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Dear Friends,

April 25th saw the beginning of our FAMILY WORSHIP at St. John's Hall. It was great to see 46 people there—and of all ages, too. It is so much easier to make worship really worthwhile when there are a good number present. Anyone is welcome to this worship; don't feel awkward if the children are restless and move about! But the important thing about the service was that there were ALL ages present. Often church worship consists of the older generation, some children and their mums. Those in the middle age-range are strangely missing.

We looked at three basic principles of the Christian life—WORSHIP which is not some optional extra but essential to the Christian. Worship easily gets 'stuck' and becomes routine. Then it is no help to us. Does our worship involve enough people? Or is it best to leave it all to the parson? (Hopefully not!) Does worship touch upon life elsewhere so that we are challenged, and encouraged?

WITNESS which should spring from our worship together. Our worship should be an advertisement for God. Witness does not mean thrusting a potted message down someone's unwilling throat. It means being ready to give a reason for the faith we hold 'through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

WORKING with God (not 'for God'). The apostle Paul says 'In our work **together with** God we beg you who have received God's grace not to let it be wasted.' (2 Corinthians 6 : 1). What is God calling us to do to bring his message of love and forgiveness to our local community?

Each of these is centred upon the cross. Jesus Christ's life was one of sacrifice and service for others. His life was one in which worship, work and witness were perfectly blended together—let's form our lives from his example.

TIM GOULDSTONE

WHAT NEXT . . . ?

Why is it that this country can afford to cut its health service to the bone and yet fight a war seven thousand miles away with immensely expensive losses? The population of the Falklands is 1800 and diminishing. According to a teacher who spent some years there the younger people are leaving the islands because they see no future in the hard life there—political pressures and Argentina apart. Who is going to garrison these islands and who is going to pay for them and to what end? Whatever the rights and wrongs of the invasion, these questions have received absurdly little attention from politicians. We despise the Argentinian attitude to human rights but why has this only become a factor in the argument when it affects the Falklands? Suddenly no-one is complaining about South African oppression. How selective our consciences are!

DOVEDALE RAMBLE

This was very successful and blessed with fine weather. No-one got lost (a miracle) of the 55 people who went and no-one fell in the river. Some of the fainter spirits stopped halfway and were picked up by the coach. An immense number of ice-creams, sandwiches and cans of pop were consumed. We might make these into 'community outings' in the future and hold them once every few months.

CHURCH END SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to Lindsay Connors of Croftmead who came first in a painting competition sponsored by the Coventry Economic Building Society. She received a bicycle and the school the sum of £200.

ANSLEY COMMON LUNCHEON CLUB

This has got off to a good start and about 30 people are meeting each Monday and Wednesday from 12.15 for lunch. If you want to come or you know anyone who would like to go but needs assistance or friendship please contact Mrs. Freeman, 101 Plough Hill Road (Chapel End 392100). This applies especially to folk from Ansley Common. If this venture succeeds we might be able to offer other facilities for elderly folk in St. John's Hall.

The Family Worship at St. John's Hall continues on Sunday, May 30th at 10.00 a.m. There will be no service in the month of June but it will continue in July (July 25th).

NOTES AND NEWS

The **Church Fete** will be held on Saturday, June 12th at 2.30 p.m., in the Village Church Hall. Admission will be 5p. Mrs. Truelove still has some competition forms for 'Fruity Quest' which are 20p each—these must be handed in by the day of the Fete—there will be a prize.

At the time of writing there seems some doubt about the future of transport to and from Herbert Fowler and Church End School following a decision to discontinue the bus from June 8th this year. It would seem that the best idea is for one bus to run visiting both schools at the beginning and the end of the school day. However there must be a guarantee that it really will be used for BOTH journeys. Otherwise it will run at a loss and we cannot expect the operators to stand this. The other alternative is for parents to organise a 'rota' so everyone can get there.

