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We thank thee for the ripened grain." The Baker.*

FROM THE VICAR :

We are looking forward very much to the arrival of Mr. McGinley later in the month. He comes to us with considerable experience in teaching and in work amongst young people. He has done well in an excellent course of theological and pastoral training at the London College of Divinity. His love for the Lord is enthusiastic and catching. We shall receive much from him. For the Lord has called him to the work of ministry. A first curacy must be viewed in the light of a life-long ministry, and in many ways is an extension of the training he received at College. Let us give ourselves to him in encouragement and help "that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith" (Romans ch. 1, v. 12). So each of us has a part to play in this ministry, as each of us, I'm sure, will receive from his.

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I now move to a sadder note, for in the past few weeks St. Paul's has lost three greatly loved friends. Our memories of them are hallowed by the inspiration of their witness to the love of Christ. We rejoice that His love is stronger than death, and though we mourn our loss—and join in deepest sympathy with their loved ones—we know that it is their joy to be in the presence of Christ in a fuller way than is possible in this transitory life. We are sure that all the angels sang when they crossed the sea.

Wilfrid Porter Carrier

Wilfrid Carrier went to His Lord on Thursday, 12th August, after a long and trying illness. He was cheerful and courageous to the last, a constant inspiration to those who knew him. We remember his faith and courage, his graciousness and humanity. His love for others was the real sort, the kind that really cares and helps in practical ways. We thank God for him and we assure Mrs. Carrier, Nicholas, Elizabeth and Jonathan, of our prayers and loving support. Indeed it has been a privilege to witness their courage. Christian hope in sorrow gives a radiance that lifts up the heart. Such sunshine in the rain has opened our eyes again to the rainbow of God's faithfulness, and it is this that makes us sing,

"Let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death has lost its sting."

I am grateful to those who have written the tributes that follow.

From Mr. Norman Weeks :

"It was with feelings of sadness in our hearts that we paid our last tributes to Mr. Carrier on Thursday, 19th August, and yet these feelings, naturally felt at the loss of a Brother and Friend, were mingled with the joy of knowing he was free from all pain and now with the Master he loved

and worked for so well. Mr. Carrier was Vicar's Warden from 1958. These duties he carried out faithfully and well until 1964 when ill health forced him to retire from active work in the Church. His cheerful disposition and ever ready helping hand to those in need was a true pattern of the life we should try to live.

May Almighty God comfort his wife and family in their sad loss with the love and strength that only He can give."

The Revd. Robert Goldspink writes :

"The recent death of Wilfrid Carrier has taken from St. Paul's, from his family, and from a wide range of friends, a man of high character, ability, and unqualified faith. He leaves a gap which will be hard to fill. Every fellowship, every community, has its outstanding sons and Wilfrid Carrier was such a one. Unobtrusive, friendly, generous, a man's man, more anxious to serve than to be seen, sympathetic to a degree, a man of real courage and prayer.

As I think of him in retrospect, words spoken elsewhere seem singularly appropriate : 'He was a good man; full of the Holy Spirit and of faith'." Mr. J. Bayley writes :

"Mr. Carrier will long be remembered for his love of people young and old alike, and for his loyal devotion to the Church and to the Lord whom he served with joy. Our hearts go out to Mrs. Carrier and the rest of the family."

From Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, we have news of the death of **Mrs. Doris Cotter**. Our sympathy goes out to Mr. Bernard Cotter, Lesley and Graham.

Mr. J. Waddup writes :

"The death of Doris Cotter recently came as a great shock, especially to those of us who had known her for many years.

She left her mark at St. Paul's, where she had been an active member of several organisations, and particularly she will be remembered as a leader of the Girl Guides, for whom she gave several years of loyal service.

She was a devoted wife and mother, a charming hostess, but above all a wonderful Christian. We will cherish her memory."

From New Milton, Hampshire, we hear of the death of the **Revd. F. H. Collins**.

Mr. C. Giles, writes :

"It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Collins, Vicar of St. Paul's from 1925—1945, and we extend to his wife and family our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Most of our older members will remember Mr. Collins as a very kindly man, who took a great interest in the welfare of his parishioners. He also was a very active Warden during the bombing raids in the last war, and visited many families after the raids to render assistance, and sympathy in various cases. The memory of him and his work will be remembered for a very long time."

Mr. N. Weeks writes :

"We mourn the loss of our old friend Mr. Collins who passed away on Tuesday, 10th August, 1965, at the age of seventy-nine years. He was our Vicar from 1925—1945 and no doubt many of the older folk will remember him for his kind and sympathetic manner to those in any trouble or need, as well as his work amongst the youth of the parish. He took a great practical interest in the work of the Scouts and Guides and also founded the Communicants Guild which at one time had a membership of one hundred and twenty members.

His steadfast faith in God was an inspiration to young and old alike. Our sympathy and prayers go out to Mrs. Collins, John and Mary at this time of sorrow and loss."



PARISH ROUNDABOUT.

St. Paul's Brownies and Guides : 7th Erith Brownies : Congratulations to the Brownies who have gained the following Badges :—Carol Duff, Linda Bailey—1st Class, Collectors, House Orderly and Cooks; Gillian White—House Orderly.

