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SERVICES IN ANSLEY CHURCH FOR DECEMBER 1985

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Sunday, December 1st — Advent Sunday

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said).
Celebrant: Rev. John Law, Vicar of Fillongley and Corley.
- 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.

Sunday, December 8th — 2nd Sunday in Advent

- 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: Rev. Colin Gibbs, Chaplain at Bramcote.

Sunday, December 15th — 3rd Sunday in Advent

- 11.00 a.m. Family Service taken by one of the clergy from Bedworth.
- 6.30 p.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.
Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Peter Phillips, Rector of Arley.

Sunday, December 22nd — 4th Sunday in Advent

- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.
Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Canon Peter Buckler.
- 6.30 p.m. **CAROL SERVICE.**

Tuesday, December 24th — Christmas Eve

- 11.30 p.m. Midnight Communion taken by the Rev. Canon Peter Buckler.

Wednesday, December 25th — Christmas Day

- 11.00 a.m. Family Communion for Christmas Day taken by Rev. Canon Peter Buckler.

Sunday, December 29th — Sunday after Christmas Day

- 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: A Lay Reader.

Sunday, January 5th — 2nd Sunday after Christmas

- 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.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.
Preacher: A Lay Reader.
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The Sunday School will meet in the Village Church Hall on
Sundays December 1st and 8th. On December 15th it will attend
the Family Service in Church at 11.00 a.m.

A Service of Holy Baptism will be held in the Church on
Sunday, January 12th, 1986 at 4.00 p.m. Please let Mrs. Truelove
have names of those to be baptised.

THE VISIT TO THE HOLY LAND

This was a very good evening. The pictures were first class
and the commentary was most interesting and very impressive.
Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. A. Onions for allowing us who
were present to share in their wonderful holiday.

It was a pity the Hall was not full. £12.00 was given to the
Hall Funds.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

A goodly number of people were in Church at 10.50 a.m., on
November 10th to remember those who gave their lives in the
last two wars. The talk given by the Rev. W. Cummins was
appreciated by all present. Wreaths were laid at the War
Memorial, afterwards.

The sum of £21.00 has been sent to Earl Haig's Fund for
Disabled Soldiers. Thank you for this gift.

AUTUMN FAYRE

This was held in the Village Church Hall on Saturday,
November 23rd and has been pronounced a Good Success. £300.00
was made at the time of going to the press. It was good to
see so many young people giving a helping hand. To all who
helped with the stalls, to all who bought from the stalls, and
to all those cheerful people who came and made the atmosphere
so pleasant and so encouraging, a sincere thank you.

This money will go to the Church General Fund to keep the
building standing, in good repair and to keep it ready for the
worship of God. Thank you once again !

CHRISTMAS 1985

Once as a Stranger	Shepherds were keeping
Prophet foretold	Watch on that night
Laid in a manger	Wise men unsleeping
God came down of old.	Saw the Christmas light.
Glory in heaven	Gifts they came bringing
Peace to the earth	Christmas begun,
Mankind is given	Angels were singing
With the Christ Child's birth.	Mary rocked her son.

Christ Child, Thy spirit
Born this new day,
Small though our merit,
Dwell in us alway,
Teach us Thy giving,
Christmas to bring,
Guide all our living,
Jesus Lord and King.

Thanks to the kindness and sincere help of Canon Peter Buckler, Christmas this year will be celebrated in true Ansley Church style, with nothing left out. It will begin on Sunday, December 15th with a family service with Christmas Carols and Music at 11.00 a.m. On the same day there will be a Parish Evening Communion at 6.30 p.m., taken by the Rev. Peter Phillips, Rector of Arley.

On Sunday, December 22nd there will be the Morning Parish Communion at 11.00 a.m., and then in the evening at 6.30 p.m., the Carol Service with readings by members of the congregation. At this service the collection taken up will be given to the Church of England's Children's Society. This society looks after children who need very special care and kindness. It is hoped that we shall all be very generous with our offerings this year.

On Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th, there will be Midnight Communion starting at 11.30 p.m., and taken by the Rev. Canon Peter Buckler.

On Christmas Day the morning service at 11.00 a.m., will be for families and will take the form of a Family Communion. Again Canon Buckler will be the preacher and celebrant.

BETHLEHEM

In little Bethlehem I see
The radiant glory that shall be
When all the wise of all the earth
Acclaim with joy that Holy Birth.

"A Happy Christmas Everyone."

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Some fifteen years or so ago the Church Council, under the guidance of the then Vicar (Rev. S. R. Marriott), decided that it would do something worthwhile for this society. It appointed a secretary-cum-treasurer, who gave out collecting boxes and arranged for various functions to take place so that money could be sent to help with the work of the above society. It is concerned with children who have no parents and are alone in the world, children who need special care, because of their physical disabilities, and children who have lost the love of their parents often through no fault of their own. The Church Council still believes that this is a worthy cause needing your generous support.

Last Christmas very little was done about it, but now we have a new and energetic secretary-cum-treasurer, who is about to start her work. She is Mrs. Margaret Oliver of 33 Nuthurst Crescent, Ansley Village. Telephone number Chapel End 395674.

Last year some seven collecting boxes were brought to church just before Christmas, and they are still there un-opened. There are about another dozen or so still out in the parish. Would these dozen or so please bring their boxes to church at service time NOW or very soon afterwards. They will be opened and returned with thanks together with those that are still there.

If there is anyone else in the parish who would like to have a collecting box and help with this noble work please ring Margaret Oliver at her home any early evening after 5.30 p.m., and she will make all necessary arrangements.

Thank you for your help in days gone by and in the future.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

Nov. 10—Charlotte Elizabeth Copper, Ludford Close, The Village.

Laid to Rest

Oct. 29—George Henry Smith, Bracebridge Court, Atherstone, aged 76 years and late of 27 Birmingham Road, The Village.

Nov. 12—Thomas James Cowley, of 4 Croft Mead, The Village, aged 77 years.

To the family of Harry Smith and to Mrs. Cowley the church offers its sincere sympathy at this very sad time.

Tom Cowley had been ill for a very long time and his wife had looked after him with great care even though she herself was far from well. May God give her great comfort in the days that are to come.

Harry Smith has been left the Village some little time but all who knew him enjoyed his company and missed him when he left for Bracebridge Court a little while ago.