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Our Dear Friends,

Have you ever wondered how many people have lived on our planet? Nobody can be sure but estimates are in the order of sixty billion. With today's technology for gathering statistics, we learn that the world population of five billion is increasing by 50,000 a day, over 1,500,000 a month, about 18,000,000 a year.

The majority live and die virtually unknown, very few have a major effect on human history. Some become world-famous and are household names influencing the lives of millions.

One person stands out from all the rest in such a way as to make him genuinely unique. No other has attracted such a combination of attention, devotion, criticism, adoration and opposition. The words he spoke, and the things he did has attracted intense interest. That person is Jesus of Nazareth who lived about 2000 years ago. The date of His birth is not known, but that one event divides world history into the years labelled "B.C." (before Christ) and "A.D." (Anno Domini. Latin for 'in the year of the Lord').

He never wrote a book, but more books have been written about Him than any other in history. He never painted a picture, or composed any poetry or music, but His life and teachings have inspired more songs, plays, poetry, pictures and films than any other person.

The World Christian Encyclopaedia calculates that every year an average of 330,000 of Jesus' followers are martyred for their faith. That does not deter people: Today Christianity has 1,620,000,000 followers—over 30% of the world's population.

Jesus' public teaching lasted only 3 years and was restricted to one small country; but today, through means of radio and television networks, His message is carried around the globe.

It is not surprising that distinguished historians over the centuries have paid particular attention to Him. In our own day the noted historian K. S. Latourette writes, 'Jesus the seeming failure, has had more effect upon the history of mankind than any other of its race who has ever existed! Man's interest in Jesus seems to be insatiable, in spite of the questions summed up in this one, Of what conceivable significance, for us today, is the death of a Jew in Palestine two thousand years ago?'

The Christians claim that the cross really is the key to everything was once expressed in this way:

The Cross of Christ is a picture of violence, yet the key to peace;
a picture of suffering, yet the key to healing,
a picture of death, yet the key to life;
a picture of weakness, yet the key to power;
a picture of hatred, yet the key to love.

As He Himself said, 'Seek and you will find.'

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 1989

Wednesday, November 1st

8.00 p.m. Women's Association in Church Hall, "Linen Sale."

Thursday, November 2nd

6.30 p.m. Explorers, Ansley Common.

7.30 p.m. Knitwear Fashion Show, Cake and Craft Stalls, Competitions, in Ansley Church Hall. Admission £1.

8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class at Birchley Heath.

Friday, November 3rd

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Saturday, November 4th

6.30 p.m. Bonfire event at St. Wilfrid's, Arley.

Sunday, November 5th Trinity 24

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

Monday, November 6th

7.30 p.m. Parochial Church Council Meeting in Church Hall.

Tuesday, November 7th

3.00 p.m. Mothers' Union—Planning.

8.00 p.m. "Broken Image." TEAR Funds Presentation.

Wednesday, November 8th

8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship.

Thursday, November 9th

6.30 p.m. Explorers, Ansley Common.

7.45 p.m. Ley Group Council at Arley.

Friday, November 10th

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer.

Sunday, November 12th Trinity 25.

10.50 a.m. Remembrance Day Service.

6.30 p.m. Confirmation Service and Holy Communion. Conducted by the **Bishop of Coventry the Rt. Rev. Simon Barrington-Ward.**

Thursday, November 16th

6.30 p.m. Explorers, St. John's, Ansley Common.

Friday, November 17th

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Sunday, November 19th Trinity 26.

11.00 a.m. Family Service.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer — "Peace, a fruit of the Spirit."

Wednesday, November 22nd

8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship.

Thursday, November 23rd

6.30 p.m. Explorers, St. John's, Ansley Common.

Friday, November 24th

6.30 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

7.30 p.m. "Praise and Worship," St. James, Tile Hill.

Sunday, November 26th Trinity 27.

10.00 a.m. Family Service at St. John's, Ansley Common.

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer — "Patience, a fruit of the Spirit."

Wednesday, November 29th

8.00 p.m. Women's Association — "Country Life."

Thursday, November 30th

6.30 p.m. Explorers, St. John's, Ansley Common.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Thanksgiving for the birth of a Child

"Let the Children Come to Me"

September 24—Sean Mather of Birchley Heath.

Baptism — "I Turn to Christ"

October 15—Charlotte Sarah Farmer of Birchley Heath.

Marriage

"To have and to hold from this day forward"

October 6—Glyn Richard Williams of Fenny Drayton to Pamela Margaret Elizabeth Rowland of Robinsons End Farm.

Funerals

"He who believes in Me shall never die"

October 5—Norman Cadman, 81 years, formerly of Birchley Heath.

October 19—June Smith, 62 years of Chapel End, formerly of Bretts Hall Estate.

Make a Point of supporting the Fashion Show event in Ansley Village Church Hall on Thursday, November 2nd at 7.30 p.m. Refreshments are included in the cost of admission £1. Ring Marcia for information.

Confirmation Service will be held on Sunday, November 12th at 6.30 p.m. It will be conducted by our Diocesan Bishop. Candidates and friends from several other churches will attend.

Remembrance Day Special Service will commence at 10.50 a.m., this will enable us to be at the War Memorial to share the minutes silence with the Nation at 11.00 a.m.

Harvest Sale realised £118. Thank you Stan Forryan who conducted the event. Many people gave gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables and we are very grateful to them. Also to all those who helped decorate

the Church so handsomely for the Harvest Festival. Many encouraging comments were made by lots of visitors including the guest preacher whose ministry both adults and children appreciated, and whom we plan to welcome amongst us again next September, when he will be part of the Church Army team ministering in the parish.

Broken Image is the TEAR Funds presentation at the Arts Centre, The University, Coventry, on Tuesday, November 7th at 8.00 p.m. Tickets are available price £4.

Hackney's are having a sale on Thursday, November 16th in the hall. Edna has arranged, and they have kindly agreed, to have a table at which will be sold any item we may like to give them. The **entire proceeds** from that table will be given to the Church, Hackney's will make no charge for that service.

St. John's Sunday Service will change back to the morning this month. 10.00 a.m. on Sunday, November 26th.

Children's Rally at Holy Trinity Church, Hartshill on Saturday, November 18th from 10.30 a.m. till 12 noon. Transport is arranged for the children of our parish. Cost per child is 50p. Please see Marie for those living in the Village and Judith for those on the Common.

EXPLORERS EXPLODE INTO ANSLEY COMMON

After seeing the popularity of the summer open air meetings, I felt we ought to continue to hold some form of regular meeting for the children of Ansley Common.

After discussion with James and Catherine, we decided to try and start an Explorer Group for the younger children with the help of David and Marie, whilst Ian and Pat would introduce the older ones to Gospel Music. If any adults came along I would take them for prayer and Bible study.

I knew we would be guaranteed six children, my one, Ian's two and the three children next door to me.

We were quite unprepared for the response we got. About 20 children turned up for the first meeting, and almost 30 children came to the second meeting.

Needless to say we are all delighted with the response, which surely shows how great the need was.

We will keep you informed of our progress, and hope to invite you all sometime in the future to a service, led by the children of Ansley Common.

Judith Wilson.