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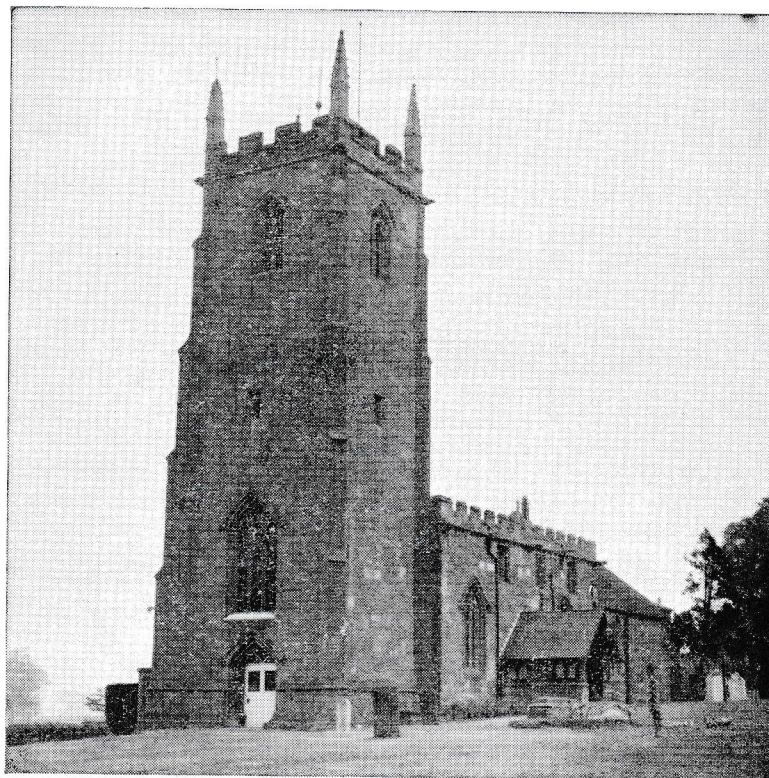
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Dear Friends,

This Easter, Bishop Colin has written an Easter message based on his visit to Jerusalem earlier this year. I print it here for you:

### **He is risen**

When the story of the Resurrection of Jesus first broke in Jerusalem it was a very local story. Not many people heard about it and even fewer believed it. It was certainly a very intriguing story, one full of human interest and emotion, but a story which stretched credibility to the limits. Dead men simply don't rise!

Twenty years later and some eight hundred miles away in Corinth the story had led to the founding of a church. It was a very different place and they were certainly very different people, but they found themselves bound together in that community of faith, insisting that Christ was, indeed, raised from the dead. And because of that historic fact death itself was powerless over all humanity, '... for as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive!'

Some two thousand years later and in virtually every corner of the world the story, and the faith it inspires, has taken root in hearts and minds, and the Church universal is there to witness to it.

One of the most exciting events I have shared in this past year has been the signing of a covenant between our diocese, the Anglican diocese of Kaduna and the Syrian Orthodox diocese of Jerusalem and the Holy Lands. The three bishops did the signing in the monastery of St. Mark in Jerusalem. It is very probably the place where Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with his disciples on the first Maundy Thursday. The Syrian Orthodox chapel in the Church of the Resurrection (the Holy Sepulchre) could very well contain the tomb in which Jesus was buried and from which he burst forth that first Easter Day.

It was there that Andrew White, Patrick Shine and I prayed at precisely the time when a friend's funeral was happening back in the Cathedral in Coventry. Suddenly, time and space were telescoped and the original story that gave birth to the Christian Church once again gave birth to hope and confidence in the Lord who has indeed conquered death. He is risen! Come, celebrate and share in that Life!

### **He is risen**

With love to you all,  
Geoff and Gill.

## **SERVICES FOR APRIL 2001**

**Theme: God's plans fulfilled**

**At St. John's Hall the services are as follows:**

- 8—Family Service.
- 12—Last Supper, Please bring spoon, soup bowl and wine glass.
- 22—Holy Communion by Extension.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT MORNING SERVICES NOW BEGIN  
AT 10.30 a.m. AT ST. JOHN'S.**

**At St. Laurence's church services are at 10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.**

- April 1—a.m. All age Worship.  
p.m. Holy Communion.
- April 8—Palm Sunday Communion,  
p.m. Evensong.
- April 15—8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10.30 a.m. Easter Praise.  
6.30 p.m. Holy Communion.
- April 22—a.m. Holy Communion,  
p.m. Evensong.
- April 29—a.m. Morning Service with Baptisms.  
p.m. Evensong.

Mid-week service: April 10th 9.30 a.m. in Village Church Hall. This will be a Holy Communion service, followed by Home Communion.

### **APRIL DIARY**

April 2—Last of the series at Attleborough of 'Exploring Prayer.' This will be at 7.30 p.m. and will be training on leading prayer in small groups, led by Deaconess Pamela Hamilton.

April 4—7.30 p.m. Morning Worship team meets.

April 12—Maundy Thursday, Last Supper at St. John's at 7.30 p.m. See above.

April 13—Good Friday, 7.30 p.m. Vigil in St. Laurence's.

