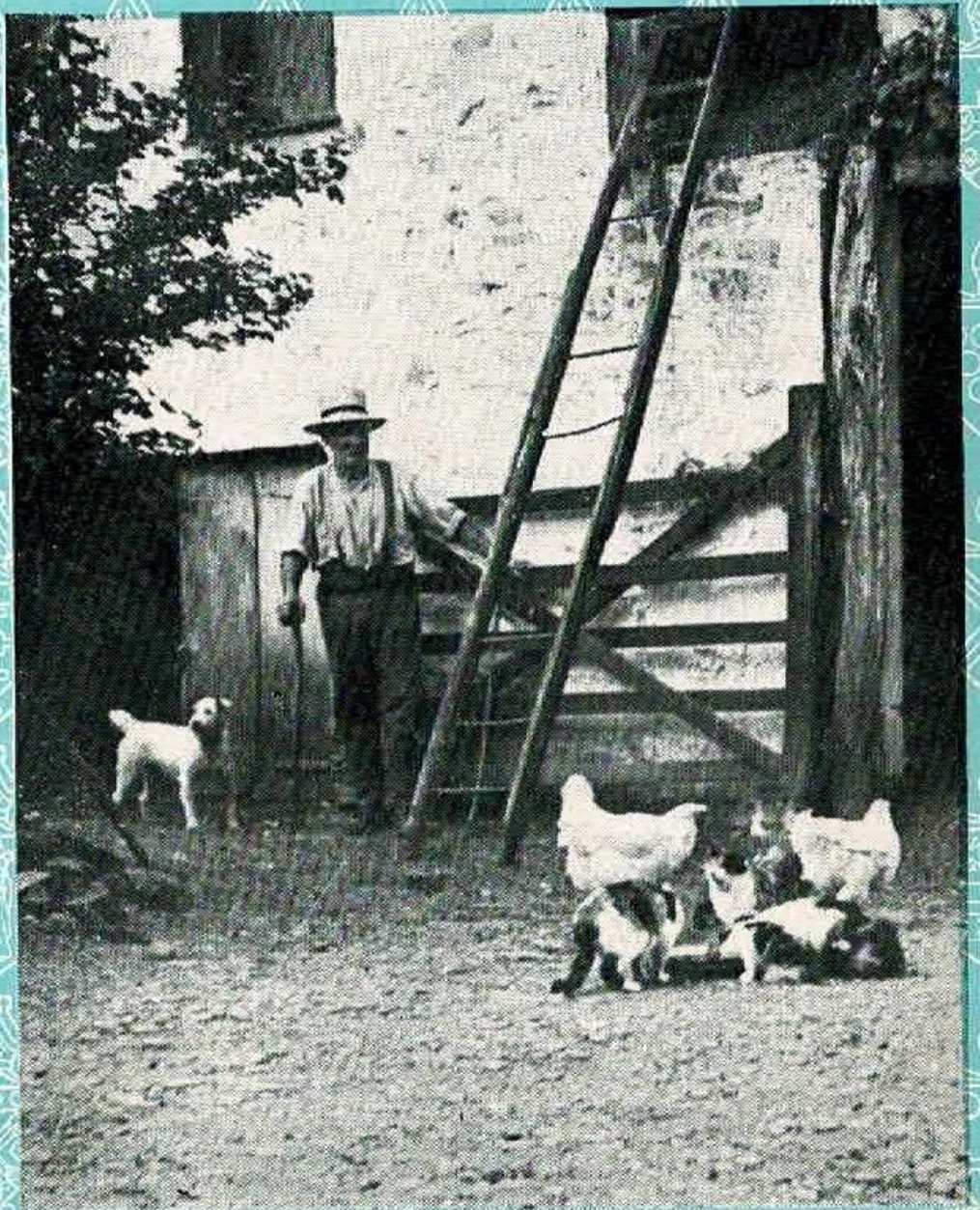




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(Home Words)

AUGUST, 1957

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CALENDAR FOR AUGUST.

- August 1 Thursday.
8.15 p.m. Prayer Meeting in Church.
- 4 7th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer—**Family Service**
Followed by Holy Communion.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 5 Monday. A Ramble.
- 8 Thursday.
8.15 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
- 10—17
Young People’s Houseparty at Ullswater.
- 11 8th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 15 Thursday.
8.15 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
- 18 9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer—**Parade Service.**
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer
Followed by Holy Communion.
- 22 Thursday.
8.15 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
- 25 10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer—**The Rev. A. Rose, B.A.,**
Vicar of Slade Green
Followed by Holy Communion.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
Please note there there is no 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion today, instead a Celebration has been added after Morning Prayer.
- 29 Thursday.
8.15 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
- September 1 11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer, **Family Service—Mr. W. Barrett.**
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer—**Mr. B. Cotter.**

Requests for Baptism and Calling of Banns of Marriage should be made to the Vicar. At least seven days notice should be given.

