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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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Ansley Vicarage,

June 1st, 1990

Our Dear Friends,

A man once stood on a soap-box at Hyde Park Corner in London, pouring scorn on Christianity. 'People tell me that God exists; but I can't see Him, People tell me that there is a life after death; but I can't see it. People tell me that there is a judgment to come; but I can't see it. People tell me that there is a heaven and a hell; but I can't see them . . . ' He won cheap applause as he climbed down from his 'pulpit.' Another struggled on to the soap-box. 'People tell me there is green grass all round; but I can't see it. People tell me that there is blue sky above; but I can't see it. People tell me that there are trees nearby; but I can't see them. You see, I'm blind !'

The Lord Jesus Christ made it perfectly clear that unless a man is born again he is spiritually blind. 'He cannot see the Kingdom of God,' John 3 v 3. But Nicodemus was not alone in his blindness. He was suffering from a complaint that many have today. When it comes to the greatest and most important of facts in the world—the existence of God, the way to heaven, the path of happiness now—man is spiritually blind. He is groping in the dark; he does not know where he is going, he needs a teacher, he needs a guide.

On the 3rd of June the Worldwide Christian Church celebrates the historical occasion of the Coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus had already told His disciples that when the Holy Spirit comes, He will teach you, He will guide you. When you pick up your Bible, pray a simple prayer in words like this, "Come Holy Spirit be my teacher now, and guide me into all truth."

When the Holy Spirit came on the disciples, He came in several forms, one was wind. When the wind blows we discover where the cracks are in our walls or window frames. So when the wind of the Holy Spirit blows we discover the unpleasant things about ourselves that we imagined we had 'swept under the carpet.' Such as resentments and jealousy, bitterness and anger, impurity and hatred and so many other ugly things about us all. Only the entrance of the Lord Jesus Christ into our lives can begin to sort that out.

One woman changed so much when she met with Christ that she thought it best to send a new photograph to be attached to her passport. The official told her that she must apply for a new passport with signatures to confirm that it really was the same person.

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

DIARY FOR JUNE 1990

Friday, June 1st

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Sunday, June 3rd — Pentecost

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Morning Service — "Tounges, Fire & Wind."

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer 1662 Prayer Book.

Theme: What shall we do?"

Tuesday, June 5th

3.00 p.m. Mothers' Union in the Church Hall.

Wednesday, June 6th

8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship.

Thursday, June 7th

7.30 p.m. Parochial Church Council Meeting in the Church Hall.

Friday, June 8th

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Sunday, June 10th — Trinity Sunday

11.00 a.m. Family Communion — "I believe in One God."

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. "What does Christ think of the Church?"

Wednesday, June 13th

Ladies' Association. Ramble.

Thursday, June 14th

Coffee Morning at 4 IZONS Croft.

Friday, June 15th

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Saturday, June 16th

Great Cake Bake.

Sunday, June 17th — Gift Day

11.00 a.m. Pathfinder, Explorer, Climber Birthday Service.

4.30 p.m. Gift Day Tea.

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion. Theme: "Giving."

Wednesday, June 20th

8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship.

Thursday, June 21st

7.30 p.m. Mothers' Union Deanery Service of Holy Communion.
Preacher: The Rev. Marion Fry.

Friday, June 22nd

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Sunday, June 24th

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

11.00 a.m. Morning Service.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

Wednesday, June 27th

8.00 p.m. Ladies' Association. 'Pot Porrie' Demonstration.

Friday, June 29th

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Saturday, June 30th

3.00 p.m. Church Bazaar.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony — "That they may be invited in the Lord's Love"
April 28—Mark Hale of Nuneaton to Kerry Iyla Biddle of Ansley Common.

May 19—Stephen Anthony Satchwell of Ansley Village to Karen Margaret Wincote of Galley Common.

Funeral — "The Lord is my Light and my Salvation."
April 25—Ronald West, 68 years, of Ansley Village.

ANSLEY MOTHERS' UNION

To all our members I would like to say a big thank you for the help you gave me at our last meeting when we entertained 17 members of the stroke under the watchful eye of Nurse Parsley and also to Mrs. Harris and her choir for providing us with lovely music. For this I would again say thank you.

June 5th will be our next meeting at 3.00 p.m. at Ansley Church Hall.

June 14th will be a Coffee Morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Salisbury, 4 Izons Croft, Transport for this can be provided.

June 21st at Ansley Church, we will be having a Deanery Service with Communion, Banners will be carried. Time 7.30 p.m.

W. Ponder.

GREAT CAKE BAKE FOR CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Vicarage front lawn (Church Hall if wet) at 3.00 p.m. The Third National Cake Bake is being held this year on Saturday, 16th June. Our parish will again be taking part.

For the past two years we have been blessed with beautiful weather on the Vicarage front lawn. Any donations of cakes or pastries would be greatly appreciated and please come along to buy and join us for a cup of tea to help this worthy cause. The money raised goes directly to help children from our country who are less privileged than our own.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Margaret Oliver.

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On Sunday, June 17th is the 2nd Birthday of the Pathfinders, Explorers and Climbers. The Children will be taking part in the Family Service and a bus will pick up at the top end of St. Lawrence Road, opposite the Boot Inn, at 10.30 a.m. and at Bretts Hall Estate at 10.40 a.m. and at St. John's at 10.45 a.m. The Birthday Cake will be cut in the service and eaten afterwards in the Porta-Cabin. The bus will make its return journey leaving the Church at 12.15 p.m.

Sunday, June 17th is also the Church's Gift Day. If you have a Gift Day box please return it at either the 11.00 a.m. or 6.30 p.m. Service. There will be a Gift Day tea on the Vicarage Lawn if the weather is fine, or in the Church Hall if wet.

Sunday, July 1st. Please note that the evening service on that day will be at St. Michael's, New Arley at 6.00 p.m. The Church bus will be timed earlier than is usual for that service.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

A Committee has been set up to organise this annual event. The dates this year are Friday, August 24th through to Monday, August 27th and the theme is "Worship." Margaret Antill is responsible for the displays. If you would like to do a display or offer your help Margaret's telephone number is (0827) 874520.

Mrs. Kathleen Berridge is responsible for the Catering, please offer her your help, telephone 392092. Barbara Batts is responsible for the flowers. If you have flowers you would like to give, or a donation towards the purchase of flowers, or you are willing to help collect flowers, etc., stewarding in Church or help the team of cleaners, please ring 396403.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30th

CHURCH BAZAAR

at 3.00 p.m.

In the Vicarage Garden or in the Hall if wet

THE MOST IMPORTANT SUBJECT

He was an excellent student. News of his ten 'O' levels thrilled the teaching staff. He was all set for a super 'A' level course. The Science staff were vying with the linguists as to which subject would be most useful to him, for he was undecided about which to continue and which to drop. Certainly he would be dropping Religious Education — it had not been one of his examination subjects — just compulsory because of what some would term the outdated Education Act.

One day news was received with some shock and dismay when the Headmaster announced at a special staff meeting that this most promising young man had been killed in a road accident.

To the Physics teacher the student had ceased to function mechanically.

To the Biology teacher, his respiratory system had failed.

To the Chemistry teacher, he was about to enter a state of decomposition.

The Physical Education teacher thought; "He will never move again."

The English teacher thought; "He will never speak again."

The History teacher thought that it was necessary to place the student's story in the book alongside all others who had finished their earthly course.

The Art teacher thought of a shroud.

The Woodwork teacher thought of a coffin.

The Maths teacher calculated by how far he had fallen short of his three score years and ten.

The Religious Education teacher suddenly realised that his subject was the only ONE that really mattered then!