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Return Journey from Parish Church 7.45 p.m.

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Ansley Vicarage,

1st July, 1991

Our Dear Friends,

About 9.00 a.m., in the morning of February 17th, 1977 Archbishop Janani Luwum of Uganda was murdered on the orders of President Idi Amin.

That year was the beginning of the centenary year of the Church in Uganda. In 1877 the first two missionaries, men from England, landed at Entebbe welcomed by the King of Uganda with drum salutes.

In 1885 the first Bishop to be martyred in Uganda was Bishop Hannington sent by the Church of England. Earlier that same year, 1885, the King had ordered the arrest of three Christian boys. The eldest was fifteen and the youngest 11 years of age. He had them burnt to death in an effort to stamp out Christianity. There is a memorial near Kampala where these youngsters are remembered as the first Christian martyrs of Uganda.

By 1887, the end of the first decade of the Uganda Church, hundreds had died. There were martyrs out of every village that had believers. They were only beginners, they knew little theology, and some could barely read, but they had fallen in love with Jesus Christ. Life had taken on a completely new meaning. The value of living and of living eternally had been discovered. They were not hugging their lives but ready to give them for Jesus.

During those dangerous days, there was an immediate and steady increase in the number of those embracing Christ. They had to come secretly, in the dead of the night, to the missionaries, but they came begging for baptism.

Many of us in our parish know Thelma Burns and of her work in Uganda. She is back in this country again until the middle of this month for a series of meetings together with Ugandan Church Leaders; amongst them The Right Rev. Yoma Okoth who is the present Archbishop of Uganda. Thelma made arrangements for us to meet him over a meal and he was saying that, like his predecessor, Janani, he has to be very careful what he says; in spite of there being a new president.

He was explaining to us the great work the Church in Uganda is undertaking at the moment; caring for many orphans. These children have lost their parents through continual civil unrest and disease. He is appealing for people in this country to help finance their education, £30 per year for each child. He has, in addition to his own family, thirteen of those orphans in his home, the youngest of whom is 6 years of age.

Anyone wanting to know how to share in this work by sponsoring a child should let us know and we will put you in touch with Thelma.

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

DIARY FOR JULY

Tuesday, July 2nd

3.00 p.m. Mothers' Union Meeting in the Hall.

Wednesday, July 3rd

8.00 p.m. Ansley Ladies meet in the Hall.

Friday, July 5th

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Saturday, July 6th

3.00 p.m. Garden Party Church Fete in the Vicarage Garden if fine (in the Hall if wet).

Sunday, July 7th — Pentecost 7

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer (A.S.B.)

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (1662 Prayer Book).

Monday, July 8th

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

Wednesday, July 10th

8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship.

Friday, July 12th

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Sunday, July 14th — Pentecost 8

11.00 a.m. Parish Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

Wednesday, July 17th

7.00 p.m. Ansley Ladies Mystery Trip.

Friday, July 19th

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Sunday, July 21st — Pentecost 9

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer.

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion.

Friday, July 26th

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Sunday, July 28th — Pentecost 10

10.00 a.m. Family Service at St. Johns.

11.00 a.m. Family Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (A.S.B.)

You will be pleased to know that we can now have the bells rung again. We have missed hearing their call to Worship. But now the pinnacle is repaired and the tower roof made leak-proof (at a cost of just over £3,000) all is well.

We warmly congratulate Sid and Annis Moore on their celebration of 50 years married life together. July 5th, 1941 in Sheffield their wedding took place. For the country they were dark days but for Sid and Annis there was great joy; and we pray with them for more joy yet to come as they continue past this Golden Wedding milestone to enjoy many more happy years together.

Flower Festival 1991 dates are from Friday, 23rd of August to Monday, 26th, Margaret Antill wants to emphasise that if you would like to take part in any way but you have not been asked, do please come forward and offer your services in whatever capacity. The theme of the Flower Festival is "I Believe."

At the Mothers' Union meeting this month the yearly subscriptions will be collected. This enables the work of the Mothers' Union nationwide to continue in the wide variety of help offered to those families in special need. Winnie Ponder

Church Fete this year will be on Saturday, July 6th at 3.00 p.m. The **Plant Stall** will have some interesting items for sale and if you have plants you would like to give they will be gratefully received.

The **Cake Stall** is always popular with some good home baking for sale. All offers of help will be welcome.

Any vegetables to give for the **Produce Stall** will be appreciated and items for the Bric-a-Brac.

If you would offer a helping hand in preparation do please come to the Hall at 11.00 a.m.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism "I turn to Christ"

June 16—Matthew Lee Wilson of Ansley Village.

Holy Matrimony "A man shall cleave to his wife"

June 1—Robert Edwin Pope of Galley Common and Esther Joy Petty of Stockingford.

June 8—Andrew Paul Williams of Solihull and Sandra Dewis of Ansley Village.

June 15—Anthony James Percival of Ansley Common and Michelle Ann Reilly of Camp Hill.

Funerals "The Lord is with those who fear Him"

June 14—Joseph William Toon, 71 years, of Ansley Village.

June 21—Betty Linnik, 63 years, of Ansley Village.

Burials "The Lord is my Shepherd"

May 31—Beatrice Margaret Ellis Drakeley, 85 years, of Burton-on-Trent.

June 5—Lilian Mary Lea, 76 years, of Hoar Park Farm.

Mrs. Myra Barnsby, known in the parish by her maiden name Myra Mercer, passed away at the end of May. Her funeral took place at Acocks Green Methodist Church, Birmingham on Wednesday, 5th June. We send our deepest sympathies to the Rev. John Barnsby as he mourns the passing of his wife.

Mrs. Lilian Mary Lea came to Arley in her teens and soon joined Arley Methodist Church where she became a Sunday School teacher working with the children there for sixty years, Quite a record! Her funeral was at the Methodist Church and she is buried in Ansley Churchyard. We offer to Mr. Lea our sincere condolence.

Children's Society Cake Bake on June 15th realised £57.30. Many friends helped make this event a happy and worthwhile venture inspite of the downpour.

Margaret Gill very generously left £1000 to the Church and £1000 to the Churchyard funds in her will during her closing days. We are very grateful to her and her family for making that possible, Margaret had a great love for the Church and she expressed it in this and many other practical ways.

Evelyn Patricia Cousin who passed away recently left £400 to the Church in her Will. That was a very kind gesture on the part of this lady and is greatly appreciated.

On Monday, July 8th the Children's Club in Ansley Village will meet at the Hall for fun and games, songs and teaching and a Barbecue.

Gift Day total so far is £280, please return your Gift Day Box to one of the Church Wardens as soon as you are able, should yours be one that is yet to come in.

SATURDAY, JULY 6th

CHURCH FETE

in the Vicarage Garden (Church Hall if wet)

at 3.00 p.m.



PLANTS — CAKES — PRODUCE

GAMES — BRIC-A-BRAC
