

Left: *Hymns Ancient and Modern Revised* was introduced at St Mary's.

Above right: the 1st Cuddington Scout hall (later Fancourt Hall) was opened in Cunliffe Road This photograph is thought to show the laying of the foundation stone by Les Fancourt on 13 Oct 1957.

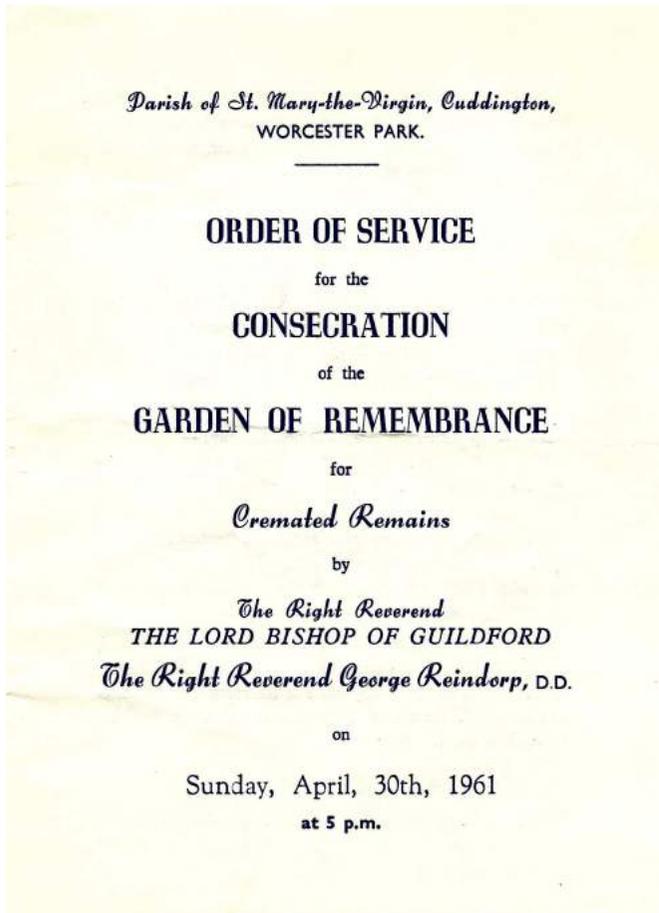
Photograph courtesy of the late Bill and Elsie Spinks

55 Thorndon Gardens, Stoneleigh, was bought as a curate's house; the Revd Dennis Bryant was appointed Curate and became the first curate to live there. This photograph shows the Revd Arthur Parsons and his wife Margaret outside the house on the day he was ordained deacon in 1975.

1960

Also this year:

The Summer Fete returned to the Church and Vicarage grounds in June.



1961

Also this year:

Guildford Cathedral was consecrated.

Left: the Garden of Remembrance was consecrated on 30th April, providing a place for burials (of cremated ashes only) in the parish for the first time since the 16th century. The ashes of John Hiron were the first to be interred.

Courtesy of Barbara Pannell (née Hiron).

Right: this painting of the view to the church through the Garden of Remembrance was given to the Revd Anne Donaldson when she left Cuddington.

Courtesy of Anne Donaldson.





Above left: monthly services were started at Dennington, Cleveland Road, which had been converted into a home for older people by Surrey County Council. The church's link with Dennington continued into the 1980s when it was closed. This photograph shows Dennington in 1985; it was later replaced by The Denningtons development.

Above right: Roger Hoare, a member of the congregation who was in training for the ordained ministry, and Margaret Marshall, younger daughter of Tom and Dolly Marshall; this photograph shows them with the choir in the church garden.

Photograph courtesy of Roger Hoare.

