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Ansley Vicarage,

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Our Dear Friends,

On Monday, May 24th, 1954 Sir Winston Churchill called a young man into the Cabinet room at 'Number 10' and asked, "Do you have any hope? What hope do you have for the world?" The Prime Minister pointed at the three early editions of the London Evening Newspaper lying on the empty table and spoke of how they were filled with rapes, murder and hate. "When I was a boy it was different. If there was a murder they would talk about it for months. Everything is changed now, so noisy, so violent and the militant nation's menace to world peace grows all the time, I am an old man now without hope for the world."

The young man, who was Dr. Billy Graham, answered, "Mr. Prime Minister, I am filled with hope." Then spoke about Jesus Christ, turning from place to place in his New Testament, explaining the meaning of Christ's birth, His death, His resurrection and ascension and how a person is born again. Sir Winston had a great respect for the Bible which occasionally emerged in his writings. He also had a profound faith in a guiding Providence which he expressed vigorously to the nation in the worst moments of the war, "I do not see much hope for the future unless it is the hope that comes from a return to God," he said.

It is because of that certain hope that every year in the spring Christians celebrate Easter. This is one of the most important of our festivals. At this time we remember the last days on earth of the Lord Jesus Christ. He had many enemies who plotted to kill Him. They arrested Jesus and arranged a trial. He was accused of plotting to overthrow the Roman Government and claiming to be God. Writers in the Old Testament had prophesied about this event. They knew that because of our sin a sacrifice was needed before God could forgive us. This sacrifice had to be the life of a perfect man freely given up. Only Jesus could do this. They killed Him by nailing Him to a Cross and hanging Him from it. It was a slow, cruel death.

Early on the day we now call Easter Day Jesus came back from the dead—thus showing that God had accepted the sacrifice.

Because they met the living risen Jesus, at least 500 of them on one occasion, the lives of ordinary people were completely changed; and so it is today. That is the basis of the Christian hope for the world.

God give you a blessed Easter.

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

Extra Name for Transport for the 6.30 p.m. Evening Service

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DIARY OF EVENTS FOR MARCH

Friday, March 1st

- 6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.
- 8.00 p.m. Children's Leaders Meeting at the Vicarage.

Sunday, March 3rd — Lent 3 — T.E.A.R. Fund Sunday

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer, A.S.B.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer, Book of Common Prayer 1662.

Tuesday, March 5th

- 3.00 p.m. Mothers' Union.

Wednesday, March 6th

- 7.45 p.m. Lent Service, Rt. Rev. Simon Barrington-Ward, Lord Bishop of Coventry. Theme: "A Decade of Evangelism"

Friday, March 8th

- 6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Sunday, March 10th — Mothering Sunday

- 11.00 a.m. Family Communion with children taking part.
- 3.00 p.m. St. John's Mothers' Day Service.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer with Mothers' Union taking part.
Guest Preacher: Sister Catherine Mashiter, C.A.

Monday, March 11th

- 6.30 p.m. Children's Club, Ansley Village Church Hall.
- 8.00 p.m. Parochial Church Council in the Church Hall.

Wednesday, March 13th

- 7.45 p.m. Lent Service at St. John's.
Guest Speaker: The Rev. Alan Davies, Vicar of Hartshill.

Friday, March 15th

- 6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Sunday, March 17th — Passion Sunday

- 11.00 a.m. Family Service.
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion.

Monday, March 18th

- 7.30 p.m. Annual General Meeting in Ansley Village Church Hall.

Wednesday, March 20th

- 7.45 p.m. Lent Service at Fillongley.
Preacher: The Rev. Brian Pemberton (Manor Court Baptist Church).

Friday, March 22nd

- 6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Sunday, March 24th — Palm Sunday

- 10.00 a.m. Family Service at St. John's.
- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer, A.S.B. Theme: "Towards the Cross."

Tuesday, March 26th to Good Friday

- 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon Children's Holiday Club in the Church Hall, Ansley Village.

Maundy Thursday, March 28th

- 7.45 p.m. The Lord's Supper in Ansley Village Church Hall.
Informal and with light Fellowship meal.

Good Friday, March 29th

- 7.30 p.m. Special Service of Devotion, Theme: "At the Cross."

Easter Day, March 31st

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11.00 a.m. Family Communion, Theme: "Early in the Morning."
- 6.30 p.m. Easter Praise, Theme: "Victory."

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Infant Baptism — "We who are born of earthly parents need to be Born Again."

February 17—Sarah Emily Toon of Ansley Village.

Andrew Thomas Cove of Ansley Village.

Funeral — "Whosoever believes shall not Perish."

February 21—Reginald Stanley Wilson, 70 years, of Chain Hill.

Lent Boxes are available in Church for The Evangelical Alliance Relief Work in the Third World.

Holy Week Holiday Club in the Village Church this year from Tuesday each morning to Good Friday. Lots of helpers needed of all ages for part or whole of a morning. Perhaps you can make the refreshments or maybe you are the one who will help with the games. Whatever your gifts, please offer your help.

Wednesday, March 6th is Ansley Parish Church's turn for the Lent Service commencing at 7.45 p.m. Our guest preacher is the Bishop of Coventry who will be speaking about the Decade of Evangelism. The service will be informal, and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Wednesday, March 13th is St. John's turn for the Lent Service. The Vicar of Hartshill, The Rev. Alan Davies, will be speaking on the Christians personal responsibility for evangelism. A cup of tea will be available at the end.

We acknowledge with appreciation the gift of £100 to the Church funds received from the will of the late Mrs. Alice Redfern who was a keen member of this Church for many years prior to her moving to Attleborough.

Blue Peter Rumanian Orphan's Appeal sale held in the Village Church hall at the end of January resulted in £144 being sent to this worthy cause. Mrs. Marie Cove thanks all who helped to make this event so worth while.

The Sponsored Knit organised by Marcia Sutton for the hall funds raised £71.00. Very many thanks to all who shared in this event.

A Furniture Sale will be held in the Village Church Hall on Thursday, March 7th. Edna Toon is kindly arranging a table for items you may like to give. The cash raised from these special items will be given to the hall funds.

Floral Garden Bonanza is arranged to take place at the Village Church Hall on Thursday, May 16th from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. a **Grand Bedding Plant Sale**. Please will you participate in this by planting **NOW** your choice of seeds and bring them to this "Bring Plants and Buy Plants" event. Tea will be served during the afternoon. The evening, from 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m., is a "Floral Coffee Evening" when plants will again be on sale and expert advice will be given on any plant problems you have by invited guests. The profits of the evening will be put into the Church Hall funds.

Wednesday, March 13th and 27th are the Ansley Ladies' Association nights. Speakers for both evenings to be arranged.

Mothers' Union

At our next meeting on Tuesday, March 5th we will be discussing the Mothers' Day Service on March 10th. The speaker will be Sister Catherine Mashiter. On Tuesday, March 19th, Festival Service at Mancetter at 2.30 p.m.

W. Ponder.

Special Services in which the children will be involved are planned for Mothering Sunday and will take place at the Parish Church at 11.00 a.m. and St. John's at 3.00 p.m. Parents and friends are given a warm invitation.

