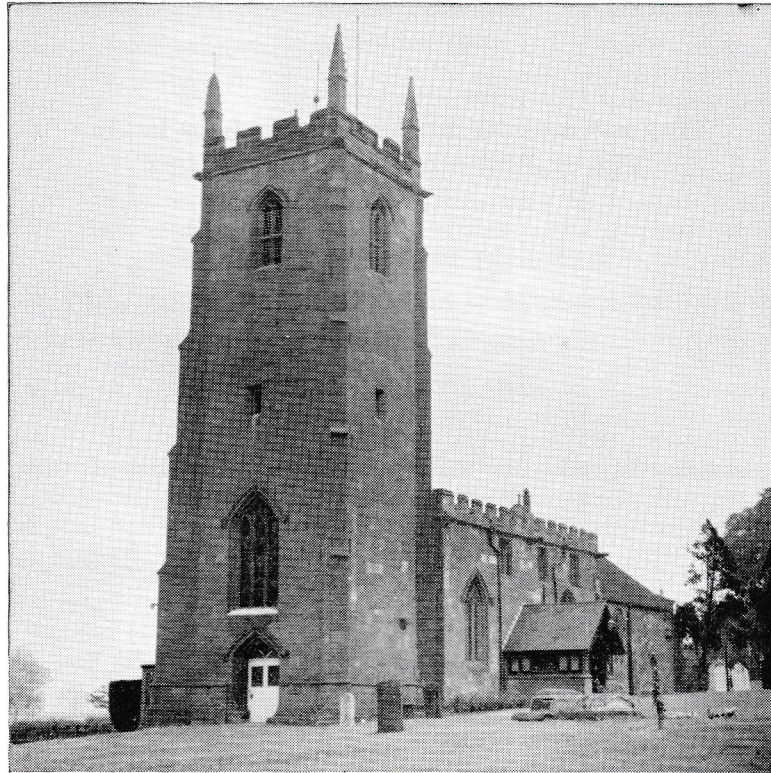


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Ansley Village turn 6.00 p.m.

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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

July 1st, 1989

Our Dear Friends,

President Roosevelt gave a gala concert for our King and Queen during their visit to America in 1939.

One of the soloists was a Red Indian Chief, who ended his recital of songs by singing a new song by the then unknown composer named George Beverly Shea entitled, "I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold."

The Red Indian sang well and his performance was greatly appreciated by the royal guests. As the song ended the Queen turned to the President and said, "The words of this song is the sentiment of my heart, and that of my husband's also."

The centrality of the Lord Jesus Christ is the all important factor for our personal lives, our dealings with each other and in our worship. He creates the lovely atmosphere; and the peace of the Holy Spirit persuades. We all need to learn the lesson of being a fellowship of the Holy Spirit such a community is expectant and open to new possibilities. We can then experience the gifts of the Spirit that the New Testament speaks of. God can work amongst us, gently building us up and encouraging the flowering of His gifts. The fruit of the Spirit will be noticeable among us, through prayer and a deeper level of commitment. The critical Spirit provoked by controversy about worship will completely go. Worship hampered by tension will disappear in the Spirit of freedom and joy and acceptance of one another.

Our Church building reminds us that Christians have worshipped here for hundreds of years and during that time they have had to adapt to new situations and new challenges. From the Mass to the Reformation, the Acts of uniformity; the new prayer books of 1555, 1662 and 1980; the Revivals of the 18th century, are events that quickly come to mind, and then today with the move for more informality in worship brought about by the Charismatic movement.

The Church that does not adapt is sentenced to be a mysterious ghetto existing on the fringe of society and contributing nothing to its life.

To live is to change and a changing church is a sign of life within. We must develop new ministries and accept new challenges.

We need to live out an attractive New Testament Christianity in order to help others to find the Church we know.

In a famous phrase the theologian Emil Brunner defined the nature of the Church in these words, "As a fire exists by burning, so the Church exists by mission." A Church does not exist for itself, but for the world.

A community of people meeting together in a Church building insisting on doing things the way that it was done 100's of years ago is most assuredly heading for extinction.

But as we expect great things from God, we shall also **attempt** great things for God.

God bless you,

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

Father I just thank you
That now I am your friend,
I can bring all my needs to you
And on you can depend.

You sent your only son to die
So we as one could be,
He joined our hands together
On the cross at Calvary.