Material for inclusion in the September issue of the Magazine should be handed to the Vicar not later than Saturday, 17th August.



My dear Friends,

The New Parish Hall.

Early next month, D.V., we hope to launch the St. Paul's Appeal for a new Parish Hall and Sunday School, a need of the utmost urgency.

It is a tremendous privilege and responsibility to have more than 500 children and young people in our various organisations, including 300 in our Sunday Schools, but the work is sadly hampered and restricted because of the existing old and dilapidated premises.

The existing Parish Room beside the Church, originally the Mission Church, was designed in 1874 for work among a village community of only 250 people. There are today some 15,000 parishioners, and the old Parish Room is still the only *permanent* building available. The Diocesan expert has said that the existing Parish Room and the "Iron Room" behind it could not be adapted into any new building scheme and must be demolished to make way for a new and up-to-date combined Parish Hall and Sunday School.

Will you help? A sum of £10,000 is required for this new building, which must be worthy of the cause we represent, as well as an advertisement of our zeal for the Lord.

The Diocese, through the Church Extension Scheme, has promised us half of the total cost as soon as money is available, which possibly may be next year. In the meantime we must raise our £5,000 as quickly as possible, and our St. Paul's Appeal, which will last for one year, is especially directed to all friends who believe that our Christian Way, and our Gospel, constitute "the one thing needful".

How you can help: By giving your services as a helper and by being responsible for one road, or part of a road, in the parish. Will you please give your name to me, or to a Church Officer, at your earliest convenience. We need 40 more volunteers.

It is estimated that if every family in the parish were able to give 6d. a week, we should at the end of the year's appeal have the grand total of £4,787, i.e. only £213 short of our target.

As I bring this letter to a close at the height of the holiday season, may I wish all of you who are on holiday, or are about to go away, a most refreshing and happy time. A warm welcome awaits all of you in the fellowship of the Church on your return.

Yours most sincerely,

ROBERT GOLDSPINK,

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Sign outside a church in San Bernardino, California :

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CHRISTIAN GIVING. Three Proved Ways.

There is some confusion in many Christian peoples' minds about their personal giving to the work of the Church. The confusion centres in the fact that they have not so far worked out for themselves all that is involved in discipleship. The principle to bear in mind is that one's giving to God is an integral part of our worship and of our stewardship of life, and not merely a matter of dropping a coin carelessly into the plate. Our giving to God should be cheerful, generous, and disciplined.

The following are three ways of giving which are worthy of attention:—

(i) **Tithe Giving:** This is not strictly enjoined upon the Christian in the New Testament, where the standard of giving is "all". When we commit our lives to God we hold nothing back. The Gospels speak to us of the "Widow's Mite", which was all she had, but the point which Our Lord makes about our giving is not so much the size of the gift as the cost of it to us.

The Old Testament tithe was "a tenth of total income", which had to be paid for the maintenance of the Jewish priesthood and the work of God. Few Christians give anything like this. However, we must be sensible about our Christian Giving: we should remember that the Old Testament communities were simple agricultural groups, who had no other rates and taxes, and few, if any, other public commitments apart from their tithe. Their living conditions were primitive, but in spite of it, they could give one tenth of their complete living, of the little they had, to God. The challenge to a Christian must obviously be, "I have, in Christ, so much more to be thankful for than the Jews of old, can I give less than they did?"

If every member of our congregation tithed, the result would truly be staggering. Tithing means that of one's "tenth" so much would be given to the Parish Church, and the remainder carefully allocated to various Christian enterprises, particularly missionary work.

(ii) **Regular Giving:** This is of the greatest importance. Our Church Records show that every year (1957 is no exception) from Whitsun to late September the weekly offertory drops by anything up to £3. It is because members of the Church are frequently away either on holiday, or for other reasons. A Church member *ought* to set aside a regular sum every week for the work of the Church, following the pattern set in the New Testament. The Freewill Offering can help you here.

(iii) **Covenanted Giving:** This is a method by which we can almost double our giving to God without any other cost than that of a little discipline and trouble. It concerns particularly all those who pay income tax at the standard rate of 8/6d. in the £, although it also includes all who pay income tax.

This is how the scheme works: The subscriber decides what he would like to give weekly to the Church—say 2/- per week—i.e., £5.4.0d. per year. He then signs a form promising to do this for seven years. As a result the Church Treasurer can then at the end of each year claim back from Inland Revenue the refund of tax amounting to almost £4, which increases the gift to more than £9.

More information about this scheme will be found on the Church literature table. The Vicar or Church Treasurer will be pleased to give any other help that may be required.

PARISH VISITING.

