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Our Dear Friends,

As the barometer, indicating the income for our new building, begins to slowly rise, we are encouraged. Many people are beginning to get interested in the idea, by supporting a variety of activities organised. One of which is the 'buy-a-brick' plan. Many have felt able to buy a brick or more for £1 each. The barometer shows that so far we have a total of £11,500 towards the project.

You will see elsewhere in this magazine a list of activities being put into operation this year, and we trust that you will want to get involved.

Many are seeing this as such a vital part of a forward looking plan, that will take us into the future years, to be equipped to help meet the spiritual needs of our children, and to make the church worship centre at Church End of realistic and practical use.

This month our Church celebrates some notable occasions, one of which is Palm Sunday when we remember Our Lord Jesus Christ riding on a donkey (the only time we ever read of Him riding anywhere—He usually walked) into the city of Jerusalem.

Turn in your Bible to Matthew's Gospel chapter twenty-one verses 15 & 16. There you will read that the children were in the Temple. It is good to bring children to the house of prayer, "for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." We must let children be taught to keep up the form of Godliness and it will help to lead them to the power of Godliness.

The children were there shouting in the Temple, "Praise to David's Son." This they learn from those that were grown up. Little children say and do as they hear others say, and see others do; so easily do they imitate; and therefore great care must be taken to set them good examples, and no bad ones. Children will learn of those that are with them, either to curse and swear, or to pray and praise.

Our Lord Jesus was very pleased with their praises. Christ is not ashamed of the praises of little children, indeed, He takes particular pleasure and notice of them (and children love to be taken notice of). Their praises bring a special honour and glory to God. Without theirs, our praise is defective and imperfect, so they **must** share in it. The Lord quotes Psalm eight verse two, "You have trained children and babies to offer perfect praise." This encourages children to come, and their parents to teach them and bring them.

This incident, which we shall be celebrating at the beginning of Holy Week is a further example to us of the importance of providing for our children into the next century as they come with their parents each Sunday.

If there is to be a Church of tomorrow, the children must be seen as an important part of the Church of today and not an optional extra.

A Happy Easter,

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

DIARY FOR APRIL

Passion Sunday, April 2nd

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer, A.S.B. 'Satan'—his works.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer, B.C.P. 1662 "Cost of Discipleship."

Tuesday, April 4th

- 3.00 p.m. Mothers' Union.

Wednesday, April 5th

- 10.00 a.m. House Meeting with Video, "The Origin of Mankind."
- 7.45 p.m. House Meeting with Video, "The Fossil Record."

Thursday, April 6th

- 4.00 p.m. House Meeting with Video, "Origins."
- 7.45 p.m. Annual General Meeting.

Friday, April 7th

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

Palm Sunday, April 9th

- 10.30 a.m. Family Communion, "The Coming of the King."
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Service, A.S.B. "The Price of Love."

Monday, April 10th

- 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Holiday Club at St. John's, Ansley Common.

Tuesday, April 11th

- 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Holiday Club at St. John's, Ansley Common.

Maundy Thursday, April 13th

- 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Holiday Club at The Church Hall, Ansley Village.
- 7.45 p.m. The Lord's Supper.

Good Friday, April 14th

- 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Holiday Club at The Church Hall, Ansley Village.
- 8.00 p.m. Devotional Service in Church, "At The Cross."

Saturday, April 15th

- 10.00 a.m., onwards, decorating the Church.

Easter Sunday, April 16th

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 9.45 a.m. Holy Communion, St. John's, Ansley Common.
- 10.30 a.m. Family Communion, "God's Victory."
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion, "Resurrection."

Sunday, April 23rd

- 10.30 a.m. Family Service.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer, B.C.P.

Wednesday, April 26th

- 7.30 p.m. Church Army Evening.

Friday, April 28th

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

Saturday, April 29th

- 11.00 a.m. Sponsored Walk.

Sunday, April 30th

- 10.30 a.m. Family Communion.
- 6.30 p.m. Guest Service.

Every Tuesday

- 6.00 p.m. Children's Club, in the Village Church Hall.

Every Thursday

- 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. Mums and Toddlers in the Village Church Hall.
- 6.30 p.m. Explorers at St. John's, Ansley Common.

Church Army Evening on Wednesday, April 26th will be in the Village Church Hall. Captain Aidan Webster, who lives at Burbage, Hinckley, will be speaking and showing slides, etc., on the work of the Church Army both in this country and abroad. It should be both an enjoyable and an enlightening evening. Commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Annual General Meeting as previously announced, will be on Thursday, April 6th at 7.45 p.m., at Ansley Village Church Hall.

