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Bus Timetable for 6.30 p.m. Evening Service

Ansley Village turn 6.00 p.m.

Birchley Heath Post Office 6.10 p.m.

Ansley Common St. John's 6.20 p.m.

Return Journey from Parish Church 7.45 p.m.

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Our Dear Friends,

In 1703 a storm destroyed the first English lighthouse. It was in 1696 that Henry Winstanley had the idea of building a lighthouse on the treacherous Eddystone Rock near Plymouth, to act as a warning beacon to sailors.

Winstanley cemented a stone platform on the rocks measuring some 12 foot high and 14 feet wide. To this he secured a wooden tower that rose 80 feet into the air.

The wooden structure was then covered with cranes, pulleys, chimneys, balconies and even a sign that said, "To God be the Glory."

At the top of the tower was a light; a cluster of candles which shone out through a glass lantern.

The seas and the gales pounded Winstanley's lighthouse before eventually carrying it and its inventor into oblivion.

However, the idea was not lost, but developed and improved so that today the process continues on a thousand sites around the world where sailors need to be warned of treacherous waters.

There is clearly a spiritual analogy in the whole idea of a lighthouse. The Lord Jesus Christ said, "Let your light so shine that people may see your good works and glorify your heavenly Father," and St. Paul urges us to "Shine like lights in a crooked and a perverse generation."

Indeed, the Sun newspaper has castigated the Church for not giving a more definite moral lead in our country. Our light needs to shine brighter.

There is a widespread awareness today that something has gone wrong morally and spiritually in our land. The generation which has grown up without the word of God is discovering just how treacherous the waters of promiscuity can be as the Aids virus increases its deadly grip on the human race. Many lead lives which are empty, frustrated and lacking in peace.

The proclamation of God's good news is the shining light that can guide a lost generation to find its way back to God.

It is for this reason I welcome the opportunity our nation has in the visit of Dr. Billy Graham this month from June 14th to July 1st. Using a satellite perched over the equator the London meetings will be transmitted live to 215 places in Britain and to at least 26 other countries. A bus will be running from our parish on three evenings to the satellite meetings in Nuneaton; and in addition, a bus to one of the London meetings. Make a point of coming and bring a friend with you.

God bless you,

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

DIARY FOR JUNE 1989

Friday, June 2nd

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer.

Saturday, June 3rd

10.00 a.m. to 12 noon Churchyard Working Party.

Sunday, June 4th — Trinity 2

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer, "Elijah."

Monday, June 5th

7.45 p.m. Parochial Church Council at Church Hall, Ansley Village.

Tuesday, June 6th

7.30 p.m. Commissioning of Churchwardens, F. Arnold and D. Cove at Dunchurch.

Wednesday, June 7th

8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship.

Friday, June 9th

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer.

Sunday, June 11th — Gift Day

11.00 a.m. Family Communion.

4.15 p.m. Gift Day Tea, Vicarage Garden (Hall if wet).

6.30 p.m. Evening Service, "Gifts."

Thursday, June 15th

2.30 p.m. Bus to Billy Graham Crusade, West Ham, Seat £5.00. Return approximately mid-night. Please book in advance.

Friday, June 16th

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer.

Sunday, June 18th — Trinity 4

11.00 a.m. Family Service.

Family Service, St. John's, Ansley Common.

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion. Elisha.

Wednesday, June 21st

8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship.

Friday, June 23rd

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer.

Sunday, June 25th

11.00 a.m. Family Communion.

2.30 p.m. Ley Group Picnic and Walk at Hartshill Hayes. (Hartshill Church Hall if wet).

6.30 p.m. Songs of Praise at Fillongley.

Parish bus will run at 5.45 p.m. at Ansley Corner to commence its route.

Monday, June 26th

6.35 p.m. Parish bus at Ansley Corner to commence route around parish to Billy Graham satellite meeting, Nuneaton. £1.40 per seat, please book in advance.

Wednesday, June 28th

6.35 p.m. Parish bus to Billy Graham meeting, Manor Court Baptist Church, Nuneaton.

Friday, June 30th

6.35 p.m. Parish bus to Billy Graham meeting.

Saturday, July 1st

3.00 p.m. Garden Party, Vicarage Garden.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism "Believe and be Baptised"

May 21—Gillian Milton of Ansley Village.

Funerals "The dead in Christ shall rise"

Apr. 26—Oliver Ralph Kimberley, 83 years formerly of Village Farm.

May 18—Phyllis Mary Hodgkins, 74 years of Ansley Village.

The Church acknowledges with grateful thanks gifts received in memory of Mr. Oliver Ralph Kimberley amounting to £138.50.

A volunteer please to supervise the Church flower list, flower arranging and brass cleaning. This is a very rewarding and satisfying responsibility, please see Edith or Catherine.

3 Izens Croft

Dear Friends,

Let us remember Phyllis Hodgkins who went to be with the Lord on May 12th. Thank you Lord for her life, her help to the community and a friend to many, her regular attendance at church. We remember her constant attention and love for the members of the Mothers' Union who for 20 years was their Leader until ill health forced her to resign. For these years we do say thank you. Our thoughts and prayers are now with her husband George and family and hope they will find comfort through our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Ours is the memory,"

Yours the life,

W. M. Ponder.

ANSLEY LADIES' ASSOCIATION

Our next meeting on June 14th will be a visit to The Talking Newspaper Studio.

June 28th—Toy and Jewellery Demonstration.

W. M. Ponder.

MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' Union meeting will be on Tuesday, June 6th at 3.00 p.m., the speaker will be the Rev. Peter Buckler.

Thursday, June 8th Evening Deanery Festival Service and Commissioning of Deanery President at Hartshill. Hope all members will be at this service.

Thursday, June 15th will be the Annual Coffee Morning at the home of Mrs. Salisbury. No. 4 Izens Croft 10.00 a.m. till 12 noon. Transport can be provided for this morning.

W. M. Ponder.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Saturday, June 17th at 3.00 p.m., brings the second medieval 'Great Cake Bake,' for the Children's Society. Again we shall be supporting this and holding our sale on the Vicarage front lawn (weather permitting). If you have a spare $\frac{1}{2}$ hour or so, please pop along and sample the cakes we have on sale. Any donations of cakes will be most gratefully accepted.

Any queries please contact me, Margaret Oliver, 33 Nuthurst Crescent. Tel.: 395674.

NOTICES

The Cake Evening held in the Church Hall last Thursday produced a profit of £53.00 for Church Hall Funds. This was a good result, although the attendance was small, and many thanks to all those who helped in anyway. Pat Matthews.

PATHFINDERS

Monday nights 6.45 p.m. for young people age 11 plus

Mon. June 5—Baths.

Wed. June 14—Visit to Coton Pathfinders, 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Mon. June 19—Treasure Hunt.

Mon. June 26—Visit Livelink—Billy Graham.

Please see Ian Milton or Catherine Jasper
if you are interested

GIFT DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 11th

Please return your box today at any of the services and join us for tea at 4.15 p.m.

Do join the Churchyard working party on Saturday morning June 3rd from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon with a five minute break for coffee at 10.45 a.m. There are always lots of jobs to do weeding, taking dead flowers away, sweeping, creosoting the fence, bring your garden tools with you. The Churchyard is looking very smart and we are all grateful to those who spend many hours there doing the big jobs and to those who spend the minutes doing the little jobs. Let us all encourage one another.

Lent Boxes for T.E.A.R. fund water project has resulted in £147.00 being sent to this very needy work. Thank you, Diana Kealey.