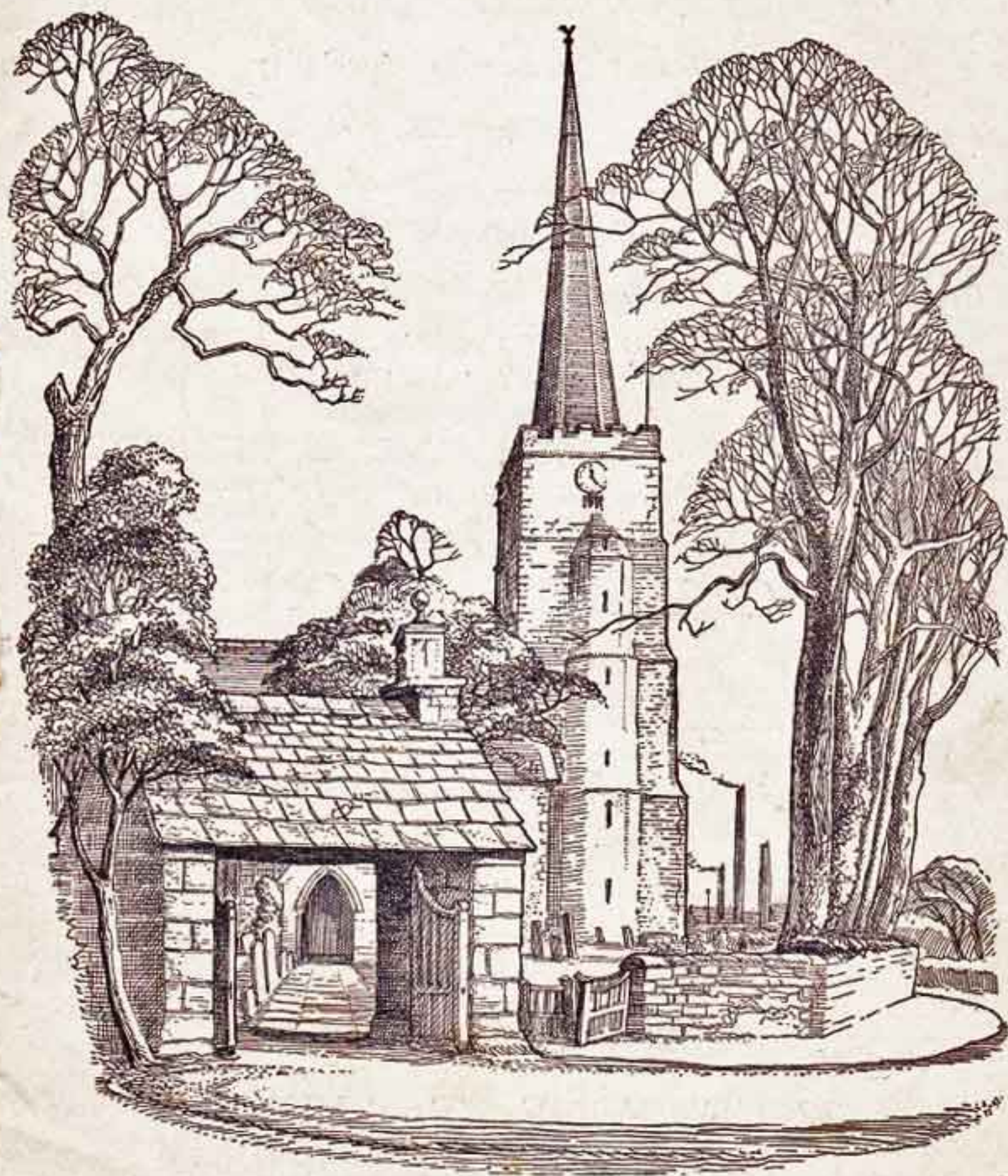


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HOLY TRINITY, PRIMROSE HILL.—Holy Communion on the 2nd Sunday at 9.30. Evensong every Sunday at 6.30. Sunday School, 2.30.

