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## **SERVICES IN ANSLEY CHURCH DURING JANUARY 1986**

### **Sunday, January 5th — 2nd Sunday after Christmas**

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said).  
Celebrant: Rev. John Law, Vicar of Fillongley with Corley.
- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.  
Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Canon Peter Buckler.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.  
Preacher: Mr. Geoff Popejoy of Bedworth.

### **Monday, January 6th — No Service — The Feast of the Epiphany**

### **Sunday, January 12th — 1st Sunday after the Epiphany**

- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Rev. Canon P. Buckler.
- 4.00 p.m. Holy Baptism taken by Rev. John Law.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.  
Preacher: Rev. John Law.

### **Sunday, January 19th — 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany**

- 11.00 a.m. The Family Service taken by Rev. Peter Phillips, The Rector of Arley.
- 6.30 p.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.  
Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Canon James Anderson, Bishop's Chaplain.

### **Sunday, January 26th — Septuagesima Sunday**

- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Rev. Canon P. Buckler.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.  
Preacher: One of the Staff from Exhall Parish Church.

### **Sunday, February 2nd — Sexagesima Sunday**

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said).  
Rev. Peter Phillips, Rector of Arley.
- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion taken by Rev. Canon P. Buckler.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.  
Preacher: One of the Clergy from Bedworth.

Sunday School will meet in the Village Church Hall each Sunday at 11.00 a.m., except Sunday, January 19th, when it will attend the service in Church.

The next Baptism Service will be on Sunday, March 9th at 4.00 p.m., and will be taken by the Rev. John Law.

## **CHRISTMAS 1985**

This wonderful Church Festival was celebrated by large numbers of people attending the church for its major services. The Carol Service produced a very full house and a most generous collection. There was no minister present and members of the congregation rose to the occasion and took the service themselves. It was acclaimed as being very moving, very sincere and very devout. Both young and old enjoyed the readings and the singing. The cash on the plate came to £120.00 and then there were the envelopes and the cash in the box in the wall.

The Midnight Communion Service was very well attended and again the service was greatly appreciated by all who attended.



Christmas services this year will be remembered by all who attended for many days yet to come.

The Churchwardens hope that everybody had a happy Christmas and that the New Year will be very prosperous for us all.

#### **A NEW VICAR FOR ANSLEY**

The Rev. James Jasper of St. Mary's, Throckley, Newcastle-upon-Tyne in Tyne and Wear has been offered the Vicarage of St. Laurence, Ansley by the Patrons, the Church Patronage Trust, and after being approved by the Bishop of Warwick and the Church Officers at Ansley he has accepted the nomination.

He will be inducted to the living at Ansley on Saturday, April 5th at 2.30 p.m., in the afternoon and his wife, Catherine, will be licensed to officiate in Church at the same time. (D.V.) (She is a Church Army Sister).

Mr. Jasper and his wife Catherine have been at Throckley for 11 years. Previously they have spent much time with the Church Army conducting Missions in many different parts of the country. Mr. Jasper tells us that he helped with a Parish Mission at Ansley in 1960 and that he lodged with Mr. and Mrs. Berridge for ten days. Mr. Jarvis was the Vicar then, and he liked then what he saw of Ansley. Terry Waite, the Archbishop's special Envoy was also with him and he stayed at Brook House with the Truelove's.

James and Catherine have two children, Mark aged 18 years and taking A Levels this year and Rebekah, aged 16 years and taking O Levels this summer.

They hope to move into the Vicarage immediately after Easter Sunday so that they can be settled in and ready for the Induction the Saturday following.

We pray that James will exercise a fruitful ministry at Ansley and that his family will be most happy living here with us.

We believe that Captain Gale was in charge of St. John's when the Parish Mission took place in 1960.

#### **THE VILLAGE BRANCH OF THE MOTHERS' UNION**

Mr. Frank Lea, Branch Chairman of the Coventry and District British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association will be giving a talk to the Village Mothers' Union at their meeting on February 4th at 3.00 p.m., in the Church Hall. Visitors to this interesting meeting will be most welcome and as this concerns Ex-Servicemen all men who are free that afternoon, and would like to attend, will be welcome. Admission is free and there could be a cup of tea and a cake for those who attend.

