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## SERVICES IN ANSLEY CHURCH FOR MARCH 1981

### Sunday, March 1st — Quinquagesima

- 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. David Scott, Vicar of Bulkington.  
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.  
Preacher : Mr. Glen Martin.

### Wednesday, March 4th — Ash Wednesday

No service this year.

### Sunday, March 8th — First Sunday in Lent

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

### Sunday, March 15th — Second Sunday in Lent

- 11.00 a.m. Family Service taken by Mr. Ken Sleeman, a teacher at Ash Green School and Chairman of the Nuneaton Deanery Synod. Children of the Sunday School will be present. Families are very welcome.  
6.30 p.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.  
Preacher and Celebrant : Rev. F. Robinson from Baddesley Ensor.

### Sunday, March 22nd — Third Sunday in Lent

(British Summer Time begins)

- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.  
Preacher and Celebrant : Rev. Alan Morgan, Bishop's Chaplain for Social Responsibilities.  
3.30 p.m. Holy Baptism taken by Rev. John Law.  
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.  
Preacher : Rev. Grahame Humphries, Rector of Arley.

### Sunday, March 29th — 4th Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.  
Preacher and Celebrant : Rev. James Anderson. Children of the Sunday School will attend. Families most welcome. Posies of Spring Flowers will be given away.  
6.30 p.m. Evening Service for Mothering Sunday.  
Mothers' Unions will attend.  
Preacher : The Rev. Alan Morgan.

### Sunday, April 5th — Fifth Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday)

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said). Rev. Grahame Humphries.  
11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.  
Preacher and Celebrant : Rev. Alan Morgan, Bishop's Chaplain.  
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon. Mr. Geoff Nichols.

The Sunday School will meet in the Village Church Hall each Sunday at 11.00 a.m., except March 15th and 29th when they will attend the service in Church.



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, March 3rd** — Parish Church of Mothers' Union meets at 3.00 p.m., in Village Church Hall.

**Tuesday, March 10th** — **Parish Discussion** — "The Facts about the Church today." Leader : Rev. Canon Guy Cornwall-Jones, Rural Dean. **St. John's Hall, 8.00 p.m.**

**Friday, March 13th** — Rummage Sale, Village Church Hall at 7.00 p.m., for Church Funds. Gifts to Mr. Bi'l Watts at 10 Nuthurst Crescent.

**Wednesday, March 18th** — St. John's Mothers' Union meets at 7.00 p.m., in St. John's Hall for a Service of Holy Communion taken by the Rector of Arley, the Rev. Grahame Humphries.

**Tuesday, March 24th** — **Parish Discussion** — "What should the modern Church be doing now?" Leaders : Rev. James Anderson and Rev. Alan Morgan. **Village Church Hall, 8.00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, April 7th** — **Last Parish Discussion** — "The Rural Church of the 1980's." Leader : Rev. Canon Peter Buckler.

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## THESE PARISH DISCUSSIONS

Much was written about them in the February Magazine and they will begin with the meeting in **St. John's Hall at 8.00 p.m.**, on March 10th. This one will be concerned with the Church of England as it is. If you like "**the FACTS.**" The Leader will be Canon Guy Cornwall-Jones from Weddington and he hopes to provoke a lively discussion on our present day activities. Are they the correct ones and are they worth-while?

On Tuesday, March 24th in the **Village Hall at 8.00 p.m.**, the two Bishop's Chaplain's (who see the diocese as a whole and have a shrewd idea of what the Church is trying to do so that its influence may grow) are the Leaders. The Revs. James Anderson and Alan Morgan will show us **the Opportunities** facing the church and hope that the discussion will give some indication of the layman's attitude towards them.

Then on Tuesday, April 7th at 8.00 p.m., in the Village Hall Canon Peter Buckler hopes to deal with the Churches facilities, "**the Plant**" if you like, and show us what inflation and the present national climate are doing to the Church.

The Leaders will start the ball rolling, and it is hoped that those of us who attend will make the discussions lively, thought provoking and very instructive. If you are interested or would just like to find out what is going on, come along and enjoy them. "The more the merrier." Light refreshments will be provided—free.

## **THE CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

As this takes place on Tuesday, February 24th and the magazine must go to the printer on February 23rd, if it is to appear on time, the report on this meeting must wait until the next issue.

The main concerns will be the election of the Church's Officers for 1981, and the Treasurer's Balance Sheet for 1980.

Balancing the Church's Books is becoming a great problem. Inflation is hitting the Church very hard and so it continually needs more cash. Ansley's share to the Coventry Diocesan Fund (Quota) has risen from £1375 to £2050 for 1981. This is an increase of £677!! Last year it cost £4696 or an average of £90.30 a week to run the Church. This is a lot of money. Thanks to the generosity of the good folk of Ansley we did receive £5321 or £102.32 a week which gives us a balance of £625 on the year. This is most praise-worthy but 1981's Quota will easily swallow this up.

Last year heating and lighting costs came to £736. Our Church is clean, warm and well lit but it is costly. The bus on Sunday evenings is a great necessity and helps many people to get to Church, but it is also costly—£656 to be exact.

To worthy causes we sent donations totalling £360 and really this is not enough.

The income for 1980 is £441 more than the income of the previous year but the collections in Church were down by £460.

There is every sign that 1981 will demand more cash than 1980 but where is it to come from? Perhaps the discussion groups may find a solution, and even if they do, keeping a Church alive in our midst is going to be expensive in the future.

This is rather disturbing but there are others much worse off than we are. We must keep smiling and have faith that God will show the way.

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### **FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

**Laid to Rest** "Blessed are those who die in the name of the Lord"

Dec. 19—Eliza Martin of 6 Croftmead, aged 80 years.

Feb. 4—Caroline Amy James of 281 B'ham Road, aged 89 years.

Feb. 9—Alice Worrall of Park Cottages, aged 73 years.

To the families of the above ladies the Church offers its condolences and prayers, hoping that they will bring comfort and assurance to them at this very sad time.

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### **ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGING AND BRASS CLEANING FOR MARCH**

March 1 and 8—Mrs. Hodgkins; 15 and 22—Mrs. Whitworth;  
29—Mothers' Union.