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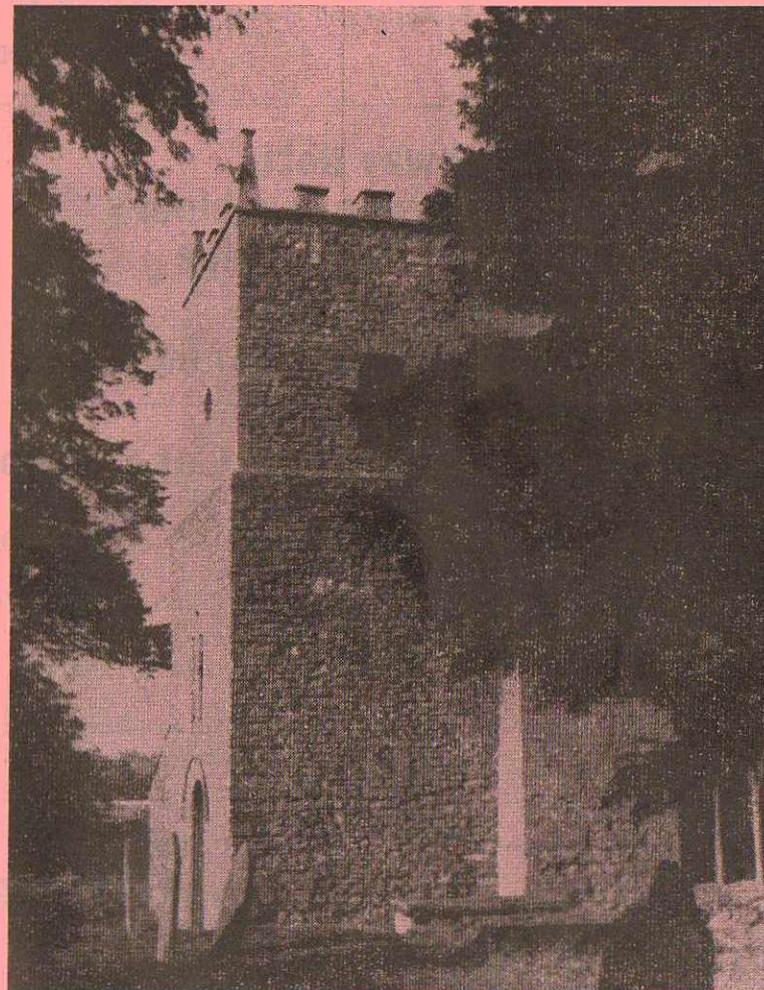
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### SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion .. .. .	8 a.m.
The Parish Communion .. .. .	9.30 a.m.
A Family Service .. .. .	11 a.m.
Evening Prayer and Sermon .. .. .	6.30 p.m.

Also on 4th Sunday of the month:

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### WEEKDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 9.30 a.m

## November Diary

- 1 Saturday—ALL SAINTS' DAY.
- 2 Sunday—4th BEFORE ADVENT. 6.30 p.m. Short Evensong and Dedication of the Stained Glass Window in memory of Cecil Ewins, with a short Concert by Denis Calderley and Lewis Emery (Bass).
- 6 Thursday—7.45 p.m. St. Mary's Wives' Group.
- 9 Sunday—REMEMBRANCE DAY. The Family Service will begin at 10.55 a.m. and at 11 a.m. the 2 minutes' silence will be kept.
- 14 Friday—STEWARDSHIP SUPPER at SALTFFORD HALL.
- 16 Sunday—STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, 2nd before Advent.
- 23 Sunday—SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT. World Council of Churches meet in Nairobi.
- 26 Wednesday—2.15 p.m. Mothers' Union A.G.M.
- 29 Saturday—Day of Prayer for the Church Overseas.
- 30 Sunday—ADVENT (and St. Andrew).

## The Rector's Letter

My dear people,

This Nov. will be an historic month for the parish because we are holding a major Stewardship Campaign for the first time for more than ten years. We are undertaking this ourselves, without outside assistance, but I trust that no one will suppose that this means that we are not giving the matter the most serious priority.

