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Ansley Village turn 6.00 p.m.

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Ansley Common St. John's 6.20 p.m.

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Ansley Vicarage,

November 1st, 1990

Our Dear Friends,

The dramatic collapse of Communism in Central and Eastern Europe and the ending of the Cold War has brought great joy to the Christian Churches there. It has been described as the special God-given moment of time,

One of the powerful voices for God in Romania during the late 40s and early 50s was that of Richard Wurmbrand. The penalty meted out to him for making known the Christian message was 14 years imprisonment which included indescribable torture and three years solitary confinement. His wife, Sabina, was jailed for 3½ years. In 1964 the Romanian Government was paid £2,500 ransom money for their release. They were allowed to leave and come to Britain. From here they travelled extensively throughout the western world teaching and preaching. Richard has also written many books and helped make the needs of the Romanian underground Church known.

In May of this year Richard and Sabina, now in their 80's, returned to Bucharest after 26 years in exile where they were received with jubilation by a strong and growing company of believers. Amongst those who welcomed them was Vasile Rascol who was imprisoned for being a worker in the underground Church. His torture consisted of having to sit down in silence without doing anything. When his wife and children visited him sometime later, the children did not recognise their father. One day Vasile lamented to God and brought Him all his needs. "I said to God, 'You have forgotten me, nobody thinks of me, please give me a sign that somebody cares.' At that moment the door of my cell opened and a soldier ordered me to come and see the doctor. For quite a while I had been sick. The doctor just asked my name and left me standing there whilst he dealt with all the other patients. When they had all gone back to their cells I and the doctor were alone, he ordered me to stand by the X-ray machine. He then put a bar of chocolate into my hand, with a greeting from my Church. The doctor said, "I am to tell you that you are not forgotten, we are all praying for you." So God answered me in the depths of my depression.'

At a conference in August Cardinal Basil Hume; commenting on these believers who had been imprisoned, tortured and had suffered incalculable hardships for their Christian faith said, "There is no bitterness whatsoever among these courageous men and women. Love and forgiveness shine through them powerfully."

On November 11th we shall be remembering others too who have suffered and lost their lives because of the presence of evil; past, present and future, and our minds will not be far from the Middle East today. On December 25th the World will be encouraged to focus on the One who is the Prince of Peace in whom, scripture emphasises, is the answer.

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 4th — Trinity 21st

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11.00 a.m. Family Communion.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. 1662 Prayer Book.

Tuesday, November 6th

- 3.00 p.m. Mothers' Union—Mr. George Tomlin talks about his childhood days. Church Hall, Ansley Village.

Wednesday, November 7th

- 8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship.

Thursday, November 8th

- 7.45 p.m. Parochial Church Council at St. John's, Ansley Common.

Friday, November 9th

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

Sunday, November 11th — Remembrance Day

- 10.50 a.m. Remembrance Service.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Service.

Monday, November 12th

- 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Activity Night in the Church Hall, Ansley Village.

Wednesday, November 14th

- 8.00 p.m. Ansley Ladies Meeting. "A Shoe Sale."

Thursday, November 15th

- 7.45 p.m. Ley Group Council. St. Wilfrid's Upper Room, Arley.

Friday, November 16th

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

Sunday, November 18th

- 11.00 a.m. Family Service.
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion.

Wednesday, November 21st

- 8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship.

Thursday, November 22nd

- 7.30 p.m. Children's Society Coffee Evening at the home of Martin and Margaret Oliver, 33 Nuthurst Crescent.

Friday, November 23rd

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

Sunday, November 25th

- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Service.

Wednesday, November 28th

- 8.00 p.m. Ansley Ladies Meeting. "A Jumper Sale."

Friday, November 30th

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

Please Note that the Morning Service commences at 10.50 a.m. on November 11th. This enables us to assemble at the War Memorial (weather permitting) to pay our tribute with the NATION at 11.00 a.m.

MRS. NORA PRIME

We were all sorry to learn of the passing of Mrs. Nora Prime on October 5th. And some days later we congregated in Church to thank God for her life and the many memories we all have of her.

