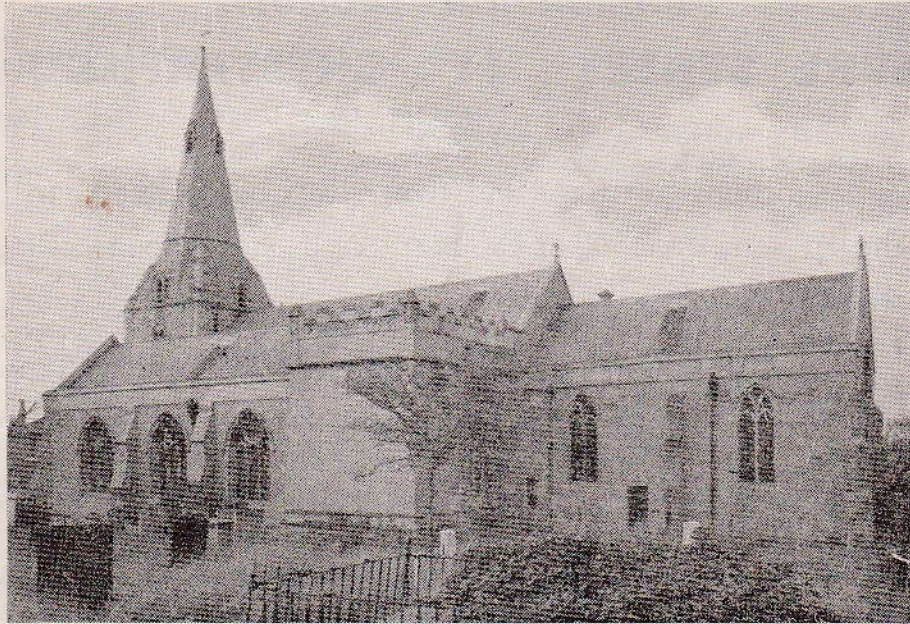


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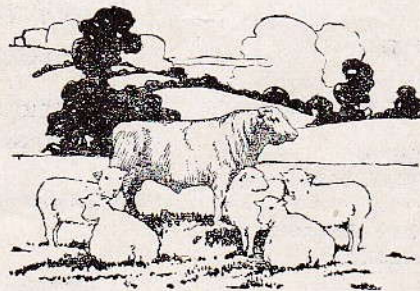
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**Churchings :** In the Parish Church—  
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To the Parishioners—

Writing in the current issue of the York Diocesan Gazette, the Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril Garbett, has this to say :—

"If the Church is to strengthen its own life and witness to the world, four conditions are necessary :

1. It must increase the number of its clergy.
2. It must aim at an active and instructed laity.
3. Fellowship must be strengthened in all our parishes. The reality of the fellowship of the Church will be judged by what is seen in the parish.
4. Its members must give more generously and regularly."

The last point made by the Archbishop will, at least, be familiar to all who read the Bolsover Parish Magazine. I should doubt very much whether his Grace receives a monthly copy, although its circulation would seem to be widespread. Bishops, and even mayors, have recently joined in the fray against the penny. We may, therefore, claim with all modesty that "movements" have their origin in Bolsover.

The Archbishop stigmatizes the penny in these words :  
" . . . there are others who will give at the collection the smallest coin they happen to have in their pockets, smaller than they spend in a day on cigarettes, in a week on a cinema, or monthly on the pools. Many see nothing inconsistent in singing heartily 'Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small,' and then putting a copper or three-pence in the plate as their offering to Almighty God."

I am glad that this echo of all that I have been pleading for during the past months has reverberated from York. I could only wish that the Archbishop could know something of the vast difference that my appeal for a greater generosity has made in this parish in so short a time. Whereas at Easter, I was weighted down at the Altar with pennies, at Christmas I saw very few. The transformation

is almost staggering. There are yet a few who take the view that a penny is a worthy offering, especially when placed into the hand of a child, but the "copper clutchers" in this parish have almost vanished.

There are those who still find it very difficult to give either to the Church or to any other worthy cause. They prefer to remain at the receiving end. The message of Christmas makes no appeal. Not only have we benefited by this wider generosity, for I am told that all the places of worship in Bolsover have noticed a new spirit in this direction. We have witnessed a very real awakening—a revival, if you like, of the highest order. The Archbishop could well find proof of his words in this parish, for here we have seen in a short time how the life and witness of the Church can be strengthened if only in one way—by more generous giving.

What is the immediate result of this? The answer is plain. Everyone is happier. None feel the pinch as a result of their giving a little more to the Church. I am relieved of the nightmare of this constant begging and talking about £ s. d. We are now able to get on with the real work of the Church in this parish and to meet all our obligations to the Diocese and the wider Church without resort to or dependence on raffles and whist drives. Lastly, we can say our prayers, worship together, and sing our hymns without mockery. The Church in Bolsover can pride itself in being the forerunner of a movement towards a healthier and stronger religious life throughout the whole country.