1962

Also this year:

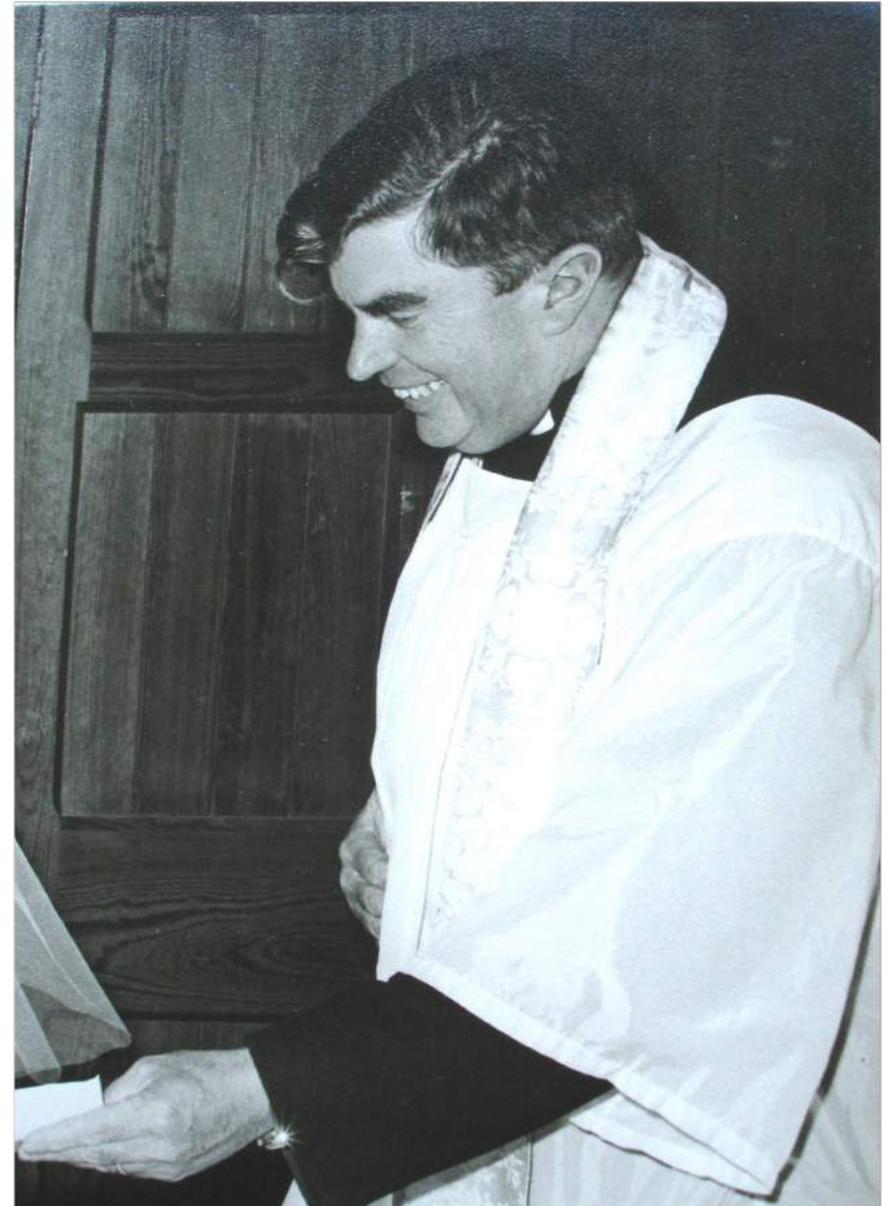
The Revd Derek Burden became Curate and served until the end of January 1964.



