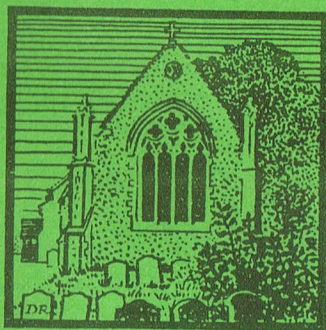
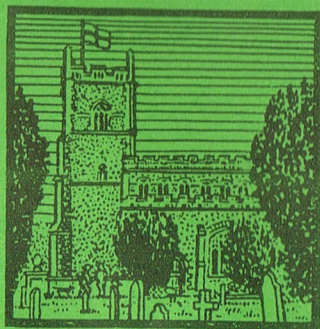
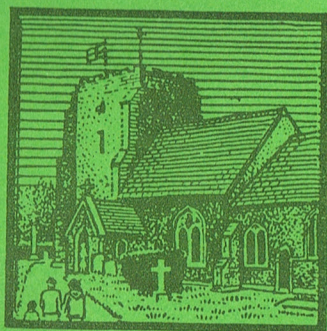
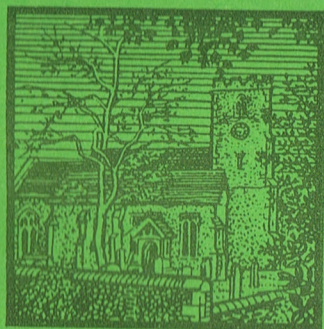


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the
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Stratford St. Mary & Raydon.



October 1988

HARVEST

It is one of the most popular of Church festivals. Perhaps it has something to do with our English love of the countryside. And its popularity has not diminished since farming is less concentrated on particular seasons for production and much more mechanised in its work. Even the massive movement to towns has probably made the romantic city dweller more desirous of the country way of life. Harvest is celebrated in urban settings as much as rural.

In essence we are thanking God for his goodness in providing for our needs. No machine, no factory however automated can make things grow. Whatever our genetic control may develop, the secrets of life itself are still with God. Our part is to co-operate with Him in the universe He makes and upholds.

The bunch of Michaelmas daisies, the cluster of carrots, the barrel of beer, the packet of tea, the bottle of milk and the lump of coal bear witness to this in our churches at Harvesttide. Despite our misuse of creation, He is still the go-between God. He waits for us to recognise Him.

The Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and
with ah! bright wings.

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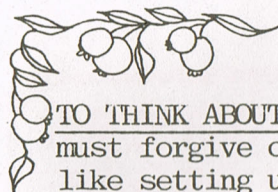
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THE P.C.C. at their meeting on 5th September decided that next year it would be nice to have some gardens in the village open, possibly as well as a Flower Festival. The dates to be May 27th - 29th. Please would any owners of gardens, large or small, be willing to show them off? It would help to make a full and interesting week-end. There will be a meeting at the Rectory on Monday, 17th October at 8 p.m. People interested in any way are invited.

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING: The difficult job of installing the system is progressing well, thanks to the efforts of Messrs. Umfreville and Griffin. Once completed it is hoped that sponsorship will be forthcoming to light up the church. A fee of £5 a time is envisaged, which will be a boost to the church's falling revenue.

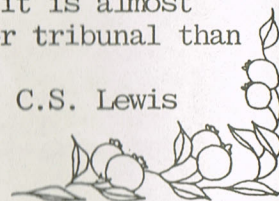
HIGHAM PARISH MEETING: A Parish Meeting is to be held at the Old Vicarage, commencing at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 27th October, 1988.

DEDHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION: Exhibitions and Maintenance Grants for Educational purposes are offered to young people resident in Ardleigh, Bradfield, Great Bromley, Dedham and Stratford St. Mary. Application forms may be obtained from Frank Battong, 47 Butt Road, Colchester, CO3 3BZ, Clerk to the Governors. Closing date 15th October.



TO THINK ABOUT: I think that if God forgives us we must forgive ourselves. Otherwise it is almost like setting up ourselves as a higher tribunal than Him.

