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Ansley Village turn 6.00 p.m.

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

Return Journey from Parish Church 7.45 p.m.

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Ansley Vicarage,

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Our Dear Friends,

Just two years ago this month the massacre of students in China's Tiananmen Square took place. Jiang Shipu was one of those students this is how he describes the scene as the shooting began at 11.00 a.m., on June 3rd, "From an armoured personnel carrier gunfire erupted. We watched in horror from the shadows as soldiers calmly shot some of the students at point blank range, often in the back. Those they rounded up they handcuffed to trees or railings, giving them a severe beating, and leaving many bleeding and unconscious. I was aware of a seething hatred for those soldiers. I wished I had a gun, I had never felt so enraged. My whole body seemed in the grip of an intense fear and hatred beyond anything I had experienced. I just lay on my bunk and wept from the shock of seeing my fellow students shot down like animals. Three from my dormitory did not return."

Jiang began a long search for the meaning and purpose of life and eventually was invited to listen to one of China's top scientists who is a professor in nuclear physics, reputedly one of the brightest minds in China. About twenty students sat spellbound as they listened to the professor's brilliant presentation. Jiang takes up the story again, "He spoke about the nature of truth, not relative truth which keeps changing, but the absolute truth that never changes deriving from a source who is alive; telling us that Jesus Christ is the only giver of truth still alive.

"The professor spoke of the connection between truth and love; the unconditional love Christ extends to us. The power of Christ's love to change people is validated when it makes people better. 'He has cleansed me,' said the professor as he challenged us; 'Is the truth you live by alive, loving, powerful, pure and just? Wouldn't you like to live by a truth like that? Only Jesus Christ has those characteristics.'" "As he spoke," explains Jiang, "his words seemed to burn powerfully into my heart; that Christ Jesus could give me the strength to love, made my heart leap. The truth that came from my own mind led to bitterness but the towering certainties of the Christian faith overwhelmed me, I had to take him seriously. That talk sealed my conversion. It was a voyage of discovery. As I learned to pray I gradually felt the hatred leave my heart, I found love there instead of fear. Our Church meets secretly, sings quietly, and discusses the word of God in low tones."

We need to pray for Jiang, the professor and the many believers in China. He mentions the possible imminent crackdown and imprisonment for his faith and certainly a lifetime of discrimination.

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

DIARY OF EVENTS IN JUNE

Sunday, June 2nd

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion,

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer,

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. 1662 Prayer Book, Theme: "Sacrifice."

Tuesday, June 4th

Mothers' Union Meeting, Speaker: Mrs. Amy Allton.

Wednesday, June 5th

7.30 p.m. Confirmation Service at Holy Trinity, Hartshill.

7.45 p.m. Ansley Ladies' Ramble.

Thursday, June 6th

7.45 p.m. Parochial Church Council in the Village Church Hall.

Friday, June 7th

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Sunday, June 9th

11.00 a.m. Family Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer, Theme: "Elizah's Faith."

Monday, June 10th

6.30 p.m. Children's Club in Ansley Village Church Hall.

Wednesday, June 12th

10.15 a.m. Coffee Morning at "Warwick House."

8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship.

Friday, June 14th

6.45 p.m. Meet for Prayer in Church.

Saturday, June 15th

3.00 p.m. Children's Society Cake Bake.

Sunday, June 16th — Gift Day and Pathfinder Birthday

11.00 a.m. Family Service.

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Storey.

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion.

Guest Preacher: Dr. Ken Storey.

Wednesday, June 19th

8.00 p.m. Ansley Ladies' Bring and Buy for Church Hall Heating.

Thursday, June 20th

10.00 a.m. Mothers' Union Coffee Morning, 4 Izon's Croft.

Friday, June 21st

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Sunday, June 23rd

10.00 a.m. Family Service, St. John's, Ansley Common.

11.00 a.m. Family Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (Alternative Service Book).

Theme: "The Jerusalem Meeting."

Thursday, June 27th

8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship.

Friday, June 28th

7.30 p.m. Praise and Renewal Service.

Speaker: The Rev. Paul Harris, Vicar of Atherstone.

Sunday, June 30th

11.00 a.m. Parish Communion.

6.30 p.m. Guest Service, Theme: "Great things God has done."

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism "Upon the affirmation of Faith"

April 28—Laura Ellen Pryke of Ansley Common,

Holy Matrimony "The two shall become one"

May 11—Alan Richard Lennon of Ansley Village to Lynn Orton of Stockingford,

Funeral "I walk through the valley of the shadow of death"

May 1—George Roderick Scattergood, 85 years of Ansley Village.

