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SERVICES IN ANSLEY CHURCH FOR JANUARY

Sunday, January 4th — 2nd Sunday after Christmas

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said).
Rev. John Law of Fillongley with Corley.
- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.
Preacher and Celebrant : Rev. Grahame Humphries,
Rector of Arley.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.
Preacher : Mr. Geoff Nichols.

Sunday, January 11th — 1st Sunday after the Epiphany

- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.
Preacher and Celebrant : Rev. James Anderson,
Bishop's Chaplain for Vocation of the Ministry.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.
Preacher : Mr. Glen Martin.

Sunday, January 18th — 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

- 11.00 a.m. Family Service and attended by the Sunday School
taken by Mr. Ken Sleeman, Chairman of the
Nuneaton Deanery Synod.
- 6.30 p.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.
Preacher and Celebrant : Rev. Alan Morgan,
Bishop's Chaplain for Social Responsibilities.

Sunday, January 25th — 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.
Preacher and Celebrant : Rev. F. Robinson from
Baddesley Ensor.
- 3.30 p.m. Holy Baptism — Rev. John Law.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.
Preacher : Mr. Geoff Nichols.

Sunday, February 1st — 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said). Rev. Grahame Humphries.
11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.
Preacher and Celebrant : Rev. F. Robinson.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.
Preacher : Mrs. Sally Martin.

The Sunday School will meet in the Village Church Hall each Sunday (except January 18th) at 11.00 a.m. On January 18th it will attend the service in Church at 11.00 a.m.

BRASS CLEANING AND FLOWER ARRANGING FOR JANUARY

- Jan. 4th and 11th — Mrs. A. Toon.
Jan. 18th and 25th — Mrs. F. Priest.

THOUGHTS AT THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR

The second whole year has passed without a Vicar of Ansley and still there is no sign of one coming. The house is getting ready, the Bishop is searching, but still nothing seems to be happening. Two years and four months is a long time to be leaderless but by faith, good wishes and much hard work by many people, the Church in Ansley still continues to bear witness to the risen Lord. The services have been well maintained for not one has been missed. When you consider that Hartshill, Mancetter, Nuneaton Parish, Witherley and ourselves are all vacant at the same time this is no small achievement and it is thanks to all those good people who give of their time and seek no reward for it.

The Sunday School held in the Village Church Hall continues to flourish, and it is a pleasure to all we grown-ups when they come to church for Family Services and take such a good part in them. It is a delight to hear little children singing.

At the moment the church finances are most satisfactory. The Church Bazaar at the end of November was an indication of the support we get, for at 3.00 p.m., the hall was packed full of anxious customers who soon got rid of the enormous amount of stuff there was for sale. £285.00 profit was made. And the same atmosphere was to be found in St. John's Hall, Ansley Common when a similar sale was held there in October—another packed hall full of willing supporters. It looks as if this enthusiastic support will be needed in 1981 because a letter from the Bishop's Headquarters in Coventry says that Ansley's share to the diocese will be £2050 for the year, which is £39.50 a week. This helps to pay the salary of the Vicar when he comes. On top of this there are normal running expenses to be found, which means we shall need to find somewhere around £85.00 a week. Horrible thought ! but nothing which hard work and a lot of faith cannot but over come.

During this interregnum some members of the congregation have left us—some to higher service, others to fresh places of employment and others to new houses in different areas—and

they are difficult to replace. This is where the new Vicar will be much appreciated. We hope that he will persuade new members to join the congregation. It would be good if they would come and be there to welcome him before he actually arrives.

The Churchwardens and the Church Council are most thankful for the blessings of the past years and they look forward with renewed vigour to happy days in the future.

A very happy and prosperous New Year to you all.

THE ALTERNATIVE SERVICE BOOK

This was published in November 1980 and is as it says:—an alternative to the Prayer Book, not a replacement. As we all know many services have been produced over the last 15 years—Series 1, 2 and 3 and 3 revised—and now a selection has been made and put into one volume. The Book of Common Prayer published in 1662 is still the foundation for worship and doctrine in the Church of England. Since there is now a choice of service there are rules by which the choice is made. A partnership between clergy and people is now envisaged.

In the case of Holy Communion and Morning and Evening Prayer the choice (Prayer Book or Alternative Service Book) is to be made by the Vicar and the Parochial Church Council **jointly**. If there is no agreement the law says that the Prayer Book form must be used unless over the last two years another form has been in constant use, then the **P.C.C.** can require that form to be used.

Before this the parson could please himself but not so any longer. It must be a **joint** agreement.

The Archdeacon of Coventry recommends that church members should make themselves familiar with the Alternative Service Book before any decisions to change are made.

Church people may buy a copy of this book from any good bookshop now.

Another change we ought to note :

A new incumbent was formerly required to read the Thirty-nine Articles before the congregation at the beginning of his ministry (reading himself in), this is no longer required.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Parish Church branch will meet in the Village Church Hall on Tuesday, January 6th at 3.00 p.m.

The St. John's branch will have their Christmas Outing on Wednesday, January 21st. Mrs. Varden is making all the arrangements.

The Parochial Church Council will meet in the Village Church Hall on Tuesday, January 13th at 8.00 p.m.

The Village Church Hall Committee will meet at Cloverfields on **Thursday**, January 8th at 8.00 p.m.

BEETLE DRIVE

A good Beetle Drive will be held in the Village Church Hall on Friday, January 16th at 7.30 p.m. There will be prizes for those under 12 years and for those over 12 years. There will also be a Booby Prize. The charge will be 50p which will include refreshments. The licensed bar will be open.

All profits will go to Hall Funds. Come and enjoy the fun.

The Churchwardens acknowledge with sincere thanks a gift of £145.00 as a result of money given to the memory of Mr. Charles Ward of Croftmead. This has been added to the Churchyard Fund according to Charles' wishes.

As a result of a most enjoyable concert in the Village Church Hall on December 12th the Church Funds have received £18.40. This was a most lovely evening and thanks are expressed to the children, the Lemon Juice Folk Group and the adults who provided the entertainment.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Laid to Rest

"Blessed are those who die in the Name of the Lord"

Nov. 28—Charles Samuel Ward, aged 64 years, of 19 Croftmead.

Nov. 28—Annie Bailey, aged 81 years, of Nuthurst Farm, Ansley Corner.

Dec. 8—Clara Elizabeth Gill, aged 73 years, of Ridge Lane (cremated).

Dec. 8—Stanley Goode, aged 91 years, of 34 Birmingham Road.

To the families of the above the church sends its sincere condolences at this very sad time, in the hope that they will give them great comfort and strength.

Mr. Stan Goode has done a great job of work for Ansley Church. For many, many years he, and his daughter Norah, looked after the Village Church Hall. He kept it very warm and very clean. His wise remarks, his jolly stories about the past and that twinkle in his eye will long be remembered. He has diligently supervised the building of the new Vicarage, and his wise counsel will be sadly missed by the workmen. He was our oldest inhabitant.

To his daughter Ella and his son Eric and his family we offer our sympathy and prayers.

The Church gratefully acknowledges £32.00 given to his memory by his friends and neighbours.