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SERVICES IN ANSLEY CHURCH — FEBRUARY 1986

Sunday, February 2nd — Sexagesima Sunday.

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

Sunday, February 9th — Quinquagesima Sunday.

- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.
The Rev. Canon Peter Buckler.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.
One of the Clergy from Bedworth.

Wednesday, February 12th — Ash Wednesday.

- 7.30 p.m. Service for Ash Wednesday at St. Wilfrids Church.
Taken by Rev. Peter Phillips. No Service at Ansley.

Sunday, February 16th — 1st Sunday in Lent.

- 11.00 a.m. Family Service, taken by someone from Exhall Parish Church.
- 6.30 p.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.
Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev. Peter Phillips.

Sunday, February 23rd — 2nd Sunday in Lent.

- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon, taken by the Rev. John Law.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.
One of the Clergy from Exhall.

Sunday, March 2nd — 3rd Sunday in Lent.

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said). The Rev. John Law.
- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.
The Rev. Canon Peter Buckler.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon, taken by someone from Bedworth.

Holy Baptism will be administered on Sunday, March 9th at 4.00 p.m., taken by the Rev. John Law of Fillongley.

The Sunday School will meet in the Village Church Hall each Sunday at 11.00 a.m., except February 16th when it will attend the Family Service in the Church at 11.00 a.m.

There will be no service in St. John's Hall during February. We are sorry about this.

THE FASHION SHOW

An excellent show was put on by Websters Wools and over 100 people crowded into the Church Hall to see it. They all declared it to be very good. The local ladies who played the part of models did very well indeed and they displayed their garments to their very best.

Mrs. Liz Jones did an excellent job as commentator and used the borrowed equipment like an expert.

To the little army of workers who toiled behind the scenes, to the harrassed makers of the many cups of tea and who had great difficulty with the kitchen door, and to all those who helped in any way we say a great "Thank you one and all."

And to Mrs. Sutton, whose idea it was, and who organised it so well we say another great "Thank you."

The Village Church Hall Funds received the total sum of £85.00 from this show.

FINANCE

The Parish Church has been rather short of cash during 1985. To keep it standing it costs £110 a week at least and at the moment this is difficult to get. For example—weekending January 19th the total income from all sources was just £41.69 giving a short fall of some £68. This has to be made up from fund raising efforts, like Fetes, Sales, Donations and other devices. We send £4,000 to Coventry each year as the parish share for Diocesan Expenses (most for the salary of the Vicar). Four thousand pounds is a lot of money for Ansley to find but up to now it has been found. In 1985 we only found £3,000 with luck we should soon be able to meet this debt.

We need some new money so the Church Council has decided to have an extra sale called "The March Fayre" and it will be held in St. John's Hall on Saturday, March 1st at 3.00 p.m.

The Church Council will organise it with as much help as it can obtain from other people. If any one on the Common, in the Village or at Birchley Heath would like to organise something that will add to the usefulness of the Fayre then please do it. Have a word with Mrs. Hurst at 90 Ansley Common, Mrs. Cove at 28 Nuthurst Crescent or with either of the Churchwardens and they will be very pleased to make a note of your help.

Ansley Church is admired by all who visit it, wedding couples like to use it, and it is amazing how many people wish to find a final resting place there. Its normal services are most uplifting to those who attend.

So let us rally around and find a little extra cash to keep St. Laurence standing in a very healthy financial position.

Please help !!

ST. JOHN'S HALL, ANSLEY COMMON

A March Fayre — Saturday, March 1st at 3.00 p.m.

All proceeds for Church Funds.

Stalls, Raffles, Refreshments, Competitions.

Come and help — Admission Free.

THE NEW VICAR

The Rev. James Jasper is still coming to be Vicar of Ansley in April but there is one important alteration. The date of the Induction has been changed because of circumstances beyond our control, from April 4th to April 12th—one week later.

The Induction will be in St. Laurence Church at Church End on **Saturday, April 12th at 3.00 p.m.**, and will be taken by the Bishop of Warwick, the very Rev. Keith Arnold, assisted by the Archdeacon of Coventry, the Venerable Alan Morgan and the Rural Dean of Nuneaton, the Rev. Roger Spiller, Vicar of Chilvers Coton.

It is hoped that there will be a social gathering with refreshments after the Induction is complete.

The Church bus should run for this service as well as on the Sunday following. But more of this at a date nearer the day.

BIRTH OF A DAY

See the silhouette of trees against the glow of morn,
Hear the murmur of the breeze, heralding the dawn,
Like a plaintive melody, through the branches sighing,
Whispering so tenderly, the night is dying.

Behold the power of nature's hand, as comes a golden ray,
Like a magic fairy wand, bringing light of day,
Tinting every passing cloud with gold and rosy hues,
Leaving in between the folds, the purples, greens and blues.

Now the last dark shades of night creep stealthily away,
The waking birds in their delight, bring music to the day,
Way up aloft the skylark winging, with his symphony of
dawn,

Soon, all the countryside is singing, a day is born.

Albert Fletcher, The Village.

STONWORK REPAIRS

The stonework and windows of the Parish Church are now repaired again and the job of work is pronounced to be good. It has cost £3,800 and a grant from the Coventry Diocesan Church Fabric Fund of £1876.50 has been gratefully received. This together with interest on our own invested fabric fund, and the generous support received for the "Collection of 20 pence Coins" will cover this expense.

The Churchwardens would like to say another great "Thank you" to all those who collected 20 pence coins and gave them to Mrs. Truelove. The total received was £600 and this is very good you know !!

It would be very good if old church buildings would stand for ever without needing large sums of money spending on them.

And now the weather cock on the top of the tower needs serious attention !!!

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

Jan. 12—Daniel Francis Greenway of Grange Close, Chapel End.

Laid to Rest

Jan. 9—James George Thurman of Croft Meade, aged 80 years.

Jan. 24—Florence Follows, late of Tunnel Road and Galley Common, aged 91 years.

The Church sends its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Gladys Thurman in her recent sad loss, and prays that God will give her great comfort to meet the days that are yet to come.

It was with sad hearts that we learned of the passing of Miss Flo Follows at the grand old age of 91 years. Since her return from Birmingham she has been a very keen supporter of Ansley Church and her words of wisdom, kind thoughts, and her many practical gifts will be gratefully remembered.

To her family we send our condolences at this sad time.