#### **A FASHION SHOW**

On Thursday, January 9th at 7.30 p.m., in the Village Church Hall there will be a very good Fashion Show, put on by Webster's Wools. Admission will be 50p and this includes a special ticket which allows 50p off garments bought at one of Webster's shops.

Tickets may be had from Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Wooliscroft, Mrs. Cove, Mr. Gaskin and Mrs. Berridge. Please get your tickets early as seating is limited.

The models are all Ansley ladies. Any profits will go to Church Hall Funds. This promises to be a good evening out, so tell your friends, and come, bringing them.

#### **P.C.C. MEETING**

There will be a meeting of the Parochial Church Council in the Village Church Hall at 8.00 p.m., on Monday, January 20th. All members are invited to be present.

The Village Church Hall Committee will meet at Mr. Arnold's house at 8.00 p.m., on Monday, January 27th.

#### **FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

##### **Laid to Rest**

- Nov. 28—(Cremation) Albert Spencer of Birchley Heath.
- Dec. 6—(Ashes) Harry Billingham of the Village.
- Dec. 9—William Frederick Clarke of Tunnel Road.
- Dec. 12—Percy Bailey of Ansley Village, aged 87 years.
- Dec. 12—John Ison of Bracebridge Court, Atherstone, aged 77 years.

The Church sends its sympathy to the families of these men who have recently been laid to rest and trust that God will give them strength and comfort to meet the days that are yet to come.

##### **DID YOU KNOW THAT:—**

- 1—Ansley was known as "Hanslei" and was mentioned in the Domesday Book by that name ?
- 2—Near the Village is a noble mansion called Ansley Hall and it was the property of the Ansley Hall Coal and Iron Company and that this house was "large and confusing" and was irregular but very respectable
- 3—In the grounds of this Hall there is a heritage built with the stones of an ancient oratory in 1758 ?
- 4—"Hanslei" formed part of the possessions of Lady Godiva, wife of Leofric, Earl of Leicester and was afterwards held by the family of Hardeshall (Hartshill) for many years ?
- 5—The Ansley Hall Coal and Iron Company in 1924 were the Lords of the Manor of Ansley ?
- 6—In 1924 there was a parish charity worth £90 per year to help the poor, the Church School, the repair of the roads of the parish (some help) ?

7—The soil is a stiff reddish clay and that Coal and Iron abound in the parish and were being worked by the Coal and Iron Company in 1924 ?

This information is to be found in Kelleys 1924 Directory of Warwickshire, quite a large book of some 543 pages. Amongst the list of inhabitants are these names:

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| Barber, Joseph (The Villas)         | Lovegrove, Thomas (Smallholder)    |
| Fidler, William (The Villas)        | Morewood, George (Smallholder)     |
| Phillips, Wm. Garside (Ansley Hall) | Morris, Edmund (Butcher)           |
| Allton, Jacob (Smallholder)         | Moss, John (Builder)               |
| Bacon, Oliver (Farmer)              | Pearson, Henry (Farmer)            |
| Bailey, John (Shopkeeper)           | Poole, Nellie (Shopkeeper)         |
| Booton, John (Farmer)               | Tremlett, Walter W. (Estate Agent) |
| Forster, William (Shopkeeper)       | Truelove, Ben (Farmer)             |
| Horlock, Helen (Post Office)        | Wood, Arthur (Farmer)              |
| Kearn, Mary (Shopkeeper)            |                                    |

These names should bring back a memory or two for some of us who were quite young in 1924.

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#### THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The church congregation has been active in supporting the wonderful work this society does for children who are lonely, unloved, not wanted or who has some strange problem.

Collecting boxes in the homes of friends raised £33.97, the Sunday School Carol Singing Party collected £26.75 and the cash on the plate at the Carol Service raised £120.00. This comes to a total of £180.72, which has been sent to the Society. A great thank you to all who helped in any way to bring about the glorious total.

If there is anyone else (and there must be somewhere) who would like a collecting box, please ring Margaret Oliver on Chapel End 395674 or at 33 Nuthurst Crescent, Ansley Village and she will quickly help you to help this most worthy cause.