Stewardship expresses the thought that all we have: our time, our talents, our money and our resources are on loan from God, for us to use wisely and well for His service. When church and nation are equally going through difficult times: when money is short and courage often failing, it is clearly an appropriate moment to plan carefully how best to use our resources. The parish has been giving very serious thought to ways and means of maintaining or improving our service to the parish, and reducing our expenses.

But the truth is that we have already made the simple economies. The sharply increasing cost of paying the clergy is the chief financial problem facing the Church of England. While the redeployment of parish priests so as to serve the new housing areas without abandoning the traditional centres of church life continues apace, the diocese is asking us for about £400 more next year, and warn us to expect continuing increases. Meanwhile inflation has hit the Missionary Societies harder than it has hit the church at home, so we need to increase our charitable giving sharply, and still to maintain our own parish.

### Commit your time!

A Stewardship Campaign inevitably includes a lot of emphasis on money, since that is easily explained and the response can be immediate and practical. But behind this appeal to your generosity of money is a more serious challenge to a commitment of your time to serve the church in Saltford, in every way from Sunday worship to attending Trades Union meetings. It may not be tomorrow that you can offer your services for the choir or Sunday School or Youth Club, but we are needing help in a hundred ways all the time, and when you are ready to serve we shall have some kind of opening waiting.

All this might suggest that we are on our last legs. In fact the situation is quite the reverse. As I have said frequently, the church people have responded splendidly already to the recent challenges. I have no doubt that we shall now be ready to take a long cool look at the future.

Your friend and Rector,  
STEPHEN G. WELLS.

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Although the pattern of our Harvest celebrations seem to vary little from year to year, they always seem to be as fresh as the pumpkins. This year we were most grateful for a much better supply of apples and especially tomatoes with which to brighten up the church, and there seemed little enough space for more by the time the ladies had finished on the Saturday afternoon. The church had that glorious smell of fruit and vegetables, and huge arrangements of very varied flowers were spread all round.

All the services were well attended though extra chairs were not needed. The Procession at the Parish Communion went very smoothly: the tokens of the Harvest were a gay sight, especially the magnificent Harvest loaf, decorated with 5 loaves and 2 good sized fishes, which was provided by the Sailing Club.

The children at 11 a.m. brought a great variety of presents, for which we were very grateful, and evensong was comfortably full.

The choir had a very busy weekend. They took part on Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon in a diocesan festival of the Royal School of Church Music and sang an anthem at the Parish Communion, in addition to their usual practices and services. It is good to see several new members.

And finally, we have to congratulate Mrs. Jarvis and all her helpers who distributed about 170 parcels round Saltford. We have had some very appreciative messages.

## A DAY OF PRAYER

Every year we keep a day of prayer for the Church Overseas, which is marked throughout the country on 29th November. Here we try to keep a chain of prayer going all day. The day is divided into 15 minute intervals and you are asked to mark off your name against one or more periods.

Usually this falls on a working day, but this year, being on a Saturday, we shall expect a different list of names from the usual. While a few may be too busy on a Saturday to help us this year, others are usually at work and not available. So workers of the world unite—come to church for 15 minutes each, and keep the torch burning all day long!

We provide plenty of literature and aids. And we leave the heat on!

ADVENT

The church's year begins on Advent Sunday, which falls this year on 30th November. The message of Advent is clear: Prepare for Christ, who comes in love and judgement, in secret and in power, to each of us and to all the world, now and for ever. The Archbishops have made a special appeal for us to pray for our national life, which they feel is threatened by spiritual corruption more serious than inflation. Many people are deeply worried about the threat, so many will want to make the new year a new beginning for ourselves and for our country.

OUR STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

It will come as no surprise that prolonged inflation will leave us with a large deficit in our 1976 Budget unless we make a substantial increase in our income. This, together with the growing need for greater participation in the work of the Church by lay people has made it necessary for us to arrange another Stewardship Campaign within the next few weeks.

Whilst the financial position can perhaps be readily appreciated by most people it must also be stressed that there is increasing scope for lay service in terms of time and talents both within the parish and beyond and our aim is to recruit a much wider circle of helpers in many spheres of activity.

The campaign will be launched at a Stewardship Supper to be held in Saltford Hall in the evening of Friday, 14th November, when invited guests will be addressed by Roger Wilson, the retired Bishop of Chichester. This will be followed by house visits during the next week or ten days.