1st Erith Guide Company : Six guides and myself joined with the 1st East Wickham Company and camped for a week on a farm at Great Maplestead, Essex. Apart from one wet day we were favoured with fine weather.

Welcome to Lesley Jenner, Janet Clarke, Christine Leek and Brenda Elliott recently enrolled into the Company. Congratulations to Heather Stimson, Pat Murphy and Jennifer Sharpe on gaining their 2nd Class Badges, and to Monica Twitchen her Health Badge. A.K.T.

Pathfinders : On July 24th, eleven Pathfinders went away for their third annual holiday to the Peak District led by Gareth Handy, David Lawler and Nigel Milway. We spent a very enjoyable and refreshing fortnight climbing, walking and a visit to the famous "Blue John Stone" Caverns. The aim of our holiday was to bring the boys together in a positive Christian atmosphere. Our theme in our epilogues was the Christian and his life, and on the final evening a challenge to accept Christ. Please pray for us that the boys and girls of Pathfinders may know Jesus Christ as their living Saviour.

Pathfinders re-start on the second Sunday in September (12th).

"Meeting-Point" for Women : This is not just a new name for Young Wives, but a change in concept, too, for it is intended that "Meeting-Point" will be the centre of all the women's work of our Church. Its purpose is to meet others, and together to meet the challenge of Christ. The essence of "Meeting-Point" is to meet new friends at each meeting, and there are no qualifications (which usually result in being dis-qualifications!) for membership. Meetings—always open for all women—on the first Tuesday in the month at 2.45 p.m. in the Church Hall (also Baby Nursery) and on the third Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Vicarage. Please come along and join us!

Mothers' Union : The Fortieth Anniversary as a branch was celebrated with a Tea on 12th August. Several members who had moved to neighbouring branches returned to greet old friends. Mrs. Clayton, quite young in her 94th year, was also present. We were glad to welcome Mrs. Newlyn from the Women's Fellowship. Tea was served by the Committee. Our thanks to Lynda Miles for making the Anniversary Cake.

Note the Jumble Sale on Friday, 3rd September at 2.30 p.m., at the Community Centre. Our next meeting is on the 9th September. L.R.

Men's Association : The 14th Annual Horticultural Show will be held on Saturday, 11th September. It will be opened by the Matron of Oakhurst at 3 p.m. Prize distribution will be at 6 p.m. approx., and Mrs. Gane has kindly accepted our invitation to present the prizes.

The usual number of classes are available as last year, including Handicrafts and Cake Making. We look to you for your support and hope the Church Funds will benefit from this show. There will be a Bring and Buy Sale and all produce will be gladly welcomed. Schedules and admission tickets are now available. A.G.M.

— OUR 1965 HOUSEPARTY TO SWITZERLAND —

The Parish Houseparty, held abroad for the first time in 1964, was so successful and richly blessed that we had little difficulty in deciding to return this year to the very small habitation of Gurnigelbad, half-way between Berne and Thun. There is, nevertheless, always the danger that what appears to be a ready-made success, if God does not bless it, will be a disappointment.

How far the houseparty was again blessed can best be judged from the following, written by a member of both houseparties.

"Thun Castle, Switzerland—magical words! Can you picture it? The grey walls rising from the calm, peaceful lake, the surrounding mountains, and the air like wine. And Berne! Think of the bears enjoying the universal and international admiration of the spectators, not to mention the plentiful supply of carrots. Then the famous balconies of the Berne houses, the decorations on the walls, and the well-known clock-tower. These were just two of the places we visited.

"One of the happiest evenings was that spent with the "Lukas" Youth Club of Thun. Here on the Friday we met the members, who made us feel very much at home. We all enjoyed seeing the film slides of the development of the Stockhütte over the past few years undertaken by the Club. Our main meetings were in the morning, when Romans chapter 8 was the passage studied. We were all greatly helped by this. Everyone worked in well together, and it was indeed a wonderful holiday."

The houseparty is numerically best supported by the young in body, but every year feels the very welcome influence of those who are merely young at heart. While the fitter members displayed their abundant energies, at all hours of the day—and, occasionally, of the night—the older members made their contribution, and the understanding and appreciation of the viewpoints of others of another age group grew deeper day by day. The younger members will probably remember the sense of achievement at the 19-man (and woman) ascent of Gantrisch again, and the far more arduous ascent of the Stockhorn, only a few metres higher, but involving a 30 km. walk, in addition to all the climbing from our mountain home for the fortnight at 3,500 ft. Probably the older members will remember the return of the five young men, faces streaked with dried out salt, on a day in which the sea-level temperature had hovered in the 90s. But they remember other things too

"The first thing all of us felt was, I believe, a great thankfulness to God and His Son for making this houseparty possible, and for being with us; we were all, I am sure, conscious of His presence with us at all times, and for bringing us safely home. How can you describe in a few words a golden sunset behind the Jura mountains over 100 miles away, or snow-capped mountain peaks clear and sparkling against the background of a clear blue sky, or the precious Christian fellowship which, I believe, we enjoyed most of all? Come and see some of these things for yourselves at the reunion. Nearly everybody I know would like to go again—what better recommendation?"

