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**Bus Timetable for 6.30 p.m. Evening Service**

Ansley Village turn 6.00 p.m.

Birchley Heath Post Office 6.10 p.m.

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

Return Journey from Parish Church 7.45 p.m.

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Our Dear Friends,

A man who had no interest in Christian things was walking round an art gallery when he came across a painting of the Crucifixion. As he looked at it, he realised something of the agony of Jesus, as He bore our Sins. Underneath the picture he then read these words: 'All this I did for thee. What hast thou done for Me?' The man was transfixed by the painting and those words and there and then he gave his life to Jesus. His name was Count Zindendorf, and he went on to be an effective witness for Jesus, and founder of a famous missionary movement.

A small boy really loved Jesus and longed to show it. When the collection plate began coming round, he realised he had no money, so he got a piece of paper, wrote one word on it and put it on the plate when it was passed to him. In the vestry afterwards, the people who were counting the collection came upon a crumpled piece of paper, which simply said 'myself.'

Bishop Festo Kivengere of Uganda had an argument with his wife one evening. Afterwards he had to go out and preach, so he said goodbye and went off. But as he walked down the road God spoke to him—and this is how Bishop Festo described the ensuing dialogue between himself and his Lord. 'Festo!' said the Lord, 'you go back and apologise to your wife.' 'But Lord, I've got a very important sermon to preach.' 'You go and apologise to your wife.' 'But Lord, there are hundreds of people waiting for me and we're going to have a good time tonight.' 'You go and apologise to your wife.' 'But Lord, I'm almost late and someone's waiting to collect me.' 'All right,' the Lord said, 'you go and preach your sermon and I'm going to stay with your wife in the kitchen!' Bishop Festo ended the story with these words: 'I went back into the kitchen and apologised. So there was revival in the kitchen before there was revival in the Church.'

What is the link connecting these three incidents? It must surely be the word 'surrender.'

Now the Lord says to us, 'Go and do thou likewise!' Then in relationships with each other we shall find it possible to be helping, sharing, praying, giving, forgiving, loving, and other practical expressions of dedication. I think that we would all agree that that is **at least** what the family of Church members should all be about.

God will bless us in this,

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah

#### CALENDAR OF SERVICES FOR JUNE

**Friday, June 3rd**

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in the Porta-Cabin.

**Sunday, June 5th — Trinity 1**

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Family Communion.

6.30 p.m. Formal Evening Prayer. "The sea is His and  
He made it."



**Friday, June 10th**

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

**Sunday, June 12th — Trinity 2 — Gift Day**

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion. 'Why should I give ?'

6.30 p.m. Evening Service. 'How should I give ?'

**Monday, June 13th**

7.30 p.m. Parochial Church Council Meeting in Ansley Village Church Hall.

**Wednesday, June 15th**

8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship at the Vicarage.

**Friday, June 17th**

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

**Sunday, June 19th — Trinity 3**

11.00 a.m. Family Service.

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion — NEHEMIAH

**Friday, June 24th**

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

**Sunday, June 26th — Trinity 4**

10.00 a.m. Family Service at St. John's.

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. 'The Soul-Winner' John 4.39

**Wednesday, June 29th**

8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship at the Vicarage.

**FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

**Marriage** "In marriage God joins man and woman as one flesh"

Saturday, May 14th—William Henry Lloyd to Peggy Chambers both of Ansley Common.

**CHURCHWARDENS APPEAL**

The Vicar and Churchwardens have recently received two nasty shocks and they are appealing to the Parish for its serious help.

**Shock No. 1**

The Death Watch Beetle has been found eating away the Nave Roof of the Church.

**Shock No. 2**

The estimated cost of destroying this beetle and doing any repairs necessary because of this work is £10,000 ! ! !

When all of us have recovered from these nasty shocks the wardens need your help now to restore our lovely old church to its former glory.

The area of the nave ceiling is 1000 sq. ft. approx. At £10 per sq. foot this comes to £10,000. Can you help with a gift ?

We are putting a chart in the church porch to record money given and received.

Thank you all in anticipation.

### WEBSTERS WOOL FASHION SHOW

Websters Wool are giving us another Fashion Show in the Village Church Hall on Wednesday, June 29th at 7.30 p.m. Admission £1.00, which will include some good refreshments. Tickets may be had from committee members.

