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## SERVICES IN ANSLEY CHURCH FOR MAY 1981

### Sunday, May 3rd — Second Sunday after Easter

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said).  
Rev. John Law of Fillongley with Corley.
- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.  
Preacher and Celebrant : Rev. David Robinson from Bulkington.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.  
Preacher : Mr. Geoff Nichols.

### Sunday, May 10th — Third Sunday after Easter

- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.  
Preacher and Celebrant : Rev. Alan Gray of Bulkington.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.  
Preachers : Mr. and Mrs. Glen Martin.

**Friday, May 15th — Commissioning and Installation of the Rev. T. M. Gouldstone, M.Sc., as Priest-in-Charge of Ansley** by the Bishop of Warwick and the Archdeacon of Coventry at 7.30 p.m.

### Sunday, May 17th — Fourth Sunday after Easter

- 11.00 a.m. Family Service with talk by **The Vicar**. Children of the Sunday School will attend and take part in the Service. All families are invited to attend.
- 6.30 p.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.  
Preacher and Celebrant : **The Vicar**.

### Sunday, May 24th — Fifth Sunday after Easter

#### Rogation Sunday

- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.
- 3.30 p.m. Holy Baptism.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

**Thursday, May 28th — Ascension Day**

7.30 p.m. Evening Service at St. Wilfrid's Church, Arley.  
Conducted by the Rev. G. Humphries.  
Preacher : Rev. T. M. Gouldstone.

**Sunday, May 31st — Sunday after Ascension Day**

11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.  
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

**Sunday, June 7th — WHIT 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.

The Sunday School will meet in the Village Church Hall each Sunday at 11.00 a.m., except May 17th when it will attend the service in the Church.

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**A FEW WORDS TO US FROM THE VICAR DESIGNATE**

Jane, Rebecca and I are looking forward to our move to Ansley in May. As I write this, we are in the middle of preparations for Easter in Ware. There could be no more appropriate time of year to think over what it means to be a Christian today when so many think that God-talk is meaningless. Easter reminds us that Christianity is not for escapists or for those who happen to be religiously-minded. God is not interested in a little religious corner of this world but in all of it—so what sort of people does he want ?

First, we need to be a **believing** church. 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Unless we know what we believe and why, we are not going to be much use to God or to his world. This does not mean that we are cocksure or arrogant. It does mean that we are assured about who God is, and what he has done for us.

Next, we need to be a **caring** church. 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' In the early days of the church all God's people shared in the work of the ministry. It wasn't left to the gallant few ! We need to ask ourselves — 'What is God calling **me** to do ?'

Lastly, we need to be a **relevant** and adapting church. That does not mean gimmicks or stunts to attract people. It means that our forms or worship, our social activities and the whole life of our church needs careful thought—what are our aims as the people of God and are we achieving them ?

Many thanks to the churchwardens and many others who are (not yet !) known to us who have kept the life and witness of the Christ's church in Ansley alive during the past two and a half years. We look forward eagerly to our move and getting to know 'who's who' in Ansley !

TIM GOULDSTONE



### THE LENT DISCUSSIONS

Much to everyone's surprise these were well attended and proved to be most interesting. It soon became obvious at the first meeting that those present wanted to talk about what the church was doing today and what they would like to see it doing tomorrow. Time and time again the question of young people playing an actual part in church life arose. Should the church provide facilities for activities organised by the young people themselves? It soon became clear that everyone thought that besides being a believing church the church must also be a Caring-Church. Youth Club, Scouts, Brownies, Guides, visits, evenings spent together were all part of the discussion. So many ideas were brought up that it became obvious that more meetings were necessary before any real course of action can be taken.

Our visiting leaders were impressed when they realised that both Church Halls had activities which catered for the community as a whole and not just church members. Luncheon clubs, play groups and dancing clubs, etc., are open to everybody and are caring-organisations.

What happens now? Much prayer and thought are now needed and then there should develop a pattern of church life which will be meaningful to everybody.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, May 5th** — The Parish Church branch of the Mothers' Union will meet in the Village Church Hall at 3.00 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 12th** — Church Hall Committee meets at 8.00 p.m., at Cloverfields.

**Friday, May 15th** — The Commissioning and Installation of the Rev. T. M. Gouldstone as Priest-in-Charge of St. Laurence, Ansley at 7.30 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 20th** — St. John's Branch of the Mothers' Union meets in St. John's Hall at 7.00 p.m.

Also Car Treasure Hunt at Church Car Park at 6.45 p.m.

### THE NEW VICAR

The Rev. Timothy Gouldstone, his wife and daughter, Rebecca, will be moving into the new Vicarage in the Village sometime during the week beginning May 11th. He takes over his duties as Vicar at a service in the church at 7.30 p.m., on Friday, May 15th. This will be taken by the Bishop of Warwick assisted by the Archdeacon of Coventry. There is an open invitation to everybody to attend this service, to witness the charge, to hear what the Bishop of Warwick has to say and to welcome the new Vicar and his family to Ansley. After the service refreshments will be served in the school across the road from the church to all who wish to partake. The church 'bus will run.

After this service he will assume all the Vicar's duties, and will take all the services in church. At the time of going to the press his new telephone number is not known.

May God bless the ministry of Tim Gouldstone in Ansley.

#### **THE CAR TREASURE HUNT**

The Car Treasure Hunt last year proved to be so successful and so enjoyable that the Church Hall Committee are organising another one on Wednesday, May 20th. It will be in the capable hands of Mr. Alan Cormack and will start from the **Church Car Park** at 6.45 p.m., or thereabouts. So bring your friends and your cars and have an evening of good fun. Adults will be charged 50p and Children 25p.

This year it will finish at the Village Church Hall around 8.45 p.m., with fish and chips from the Village chip shop with tea or coffee in the Hall and beer at the Boot afterwards.

#### **ASCENSION DAY**

This year this falls on Thursday, May 28th and it is our turn to go to St. Wilfrid's Church at Arley. The service will begin at 7.30 p.m., and will be taken by the Rev. Grahame Humphries and the sermon will be given by our new Vicar—the Rev. Timothy Gouldstone. The church 'bus will run, leaving Ansley Common at 6.55 p.m., Birchley Heath at 7.05 p.m., the Village at 7.15 p.m., and will return after the service.

#### **WHIT SUNDAY**

This year this does **not** coincide with the Spring Bank Holiday but is just one week later on Sunday, June 7th. The services are as for the first Sunday in the month; and it will be good to see many people in church that day remembering the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Whit Sunday.

#### **FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

**Holy Baptism** — "Suffer little children to come unto Me"

April 26—Craig Long of Ansley Common.

Matthew James Starmer of Ansley Common.

Leeanne Marie Edwards of Bede Road, Stockingford.

#### **Laid to Rest**

April 9—Ethel Mary Cadman of 78 Friary Road, Atherstone, aged 70 years.

10—Elsie Mary Stringer of Ansley Common, aged 69 years.

22—John Hood of Ludford Close, aged 51 years.

22—(At Bolton) Bernard Warren late of 76 Ansley Common, aged 31 years.

To the families of the departed the church offers its prayers for their comfort and thanksgiving for memories of days that have passed.

May God guide, strengthen and encourage them at this very sad time.