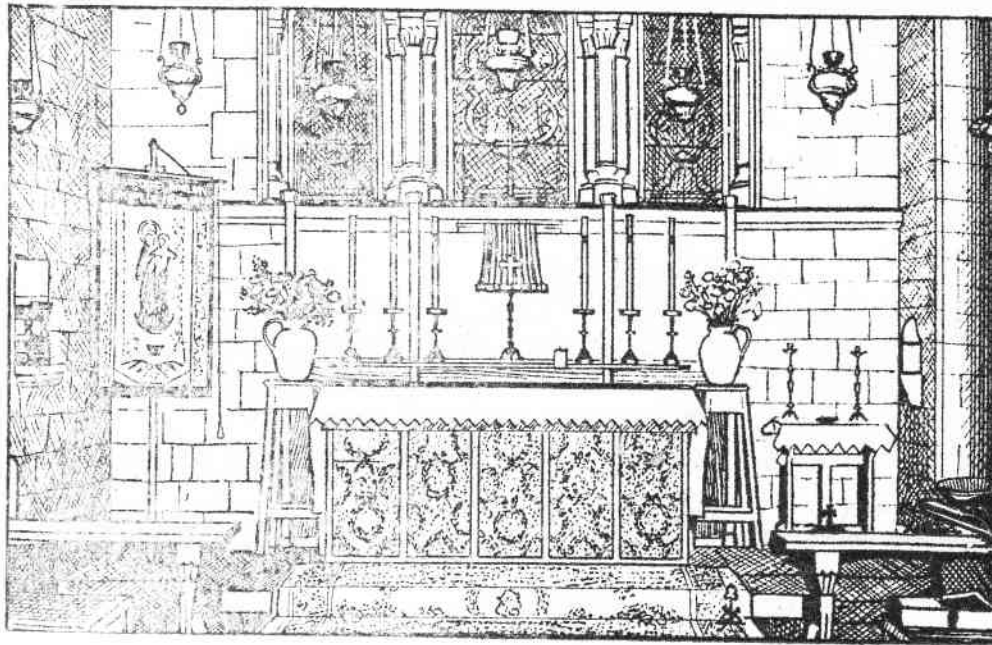


Harlow St. Lawrence Newsletter



SUNDAY SERVICES

8.0 Mass
10.30 Solemn Mass
6.35 Evensong

HOLY BAPTISM

By personal arrangement
with one of the parents



S. LAURENCE, D.M.

USUAL WEEKDAY SERVICES

MASS : Mon 9.15
Tues. 7.15
Wed. 7.0
Thurs. 7.30
Fri. 7.35
Sat. 8.0

EVENSONG : Sat. 6.30 p.m.

CONFESSION

Sat. 6.45 p.m.
Or by arrangement

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

OCTOBER 1961

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 1961.

Sunday Oct. 1. HARVEST THANKSGIVING AND GIFT DAY. Trinity 18.
MASS AT 6.a.m. FOR FARMERS. 8 & 10.30 as usual.
Sunday 8. Trinity 19.
Sunday 15. Trinity 20.
WEDNESDAY 18. S.LUKE, Evangelist.
Sunday 22. Trinity 21.
SATURDAY 28. SS.SIMON & JUDE, Apostles.
Sunday 29. Trinity 22. NOTE: 'SUMMER-TIME' ENDS.
WEDNESDAY Nov.1. ALL SAINTS' DAY.
Thursday 2. All Souls' Day.

CONVOCATION.

I have to be in London from Monday Oct.2 to Thursday evening Oct.5.
NO MASS on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday that week, otherwise as
usual. Emergencies should be reported to the Churchwardens.

GUILD OF S.MARTHA.

The Guild will meet on Wed.Oct.11 at 7.p.m. instead of Oct.4.

FLOWER ROTA.

Oct.1. Harvest. General contribution. Oct.8, Mrs.Wibberley,
Oct.15, vacant. Oct.22, Mrs.G.C.Haslam & Mrs.E.Morgan.
Oct.29, vacant. Nov.5, Miss Powell.

