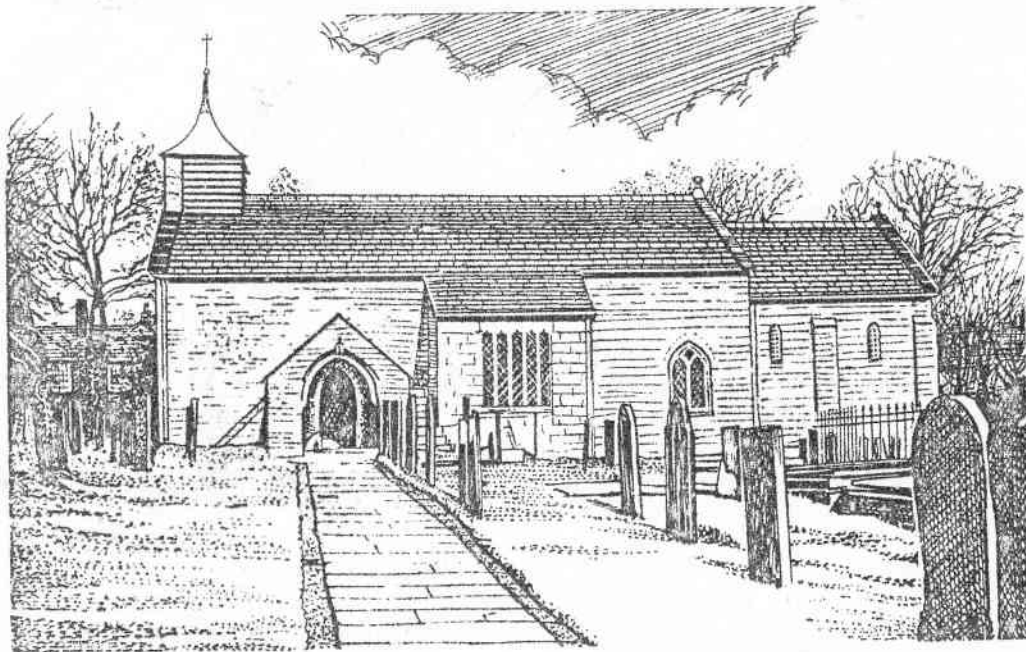


Barlow St. Lawrence Newsletter



SUNDAY SERVICES

8.0 Mass
10.30 Solemn Mass
2.0 Catechism and
Film-Strip
6.35 Evensong

HOLY BAPTISM

By personal arrangement
with one of the parents.



USUAL WEEKDAY SERVICES

MASS: Mon. 9.15
Tues. 7.30
Wed. 7.0
Thurs. 7.30
Fri. 7.35
Sat. 8.0

EVENSONG: Sat. 6.30 p.m.

CONFESSION

Sat. 7 p.m.
Or by arrangement.

VICAR: The Rev. Claude W. Handford, The Vicarage. (Phone: Holmesfield 269)

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CALENDAR FOR MAY 1958.

Thurs. May 1. Ss. Philip & James, Apostles.
Sun. 4. Easter 4.
Sun. 11. Easter 5. Rogation Sunday. Mass for Farmers 6.a.m.
THURS. 15. ASCENSION DAY.
Sun. 18. Sunday after Ascension.
SUN. 25. WHITSUNDAY. Mass 6, 8, 10.30.
MON. 26. WHIT-MONDAY. Mass 9.15.
TUES. 27. WHIT-TUESDAY. Mass 7.30.
SUN. June 1. TRINITY SUNDAY.
THURS. 5. CORPUS CHRISTI. Mass 7.30, Solemn Mass 9.
ROGATION SUNDAY.

This is Sunday May 11, which has for centuries been the special Sunday for prayer for God's blessing on the crops and fruits of the earth, and in modern times also for the industries of our country. Last year we had a faithful band of farmers at the 6.a.m. Mass, and I hope they will come again this year, and also on Whitsunday at the same hour.

