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Have you noticed that when one presenter uses a word or phrase, we hear it time and again. Such a word is 'precipitation' which all the weather forecasters are now using to describe rain. It used to be showers, light rain, downpour and so on, which was quite good enough for us all. Just lately everyone loves the phrase '24-7' which means 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It seems as if the English language is being changed as we speak.

There has been a survey done to find which is the best County in England to live in. Staffordshire came bottom and Devon came top - surprise! surprise!. It is comparing a mining area or heavy industry area to a county of Exmoor and Dartmoor Parks with lovely moorland and miles and miles of beautiful beaches. There is just no comparison. It is lovely to go away to the seaside for holidays, but home is where the heart is and, I for one, am always happy to come home to Warwickshire which, by the way, also has beautiful countryside, great heritage sites, stately homes and lots of wild birds and flowers.

Did you know that the flower 'Solomon's Seal' came by its unusual name because its roots were used in Mediaeval times to mend broken bones. The leaves were also made into an ointment which would reduce the bruising on a black eye. However, perhaps it is better gracing our gardens. We have some in our garden and every year the caterpillars of a moth strip the leaves bare, but we always leave them alone, as we don't want to endanger the moths. By the way, if you want a flower which will flourish in shade and poor soil and come year after year, then grow 'Solomon's Seal'.

I was reading about a University Lecturer who reflected on how many 'unthanked' people there had been in his life. Those who had helped to nurture and inspire him, who cared enough to leave a lasting impression, but he had never thanked them. One was a teacher who had instilled a love of poetry in him, and he had loved poetry all his life, so he wrote her a letter of thanks. She wrote back in feeble scrawl saying she was in her 80's and she had taught school for 50 years, and his was the first letter of appreciation she had received. We probably all know very many 'unthanked' people who have influenced our lives. Mother Teresa said 'Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless!'

Marie Cove

If you require the services of a vicar please have a word with Moreen who is dealing with baptisms and Margaret weddings. Funerals can be arranged with either.

St John's Hall Ansley Common Services 10.30 a.m.

April 13th Palm Sunday Family Service

April 27th Easter 2 Holy Communion.

St. Laurence's Church services 10.30 a.m. & 6.30. p.m.

April 6th Lent 5 a.m. All Age Worship with the Worship Team.

p.m. BCP Holy Communion Rev. L. Beard.

April 13th Palm Sunday a.m. Holy Communion and Junior Church Rev. D. Hiscox.

p.m. Evensong Rev. A. Welsby.

April 20th Easter Day 8 a.m. Holy Communion Rev. L. Beard.

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Rev. J. Jasper.

p.m. Evensong Rev. S Ford.

April 27th Easter 1 a.m. The Lord is Here Communion Rev. P Simmonds

p.m. Evensong D. Parr.

Mondays 7th and 28th at 7 p.m. The Links youth club meet. in the Village Church Hall.

Tuesday 15th at 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion In the Village Church Hall. The Senior Citizens meeting follows, everyone is welcome to this service.

Monday 14th & 28th Ansley Common Fellowship meets

Wednesday 9th & 23rd The Wednesday Fellowship group meet

Wednesday 2nd, 16th & 30th The Prayer group meets at 10 Nuthurst Cres. at 2.p.m.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER.

Palm Sunday 13th At all services there will be the distribution of the Palm Crosses.

Maundy Thursday There will be a special Holy Communion by extension service and meal of Soup and Bread at St. John's hall. This will be led by Dave and Marie. Please bring your bowl and a glass. This will commence at 7.30.p.m.

Good Friday At St. Laurence's Church there will be a service of meditation when we will remember the suffering that Jesus took upon Himself so that we might be saved. This will again commence at 7.30.p.m.

Holy Saturday From 9.30 a.m. we will be decorating the Church ready for Sunday. All help is most welcome, either to decorate, to clean, to make a cuppa, or even just to give support.

As in previous years we will be very grateful for any donations for the purchase of the Easter flowers. This may be in memory of a loved one or because you just like the Church to look lovely for Easter.

Easter Day 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion celebrated by Rev. L Beard.

10.30 a.m. The Lord is Here Holy Communion celebrated by Rev. James and Catherine Jasper.

6.30 p.m. Festival Evensong Rev. S. Ford.

Easter is such a special time for Christians, if you are at home or on holiday please make time to thank God for his wonderful redemption of mankind.

From the registers.

The ashes of Charlotte Ward aged 82 years were placed in her husbands grave, Charlotte better known as "Queenie," who was born in Ludlow, came to live in Arley when she was 6 years old. She lived for 76 years in the same house in Arley. Queenie was very well known for her love of dancing.

Church

The ashes of Doreen Yardley aged 76 were placed in her parents grave on March 1st. Doreen grew in Ansley before moving to Baxterley and after university moved to London where she worked in the probation service. She always kept in touch with her old friends in Ansley.