YOUTH CLUB.

As nobody has offered to help me run this Club it will not be
possible to open it for the present. I have had an interview with
the Youth Organizer for this district. I explained the circumstances
to him, and asked him if he could supply a paid or semi-paid man
from the staff to run the Club. He is bringing the matter before
the County authorities, and will let me know whether any help from
that source is forthcoming. In any case it will be some time before
he is able to give me their reply.

CHILDREN AT CHURCH.

From time to time I am asked whether we have a 'Sunday School'.
If this means, 'Do we have afternoon classes on Sundays', the answer
is 'No'. Most parishes are now finding what we found some time ago,
that now-a-days it is almost impossible to get children to come on
Sunday afternoons, and even more impossible to get adults able and
willing to teach them. But this does not mean that we do not want
the children, or that we do nothing for them. On the contrary, we
welcome them to our ordinary service at 10.30 on Sunday mornings, we
give rewards on Mothering Sunday to those who have made a good
attendance, and we provide a summer outing. We have plenty of young
children, as well as older ones, who attend regularly, and once a day
I think is enough in such a scattered parish as ours. Children who
have been baptized at church should start coming at least when they
are five, and some come before that. If they can go to Day School they
can come to church. They then learn to worship, not at a children's
service which they grow out of, but at the Lord's Own Service, to
which all parents are commanded by the Prayer Book Baptism Service to
bring their children. They get their instruction from me, together
with a stamp for each Sunday which is intended not only to mark their
attendance but to remind them of the instruction. Please encourage
your children and help them to come to church and learn the
Christian Faith in the best way, by obeying Christ's command, 'Do this'.

IN MEMORIAM. AMY LILLEY.

Our Church Day School and the whole parish have suffered a severe loss by the death of our Head Teacher after a long illness. I think the best tribute I can give to her is to repeat what I said at her funeral at Calow on September 6.

" I am sorry that the Vicar of Calow is on his back in hospital with a slipped disc, and is therefore unable to officiate, & I am sure he would have wished, at the funeral of one of his most faithful communicants. He was however able, with some difficulty, to give her the last Holy Communion at her home a few days before she became unconscious, and I was able to minister to her, as his request, and to say the commendatory prayers shortly before the end.

Therefore, though I am sorry for the reason, I think it is perhaps appropriate that the Vicar of Barlow should have this opportunity of paying his tribute to Amy Lilley, who has played so important a part in our parish life at Barlow as Head Teacher of our Church School.

Many of you have known her a good deal longer than I have. Though I have known about her and her family for a good many years, she was not living in Calow when I was Vicar. It was when she came before the committee appointed to select a new Head Teacher for Barlow that I first came in close contact with her. On that occasion she was chosen unanimously out of the various applicants, and we have had very good reason to be well satisfied with our choice. After the 40 years' reign of her predecessor Mr. Frank Morgan we hoped that she would be able to hold the position for many years, but this unfortunately was not to be. She was saddened by the untimely death of her friend Mrs. Ireson, who had come as an assistant teacher shortly after the commencement of her headship, and she herself has suffered from a long and distressing illness since January.

During the comparatively short time of four years at Barlow she has endeared herself to the children of the School, and has ruled the School with a quiet efficiency and affection that we have all appreciated.

There can be few vocations with more opportunity than that of a teacher, who has the chance to mould the young lives entrusted to her in the principles of Christian citizenship, and to give them a sound education, both mental and spiritual. I have no doubt that Amy Lilley has done this throughout her teaching life with the highest motives. I am sure that many of our present children, and others elsewhere who are now grown up, will treasure throughout their lives the memory of their former teacher with affection and gratitude. On behalf therefore of the Managers, staff, parents, & children of Barlow, as well I am sure of all Calow folk, and her other Schools, I extend to her family our very sincere sympathy in the sad loss, at an early age, of one so intimately connected with our lives. And I express our thanksgiving for all the work she has so conscientiously done for us and others.