C.S. Lewis



EAST SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND - EAST BERGHOLT AND DISTRICT GROUP. A Christmas Fayre and Coffee Morning will be held at Stutton Village Hall on Wednesday, 9th November from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. There will be stalls for gifts, cakes, plants, produce and bring-and-buy, also a super raffle. Gifts warmly welcomed by Sheila Gough, 10 Veyses End and Elizabeth Young, Valley House. Please come along and support us.

MR. AND MRS. R. PEARCE AND FAMILY would like to thank the people of Stratford St. Mary and district for their custom and friendship during their 32 years stay in the village, and especially for the farewell party and presentation given to them in the garden of Pat and Charlie Ablitt. During our retirement in Holbrook we hope our association with Stratford will continue.

IPSWICH SHOPMOBILITY provides free hand-propelled and electric wheelchairs and scooters to help people who have limited mobility. Ipswich Shop-mobility Centre is open from 10.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. For more information as to users or helping, apply to John Gratton, Room 702 Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Ipswich, IP1 2EE.

WELL DONE, STRATFORD ST. MARY CHOIR MEMBERS. 16 members of the choir did a sponsored cleaning in the church at the end of August and raised £80 towards Sudan Flood Relief Appeal.



Don't kill time. No matter how short it is, it can be a moment of grace.

Michael Quoist

THE PEACE - WHY? Last month I sketched the origin of the KISS OF PEACE, now a part of our new liturgy after a period of decline. The practice is both old and biblical. But why bother with it for its antiquity may not guarantee its usefulness? Here are some suggestions for retaining the Peace:

- * It helps us to RECOGNISE that our neighbours as well as ourselves, are in Christ - part of God's family of the Church.
- * We ought to be RECONCILED if we have quarreled - before Communion (see Matthew 5 Vs 23 - 24).
- * It is a WELCOMING gesture ... and not to welcome strangers to our worship is alien to Christ's spirit.
- * If we are prepared to say that we are in love and charity with our neighbours we ought also to ACKNOWLEDGE that they are there with us in church.
- * We should not fear PHYSICAL contact. Our faith has never taught that the flesh (material things) is evil. God Himself took flesh and dwelt amongst us.
- * It can help some LONELY people who may not touch a hand all week.
- * The world needs peace ... we ought to start with ourselves.

Next month we'll look at some objections and try to answer them.

GM

ST. MARY'S GUILD. The meeting on Monday, 19th September was held in the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Young, and in the absence of the Chairman, Mrs. Lyn Badcock chaired the meeting. There were 20 members present, but, unfortunately, the wife of the speaker had had a bad accident, so he was unable to turn up. However, the opportunity was taken to have a very stimulating discussion, and the future aims of the Guild were discussed. Several suggestions were made, which the Committee will act upon, and the nucleus of the 1989 Committee was formed. Hopefully, the Guild will continue to attract even more members.

After the discussion, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed, and coffee was served in the social part of the evening. The raffle was drawn, and the meeting ended with a reading by Mrs. Ann Mobbs, of a plaintive little piece called "The Last Dance". Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Young for the use of her home, and to Mrs. Badcock for Chairing the meeting. Members were reminded that the next meeting will be on Monday, 17th October at 1, Kenyon Close, when the talk will be on "Packaging for the Supermarket". A warm welcome will await all ladies in the village.

W.I. Two new members and a visitor from Canada, Mrs. Rita Middlebrook's sister Daphne, were warmly welcomed to this month's meeting which was very well attended.

Mrs. Trudy Gray talked about and demonstrated the history of samplers. Members were fascinated to hear about the symbolism and stitches - particularly interesting were the slides showing very early samplers, 16th and 17th century, some made by girls as young as 7 years.

Dates for our own craft evenings held at 34 Strickmere are 3rd and 29th November.

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W.I. CONT.

The President reminded everyone that the three items for the Mini Produce Show should be ready for the November meeting, and as many entries as possible were hoped for. Members would be competing for the goblets presented in Daphne Barclay's memory.

