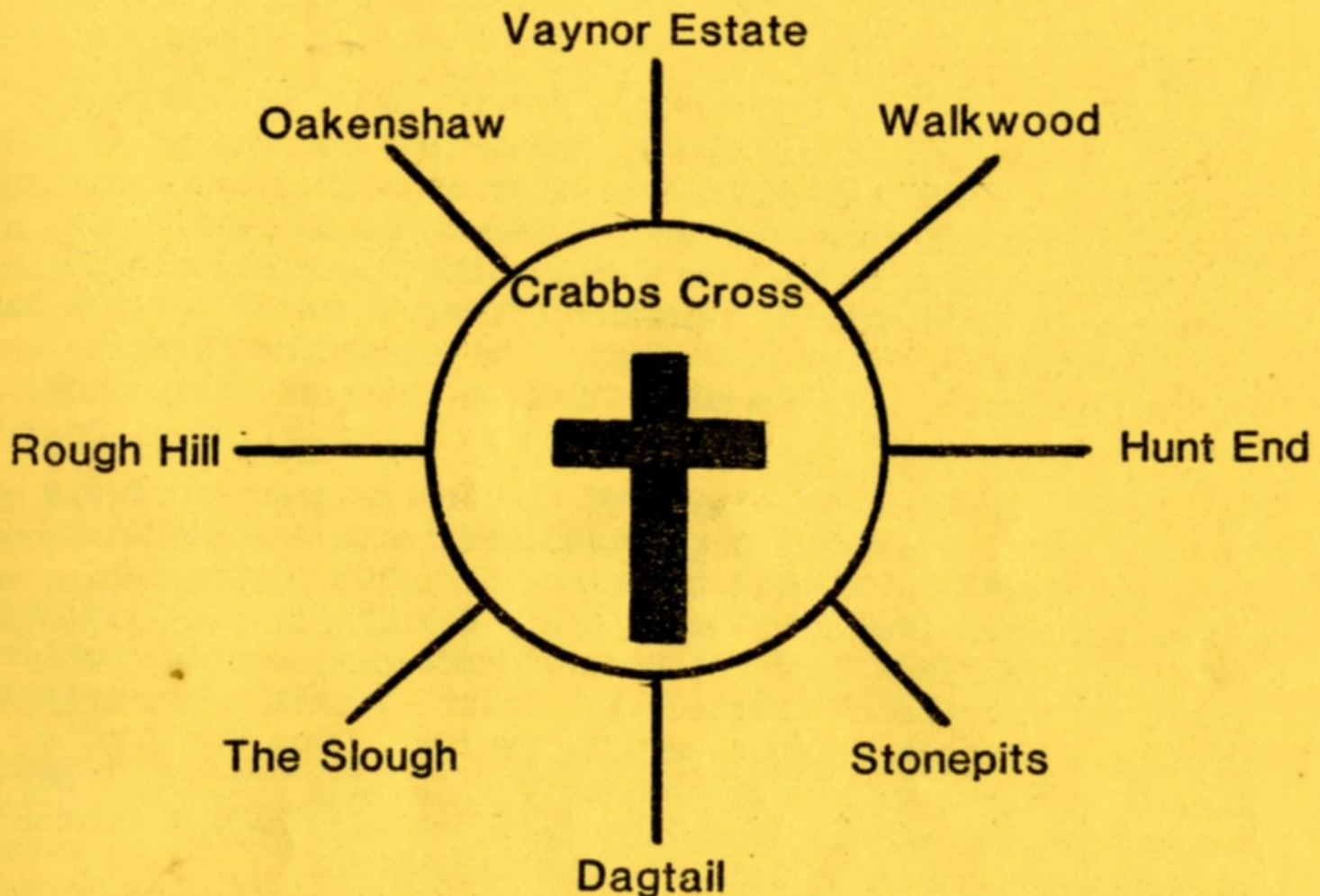


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(Mrs. Johnson's first baby arrived just as the magazine was being prepared, leaving no time for writing an editorial comment. The following article is included to take its place. I promise this won't happen again for a while!