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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

I am sure that we have all learnt with regret that Mr. Fred Wild feels compelled for health reasons to resign from the position of Church Treasurer. It is quite impossible adequately to express the debt which the church owes to Mr. Wild for his long and faithful stewardship of our church finances. On the other hand it would be churlish not to pass on through the parish magazine an expression of our grateful thanks for all that he has done, and to express, what is the hope of us all, our good wishes for a renewal of his health.

It may not be out of place in this letter to express one or two things about church finances. At the moment we are trying to raise large sums for what we may term exceptional expenditure on the maintenance of the fabric of our ancient church. In this we are meeting with a certain success. But we must not lose sight of the fact that our ordinary running expenses still go on, and in fact continue to rise. These expenses are met from the money received in the church collections and through the Free Will Offering Fund. To feed these there is no other source but you and I, and all the other churchpeople in the town.

Each man has to decide for himself how much he is going to contribute. I know that everyone will want the amount to be worthy of them. As English people, most of us are very conservative in our habits and don't like changing them. This can affect adversely our church finances. We may have formed the habit many years ago of putting a certain amount in the collection, and are still putting the same amount in to-day. We need to remind ourselves that many of us have lived through a social revolution in which there has been a widespread redistribution of wealth. It is doubtful whether as yet this has been accepted together with a redistribution of responsibility. As money is now in many pockets, instead of the bulk of it in a few, so the financial needs of our church must be met from the pockets of the many rather than of the few.

How much ought we to give to our church? Each man must of course decide for himself after considering his circumstances and personal commitments. Out of the average pocket the biggest sum rightly goes into the home for the needs of living. Then there is the amount over for our personal pleasures. Here we might ask ourselves what did I spend twenty years ago on this? and compare it with what I am spending to-day. Has the amount that I give to the church increased in the same proportion or has it lagged behind? We have to face the fact that an occasional and irregularly given sixpence will simply not enable our church to pay its bills. Do please think this over.

At this time of the year we try to get new members for the Free Will Offering Fund. Enclosed in this magazine there should be a letter explaining the scheme. If you are already a member would you be good enough to pass the letter on to a friend whom you may be able to interest in joining. If every member of the F.W.O. is regular and generous themselves, and secures one new member then our financial anxieties will be at an end. The solution to the problem is

in the phrase with which we have become familiar, "spreading the load." I know full well that everyone can be relied upon to do all that they possibly can to help.

In conclusion may I give a welcome to our new Treasurer Mr. Pryce Jones. We can best thank him for taking on this important office by seeing that we make the administration of our church finances free from anxiety.

Yours sincerely,

DENIS HALLETT.

MOTHERS' UNION NOTES

Corporate Communion will be held on November 11th at 10.30 a.m.

The next Branch Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4th at 3 p.m. in the Church Room, when the speaker will be Mrs. Newman. Her subject will be "Evangelism in the Home." Tea Hostesses for the meeting will be: Mesdames Kear, King, King, Levett, Lewis and Long.

YOUNG WIVES' FELLOWSHIP

On November 11th there will be a meeting in the Church Room at 7.15 p.m., when the Vicar will give the second in his series of talks on Baptism.

There will be a Social Evening at 7.15 p.m. in the Church Room on November 25th.

CATHERINE HALLETT.

WHIST DRIVE

A Whist Drive for G.F.S. Funds will be held in the Church Room on Thursday, November 19th at 7 p.m. Admission 1/6d. Good prizes. Refreshments at moderate prices. Please support this effort.

THE FREE WILL OFFERING FUND

This is the time of the year when we hope to enrol new members. Please try to secure one new member.

Mr. Jack Bell, 20 Church Road, has most kindly consented to act as Treasurer of the Free Will Offering Fund. He is taking this over from Mr. Pryce Jones who has been doing this recently. We are grateful to him for all the work he has done. The Treasurer handles the money but only the Vicar knows the amount that anyone gives.

