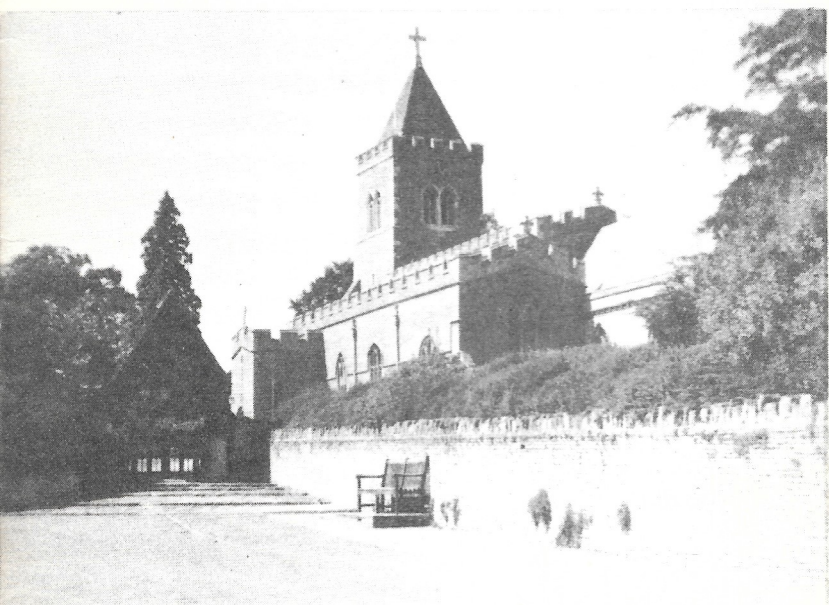


ALL SAINTS  
Turvey



DECEMBER 1971

Rector: Revd. Peter N. Jeffery, M.A.  
Churchwardens: Mr. J.E. Hilson and Lt. Col.  
H.C. Hanbury, M.V.O., M.C.  
Deputy: Mr. Leonard A.H. Savage  
P.C.C. Secretary: Mr. Geoffrey Venn  
P.C.C. Treasurer: Mr. D.E. Claypole White  
Organist: Mrs. Enid Wadsworth

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### First Sunday

Holy Communion: 8.00am and 12 noon  
Mattins: 11.00am  
Children's Service: 3.00pm  
Evensong: 6.00pm

### Second Sunday (and fifth Sunday)

Holy Communion: 9.00am  
Mattins: 11.00am  
Evensong: 6.00pm

### Third Sunday

Holy Communion: 9.00am  
Sung Eucharist: 11.00am  
Evensong: 6.00pm

### Fourth Sunday

Holy Communion: 9.00am  
Mattins & Parade  
Service: 11.00am  
Evensong: 6.00pm

For weddings and baptisms please make arrangements with the Rector (Turvey 210).

## The Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

"Christmas is more . . . . ."

"Merry Christmas!" said Scrooge. "Be done with Merry Christmas! What's Christmas time but a time for paying bills . . . . . a time for finding yourself a year older, and not an hour richer. If I could work my will every idiot who goes about with 'Merry Christmas' on his lips should be boiled with his own pudding and buried with a stake of holly through his heart".

There are a lot of people who share these sentiments. They do not use Scrooge's words but in their various ways they say how they dislike Christmas. "It's a nightmare finding presents for people", says one. "The food and drink is such an expense", says another. "Everywhere is so crowded", says a third. "I always feel so lonely", says one more; and so on.

At the end of his 'Christmas Carol' Dickens wrote of the transformed Scrooge that it was always said of him that he knew how to keep Christmas well. And Dickens gave the recipe for a good Christmas in the behaviour of Scrooge on Christmas Day. He went to church, and he remembered the less fortunate by sending a turkey to his clerk, Bob Cratchit, and by giving something to the poor and destitute.

This is the secret of Christmas. When we think of Christmas it is easy for our thoughts to stop at the presents, at the food

and the drink, at the parties and the various ways we intend to enjoy ourselves. But Christmas is more than this.

"Christmas is more than a tale that is told,  
More than a story that's pretty and old.  
Christmas is even much more than a birth,  
Christmas is heaven come right down to  
earth".

"Christmas is heaven come down to earth".  
And if we are really to understand and to enjoy Christmas we must look first to Him who came, and then next to those for whom He came -the poor and lonely, the unwanted and unloved. If we all try to do this it will make happy not only His and their Christmas, but also our own.

With best wishes to you all for every happiness this coming Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Jeffery.

### Toy Service

At our usual Children's Service at 3 00 p.m. on Sunday, December 5th, we shall receive toys which will be taken to the children at Bromham Hospital.

If you cannot come to the service please bring your gift to the Rectory.

## Christmas Services and Events

Tues. 14th. Brownies' Nativity Play in the Manor Room at 7.30pm.

Sun. 19th. 11 am. Mattins & Brownies' Nativity Play

6 pm. SERVICE OF NINE

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Mon. & Tues. Carol Singing around the village 20th & 21st. in aid of the Church of England Children's Society.

Wed. 22nd. 7 pm. Carols round the Tree

CHRISTMAS EVE: 11.30pm HOLY COMMUNION with Hymns, by candlelight.

CHRISTMAS DAY: 9 & 11.30 Holy Communion  
10.30 am FAMILY SERVICE

Sun. 26th. Services as usual.

## MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be our 'Carol Party' on December 16th at 3 pm in the Manor Room with our usual exchange of gifts (not exceeding 10p).

## YOUNG WIVES GROUP

Tuesday December 7th: Mrs. Ward has invited members to spend a Christmas evening at her home, Mill Rise, at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, January 11th. The annual Christmas party will, this year, take the form of a meal at The Silver Grill, High Street, Bedford. Husbands are welcome.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

December 8th. Dinner at The Laws Hotel. Husbands invited.

Flower Rota

Main Altar : Mrs. Allen.

Memorial Chapel:-

Dec .5th & 12th.: Mrs. Chapman

Dec .19th.: Mrs. Freeman

The Coffee Evening for the N.S.P.C.C.

raised £24 and the Committee are very grateful to all who helped to achieve this.

Thank you to Mrs. Mabel Chapman for the gift to the church of a wine and a water cruet in memory of her husband, Ted. The cruets were dedicated on Sunday, November 7th.

BAPTISMS

Ian John Bates

Stephanie Louise Wood

Catherine Sarah Wolfreys (in Carlton School  
Chapel)

FUNERALS

Winifred Evelyn Hamblin

Annie Webb

SERVICES AT BARTON HOMES

Sun. 12th Dec. 3 p.m. Evensong

Sun. 26th Dec. 3 p.m. Holy Communion

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"The Son of God became the Son of Man in order that the sons of men might become the sons of God".

St. Augustine.