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Our Dear Friends,

The first Sunday in Advent is on the last day of this month. The word 'advent' means arrival; or approach. The reference is, of course, to the coming of Jesus as a Baby. Hence the 'advent calendar' which leads up to Christmas Day.

In the service of Holy Communion we are reminded that we only need to remember the Lord's death **until He comes again**. During His absence when our eyes cannot see Him we tend to forget Him. However, that will not be so when we see Him at His second coming.

Christ's certain coming is a reminder that every person has an appointment with God for judgement at the great throne. It is there that every person will receive perfect justice. The severity of punishment will be determined by the degree to which he has sinned against the light that has been given him. Those who have never heard the Gospel but were sensitive to the voice of conscience will in the Lord's words, 'be beaten with few stripes' (Luke 12 48). While others who lived in gross wickedness, though knowing the truth or who rejected every opportunity of knowing, will be 'beaten with many stripes.'

In these days of instant replays when an audience can see whether or not a referee has made a correct decision, it isn't hard to visualise a high-speed review of one's life. How sobering is the prospect of having every word and deed, as well as every thought and motive, brought into full view. Dr. Francis Schaeffer, a Swiss theologian, said that at the last judgement it will be as if each person has a recorder built into his conscience registering every moral decision he had made. When God plays back the tape, the individual will hear what his conscience said to him in life: "It was wrong to tell that lie." "You should have helped that person." "You shouldn't have watched that immoral video." This record will be enough to convince the most self-righteous person that he deserves God's wrath. Everyone will acknowledge His sentence to be perfectly just.

The good news is that Jesus Christ died on the cross for us. Because He took our judgement at Calvary we can be set free from condemnation but only if we're willing to receive His forgiveness and commit our lives to His Service. So what we do with Christ here will determine what He will do with us in the hereafter.

God bless you,

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.



## SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 1986

### **Sunday, November 2nd — Trinity 23.**

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11.00 a.m. Parish Communion.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer — Preacher: Sister Catherine.

### **Sunday, November 9th — Trinity 24. Remembrance Sunday.**

- 10.50 a.m. Remembrance Service.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer — "I am Joseph" Genesis 45.3.

### **Sunday, November 16th — Trinity 25.**

- 11.00 a.m. Family Service plus Sunday School Anniversary.
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion — "Joseph meets his Father"  
Genesis 46.

### **Sunday, November 23rd — Sunday before Advent.**

- 10.00 a.m. Family Service — St. John's Hall, Ansley Common.
- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 6.30 p.m. Songs of Praise at Fillongley.

### **Sunday, November 30th — Advent 1.**

- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer — "Our Joseph."

Please note that the Remembrance Day Service commences at 10.50 a.m., and will be followed by a short wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial in Church End. Those who would like to remember their loved ones in this way are most welcome to join in with the morning congregation.

**Confirmation Service** will be at St. Michael's, New Arley, on Sunday, November 2nd at 6.00 p.m. The Service will be conducted by the Rt. Rev. Keith Arnold. The young people of our parish being confirmed are Bethan Greaves, Daniel Oliver, David Roberts Joanne Wainwright, Louise Wainwright, and we have one adult being confirmed Mr. David Cove. Let us all pray for them that the Lord will bless them to the extent that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**On Thursday, November 6th**, Margaret Oliver is having a Coffee Evening at 7.30 p.m., on behalf of the Church of England Children's Society. If you have a Children's Society collecting box please bring it to that event held at 33 Nuthurst Crescent.

**St. John's Mothers' Union**, 7.00 p.m. Wednesday, November 19th will be the service of Holy Communion.

**The Evening Service** on Sunday, November 23rd will be united at Fillongley at 6.30 p.m. The parish bus will be re-arranged to pick up from Ansley Common at **5.45 p.m.**, Birchley Heath at **5.55 p.m.** and Ansley Village at **6.05 p.m.** There will be no evening service at the parish Church on that evening.

**The Christmas Fayre** will be held in Arsley Village Hall at 3.00 p.m., on Saturday, November 29th.

**P.C.C.** at Ansley Village Hall on Monday, November 3rd, 8.00 p.m.

**Sunday School Anniversary** will be on Sunday, November 16th at the 11.00 a.m. Family Service. Children will be taking part and receiving a prize as a mark of encouragement. It is always encouraging for the children too when their parents come to the Family Service with them.

#### **THE LADIES' ASSOCIATION**

This association meets fortnightly on Wednesdays in the Village Church Hall. The meetings in November are on Wednesdays 12th and 26th at 8.00 p.m. Anyone wishing to join please see Mrs. Enid Bailey of Ansley Corner or just turn up and ask to join and you will be most welcome.

#### **SNIPPETS !**

A Sunday School teacher was describing how Lots wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt when little Johnny interrupted. "My mummy looked back once while she was driving" he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a lamp post."

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There are three kinds of people in the world —

Those who make things happen,  
Those who watch things happen, and  
Those who wonder what has happened.

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"Beware in your prayer above everything else of limiting God, not only by unbelief but by fancying that you know what He will do."

Andrew Murray

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"I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go." Abraham Lincoln

## **WHAT IS ?**

### **THE BIBLE COME TO LIFE EXHIBITION**

It is a unique exhibition which makes the **Bible** come to life.

The Church's ministry among the Jews was founded by a Christian Jew named Joseph Fry in 1805. Among the notable people connected with the Society over the years were:

H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, Grandfather of Edward 7th.

Sir Thomas Baring Bart, M.P.

The Right Hon. Earl of Shaftsbury and others.

The Churches ministry among the Jews C.M.J. is an Anglican Society and has centres of work in Israel. Christ Church Jerusalem, Emanuel House Tel Aviv, Joffa Stella Carmel a school with over 300 children and a hospice.

In the U.K. there are area representatives and Simeon House Conference Centre London, the travelling "Bible Come to Life" exhibition and a permanent exhibition in St. Albans.

We welcome the visit of the exhibition to the Parish Church of St. Nicolas Nuneaton, Monday 24th to Friday 28th November, 1986. Let James or Catherine know if you need transport—the programme of afternoon and evening events is in the Church and Sunday School.

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### **FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

#### **Holy Baptism**

"Repent and be Baptised"

July 27—Lisa Marie Aucott of Ansley Common.

Oct. 19—Christopher James Matt of Ansley Common.

#### **Service of Thanksgiving, Naming and Blessing**

"They brought Children to Jesus"

Sept. 28—Lee Thomas Goodyear.

Oct. 19—Gavin Neil Randle.

#### **Holy Matrimony**

"The Two Shall Be One"

Sept. 27—David Charles Allton and Sarah Louise Morley.