Last year we had a good attendance at Evensong on this Sunday for a Civic Service attended by representatives of the various village organizations under the leadership of the Parish Council. Owing to the elections this year not taking place until the previous Monday, May 5, it has not been practicable to arrange a service so far, but possibly Sunday May 18, Ascension Sunday, might be suitable. If the Parish Council and the organizations concerned like to come on May 18 (or any other Sunday) for Evensong at 6.35, I should of course be very happy to see them there.

NEWBOLD PATRONAL FESTIVAL.

Barlow people are invited by the Rector of Newbold to join in the Newbold Festival at 7.30.p.m. on Monday May 5, the Eve of S. John. The service will be followed by a Social Evening in their Hall.

GUILD. The Guild will meet on TUESDAY MAY 6 at 7.p.m. (NOT Wed, 7th).

MOTHERS' UNION will meet on Wed. May 28, Whitsun Week, at 7.p.m.

LENT & EASTER.

We had an attendance of 28 on the Wednesdays in Lent when the weather was not impossible. On two Wednesdays only 3 and 8 people struggled through the snow, which completely cut the village off for three days. A total of £3.13.9 was given. On Palm Sunday we gave out 90 palms at the Sung Mass. On Maundy Thursday the Watch was kept for 14 hours continuously by about 50 people. The offerings on Good Friday were £1.14.4, which has been sent to the Church in Jerusalem. At Easter 150 people attended the Easter Masses, and there were just over 100 communions. The Easter Offering amounted in all to £11.13.6. I thank all those who contributed to this personal gift to the Vicar. Flower money was £3.9.0, and 34 Lent boxes brought in £13.8.11. I am very grateful to Mr. J.S. Margerison for making such an excellent job in re-polishing the Paschal Candlestick, which was in a very dirty state. This was a labour of love. He has fitted a brass cup to catch the grease. ALTAR FLOWERS.

May 4, Mr. & Mrs. Ibbotson; 11, Mrs. Layton; 18, Mrs. J.W. Needham; 25, WHITSUNDAY, GENERAL CONTRIBUTION; June 1, Miss White; June 8, Mrs. Atkinson. June 15 is still vacant, if anybody would like to take it on.

EASTER VESTRY.

I am sure that all those present were sorry that Mr. Tom Morgan wished to be relieved of his office, and would not be persuaded to stand again. During the last three years he has done yeoman service, much of it behind or under the scenes in the stoke hole, for he has done the whole of the stoking as a labour of love, much work in the churchyard and vestry, and has been exemplary in attendance on Sundays. We thank him very much indeed for all that he has done, and hope that he will still give us all the help he can, even if he is not Churchwarden. The meeting then re-elected Mr. Frank Morgan, and elected Mr. H. W. H. Coles as the second Warden. The former has dealt with all the Church Accounts and money, and has very seldom been absent on Sundays, and has helped in all manner of ways known to us all. I am most grateful to him also, and welcome Mr. Coles to assist him. We all have experience of his faithful activities too. The new Wardens will be admitted by the Archdeacon in Chesterfield on Wed. May 21.

DISINFESTATION FUND.

I acknowledge gratefully the following donations: Mr. L. W. Atkinson £1, Mrs. G. Layton 15/-, Miss Evelyn Booker £1, Mrs. Johnson 10/-, Easter Sale & Whist £35.12.8. Many thanks to the ladies who helped in any way to organize, work, give, serve or sell, and to those who came to buy. I know what a lot of work behind the scenes is needed for these things. We were all sorry that Lady Hollely was not able after all to come to open the Sale, as her husband was forbidden to travel up here by his doctor. The total raised since we started in November last is now £249.8.0, which is only £37.12.0 short of the total cost, £287. I am most grateful to all who have helped us to achieve such a fine sum in so short a time. We have to pay the debit of £106 in May to complete our payments, and if anybody who has not so far contributed would help us knock down the remaining £37 we shall be very happy.

CHURCHYARD.

