Wherever Christ sets any man free from self-concern to care for his fellows, wherever people commit themselves unswervingly to work for justice and reconciliation, wherever the signs of the truly human community begin to appear in any society, there the shalom is breaking through. For the Christian, obedience to the Gospel means participating in what God is doing in the world; it means bearing witness, in word and in act, to the coming of shalom. (from *World Development and the Bible*).

WHAT ABOUT US?

The article above comes from the U.S.P.G. Press Service: read it in the context of Ugandan Asians coming to Britain, or of the coloured British citizens who are already living here, many of them born here. The responsibility facing British people, white or coloured, is enormous; especially for Christian British people of any colour. Recent articles in the Sunday "Observer" about young coloured people in Liverpool and other cities seem to show that we have reached an immensely critical point in our relations with coloured people. It is easy to solve other people's problems which we do not have to face ourselves; we are often highly critical of the way in which other countries react, but we all have *some* responsibility for forming public opinion, some influence by what we say and do.

Do we really believe that all men have an equal claim on us for justice, compassion, friendship and help? Do we really think that Jesus meant what he said in the story of the Samaritan who helped an unknown foreigner in distress and then added "Go and do what he did."; or when he said "I was a stranger and you gave me no home."

Of course the answer is easier if you live in Lydney than it is if you live in Liverpool or Leicester; of course the problem of how you find homes and work for natives and for immigrants as well is enormous; but no problem which God puts before us is insoluble. Other countries have faced and solved bigger problems than ours. The Dutch took in and settled more than fifty thousand Indonesians after the war in a much smaller and much more crowded country than Britain and the Queen of the Netherlands went down to the docks to meet the first ship that brought them, as a sign of friendship.

We have a chance to show that we practise what we preach. So let us remember our responsibility for our own words and actions; and let us pray humbly and thoughtfully for those who are trying to meet the problems of immigration and colour segregation (on both sides, for coloured people have the same prejudices as we have the other way round); pray for those who come in need; and pray for those in a different sort of segregation in Northern Ireland; and for removal of all barriers between the children of God.

W.H.L.

ST. MARY'S, AYLBURTON

Now that the summer holidays are over, we can start to plan our activities for the coming autumn and winter months. I am always happy to receive ideas and to put them into practice, for the increase of spiritual life and for the spiritual awareness of our Church and community.

On Monday, September 4th, our weekly Bible Study will have recommenced, also the monthly meeting on the second Thursday will be continuing. Anyone wishing to join these Study Groups will be most welcome. The Prayer Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month. St. Paul tells us that we are to . . . "continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving; and pray for us also, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ." We are taught most explicitly that we are to pray for others. This, of course, we can do on our own, for God will listen to the prayers of the individual as well as the group. However, when a few do join together, it does help our minds to concentrate more easily on our prayers. Also prayer is a powerhouse. Through it we call on the power of God to work in those for whom we pray. We then become channels of God's blessing to other, by the giving of ourselves to the will of Christ. The greater number who pray, the greater will be the effect, for in every case of prayer, power proceeds from God through those who are praying to whoever is being prayed for, and however small it may be, it is bound to have some effect. The spiritual life of our nation is at a low ebb, and the power of the Holy Spirit is greatly needed to bring about a revival. Prayer can do a lot to accomplish this.

Confirmation classes will be commencing shortly for young people. Will you please make this known to anyone who you may think will be interested.

We seem to be short of volunteers to arrange the flowers in the Church from mid-September to mid-October. Will those who wish to take a turn please put their names on the Rota.

On behalf of us all, may I express our deepest sympathy to the relatives of Mrs. Florence Buss who recently passed away. She was always a staunch supporter of our Church and a most willing worker, always coming forward to assist when anything needed doing. Only a few days before her death, her thoughts were for the Church, when she gave some lilies from her garden for the altar flower arrangement.

The next meeting of Aylburton Church Council will be on Monday, September 25th at 7 p.m.

Michael Bramley-Moore.

Sidesmen's Rota:—Sept. 24—P. Clarkson-Webb; Oct. 1—D. Emery;
 Oct. 8—W. J. Reece; Oct. 15—K. Cowley.
 Lesson Readers' Rota:—Sept. 24—P. Clarkson-Webb; Oct. 1—D.
 Emery; Oct. 8—B. J. Emery; Oct. 15—K. Cowley.

HOLY TRINITY, PRIMROSE HILL

There will be Holy Communion on Sunday, September 17th at 6.0 p.m., on the 24th at 8.0 a.m., on Friday, October 6th at 10.30, and on Sunday the 8th at 10.0.

The harvest services will be held on Thursday, October 5th at 7.0 p.m., when the preacher will be the Revd. Colin Gardner of Springfield Methodist Church, and on Sunday the 8th at 10.0 and 6.0. The harvest supper will be on Monday, October 9th at 7.30 p.m.; tickets at 25p may be had from members of the Young Wives and those coming are asked to bring their own cutlery with them.

The Young Wives hope to have a demonstration of pottery making at their meeting on Monday, September 18th, and on October 2nd a speaker from the County Council is coming to talk about young people growing up and gives it the title "Towards Maturity."

THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

- Aug. 6—Stephen Paul Hodgetts, 65 Templeway West.
 Lee Alison Saunders, 67 Allastone Road.
 „ 20—Karen Lesley and Mark Peter Jones, 51 Lakeside Avenue.

MARRIAGES

- Aug. 5—Norman Cooper, of Cambridge and Joyce Ilene Cowles, 27 Mount Pleasant.
 „ 12—Roger Alan Miles, of Blakeney and Marion Harris, 4 Ridler Road.
 George Joseph Lane, 55 Church Road, and Yvonne Louise Lucas, 28 Klondyke Avenue.
 „ 26—Geoffrey David Granner, of Dagenham and Susan Ann Hales, 75 Lakeside Avenue.

BURIALS

- Aug. 16—Alice Gertrude Glover (83), 5 Primrose Way.
 „ 19—Arthur Kenneth McCullagh (72), 21 Valley Road.
 „ 26—Michael Frederick Price (26), 38 Albert Street.
 Terence Malcolm Phillips (23), 15 Beaumont Place.
 Andrew John Humphreys (18), 1 Bathurst Park Road.