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Ansley Vicarage,

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Our Dear Friends,

Most people will agree that we are living in very troublous times. Many have expressed their anxiety about these present days and their fears for the future.

Once when Dr. Donald Barnhouse could not concentrate on his work because of his noisy children, he gave them a jigsaw to do. It was a complicated puzzle of the world, "That will keep them quiet for some time," he thought. However, within twenty minutes they were back again with the puzzle completed. Amazed, their father asked, "How is it that you have done this jigsaw so quickly?" "Well," they explained, "we turned the jigsaw over and noticed that on the other side was the picture of a man, so we concentrated on getting the man right and discovered that the world came right also."

The Lord Jesus Christ said of Himself, "I am the light of the world, he who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life," Our world will come right when its inhabitants make Jesus their light and their Leader.

Did you know that there has never been a war between Argentina and Chile? In 1899 the two countries were poised to begin hostilities over a border dispute, and by Easter 1900 war seemed inevitable. However, an Argentine bishop, Monsignor Benavente preached an Easter Day sermon in Buenos Aires that was a passionate plea for peace. News of this appeal was carried to Chile, where a Chilean bishop took up the message. Both bishops then set out on a campaign for peace in their respective countries.

At first not much seemed to happen, but eventually public opinion forced the two governments to negotiate, and King Edward VII was called to arbitrate. A treaty was signed and a wonderful thing happened: the guns of the frontier fortresses, now useless and irrelevant, were melted down and made into a great bronze figure of Jesus, which was hauled 13,000 feet up to the frontier. Beneath it are the words: "These mountains themselves shall fall and crumble to dust first before the people of Chile and the Argentine Republic forget their solemn covenant sworn at the feet of Christ." On the other side is the text from Ephesians chapter 2 verse 14 that says: "Christ is our peace, who has made both to be one,"

God intends all nations to be friends: Christians must be first to see and show that all should, and can, live in peace in the world.

May we all continue to pray for right relationships with each other and with each nation.

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

**There is one addition to the list for transport to Church
Ansley Common — George Ponder Tel.: 392401**

DIARY OF EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

Friday, February 1st

7.30 p.m. Worship and Renewal.

Leader and Speaker: The Rev. Paul Norton and the
"Live Worship Band."

Sunday, February 3rd

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer (A.S.B.)

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (1662 Prayer Book).

Theme: "Elijah's Secret of Power."

Monday, February 4th

8.00 p.m. Church Hall Committee at 3 Cloverfields.

Tuesday, February 5th

3.00 p.m. Mothers' Union. Speaker: Catherine Jasper.

Wednesday, February 6th

8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship.

Thursday, February 7th

7.30 p.m. "Oral Skills in Church." Leader: Pat Williams.

Friday, February 8th

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

8.00 p.m. Children's Leaders' Meeting at the Vicarage.

Sunday, February 10th

11.00 a.m. Family Communion.

6.30 p.m. Valentine Service. Theme: "The Two Shall Be One."

Tuesday, February 12th

7.00 p.m. Pancake Supper at St. John's.

Ash Wednesday

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

8.00 p.m. Service of Meditation.

Sunday, February 17th

11.00 a.m. Family Service.

6.30 p.m. Parish Communion.

Theme: "Miracles and Wonders" Acts 5.

Wednesday, February 20th

8.00 p.m. Lent Service at Corley Parish Church.

Speaker: The Rector of Bedworth The Rev. Peter Tong.

Friday, February 22nd

6.30 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

7.30 p.m. Renewal Service at St. James, Tile Hill.

Sunday, February 24th

10.00 a.m. Family Service at St. John's.

11.00 a.m. Family Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (Alternative Service Book).

Theme: "Courage to Stand," Acts 7.

Wednesday, February 27th

8.00 p.m. Lent Service at St. Wilfrid's, Old Arley.

Speaker: The Vicar of Atherstone The Rev. Paul Harris.

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Adult Baptism — "I Turn to Christ"

January 6—Rochelle Anne Smith. Member of the Parish Church of Riveton, Western Australia.

Funerals — "The Lord is my Shepherd"

Dec. 19—Frank Bailey, aged 94 years of Ansley Village.

January 4—Douglas Wakeford-Davy, aged 53 years of Ansley Common.

January 11—Ada Alice Redfern, aged 92 years, formerly of Ansley Village.

January 23—Rebecca Fessi, aged 87 years, of Birchley Heath.

Spectacles are needed for people suffering from Leprosy in African countries. If you have any you don't want, Barclays Bank in Coventry are accepting them. If you are not going to the City Mrs. Sadie Lea, Telephone 393360 will take them for you.