The mowing season is upon us. I have already mown all the possible portion with the motor mower twice, but though I am prepared to work hard I cannot do it all by myself. I do ask our men and lads to come and give us a hand, so that we can make our churchyard a place of quiet beauty and peace, of which we can be proud for ourselves and our visitors. So many churchyards are a jungle of misery and depression, not at all suited to the Christian belief in the Life Everlasting, nor to the Christian prayer that the souls of the faithful may find a place of refreshment, light, and peace.

DAY SCHOOL.

Our Church Day School became a 'Controlled Church School' on 1 May 1953, but it has taken the Ministry in Whitehall five years to seal the Instrument of Management. They now inform me this was done on 16 April 1958. ! Since May 1953 we have been in a very confused state, as neither the previous six Managers nor the present six have really had any statutory authority to act, and we have had no paid clerk, as we should have had. This post is now being advertized by the Divisional Executive.

We have therefore had to do our best, under most irregular and unsatisfactory conditions, to deal with matters requiring urgent attention at the School. So far as I am personally concerned, I called a meeting of the supposed Managers on 29 May 1956, exactly one month after my arrival in Barlow. We took up at once the

question of repairs and improvements, and a further inspection was made on the spot at the School on 3 Oct. 1956, after which we sent a detailed list of improvements which we considered urgent. I have piles of correspondence in the School files about all this, which has been going on ever since. We were promised the repairs, and were then told that the credit squeeze had caused them to be postponed. We were also told by the Divisional Executive that Barlow was 16th on the priority list, in other words there were 15 Schools in the Division in a worse state than ours !

During recent months a certain amount of work has been done by the Education Committee, the roof and spouting repaired, and new radiators installed. We are however still waiting for the major improvements, which have now been promised in the near future. I hope this will mean during the summer holidays, but no date has been given us so far.

All that I want to make clear is that it is not due to any inertia on the part of the present Managers that these improvements have not been done sooner. It has taken Whitehall five years to complete the scheme of transfer. Now we may perhaps hope that things will improve. The present Managers continue, in their unofficial capacity, until 31 July 1958, after which we shall be properly constituted, as this is the year for the triennial elections, following those for the County Council, Rural District Council, and Parish Council.

Of course our buildings are out-of-date by modern standards, but buildings are not everything, and many people now in the village, who were educated in our buildings, have turned out excellent citizens. The atmosphere and happiness of a School do not depend only on the buildings. In any case, I do not think it is generally recognized that the Church in most villages started Schools long before the Education Act of 1870 made education compulsory. Calow for instance celebrated its centenary some years ago, and there was a School at Bole Hill, Barlow, long before 1870. The Church has thus saved the State thousands of pounds annually for a hundred years, as all Church School buildings were erected by the private generosity of those who cared for education. It is a bit ungrateful of people now to look askance at our buildings, which when first put up were no doubt regarded as the last word !

Derby has been entirely responsible for the whole of the Barlow School buildings (other than the School House) for five years, and neither the Church nor the Managers in Barlow have had any power to do anything about them except to make continual representations to the authorities about our needs. It is bound to take some time to bring old buildings up to date, and of course the Church, while it was responsible for the exterior, has never had anything like the money that is available to the State from our taxes! But even the Derbyshire Education Authority has not got unlimited money, and has to budget within a certain figure each year. Naturally they have to make their own list of priorities as they alone know all the needs of the Schools in the County. And it should be some slight consolation to us to know that Derby says there are 15 Schools in the North East Division, administered from Chesterfield, which are worse than Barlow !

DAYS OF YORE.

I wonder how many people realize how venerable is the large Book which we use every Sunday at the Solemn Mass for the singing of the Gospel. The inscription on the first page says : ' Presented to the Church at Great Barlow by Mary Anne Shipton, August 16th, 1856.' So the Book has passed its 100th birthday in Barlow, and is still in regular weekly use.

The title inside is : 'The Communion and other Services, according to the Use of the United Church of England and Ireland '(Ireland then not having been disestablished), and the book was printed by the Cambridge University Press in 1842.

