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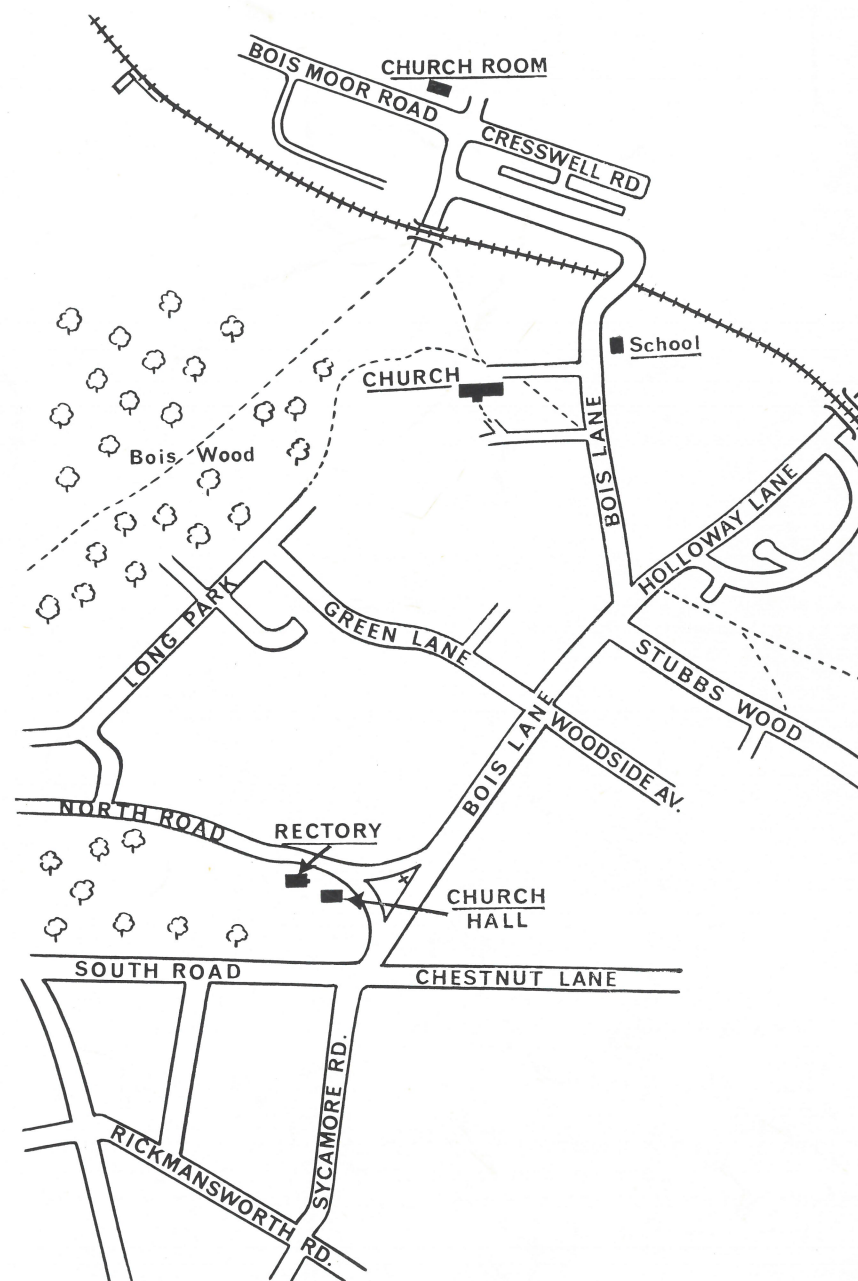
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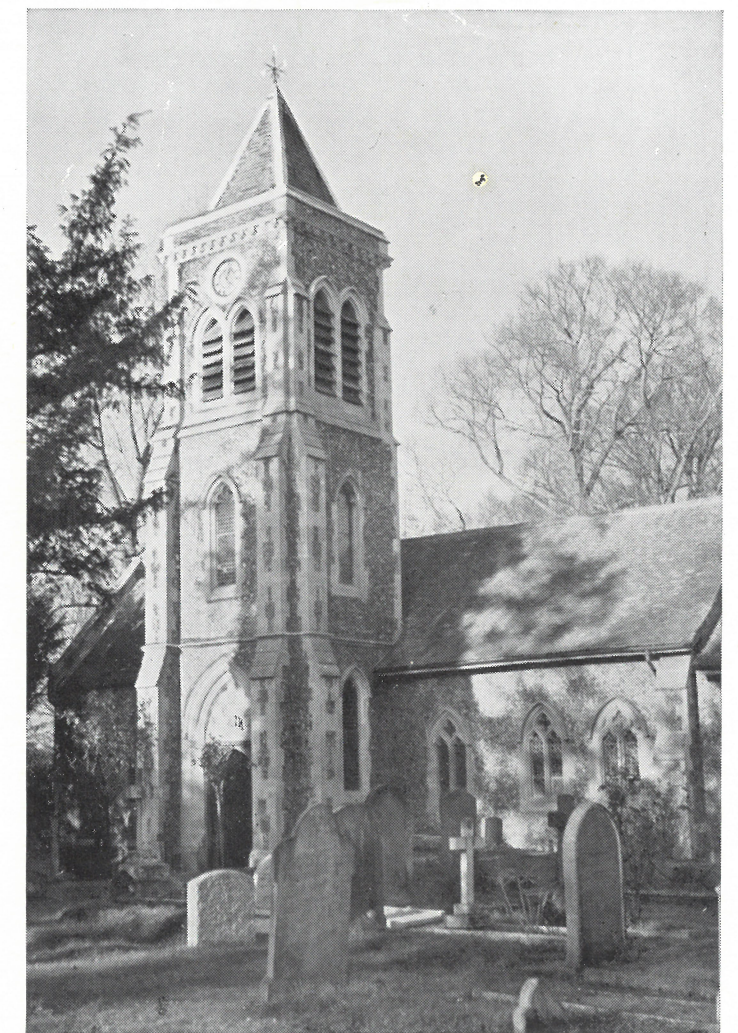
SERVICES AND MEETINGS