Nora was a quiet and kindly lady who had helped a number of people in the parish during their times of very real need. She was born at Ansley Hall and moved to Goldsby Croft after her marriage to Mr. George Prime in 1935 where the family was brought up and where Nora remained to the end.

She loved Ansley Church and would always help at the Flower Festivals and other occasions. We shall miss her cheer and presence with us on Sunday nights. We pray that her family will know the peace of Christ which surpasses all understanding. I am sure that they were glad, as we all were, to see the Church so full at the funeral service; an indication of the love and respect in which Nora was held.

Christmas Bazaar will be on December 8th at 3.00 p.m. Our friends from the U.R.C. Church will hold their Bazaar in our hall on December 1st at 3.00 p.m.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism—'Within the family of the Church'

October 7—Sara-Jane Roper of Ansley Common.

Louise Roper of Ansley Common.

David Charles Parker of Nuneaton and on the electoral role of this parish.

Funeral—'A true faith and a sure hope in Jesus Christ'

October 10—Nora Elizabeth Prime, 80 years, of Ansley Village.

Burial of Ashes

October 19—Mable Parker, 84 years, of Stockingford.

Activity Night for young people will be held on Monday, November 12th in Ansley Village Church Hall at 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Adults are welcome. This is under the leadership of Diana Kealey. There is also another such evening planned for Monday, December 10th. These meetings are the follow-up to the nightly Children's Meetings held in September by the Church Army.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF THE NUNEATON HOSPITALS

Mr. Cec Burton sent the following letter to Marcia Sutton.

Our thanks are due to God for His gift of such a most beautiful display of flowers at your Flower Festival. It was indeed a most lovely sight to see. Hearty congratulations to each and everyone who helped to make such a great display.

Can I now express very very sincere thanks for such a magnificent gift to our Hospitals, which I can assure you we all feel most deeply grateful, and would ask you to accept our very sincere appreciation.

May the Lord guide your endeavours and continue to give you His blessing. Your very kind remarks are greatly appreciated.

Yours very sincerely,

Cec H. Burton.

CONFIRMATION

There is a Confirmation Service on Sunday, November 4th at 6.00 p.m. in St. Michael's Church, Arley. We have one candidate, Mr. Tom Holland, who will be confirmed together with others from Corley, Fillongley and Arley.

From Canon Michael Rees who led the Church Army team to the Ley Group of parishes in September

Captain Tony Maidment and I so enjoyed our time at Ansley during our fifteen days with you at the end of September. So very many of you showed us such kindness.

We are grateful to you for your superb hospitality, for the way in which you welcomed us to your homes, for the great hard work you put into the programme that made "The missing peace?" so worthwhile, and (even more important) for your prayer and faith and vision.

We so enjoyed meeting you and getting to know you all.

It was good to have other members of Church Army in the other villages that make up the Ley Group; our regular meetings with the clergy and the whole team meant a lot to us.

May our Lord Jesus, about whom we so often spoke while we were with you, continue to bless you all as you go on following Him, learn more of Him, and share your trust in Him with others.

At the last service at St. Laurence I shared with you that a new baby requires four things if he or she is to grow up well:

- 1—Regular food: the Christian needs the food of the Bible.
- 2—Fresh air: the Christian needs the fresh air of prayer.
- 3—Exercise: the Christian needs the exercise of witnessing.
- 4—A home: the Christian needs the home of Christian fellowship regularly, not only in Church worship, but meeting informally as well.

May you and I keep working at these four things: without them our Christian walk with Jesus simply won't develop.

We shall treasure the mugs you gave us of St. Laurence to remind us of some very happy times. Again, thank you so very much for all that you have given us.

With our love to you in Jesus,
Michael

BILLY FOR SCOTLAND

Almost 12,000 Scottish Christians were delighted this week when their invitation to evangelist Billy Graham to hold missions in Glasgow and Aberdeen was accepted.

This will be the first mission to be held in Scotland by Mr. Graham since 1955, and follows his comment in this newspaper that he personally wanted to hold another mission there.

Nearly all—90 per cent—of Scotland's major Christian denominations have given their backing to the mission, in venues yet to be announced.

The evangelist said he was looking forward to preaching there: "It'll be like going home," he added.