The funeral of Joseph (Joe) Bailey aged 78, took place at Nuneaton Crematorium on Monday 10th March and his ashes were interred in the Church Yard. He lived all his life in Ansley. His garden was always so beautifully kept. We all send our condolences to May at this time.

The magazine went to press before the A.G.M. and the results will be in next month.

The Mothering Sunday activities

Church Open and Gift Day.

On Saturday 29th March as in the past few years the Church will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and refreshments will be provided. The Plans of the new building will be on view and we are combining a Gift Day as we still have to raise the last 15% or so of the total. We have enough to pay the builder, but there are still the architect, furniture, expenses and all the odd bits that will be required on completion of the building.

All the gifts will be presented at the Altar at the Sunday evensong.

The Children that have been baptised in the Church since the millennium are all being invited to attend the Sunday Morning service when the posies will be handed to each child what ever their age.

A New Vicar

We know that there has been some interest in our parish by prospective clergy but at the moment we do not know how many applications have been received. As mentioned last month there will be the necessary interview process this month, if all goes to plan. Although unknown at this time, please continue to commit this person to God in your Prayers, and also those who will be involved with the selection.

The New Room

Work on the new room is now imminent. We remind you that we have been asked by the Architect and Builder to make everyone aware that while the building is in progress the area inside the fence is legally in the possession of the builder and that we do not have any right of access for the duration. Please do not ask to go and have a look as the answer will be NO. This is for your own protection and is a requirement of the builder's contract.

They also ask that if you have any query or want any information about the building that it be directed to, either Churchwarden or Ron Morewood. This will save time for the builders and ensure that things follow the correct channel that has been agreed in the contract. Thank you for co-operation as it will save time all round.

Ansley Senior Citizens.

The Senior Citizens are holding a Coffee morning with bring and buy in the Village Church Hall on 8th April from 10.00 to 12.00 a.m. the proceeds will be in aid of the hall roof. Every one is most welcome.

They are also organising a trip to Turner's Old Time Music Hall on Tuesday 11th November. This is a day trip inclusive of full midday lunch and afternoon tea, with the entertainment and transport and will cost between £21-£25. If anyone wishes to go, please have a word, to book your seat as soon as possible.

Church yard

It has been brought to our attention that Churchyard rubbish is being thrown over the wall and hedge into the field. This is both unsightly and could be dangerous or even fatal to the cattle that use the field. The bin is provided for all dead flowers and wreaths, Please use it.

We would like to sincerely thank Hetty Sharman for raising £35 by a raffle towards the floor on the kitchen at St. John's. This is greatly appreciated. Thank you again.

WANTED: Committee Members for St. John's Hall, Ansley Common. Anyone interested please contact Marie or David Cove on 024 7639 4114. We only meet every 3 months for about half an hour.

We have been asked by Ansley Parish Council to publish the following:
The Blue Peter bring & buy raised £110. Thank you to all who supported this event.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

ANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Publication Scheme

In accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Model Publication Scheme for Local Councils (Core Classes only) has been adopted by Ansley Parish Council. This scheme specifies the classes of information that the Parish Council intends to make available. The information contained in each class will be made available in hard copy on request from the Clerk or by inspection at a suitable premises by prior appointment. (Contact Tel. No. 024 7639 6468). The Parish Council may make reasonable charges to cover photocopying costs, postage incurred and staff time for the provision of copies of the documents and information listed in each of the classes below where requested and where thought appropriate.

1. COUNCIL INTERNAL PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

- Minutes of council, committee and sub-committee meetings – (limited to the last 2 years)
- Procedural Standing Orders
- Councils Annual Report to Parish Meeting

2. CODE OF CONDUCT

- Members Declaration of Acceptance of Office
- Members Register of Interests
- Register of Members Interests Book

3. PERIODIC ELECTORAL REVIEW

- This is information concerning changes to the electoral arrangements for parish, town and community councils. It includes recommendations for the creation of new wards, the amendment of existing wards, proposals for the names of new wards and alterations to the number of councillors to be elected to the council.
- Information relating to the last Periodic Electoral Review of the council area
- Information relating to the latest boundary review of the council area

4. EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

- Terms & conditions of employment
- Job descriptions

5. PLANNING DOCUMENTS

- Responses to planning applications

6. AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS

- Annual return form – (limited to the last financial year)
- Annual Statutory report by auditor (internal & external) – (limited to the last financial year)
- Receipt/Payment books, Receipt books of all kinds, Bank Statements from all accounts – (limited to the last financial year)
- Precept request – (limited to the last financial year)
- VAT records – (limited to the last financial year)
- Financial Standing Orders and Regulations
- Assets register
- Risk Assessments