It is a long time since our first campaign and we are sure that there are many more who will wish to join our scheme, whilst many faithful existing supporters will wish to re-appraise their giving.

We look forward to meeting you.

A. PESTRIDGE.

P.C.C. NOTES

The Church Council, at its meeting on 17th September, was asked by Mr. Prescott, Chairman of the Church Hall Management Committee, to give urgent consideration to what was actually required in the Church Hall complex and to the means of raising money to make any necessary alterations to the existing building.

**Liturgy.** It was decided to let the experiment on the use of the 1662 form of service on the second Sunday in each month continue for a further period, probably until Christmas, before a further discussion is held to decide whether to end it.

# BATH and WELLS DIOCESAN NEWS



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NOVEMBER 1975

## A DIOCESAN BISHOP

*The Bishop of Taunton writes of the changes in the life-style of a Diocesan Bishop during the last half-century.*

With saying goodbye to one bishop and now preparing to welcome another, episcopate has been in the fore-front of our minds throughout 1975. I am taking the opportunity in this number of the Diocesan News of writing a line about episcopacy in the Church of England at the present time. I became an Archdeacon in 1947 and consequently an ex officio member of the Church Assembly. There were venerable episcopal characters about then who had been ordained at the turn of the century. I served for fifteen years as archdeacon under Bishop F. R. Barry who had been a distinguished army padre in World War I. The bishop under whom I shall serve in the Diocese of Bath and Wells for the remainder of my active ministry was born three years after the Armistice. By the time I retire, close personal contacts with diocesan bishops, as archdeacon and suffragan, will have given me a view of episcopal administration covering a large part of this century.

### A QUIETER LIFE

William Wand whom many people in this Diocese can remember as Bishop thirty years ago and who is still alive, insisted, so I am told, on keeping his mornings free for reading and writing. As a result, his articles in the *Church Times* were still being read with profit long after he passed his eightieth birthday in retirement. Christopher Hollis (a son of a former Bishop of Taunton) relates in his autobiography that one of Bishop Wand's predecessors once said that he preferred to play golf in the mornings in order to be free for bridge in the afternoons. This story is of course apocryphal. But the fact that it can be told at all suggests that not so long ago many Bishops did not feel obliged to rush about their dioceses as all do today. Before the War most Bishops instituted incumbents to benefices privately in their own chapel. After that they were disposed to let the clergy get on with their jobs in their own way only interfering when a parochial scandal or breakdown demanded their attention. When the future Bishop Gore, as a young rector of Radley, wrote a long letter to the Bishop of Oxford seeking his advice on parochial matters, he got a reply on a postcard by return of post "My dear Gore, don't be a bore". The nineteenth century doctrine of *Laissez Faire*, accepted generally before 1910 obtained also in the church. There have, of course, always been busy administrative Bishops and careful pastoral Bishops; Lord Cecil and Cyril Garbett being conspicuous examples, but only in the last generation have they been expected to be frequent visitors in every parish.

### INVOLVED

In recent years there has been a profound change in the relationship between Diocese and parish. It is now customary to speak of the Diocese as "a family", even as "a team". Bishops refer to the Archdeacons as "my staff", a term which would have given Trollope's Archdeacon

Grantly an apoplectic stroke. Since the War inflation has forced the parochial clergy into a financial dependence on augmentations from central funds and on the Diocesan quota. The raising and distribution of money for this purpose demands a diocesan financial policy, a budget, with which the Bishop is closely concerned. The shifting of the population from the centre to housing estates on the outskirts of towns, the growing indifference of the population to the church, and a big drop in the number of clergy has necessitated legislation to ensure a more rational and economical distribution of clerical manpower. The Bishop is deeply involved in Pastoral Reorganisation. The emergence of the Welfare State has had a more profound effect upon our mentality than most of us admit. The modern priest expects his Bishop to be ready at hand to succour him in his difficulties. No Bishop would now reply to a clergyman as Bishop Stubbs did to young Mr. Gore!