FRIENDS OF THE INSTITUTE STRATFORD ST. MARY 100 CLUB DRAW - Results of the draw held at the Kings Arms on Friday 9th September, 1988 were as follows:

£50	Mrs. V. McGoay
£10	Mr. R. Jones
£5	Mrs. E. Golding
£5	Mrs. P. Griffiths
£5	Mrs. V. Halsall
£5	Mrs. J. Patoux

The next draw will be held at the Anchor on Friday, 14th October, 1988 at 9.00 p.m.

FROM OUR REGISTERS AND FOR YOUR PRAYERS

STRATFORD ST. MARY

BURIAL - 15th September - Leonard Eldon Steeple

HOLTON ST. MARY

BAPTISM - 18th September - Pollyanna Louise, daughter of David and Petronella Horne. We welcome Pollyanna into the family of Christ's Church.

INTERMENT OF ASHES - 11th September - Dorothy Mary Adams.

PARISH COUNCIL. The P.C. met on Monday 12th September at the Institute Hall. A brief summary of some of the items discussed is as follows:

Litter Collection - the District Council have agreed to pay part of the cost if the P.C. can arrange.

School governor - the P.C. are to press for the acceptance of our nominee.

Play equipment - safety inspection made, further work required on the large swings.

Babergh Local Plan - comments have been passed the the District Council, and objections made to the inclusion of Stratford in the list of villages where abutment development may be allowed.

Bulb planting - it was agreed to purchase spring flowering bulbs for this purpose.

Planning matters - The County Council have agreed to tidy up and plant further trees on the land adjoining the underpass and slip road.

Lay-by outside of church - County Council will not include in the minor scheme programme.

Moorfield Nursery - Parish Council will query the grounds given for refusal at next meeting.

Following on from the Parish Council meeting, we are anxious to employ someone for litter collection and tidying up of the village. Hours and conditions to be agreed. No age limit - this might suit a retired person or student. Anyone interested please contact the Clerk, Mrs. Harris at 4 Tenterfield.

COME AND MEET THE CHURCH

1st October

10.00 a.m.	Stratford	Gift Day
	Holton and	
	Raydon	Harvest Supper

2nd October - Pentecost 19

9.30 a.m.	Holton	Harvest Festival Service
10.00 a.m.	Stratford	Village Communion (BCP)
11.00 a.m.	Raydon	Matins
6.30 p.m.	Higham	Harvest Evensong: Revd. Robert Poston. Constable Choir. Harvest Supper in church.

4th October

8.00 p.m.	Holton	Parochial Church Council Meeting at St. Clace.
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6th October

7.30 p.m.	Raydon	Bible study at Church Corner.
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8th October

7.00 p.m.	Higham	Confirmation Rehearsal
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9 October - Pentecost 20

9.45 a.m.	Higham	Confirmation by the Bishop of St. Edmondsbury and Ipswich with Family Communion. United Service.
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6.30 p.m.	Stratford	Evensong.
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13th October

7.30 p.m.	Raydon	Bible study at Church Corner.
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COME AND MEET THE CHURCH CONTINUED

16th October - Last after Pentecost

9.30 a.m.	Holton	Holy Communion
10.00 a.m.	Stratford	Harvest Festival Family Communion.
11.00 a.m.	Raydon	Matins.
6.30 p.m.	Stratford	Harvest Evensong: Revd. Daphne Lloyd preaches. Harvest Supper in Parish Room.

20th October

7.30 p.m.	Raydon	Bible Study at Church Corner.
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22nd October

2.30 p.m.	Stratford	Church Autumn Sale in Parish Room.
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23rd October - 9 before Christmas

9.30 a.m.	Holton	Family Service.
10.00 a.m.	Stratford	The Village Communion.
11.00 a.m.	Raydon	The family Communion.
6.30 p.m.	Stratford	Holy Communion (BCP).

30th October - 8 before Christmas

10.00 a.m.	Stratford	The Village Communion.
10.00 a.m.	Holton	United Service of Songs of Praise.
6.30 p.m.	Stratford	Evensong.