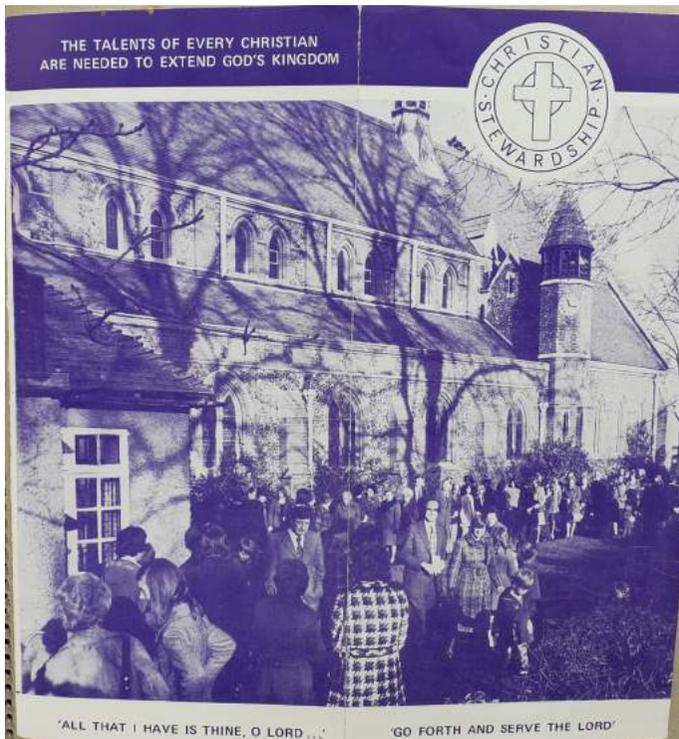
The Children's Chapel was refurnished as a Chapel of St Nicholas. The original cross and candlesticks are seen here in a photograph taken by Rod Clarke during the 1982 Flower Festival (probably Joy Rumble's arrangement on behalf of the Thursday Night Bible Study group).

The Revd John Atkins (seen here in 1967) was appointed Vicar.

Photograph courtesy of Bob Rymill.



1963



'SEVEN WHOLE DAYS NOT ...'

In October, 1964, our parish of St. Mary's, Cuddington, elected to practice Christian Stewardship.

Since then many of us have endeavoured to honour that pledge in full. But some have moved away from Worcester Park, we have mourned the passing of others, and there are now many new faces in our congregations. The parish is, therefore, being asked to renew its pledge.

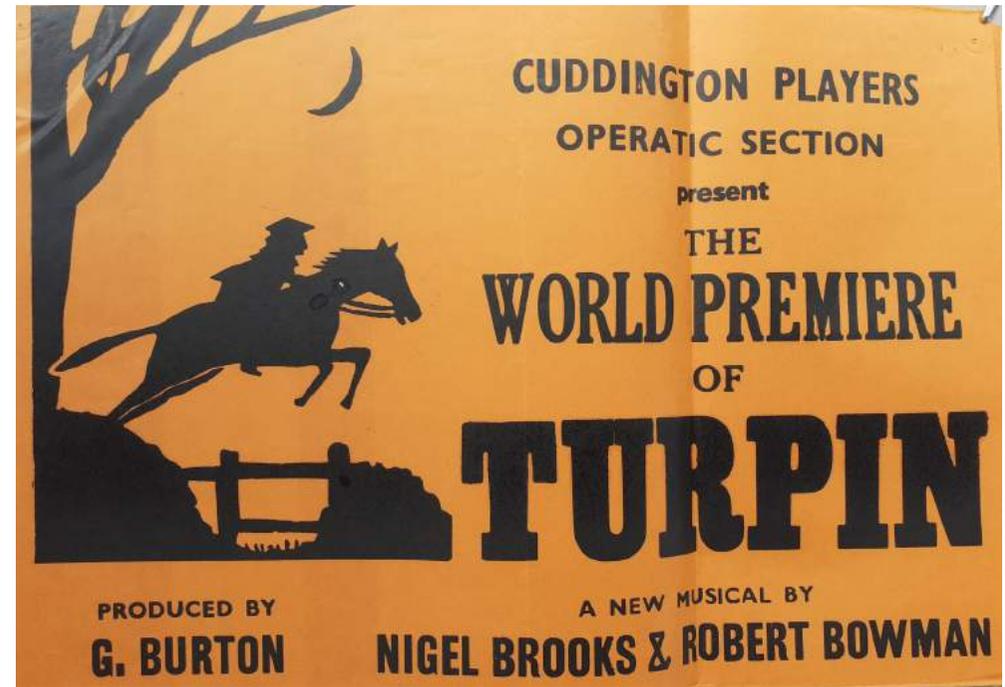
There can be no doubt that the continually changing scene of parish life and national circumstances make a periodic review necessary. A Christian cannot be dilatory about his responsibilities to God. But what is Christian Stewardship? And what has it meant to those of us who have been practising it?