We have had a wonderful Christmas together. The beautiful singing contributed a great deal to this. The choirboys had a splendid contribution to make and I am grateful to their parents for the encouragement they gave to their boys. For the first time the boys were present at the great service on Christmas Eve. Truly did we hear the angels sing! It is a great pity that the gentlemen of the choir don't recognise more completely their obligations as members of such a choir and respond as nobly and as enthusiastically as do the boys. We need a few more men



who will use their voices at the right time and in the right place. I wish more people could have been present at the Carol Service arranged for the Shuttlewood County Secondary Modern School. It was the first time the school had held such a service in the Parish Church. Every item had been carefully chosen and rehearsed. The various readings by the scholars were a delight to listen to. There was no faltering. The whole service was a unified and purposeful act of worship. There was no disturbance of any kind—nothing to distract. It would have provided a lesson to the doubters of how children can worship. I am grateful to the Headmaster for providing me an opportunity of taking some small part in this delightful and memorable service. On the following day our own day-school had its Carol Service. They are accustomed to being together in church and would feel more at home. As I looked down upon the rows and rows of children, I couldn't help wondering where they all are each Sunday. It is evident that a comparative few of them attend any place of worship Sunday-by-Sunday. Yet, it seemed so natural that they should be there together in God's House as His children, saying their prayers and singing their lovely carols. And how they love to read the Gospel story! Simply, naturally and with meaning. I wish the parents could have been there to see and hear—particularly the fathers who proudly (?) brought their little ones to the same church to be Baptised not so very long ago. Had they been there, they may have realised that their children were at last in their right place—in church. We who had the privilege of seeing the children together in church, and who enjoyed it so much, saw the children at their best and understood a little better the meaning of the words "for of such is the Kingdom." Such are my reflections a fortnight after the service. A strange mixture of delight and sadness. I shall not see so many children together in church until the next school service. Weeks will go by. The bells will ring. Parents will take their ease. The children will run wild and make themselves nuisances. There won't be many Christian parents awake to salute each happy Sunday morn along with their children.

In certain quarters the mid-night service as a prelude to Christmas Day is viewed with disfavour. There is evidence of unseemly conduct and irreverence on the part of some of those who make a habit of straying into this service. It is said that either sentiment or over-indulgence guide them thither. I have no doubt this is the case. But in my experience, in town and country parishes, this service has always provided the one occasion of the year when I have seen worship at its highest and best. I have grown to look forward to it. Such a service, if rightly ordered, can be a tremendous help to all of us. I have known lives to be completely changed by it. If it can change one life or help one human soul, it is worth while and, perhaps, the risk. It certainly was a help, a joy and a very real blessing to many in this parish. For my part, I could hardly wish for anything better. All who were there knew and felt that Christmas was here. There was much more than carols and prayers. Jesus Himself was with us :

"His presence filled each heart with joy,  
Tuned every mouth to sing . . . ."

This made Christmas. But what of those who straggled into church at this and the other Celebrations, communicant members of the Church who will not be seen at the Altar again until Easter—if then? I confess, I cannot understand the mentality of people of this sort. I wish it could be explained to me in simple terms by one of them. I always like to hear sons and daughters of a widowed mother express devotion to the one who means more to them than all else in the world. But when those sons and daughters live on the doorstep and only pop in to see their "dear old mother" once a year, I am not impressed by their profession of devotion, and it will not be difficult to assess the feelings of the mother so often neglected by

her own children. Likewise, I cannot be happy when I see the calculated approach to the Altar of these "casuals" on occasions such as Christmas Day—some of them in varying degrees prominent in our parochial life. Why aren't they drawn into closer and more regular devotion to the Master they profess to serve? It was He who said "This do ye, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." Or again, "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." This is the standard, and so much the Church rightly expects of all its Confirmed members. Did the casuals really and truly make their communion with the Lord Jesus on Christmas Day? Did they return to their own homes feeling jubilant in that they were bound to Him? If so, well and good! We shall see them at the Altar more frequently. They cannot for long deny themselves afresh the joy of Christmas. If only we could see how ineffective is our loose membership of the Church, we should try hard to do better. The young Communicants would take note—and take heart—and the whole parish would soon be ablaze with fervent zeal. Whereas, at present we have this aloofness on the part of people who ought to know better, and who are in the position to do better. They stand aloof not from me, not from their fellow members of the Church, but from Christ Himself. I would say to those to whom my words apply—"In the light of Christmas, try to do better in the future, for His sake and your own."