CHURCH BUS FOR SUNDAY EVENINGS

At the moment this service costs us £68 a month to run for those who worship with us on Sunday evenings. This cost is borne by church funds; someone recently asked why this service was often nearly empty when it ran through the village. This highlights the fact that we cannot spend money on facilities we do not use to their greatest extent. Unless this service is used by more people it will inevitably come to a point where the cost cannot be borne out of our general fund. Use it or lose it! The isolation of our church and the consequent transport bills make our worship the most expensive to maintain of any local rural church.

At the Diocesan Synod in May the Bishop faced members with some difficult choices concerning the future of the ministry in this diocese. The June PCC meeting will be a joint meeting of all the PCC's of Arley, Ansley, Fillongley and Corley to discuss these and other matters of common concern. It will be held on **Thursday, June 17th at 7.30 p.m., in the Village Church Hall.**

The **Car Treasure Hunt** has become a moveable feast—it will now be held on Wednesday, June 16th at 6.45 p.m., starting at the Church car park. It will cost 50p per person and we will meet up (except for those who have got lost) at the Village Church Hall at 9.30 p.m. There will be prizes. We hope to be joined by some folk from the other parishes. Proceeds for new boiler for the Village Church Hall.

Don't forget the **Barn Dance** on Saturday, June 19th at 8.00 p.m., at Sutton's Farm. Admission £2 which includes refreshments. Tickets from Mrs. Priest, Mrs. Cove, Mrs. Berridge and Mr. Arnold.

The Coffee morning at Mr. and Mrs. Truelove's in May raised the sum of £92 for church funds. Many thanks to those who helped and got people there. These are valuable occasions when some of our folk who would not normally be able to get together can meet.

There is another concert at St. Michael's, New Arley on Saturday, June 26th when the Ligrenzi Ensemble will be playing

'Music for a Summer's Evening.' Tickets available from Revd. Grahame Humphries, they are £1 for adults and 60p for children.

The vicar would like to thank an anonymous donor for their interest in the church and ministry in Ansley. Also the friends and relatives of the late Mrs. Sarah Berry, late of Exhall for their donation of £74 to churchyard funds.

DIARY FOR JUNE 1982

- 1— 3.00 p.m. Mothers' Union, Village Church Hall.
- 6—Trinity Sunday.**
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said).
11.00 a.m. Parish Communion.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 8— 7.30 p.m. Deanery Synod, Weddington.
- 10— 8.00 p.m. Church Hall Committee, Village Church Hall.
- 12—12 noon Wedding of Henry Davison and Jayne Lang.
2.30 p.m. Church Fete, Village Church Hall.
- 13—1st after Trinity.**
11.00 a.m. Parish Communion.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 16— 6.45 p.m. Car Treasure Hunt, meet at Church car park.
7.00 p.m. St. John's Mothers' Union at Mrs. Varden's house.
- 17— 7.30 p.m. Combined meeting of PCC's of Arley, Ansley, Corley and Fillongley at Church End School.
- 19— 8.00 p.m. Barn Dance at Sutton's Farm.
- 20—2nd after Trinity.**
11.00 a.m. Family Service, Revd. Grahame Humphries.
6.30 p.m. Holy Communion, Revd. James Anderson.
- 21— 7.30 p.m. Church Missionary Society Family Evening at St. Mary's, Fillongley, Revd. Ken Okeke, Chaplain to Nigerian Students. Bring a snack supper.
- 24—10.30 a.m. Coffee Morning at Mrs. Varden's, Nursery Hill. Admission 25p; Bring and Buy Stall, Raffle.
- 26— 7.00 p.m. Ligrenzi Ensemble, St. Michael's, New Arley. £1 Adults, 60p Children. Refreshments on sale.
- 27—3rd after Trinity.**
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion, Revd. William Field.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. Preacher : Revd. Dennis Capes, USPG Representative.

FUNERAL

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.'

April 22—Sarah Ellen Berry, aged 93, late of Exhall.