The prayers for the Royal Family are for Queen Victoria, then only in the fifth year of her long reign, for Adelaide the Queen Dowager (widow of William IV), The Prince Albert, and Albert Prince of Wales(eldest son of Queen Victoria, born on 9 Nov. 1841 and created Prince of Wales on 4 December 1841, afterwards Edward VII).

There is a fearsome 'Oath of the Queen's Sovereignty ', which every ordinand had to swear after the Epistle before he was made Deacon, which runs: ' I, A.B., do swear, that I do from my heart abhor, detest, and abjure, as impious and heretical, that damnable Doctrine and Position, That Princes excommunicated or deprived by the Pope, or any Authority of the See of Rome, may be deposed or murdered by their subjects, or any other whatsoever. And I do declare that no foreign Prince, Person, or Prelate, or Potentate, hath, or ought to have, any Jurisdiction, Power, Superiority, Pre-eminence, or Authority, Ecclesiastical or Spiritual, within this Realm. So help me God. ' This oath had to be repeated when the Deacon came to be ordained Priest. It was put in during the reign of William & Mary (1689-1702), when presumably passions were still high after the wretched reign of James II. The oath was altered in 1865, and is now much simpler and more Christian, and is taken before, and not during, the Ordination Service.

At the end of our Book are three services which have since disappeared from the Prayer Book. The first is headed : ' A Form of Prayer with Thanksgiving to be used yearly upon the Fifth Day of November, for the happy Deliverance of King James I and the three Estates of England, from the most traitorous and bloody-intended massacre by Gunpowder : And also for the happy Arrival of his Majesty King William on this day, for the Deliverance of our Church and Nation. '

I fear that our forefathers, who drew up this solemn service, would be very indignant at the light-hearted way in which we now celebrate 'Gunpowder Treason and Plot' ! All we do is to let off as many bangs as we can, and make a joke of the whole thing ! Nor do I suppose that today we get up much enthusiasm for Dutch William, unless we be 'Orangemen', who yearly celebrate with much vigour William's arrival and victory at the Battle of the Boyne ! But no doubt at the time anything was better than James II. The prayers in the Service are terrible things, all about ' wicked conspiracies, malicious practices, Popish treachery, barbarous slaughter, 'and the' new song put in our mouths (by God) at the coming of William ! ' They go on to ask God to ' scatter our enemies that delight in blood, infatuate and defeat their counsels, abate their pride, assuage their malice, and confound their devices '. And so on, for the space of five terrific prayers.

The next Service is ' A Form of Prayer with Fasting, to be used yearly on the thirtieth of January, being the Day of the Martyrdom of the Blessed King Charles I.; to implore the mercy of God, that neither the Guilt of that sacred and innocent Blood, nor those other sins, by which God was provoked to deliver up both us and our King into the hands of cruel and unreasonable men, may at any time hereafter be visited upon us or our posterity. '

This service, together with two others here noted, was cancelled by Queen Victoria in 1859, three years after our Book was given. Many people have been sorry that the observance of this day was cancelled, though not at all regretting the disappearance of the other two, as it had quite good prayers and readings in it. But as nobody wanted to retain the observance of the 'Papists' Conspiracy', no doubt it was felt best to abolish all three together. The Society of King Charles the Martyr, of which Fr. Sillitoe (formerly Rector of S. Thomas', Brampton) is the head, always holds a service in Whitehall, on the site of the Martyrdom, on Jan. 30 each year, and also arranges a High Mass in a London church. Those of us who remember Fr. Sillitoe know what a doughty champion of King Charles he was and still is.