Easter Day this year is on March 31st. If you would like to choose a hymn for that evening's Guest Service please hand in your choice to the Wardens, either Frank or David.

The Church Council have decided to refurbish the vestry. This is to cost £891. We were all greatly encouraged to receive the news some weeks later that an envelope containing £891 in notes and one coin was placed through the Vicarage letter-box approximately 11.00 p.m., one evening. The Benefactor, who clearly wishes to remain anonymous, added a note indicating how the gift was to be spent. To this person we express our very grateful thanks in acknowledgement of their generosity.

Shrove Tuesday is February 12th. To celebrate this occasion there will be a pancake supper at St. John's to which everyone is welcome. A small charge of 50p will be made and the profit put to the hall improvements.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday with a service of Holy Communion at 10.00 a.m., and an evening meditation at 8.00 p.m. The united Lent Services are arranged as follows: February 20th Corley, The Rev. Peter Tong; February 27th Arley, The Rev. Paul Harris; March 6th Ansley, The Rt. Rev. Simon Barrington-Ward; March 13th The Rev. Brian Pemberton, Pastor of Manor Court Road Baptist Church; March 20th Fillongley, The Rev. Alan Davies. We trust that you will make a point of coming to these special Lent Services particularly if you have not been before.

We appreciate the many friends who are kindly transporting worshippers to the Evening Services by using their cars. Do please make sure to ring any of the telephone numbers on the front of this magazine before 3.00 p.m., on any Sunday should you require transport.

St. John's Explorers continues to flourish with an average of 25 children each week, meeting every Thursday 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., under the able leadership of Pat Matthews, Marie Cove and Judith Wilson. We are all very grateful to them as they work with these children, and make room for any new recruits.

Since the Church Army visit last September a growing number of children are meeting in the Village Church Hall once per month.

Diana Kealey, Margaret Oliver and Lyn Palmer have very kindly taken the leadership of this work. The next Children's Club date is Monday, February 11th at 6.30 p.m. All children are welcome.

Little Fishes. Mums and Toddlers meet every Friday in the Village Church Hall from 1.45 to 3.00 p.m., for a cup of tea and a chat. All are welcome.

Mrs. Winnie Ponder writes to thank all members of the Ansley Ladies' Association who contributed to the cheque for £100 donated to the Acorn Children's Hospice Trust in memory of Nellie Bailey. Future meetings on 13th and 27th of February at 8.00 p.m. There is an engraving on glass and crystal demonstration by Tony Rollason on February 13th.

St. John's and St. Laurence Mothers' Union

To all our members I would like to wish you a happy new year. It was good to welcome 14 members of Arley Stroke Club to our Christmas Party. We all enjoyed the music for carols provided by Mrs. Harris and her Choir. Thank you to those who provided the lovely food. Next meeting 3.00 p.m., February 5th, when Catherine Jasper is the speaker. Winnie Ponder.

For those who read Lessons and lead prayer in Church there is a special evening in Church on Thursday, February 7th at 7.30 p.m. Pat Williams from Leamington Spa will be showing us the art of oral skills. Please make this date a priority.

Thank you to all who contributed to a donation of £32.50 to the Church in memory of Mr. Frank Bailey.

How do you spend £3.50 ? Do you buy 1½ gallons of petrol ? or seven packets of tea ? or 40 cigarettes ? or half a bag of coal ? or here is another way—buy 'The Rainbow of Blessing' comprising of short readings for each day in Lent. We spend a lot of money on every day essentials; include this book* too, it will provide you with enriching thoughts and encourage you in the Christian Pathway. Please order your copy from Catherine.

The Valentine Service is at 6.30 p.m., on Sunday, February 10th. This is the time when the 'marrieds' renew their vows. But whatever our state, all will be included. Miss Sarah Davies from Coventry will be singing accompanied by her fiancé on the organ.

Canon Peter and Mary Buckler celebrated their Golden Wedding on Tuesday, January 15th with a special service in Church. We as a Church family congratulate them on reaching this wonderful period of their married life together and trust that they will continue to enjoy good health and happiness for many years to come. Instead of receiving personal gifts, donations amounting to £275 have been given to the Church. We acknowledge this kindness with warmest appreciation.

The Carol Singing around Birchley Heath was enjoyed and the gifts received amounted to £21.06. This is being sent to T.E.A.R. fund's work in the Third World. The Carol Singing around Ansley Village amounted to £15 and this is being sent to 'Save the Children.'

Worship and Renewal is the title of this evening's service (February 1st) in Church. The Rev. Paul Norton is a gifted musician and composer and he together with his 'Worship Band,' will be leading the Worship and the Ministry of the evening.