There have been misconceptions; for instance, that it is solely a means of increasing Church funds. Naturally, we cannot as Christians allow financial strain to limit the effectiveness of the ministry; but this is only part of Christian Stewardship — and a part too often taken out of context.

The Oxford Dictionary defines a 'steward' as "a person entrusted with the management of another's property." As we believe that all we are and have comes from God and that we are responsible for using his gifts to his glory during our lifetime, 'Christian Stewardship' is, as our Vicar puts it: "our thankful response to the great love and goodness with which God has surrounded our lives."

It is also a way of becoming a better Christian, of bringing Christ into every aspect of our lives, of accounting to him how we spend

OUR TIME
OUR TALENTS
OUR TREASURE



Above left: a Stewardship campaign was held; since then there have been a number of further stewardship events to encourage the congregation to contribute their time, talents and treasure.

Above right and right: The Cuddington Players (Operatic Section) staged the world première of *Turpin* by Nigel Brooks and Robert Bowman, inspired by the highwayman Dick Turpin, said to have had links with Malden.

Also this year:

1964

The Missionary Committee was established, responsible for the church's links with charities at home and overseas.

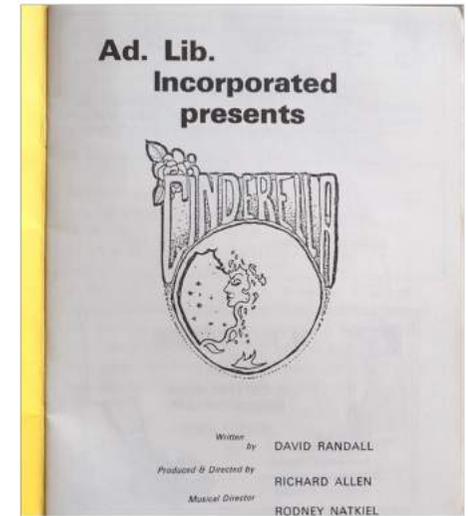
The Revd Bob Scott became Curate.

John Avery appointed Organist; he initially served until 1966 before returning for a much longer period later.





Right: Ad Lib Inc, a drama group which had been formed in 1964 and had some overlap in membership with the Cuddington Players, produced its second annual pantomime. By 1972 these performances had raised over £200 for MENCAP. This *Cinderella* programme dates from 1972.



Below right: photographs of the wedding of Anne and David Nash on 17th April. Courtesy of Anne Nash.



Above: Arthur Whiteley (photographed in 1972) became a churchwarden, serving until 1968, the only churchwarden so far whose son also later served in this role (although there have been examples of married couples who both served (not simultaneously) as churchwardens: Ralph and Hazel Strand, and Martin and Christine White).

Courtesy of Jim Whiteley.

1965

Right: Chris Vallins, the new Curate; parishioner Roger Hoare; and two others, were ordained deacons in St Mary's (probably the first ordination in the church).

The modern language Holy Communion service was introduced.



Production of the parish magazine moved to an in-house duplicator (shown with Charles Hawkins and Joe Roberts above).

1966

The augmented choir sang Evensong in Guildford Cathedral (including the Easter Hymn from *Cavalleria Rusticana*: the Dean of Guildford Cathedral told John Avery 'We should have more opera').

The Avenue above Cleveland Road was made up.