The first stage of our parish visiting campaign for this year has just been concluded, after six weeks of special effort. Door to door visiting is never easy, however experienced one might be, and it has been a thrill to have some twenty or so people willing to help in this important Christian enterprise. Generally speaking, the visitors have been warmly received by the people of Northumberland Heath, who have been quick to appreciate the fact that the Church is alive and active, and is reaching out to their homes.

It is not easy to assess immediately the result of this special visiting effort, but already a number of new faces have been seen in Church on recent Sundays as a direct result of the quiet and warm welcome extended on Thursday evenings.

A special feature of the visiting has been the number of encouraging contacts made with new-comers to the parish, and the willingness of many non Church-goers to talk frankly about spiritual matters with their visitors. The total impression given is that many people are thinking seriously about the claims of Christianity and the Gospel, and long for a real experience of God, even if they would not put it quite like that. There is then real evidence that the Holy Spirit is at work in our parish. And as a result of our experiences recently, we may, in the words of the Apostle, "Thank God, and take courage."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School Anniversary Services are now perhaps little more than a pleasant memory. What a thrill it was to see the Church so crowded throughout the day, in spite of the intense heat wave. The children who took part either in the recitations or in the Sunday School Choir deserve our heartiest congratulations. A special word of thanks is due to the Superintendents, teachers, and choirmaster for much hard work put in beforehand.

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The Kindergarten Sunday Schools enjoyed a very pleasant picnic on Saturday, 13th July, at Shenstone Park. The weather, though threatening, was quite good, and an enjoyable time was had by all. We would take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Bye for the major contribution she has made to the Community Centre Department, and we wish her every happiness in her temporary retirement. Mrs. Rosina Ford is the new Superintendent at the Community Centre and we wish her a long tenure of office and much happiness.

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The Junior Sunday School were unfortunate in that their picnic on Saturday, 20th July, was upset by torrential rain and thunder storms, but in spite of the weather the children enjoyed a coach ride into the surrounding countryside, and games and tea in the Community Centre afterwards.

PARISH PRAYER BULLETIN.

At 8.15 p.m. each Thursday evening throughout August, there is to be a half-hour meeting for prayer in Church. With the ambitious plans for the coming year in mind, and particularly for our approaching

mission, it is hoped that many readers will find it convenient to be in Church for these corporate times of quiet and fellowship.

LADIES' HOME MISSION UNION.

We are glad to announce the formation of a St. Paul's Branch of the Ladies' Home Mission Union, which is the women's branch of the Church Pastoral Aid Society. The L.H.M.U., as it is known, is a country-wide movement and has thousands of members. Its outstanding contribution to Home Missions is the provision of over one hundred bursaries for young women, making it possible for thousands to train as Deaconesses and Lady Workers in our parishes. We are particularly glad to say that Mrs. Hedger has willingly offered to be the Branch's first Secretary.

Between Ourselves...

WELCOME BACK : To Angus and Freda Walker, and Len Hollingsworth after their first year at college. Also to Jim Douglass, now fit again, after a longish stay in hospital.

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HOLIDAY MAKERS : Members of the St. Paul's family are once again blazing a trail in all kinds of distant places. Miss Sawyer, for example, has been to Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwl—Llantysiliogogoch. Mr. and Mrs. Godding and Kathleen have enjoyed a coach tour to the north of Scotland which included a visit to the Isle of Skye, Mr. and Mrs. Loveley are holidaymaking in Eire; Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, Clive Simmonds and Edwin Newlyn are in Switzerland, and Mrs. Bachrich has been as far as Venice. No doubt there are more of our friends who have travelled far this year, and many others are enjoying well-earned holidays nearer home. To all we send our greetings.

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PATTERDALE HOUSEPARTY : Forty-seven young people will be going with the Vicar and Mrs. Goldspink for a walking and climbing holiday in the heart of lovely lakeland. The Y.M.C.A. Guest House, which the party has taken over for the week, is set in spacious grounds at the foot of Helvellyn and by the side of Ullswater. The coach party is leaving the Church on Friday evening, 9th August, at 9 p.m., and will return the following Saturday week.

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CAMP : A number of our boys in the Junior Fellowship will be going with Mr. Norgate at the end of August to Burstow for a week's camping at the C.P.-A.S. camp site. This is the last time that this site will be used as the extensive ground of Mabledon Lodge, the new C.P.-A.S. centre, near Tunbridge Wells, will become available next year. Will you please pray for all our young people at Houseparty and camp.

Mrs. ISABELLA WILHELMINA STOBART,
Mr. BENJAMIN GEORGE HOLLINSWORTH.

It is with deep regret that we announce the "home-call" of two of our older stalwart members. Mrs. Stobart, snr., and Mr. Hollingsworth had both been unwell over a long period, and the ending of their sufferings was a happy release. We extend to both families our deepest sympathy and prayerful remembrance.

NEWS FROM ORGANISATIONS.