April 14—Decorating the church for Easter. All help will be most welcome—please don't leave it to the faithful few! **DONATIONS** for Easter flowers are always most welcome, and should be passed to Margaret Antill or Margaret Kimberley.

### **April 15—EASTER DAY.**

April 23—7.30 p.m. Youth Leaders meet at the Rectory.

April 25—3.00 p.m. Prayer Time at 1 Park Cottages.

Monday Fellowship at Ansley Common—April 9th and 23rd.

Wednesday Fellowship resumes May 2nd onwards.

**FORWARD PLANNING:** Our Church Fellowship Day this year will be on SATURDAY, 16th JUNE in the Village Church Hall. Speakers will be Don and Ann Lindon. The theme will be 'A loving community.' The Lindons head up the UK Communities of the Cross of Nails. Put this date on your calendar NOW and plan to be there—it's always a highlight of the year!



## **THANK YOU**

A big thank you to everyone who supported the slide show on Friday evening. This was a very enjoyable and interesting evening. A special thank you to all who helped with the refreshments, etc. and of course to Dr. Bland who did all the work preparing and presenting his slides. I think every one learnt more about Ansley's history. A total of £278.50 was raised for the Church Hall roof.

Thank you to everyone who has given generously to the new toilet and building project following last month's article. It is most encouraging. Now that we have obtained the formal permissions from all the necessary authorities, we can proceed to get some proper quotes and then we will be able to let you know the true size of the task that is before us.

**A notice from the Parish Council.** Thank you to everyone who has been so helpful and considerate to the farmers by keeping off the footpaths during this Foot and Mouth crisis. Your thoughtfulness has been much appreciated. Please keep out of the farmland until the crisis is over.

Thank you also to Dave Cove for his contribution to the PCC and as Deputy Warden. Dave is standing down, but we are glad he is able to continue his responsibilities in Ansley Common.

We would like to express thanks for the gift of £500 which has been left to the Churchyard Fund in memory of Mrs. Ethel Ada Buckler (nee Scattergood) who died recently. Ethel Buckler was a loyal supporter of St. John's in earlier years, and continued to support St. Laurence all her life. She was an unforgettable lady and anyone who met her would not fail to be impressed by her down to earth approach to life but she was also very interesting to talk to as she had a marvellous memory. Thank you to Mrs. Buckler for her years of loyal service and also to the family for this gift in her memory.

The collection for Tear Fund from St. Laurence for March realised £15.25

Bring and Buy Sale for Comic Relief raised £100. Thank you to everyone for their support.

## **A letter from Rev. Stanley Marriott**

We were most heartened to hear from Stan after he had received the magazine with the leaflet inside about the new church annexe in the churchyard. He writes: 'This new church room I consider to be absolutely appropriate . . . it is a splendid idea. The plan and description are brilliant . . . my hope is that your efforts will be crowned with success.'

Thank you, Stan, for your encouragement—and also for 'priming the pump'!

It will seem a very strange Spring this year with no lambs in the field, but despite everything that March has thrown at us, including ice, sleet, snow and bitter cold winds, the daffodils and other Spring flowers are in bloom. They must be really tough plants to endure all that winter sends and even before the sun breaks through, they are in flower, and the same can be said for the birds during this long, long winter. I have never seen them so hungry and in so many numbers and different types. Someone said to me the other day 'They won't show any gratitude for your kindness to them, they will eat the young shoots off your bushes and generally make a nuisance of themselves.' They can do their worst, but I still will feed the birds and the only reward I require is to watch them in all their splendour.

Have you ever noticed what a lot of nosy Parkers we are? I don't mean wanting to pry into other people's business, but e.g. years ago I loved jig saw puzzles, which I kept on a large board on a coffee table. There was hardly anyone who came to the house who couldn't resist fitting in a piece. It is also the same with crossword puzzles—people just want to fit a word in. Have you ever watched someone reading a newspaper and wanted to peer over and read it? It is irresistible as it always seems more interesting when someone else has the newspaper. I still find it hard to pass a pram without looking inside at the baby and even having a few words. This is human curiosity, but why do we call people 'nosy Parkers'—who was this person called Parker, who must have been very curious. He was certainly a person as Parker has a capital letter in the dictionary.

It goes on from one generation to another. When we are at school the teachers seem really old and grandma and granddad are very, very old—everyone over the age of 30 is considered to be over the hill. When I was at school the Art Teacher had horn rimmed glasses and her hair scraped tightly back. To me she seemed very old, but 40 years later at a School Reunion this teacher hardly looked any older, and she actually remembered me (probably because I was the worst art student she ever had). She was probably only in her early 30's or younger when I was at school but to me she seemed like an elderly spinster lady. Now the tables have been turned on me, as my grandson asked the other day 'Are you very old, Grandma?' I don't feel very old but to him I am an old lady. Well, as they say, what goes round, comes round.

Have you noticed the huge star which has been in the sky for a long time now. I have been asking what it is and have been told it is not a Space Station, but Venus which is the brightest of the stars and is in orbit between Mercury and Earth. Have a look at it next time you are out in the evening—it is very bright and unmistakable. Let us look forward to a beautiful Spring heralding a glorious Summer.

Marie Cove.