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SERVICES IN ANSLEY CHURCH — APRIL 1986

Sunday, April 6th — 1st Sunday after Easter

8.00 a.m. **No Service this month.**

11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.
Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Canon Peter Buckler.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.
Rev. Canon Peter Buckler.

Saturday, April 12th

3.00 p.m. Induction and Institution of the Rev. James Jasper
as Vicar of Ansley and the Licensing of Mrs.
Catherine Jasper as a non-stipendary worker.

Sunday, April 13th — 2nd Sunday after Easter

11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion and Sermon.
Preacher and Celebrant: The Vicar.

4.00 p.m. Holy Baptism — the Vicar.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon, taken by the Vicar.

Sunday, April 20th — 3rd Sunday after Easter.

11.00 a.m. Family Service.

6.30 p.m. **Songs of Praise** for all the Parishes in the "Ley"
Group. (Ansley, Arley, Fillongley and Corley).
Preacher: Mr. Paul Wilmot, Organising Secretary
for the Midland Area of the C of E Children's
Society.

Sunday, April 27th — 4th Sunday after Easter

11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Sunday, May 4th — 5th Sunday after Easter — Rogation Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said).

11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Sunday School will meet in the Village Church Hall at 11.00 a.m.,
each Sunday except the 20th of April when it will attend the
Service in the Church.

The Village Branch of the Mothers' Union will meet in the Village
Church Hall at 3.00 p.m., on Tuesday. **April 8th NOT** April 1st.

THE NEW VICAR

St. Mary's Parsonage,

Throckley,

Newcastle-on-Tyne

17th March, 1986

Dear Friends,

It is with particular pleasure that we look forward to the beginning of April with our move to Ansley.

We hope to quickly become members of the Parish and settle in amongst new friends.

Mark and Rebekah will be going back to school at Newcastle on April 14th, so we shall not be able to settle as a complete family until the end of examinations which we expect to be on June 20th.

Since meeting members of the Church Council and looking at the whole parish we feel that Ansley is the next place where the Lord would have us be. During the last twelve months we have prayed very much about the new phase in our ministry, and having looked at many parishes, none have we felt to be right for us until we looked at Ansley, and about this we have the Lord's peace. So we come encouraged and challenged.

It will be quite a wrench for us as we leave St. Mary's, Throckley, where we have been for 12 years, with its many friends, and many memories, and which has been the place of almost all of Mark and Rebekah's childhood. But we know that the move is right and so we come with confidence and expectations.

Amongst other things we shall aim to visit every home in the parish, but that may take sometime, so do write us your name and address if you would like an early visit, not forgetting to state the time most convenient to you, and either post it through the Vicarage letter box or hand it to the Wardens.

Yours very sincerely,

James and Catherine Jasper.

The arrangements for the Induction were in the March magazine and they have not been altered.

The Vicar and his family will arrive at the Vicarage in the early hours of Wednesday, April 2nd.

The Induction is on Saturday, April 12th at 3.00 p.m., in the Church, followed by a reception in the Village Church Hall at 4.15 p.m., approx., to give us all the opportunity to meet the new Vicar and his family.

The Church bus will run, leaving Ansley Corner at 2.15 p.m., Ansley Common at 2.30 p.m., and Birchley Heath at 2.35 p.m. It will take its passengers to the Village Church Hall after the Service and return them to their homes at 5.15 p.m., approx.

Those taking their cars to the Hall please park them prettily on the Hall side of the road.

**DURNO'S GARDENING EVENING IN THE
VILLAGE CHURCH HALL**

Wednesday, April 9th at 7.30 p.m.

This should be a very pleasant evening for all those people who like gardening and who like to see a garden that is behaving itself. Many useful tips should be given and for those ladies who like arranging cut flowers there will be some good advice on the type of plants to grow in our own gardens for this work. Men should come with the ladies so that all of us can be better equipped to give Ansley and District some wonderful gardens this summer. Admission is 50p and there will be a Raffle, Refreshments and, we hope, a stall with plants for sale, depending on how well they recover after the severe frosts and winter.

Any profit will go to the Church Hall Funds, Please tell your friends and bring them with you.

THE MARCH FAYRE — SATURDAY, MARCH 1st

This was a splendid effort and was very well supported by the people of Ansley Common. A splendid jolly atmosphere prevailed and the well stocked stalls did a very brisk trade. Many thanks to all who came, to all who gave, and to all who helped. The Parish Church General Fund received £256.00 as a result of this good afternoon. Many thanks to everybody.

THE A.G.M. HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 3rd, 1986

This was a good meeting although it was very poorly attended. It had been hoped that all those interested people would have attended but it was not so. The Church Officers were all duly re-elected and with one change the Church Council is the same.

Mr. D. A. Greenway was elected sidesman for the morning of the 2nd Sunday and Mr. Ian Richardson was elected sidesman for the 3rd Sunday evening.

To Mr. Fred Martin, who has relinquished his office as sidesman after many, many years of faithful service, we send our hearty thanks and hope that he may have many years of happy retirement. His service to his church has been a good example for us all to follow. Thank you Fred.

The Church General Fund Balance Sheet caused much discussion and much concern, it showed a deficit of £431.

The Church had spent a total of £8742, which is approximately £168 per week, which is a lot of money to find. Heating and lighting cost £1291 for the year and the Diocesan Quota to Coventry Headquarters was £3810. So it is easy to see where all the money we keep asking for goes.

The interest from the money realised on the sale of St. John's Church site goes towards the cost of the Sunday Church Bus and this year it helped with the repairs to the stonework of the Parish Church as well.

The Church income for the year came to £8311 which is nearly £900 up on last year. Without a Vicar for most of the year this is good, but not good enough, for we were £431 in the red. This means that on the average we received £150 a week but yet we need another £18 just to balance. A staggering thought that, but at the moment of going to press we are out of the red. The full Balance Sheet hangs in the Church Porch for all to see and will remain there until after Easter.

There are 125 names on the Church Electoral Roll and that has been hanging in the Church Porch but has now been removed to the Church Safe, for safe keeping. Please contact either of the Churchwardens if you wish to see it.

THE LADIES' ASSOCIATION

This meets in the Village Church Hall on alternate Wednesdays at 8.00 p.m., and new members will be made most welcome.

On Wednesday, April 30th they have a most important meeting entitled "DRUG ABUSE" and the talk will be given by the Police.

This will be an open meeting for men and ladies to attend, to hear what is said and to join in the discussion afterwards.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

March 30—Easter Sunday. Services at 8.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., all taken by Canon Buckler.

April 2—(Wednesday). The Jasper's in residence at Vicarage.

April 7—(Monday). P.C.C. meets in Village Church Hall at 8.00 p.m.

April 9—(Wednesday). Gardening Evening in Village Church Hall at 7.30 p.m., given by Durno's of Atherstone.

April 12—(Saturday). Induction of New Vicar, 3.00 p.m., in Church.

April 30—"Drug Abuse." Village Church Hall at 8.00 p.m.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

March 9—Robert James Cooper, 181 Ansley Common.