And thank you for your Spirit,
The comforter to be,
Giving love and peace within,
He dwells inside of me.

Help me in return O Lord
To live for you each day,
As best I can for your sake
Though your love I can't repay.

Rebekah M. Jasper

DIARY FOR JULY 1989

Saturday, July 1st

3.00 p.m. Church Fete.

Sunday, July 2nd — Trinity 6

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Family Communion.

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

Tuesday, July 4th

3.00 p.m. Mothers' Union Business Meeting.

Wednesday, July 5th

8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship at George and Winnie's
3 Izons Croft.

Sunday, July 9th — Trinity 7

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

Wednesday, July 12th

Ansley Ladies' Association Mystery Trip.

Thursday, July 13th

Coffee Morning at home of Mrs. Varden, Nursery Hill for Mothers' Union.

Sunday, July 16th — Trinity 8

11.00 a.m. Family Service,
6.30 p.m. Holy Communion,

Sunday, July 23rd — Trinity 9

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion,
3.00 p.m. Family Service at Ansley Common.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer, "Hosea."

Sunday, July 30th — Trinity 10

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
6.30 p.m. Guest Service.

If you would like to choose a hymn to be included in the Guest Service do please let me know.

FORWARD NOTICE

In the autumn the Church Hall Committee are arranging an evening of Fashion, Arts and Crafts. To do this we need the help of all parishioners. If you knit or sew please make an item for the Fashion Show. We will take great care of all garments loaned. If your talent lies in Arts and Crafts then we will be pleased to put all items on show or sale.

Speak to or phone Marcia Sutton 392488 for fuller details. Please join in and make the event into a happy evening together.

Proceeds for Church Hall Funds.

We acknowledge with grateful thanks the anonymous gift of £150 for Church funds placed in an envelope and put through the Vicarage letterbox. This was included in the Gift Day. The amount so far received is £456.50.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Marriage — "To have and to hold from this day forward"

May 27—Neil Samuel Harvey to Sharon Deann Hughes, both of Ansley Village.

June 17—Anthony Wright to Yvonne Lesley Sawrey, both of Ansley Village.

Miles Andrew Brindley of Stockingford to Helen Peggy Woods of Ansley Common.

Funerals — "Seek the Lord while He may be found."

June 12—Adeline Therman, 82 years of Ansley Village.

June 15—Florence Helen Allison, 74 years of Hill Top, Nuneaton.

We record the passing of Mrs. Violet Mary Mantler Lovegrove at the age of 81 years. The service was held at Nuneaton Crematorium on June 2nd. For very many years Mrs. Lovegrove worshipped at St. John's, Ansley Common and was a regular attender at the Parish Church evening service. We shall miss this gracious lady of quiet spirit. We record our thanks to the family and friends for gifts to the Church amounting to £45.

SATURDAY, JULY 1st
CHURCH FETE
at 3.00 p.m.
VICARAGE GARDEN
(in the hall if wet)

My visit to West Ham, Billy Graham Mission 89 on Wednesday, 14th June.

The warm summer's evening welcomed people of every nationality, creed, colour, age and walk of life—a truly memorable cross section. A capacity crowd.

The Billy Graham theme was **Life**. "I am the way, the truth, and the life," John 14.6.

That the London Mission should herald a nationwide explosion of Christianity through live satellite relays.

The emerald green turf of Upton Park has never cushioned such a mass invasion as hundreds came forward to surrender their lives to Jesus Christ. To be individually counselled and given a copy of St. Luke's gospel and also a booklet "Growing into a Christian."

Knowing that we need Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour we now trust in Him to pardon and deliver us from the guilt and power of sin. As He gives us strength we shall witness for Him, serve Him in the fellowship of His Church, and seek to do His will in all areas of our daily life.

One of the highlights of the evening was at the London underground as crowded east and west platforms spontaneously filled the night air with 'Majesty' followed by 'Bind us together Lord' before departing their separate ways.

Billy Graham and his team gave their services free, the collection going to London homeless.

The desperate plight of the increasing number of people who live rough (many of whom need help) is all too apparent to the late night travellers.

David and Gill Morley

At the recent Parochial Church Council meeting Richard Parker was appointed our Church Urban Fund representative. His task is to keep us informed of events and to receive information, and to encourage us in reaching our allotted target of £829.