### A TRAVELLER

A Bishop is expected to "get himself across" to his Diocese. Unlike the politician he can't make use of Television for this purpose. He must get around in person. The motor car enables him to undertake three or four engagements a day where his predecessors, dependent on rail or horse, could only manage one. Diocesan Bishops sit in the House of Lords. Since 1919 their presence has been required in the Church Assembly (now the General Synod). In the last twenty-five years committees, commissions, working parties generally meeting in London, have proliferated, most of which, for some reason, are expected to have an episcopal chairman.

### IN SYNOD

Some Bishops are under the impression that Synodal Government is undermining their authority. I don't think this need be the case. A Bishop who is trusted and handles his Synod with tact should find that Synodal Government involves him even more closely with the work of the church at all levels. But, in these days of financial stringency, the Bishop is bound to pay attention to the admonitions of his Board of Finance. A tight purse sets limits on independent action. It is, however, significant that recently in this Diocese a controversial measure, which failed to gain the support of the Board, and was unwelcome to many people in the Diocese on account of its financial implications was passed by a small majority of the Synod, largely, I think, because it was known to have the backing of the Bishop.

### AUTHORITY

The Bishop in his own person constitutes one "House" in the Diocesan Synod. No resolution is passed unless it has a majority in all three Houses. Therefore the Bishop virtually has a veto over any resolution moved in the Synod. He can reject the advice of the Pastoral Committee. In the important matter of patronage the Bishop's powers have increased rather than declined in recent years. Many private patrons have surrendered their patronage to the Bishop. Others request him to "put up" a

man for them to nominate. In order to facilitate pastoral reorganisation, patronage can now be suspended or restricted to enable the Bishop to appoint a priest in charge on a temporary basis rather than an incumbent with freehold. Quite clearly, the Bishop has more control over the movement of the clergy than his predecessors had a quarter of a century ago. It must be admitted that as the influence of the Church in the affairs of the nation has declined so has that of the Bishops. But I don't think that in church circles episcopal authority has declined.

### AN EXACTING LIFE

It goes without saying that a Bishop must be a man of God. He must therefore find time to foster his own spiritual life. He is a teacher and must therefore give time to reading. He may be called upon to make comments at a moment's notice on current events. He must read the daily press. He must have time to prepare sermons and addresses. After breakfast five mornings a week he goes through his mail with his secretary. At the opening of an envelope he may be confronted with a tricky problem which requires close and careful attention. Private interviews take up the rest of the morning. Then he goes into the diocese where he is expected to recognise a host of faces, better still put a name to them. Five nights a week he does not get home till ten o'clock. He is a human being and his mind and body need recreation. If he is a married man he has family commitments.

Naturally, each Bishop has his own priorities in diocesan administration and interprets his responsibilities in his own way. My description of the episcopal office, as it has evolved in recent years, will, I hope, help you to understand the system which has stamped itself upon the Church of England since the War.

FRANCIS TANTON:

### FROM BISHOP HENDERSON

Hester and I know that it is quite impossible to find words adequate enough to express our gratitude to you. After fifteen years of sharing in the same service and ministry, attachments and loyalties run very deep. And now to crown it all these truly wonderful and generous presents—a beautiful brooch and ear-rings, and a cheque for over £6,000, which is quite overwhelming. We shall value it, of course, for the considerable help it will be to us over the years, and most of all for the affection and trust which it expresses and conveys. You are very kind and we are very fortunate. We have been given so much in many ways, far more than we have ever been able to contribute.

We want to thank each one of you who contributed to this unbelievable and magnificent sum, and all the parishes which gave us their own presents—from book-tokens to pen-knives, from decanters to cheese, from fishing-flies to champagne! To you all we send our love and gratitude. Friendships of this kind last for ever.

Edward Henderson.

### LAST WORDS

A large congregation of over 1500 assembled in the Cathedral on Michaelmas Day to celebrate with St Michael and All Angels a eucharist of thanksgiving for the 15 years episcopate of Bishop Henderson. It was a diocesan occasion and one such as our Cathedral stages so well. The Bishop spoke to us about thanksgiving and the hymns of praise were sung with so joyful a noise that left little room for the deep inward feelings which came to many of us and in which the Bishop must have shared—the sadness of farewell. A long chapter had indeed ended and there was a grievous sense of personal loss.

