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Our Dear Friends,

You have given us a very warm and thoughtful welcome and we are most grateful, simply because it has made us feel that we have not come amongst strangers, but amongst friends, and that feeling will enable our roots to grow more quickly than anything else I know; which is so important in relationships one with another.

We have been given a map of the parish, so we thought that by following a clearly defined line we could walk the boundaries of the parish, only to discover that the parish is not bound by as clearly a defined lane or road as the map would have us think. Nevertheless we shall make an attempt to do so as far as possible, and that will take us along many of those lovely country lanes. In addition to giving us an overall view of the parish.

I heard of a man who was greatly depressed, walking along a country lane. Tiring because of the long walk, he stopped to rest beside a tall hedge. As he sat there brooding over his troubles, he heard two girls talking on the other side. They were discussing a sermon they had heard in a London Church. One of them said, "I shall never forget one thing in particular that was said as the Minister spoke of the paralyzed man recorded in Matthew's gospel chapter 9." The other girl asked what it was. Her friend replied that he had stated, "The world will always say, 'You made your bed, and you must lie on it,' but Jesus said, 'Take up your bed and walk. Your sins are forgiven you.' " When the troubled and despairing man on the other side of the hedge heard these gracious words, hope was kindled in his heart and the dark shadow of despair was lifted from his soul. The Holy Spirit used that incident to draw that man to Christ.

Every dishearted person who seeks to have the weight of his sin lifted can find both forgiveness and strength to face his life by trusting Jesus. He says, in effect, "Take up your bed—take up your Cross; and then bear your burden graciously as you walk in My strength."

God tells us to burden Him with what burdens us.

God bless you,

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.



## **SERVICES IN ANSLEY CHURCH — MAY 1986**

### **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.

### **Thursday, May 8th — Ascension Day**

- 7.30 p.m. Service at Arley Methodist Church.
- Preacher: The Rev. Peter Cole.

### **Sunday, May 11th — Sunday after Ascension Day**

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

### **Sunday, May 18th — Pentecost — Whit Sunday**

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said).
- 11.00 a.m. Family Service.
- 6.30 p.m. The Parish Communion and Sermon.

### **Sunday, May 25th — Trinity Sunday**

- 10.00 a.m. Family Service, St. John's Hall.
- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

### **Sunday, June 1st — Second after Pentecost and First after Trinity**

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said).
- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion and Sermon.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Arrangements for Holy Baptism should be made with the Vicar at the Vicarage or Tel.: Chapel End 396403.

The Sunday School will meet in the Village Church Hall at 11.00 a.m., each Sunday, except Sunday, May 18th (Whit Sunday) when it will attend the Service in the Church.

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## **ASCENSION DAY — THURSDAY, MAY 8th**

It has been the custom for many, many years for the Parishes of Ansley and Arley to join together for the Evening Service on this great church festival. Last year Arley came to Ansley so this year the reverse will happen and Ansley will go to Arley for a service to begin at 7.30 p.m. The service will be at Arley Methodist Chapel and will be conducted by and the Preacher will be the Rev. Peter Cole. Let the Vicar or the Churchwardens know if you require transport.

## **COFFEE MORNING**

Mrs. Truelove will be holding her Coffee Morning at Merrybrook Cottage, Hood Lane on **Monday**, May 5th at 10.30 a.m. Normally she holds it on a Tuesday morning but as Monday,

May 5th is a Bank Holiday she thinks it might be more convenient for us all to hold it that day. So please note the date — Monday, May 5th.

In the Spring (and we should have some by then) Merrybrook Cottage is fresh and very lovely. Please come and enjoy a delightful morning amid pleasant surroundings and help the finances of your Parish Church. Admission will be 30p, refreshments will be provided and there will be a raffle and a stall filled with various good things. Please come, tell your friends and bring them to this Coffee morning.

If you require transport please let Mrs. Truelove know.

#### **DURNO'S GARDENING EVENING**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9th**

This was a most interesting evening in which Mr. and Mrs. Durno of Atherstone gave good talks on "Plants for Flower Arranging" and "Plants to grow in Pots."

Mrs. Durno did two arrangements with flowers and leaves that she had gathered from her garden that day and she gave many tips about getting the best from what the garden in a bad spring can provide.

Mr. Durno had many plants in pots which he said we could all grow and produce into good garden shrubs which would give interesting colours and shapes at all seasons of the year.

The evening was most instructive and was thoroughly enjoyed by the eighty people who attended. The Church Hall made a profit of around £60.00 for its funds.

Durno's have a shop in Long Street, Atherstone and a Garden Centre down the Sheepy Road, turn left before the river bridge and about one mile up the lane on the left.

Both are well worth a visit !

#### **ANSLEY CHURCH 1986**

The Church in Ansley started a new Chapter in its very long and varied history on Saturday, April 12th. A new Vicar was instituted and inducted to the "cure of souls" in Ansley. The list of Vicars starts in 1206 A.D. and goes on until today. It hangs on the wall just inside the Church by the door. The church was very full of people of all walks of life; the Bishop of Warwick, the Archdeacon of Coventry, the Rural Dean of Nuneaton, the Coventry Diocesan Registrar were all there in person as well as the Rev. Terry Saunders, the patron's representative. Surrounded by much ceremony, hearty singing, devout attention, and good preaching, the Rev. James Jasper was installed as Vicar of our Parish, and his wife Catherine was licensed as a lay-worker to assist him. This was the end of the long interregnum, the day the Church in Ansley had waited for, for so long.



Now the Jasper family—the Vicar, his wife, son Mark and daughter Rebekah—are installed in the Vicarage and are beginning their work amongst us.

We wish them every happiness in Ansley and we pray that their ministry here may be beneficial to us all and that the service of God may increase more and more throughout the parish.

To all those people who in anyway helped the Churchwardens to maintain the work of the Church since last July, a sincere thanks is offered and to all those clergy and lay readers who have helped to keep going the pattern of services we say "Thank you everybody."

#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

**Holy Baptism** "They brought children to Jesus"

Sunday, April 20th—Matthew Bromley, 119 Birmingham Road.

**Holy Matrimony**

Saturday, March 20th—Howard Leigh Chetwynd and Marilyn Salisbury.

Saturday, April 12th—David Bush and Lynne Everitt.

**Laid to Rest**

Monday, April 14th—John William Bates, aged 88 years of 82 Wyclif Way, Stockingford and late of Hill Farm, Ansley.

With the passing of Jack Bates we come to the end of a long history of the Bates' family from Hill Farm serving the community. Jack was a very respected, hard working farmer who took a great interest in Ansley Church. He was a very regular member of the morning congregation and was a sidesman for many years. His wife Betty helped to run the Church Hall Whist Drives for many years.

It also must be recorded that Frank Hardy has also passed away and was laid to rest at Stockingford. He was the son of the late Fred Hardy who was the Village shoe maker and cobbler for many many years. The Hardy family lived at No. 33 Ansley Village. Frank was well known in the Village until his passing.

To the families of these two gentlemen the Church sends its condolences at this very sad time.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, May 5th at 10.30 a.m. Coffee Morning at Mr. and Mrs. Truelove's home.

Thursday, May 8th at 7.30 p.m. Ascension Day Service at Arley.

Monday, May 12th P.C.C. Meeting in Village Church Hall.

Sunday, May 18th Whit Sunday. Services at 8.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.