May she find a place of refreshment, light, and peace in the eternal world which our Christian Faith believes there is beyond the veil of physical death. And may Our Lord and Saviour say to her, 'Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'

At her funeral, as cut flowers only had been requested, our School sent some, and the 30/- not spent has been sent to the Church Childrens Society in her memory. She had for a long time been an indefatigable worker for that Society, and we felt that she would be pleased that it should receive some benefit in this way. Barlow was well represented by Managers, Clerk, Staff, parents and friends. Her ashes were interred in her mother's grave at Sutton.

BURIAL OF ASHES.

Now that cremation is becoming more common owing to easy facilities at Brimington, I wish to make it clear that the casket containing the ashes of a deceased person can be buried in the churchyard at Barlow if the deceased has expressed the wish, or the relatives desire it. There are two ways in which this can be done :

1. If there is a grave in which members of the family have been buried, although there might not be room for another burial of a body in a coffin, there will be room for the small casket containing ashes. Since I came here the ashes have been so buried on a few occasions.

2. If there is no grave existing, or if the relatives desire a separate burial place for ashes, they can be interred elsewhere. Recently I had such a request, and as a result I have decided to set apart a plot on the north side of the church for caskets containing ashes. Presumably this part of our churchyard has been used for burials in the past, but there are few headstones, and there is no record of previous burials if any, except where headstones exist to mark them. The burial of a casket containing ashes only requires a very small excavation, and a small stone could be erected later if it is desired to mark the place.

Therefore, where people decide for cremation, but would like also to feel that the ashes are buried in our churchyard, I hope they will tell the undertaker and myself of this desire. The undertaker will then arrange for the ashes to be brought to Barlow, and buried with a short service at a time fixed with me.

SCOUTS.

P.L. Stewart Harris and 2nd Peter Needham, having attained the age of 15, have had to leave the Junior Troop, and of course they have the option of promotion to the Senior Troop, which numbers about 16 Scouts over 15. I am glad to say that we have been able to find two recruits to take their place in our Barlow Patrol, which I am very anxious to keep as our village entity. So we are busy teaching Brian Wragg and John Ratcliffe their tests, so that they can be enrolled as Scouts. There is room for two more boys. Roy Ecclestone has been promoted to be Patrol Leader with Andrew Pickering as his 2nd. I am delighted that the County Commissioner was able to present to John Pickering his Warrant as an Assistant Scoutmaster on September 19. John was one of the first original Scouts when we started in Barlow in 1957.

The Junior Troop had an excellent Camp at Duncombe Park, Helmsley, at the end of July, and I am proud that our Barlow Patrol, the Eagles, once more won the competition for the best Patrol for the week, thus defeating the four town patrols as they did in 1960 under P.L. Philip Haslam. Lest this should be thought to be due to favouritism by me, I would add that the daily marks were given by Scoutmaster Bond and not by me, though on most days I went round with him on inspection. The Seniors had an excellent Minibus trip to Scotland and Skye, and climbed the Coolins.

The great event in the Scouting world this summer was the opening by Her Majesty The Queen on July 12 of the B-P Memorial House in Cromwell Rd, London. I am hoping to visit it when I go to London in October, and it will be a place where Scouts from all over the world can go to stay, or to have a meal and rest. The charges are very moderate, and it will meet a great need, as well as providing an adequate memorial to the Founder of Scouting. I notice that the large statue of B-P outside the building has been made by Don Potter, who was the Troop Leader at Gilwell when I went there to do my Wood Badge course in 1926. He was already famous then, when a young man, for his skill in carving wood, and he has since become a famous sculptor. It was most suitable that such a craftsman could be found from our own ranks.

Our County, having sent its required quota, has earned the privilege of having one of the rooms at the House named 'Derbyshire', in which will be found a Derbyshire painting given by Lady B-P, who was born in Chesterfield. Derbyshire was one of the first counties to say that it would have a named room. Our own Troop is one of the few in this district that has sent its full quota of 3/- per member towards the cost of the House, as requested by the Chief Scout. We have received a nice plaque of B-P as a certificate of our contribution.