GO AND BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Rev. Michael Hamilton Sharp	Col. 322128
Rev. Geoffrey Marsden	Col. 322316
Rev. John Cohen	Gt. Wenham 310612

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Glebe House by 20th October, 1988 please.

NOW IS THE TIME to say thank you very much to Mrs. Jean King for all her years of producing the magazine, either in the Rectory shed or latterly in the church vestry, on the Gestetner duplicator, a tedious and sometimes messy job. We are glad that she is relieved of this task now that we are having the magazine reproduced professionally. Jean will, however, take over the collating from Mrs. Carol Sturgeon, in October. Thanks to Carol for her help in stapling and delivering for so long.

A JUMBLE SALE was held at 3 Kenyan Close on 27th August. Paul Scrutton organised the sale in aid of the Sudan Disaster Fund with the help of Simon and Matthew Badcock and Ross and Oliver Baylis and raised the tremendous sum of £10.00. We are very proud of them.

EAST BERGHOLT HIGH SCHOOL P.T.A. The Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday, 20th October. Carol Sturgeon and Pauline Jukes have been Stratford's representatives for the past three years and are now resigning because of other commitments. If anyone feels they would like to become a member, please contact the school. All villages should be represented and it is our duty as parents to give the school our support!

VILLAGE INSTITUTE HALL. We are currently suffering from minor vandalism on the Institute Hall and Field. Guttering is constantly pulled down, ventilators broken and damage to the roof. Complaints have also been made of the bad language used by children playing on the field. It is difficult to pinpoint the offenders, but it would be appreciated if parents could pass the message on that thoughtless actions by the few spoil it for the majority.

THE MINI-MARKET held on 27th August at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Butcher, in aid of Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research (ARC) raised £240.89, and the recent house-to-house collection totalled £97.46. Thanks to one and all who assisted and contributed so generously with cash, effort and donations to stalls and raffle. A special thank you to our octogenarian tea-lady, birthday girl Miss Beattie Tucker. A very splendid effort in a worthwhile cause.

CHURCH AUTUMN SALE will be held in the Parish Room on Saturday, 16th October at 2.30 p.m. There will be the usual stalls for cakes, produce, white elephant, jumble, raffle, etc. Items for the Tombola are needed, and will be welcomed by Mrs. Blake or Mrs. Chard. Goods for the stalls to Miss Rose beforehand or to the Parish Room on the morning of the sale.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SUPPER will follow Evensong on 16th October at 7.45 p.m. in the Parish Room. Tickets £2.50 each obtainable from Mrs. Burrows, Orchard, Upper Street.

GARDEN TEA on Sunday 2nd October at Valley House from 2p.m. to 6 p.m.



BONFIRE PARTY on 5th November at the Rectory. Tickets are £5 per family. Wood, etc. for the fire will be welcome. The Rector would be grateful for this to be put well to the back of the garden on the left-hand side.



WANTED - DEEDS, NOT WORDS: Some men spend so much time on figuring what they are going to do that they never find time to do it.

RAYDON AND HOLTON ST. MARY

LITTLE ANGELS. The next meeting for under-5's and Mums is at Raydon Rectory on Wednesday 12th October at 2.15 p.m.

Come and join us for a cup of tea, singing, a talk and activity.

Here it is!

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R. Cohen

Hon. Local Secretary

HARVEST SUPPER. Raydon and Holton Harvest Supper at Raydon Village Hall on Saturday 1st October will no doubt be a popular occasion. If you haven't booked your seat yet, contact May Peacock or Lorna Smith as they may have some tickets left.

RAYDON AND SHELLEY GARDEN CLUB. On Thursday 13th October at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Natalie Finch will present her newly-prepared show 'Plants for the Cottage Garden' with slides provided by Alex Scott (our associate member from Dedham). Plants will be available for purchase on the night.