The Revd John Atkins attended the opening of new St Matthias' Church, Cheam Common Road, an example of the ecumenical spirit that has encouraged involvement in Churches Together in Ewell and Churches Together in Worcester Park.

By the Tenor of these Presents, We, G E O R G E _____ by Divine Permission
 Bishop of G U I L D F O R D _____ do make it known unto all Men, that
 on Sunday _____ the twenty fifth _____ day of September
 in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and sixty six We, the Bishop before mentioned,
 solemnly administering Holy Orders under the Protection of the Almighty, in the Parish Church of
 Cuddington _____
 did admit our beloved in Christ CHRISTOPHER VALLINS of Lichfield Theological College

(of whose virtuous and pious life and conversation, and competent learning and knowledge in the Holy Scriptures,
 we were well assured) into the Holy Order of Deacons _____, according to the
 manner and form prescribed and used by the Church of England; and him the said Christopher Vallins
 _____ did then and there rightly and Canonically ordain Deacon _____
 He having first in our presence made and subscribed such Declaration, and taken and subscribed such Oaths as are
 by Law in such case required.

In Testimony whereof We have caused Our Episcopal Seal to be hereunto affixed the day and year above
 written, and in the sixth _____ Year of our Consecration.

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Above left: the Kneeler Group was formed to make tapestry kneelers for the church depicting church groups, events and individuals, and many lilies, a symbol of St Mary.

Above right: The Cuddington Players (Operatic section) staged the world première of another Brooks and Bowman musical, *Morgan*. This photograph shows Nell's song in Act 2.

Also this year:

Three youth clubs (Delta Club, Senior Youth Club and Boomerang Club) affiliated to the Surrey Association of Youth Clubs.

The Revd Denis Bryant became Bishop of Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.

Centenary celebrations were held (dating the anniversary from the opening of the Iron Church).

Dressing-rooms were built at the back of the Large Hall, with the help of the Players.

Vic Hoad became Organist (see photograph under 1896).

Iron flower stands were donated by Mrs F Knight.

The Badminton Club was formed, remaining active into the 1990s.

1967



The Delta Club held its first youth weekend at Grafham in January, and a sailing holiday on the Norfolk Broads in August.

This photograph may show this holiday or one in a subsequent year.