I have already acknowledged the generosity of our people who attended the Christmas services. Such generous giving was not only an indication that people are at last alive to their own responsibilities, but rather that there has been a quickening of the spirit, touching the heart and sending the hand more deeply into the pocket. It has been a revelation to me and to the Churchwardens. Don't grow weary in well-doing. Much remains to be done yet if this parish and glorious church has to remain worthy of its history, tradition and place in the life of the whole Church. This year will, I hope, see another step forward. Before very long we shall have formulated the scheme whereby all the generous supporters of the Church are united together as "The Friends of Bolsover Church." Truly—a friend in need is a friend indeed. Your response and your generosity this Christmastide has demonstrated that they who are for us are stronger (and more generous) than they who are against us. The critics and advisers have been extraordinarily quiet of late! I don't think we shall hear much from them in the future. The choirboys have good cause to be thankful to all those who responded to my appeal on their behalf. My worry now is to stave off their repeated demands for another collection. Very soon now they will have enjoyed their visit to the pantomime, and I know they will give of their best in the future, knowing beyond all doubt how much their singing is appreciated—and how much is forgiven!

With these memories of Christmas we can look to the future with real confidence. By myself, I can do little. Together, we can do much. The year 1955 can be a landmark in the history of the parish. Don't leave it all to someone else. Start now.

WILFRED SPEAKMAN.

**Baptisms.**

- Nov. 28—Maureen Lesley, daughter of Thomas William and Mabel Chapman (Bolsover).
- 28—Malcolm, son of Norman Reginald and Violet Thompson (Shuttlewood).
- Dec. 12—Helen Ann, daughter of Edwin Thomas Francis and Doreen Lethbridge. (Bolsover).
- 12—Mervyn, son of Edwin and May Ward. (Bolsover).



### Marriages.

- Nov. 13—Eric Cecil Taylor and Joyce Mary Elliott (Correction).  
 Dec. 18—John Arthur Young and Cynthia Mary Ogden.  
 18—John Derick Wilkinson and June Rearsley.  
 18—Gordon Richardson and Grace Norman.  
 18—Arthur Marshall and Mavis Beryl Bennett.  
 18—Clifford Ray Chapman and Iris Newman.  
 18—Leslie Wild and Thelma Olive Raybould.  
 27—John Ernest Marshall and June Ingram.  
 27—John Alfred Machin and Audrey Mavis Baker.

### Burials.

- (Interred in Bolsover Old Church Yard and Cemetery)  
 Nov. 28—(Old Church Yard).  
 Olive Shepper, aged 69 years.  
 Dec. 23—Denise Christine Hancock, aged 10½ months.  
 Church Cemetery.  
 Dec. 1—John Shannon, aged 74 years.  
 8—Lewis Smith, aged 73 years.  
 17—Guy Mason Boucher, aged 81 years.  
 28—Walter George Selwyn Cherry Coupe, aged 21 years.  
 29—Harriet Chadwick, aged 76 years.  
 (Bolsover Urban District Council Cemetery).  
 Dec. 24—George Fretwell, aged 79 years.

### ST. WINIFRED'S.

The Sale of Work held on Saturday, November 20th, was a great success. I should like to thank the Ladies Sewing Party, St. Winifred's Players, the Sunday School Scholars and the Choir for their splendid co-operation. The balance sheet shows a record profit of £120/12/6. The dates of the Sunday School Party and Prize Giving have not yet been fixed.

F.Y.

### Communion Services.

1955	Parish Church	Carr Vale	Shuttlewood	Oxcroft
Jan. 1	9-30 Watchnight Service at 11-30 p.m. Parish Church.			
2	8-0	9-0	9-0	
9	8-0			
16	8-0			9-0
23	8-0	9-0	9-0	
30	8-0			
Feb. 6	8-0			

### ST. WINIFRED'S, CARR VALE.

#### Holy Communion—Times and Servers.

Jan. 2	9-0—A. Wilkinson.
23	9-0—D. Goodman

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- Jan. 2—Mr. J. Fidler  
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 16—Mr. Martin  
 23—Mr. Moakes  
 30—Mr. Breedon  
 Feb. 6—Mr. Deakin

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Fortune Teller	1	10	6
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Crucifix Stall	1	8	9
Refreshments Sold	4	5	
Competition Cake	4	1	6
Tablecloth	11	12	0
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Chocolates	14	3	
Baby's Dress	2	2	6
Lamp	3	8	6
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	£	s.	d.
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Printing Thrift Tickets	15	0	
Printing Bills and ' Parcel Post Cards '	1	13	6
Mr. Lambert (Sweets, etc.)	3	8	4
Mr. Holmes (Refreshments)	10	0	
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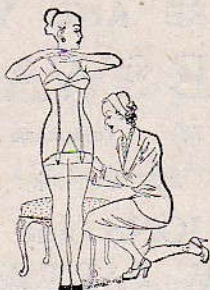
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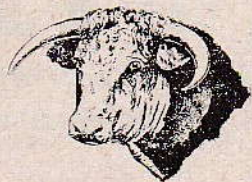
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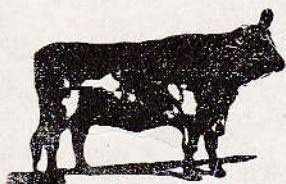
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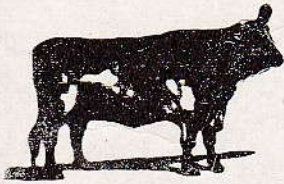
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