Much of the sting, however, was lost in the happy informal ceremony after the service—punctuated with applause and bathed in friendliness. The Bishop of Taunton, in his presentation speech, struck exactly the right note if we may say so; and we were all delighted to hear the amount of the cheque, which amounts at the time of writing to £6256. A massive firebasket made by the Somerset Guild of Craftsmen was presented to the Bishop; and the Dean's wife gave a pearl spray brooch and earrings to match to Mrs Henderson which gave us an opportunity to express our appreciation of her part in the last fifteen years.

And so at 12 noon on October 1st the Bishop drove to his new home, piped across the drawbridge by men from the Royal Naval Air Station at Yeovilton with Admiral's honours, attended by the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Wells whose freeman he was, and pushed away by his domestic chaplain assisted by some of the younger local clergy. The page of history is turned and we pause for a time before another page is opened.

### A TIMELY PUBLICATION

*Groups and Teams in the Countryside.* Ed. Anthony Russell. SPCK £1.75.

Increasingly clergy are forming groups or teams to work together, especially in the countryside where an individual working on his own can be very lonely and discouraged. It is found in the towns also; last month a team ministry was established in Weston super Mare when the Bishop of Taunton licensed Prebendary J. T. Hayward as Team Rector and the Revd J. L. Ruffle as Team Vicar (*Emmanuel*) and the Revd R. E. G. Williams as Team Vicar (*Holy Trinity*). But this book is about the rural ministry, and comes at a very useful time, giving us some of the experience gained in the Norwich diocese in this field and written by men who understand the changing rural scene. The Duke of Edinburgh felt it worth while to write a foreword.

The Bishop of Thetford, who has been deeply concerned with establishing these ministries and piloting the relevant section of the Pastoral Measure through the General Synod, claims that this movement must not be regarded primarily in terms of saving men and money but that it has a sound basis in theology and sociology.

The other contributors have all worked in this kind of ministry. Anthony Russell writes about the changing rural scene which in his opinion is not widely understood but is one in which the structure of the Church has not changed for centuries and lists five different types of group. In his second essay he records the

formation of several groups, including one which failed and one which had to be modified. Clearly this is vital evidence in this field; there is a stern warning against trying to set up any group which is spread across social divisions, and it is noteworthy that to delay legal establishment of such groups makes it easier to rectify mistakes.

Grouping enables junior clergy to be trained in the countryside, which demands special skills and techniques. It is recognised that "country people on the whole have no history of sacramental piety;" (it took me years to learn that) and the observation should be taken to heart that "if the Church of England is not to become an urban sect, it will be necessary to evolve a form of ministry within the historic tradition of pastoral care and yet does justice to the social circumstances of the countryside today".

This note of practical understanding runs through all the essays, even in such a pleasantry as "rural clergymen out of regular sight of Archdeacons, Chancellors and Bishops are famous for their independence". Planners, please note. The writers believe that groups could maintain the traditional values of pastoral ministry, and yet be free to provide a base from which a new style could emerge.

There is a useful chapter on a group in action; two chapters on historical perspective, a knowledge of which is so essential to any effective ministry in villages; and one on some of the difficulties which arise in shared leadership. A final essay seeks to evaluate some of the advantages of group ministry but admits that this is not a universal solution. "Group ministry has much to offer priest and people, but it needs a high commitment from both clergy and laity: it is not the sovereign remedy for the ills of some areas of the rural Church".

The tradition of an educated country gentleman in Holy Orders resident in every parish is very strong though as a matter of hard fact this belongs to the days of Queen Victoria and had not been achieved for centuries beforehand. The change to a new type of ministry will not be achieved easily and so we would recommend a careful study of this book by clergy and laity who are or who reasonably expect to be involved in this new way. Our urban brethren might learn a lot about the countryside from this book—as it is and not as holiday enthusiasts imagine it to be. The Church will be a great deal poorer if under the influence of statistics she underrates the contribution of rural ministry to her life.

S.H.C.

## ROUND AND ABOUT

### COVER PICTURE

We are very grateful to Bishop John Bickersteth for making a photograph of the family possible. He chose informal rather than posed pictures in the gardens of the Palace during a brief visit and we are glad to publish one of a very good set. Following the more than curious and ponderous English legal traditions, his name will be presented to the Greater Chapter of the Cathedral for election on October 23rd.