All persons whose names are entered on the Church electoral roll of the parish and all persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors, because they live in the parish, are entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.

At a recent fund-raising meeting the following items were listed to be held this year to help raise funds towards the new building.

Sponsored Walk April 29th; Knitwear Evening May 17th; Twelve Open Gardens June 24th-25th; Auction of Services June 9th; Treasure Hunt July; Barbecue September; Sponsored Sing October 8th; 'Badgers of Woodchester' November 17th by John Sparrow; "Dine on Wheels" December. The details of each event will be included in the appropriate month's magazine. You will see that this magazine has the 'Auction of Service' leaflet enclosed.

Children's Holiday Clubs. Monday and Tuesday, April 10th and 11th, St. John's Church Hall, Ansley Common, Commencing at 10.00 a.m. and finishing at 12.30 p.m. each day. The title is called "The J Team." Please bring with you your felt tip marker pens and 20 pence.

Thursday and Good Friday the Holiday Club will be in the Church Hall, Ansley Village from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. There will be a full programme of things to make, see, and do. There will be refreshments and activities to suit each age group. Offers of help will be gratefully accepted, especially from parents.

As in previous years there will be an informal service of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, conducted in the Village Church Hall. Light refreshments will be served. We attempt to remember the setting in which the Lord instituted His own service before He faced the Cross.

Good Friday hour of Devotion will help us to centre our thoughts upon the Cross and to concentrate on this momentous event. The service in Church commences at 8.00 p.m.

Decorating the Church for EASTER DAY will take place on Saturday, April 15th. The Church will be open at 10.00 a.m. onwards. Gifts of flowers and offers of help will be appreciated.

Choose your favourite hymn for the Guest Service on Sunday evening April 30th. Put it in the "Suggestion Box" on the literature table or give it to one of the Wardens.

Senior Citizens. At the moment there is a youth club and a mums and toddlers group held each week in the Village Church Hall, some events for the younger generations. Would people of an older generation like to have a weekly or fortnightly get together in the Hall? (could be morning or an afternoon) for a cuppa and biscuit and a good chat, and socialise. Perhaps other things could be organised

e.g. outings, entertainment, if there was a desire to have them. What is required is some people to volunteer to make the tea, etc., on a rota basis. There is no thought of making any profit from this but a charge to cover the costs of heating and the refreshments would be likely, the amount will depend on how many wish to attend.

If you are interested in this idea, either as a helper, or as one who wishes to partake please contact me, and depending on the response, then a decision can be made whether to proceed.

Margaret Antill

Very many thanks to all who supported the Coffee Evening in the Church Hall on the very stormy night of February 16th. Although it was very inclement outside, inside we had a very enjoyable and interesting evening. More than £120 was raised for the building fund.

One event we are thinking of holding is an **Open Gardens Weekend**. This is to be held over the 24th and 25th June. We have a few gardens already, but we need more. Your garden does not have to be big; little ones are very interesting, especially to someone who has not seen it before, and also just as pretty. Neither does it have to be perfect. Every garden will have a weed or two somewhere.

If you are interested in "Lending" your garden or want to know more about the idea, please let the Vicar, Churchwardens, or David Morley know.

The plan is to have twelve gardens available for viewing. For the price of £2.50 a map will be given showing the address of each open garden.

At a couple of gardens strawberry teas will be served for an extra £1.00

Margaret Antill

Sponsored Walk. On Saturday, April 29th I am hoping to do a sponsored walk around the parish to raise money for the building fund. I propose to start from the bottom of Ansley Common at 11.00 a.m., and walk through the Common up Nursery Hill and at the pit site turn down Pipers Lane. At the end bear left, through Birchley Heath (about 11.45-12.00) and continue along until Chain Hill Cottages are reached where I will turn right along the B4114 before turning down into the lane for the Mill. Up the lane, stopping off at Merry Brook for a snack and then along Hood land and coming out at the Oak tree. Turning right up through the village around 1.30 p.m., until left into Nuthurst Crescent and right back up Tunnel Road to the Turn. Straight down the village and on to the Church, where light refreshments will be available. Approximately 10 miles in all.

I would appreciate anyone walking with me through the respective villages (or giving me a wave) but as there are no footpaths along the fast open stretches it may be safer not to have an entourage!

However I am looking for sponsors! Forms are available from the Church or PCC members or please contact myself, if you are able to get more sponsors, if you would like to be a sponsor please enter it on a form from a PCC member.

Margaret Antill

Ansley Mothers' Union meet on April 4th in the Church Hall at 3.00 p.m. Speaker Mrs. Storrie, with slides and talk. Anyone welcome.

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