Please tell your friends and bring them along.

**Great Cake Bake** in aid of the Church of England Children's Society, **Saturday, June 18th**. If you would like to help make some cakes or help on the day please contact Margaret Oliver. Telephone: Chapel End 395674. The selling takes place at 3.00 p.m., on the Vicarage Lawn. If it is wet it will be in the Church Hall.

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Saturday, July 2nd at 3.00 p.m.

in the Vicarage Gardens

## GARDEN PARTY

Many Stalls

Come and help prepare at 11.00 a.m.

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### TEN REASONS WHY I NEVER WASH

- 1—I was made to wash as a child.
- 2—People who wash are hypocrites, they reckon they're cleaner than other people.
- 3—There are so many different kinds of soap, I could never decide which one was right.
- 4—I used to wash, but it got boring so I stopped.
- 5—I still wash on special occasions, like Christmas and Easter.
- 6—None of my friends wash.
- 7—I'm still young. When I'm older and have got a bit dirtier I might start washing.
- 8—I really don't have time.
- 9—The bathroom's never warm enough.
- 10—People who make soap are only after your money.

These same excuses are usually given for absence from worship.

**Marilyn Baker** is a Blind pianist, singer, and songwriter. She is giving a performance of her songs and telling her story at a concert at Manor Court Baptist Church on Friday, June 3rd at 7.30 p.m. Tickets at £1 each are available from the Christian Bookshop in Queens Road, Nuneaton.

**Last month** a leaflet was enclosed in the magazine about the Archbishop's appeal for help to be given to the Christian Witness in the underprivileged areas of our cities. It is hoped to raise £8 million of which Coventry Diocese has been asked to provide £250,000. We shall be asked to make a response to this appeal in the autumn.



**Gift Day** is on Sunday, June 12th. If you have been kind enough to take a Gift Day box home with you during the past 12 months do please return it on that day at either the 11.00 a.m. Morning Service or the 6.30 p.m. Evening Service. We shall be thinking particularly about our need to give and how we can do this at both the services on that day.

**T.E.A.R. Fund.** If you still have your Lent Box unopened please let Diana Kealey have it in order to send the contents off to the organisation's H.Q. So far £87.90 has been sent off from the returned boxes around the parish.

#### **MOTHERS' UNION**

May 3rd, 1988

The Ansley Branch of Mothers' Union met as usual for their monthly meeting joined by three members of St. John's Mothers' Union. At this meeting we had a presentation to Mrs. Hodgkins in appreciation of a great achievement in serving 20 years as enrolling member. Mrs. Hodgkins has unfortunately had to resign owing to ill health. To her we do send our best wishes and hope she will be able to join us at our future meetings.

June 7th the Mothers' Union meet at the Church Hall at 3.00 p.m. Speakers are: Bob and Brenda Beck, talking of their work with the Shaftsbury Society, an Evangelical Society who provide for the Mentally and Physically Handicapped young people, Sheltered Housing for the Elderly and over 30 Christian Centres in greater London reaching out in the Home of Christ. Anyone welcome.

W. M. Ponder

#### **ANSLEY LADIES' ASSOCIATION**

Meet on Wednesday, June 8th; this evening we visit Nuneaton Art Gallery.

June 22nd we meet at the Church Hall for an Open Evening at 8 o'clock. Anyone welcome.

W. M. Ponder

#### **PM VISITS FROM PRAISE ANNIVERSARY**

The Prime Minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, joined 5,000 people at the tenth anniversary Prom Praise at the Royal Albert Hall. It was the second time she has attended the event in a private capacity; her previous visit was in 1985.

Promenaders waving banners joined in concert favourites such as Sousa's 'Stars and Stripes' and a modern hymn set to Elgar's 'Pomp and Circumstance March.'

The programme also included an unpublished Christian song written by the actress Wendy Craig, 'Show me the way,' sung as a solo by Catherine Fish.

Veteran Anglican clergyman John Stott, Rector Emeritus of All Souls, told the audience that the event marked the fiftieth anniversary—to the day—of his first personal commitment to the Christian faith.

His successor as Rector, Michael Baughan, who is now Bishop of Chester, called on the audience to "come and see" the reality of Christ. "I long for the church to be centred on Christ," he said.