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CHURCH REPAIRS.

During June the whole of the south side of the church exterior was re-pointed at a cost of £116.11.3, which left us with a balance of about £158 in the Repair Fund. As the labour costs in the building trade are going up shortly, we decided to proceed with the west end and the north side as far as the vestry. Mrs. Bird's legacy to the Vicar and Churchwardens was left for the express purpose of repairs to the fabric and could not be used for anything else. So there seemed little point in leaving the money in the bank, earning a small rate of interest, and then paying more next year after labour costs had gone up. So we asked Mr. Geoffrey Wright to carry on, and as usual the work has been of the high standard which we know we shall get from his men. In any case this re-pointing was ordered by the architect at the first inspection under the new Church Assembly Measure two years ago. In the summers of 1960 and 1961 we have thus re-pointed the whole of the exterior of the church with the exception of the vestry and a small portion of wall on the north side of the chancel, which I hope we shall be able to do next year. Nobody seems to remember the whole church having been completely pointed in this way before, so the work we have done should last for fifty years or more.

We have been able to carry out this work largely through the generous legacy from Mrs. Bird, and also because we have placed the sums of £40, £40, and £45 in this fund from the Well-Dressings at the Main Well in 1958, 1959, and 1960. There will also be a sum from the 1961 Main Well, probably about £30, but as I am still waiting for the Electricity Board's account at the moment of writing, the Trustees have not been able yet to make a final settlement.

While we had scaffolding at the west end, it seemed a suitable opportunity to take down the weathercock. For some time it had been

more or less stuck in the west, and seemed to require a gale to move it ! So we took it down, thoroughly greased the spindle, painted the iron supports, and gilded the cock, which now shines brightly in the sunshine, and it is obviously much more free in movement.

Since we started the Repair Fund in 1959 we have also had Mrs. Goodlad's generous legacy of £100, and one of £20 from Mr. W. Holmes. This year we have had a donation of £2.2.0 from Mr. & Mrs. Peet of Barnet. Mrs. Peet as a girl was one of my confirmation candidates at Folkestone in 1928, and they gave me this gift when staying with me in August, while the work was in progress at the west end. I was able to put in £3.3.0 out of money put in the box by visitors during the Well-Dressings, and in September I was given £1.1.0 by the Derbyshire Archaeological Society after a visit to Barlow church, where I had given them a talk on our history. Finally I have just received a kind donation of £2 from the Valley Road Well, and a gift of £1 from Mr. George Wright. All these have been paid into the Repair Fund. When we have received the account for the west and north walls, and have been able to finalize our Main Well account, I shall be able to give a proper statement of income and expenditure since we started the Repair Fund in 1959.

MAIN WELL-DRESSING.

RECEIPTS: Balance from 1960 £2.4.0, Boxes at the Well £90.17.3, Donations as announced last month, plus those received since from Messrs Stanton & Walker 10/-, Haag & Sons £1, total £4.12.0, sale of postcards £28.18.6. TOTAL RECEIPTS £126.11.9.

EXPENSES: To Well-Dressers, Messrs. D. Booker, G. H. Booker, W. H. Coles, S. Hughes, J. W. Needham, G. Wright, 332½ hours @ 2/6 per hour, £41.11.3, petrol allowance to Mr. D. Booker £1, Insurance £1.10.0, 3 gallons of paraffin for lamps at night 7/-, Britts for new roof sheeting £8.1.11, J. C. Hubbard for 800 postcards £20. Electricity account still not to hand. TOTAL EXPENSES TO DATE £73.14.2.

Balance in hand for disposal between the Church, the Chapel, the Red Cross and the Spastics, £53.17.7 less electricity costs.

