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Our Dear Friends,

If you are amongst the thirty or so people in the parish who read the 'Our Daily Bread' notes you will recall the story of the man who had a guilty conscience because he hadn't filled in his income tax form honestly so he wrote them a letter which read, "I haven't been able to sleep because last year when I filled in my income tax form I deliberately misrepresented my income so I am enclosing a cheque and if I still can't sleep I'll send you the remainder next month!"

I guess that the person in question had an attitude to money which is common to all of us; we just simply want to keep it to spend on ourselves.

The 24th of this month marks the 250th Anniversary of John Wesley's conversion to Jesus Christ. This outstanding personality of the 18th century travelled all over the country on horseback as Christ's ambassador and whose anointed preaching brought a religious revival to our land. His attitude to money was remarkable. At the commencement of his work he earned £50 per year. During his life time his salary increased dramatically. Before his death at the age of 88 years it was said that he still spent the same amount of money on himself as he had done at the beginning and every increase of income he always gave away. He did not want to appear before his Maker with more money than he needed to live simply.

Every age is different and to every person life presents its challenge which can either be taken up or ignored. In our own parish we have a Gift Day on Sunday, June 12th. The idea of this day is that it gives us an opportunity to give in addition to our regular weekly giving. We are needing a replacement boiler. To reach our target of £1000 will mean an early decision on the choice of boiler we have.

For some years now Charities are able to receive a rebate from the Inland Revenue for money given regularly over a period of four years. At present the arrangements are that for every £1 given to Charity, (the church is amongst the many charities in our land) 36p can be claimed. So if you pay income tax you can enter into a four year agreement to give say, 50p per week; (and many give more). That amounts to £25 per year. The Inland Revenue give back to the Charity £9 per year. More people doing this means extra income to meet not only the weekly expenses of running the Church but also being able to meet the cost of repairs and improvements.

Let me list some of the repairs. The death watch beetle in the timbers of the nave, north isle and tower needs urgent attention, as also does the split in one of the nave beams. Inspection of the south wall timbers may also reveal the need for urgent work. Rewiring and re-positioning the nave lights is essential. The stonework of the tower must soon be attended to. We must also

accept the challenge that the future presents to us by facing the need to improve the Church facilities such as accommodation for the children and modernising the toilets.

May the Lord guide us in all our decisions,

God bless you,

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah

SERVICES IN MAY

Sunday, May 1st — Easter 4

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11.00 a.m. Family Communion.
- 6.30 p.m. Formal Evening Prayer.

Monday, May 2nd

- 10.00 to 12 noon Coffee Morning at Henry and Edith Truelove's home.

Tuesday, May 3rd

- 3.00 p.m. Ansley Village Mothers' Union. Talk and holiday film. All welcome.

Wednesday, May 4th

- 8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship at the Vicarage.

Sunday, May 8th — Easter 5

- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
"Many Infallible proofs" Acts 1.3

Thursday, May 12th — Ascension Day

- 7.30 p.m. United Service with friends from Arley Parish and the Methodist Church. Refreshments afterwards in Porta-Cabin.

Sunday, May 15th — Easter 6

- 11.00 a.m. **Family Service** and Enrolment of the Children and Young People into 'Climbers,' 'Explorers' and 'Pathfinder' movement.
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion. "Power for living."

Wednesday, May 18th

- 8.00 p.m. Fellowship of all the House Groups meet in Ansley Village Hall.

Friday, May 20th

- 'Ley Group' overnight stay at Offchurch. (See notices 'page').

Whit Sunday, May 22nd

- 10.00 a.m. Family Service at Ansley Common, St. John's.
- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 4.30 p.m. Afternoon tea for P.C.C. members of Ley Group in Church Hall to meet and hear the Rev. Michael Rees.
- 6.30 p.m. Songs of Praise: Preacher: Rev. Michael Rees, Chief Secretary of The Church Army.

