

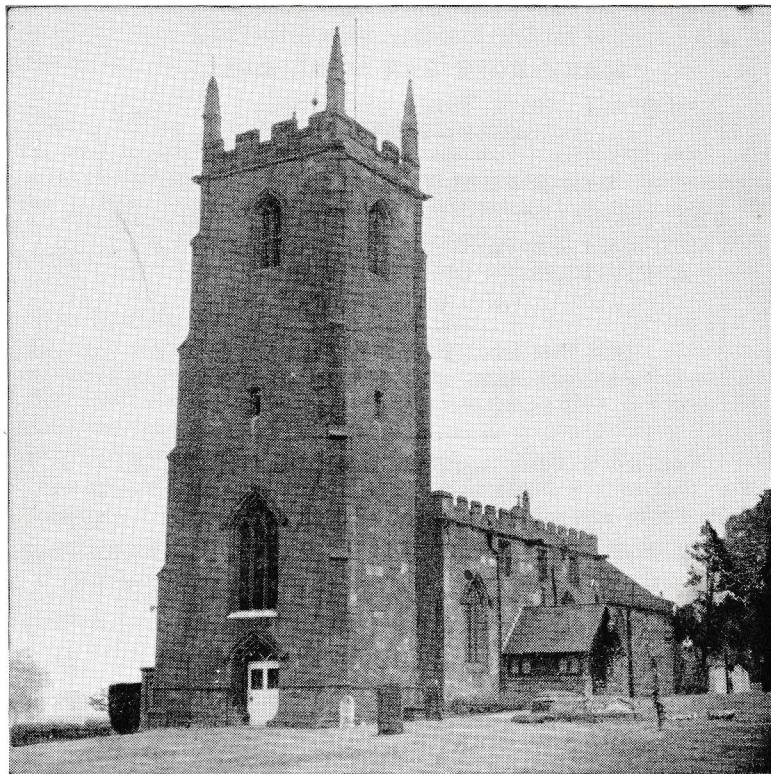
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March 1st, 1994

Our Dear Friends,

In 1875 Fritz Kreisler was born in Austria. During his life time he became the world famous violinist, winning the Vienna Conservatoire Gold Medal for his performance when he was 10 years old. He earned a fortune with his concerts and compositions. However, he was a very generous man and gave most of his money away. So when he came across a prized Stradivari violin he was not able to buy it.

Later, having raised enough money to meet the asking price, he returned to the seller, hoping to purchase the exquisite violin. But to his great dismay it had been sold to a collector. Kreisler made his way to the new owner's home and offered to buy the violin. The collector said that it had become his most prized possession and he would not sell it.

Keenly disappointed, Kreisler was about to leave when he had an idea, and asked, "Could I play the instrument once more before it is consigned to silence?" Permission was granted and the great virtuoso filled the room with such heart moving music that the collector's emotions were deeply stirred. "I have no right to keep that to myself," he exclaimed, "It's yours, Mr. Kreisler, take it into the world, and let the people hear it."

It is also true to say that the world is waiting to hear that which Christians have no right to keep to themselves; that is, the Good News of Jesus, and that is why on Saturday, 5th March we have the privilege of welcoming to our parish a group of men who have a personal faith in Jesus. They come to us from different areas near and far, and differing backgrounds too, but all share a common faith in the risen Jesus. They plan to visit some homes with a questionnaire. If they call on your home, do give them a welcome, you will discover that they are quite ordinary and human!

Most of these men met each other last Autumn in Cornwall when, over a period of six weeks, about 1000 of them walked through Cornwall visiting the villages, hamlets and towns, meeting and talking to many thousands of people.

The project was launched at St. Paul's Cathedral in London by the Bishop of Maidstone and led by The Rev. Daniel Cozens, whose vision and faith led to the event taking place. It was concluded at Gwennap Pit, an ideal open-air arena made famous by the celebrated John Wesley who apparently preached there on 18 occasions during the years 1730 to 1788 on his many visits to Cornwall.

God bless you,

James, Catherine, Mark & Rebekah.

DIARY FOR MARCH

Tuesday, March 1st

3.00 p.m. Mothers' Union in the Village Church Hall.

Wednesday, March 2nd

7.45 p.m. Lent Service in our Church, The Rev. Tony Bradley.

Friday, March 4th

2.30 p.m. Women's World Day of Prayer, Fife Street Methodist Church.

Saturday, March 5th

10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Visiting team of men, Commence from the Village Church Hall.

Sunday, March 6th — T.E.A.R. Fund Sunday

8.00 a.m. Parish Communion.

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Baptism.

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

Wednesday, March 9th

7.45 p.m. Lent Service at St. Michael's, Arley.

Sunday, March 13th — Mothering Sunday

10.30 a.m. Family Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Service with Mothers' Union.

Wednesday, March 16th

7.45 p.m. Lent Service at Fillongley Church.

Sunday, March 20th — Passion Sunday

10.30 a.m. Family Service.

6.30 p.m. Parish Communion.

Wednesday, March 23rd

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

Speaker: Catherine Jasper.

Thursday, March 24th

7.45 p.m. Parochial Church Council.

Sunday, March 27th — Palm Sunday

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

10.30 a.m. Family Communion, (Special Guests taking part).

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

Thursday, March 31st — Maundy Thursday

10.00 a.m. Nursery Hill School Service in Church.

7.45 p.m. The Lord's Supper in Village Church Hall.

Every Tuesday

7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Youth Club.

Every Thursday

10.30 a.m. Mums and Toddlers, Ansley Village Church Hall.