G. Paterson.)

A NEW NORM IN WORSHIP

On November 10th THE ALTERNATIVE SERVICE BOOK 1980 of the Church of England is published. What does this mean? General Synod has had since September 1975 the power to authorize new services for an indefinite period, and this has enabled plans to be laid for binding together such new services in a relatively permanent form. Since 1976 Synod has been deliberately working towards the production of this particular Book, with November 1980 as the goal throughout.

This has meant that Series 3 Communion (the 'green booklet') has been revised in the light of six years usage - and its revised form is already authorized and on sale in booklet form as 'Rite A'. It will be the centrepiece of the ASB. Other services (Series 3 Morning and Evening Prayer, Initiation services, Marriage Service, Funeral services, and Ordination services) have been 'adapted' to conform with the presentation of Rite A without being otherwise revised. Thus the Lord's Prayer will everywhere in the ASB use 'Lead us not into temptation' as the ninth line. The services will have a common presentation giving a unity to the whole Book.

There will be no absolute need for a parish to use the new Book. The BSP remains lawful. The Book is being published in its new form by three separate publishers (the copyright is owned by the Church of England and only let out for use by publishers under contract). The price range for these is from £3.50 to £4.60.

(The P.C.C. have not decided yet to purchase the ASB for general use in the Parish, as we are already using many of its Services with our small Revised Service Books).

Crabbs Cross and Hunt End Community Association runs a Whist Drive on the first Saturday of the month at the Leacroft Community Centre. Four to six tables are played. An enjoyable time is had by all who come to play. There is a raffle. The cost is 35p and play starts at 8.00p.m. Everyone welcome.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH 3

Dear Friends,

In many ways the next few weeks are going to be sad for us as the time for making farewells is close. But firstly if you can rejoice with us, we are pleased to learn of our new New Zealand appointment as Vicar of Halswell-Prebbleton, an area on the edge of Christchurch. This is an exciting parish with a mixture of people from a farming community, workers in a crystal factory and white collar commuters to the city. I am sure that it will provide us with a good home big enough to welcome all our english friends. Our address will be St. Mary's Vicarage, 329 Halswell Rd., Christchurch 4 New Zealand.

When we agreed to come to the parish it was just for a period of two years. In that time we thought we might be able to contribute in a small way to the parish, but certainly the parish would be able to contribute to us, especially through the opportunity to be involved in the English Church and in meeting people. This was something really new for this Parish. Even though it means a change of face so soon, I hope you feel it has been worthwhile. I know several who do. We certainly think so.

On 30th November, when I finish I will not only be looking back over the two and a half years here, but over the ten years since my priesting in 1970, and seeing if the first quarter of my ministry is going in the right direction. Asking if the things I struggle for are worthwhile; do I put my energy in the right places? Very often it is only the laity who can answer.

Certainly in ministering here we all have grown. All our family have made tremendous friends. Many Parishioners we would have loved to come to know better. Coping with both ends of the Parish made that increasingly difficult. The other real sadness has come this past year with rushing from one Service to another, people not really having time to talk to me, and the Family Service at St. Peter's receiving me only half organised, and a little weary. Sometimes it has also been really good helping people to settle into the new areas near St. Peter's. We have enjoyed being here. We will have tremendous memories in years to come. Maybe in some time in the future, we will get back to England!!

On a more personal note many thanks to so many people who have been so kind to us, some quite anonamously. Without such good will and support our time here would have been more difficult. Thank you for sharing your life, your Church, your village with us. Every blessing to each one of you for the years ahead.

Geoff. Paterson.