Thursday, May 26th

- 10.00 to 12 noon Coffee Morning at Norman and Margaret Salisbury's home, in aid of Mothers' Union.
Charge 25p.

Sunday, May 29th

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism — "Give the parents of this child the spirit of wisdom and love that their home may reflect the joy of your eternal kingdom."

April 17—Rebecca Jane Cove of Ansley Village.

Funerals — "Lord Jesus Christ in the darkness of my loss I come to you to receive your peace and your power."

April 5—Arthur Glover, aged 66 years of Ansley Village.

April 14—Jean Mary Gill aged 47 years of Dadlington, Leics.

PARISH NOTICES

At our recent Annual General Meeting David Cove was elected deputy warden. We congratulate David and trust that he will enjoy learning the responsibilities that go with the office of Warden.

Billy Graham is to lead a mission to London next year — probably for eight days in June. It is likely that meetings will be relayed by satellite throughout England and Scotland and even carried to other countries as well. The meetings will be held in Earls Court the same place as his meetings held in 1966.

Garden Party takes place on Saturday, July 2nd at 3.00 p.m. As in recent years, it will be held in the Vicarage gardens, but if we have wet weather that day it will be in the hall. We look forward to an enjoyable afternoon of buying and selling, eating and drinking, meeting and talking, winning and losing. In the morning of that day help will be appreciated to carry tables and chairs at 11.00 a.m., if the weather is settled and sunny.

'Ley Group' overnight stay at Offchurch, May 20th-21st from 6.00 p.m., on Friday night to 3.30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. Cost £15 per person. Eight places are allocated to this parish. The time will be spent in worship, teaching, discussion and learning together.

Songs of Praise Sunday, May 22nd. Would you like to choose your favourite hymn or chorus and give your reasons for choosing it?

Meetings in Ansley Village Hall

Wednesday, May 11th—Films on Scandinavia.

Wednesday, May 25th—Catherine Jasper talks on Church Army.

Both meetings commence at 8.00 p.m. Anyone welcome.

Winnie Ponder

CLIMBERS — EXPLORERS — PATHFINDERS

On Sunday, May 15th at Family Service we take a new step forward in our Church family life when we enrol the children and young people in the national young people's organisation.

The under seven year olds are called 'Climbers.' This is the age of climbing physically, educationally and spiritually. We trust they will climb in their knowledge of God.

"Explorers" are aged seven to ten years. This is the natural age for exploration in all kinds of new ways, places, things and people; trying things out for themselves. Exploring the ways of God and His truth are so important.

"Pathfinders" are aged ten years upwards. The age when many discover that the Path of Life with Jesus as their leader is both attractive and exciting.

The Lord Jesus took children very seriously. He took them in His arms and blessed them (St. Mark 10.16). He said that "their angels do always behold the face of my Father in heaven." (Matt. 18.10). He used a child to teach lessons of simple faith and true humility and it was as a baby in his mother's arms that He chose to come among us and grow into babyhood and young manhood. We should realise the tremendous seriousness of bringing up children. Our love for them must be shown in caring for all their needs especially their spiritual needs.

Catherine Jasper

The Sycamore Tree is the name given to the Christian bookshop, coffee bar, and advice centre which is planned to be built on the site of 113A Abbey Street, Nuneaton. There is a service of dedication there at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday, May 5th. Everyone is invited. If wet it will be held in St. John's.

Fillongley Choral Society is appealing for new members if you are interested ring 9442257.

Thank you to the small team of men working on the Church grounds. Worshippers on Easter Day expressed their appreciation when everything looked so clean and fresh. We have again entered the best Churchyard Competition for 1988. Any volunteers to help keep the gardens neat will be very welcome.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Alf and May Bazley in the passing of their daughter Jean. She was a member of this Church together with her brother Peter and her sister Joan. Jean was a teacher in the Sunday School which in those days was led by Mr. Frank Arnold senior. She will be remembered by very many in this parish and also in the parish of Dadlington to which she moved with her husband Norman. We shall remember them in prayer.