

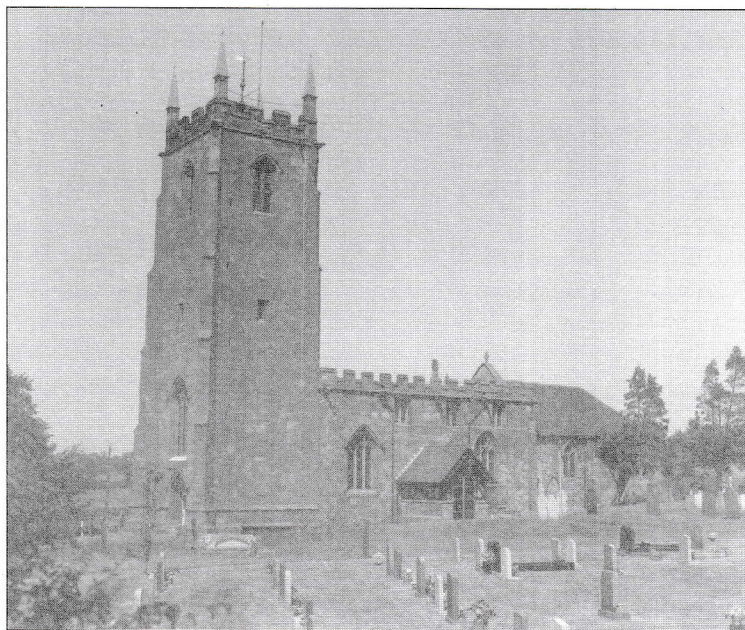
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Celebrating The Trinity

As I write the Church is preparing to celebrate Trinity Sunday. Of all the beliefs that lie at the heart of the Church's message, belief in the Trinity is the one that often causes most concern and confusion. Sometimes the Church doesn't help itself. The Athanasian Creed, (which I am sure you all know by heart!) speaks of "The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, the Spirit incomprehensible, but not three incomprehensibles but one incomprehensible". Not a lot of help there! So let's try again.

Most of us can recognise that there are forces at work in the world that bring life where there is barrenness, that bring healing where there is injury or illness and that, through the stirrings of conscience, remind us of what we do wrong and prompt us to be fairminded in our dealings with others. Many would argue that these are not separate forces but one force that works for goodness, healing and justice. It is a force that each human being can work with, work against or simply ignore. It is the force that lies behind the creation of the world. We call this force God.

Christians believe that this force took human form in the person of Jesus. Jesus not only talked about life, healing and justice, he lived a life committed to life, healing and justice. He was life, healing and justice personified. Moreover, through his victory over death he secured the ultimate and eternal triumph of the forces of life, healing and justice. He had a relationship with God not as a force but as a person and invited us to do the same.

Jesus was special. If only we could travel back in time to talk to him in Palestine 2,000 years ago. Fortunately, unlike Dr. Who we don't need a Tardis. The Holy Spirit enables us to know Jesus. We too can align ourselves with all that makes our world a better place. We too are invited to receive the Holy Spirit that helps us to be more like Jesus.

As you think of the Holy Trinity be amazed, rejoice and be challenged. Are you ready to work with the power that makes for life, healing and justice? Do you want to share with Jesus in knowing that power as Father? Will his Spirit fill you? The choice is yours - and mine.

With every blessing,

Your friend and Vicar,

Peter

June What's On

St. Laurence's Church

Sunday 5 th	Trinity 2	10.30 a.m.	All Age Worship & Godly Play
		6.30 p.m.	B.C.P. Holy Communion
Sunday 12 th	Trinity 3	10.30 a.m.	Baptism & Holy Communion
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong
Sunday 19 th	Trinity 4	10.30 a.m.	All Age Worship & Godly Play
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 26 th	Trinity 5	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong

St John's Hall Ansley Common Services

Wednesday 1 st		9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Sunday 5 th	Trinity 2	10.30 a.m.	Family Worship & Sunday School
Sunday 12 th	Trinity 3	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion & Sunday School
Wednesday 15 th		9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Sunday 19 th	Trinity 4	10.30 a.m.	Family Worship
Sunday 26 th	Trinity 5	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion & Sunday School
Wednesday 29 th		9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

Other Activities at St. John's Church Hall

Monday 16 th	7.00 p.m.	Indoor Bowls.
Tuesdays	9.00 a.m.	Krazy Kettle Kafé
Tuesdays	7.30 p.m.	Line Dancing
Wednesdays	6.00 p.m.	A.C.Y.C.
Thursdays	7.00 p.m.	Youth Club
Saturday 18 th		V.E. Day Barbecue