Mothers' Union : On 26th June more than 200 members of the Dartford Deanery Mothers' Union spent a delightful afternoon in the garden of Stone Rectory, where a warm welcome was given by the Vicar and Mrs. Pratt. The speaker was Mrs. Shaw-Hamilton, and after tea had been served, a good number stayed on to Evensong in the lovely old Church of St. Mary.

Members and friends spent a very pleasant afternoon in the Vicarage garden on 11th July, when the Vicar gave a short address on the responsibility of hearing—"be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only". Tea was served by the Committee, who extend their warmest thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Goldspink. The Bring and Buy Stall realised £2 7s. 8d.

A visit has been arranged to London Airport on Tuesday, 10th September, the fare being 6/6d., and leaving the Church at 10 a.m. and returning by 5.30 p.m.

Open Day at Oakhurst will be on Saturday, 7th September. We have been asked to provide a cake stall. All members are invited to help with this.—L.R.

Young Wives : We have now come to the end of a happy and fruitful programme, and we look forward to recommencing on 17th September, at 7.45 p.m. at the Vicarage. (Please note that there will be no meeting on 3rd September).

We hope that all members and their families will enjoy their holidays and come back the better for them.—K.E.G.

"WHAT YOU NEED NEVER REGRET."

There are *ten things* for which no one has yet been sorry. These are :—

1. For doing good to all.
2. For being patient towards everybody.
3. For hearing before judging.
4. For thinking before speaking.
5. For holding an angry tongue.
6. For being kind to the distressed.
7. For asking pardon for all wrongs.
8. For speaking evil of none.
9. For stopping the ears to a tale bearer.
10. For disbelieving most of the ill reports.

PARISH PRAYER BULLETIN.

The following districts of the parish will be remembered in prayer at Church during the weeks commencing on the dates given below. It is suggested that church members might make a point of coming to the 8 a.m. Communion Service on the Sunday of the week allotted to their district.

- August 4 **Ramsden Road**, Hind Crescent, Buxton Road, Avenue Road, Colyers Lane, Birling Road.
- 11 **Heathway**, Northumberland Way, Fairford Avenue, Barnehurst Avenue, Coniston Road, Erith Road.
- 18 **Rydal Drive**, Alberta Road, Swanbridge Road, The Green, Silecroft Road, Heversham Road.
- 25 **Belmont Road**, Dalmeny Road, Langdale Crescent, Nurstead Road, Swanton Road, Bedenwell Road.

PARISH REGISTER.

In Welcome :

Baptisms.

July 14 Paul Quinton, son of John and Doreen Cooper.
 14 Susan Anne, daughter of Alan and Edna Hyland.
 14 Susan Joan, daughter of William and Joan Griffiths.
 21 Howard James, son of Sidney and Hetty Russell.
 21 Michael Paul, son of Thomas and Beatrice Selby.
 21 Stephen James, son of William and Anne Long.
 21 Nicholas Christopher James, son of Stanley and Jacqueline
Crudgington.

In Congratulation.

Weddings.

July 6 ... Arthur Barnes and Mavis Evelyn Flower.
 20 ... Peter Joseph Hildebrand and Doreen Winifred Gill.
 20 ... Charles Oliver Hawker and Doreen Ann McPherson.
 20 ... Stanley Whitnall and Lilian Maud Williams.
 27 ... Maurice Edwin Lemon and Phyllis Muriel Lampard.

In Sympathy.

Funerals.

June 26 Henley George Offen, 87 years, 12 Lilburne Road, S.E.9.
 July 2 Ellen Elizabeth Masters, 76 years, 29 Northumberland Park.
 6 Isabella Wilhelmina Stobart, 89 years, 68 Hengist Road,
 10 Jessie Carter, 64 years, 131 Colyers Lane.
 11 Benjamin George Hollinsworth, 69 years, 24 Dalmeny Road.
 18 Edward James Lovatt, 80 years, 83 Northumberland Way.
 19 Charles Albert Nobbs, 63 years, Royal Alfred Infirm Home.
 25 Elizabeth Eliza Hinson, 59 years, 16 Colyers Close.

Flower Guild : August 3—Mrs. Bye; 10—Mrs. Diwell; 17—Mrs. Godding; 24—Mrs. Wooster; 31st—Mrs. Snow; September 7—Girl Guides.

Sidesmen's Rota.

		8 a.m.	11 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
August	4 ...	A. Manning.	A. Mills.	J. New; J. Waddup.
	11 ...	L. Weeks.	N. Weeks.	R. Baker; J. Bailey.
	18 ...	D. Bye.	J. Douglass.	R. Farrer; C. Ford.
	25 ...	—	C. Giles.	M. Jacques; H. Holmes.
Sept.	1 ...	J. Loveley.	A. McCabe.	H. McCabe; A. Manning.

Collections.

		Collection.	Free Will Offering.	Total
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