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## **SERVICES IN ANSLEY CHURCH DURING NOVEMBER 1985**

### **Sunday, November 3rd — 22nd after Trinity**

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said).  
Celebrant: Rev. John Law, Vicar of Fillongley with Corley.
- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.  
Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Canon Peter Buckler from Atherstone.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.  
Preacher: **The Rev. Stanley Marriott, A.K.C.**  
Rector of Baxterley with Merevale and Bentley and Hurley with Wood End. Vicar of Ansley 1964 to 1979.

### **Sunday, November 10th — 23rd after Trinity Remembrance Sunday**

- 10.50 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon for Remembrance Sunday. Preacher: Rev. Bill Cummins from Nuneaton.
- 12.00 noon Wreath laying at the War Memorial.
- 4.00 p.m. Holy Baptism. Rev. John Law.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.  
Preacher: Rev. C. Gibbs from Bramcote.

### **Sunday, November 17th — 24th after Trinity**

- 11.00 a.m. Family Service taken by the Rector of Arley, Rev. Peter Phillips. Whole families are most welcome.
- 6.30 p.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.  
Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Canon James Anderson. Bishop's Chaplain for the Ministry.

### **Sunday, November 24th — Sunday next before Advent**

- 10.00 a.m. Family Service in St. John's Hall, Ansley Common. Taken by either Glen or Sally Martin.
- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.  
Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Canon Peter Buckler.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.  
Preacher: Vicar of Exhall.

### **Sunday, December 1st — Advent Sunday**

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said).  
Celebrant: Rev. Peter Phillips.
- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.  
Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Canon Peter Buckler.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.  
Preacher: Mr. Tomlin from Chilvers Coton.



The Sunday School will meet in the Village Church Hall each Sunday at 11.00 a.m., except November 17th when it will attend the Service in Church.

#### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

This year this falls on **Sunday, November 10th** and the Silence will be observed at 11.00 a.m.

Last year the Vicar revived the observation of this day by holding a special morning service in the Church at **10.50 a.m.**, and a wreath laying ceremony at the memorial afterwards. We shall attempt to do this again this year and will welcome all those who would wish to remember the dead of the past wars and to seriously pray for peace for the future. This service will be taken by the Rev. William Cummins, a retired clergyman, who has returned to live in Nuneaton.

The service must start at **ten minutes to eleven** if the silence is to be observed correctly.

A collection will be taken for the Poppy Day Appeal and will be handed over to the local branch of the British Legion. Please come and be most generous.

#### **VISITORS TO THE CHURCH**

Very often strangers visit our Church and are most interested in what they see and find there. The unique Chancel is admired by everybody and they are very impressed with the whole building—its beauty and its wonderful state of preservation.

Recently a little note was found in the offertory box in the wall by the door, and just shows how far some of our visitors have travelled. It says:

"George and Arlene Farmer visited this Church on the 3rd of October, 1985. George Farmer and Edward Farmer, ancestors, left Ansley and emigrated to Bellerica, Massachusetts in 1674. We greatly enjoyed visiting this lovely Church.

George and Arlene Farmer,  
3839 Reservoir Road,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota,  
U.S.A. 55421 "

Does any one know anything about George and Arlene? If anyone does, please let one of the Churchwardens know.

P.S. The offertory in the box that week was the best for many a long time.

#### **REPAIRS**

The repairs to the stonework in the three windows and the south wall of the Chancel outside is now complete. The lead in the external sill of the west window is to be renewed and

then we shall be able to withstand the rigour of another winter. If you would like to help pay for this work, Mrs. Truelove would be most grateful to receive your donation.

It has been said that the church is in good condition, but because it is an old local redsand stone construction, many thousands of pounds could still be spent on it, and still it would cry out for more. Stanley Marriott and Eric Jarvis spent about £30,000 between them on restoration work. This takes some finding in a Parish the size of Ansley.

Remember that around the year 1150 AD William de Hardreshulle (Hartshill) gave a goodly sum of money and a plot of land on Church End to build the Church of St. Laurence at Ansley. It became connected with the Abbey at Polesworth. (Note the spelling of Laurence).

According to the list of Vicars in the Church the **first** Vicar came in the year 1220. The Rev. Percy Morris said that according to his information the first one came in 1206 ! !

Ansley Church has been around a long time. May it continue to be here in another 800 years.

#### **THE AUTUMN SALE 1985**

This year the Sale will be held on Saturday, November 23rd at 3.00 p.m., in the Village Church Hall. It is one week earlier to avoid, as best we can, clashes with other Sales and Fayres being held at this time. The proceeds from this effort will go towards the upkeep of the Church and to help keep it standing there. If you would like to help in anyway please do and your efforts will not go unnoticed. Father Christmas will be arriving during the afternoon and there will be lots of things to buy so please help either as a customer or as a stall holder.

#### **A SLIDE SHOW**

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Onions of Spring Hill, Arley, are well known to many of us. They are often at the Village Church Hall. Recently they have been on a holiday to the Holy Land, and have returned with many slides, films and tapes, all very good, showing exactly where they went and what they saw. These are all very most interesting and they would like to share them with the rest of us. So on Thursday, November 14th at 8.00 p.m., in the Village Church Hall, they will give a show for us all to see. Admission will be 40p and there will be a cup of tea and a cake as well.

#### **"THE HOLY LAND REVISITED"**

A film and slide show with commentary on  
Thursday, November 14th at 8.00 p.m.

See you there !

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sunday, November 3rd at 6.30 p.m., in Church.

Preacher: The Rev. Stanley Marriott.

Sunday, November 10th at 10.50 a.m.

Remembrance Service — Rev. Bill Cummins.

Thursday, November 14th at 8.00 p.m., in Village Church Hall.  
Holy Land Revisited in Pictures.

Saturday, November 23rd at 3.00 p.m., in Village Church Hall.  
Autumn Sale.

Sunday, December 22nd at 6.30 p.m., in Church.  
Carol Service.

### **THE HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

This was held over the weekend of October 13th. The Church was beautifully decorated with the many Harvest Gifts which were given. The morning and evening services on the Sunday were inspiring and thought provoking. The Rector of Bedworth held the children spell bound in the morning and they responded in a lively manner to his many questions. They enjoyed his references to leading dart players to be seen on the television.

In the evening the Bishop of Warwick's visit was very much appreciated and everyone enjoyed his message and his down to earth approach to the idea of Thanksgiving.

The church was not quite full; we could have squeezed in at least another fifty, but all those present felt that their visit was well worthwhile.

The Sale was poorly attended, but Stan Forryan did a good job selling the produce. Thank you Stan !

Ian and Margaret Antill gave us a lovely evening at their home at Hurley on the Tuesday evening. "It is the best evening I have spent out for sometime," said one lady. The apple pie was delicious ! Thank you, Ian and Margaret.

The Supper on Friday was very good, and the Barn Dance which followed—excellent.

To all those who helped to make these events so pleasant the Churchwardens say Thank you.

The total Harvest giving amounted to £268.00, which has gone to Church Funds.

### **FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

#### **Wedding**

Saturday, October 5th—Gary Baginskis of Hartshill and on the Electoral Roll of this Parish and Karen Annand of Nuneaton.

The next Baptism Service will be at 4.00 p.m., on Sunday, January 12th and will be taken by Rev. John Law. Please let Mrs. Truelove have names of those for Baptism.