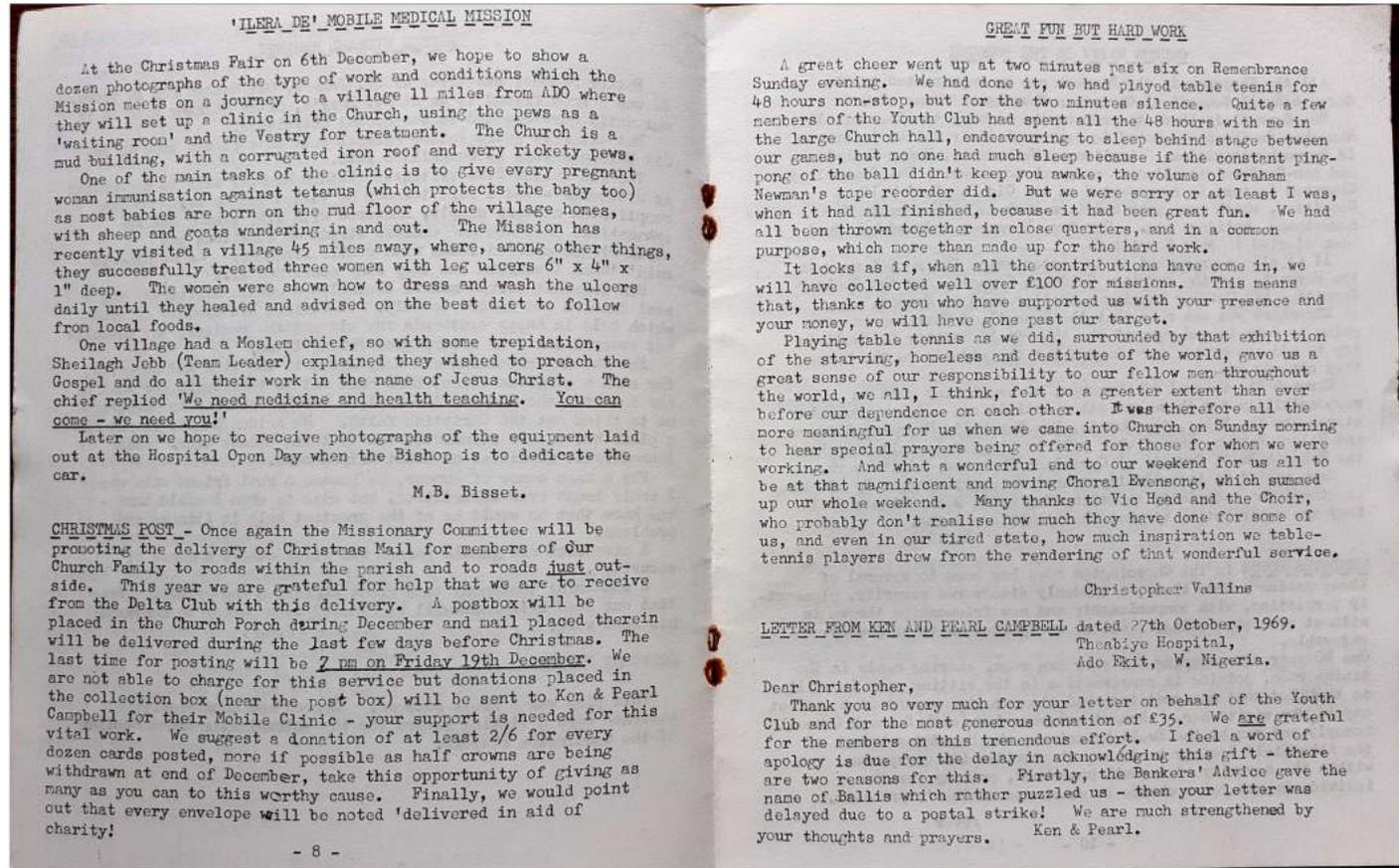
1968



Above right: four theological students from King's College, London, spent a weekend at St Mary's and took part in various services and meetings. Seen here with the Revd Chris Vallins, Curate (*left*) and the Revd John Atkins, Vicar (*right*) are (*left to right*) Brian Davis, Chris Bedford, Gordon Sleight and Colin Slee.

Mr Sleight recalls 'I remember that Vietnam War demonstrations were happening around that time... we took part in a range of activities and each of us either preached at a service or gave a talk at one of the other events. Everything was geared around the theme of vocations and in that era that was generally assumed to be vocations to ordained ministry... when I preached (at Mattins I think) I widened the subject out and mentioned that some of the people taking part in the Vietnam demonstrations would be Christians who felt it part of their vocation to oppose the war.'

Brian Davis and Gordon Sleight served in Leicester and Lincoln dioceses respectively, Chris Bedford subsequently became a priest in the Roman Catholic Church, and in 1994 Colin Slee was appointed Provost of Southwark Cathedral a post which was later redesignated as Dean (as at other parish-church cathedrals) and served there until his death in 2010.



Above left: the Youth Club held a 48-hour table-tennis marathon in the Large Hall, as reported in the December 1969 parish magazine (above right), to raise funds for Ken and Pearl Campbell who were running a mobile clinic in Nigeria.

Also this year:

Ad Lib Inc produced *Babes in the Wood* by congregation member Peter Rapsey in January.

Ken Lawes built a stone retaining wall on the corner of Royal Avenue.

Glyn Smith made a notice-board for the corner of Malden Road and Park Terrace, at the foot of The Avenue..

1969