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Ansley Common St. John's 6.20 p.m.

Return Journey from Parish Church 7.45 p.m.

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The Vicarage,
1st February, 1990

Our Dear Friends,

There are two important dates this month. The first date is Sunday night February 11th. The Valentine Service, I know that Valentine Day is the 14th, but we choose the nearest Sunday to it. We hope that you who read this will be able to come to that informal service and find it a blessing. Someone once gave the advice, 'Treat your wife like a queen, and she will tend to act like one.' It is true that if we hold a person in high esteem and let that person be aware of our opinion they will tend to react accordingly. I was reading of Mary, a Polynesian girl, who suffered from a deep inferiority complex because her father had considered her of little worth. She would hide behind banana trees from the gaze of others whom she imagined despised her as a social outcast. A boy, Harry, of the same race fell in love with her, and determined to marry her. It was the custom in those islands that when a father was asked for his daughter's hand in marriage she was purchased for a certain number of cows. If a woman was average the bridegroom would pay one cow. If she was intelligent the price might be two or three cows. The Polynesian women took pride in how many cows they were worth. Harry knew Mary's father was prepared to let her go for one cow. But Harry offered eight cows! Naturally he got his girl. When asked later why he did not bargain with his future father-in-law, Harry replied that he wanted everyone to know, especially Mary, that in his estimation she was worth the highest possible value. Mary took on the dignity of a girl worth eight cows, and became a wonderful wife. This must be one of the keys to a Valentine marriage.

The other date is February 28th. This last day of the month is the first day in Lent. That word Lent is an old Anglo-Saxon word meaning 'Springtime,' and Springtime is the time when things grow. Things grow well in the garden, in marriage, and in our personal lives when the environment is right. In the garden it is digging and nutrients that are essential. In marriage it is love and honesty that is necessary. In personal life it is making a response to God's grace and truth that is vital if we are to get the best out of this season.

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

Friday, February 2nd

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Sunday, February 4th

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer.

6.30 p.m. 1662 Formal Evening Prayer. "Thy Word is Truth."

Tuesday, February 6th

3.00 p.m. Mothers' Union. Speaker: The Rev. Marion Fry.

Wednesday, February 7th

8.00 p.m. Ansley Ladies' Association.

Thursday, February 8th

8.00 p.m. Slides on Uganda by Thelma Burns, in the Village Church Hall.

Friday, February 9th

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Sunday, February 11th — 3rd before Lent

11.00 a.m. Family Communion.

6.30 p.m. Valentine Service, Preacher: The Venerable Ian Russell, Archdeacon of Coventry.

Monday, February 12th

8.15 p.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting at the Vicarage.

Wednesday, February 14th

8.00 p.m. The Wednesday Fellowship.

Friday, February 16th

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Sunday, February 18th

11.00 a.m. Family Service.

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion. "The Love of God."

Wednesday, February 21st

8.00 p.m. Ansley Ladies' Association.

Friday, February 23rd

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Sunday, February 25th

10.00 a.m. Family Service at St. John's, Ansley Common.

11.00 a.m. Parish Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. "The Grace of God."

Tuesday, February 27th

6.30 p.m. Pancake Supper, St. John's, Ansley Common.

Ash Wednesday — February 28th

10.00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion.

The Electoral Roll forms are available in Church or from the officers Marcia Sutton and Margaret Antill. The time table is as follows. The new roll is to be completed by Wednesday, March 7th, and published on Saturday, March 10th, to give 14 clear days before the Annual General Meeting which is on Monday, March 26th.

Ansley Mothers' Union. The speaker for February 6th will be the Rev. Marion Fry whose work is mostly amongst deaf people. A wonderful speaker, so we hope all our members will be present and also we extend a warm welcome to anyone else who would like to come along at 3.00 p.m., at Ansley Church Hall.

