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1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays

11.00 a.m. Parish Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

3rd Sunday

11.00 a.m. Family Worship.

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion.

Holy Communion also on 1st Sunday at 8.00 a.m.

Sunday School meets on Sundays at 11.00 a.m., in the Village Church Hall except for the 3rd Sunday when it joins the Family Service.

St. John's Hall—Family Worship at 10.00 a.m., on 4th Sunday.

A bus runs for the evening service. Leaves Ansley Corner at 6.00 p.m., picks up through the village, leaves Ansley Common at 6.10 p.m., and Birchley Heath at 6.15 p.m.

Dear Friends,

It is hardly likely that God will be a live election issue, unless his name is used by one party or another to support their particular interpretation of what kind of social structure Britain is to have. There are those who read the parable about the three servants with their 'talents' (coins) and see in it an example of Jesus praising the capitalist system—rewards for hard work only! There are those who see that the earliest Christians practised some form of socialist or communist common life selling their property and possessions and distributing the money amongst all, 'according to what each one needed.' (Acts 2 : 45). This ideal quickly collapsed.

The truth is that the British political system would be completely incomprehensible to anyone living in Jesus' time. The Gospel is not out to commend the British party system, or even 'parliamentary democracy' of which we are often so proud when we compare ourselves to other countries.

The Gospel speaks about the nature of men and the nature of God. It addresses itself to everyone; the businessman, the miner, the 'worker' (whatever that means), the teacher, the pupil, the church, the man-of-the-world, the atheist, the believer. The Gospel is not to take us out of the world, away from its problems. The Gospel takes us into the world to bring to mankind the fact of God's love.

There is a great Christian word that needs to be heard again in our country—'reconciliation.' How frequently is our news full

of people falling out, communities in trouble, Them's and Us's ! Those who try their hand at reconciliation often have a hard time, shunned by both sides. Yet it is needed.

Then there is 'truth.' At election time, it's hard to see the truth, and easy for us to become cynical and leave the hard decisions about our national life to someone else. We forget that all we need to do in order to see evil triumph is to do nothing !

In this post-Whitsun, post Pentecost season the Christian thinks about the Holy Spirit. He is not an irrelevance to the world, but tells us the truth about our world and God. The Holy Spirit reveals to us a world that has lost its purpose; a world in 'slavery to decay' (Romans 8 : 21), 'groaning' (Romans 8 : 23). Yet it is a world which can know God's freedom, God's hope, God's truth, the revelation of God's 'glory' (Romans 8 : 18-25).

The Christian mission is to make the truth about the love of God in Jesus a reality. The Christian message is one of reconciliation and love; are we showing God's love in our lives, so that others may be drawn towards Jesus Christ ?

TIM GOULDSTONE

#### NOTES AND NEWS

The **Malverns walk** (on what has proved to be the only spring day so far !) resulted in £48 being raised in sponsor money. £12 is being sent to the Myton Hamlet Hospice in South Warwickshire and £36 for the church funds. Thank you to all who sought sponsorship, did the walking and paid up.

#### THE BARN DANCE

There will be a **Barn Dance on Saturday, June 11th at 8.00 p.m. to 12 midnight** at Sutton's Farm. Price £2 and admission will be by ticket only. Tickets are available from Mrs. Priest, Mr. Arnold, Mrs. Cove—if they've sold out, they'll tell you who to contact.

The Summer Sale will be held at the Village Church Hall on Saturday, June 18th at 3.00 p.m. Admission 5p.

Mrs. Alice Robertson, who passed away this month, was probably the oldest person at present living in Ansley, being within a few weeks of her 90th birthday. Mrs. Robertson has only moved to the village relatively recently to stay with her daughter in St. Lawrence Road. Mrs. Pollard's sudden death was a great shock to all who knew her. She and her husband had moved to Ansley Common a few months ago from Nuthurst Crescent. Mrs. Ann Cooper of Ansley Common was for many years a staunch member of St. John's Church, but had been confined to her house for the past few years. Mr. Edwin ('Eddie') Moore had lived on his own for some years; all who knew him comment on his love of nature and his interest in the local countryside.

Our prayers and concern must be with the relatives and friends of all the above. And we must remember that its the continuing support that counts, far beyond the few weeks after a bereavement.

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## **ANSLEY VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB**

### **NEW LEADER NEEDED**

The Lunch Club for the elderly and handicapped in Ansley Village is looking for a new Organiser, from the beginning of June. Mrs. Jill Collins, the present Organiser, is leaving after several years of devoted hard work and she will be sadly missed.

The Club meets on Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes at the Church Hall in Birmingham Road, and at present there are about a dozen members who attend regularly.

The work of the Organiser involves ordering the food for the Club and keeping records of what is served, banking money paid by the members, and arranging a rota of helpers week by week.

If you would like to help as Organiser, Edith Knight or Robin Boucher at Social Services Department, telephone Atherstone 4861, would be pleased to hear from you.

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Several people have commented on the involvement of children in the Family Baptism service in May. I'm sure this not only increases the size of the congregation (!) but also gives people and children who are involved an added interest in worship.

The same goes for our Evening Prayer worship on May 22nd. It was good to have Ian, Martin and Jane Kimberley playing as well as the more traditional organ, Mrs. Lloyd and Stephanie Stain reading the lessons and Ann Cartwright singing a solo. It has been generally observed throughout the country that this sort of event every so often does increase everyone's involvement with worship and participation. It's not just to be left to the vicar !

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**ST. JOHN'S MOTHERS' UNION** will be meeting on Wednesday, June 15th at 7.00 p.m., at Mrs. Varden's house.

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Don't forget "**SONGS OF PRAISE**" at St. Michael's, Arley on Sunday, June 19th at 6.30 p.m. No service at St. Laurence on this Sunday. The 'bus will run; Ansley Common 5.50 p.m., Birchley Heath 5.55 p.m., Village 6.05 p.m.

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### **WORSHIP FOR JUNE-JULY 1983**

Family Worship 19th June —

The Revd. Grahame Humphries.

St. John's Hall 26th June —

Mr. Glenn Martin.

Parish Communion 26th June —

The Revd. John Partington,  
Curate of Holy Trinity, Coventry.



Evening Prayer 26th June —

Mr. Ken Sleeman, Lay Chairman,  
Nuneaton Deanery Synod.

Holy Communion 8.00 a.m. July 3rd —

The Revd. Grahame Humphries.

Parish Communion 11.00 a.m. July 3rd —

The Revd. Peter Louis,  
Headmaster, Bluecoat School, Coventry.

Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m. —

Dr. Oliver Howarth, Reader,  
from Westwood, Coventry.

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Congratulations to Margaret Truelove on her wedding to Ian Antill. They will be living not very far away in Stockingford, so we shall continue to see quite a bit of them. We wish them God's blessing on their home, as we do on Paul and Davina's new life together.

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#### **FUNERALS**

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

May 10—Alice Robertson, 85 St. Lawrence Road, aged 89.

May 12—Jean Constance Mary Pollard, 13 St. John's Road,  
aged 66.

May 12—Ann Selina Cooper, 71 Ansley Common, aged 81.

May 23—Edwin Arthur Moore, 197 Birmingham Road, aged 61.

#### **BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the family of the church :

May 15—Anna Catherine Barrs, Brook House Farm, Ansley.

May 15—David Trevenna Gouldstone, The Vicarage, Birmingham  
Road.

#### **WEDDINGS**

May 28—Margaret Edith Truelove and Ian Antill.

May 28—Davina Brandrick and Paul Baker.