The third Service is ' A Form of Prayer with Thanksgiving to Almighty God for having put an end to the Great Rebellion, by the Restitution of the King and Royal Family, and the Restoration of the Government after many years' Interruption; which unspeakable Mercies were wonderfully completed upon the Twenty-Ninth of May, in the year 1660. And in Memory thereof that Day in every Year is by Act of Parliament appointed to be for ever kept holy. '

For those who had suffered under the sour tyranny of the Puritans from 1649 to 1660, when the Prayer Book was forbidden, the clergy turned out of their parishes, strange preachers intruded, and even the observance of what they were pleased to call ' The Superstitious time of Christmas ' forbidden, it must have been a great joy to have their services and festivals back again. But it could not be expected that succeeding generations could enter into this observance with any real meaning.

The fourth Form of Service was appointed for the Twentieth Day of June, being the Day of Accession of Queen Victoria to the throne, and this is similar to the one printed in modern Prayer Books for the sixth of February, the Day of Accession of Queen Elizabeth II. Although the direction is that this Service ' is to be used in all churches and chapels within the Realm', I should think it is more honoured in the breach than in the observance. I do myself however always use some of the prayers on the Sunday following the Queen's Accession. Our venerable Book closes with a copy of Queen Victoria's Order for these services, made ' At Our Court at Kensington, 21 June 1837. '

SCOUTS.

I am very grateful to all who gave jobs to our Scouts in B&B-A-Job week. The boys earned (I hope !) a total of £9.12.6. We have sent in our quota of £2.10.0 for central & district funds, and so we have gained a net amount for our camp funds of £7.2.6. Exactly 100 jobs were done by our boys for this total.

Ian Collis and Peter Needham were invested as Scouts, after making their Scout Promise, on 21 April, bringing our number of enrolled Scouts to 11 in two patrols. Now that the light evenings are here we hope to be able to meet outside more often, and to prepare for camp. Our Troop will be holding a camp at Whitsun, probably at Walton, as a trial effort for Jersey, and I hope our Scouts will be able to go, and get some experience of camping before they embark on a fortnight. There will be a total of 7 patrols in the summer camp including our two. We are most grateful to Mr. & Mrs. Benton for their generosity over the use of their large room all through the winter.

A lot of people contributed a penny or more towards the cards we had towards the debt on the new Scout Headquarters in the town, for which we sent in £2. The sealed watch was opened on 19 March at a Scouters' meeting, and it had stopped at 8-24-23. Our cards were 10.32, 9.41, 3.30, and 6.6, so I am sorry that none of our donors won the watch. Actually there was nobody on the exact time, but the nearest above was Mr. Brocklehurst, 30 Duke St, Whittington Moor, so he has got the watch. The total raised by the cards was £64, so it was well worth the accumulation of pennies. The total raised by Scouts and Cubs of Chesterfield Association for Bob-A-Job will be announced at the Annual General Meeting on May 5.

GUIDES.

After some difficulty we managed to arrange a meeting on Wed. 23 April for the Guides, which was attended by the Guide Commissioner, Mrs. Haines and myself. Most of our Guides agreed to the suggestion that they should go for the time being to the Holy Trinity, Chesterfield Company, which has most kindly offered to have them. The bus stops at the door of their Institute, where the Guides meet, and the times both ways are convenient. As our Guides possess £15 in the Post Office from our autumn sale, this will pay the bus fares for a considerable time. We may be able to get a Guider to come out to Barlow later, but it is not certain. Meanwhile our girls can go on having Guiding in a fairly easy way. The Holy Trinity Company meets on Fridays. It is not an ideal arrangement, but it is the best we can do at the moment, and surely better than nothing. I hope our Guides' parents will encourage our girls to persevere. I believe they will find a larger Company more interesting.

IN MEMORIAM.

The village has lost a very well-known and much respected parishioner by the sudden death of Mr. W. H. Simpson. He has been much connected both with Barlow and Holmesfield churches, and it was appropriate that both Vicars should be able to pay their tribute in various ways at the funeral. Always a happy and jolly man, Mr. Simpson will be much missed by a large circle of his friends, and the size of the congregation at the funeral was in itself a tribute to the regard in which he was held. We offer to Mrs. Simpson and all the family our very sincere sympathy. Perhaps the underlying joy of Eastertide, with its 40 days' message of Christ's conquest of death and His assurance of the Resurrection to eternal life, will bring to them that comfort which God alone can give in such time of sorrow as we all have to face from time to time. Mr. Simpson himself had given proof of his own faith in his Easter Communion at Holmesfield only a few days before.