W. Ponder.

The Valentine Service will be on Sunday, February 11th at 6.30 p.m. This service will be informal. Those couples recently married and those whose Wedding takes place this year are specially welcome. Various people will take part in the service. Amongst the guests will be The Venerable Ian Russell, the new Archdeacon of Coventry, who will be speaking on the subject of marriage.

Thelma Burns is showing her slides of Uganda on Thursday, February 8th. These were taken during her three month visit there last year, and her talk will be fascinating. Her plans are to return to Uganda this month to work for the Ugandan Church for at least three years. And during that time she will be doing a lot of travelling on behalf of the Church. Refreshments will be served at the Church Hall during the evening, and there will be a retiring offering in order for those who would like to support her work to do so.

Pancake Supper. The ladies of Ansley Common are organising a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday at 6.30 p.m., at St. John's. Pancakes with various fillings and tea or coffee 50p. All are welcome. This will be in aid of the Church Urban Fund.

The late Mrs. Irene Faulkner left £1,901 to the Church in her will. We are very grateful to her for her generosity, and only sorry that we did not know of this gift before her passing; we would then have been able to thank her. Nevertheless, with extensive repairs necessary to the Church building this year, Irene's loving contribution will serve to remind us of this little lady whose many qualities brought cheer to her wide circle of friends.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals

"He who believes in Me though he were dead yet shall he live."

January 17—Michael Frost aged 63 years of Camp Hill.

January 19—Doris Emily Leedham, 87 years of Stockingford.

At the recent Parochial Church Council Meeting the decision was made to accept the Ecclesiastical Insurance Company's minimum annual payment of £1,434 to insure the Church building for £1,023,750. This means we have to find an extra £678 annually for what is termed a 75% condition of average.

Our annual payment to the Coventry Diocese, called the Quota, is £5391 this year which is an increase of £536 on last year's figure.

All these figures mean that the weekly expenditure of the Parish Church rises considerably. But more about this at the Annual General Meeting on March 26th.

SCRIPTURE CAKE

Get out your Bible and look up the references and find the ingredients. Try this ever popular cake then invite a friend round for a cup of tea with a slice of it!

Old King James Version

Recipe

- 1—8 ozs. of Judges Chapter 5 Verse 25 (Second half of verse)
- 2—8 ozs. of Jeremiah Chapter 6 Verse 20
- 3—1 Tablespoon 1 Samuel Chapter 14 Verse 25
- 4—3 Beaten Jeremiah Chapter 17 Verse 11
- 5—8 oz of 1 Samuel Chapter 30 Verse 12 (Second fruit mentioned)
- 6—8 oz of Dried Chopped Nahum Chapter 3 Verse 12
- 7—2 oz. Chopped Numbers Chapter 17 Verse 8
- 8—1 lb. Plain 1 Kings Chapter 4 Verse 22
- 9—1 Level Teaspoon 11 Chronicles Chapter 9 Verse 9
- 10—Pinch of Leviticus Chapter 2 Verse 13
- 11—1 Level Teaspoon Amos Chapter 4 Verse 5
(Use Baking Powder)
- 12—3 Tablespoons Judges Chapter 4 Verse 19 (What she opened)

9 inch round greased and lined cake tin.

Warm oven Gas 3 or 325°F/160°C.

Cream together numbers 1, 2 and 3.

Gradually mix in 4.

Fold in 5, 6 and 7.

Sift and fold in 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Add 12.

Turn into tin level top, hollow cut centre slightly. Sprinkle nuts on top to decorate if liked. Bake for 2 hours. Cool in tin for 15 minutes before turning out on cooling tray.

GRACE FOR TODAY

Oh God, give me grace for this day,
Not for a life time, nor for next week,
Nor for tomorrow, just for this day.
Direct my thoughts and bless them.
Direct the things I say, and give them blessing too.
Direct and bless everything that I think and speak and do,
So that for this one day, just this one day,
I have the gift of grace that comes from your presence.
Oh God, for this day, just this one day, let me live
Generously, kindly, in a state of grace and goodness
That denies my many imperfections and makes me more like you.