### TV BIBLE STUDIES BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

Dr Donald Coggan has agreed to record three Bible studies in the chapel of Lambeth Palace which will be transmitted on BBC 1 on Sundays November 30th, December 7th and 14th from 11.10 a.m. until 11.45 a.m. He will be assisted by readers and singers and will discuss his conclusions with a small group, but the emphasis will be on his interpretation of the present day significance of the Bible. He will devote the three programmes to Jesus—Prophet, Priest and King.

### MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COUNCIL

The publicity officer for Yeovil was moved by a recent article by the Bishop in the News to enquire in how many churches there were services of Marriage Reunions or Rededication. Calls on Marriage Guidance Counsellors increase by 10% each year and they need many more. The expenses of their careful training continue to rise and the grants given them by local authorities are not really adequate. Any one interested should write to the secretaries of their local branch; addresses are in the Telephone Directory under Marriage Guidance Council.

### THE ARTS AT YEOVIL

Nearly five years ago major alterations began at Holy Trinity Church Yeovil to provide space for dramatic and musical presentations. Since then, an increasing variety of talent both professional and amateur has been presented to a slow but growing membership.

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### WELLS CATHEDRAL CHOIR

There will be a Choral Trial on Saturday, 21st February 1976 for entry in September 1976 or January 1977 for boys approximately between 8 and 10 years. Write to the Head Master, Wells Cathedral School, Wells, Somerset for further details of Choristerships and the School.

### PERSONAL

#### Appointments

C. Maunsell lately with BCMS in Ethiopia to assist at Walcot  
W. D. Jones vicar of Watchet to be vicar of Ilminster with Whitelackington  
G. Cooke curate of Bridgwater St John to be vicar of North Newton with Michaelchurch and Thurloxton.  
W. D. S. Lark vicar of Yeovil St Michael to be vicar of Earley St Peter.

#### Permission to Officiate

R. N. Bathgate on relinquishing his curacy at St Barnabas Bath  
R. S. Windmill, 11 Hill Drive, Failand, Bristol  
H. D. Sharpe, 44 Kingsdon, Somerton  
J. Peach, 2 Woodbury Avenue, Wells

#### R.I.P.

Albert W. J. Reader, rector of Butcombe with Nempnett Thrubwell 1963-71  
Reginald Heywood, churchwarden at Greinton for 49½ years

#### Overseas

Your prayers are asked for our missionaries: George Whetham (*Hardington Mandeville*) and Bryony Potter (*Bath St Stephen*) in Bangladesh; Ian Bevington (*Walcot*) and John Webb (*Freshford*) in Thailand; and Mary Poole (*Creech St Michael*) in Mozambique.

Our prayers will go with Edmund Buxton, formerly vicar of Milborne Port and Prebendary in Wells Cathedral as he emerges from retirement to serve for a year on the lonely island of Tristan da Cunha.

## Notices for November

- Sat 1st 6.30 p.m. Bath, All Saints Weston. **Organ Recital** by Dudley Holroyd (Bath Abbey). Displays of Arts and Crafts and Flowers all day and special preachers on the Sunday. Details from the Festival Secretary at the Vicarage.
- Sat 1st 8 p.m. Wraxall Parish Church. "17th Century Mystery of the Wraxall Cross Tree".
- Mon 3rd 8 p.m. Taunton Deane Crematorium. **Requiem** celebration of the Eucharist.
- Sat 8th 11 a.m. Wells Palace Centre Block. **Bishop Ken Society** for Teachers. Dr Robert Dunning, Miss Edna Hall and Miss Mary Hall to speak on Our Somerset Heritage.
- Fri 14th-16th Glastonbury, Abbey House. **Teachers Weekend**. Apply to Miss Kidd at the Diocesan Office.
- Sat 15th 8 p.m. Yeovil Holy Trinity Church. **The Colin Sauer Ensemble**. 75p and 50p.
- Mon 17th-21st Glastonbury Abbey House. **Retreat for Priests** conducted by Fr Alan Grainge SSJE.
- Tue 18th 8 p.m. Dillington House, Ilminster. **Lecture on the New Testament** by the Very Revd the Dean of Worcester.
- Fri 21st 7.45 p.m. Wells Cathedral. **The Monteverdi Choir and Orchestra** in music by Purcell, Bach and Handel. Tickets £2.50, £1.50 and 80p by post only with s.a.c. from the Music Room, 14 Queen Street, Wells.
- Wed 26th 8 p.m. Glastonbury, St Benedict. **Organ Recital** by Jonathan Rees Williams (Assistant Organist, Salisbury).
- Thu 27th 8 p.m. Cannington Parish Church. **Concert** by the Avon and Somerset Police Choir with Lewis Wood (Organ).
- Sat 29th 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Midsomer Norton Parish Hall. **Model Railway Exhibition** on behalf of St. John's Fabric Fund.