From the Rev. Peter and Mrs. Betty Phillips

Following your very generous gift to us last Sunday at your Guest Service Betty and I wish to thank you all for this kind expression of your love to us.

We did need some new 'pots and pans.' So with your gift and that of Corley and Fillongley we have purchased a lovely set of Prestige saucepans.

You have helped provide a special need for us and so these utensils will help us remember you on a daily basis.

Remembering you with much affection,

Peter and Betty Phillips.

The Plant Bonanza proved to be very popular, very many thanks to all those who made it such a success especially Mr. David Bruntlett, who answered the gardening questions with considerable skill, £122 was given to the Church hall heating fund.

The Royal British Legion Chapel End Branch Standard will be placed in the Church for safe keeping at a short ceremony within the evening service on Sunday, June 2nd.

Confirmation Service will be held at Hartshill Parish Church on Wednesday, June 5th at 7.30 p.m. Those to be confirmed from our own parish are Helen Mellor, Mrs. Ada Unite and Mr. Alan Neale. We remember them in prayer and ask that God will bless them with His hand of Grace and love.

Coffee Morning on Wednesday, June 12th 10.15 a.m. is at the home of David and Judith Wilson, Warwick House, Ansley Common. This is to raise funds towards modernising the toilets at St. John's Hall. Please give this event your warmest support.

Gift Day 91 is on Sunday, June 16th. Please bring your Gift Day box to either the morning or evening services. Also on this day we shall celebrate the Birthday of our Pathfinder, Explorer and Climbers at the Morning Family Service. Following this service we shall have our Church Family Picnic, if the weather is fine. Bring your picnic, Birthday Cake provided. We plan a short walk through the meadows starting from the stile in the Churchyard. The Rev. Elizabeth Storey from All Hallows, Liverpool will speak at the Family Service and Dr. Kenneth Storey is the evening preacher.

Our Second Praise and Renewal Service is on Friday, June 28th at 7.30 p.m. The Music Group from Coventry Baptist Church will lead the singing and the speaker is the Rev. Paul Harris, Vicar of Atherstone.

Place your choice of hymns for the Guest Service on Sunday, June 30th in the suggestion box, which is on the literature table. From the list, six will be chosen to be sung that evening, giving the widest variety of thought and expression.

Ansley Mothers' Union meet on June 4th at 3.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Speaker: Mrs. A. Alton, Sunday, June 16th Mothers' Union service in Coventry Cathedral at 3.00 p.m. This service is for members, husbands and children, Thursday, June 20th Coffee Morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Salsbury, 4 IZONS Croft. Anyone welcome. 10.00 a.m. till 12 noon. Transport can be provided. Thursday, June 27th Deanery Service at St. Mary's Parish Church, Atherstone at 7.30 p.m. W. Ponder

Children's Society Cake Bake. Once again we shall hopefully be participating in the annual 'bake and buy' of cakes to support the children who are less fortunate than ourselves but who live in our country. Please help, if you can, by baking cakes, pies, biscuits, etc., and also by coming along to buy the good things that are made. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us so that we can enjoy tea and cakes on the front lawn of the vicarage. Otherwise the sale will be in the Church Hall. Please get in touch if you can help,

Cake Bake Sale 3.00 p.m. on Saturday, June 15th

Thank you, Margaret Oliver, 33 Nuthurst Crescent, Tel.: 395674

"Music is a wonderful way of sharing one's Christian faith with others—because people will listen to a song," says Marilyn Baker, who left her teaching profession to take up Christian singing.

Marilyn studied the oboe, clarinet and piano at the Royal College of Music where she wrote her first Christian song, having been inspired by a sermon about the Holy Spirit's ability to give people new creative gifts.

Marilyn asked God to give her a songwriting gift, which He did. She has since recorded seven albums. The success of these has made her one of the U.K.'s top selling female Gospel Singers. In May 1981 Marilyn made a film with C.T.V.C. about her life, entitled 'Marilyn Baker Songwriter.' This has been shown on most I.T.V. regions in the U.K. In 1988 she was one of the four finalists nominated for the "Blind Woman of the Year" award.

In addition to singing all over the U.K. her overseas tours include Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Europe, Poland, Israel and Hong Kong.

Marilyn comes to our parish on Friday, September 6th. Her performance will be at Ansley Village Social Club (kindly lent to us for the occasion) and will include a Buffet meal.

We acknowledge the gift of £50 with grateful thanks left to the Church in the will of the late Mrs. Nora Prime, who passed away last October.