We welcome as a new member Mrs. Billingham of Newerne Street, and from among our members we thank the following for their continued support: Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Fletcher, Mrs. Lowe, Mr. B. Fox, Mr. D. Cummings, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Wooley, Mrs. E. Cooke, Mr. Sam Thomas, Mrs. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Camm, Mrs. Stock, Mr. and Mrs. J. James, Miss J. Tucker, Miss Miles, Mrs. Thorne, Mr. S. G. Griffin, Mrs. Perrett, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bell, Miss B. Merrett, Mrs. Tidmarsh, Miss Macphail.

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting will be held in the Church Room on Thursday, November 26th at 7.30 p.m. This meeting is open to any man who would care to join the Fellowship.

THE WORKING PARTY

We are grateful to Mrs. Bullock who gave so generously of her time and talents as leader of the Working Party. Although she will still be an active member she does not want to carry the responsibility of leader. Mrs. Levett has kindly consented to become the new leader.

The Working Party is meeting every Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 in the Church Room. We will be pleased to welcome any new members who would like to join this very happy fellowship that renders such valuable service to the church.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 8th the congregation is asked to be in church at 10.50 in order that we may observe the two minutes' silence at 11.0. The British Legion will join us in the Service.

THE CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Service will be held in Church on Sunday, November 29th at 6.30 p.m. We hope that every member of the congregation will try to be present in order that by prayer they may take their part in the Service. The Service will be taken by the Bishop of Gloucester.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL

The Managers have appointed Mr. Meredith as the new Headmaster. Mr. Meredith has been the Headmaster of Aylburton School where his work has been very highly respected both by parents and the community. We look forward with confidence to his work in the School.

THE CHOIR SUPPER

This will be held at the Swan Hotel on Thursday, November 12th. The supper enables us to express our appreciation of the loyal and splendid service so freely given by our choirmen week by week.

NEWS OF THE WORLD-WIDE CHURCH

St. Andrew's-tide is a time when the overseas work of the Church is much in our prayers.

There will be a meeting about the world-wide work of the Church on Thursday, December 3rd at 7.30 p.m. Details will be announced later but please try to keep the date free. The Rev. Mansfield will show a film-strip.

CHILDREN'S BALL

The Entertainments Committee is organising a Children's Ball at the Town Hall on Wednesday, December 30th from 7.30—11.0. The ages of those eligible will be from 8 to 18. We want to make this as attractive and as nice as possible. There will be a considerable

number of hosts and hostesses who will see that all those present are joining in. Details will be announced later.

The date of the Church Ball is Friday, January 8th from 8.30—1.0. Please book this date.

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Mrs. Gordon Williams: We offer her sincere sympathy on the death of her mother. We also think of Mr. Jim Nemes and Mrs. Stanley Jarrett. Please remember the bereaved in your prayers.

Ken Cox: At the Harvest Home Social he was presented by the Communicants Guild with a very nice Prayer Book. This marked their appreciation of his long and faithful service as Treasurer.

Mr. Pryce Jones: At our last P.C.C. meeting he was appointed Treasurer.

Mr. Jack Bell: Recently appointed the new Treasurer of the F.W.G. Fund.

Mr. Northam: Has now taken over the office of Secretary to the P.C.C.

We are grateful to all these gentlemen for taking on these important offices.

Altar Flowers: We are grateful to Mrs. Tom Rees who has kindly provided the Altar Flowers during October.

Mrs. Tucker of Church Road has kindly undertaken to be responsible for the care of the Communion Plate.

Gillian Aldridge: We offer her parents sincere sympathy in their tragic loss.