### PRICE RISE

The Board of Finance regrets that owing to the well-known and frequent rises in the cost of printing and postage the price of the Diocesan News must be increased with the January 1976 issue. The new charges including delivery will be:

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## ST. MARY'S PARISH MAGAZINE

**Quinquennial Survey.** Following the recent Quinquennial Survey a volunteer working party, organised by Mr. Phillips, will carry out most of the work necessary. Work of a specialised nature will cost £175 and an estimate from Mr. John Holtham was accepted.

The Memorial Window to the late Mr. Cecil Ewins in the Church tower will be dedicated on 2nd November.

F. J. MURCH.

### MEMORIAL WINDOW TO THE LATE T. C. G. EWINS

The new window in the tower above the porch is a splendid example of modern coloured glass craftsmanship. It was commissioned by Mrs. V. Ewins to commemorate the ten years that her late husband was organist and choirmaster at Saltford Church. The designer is Geoffrey Robinson, F.M.G.P.A., who has made windows for many churches in the area and recently for Clifton College. The installation was arranged by Geoffrey Phillips, A.R.I.B.A., who has worked with the designer from the time of commissioning.

The window depicts musical instruments in richly coloured glass pieces with a pastoral theme for the surround. The beauty of the glass can best be appreciated from inside the church in the choir robing room, but the treatment of the outside blends in with the old stonework of the tower and the design can also be seen. Cecil Ewins devoted much of his life to the community and this beautiful window is a fitting memorial to his contribution to Saltford Church.

### MOTHERS' UNION

Mrs. Reed welcomed members after the holiday break at the meeting on September 24th. She reminded us that next year was Mothers' Union Centenary Year and asked for suggestions to mark the occasion.

The Rev. Andrew Hackett, a former chaplain to the Missions to Seamen, gave a talk on the work of the society. This is of especial interest as the founder was one John Ashley, working among the ships moored in the Bristol Channel. There are now 76 Mission Clubs throughout the world where sailors, often enduring loneliness and boredom, find friendship, refreshment and spiritual help. He showed an exciting film taken in Hong Kong, where the "Mariners' Club" is manned by four clergy, an Anglican, two Roman Catholics and a Chinese, all working together and taking services in the same church.

In November we have our A.G.M. and "Bring and Buy" stall.  
F.E.S.

## ST. MARY'S WIVES' GROUP

We were delighted to see so many members at the meeting on October 2nd, including Barbara Pullen on a return visit to Saltford.

We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Nock, who read selected verses from the New Testament and then spoke to us on each theme portrayed. A most thought-provoking message.

Wendy has planned another outing to S.W.E.B.—this time a demonstration of Christmas Fare—on the 13th November.

Our next meeting will be held in the Kelly Room on November 6th when we will exchange ideas for making Christmas decorations, so if you have anything which is your speciality bring it along and share it with us. We shall have some dried leaves, grasses, etc., for sale, and we hope Wendy (or Mum) will demonstrate how to convert them into attractive dried arrangements.

JEAN HILL.

## THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ASSEMBLY

"The W.C.C. is a fellowship of churches which confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures and therefore seek to fulfil together their common calling to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

The first Assembly was held in Amsterdam in 1948 with 147 member churches and now the fifth Assembly is to be opened in Nairobi at the end of November with 267 churches of widely varying traditions and cultural backgrounds. 2,000 people will be attending and it is important to realise that a large number of them will be from Asia, Africa and Latin America. Many people feel that it is in these continents that the real "power house" of Christianity lies, that they have a dynamism which Western Christianity seems to have lost. There will be 50 representatives from British churches, two of whom are Bristol ministers.