May he rest in peace.

P.C.C. ACCOUNTS.

RECEIPTS:

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| March 23. | L.C. | 2.. 4.. 9 | Env. | 2.. 7.. 6 | = | £4..12.. 3 |
| 30. | | 2..15.. 7 | | 1..13.. 1 | | 4.. 8.. 8 |
| Ap. 6 | Easter Offering to Vicar | | | | | 11..13.. 6 |
| 13. | | 2.. 2.. 4 | | 2..11.. 2 | | 4..13.. 6 |
| 20. | | 5..14.. 9 | | 2.. 1.. 1 | | 7..15..10 |
| Disinfestation, as per list(p.3.) | | | | | | 3.. 5.. 0 |
| Donation: Mrs. Janet Simpson | | | | | | 5.. 0.. 0 |
| Lent boxes | | | | | | 13.. 8..11 |
| Interest on bequests | | | | | | 3..14.. 0 |
| Easter Sale & Whist | | | | | | 35..12.. 8 |
| MONTHLY TOTAL | | | | | | £94.. 4.. 4 |

EXPENSES: Electricity £6.14.2, Insurances £12.10.0, Wafers, candles etc £9.2.6, Vicarage Dilapidations £11, Fair linen cloth for Altar & 2 cottas for Servers £11.11.1, Lent boxes £2.13.11, Farris (Paschal Candle etc) £2.19.8, Coke £8.15.7, Wine £1.18.3, Organist £2.10.0, Cleaning £2.10.0, Easter Charities £2.10.4. Total expenses £75.2.6.
Balance in hand (including legacy £100) £199.3.7.

NOTE: We have had to have a new Fair Linen Cloth for the Altar. The old one, now worn out and in holes, dates from Fr. Lumley's time, so has lasted over 20 years. We have used the ends for credence table cloths. Linen of course is now fearfully expensive.

SUNDRIES ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS: 3 Lent Weds £2.9.0, Box 16/6, Flowers £3.9.0, Churching £1, Baptisms £2.0.3, Stamp books 6d, G. Fri. £1.14.4, Private Communions £1.2.0, . Total receipts £13.11.7.

EXPENSES: Hire of films 15/-, return postage on films 3/-, Easter cards £2.18.4, Stationery 2/4, Baptism booklets £1, Flowers £3, Complime books 5/-, Minute book for Well-Dressing Committee 4/-, Car for organist on Maundy Thurs. 2/6, Jerusalem Mission £1.14.4. Total expenses £10.4.6. Balance in hand £7.2.4.

NEWSLETTER ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS: Per: Miss Coles 12/9, Vicar 12/9, Mr. F. Morgan 18/4, Mrs. J. Morgan £1.11.3, Mrs. Bradbury 7/-, Miss Powell £4.3.3. Total receipts £8.11.4.

EXPENSES: Stencils £1.13.2. Balance in hand £25.14.6.

CHURCHYARD ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS: Burial of Mr. J. W. Haslam £3. Donation £5. Total £8.

EXPENSES: Petrol for mower 16/6. Balance in hand £29.9.4.

OUR JOYS AND SORROWS.

Holy Baptism: On March 30, Sarah Susan Hadfield, of Hatfield, (by permission of the local Vicar) and Patricia Ruth Durrant, of 5 Cutthorpe Road. On April 13, Nigel Stewart Smith, of 49, Springfield Rd, and Robert Andrew Houldsworth, of Wellspring Farm. May God preserve them.

Funerals. On April 15, William Henry Simpson, of Green Gables. On April 19. John William Haslam, of Cutthorpe.

May they rest in peace, and may God comfort the mourners.