LYDNEY HARVEST HOME SOCIAL—7TH OCTOBER, 1953 BALANCE SHEET

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.
Door Receipts	12	3	0
Refreshments	4	0	10½
Cake—per Mrs. Cooke	2	3	9
Additional monies made on Cake—per Mothers' Union		5	4
	£18	12	11½

PAYMENTS

	£	s.	d.
By paid:—			
Band	3	15	0
Town Hall	5	4	0
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Hall Caretakers		5	0
Expenses of the Whitecroft Choir		13	4½
Balance paid to Bank	7	14	7
	£18	12	11½

AYLBURTON AND AYLBURTON COMMON

We enjoyed a very happy harvest-time at Aylburton. The choir's contribution was greatly appreciated. The Churches were beautifully decorated. We thank all those who helped with the decorations, and those who gave produce and flowers, and the gifts at the Children's Service. They were sent on to the Hospital and the Matron has kindly written to both churches to thank us. The Harvest Home Social was a great success. We all enjoyed the Square Dancing and "The House that Jack Built." We are very grateful to all who worked so hard with the refreshments.

The time of choir practice has been changed to 6.30 p.m. on Thursdays, for the winter months. It is hoped that all will attend regularly in order that we can prepare carols for Christmas.

On the last three Sundays in Advent, 6th December, 13th December and 20th December, the Curate will preach a course of Advent sermons at Evensong.

The Confirmation Service is at Lydney Parish Church on Sunday, November 29th at 6.30 p.m., when it is hoped that not only relations of candidates, but also many of the Aylburton and Aylburton Common congregations will attend the service. Your prayers are asked for those to be Confirmed.

NOVEMBER SERVICES

St. Mary's, Aylburton: Holy Communion will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on 1st November; 8 a.m. on the 8th November; 11 a.m. on the 15th November, and at 8 a.m. on the 22nd and 29th November.

Chapel on the Common: Holy Communion will be celebrated on the third Sunday of the month, 15th November.

PRIMROSE HILL

There will be a Celebration of the Holy Communion on Sunday, November 8th at 9.30. This is being observed as Remembrance Sunday. Please try to be present.

CHURCH HEATING

At a recent meeting of the Council it was decided to instal electric heating in the Church. It is hoped that this form of heating will overcome the tremendous amount of condensation which takes place at the moment and works such havoc with the inside of the walls and everything that is stored in the Church. The cost of the installation will be £111 15s. 8d. Contributions towards the cost of this work may be sent to the Treasurer Mr. Fox or to the Vicar.

CHURCH SUBSCRIPTIONS

We beg to acknowledge with most grateful thanks the generous gift to church funds of £5 from the Viscount Bledisloe, and £5 5s 0d. from Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sandford of Primrose Hill.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We are grateful to Mrs. Ron Roberts who kindly provided the Altar Flowers during October.

OFFERTORY BOX

We are most grateful to our Treasurer Mr. Fox for the gift of a very nice Offertory Box that has been beautifully made and is very strong.

LADIES WORKING PARTY

The Ladies Working Party meet every Thursday in Lynwood Hall. As a result of their splendid efforts, £50 16s. 6d. has been handed to the Church Funds. Well done!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Church was beautifully decorated and the children's gifts most tastefully arranged around the Font. The sale of produce realised £2 5s. 0d. and will be given half to Medical Missions and half to the Church Restoration Fund.

HOLY BAPTISM*In Welcome*

- Sept. 27—Janet May Morgan, 21 Victoria Road.
 „ 27—Ernest John Ransome 21 High Street, Aylburton.
 „ 29—Philip Hewlett Harris, Glebe Farm, Aylburton.
 Oct. 4—Joy Elizabeth Seaborne, 14 Allastone Road, Primrose Hill.
 „ 11—Philip Anthony Davies, 8 Temple Way.
 „ 18—Susan Elissa Jones, 21 Allastone Road, Primrose Hill.

HOLY MATRIMONY*In Congratulation*

- Oct. 10—Brian William Smith and Hilary Heslop Griffin.

HOLY BURIAL*In Sympathy*

- Oct. 3—Evelyn Deborah Phillips, 57 Tutnalls, aged 65 years.
 „ 13—Stanley Jarrett, Highfield, aged 62 years.
 „ 14—Laura Selina Day, 54 Tutnalls, aged 79 years.
 „ 17—Alice Maud Nemes, The Cross Keys, aged 72 years.
 „ 21—Frederick Barrett, 4 Temple Way, aged 71 years.

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