The theme of the Assembly, "Jesus Christ Frees and Unites" will have been used by churches throughout the world as the basis of services and meetings of various kinds as people prepare for this great event.

The British Council of Churches have asked us to join in worship and prayer on November 23rd, 30th and December 7th, "to give thanks for the life and work of all who have struggled to heal Christian divisions and to achieve that unity in Jesus Christ which we enjoy today. To pray for courage and determination to continue the struggle till all enjoy the fullness of human dignity and freedom in Jesus Christ."

JANET JONES.

## JUMBLE SALE

The effort put into the Jumble Sale on Saturday, 27th September, was well rewarded by the raising of approximately £80 for U.S.P.G. Funds.

Not only did we have a large quantity of jumble and white elephants for our own sale, but a very good selection was left over and this was taken to Bath for the U.S.P.G. Sale at the Octagon on 18th October, where we raised a further £75.

The Missionary Committee would like to thank the Street Representatives for the delivery of notices and collection of jumble; Mr. H. Edwards and his friends for transport; the helpers at the sale, and everyone who donated garments, books and hardware. Thank you all very much.

## FORTHCOMING EVENT

Do you ever wish you had more space in your bookcase? Let us help to make your wish come true.

The Missionary Committee will be organising the first of the Book Sales to be held annually during the Church Festival Week in February.

Paper backs and hard-cover books will be collected during January, 1976, so watch the January magazine for more details.

IRIS CHANNINGS.

## HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday, 11th October, saw some 250 people descending on Saltford Hall to partake of the excellent fare provided at the annual Harvest Supper. The hall looked at its best with the long tables laden with food and attractively decorated with flowers. When the food had disappeared the hall was transformed by the gallant gentlemen into a theatre. Our first entertainment was the auction, ably conducted by Les May, of such items as marrows, apples, baked beans, "redundant meat" and the flowers, so beautifully arranged by Joyce Cook. I found myself arriving home later with 2 small table arrangements and an enormous jar of pickle—only a third full!

The antics of "Alice Up Longwood" in the company of the strangely named Suet Pud, as portrayed by the Young Communicants, kept the audience and guests, Rev. & Mrs. George Gillespie, amused next. Then we were allowed a peep into Saltford Ward as envisaged by the Young Wives. The ladies (incidentally I have my suspicions about two of them!) revealed some interesting, if slightly alarming, aspects of hospital life through song.

As usual a great deal of work has been put in by many to produce such an evening, and thanks must be given to all who gave their time and energy over the last few months, as well as to those who assisted on the evening itself.

S.E.

**THE PARISH COMMUNION AT SALT FORD HALL**

In response to the Rector's invitation to celebrate the Parish Communion at Saltford Hall on October 12th, a large number of the community assembled to join in a friendly but simple service.

This year the service happened to occur during the same week-end as the Harvest Supper to which many people of the community came. It seemed fitting that the friendship that was exchanged at the supper should spill over into the Communion service which we celebrated together.

As newcomers to the area we have been very impressed by everyone's friendliness, both at St. Mary's and the community at large, and we look forward hopefully to further similar occasions in the future.

**PARISH REGISTERS**

**Marriage**

Oct. 4 James William Brooks and Sarah Louisa Hill.

**FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER**

Nov. 2 Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Hill.

9 Mrs. Franks and Mrs. Guest.

16 Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Cox.

23 Mrs. M. Robinson and Mrs. House.

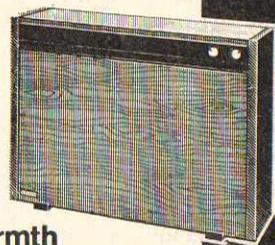
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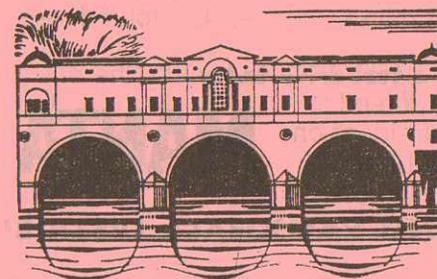
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