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Ansley Vicarage,

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Our Dear Friends,

On the 15th day of this month our nation will remember a remarkable victory. It will be the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain; when the Royal Air Force armed with equipment, expertise and enormous courage, (though comparatively few in number) overcame the gigantic Luftwaffe. Thus putting an end to Hitler's ideas of invading Britain and (as history reveals) ultimately proved to be the beginning of the end of Nazi tyranny.

In those traumatic, dark and danger filled days people generally thought about God. Most were in the habit of praying, and were familiar with the ten commandments and could perhaps even recite—if remembered from school days—certain parts of the Bible. They held God in respect and His name in awe. But I see little evidence for any of this, generally speaking, in our society today.

In 1940 King George VI broadcast to the nation, and appealed for a nationwide humbling before God and seeking His face for deliverance; and spoke those memorable words, that to put one's hand into the hand of God was better than a light and clearer than a known way.

Today things are very different. One could almost say that there is a battle for Britain still going on. It is being fought not in the skys but in the hearts. It is a moral and spiritual one. The forces of evil are fighting and succeeding where Hitler's men failed. We have a nation, most of whose people treat God with indifference; who have turned their backs on God, His Book and His Standards. Materialism and pleasure have taken over; selfishness grips the lives of most.

Some people have said, "We don't need the Church Army visit, it is a waste of time; people will only turn to God in a national crisis." But it didn't take a national crisis for Saul to turn to God, (read Acts Chapter 9) and it didn't take a national crisis for Cornelius to turn to God, Acts 10. It simply took a listening ear; for God had something to say to them, and then obedience.

Someone once said, "There's a God shaped blank in people's lives." There is! and only God can fill it. He is called 'the God of Peace.' Without God there is no peace. Most look for an alternative to the God of Peace, a way of getting peace without God, but it doesn't work. That is why the Church Army visit is called 'the missing peace.' This two weeks, 15th to 30th is an opportunity to give God a listening ear; He has something to say.

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1990

Sunday, September 2nd — Trinity 12

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (1662 Prayer Book).

Monday, September 3rd

- 7.00 p.m. Distribution of the Church Army Mission programme.
Meet at Ansley Village Church Hall.

Tuesday, September 4th

- 3.00 p.m. Mothers' Union.

Wednesday, September 5th

- 7.00 p.m. Distribution of Programmes.

Friday, September 7th

- 6.45 p.m. till 12 midnight Late Night Prayer Time.

Sunday, September 9th — Trinity 13

- 11.00 a.m. Family Communion.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

Wednesday, September 12th

- 8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship.

Thursday, September 13th

- 8.00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting at the Vicarage.

Friday, September 14th

- 6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Saturday, September 15th

- 7.30 p.m. Commissioning of the Church Army team at Fillongley Parish Church. •

Sunday, September 16th — Trinity 14

- 11.00 a.m. Family Service, Tony Maidment.
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion, Preacher: Tony Maidment.

Monday to Saturday of both weeks includes a wide range of meetings, please see the special programme leaflet.

Sunday, September 23rd — Trinity 15

- 10.00 a.m. Family Service at St. John's, with Tony Maidment.
- 11.00 a.m. Family Communion, Preacher: Canon Michael Rees.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Worship. Preacher: Tony Maidment.

Wednesday, September 26th

- 7.30 p.m. Celebration Service with members of the Church Army team, Preacher: Canon Michael Rees.

Sunday, September 30th

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11.00 a.m. Family Service, Tony Maidment.
- 6.30 p.m. Guest Service, Preacher: Canon Michael Rees.

Ploughman's Special will be held at Ansley Social Club on Friday evening September 21st 7.45 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. This is one of the events during the Church Army visit. Tickets are on sale, price £2.00.

Four events for Young People on Monday, 17th at 7.30 p.m., St. John's and on Thursdays 20th and 27th in Ansley Village recreation field or the hall if wet and in Arley Sports Centre on Saturday, 22nd at 6.30 p.m.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism "Learning to be faithful in public worship, private prayer, trust in God and confirmation."

Aug. 19—Kathryn Jean Smedley of Ansley Village.

Funeral "Whoever believes, shall not perish."

July 30—Joseph Keeling aged 50 of Ansley Village.

Burial of Ashes

July 14—Ella Adams formerly of Ansley Village.

An expression of thanks to God and the re-dedication of the silver was made in the public worship on Sunday, July 15th. Everyone was amazed and delighted at the rapid recovery of the stolen articles. Warmest thanks have been expressed to the Police, and letters of appreciation have been sent to the Antique dealer concerned and the Newspaper who gave such wide publicity of the happening which undoubtedly contributed to solving the problem so quickly. Repairs to the Church door are in hand together with the replacement of items destroyed.

We are very grateful to all who helped in any way during the Flower Festival. There were so many jobs which needed doing both large and prominent; or small and insignificant. But all were necessary to hold such an event, and to make it worth while. I'm sure many of us have discovered that working together is a good preparation for worshipping together. Many thanks.

To the very generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, thank you most warmly for the cheque for £2000 towards the upkeep of St. Lawrence Church building. Such a gift is a great encouragement to us all, especially with the recent repairs undertaken. This helps us to step forward into the future with confidence and faith.

Preparations are well in hand for the Church Army visit, commencing on the 15th of this month and ending on the 30th. Do offer your help if you would like to join in distributing the programmes. Ask about any of the events and make sure you have an invitation to something, or just turn up without an invite!

Both Tony Maidment and Michael Rees are known to most of us. Tony is a Children's evangelist based in the Midlands, and Michael

is the Diocesan Missioner for the Chester Diocese, Kerry Dixon and Don Egan are based in Arley during the same two weeks and Margaret Lucking and Kevin Wren at Corley and Fillongley. The two weeks commences with a commissioning service at Fillongley Parish Church at 7.30 p.m., on Saturday, September 15th by the Archdeacon of Coventry. Please ask if you would like transport for that or any other of the events.

It was Mrs. Ella Adam's wish expressed in her will that half of the amount of the collection taken at her funeral at Wrockwardine in Shropshire, the village where she had gone to live, be given to Ansley Churchyard fund. It is in gratitude we record with thanks the gift of £85.10.

The Mothers' Union commence the Autumn programme with a meeting at the Village Church Hall on Tuesday, September 4th at 3.00 p.m. Winnie Ponder hopes to see all members present and also gives an added invitation to as many more ladies who would care to join in. They would be most welcome.

A Ramble is organised on the evening of Wednesday, September 5th for the Ansley ladies, commencing from the Church Hall.

W. Ponder.

GINGER ROLL

3 oz. Caster Sugar
2 oz. Margarine
2 Eggs
4 oz. Self-Raising Flour
1 Teaspoon Ground Ginger
Little Milk
Marmalade

Cream sugar and margarine. Add eggs. Stir in flour and ginger. Add milk if necessary. Spread out on a tin lined with greaseproof paper and greased. Bake in hot oven for 8-10 minutes. Turn out onto paper sprinkled with sugar. Spread with warmed marmalade and roll up.