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Ansley Village turn 6.00 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,

Annie Vallotton is a lady in her nineties. She was born in Switzerland and has lived in France for most of her life. During the war she worked in a refugee centre with the resistance. There she hid three British soldiers on the run from the German occupiers, eventually aiding their escape into safe Allied territory.

But it was in the early 1960's, when she had reached pensionable age, that Annie commenced her life's work. It began when visiting a friend's house; she asked for a copy of the Bible. Although the family were church attenders they couldn't find their family Bible. Eventually they produced a dusty, unopened black book. This gripped Annie with the inspiration to enliven the Bible. So although her name is almost unknown, she is perhaps the most influential post-war illustrator with millions of sales worldwide to her credit. Her life's work is the simple line drawings in the Good News Bible.

Annie envisaged a colourful cover, full of light text, "I wanted the drawings to be for everybody. I wanted them to be a point of relaxation and refreshment." The 1000 drawings for the Good News Bible were part of a much larger collection. She drew 15,000 experimental drawings in preparation for illustrating the Bible in a range of different styles.

She explains, "The drawings are only a few lines because I wanted to remain humble to the text. I didn't want to provide an interpretation—who am I to do that? I wanted the reader to add his own lines to my unfinished drawings to allow the reader to become creative."

Annie started her illustrations with the four Gospel books. She prayed hard for the ability to draw the right line. Any deviation from a true course, she believed, would mean that the drawings could mis-lead.

At first she tried to publish her own book based on the Gospels. It was called "Priority" and it was a failure. But a man from the Bible Society saw it, and asked her to illustrate a new edition of the New Testament called "Good News for Modern Man." It was an instant success and prepared the way for Annie to illustrate the whole Good News Bible. She continues her work, having orders from many parts of the world and adds, "Age is nothing to me as long as I have a strong hand, one that doesn't tremble. I want God to use my drawings as long as He can."

Like Annie, there are many friends in this parish willing to use their gifts for God too, and we are very grateful to them. The list is enclosed in this magazine. Come to the auction on June 9th and bid for the item you want and to the Open Gardens on June 24th and 25th. The money raised will go to the new building fund.

God bless you,

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

DIARY OF EVENTS IN JUNE

Pentecost Sunday, June 4th

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer, A.S.B. "**Wind, Fire & Tongues.**"
- 3.30 p.m. Pentecost Party.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer, B.C.P. "**What is the meaning ?**"

Tuesday, June 6th

- 3.00 p.m. Mothers' Union,

Thursday, June 8th

- 7.45 p.m. Parochial Church Council meet in Portakabin,

Friday, June 9th

- 7.45 p.m. Auction of Promises, etc. (see enclosed leaflet).

Saturday, June 10th

- 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Gift Day at the Church.

Sunday, June 11th

- 10.30 a.m. Family Communion, "**Spiritual Blessings.**"
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer, A.S.B. "**What must we do ?**"

Wednesday, June 14th

- 8.00 p.m. Fellowship Open Evening.

Saturday, June 17th

- 3.00 p.m. The Great Cake Bake.

Sunday, June 18th

- 10.30 a.m. Pathfinder Birthday.
- 12 noon Family Picnic.
- 6.30 p.m. Parish Communion, "**The Holy Nation.**"

Monday, June 19th

- 8.00 p.m. Ley Group Planning Meeting at Arley.

Tuesday, June 20th

- 7.30 p.m. Stoney Stanton School Choir in Church.

Friday, June 23rd

- 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. Day of Prayer in Church.

Saturday & Sunday, June 24th & 25th — "Open Gardens."

Sunday, June 25th

- 9.45 a.m. Family Service at St. John's, Ansley Common.
- 10.30 a.m. Family Communion, "**With Christ alive.**"
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. "**Peter full of the Holy Spirit.**"

Wednesday, June 28th

- 8.00 p.m. The Wednesday Fellowship.

Every Tuesday

- 6.00 p.m. Children's Club in Ansley Village Church Hall.

Every Thursday

- 10.30 a.m. Mothers' & Toddlers in Ansley Village Church Hall.
- 6.30 p.m. Explorers in St. John's Church Hall.

Every Friday

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

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony — "Till Death."

May 20—Alvin Cheong Siu Low of London NW3 to Dawn Burdon of Ansley Village.

Peter John Reynolds to Rebecca Dawn Trow both of Stockingford.

May 27—Paul Roberts to Helen Louise Batchelor both of Ansley Common.

Funerals — "All my days have been allotted in your book."

May 1—Jack Edgar Taylor, aged 71 years, of Nuneaton.

May 15—At the Crematorium, Phyllis Irene Birch, aged 70 years, of Ansley Village.

May 18—Internment of Ashes, Freda Billingsley, aged 67 years, of Robinson's End.

Jack Taylor was born at Baddesley, spent his childhood at Birchley Heath. He lived for some years at Hilltop in Nuneaton. We offer our condolences to his family.