Usually the houseparty takes one or two members who are not from the parish and an indication of the true sense of fellowship and the presence of the Holy Spirit can be derived from considering the way in which they were made to feel at home. This is what the houseparty meant to one of them.

"Our Swiss houseparty was a time of very great blessing as our Father drew us each closer to Himself and to our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. We have had much to learn in our Christian lives, we have seen some of the beautiful things in God's creation and have had a great deal of fun.

"To our Swiss friends and the Houseparty Committee may we say 'Thank you for all your hard work which made the houseparty the success it was?' To our Father may we return grateful thanks for a wonderful holiday? 'Always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father' (Eph. 5 : 20)." L.G.H.

WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER :

Sundays :

8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Family Service. 6.30 p.m. Evening Service.

Also, Sept. 5th : 11 a.m. Children's Address and Infant Baptism.
6.30 p.m. Mr. Roy Farrar "A Christian in Africa today".

12th : Holy Communion also at 12 noon.

11 a.m. Revd. J. Laville.

6.30 p.m. Revd. D. Sherwood. Sermons about the work of the Church Pastoral-Aid Society. Also 7.45 p.m. Film Slides.

19th : 3 p.m. Sunday School Anniversary Service.

26th : 6.30 p.m. The Lord's Supper and Welcome to Mr. J. F. McGinley.

Wednesdays :

8 p.m. Service of Prayer in Church (Note : Mid-week services changed from Thursdays).

Wednesdays, Sept. 22nd and 29th : 10 a.m. Holy Communion.

Other Events :

"Meeting-Point" for Women—Tuesday 7th at 2.45 p.m. in the Church Hall, and Tuesday 21st at 8 p.m. at the Vicarage.

Mothers' Union—Thursday 9th at 2.45 p.m.

Horticultural Show—Saturday, Sept. 11th at 3 p.m. in the Church Hall.

GARDEN PARTY—Saturday, Sept. 18th at the Vicarage, to be opened by the Revd. and Mrs. Colin Ford.

Sunday School Parents' Evening—Friday 24th, at 8 p.m. in the Church Hall.

Church Council Meeting—Monday, 13th at 7.45 p.m.

Ordination of Mr. J. F. McGinley, Rochester Cathedral, Sunday 26th.

Sidesmen's Rota.

	8 a.m.	11 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
Sept. 5	P. Ayres.	J. Bayley & C. Giles.	R. Handy & L. Hollingsworth.
12	H. Holmes.	J. Lovely & F. Martin.	P. May & R. McFarlane.
19	G. McMillan.	A. Meinertzhagen & A. Mills.	G. Norman & L. Ongley.
26	F. Sims.	J. Waddup & J. White.	P. Ayres & J. Bayley.
Oct. 3	C. Giles.	L. Hollingsworth & R. Handy.	H. Holmes & J. Lovely.

PARISH REGISTERS.

We welcome into the Fellowship of the Church in Baptism :

- July 25 Matthew Philip, son of Philip and Ann Down.
 Adam Roy, son of Trevor and Rose Goldhagen.
 Jennifer, daughter of Stanley and Ying Yee Ricketts.
- Aug. 8 Deborah Marie, daughter of Alan and Barbara Head.
 Anita, daughter of Donald and Sheila Lee.
 Karen Jane, daughter of George and Stella Meloy.
 Karen Ann, daughter of Frederick and Shirley Pallett.
 Martin Joseph, son of Eric and Pamela Rogers.
 Audrey Jane, daughter of Denis and Leviathan Whiffen.
- 22 Deborah, daughter of Charles and Patricia Coleman.
 Teresa Gay, daughter of Reginald and Gay Matthews.
 Carol Ann, daughter of Allan and Elizabeth Smith.
 Brian Robert, son of George and Kathleen Taylor.
 Paul John, son of Peter and Helen Vickery.

We congratulate on their wedding :

- July 24 Leonard George Hollingsworth and Eileen Joan Weaver.
 31 Rodney Victor Benson and Valerie Ann Prail.
 Nigel Douglas Webb and Beryl Ann Pyefinch.
- Aug. 7 David Ronald Dyson and Linda Christine Smith.
 21 Colin Harris and Jill Elaine Malem.
 John Howard Donovan and Rosamund Anita Callow.

We extend our sympathy to the relatives of :

- Aug. 5 Gertrude Florence Stevenson, 80 years, 55 Colyers Lane.
 9 Lily May Sell, 62 years, 23 Ramsden Road.
 16 Henry W. Cox, 60 years. 44 Rydal Drive.
 18 Harold Charles Loft, 63 years, 25 Cavendish Avenue.
 19 Wilfrid Porter Carrier, 49 years, 237 Bexley Road.

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Flower Guild : Sept. 4—Mrs. Weeks; 11—Mrs. Thompson; 18—Miss Codd;
 25—Mrs. Newlyn; Oct. 2—Mrs. Robinson.

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