4 THE METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Revd. Peter Trembath, 7 Sandygate Close
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Services: Sundays 10.45a.m. Morning Worship
6.00p.m. Evening Worship (1st & 3rd Sundays)

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Dear Friends,

The Methodist Church in Crabbs Cross Lane is part of the Redditch Methodist Circuit which is part of the Birmingham Methodist District. We recently received the following letter from the District:

New Ministers in Training

We rejoice that FIVE candidates for the ministry have been accepted from the District this year.

GWENDOLINE ELIZABETH BLANDFORD - comes from the Birmingham, Moseley Rd and Sparkhill Circuit and has been lecturing at the Birmingham Polytechnic.

MARK ROBERT BOOTH - comes from the Lichfield Circuit and has been a social worker for Staffordshire County Council. He is married and has one child.

DAVID BOSWORTH - comes from the Coventry Circuit and has been working as a Quantity Surveyor for Birmingham District Council. He is married and has three daughters.

DAVID HOBSON - comes from the Birmingham, Edmdon Circuit and has been a motor mechanic with the Post Office. He is married and has one son.

KENNETH GRAHAM BOWCROFT - comes from the Birmingham, Islington and Quinton Circuit and has been teaching at King Edward School, Edgbaston. He is married and has one child.

What we ask from you is for: PRAYERS to SUPPORT them.

CANDIDATES to REPLACE them.

MONEY to TRAIN them.

Special contributions may be given to Mrs. L. Barrett.

Yours affectionately,

Peter W. Trembath.

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By the time the magazine is distributed we should have held a Jumble Sale, and a Faith Supper with slides!! The Jumble Sale on Friday October 17th and the Slides and Supper on Saturday evening October 18th.

Our Annual Bazaar is to be opened at 3.00p.m. November 1st by Dr. John and Mrs. Pratt of Barnt Green.

THE SALVATION ARMY 5

Evesham Road, Crabbs Cross

Envoy Mrs. Mary Pinfield, 662 Evesham Road

R. 42656

Sunday meetings

10.30a.m. Holiness Meeting

11.45a.m. Sunday School

6.30p.m. Salvation meeting

Mondays: Over Sixties Club, November 3rd & 17th - 2.30p.m.

Tuesdays: Junior Club 6 - 13 yrs. 6.30p.m.

Wednesdays: Home League 3.00p.m.

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Although we had a very successful Harvest Festival Sunday and auction on Monday, we were unable to have a Harvest Supper, and so on Saturday October 11th, a fun and fellowship evening was arranged.

A musical programme with items by the band, songsters, singing company, and a piano solo by Anne Morley was followed by a supper and games which were enjoyed by all.

November is a busy month starting with a visit by Bromsgrove Singing Company under the leadership of Envoy Jean Fry. St. Peter's Hall is the venue for this musical evening on November 8th at 7.15p.m. and we can extend a hearty welcome to all residents of Crabbs Cross and district confident that they will enjoy a very happy and entertaining evening.

Although we are all very conscious that our prime aim and object is to spread the gospel, it is a hard fact of life that if we want a building from which to work, then bills have to be paid, so on the principle that the Lord helps those who help themselves, we are having an Autumn Fayre on November 15th. Cllr. Alan Jones, Mayor of Redditch will open the fayre at 2.30p.m. The theme of which is Winter Wonderland, and again we extend a warm welcome to all residents to come and shop early for Christmas!

Leader: Mrs. Pretty, 49 Enfield Rd. R.44188

St. Peter's Hall Thursdays 2.00p.m.

After a short summer break, the Club re-opened on 11th September when Mrs. Fenn and Mrs. Chapman came along and brought Mrs. Harris from Redditch Darby and Joan Club. As it was her birthday, we all sang to her and to members of our Club who had birthdays in that week. Mrs. Fenn told us of the work she did for 'Saltways', Cheshire Home and Mrs. Chapman of the work of the local Arthritis and Rheumatism Council. Mrs. Fenn, accompanied by Mrs. Onions at the piano sang many old and loved 'Music Hall songs'.