St. Leonard's	St. Leonard's Church Room
HOLY COMMUNION: 8 a.m. Every Sunday Noon 1st and 3rd Sundays	SUNDAY Evening Service, 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion, 1st Sunday of the month
MORNING PRAYER, 11 a.m.	TUESDAY, 4th in month: Women's Meeting, 2.45 p.m.
CHILDREN'S CHURCH, 3 p.m.	
EVENING PRAYER, 6.30 p.m.	
WEDNESDAY Holy Communion, 11 a.m.	
HOLY BAPTISM AND CHURCHINGS.—By special arrangements with the Rector or Verger.	
BANNS OF MARRIAGE.—Forms to be filled in for Notice of Banns are to be had at the Rectory or from the Verger.	
THE YOUTH GROUP.—This meets on the first Saturday of the month in the Hall, and on the third Saturday in the Rectory, at 7.30 p.m.	
ST. LEONARD'S HALL MOTHERS' UNION.—Second Tuesday, at 2.15 p.m. SUNDAY.—Crusaders' Bible Class, 3 p.m.	



St. Leonard's Church, Chesham Bois

invites you to join in the 750th
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



Founded 1215 A.D., the year of Magna Carta

FROM THE LORD BISHOP OF OXFORD

I commend this brochure to all who are concerned about the work of the Church in the world today. Christian worship has been held, and the Christian faith has been taught, on this spot for 750 years. The message of Christianity is both old and new. It is our responsibility today to see that the ancient and well tried truth is made known and effective in this part of the twentieth century.

I hope that this brochure will interest and inspire many people to take an active part in the life and work of the Church in our own time.

HARRY OXON.

FROM THE REV. ALVAN BIRKETT, RECTOR OF CHESHAM BOIS 1945—1964

Most gladly do I send a commendation of this brochure. It is such a joy to me to have been privileged to play a small part in eighteen of the 750 years that are being commemorated. To be associated with any church is a great privilege; but if that church can look back on centuries of existence, there seems to be a special atmosphere about it.

