

All Saints Church is set on the top of the hill where it can be seen from all points of the village of Coleshill and from which there is a huge view of the surrounding countryside. It has dominated the village since it was built nearly 150 years ago. This was by public demand over two centuries. Before that people had to walk across the fields down the hill to St Mary's in Amersham which was, and remains, the Parish Church.

All Saints has always been the centre of the village, surrounded as it is by the Village School, the Village Pond, the Village Hall and the Village Pub – the Red Lion – so the village encompasses the educational, environmental, social, and spiritual needs of its people within a few yards of each other.

Unlike many other small villages (the population of Coleshill is only about 600), it is fortunate in having a service of worship every Sunday morning. This is always a communion service but in order to

accommodate the varying views and wishes of the congregation this alternates between the traditional service from the Book of Common Prayer and the modern service from Common Worship. It is held at 9am except on the 2nd Sunday of the month when, in an effort to help older people and families with younger children, it is at 10am. These are usually the Sundays when families choose to have their children baptised.

In addition to the morning services, there is an evening service on the first Sunday of each month which is attended by worshippers from across the Parish. The music at all services is led by a choir and the evening service, which is always sung, is sometimes a full choral evensong.

The Rector or one of his curates comes from Amersham to take the services. The administration is in the hands of two Pro-Wardens and the Church Committee which meets four times each year and has

representatives on the Parochial Church Council where issues about the church life of the whole Parish, including Coleshill, are discussed and decided.

Inevitably, with such a small population the congregations are small but they are enthusiastic and there is a band of helpers who take on the tasks of caring for the church and enhancing the worship. The floral decorations, especially at festival time are a feature and we have on several occasions had popular flower festivals.

Visitors passing through the village who look in at the church appreciate the fact that, unlike so many others, it is open during the day and they always comment on how well it is kept and what a warm atmosphere it has. The neat and tidy churchyard is also much enjoyed.

The activities of the church are not confined to Sundays. The Magpie Club provides Christian teaching for children from the school; there are tea parties for people who are elderly and there is a team of volunteers who visit those who are sick, housebound, lonely or bereaved.

A party to welcome those who are new to Coleshill is organised in alternate years. The Church supports Christian Aid and many local charities and has set up its own charity – the All Saints Charity – to support overseas projects known to local people.

All Saints is very much a “Village Church”. It is open to all and welcomes all. Its activities reflect and enhance the life of the village at special times of the year and on a day-to-day basis when it is always open during daylight hours for those who wish to sit in quietness in respite from this busy world.

SUNDAY SERVICES

9am Holy Communion

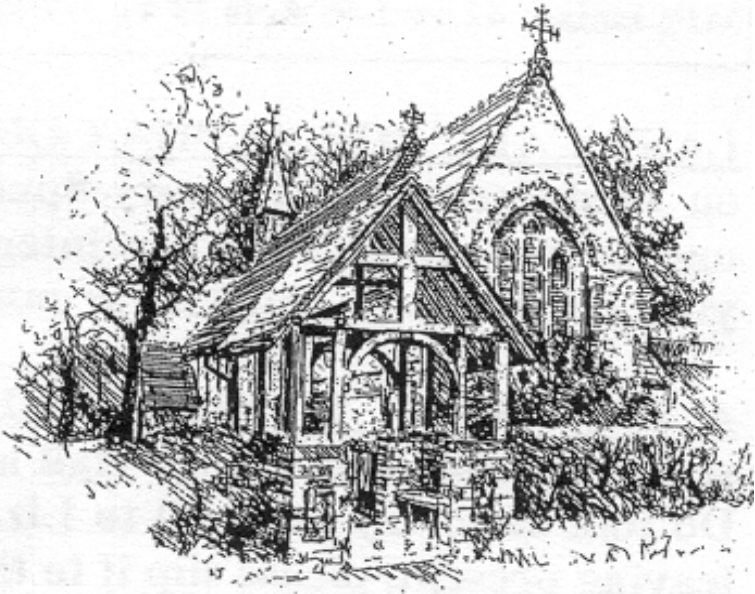
10am - 2nd Sunday

Book of Common Prayer – 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Common Worship – 2nd & 4th Sundays

6pm Evensong

1st Sunday only



ALL SAINTS CHURCH

COLESHILL