We are grateful to Mr. Peter Glossop for the gift of his time and talents in doing the drawings, to Mr. Geoffrey Wright for gift of transport, to Mr. Roy Stevenson for gift of bolts and nails for the roofing, value 19/- for the church, to Mr. H. W. H. Coles for the gift of his time in dressing, to him and his wife for the work involved in dealing with the meals for the dressers, to Mr. & Mrs. James for the beautiful 'Barlow Roses', and to all others who gave flowers or assistance in other ways, and to the visitors who helped us with their cash in the boxes. Finally we congratulate all the dressers on their skilful and patient work at the three Wells. I am sure that Barlow's high tradition has been well upheld. What was our misfortune was Eyam's fortune. They had the week following ours, and according to the reports in the Press they had a record week. It does not seem therefore that there is any lack of interest in Well-Dressing. It seems that the weather is really the deciding factor, and I am bound to say that, if I had not been involved as we all were in our Dressings, I doubt if I should have been tempted out in the unsettled and windy weather of our week. But we cannot always have all the luck!

SMALL WELL-DRESSING.

I have received the following financial statement from Mr. E. Kingston, signed by Messrs. W. T. Sinderson & John Haslam, Trustees.

RECEIPTS: Balance from 1960 £4.17.11, Boxes at the Well £27.9.1½, (Wed. £2.7.2½, Thurs. £3.7.10, Fri. £2.14.6, Sat. £4.19.6, Sun. £10.13.3, Mon. £1.17.6, Tues & Wed. £1.9.4). Donations £3.5.0. (Mansfield Brewery £1.1.0, Tennants £1.1.0, Brampton Brewery 10/-, J. J. Clayton Ltd 10/6, Miss E. Wells Rochdale 2/6). Found on site after clearance 1/-.

TOTAL RECEIPTS £35.13.0½.

EXPENSES: Designer, Mr. Trevor Peebles for 2 designs (one still in hand) @ 42/-, £4.4.0, Ground Rent (Mr. H. F. Thompson) 1/-, Decoration of plinths by K. Witham £1.10.0, Petrol allowance for collection of necessities £1, Postages, phone & duplicating 8/0½, Errand boys 2 @ 5/- H. Hallam & G. Stanton 10/-, Agreed hours @ 2/6 per hour paid to the dressers Messrs. Alan Booker, Roy Kingston, S. Ledger & E. Blair £16, Grants to funds @ £3.10.0 each £10.10.0 (to Barlow S. Lawrence Church-yard, Barlow Methodist Church Trust, Barlow Good Companions Club.) Balance in hand for depreciation fund £1.10.0. Total £35.13.0½.

The organizers are extremely grateful to all people who gave or offered flowers or other assistance.

SHORTAGE OF CLERGY.

The Rector of Old Whittington with Sheepbridge and the Vicar of Barrow Hill with Hollingwood died, and were buried on Jan. 30 & Feb. 14 respectively, leaving four churches to be served. As a result I have had to go to Sheepbridge six times on Sundays at 9.30, including Easter and Whitsun Days, between my own two or three Masses, six times to Hollingwood and four times to Barrow Hill at 9.15. I have also been 19 times on Thursdays to Hollingwood to give them a Mass at 8.45. Owing to illness and holidays I have been in addition four times to S. Leonard's Spital, five times to Calow, three times to SS. Augustine Chesterfield and once to S. Barnabas New Whittington. This makes a total of 48 visits by car to other churches since January, which is somewhat exhausting week after week. However I am thankful that at last the Bishop has been able to find a priest for Barrow Hill, who is coming in November, and I hope we shall get into somewhat calmer waters. Chesterfield Parish Church has had another Deacon ordained on Sept. 24, the Deacon at Dronfield has been ordained priest, and a Deacon has been ordained for Staveley. We welcome these new recruits to our numbers with thankfulness. The total ordained for Derby Diocese in September is 12.

GRANT GIVEN.