St. Leonard's began its life in 1215, the famous Magna Carta year, when our land was seeking freedom of thought and action in Church and State. Those must have been stirring days. It seems to have begun as a Private Chapel to the Manor House of that time. Later the family gave it as a Parish Church for the district. With the growth of the neighbourhood the building has changed from time to time to meet the needs of the increasing population. But the spot where it stands has been holy ground on which God has been honoured for three-quarters of a millennium.

From a Private Chapel to a Parish Church—in that bit of its history seems to lie a healthy suggestion for carrying on its work in this 20th century. We build upon well laid foundations. Although we are privileged to enjoy what others have provided, we are not meant merely to enjoy our inheritance. We are to extend the Kingdom of God in Chesham Bois.

In the New Testament we read of "the church in thy house". The Christian Church began "in the homes", not in buildings set apart for worship. In their houses they talked of God and prayed to God. Children grew up feeling the homeliness of God. This aspect

of life has weakened tragically. A Church is strong, and more likely to play its part wisely and well when its members try to remember "the church in thy house" more carefully, and when they are not afraid of their friends and neighbours knowing "God is in this place".

This is a wonderful century in which to be living and to be called on to play some part in it. There is still a great search for freedom which is now world wide. The various bodies of the Christian Church are drawing nearer to each other than they have ever been before. New nations are shaping their new lives. What is it all moving towards? Only God knows the answer. Let us ask for the "understanding heart" that will help us to face the challenge of this 20th century with an unwavering faith and unflinching courage.

ALVAN BIRKETT.

THE RECTOR'S MESSAGE

I am most grateful to the Bishop of Oxford and to the Rev. Alvan Birkett for the most helpful messages that they have sent us. The Rev. A. Birkett has reminded us of the great heritage that has come down to us from the past. We are indeed privileged to have such a delightful parish church containing so many treasures. But such privilege brings with it a great responsibility, and the Bishop asks us to bear in mind the responsibility that rests upon us for proclaiming in our day and generation the timeless truths of the Gospel.

We are sending out this brochure in order to invite you, if you are not already one of our members, to come and join us. A very warm welcome awaits you at your parish church. You will find a helpful service with hearty singing of well known hymns, simple prayers about our everyday needs, and a message which, we hope, will always be found applicable to our daily life. In such an atmosphere you will be able to worship God and to receive His strength and peace.

We who worship at St. Leonard's find that it makes a big difference in our daily lives. We do not want to be selfish—we want to share with you the good news we have heard, the sure knowledge of God's love, and the real experience of Christ's power to save and help us day by day.

We at St. Leonard's are your friends and seek your friendship for its own sake. We shall look forward very much to meeting you.

LEONARD HICKIN.

CHESHAM BOIS CHURCH

Very attractively situated off Bois Lane, as shown on the map on the back page, St. Leonard's Church is never closed.

The present chancel was the original chapel and preserves much of its 13th century character. Of particular interest are the late 17th century Holy Table, the Jacobean Communion rails, rare chrysom child brass of 1542, early Jacobean oak pulpit with its canopy now serving as a base, and iron hourglass holder from Puritan times.

The church also possesses an Elizabethan silver chalice, and 18th century chalice, paten and almsdish. The parish register dates from 1598.

OUR 750th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, May 29th

3.30 p.m. GARDEN PARTY
to 5.30 p.m. In the Rectory Garden.

6.00 p.m. THE PAGEANT.

The 750 years of our history will be illustrated by some 15 scenes giving a colourful and dramatic presentation of happenings at Chesham Bois against the background of national events.

There will also be a presentation of the Pageant in the Church Hall on the previous day, Friday, May 28th at 8 p.m.

ANNUAL GIFT DAY

Sunday, June 20th

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Festival Service.
Preacher: The Bishop of Buckingham.

3.00 p.m. Children's Church.

6.30 p.m. Festival Evening Service.

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