Mike Snright

RAYDON VILLAGE HALL CENTURY CLUB DRAW

<u>June 1988</u>	£25	Mrs. I. Whittle	Tkt. 46
	£15	Mr. J. Byford	132
	£10	Mr. & Mrs. N. Bragg	141
	£ 5	Mr. M. Dale	11
	£ 5	Mr. & Mrs. M. Bennett	47
	£ 5	Mrs. A. Dale	15
	£ 5	Mr. & Mrs. Thurgood	87

End of year draw

	£150	Miss K.M. Howard	125
	£100	Mrs. M. Ramshaw	25
<u>July 1988</u>	£25	Mr. J.M. Partridge	23
	£15	Mrs. C. Morton	54
	£10	Mr. H.R. Hanford	89
	£ 5	Mrs. P. Day	128
	£ 5	Mr. C.J. Witting	112
	£ 5	Mrs. C. Manning	123
	£ 5	Mr. S. Lampier	75

Doreen Keeble

HADLEIGH SWIMMING POOL. Crosslands Leisure have recently introduced a FREE coach service each Saturday and Sunday. Users have only to pay the normal price when arriving at the pool. Pick up points are: 2.40 p.m. Holton St. Mary Village Hall.
2.45 p.m. Raydon Village Shop.

Return trip from swimming pool at 4.30 p.m.
Full timetable on notice boards.

Chris Haste

RAYDON CRICKET CLUB. When you receive this magazine our cricket season will be finished but we will let you know the final figures and trophy winners in the next issue.

This year has proved to be one of the most enjoyable and successful since reforming the club in 1980. We have more playing members than ever before which, as Captain, has made my job a lot easier. We have won more games than last year but, more important, the team spirit has been there. There has been no shortage of help in every aspect of the club; with the men all assisting with the wicket and the ladies with the teas. Special thanks must go to Diane Burton who always has a nice cup of tea ready which is most welcome on the not so hot summer days! Thanks also to Rhoda Crisp for making sandwiches each week and all the other ladies, too numerous to mention, who make the cakes every week.

The club is having an end of season dinner at The Rose, Thorrington Street.

We are always pleased to have new members, both youngsters and the more mature players. We play all friendly games and they really are friendly. Even if we don't win every game and we have the odd shower, we serve the best teas for miles around!

I should like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supports Raydon Cricket Club in any way for making this year one of the best I have had with the club. If you are interested in joining, please get in touch with me. Although this season is coming to a close, we will be starting net practice well before next season commences.

Geoff Crisp
Gt. Wenham 310629

BAPTISM. Sunday 18th September was a service with a difference at Holton - when Pollyanna Louise was baptised into the Church during the morning communion, the first time that we have had such a combined service for many years. This made for a very charming service taken by Rev. Geoffrey Marsden, and our good wishes go to the baby and her parents, Petra and David Horne of Holton.

HOSPITAL. We are sorry that three members of our congregation have been in hospital recently although Mary Whidborne, Rosemary Stocks and John Piejus are now all home and making steady recovery from their various major illnesses. We are sure that everybody would wish to support them and remember them in their prayers.

LEPROSY PHIALS. With the sad passing of dear Dorothy in August, her Verger's duties and the many activities which she undertook with such love for her village and her church, have now been spread among a number of willing volunteers, both on and off the P.C.C. One activity which should be noted especially is that the leprosy phials which Dorothy organised for so many years will now be handled by Chris Haste. Please see him at 'Elmurst,' Hadleigh Road, or 'phone Gt. Wenham 311615 if you wish to collect your change in a phial, or have money already to be donated to help cure leprosy and alleviate its effects abroad.

Chris Armour

MEMORIAL DONATIONS. Donations to Holton St. Mary church received in memory of the late Mrs. M. Irwin total £442.50. Grateful thanks to all.

Chris Haste

PHAB - PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ABLE BODIED. The recent collection in Holton St. Mary raised £47.00. Many thanks to those who gave so generously.

Jane Johnson

This is part of a tribute sent by Dorothy's much loved and respected friend, Rev. Wilfrid Herrington.

"Dorothy's own farewell message to us would have been this :

I am leaving, I am leaving
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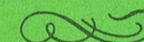
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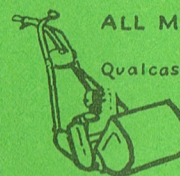
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