6.30 p.m. Explorers for Boys and Girls, St. John's Hall, Ansley Common.

Every Friday

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Burial of Ashes — 'The dead in Christ shall rise'

January 31—Leslie Whordley, 71 years, of Ansley Village.

Mothers' Union speaker at this month's meeting on the 1st will really be Thelma Burns. The dates were confused at last month's meeting. It will be an enjoyable gathering to which there is an open invitation. Also this month is the special evening service on Mothering Sunday, March 13th, at which members of our Mothers' Union Branch will take part,

Winnie Ponder.

Meetings this month for members of the Ansley Ladies will be on the 2nd, 16th and 30th, all commence at 8.00 p.m., in the Village Church Hall.

Winnie Ponder

Women's World Day of Prayer will be addressed by Anne McIntyre and will take place on Friday, March 4th at 2.30 p.m., at Fife Street Free Methodist, Nuneaton.

On Maundy Thursday we welcome Nursery Hill School to a special end of term service in which the children of the school will take part. Parents are invited and anyone else who would like to attend. Refreshments will be served at the close of the service before the children return by special bus to the school.

On Saturday, June 11th Nursery Hill School is organising an outing to the Welsh seaside town of Rhyl. They want to make this day not only a school outing but one for the whole community. The return fare from Ansley Common by bus will be approximately £4. So if you would like to be included in this community outing please book your seats with the School Secretary by telephone, 392318 or by a visit to the School.

We shall be having the Maundy Thursday service of the Lord's Supper in Ansley Village Church Hall at 7.45 p.m. This simple service will be preceded by soup and a bun. You will be most welcome to join us for this informal service.

The Parochial Church Council meets on Thursday, March 24th at 7.45 p.m., in the Ansley Village Church Hall, mainly for the purpose of receiving the audited accounts for the year 1993. This gives opportunity to clarify any points that may be necessary before the Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting, to which members of the public are welcome, and at which those on the Electoral Roll are eligible to vote, will be held on Thursday, April 7th in Ansley Village Church Hall. We have two nominations to fill the vacancy for the office of Churchwarden, namely David Cove and Margaret Antill. In addition to this will be a report on the parish and the direction in which we aim to go, together with election of members of the P.C.C. for the next 12 months, and much more.

Leslie Whordley passed away in January and we offer to Pam our deepest sympathy. They just missed celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary by four weeks. Les was born in the Village, and worked at the local pits. He and Pam were married at Coton Parish Church in 1944.

We are very grateful to those who gave gifts amounting to £41 following the funeral of Mrs. Annis Moore. This amount has been put into the General Account of our Church and is most timely.

Thank you.

We appreciate the generosity of those who, instead of wreaths, made a contribution of money to be given to the Churchyard fund at Tom Whordley's funeral, amounting to £100. This is most welcome.

Our P.C.C. have decided that there will be a retiring offering at the services on Passion Sunday towards the rebuilding of St. Chad's Church Hall, Wood End, Coventry. Both their Church and Hall were severely damaged by vandals.

The 1993 profits from the sale of birthday cards and Christmas cards, etc., amounted to £103.10. This amount has been put into the Church's General Account. Thank you for your support. I hope you will continue to buy your stationery for our Church.

Jean Wakeford & Davy, 170 Ansley Common, Tel.: 395640.
And very many thanks to you too Jean.

A PRAYER FOR DAILY USE

Lord God,
Let Your Spirit be in our minds to guide our thoughts,
Let Your Spirit be in our hearts to cleanse them from selfish desires,
Let Your Spirit be on our lips to preserve them from wrong speaking,
Let Your Spirit be upon our eyes so that they are fixed only on Jesus,
Let Your Spirit be upon our hands so that they may be faithful in
work and eager in Your service.
(from the prayers contributed recently at the Morning Service
intercessions)

LITTLE FISHES (Parents & Toddlers)

We meet every Thursday morning 10.30 till 11.30, and provide a wide variety of play for your child. Including slide, water and sand trays.

All are welcome, Mothers, Fathers, Childminders, Grandparents, and their children between 0-4 years.

We ask for a small charge of 50p per family and we provide tea/coffee/squash and biscuits.

Paula Scott, Hilary Baraclough, Rebekah Jasper.

The following three books are in the Church Library and are available for you to borrow. They have been reviewed here by Mrs. Judith Wilson.

1—My Life by Bobby Ball

This book is about one half of the comedy duo Cannon and Ball. It gives a very honest, sometimes funny, sometimes sad account of his childhood and the route he took to fame and fortune, and from living a totally selfish lifestyle to becoming a Christian.

I was a bit disappointed he didn't tell us a little bit more about his life since becoming a Christian. Nevertheless this was an enjoyable book to read.

2—Bereavement—A Shared Experience by Helen Alexander

"The death of someone we love is a shocking and bewildering experience, yet everyone's experience is unique. This book through sharing of other people's reactions and feelings may help the reader to find strength in knowing they are not alone.

"This book is for people who are still living with their own experience of bereavement, but it is also for anyone who wants to stand alongside people in grief."

This quote is from the introduction, and gives a very good idea of what the book is about. It deals sympathetically with various aspects of death, both from a Christian and non-Christian viewpoint and yet it was a very readable book. Perhaps a book everyone **should** read.

3—Give Us This Day by Fiona Castle

A very moving and loving account of how the Castle family dealt with Roy's cancer.

Throughout the book shines the great love they have for each other, alongside their deep love for Jesus.