Phyllis Birch was a well loved person in Ansley Village, she lost her husband just two years ago, to whom she was married in 1944. We express our sympathy to her daughter Kay and son Richard.

Wednesday Fellowship Open Evening welcomes Andrew Thompson at 8.00 p.m., on Wednesday, June 14th. Andrew has worked with Operation Mobilisation in the Middle East during the 'Gulf Crises' and since. He is a guitarist and magician. The evening promises to be both enlightening and entertaining. It will be held in Ansley Village Church Hall. There will be two half-hour sessions with refreshments in between. At the moment Andrew and his wife live at Telford in Shropshire.

Pentecost Party will be held at Mr. Ron Potter's home, Fillongley Lodge, on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th commencing at 3.30 p.m. Games will be arranged, there is an open-air swimming pool. There will be a time of worship followed by 'tea-time' to which everyone is invited to contribute. The party will be over in time for our Evening Worship at 6.30 p.m. The main entrance to Fillongley Lodge is on the left at the junction where Arley road joins the Tamworth/Coventry B4098 road. We shall meet the congregations of Corley, Fillongley and Arley there.

The P.C.C. is at the portakabin in the Church car park on Thursday, June 8th. Items for the agenda should reach the Chairman three days in advance.

Our Gift Day this year is on June 10th which is a Saturday. The Church will be open from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m., where you may place your gift. A short service of prayers and reading has been requested and that will be at 12 noon. Coffee, tea, etc., will be served in the portakabin.

Children's Society Great Cake Bake Sale. Date: Saturday, June 17th. Time: 3.00 p.m. Place: Vicarage Front Lawn (in the Church Hall if wet or cold). Everyone welcome to come and join us and sample the huge selection of home-made cakes. All donations of cakes, biscuits, etc., for sale, very gratefully accepted. All proceeds to help the valuable work of the Children's Society. Thank you for your continued support.

Margaret Oliver, 33 Nuthurst Crescent.

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Pathfinder Birthday is on Sunday, June 18th. The guest speaker will be Mr. George Lilue of the C.P.A.S. Following the service we shall have the birthday cake served with tea, coffee or soft drink.

If the weather is suitable we plan to go on a walk over the stile to the meadow by Mill Farm for a Church Family picnic. Last year the weather helped make it a very enjoyable event. Let us trust that it can be repeated again this time.

On Monday, June 19th we meet at Arley Rectory to help plan future events together with Corley and Fillongley. Would you like to join us? Commences at 8.00 p.m.

Lots of offers have come in for the Grand Auction at Ansley Village Church Hall on Friday, June 9th, commencing at 8.00 p.m. Mr. Stan Forryan will be in charge of auctioning the items. Look at the items listed. A cookery demonstration; horse riding; lesson in welding; visit to a National Trust House; baby sitting; painting a room; are just some of the things listed. Come and bid your price for the one you want. The money raised will go to the New Building Fund.

Ansley in Bloom, Saturday & Sunday, June 24th & 25th. At least twelve gardens in the parish will be open to the public on this weekend from 2.00 to 6.00 p.m. Charge for admittance will be 50p per adult per garden. Children accompanied by their parents admitted free. Strawberry cream teas at £1 per head will be served at three gardens. All information detailed in a special leaflet available soon.

Day of Prayer is planned for Friday, June 23rd. The Church will be open from 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. for all who would value the opportunity to quietly pray in Church. To add your name to the rota stating your time will help us arrange for some one to be there all the time. Many value the opportunity this gives to sit, read, and pray.

We acknowledge with very grateful thanks the anonymous gift of £1475.37 cheque received through the post for the new building. This is a great encouragement to us.

The Senior Citizens Club on Tuesdays at 10.00 a.m. until 12 noon. These meetings are held weekly in the Village Church Hall. Any one willing to help please contact Margaret Antill on (01827) 874520 or just turn up at the next meeting. Transport is available for the less able, if required please contact Dave Gadsby on 396134 or Frank Lea on 393360.

Sponsored Walk. Thank you to all who supported me on my sponsored walk, those who provided refreshments, those who walked with me, and those who have sent money. At the moment I have received just over £200 and there is still a bit more to come in, which would be appreciated as soon as possible. The weather was kind to me and kept dry, and it was not too hot. There were no blisters at the end just a few tired muscles.

Margaret Antill.

Many thanks to all who sent donations specifically for Easter flowers this year. A total of £69 was realised.

Margaret Kimberley

Manorfield School Choir, Stoney Stanton. Many of those who enjoyed last year's concert—given by the children from Stoney Stanton and some young flute pupils—have asked for a return visit. A concert has now been arranged for **Tuesday, June 20th**, commencing at 7.30 p.m. The admission price will be £2.50 at the door. The proceeds will be for our General Church Funds. Do come if you can!!

Margaret Kimberley

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AUCTION OF SERVICES
FOR THE BUILDING PROJECT FUND



Ansley Church
7:30 P.M. FRIDAY 9TH JUNE 1995

AT ANSLEY CHURCH HALL

Auctioneer Mr. Stan Forryan
Refreshments will be served

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