The following week we had Mr. Warman to visit us and he brought along coloured slides of Disneyland which he had taken whilst on holiday in America. These were much enjoyed as was his commentary. The 'show' was followed by a quiz on local beauty spots and noted places in our area.

Thursday 25th was a beautiful day and a coach load of members had a lovely ride out into the country, calling at Evesham for tea.

MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP

Leader: Mrs. L. Vickery, 69 Jubilee Avenue

This month has seen the purchase of the first batch of new toys for Mother and Toddlers. So far we have concentrated on items for the babies in our midst but we hope to buy more things for the older ones soon.

On September 17th our most recent committee meeting took place which was quite well attended and at which many matters were discussed. The main items included a decision on toys to be purchased; an increase in our charges to 30p. per session (unfortunately necessary) and also methods of coping with our rapidly swelling numbers. The result of the last topic is that from October 31st we will also operate on a Friday afternoon (2-4.00p.m.) in the hope that attendance will spread over the three days and reduce overcrowding.

Also discussed at the meeting was the cake stall we intend to have for Playschool Bazaas, on October 18th and the Christmas Party.

President: Mrs. J. Hart, 206 Walkwood Rd. R. 43887

The October 5th Meeting was the start of what promised to be a very busy month. Amongst the activities will be Handicraft classes comprising tatting, crochet, collage and dressmaking. Beetle drive (October 23rd) and Fashion Show (October 29th) given by Mrs. I. Bough of Astwood Bank proceeds to Rheumatism and Arthritic Council.

The speaker at this meeting was Mrs. Appleton whose subject "Making light of your housework" proved to be both informative and amusing. The open meeting on September 25th W.M.G.B. Cookery Demonstration and Flower Arrangements by Mrs. B. Sidwell was very much enjoyed by members plus an encouraging number of new faces. Social time was 'miming household chores' and there was no doubt that quite a number were inspired by Mrs. Appleton's talk.

The competition: Decorated Dish Mop was won by Mrs. A. Osmond 2nd Miss W. Hart.

The speaker for November will be Mr. Maries who will talk about the work of St. Dunstan's.

CRABBS CROSS & HUNT END PLAYGROUP

Leader: Jenny Boulton, 1 St. Peter's Close

The month of October has been an exciting one for the Play group children. The photographer called early in the month and we are all eagerly awaiting the result of her efforts. On October 18th we held our annual Autumn Fair - many thanks to everyone who helped in any way.

Now preparations for our Christmas Concert are well underway. We are busily learning new songs to entertain parents and friends at the end of term.

We would like to remind you that we are holding a Jumble Sale at the Church Hall on Saturday November 8th, opening at 2.00p.m. Please let us have your jumble - either bring it to St. Peter's Church Hall any weekday morning or 'phone June Ley (R.46062) or Amanda Fullard (R.42475) and we will arrange for collection.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Astwood Bank 2489

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K. Small 10 Littlewoods, R. 43153

Secretary: Mr.S.Freeman

Treasurer: Mr.J. Smith 12 St. Peter's Close R. 45560

Hall Bookings: Mr.S. Freeman

SERVICES:

Sundays 9.00a.m. Parish Communion
11.00a.m. Family Worship
6.00p.m. Evensong (2nd & 4th Sundays only)

Midweek Communion Thursdays 10.00a.m.

DIARY

November 1 All Saints' Day
6 St. Peter's Group of the P.C.C.
9 Remembrance Sunday
27 Crabbs Cross Churches Committee
29 Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the
Missionary Work of the Church, Please
remember Andrew and Angela Wingate in India.
30 Advent Sunday, Feast of St. Andrew
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* Farewell Service and function at the Parish
* Church for the Vicar and family 6.00p.m.
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December 12 Concert in the Parish Church Astwood Bank
by the Alcester Silver Band.

REGISTERS

Baptisms

12th October Tracy Louise Ames
Thomas David Coyle
Ashley Jonathan Meakins
Donna Victoria Nicholls