Just before the festival of S. Lawrence I had a pathetic appeal from the Vicar of S. Lawrence, Wyck Rissington, Glos, written to all Vicars of churches dedicated in honour of S. Lawrence. He has a church which is an early English gem, and is in need of £2000 to strip the roof and have it completely re-tiled. The church is used every day, though there is only a population of 150 to raise the £2000. I wondered what we should do, with our larger population, if we had to find such a sum. And as we had £13 put in our church box by visitors at our festival I thought we ought to send a small gift to our poorer brethren of S. Lawrence. I therefore sent them a guinea, and have had a very interesting and grateful reply from the Vicar. I hope we have thus been able to carry out S. Paul's exhortation in the Epistle for S. Lawrence's Day: 'Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.'

		<u>P.C.C.ACCOUNT</u>		
<u>RECEIPTS.</u>	<u>Env.</u>	<u>L.C.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>	
Sept. 3	2.. 0.. 0	1.. 3.. 9	3.. 3.. 9	9 (deluge)
10.	4.. 11.. 9	1.. 16.. 9	6.. 8.. 6	
17.	5.. 9.. 6	2.. 3.. 6	7.. 13.. 0	
24.	4.. 8.. 0	1.. 15.. 0	6.. 3.. 0	
	<u>16.. 9.. 3</u>	<u>6.. 19.. 0</u>	<u>23.. 8.. 3</u>	

EXPENSES: Organist £4.6.8, Cleaning £2.10.0, Gift Day boxes £5.4.6, Coke from last April £9.5.0.

Total expenses £21.6.2. Balance in hand £3.5.8.

SUNDRIES ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS: Box £4.5.10, Wedding (Winson/Fearn) £1.1.1, Baptisms £2.0.9,
Total receipts £7.7.8.

EXPENSES: Marriage booklets £1.0.10, Cards for sale 3/4, Laundry of cloths for Well 3/-, Envelopes 8/3, Servers' postage 1/10, wafers & wicks £1.3.6, Main Well Trustees for further postcards sold £1.14.6, John Turner for linen for lavabo towels, purificators, & cover for Lady Altar £1.3.8, Donation to S. Lawrence Wyck Rissington £1.1.0.

Total expenses £6.19.11. Balance in hand £19.3.4.

NEWSLETTER ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS: Per: Vicar 8/6, Mrs. J. Morgan £1.9.0, Mrs. Swift 3/-, Mrs. H. Haslam 15/-. Total receipts £2.15.6.

EXPENSES: Postage 3/-, 2 quires of stencils £1.14.0, * Grant to SPCK for distribution of Christian literature £3.3.0 *.

Total expenses £5.0.0. Balance in hand £17.3.9..

NOTE: * This makes £5.5.0 for this year, as a result of which we shall, if we keep that rate up, get a discount on prayer or hymn books.

CHURCHYARD ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS: Donation, Mr. & Mrs. J. Botham £1, Burial of Sarah Botham (Shardlow) £6, Burial of Susie Doris Helliwell (Millthorpe) £3.
Total receipts £10. plus £3.10.0 to come from Small Well.

EXPENSES: Petrol & oil 5/8, additional flex for Grassmaster £1.7.6, mowing etc £2.11.9, Bank Commission half year 7/6.

Total expenses £4.12.5. Balance in hand £27.16.2.

OUR JOYS AND SORROWS.

The following have been made the children of God & of the Church in Holy Baptism: On Aug. 6, Timothy Hardy, of Wilkin Hill.

On Sept. 3, John Richard Haslam, of Yew Tree Farm.

On Sept. 17, Robert William Green, of Sheffield, by

permission of the Vicar of Crookes. May God preserve them.

The following were joined in the holy and indissoluble Sacrament of Matrimony:

On Sept. 2, George Michael Winson (Bolsover) to Jean Mary Fearn.

May God bless their married life.

The following have been given Christian Burial:

On July 26, Richard Spry, of Springfield Rd, aged 35. (accident).

On Aug. 14, David Whitehouse, of Chesterfield, aged 65½
(Burial of cremated ashes).

On Sept. 15, Sarah Ann Botham, of Shardlow, aged 18. (accident).

On Sept. 25, Susie Doris Helliwell, of Millthorpe, aged 64., (lately of Peakley Hill).

May they rest in peace, and may God comfort those who mourn their loss.