Activities at Village Church Hall

Mondays	7.00 p.m.	Links - Youth Club
Tuesdays	10.00 a.m.	Senior Citizens
Wednesdays	10.30 – 12.30 p.m.	Community Café
Wednesday 1 st 15 th & 29 th	7.30 p.m.	Bingo
Thursday 8 th	7.30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 18 th	3.00 p.m.	Spurgeon Cake bake

Other Parish activities

Monday 13 th & 27 th	2.30 p.m.	Prayer Group meet 10 Nuthurst Crescent.
Wednesday 8 rd & 22 nd	7.30 p.m.	Wednesday Fellowship meet 10 Nuthurst Cres.
Thursday 16 th	7.30 p.m.	Marie's Coffee Morning Nuthurst Cres.
Thursday 9 th & 23 rd	7.30 p.m.	Ansley Common Fellowship.
Saturday 4 th & 18 th	2.00 – 5.00 p.m.	Open Church with light refreshments.

From the Registers

Baptisms.

Carys May and Eva Jones were both baptised on 24th April. Eva slept though the whole of the service not really stirring during her actual baptism. Carys was awake the whole time and was watching every move.

Interment of Ashes

The ashes of Frederick Price were brought back and buried with those of his wife Zena on 12th May. Fred died 14th March in Dawlish, Devon where they had lived for many years. He was aged 88.

Thank you

The P. C.C. say thank you for the gift of £400 given by Margaret and Pauline in memory of their parents George & Phyllis Hodgkins. This will be used to have new gates made to replace those between the Churchyard and car park, which are now showing the signs of age, wear and tear.

St. John's Church Hall

The bingo evening on 18th April was great fun and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. Many thanks to Alan Lavis our intrepid caller and to Hetty Sharman and her hard working band of helpers for such a good evening. Thanks also to all those who gave the prizes. The proceeds amounting to £183 were just enough to purchase the paint and tiles for the kitchen and to pay for the work to be carried out. It is good to see this part of the project now complete.

(If you enjoy bingo remember there is a session held once a fortnight in the Village Church Hall)

Celebrations - V.E. day .

There have been great celebrations in Ansley Common to commemorate this day. The festivities commenced on 3rd May at the Krazy Kettle Kafe with flags and bunting decking the hall and war time pictures all around. The price list of 1945 items brought home just how much things have changed.

The dancing and fun of the Friday evening were much talked about and those who did not attend missed out on a great evening. However as all the tickets were sold there would not have been a place! The raffle made £63 for hall funds, and there will be a surplus from the dance to add to the funds.

Continued.

On Saturday June 18th all the people especially the younger generation, of Ansley Common will be most welcome to attend the VE Day Barbecue. The committee have obtained funding of £500 from the Lottery 'Home Front Recall' This money is for the benefit of all the community and will be used to pay for the food etc. There will be entertainment for the children.

We are hoping for good weather so the event can be held out side, on the land at the front of the hall.

A leaflet will be posted to every home on the Common in good time giving full details. As there is a maximum that can be catered for and to assist with the numbers we ask that you return the slip as instructed at the base of the leaflet.

Marie's Coffee Morning

Marie will be holding her annual coffee morning on Thursday 16th June from 10 a.m. The proceeds are for St. John's Church Hall. Over all the years Marie has held her coffee mornings there has only been one occasion when it was not suitable to sit outside. It has usually been, a case of, bring your sun hat!

Village Church Hall

During May, we received a cheque from Garfield Weston Foundation for £3000 this is towards the project to refurbish the hall. This means that we are now just over half way to finding the full sum required of £37,700.

Home Made Cake sale for Spurgeon Child Care.

There will be the annual sale of cakes in the Village Church hall on Saturday 18th June at 3 p.m. Please come along and join us for tea and cakes with a great range to choose from to take home.

All proceeds will go to Spurgeon Child Care, a charity devoted to caring for and supporting children with any kind of problem, either long term care or by providing advice centres for short term problems.

All donations of cakes for sale gratefully accepted Saturday morning at 33 Nuthurst Crescent and all will go to help less fortunate children in our country.

Thank you, for your support. Margaret Oliver telephone 024 7639 5674.

American Buffet

Ansley Village Community Café are holding an American Buffet at Merry Brook Cottage on Saturday 2nd July from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. Tickets will be £2 50 and are obtainable from Pauline Gaskin 024 7639 2086, Margaret Antill 01827 874520 and Jean Martin 024 7639 3489

At an American Buffet, for those who have not heard, everyone brings a dish of their choice, a glass and bottle, a picnic chair if possible. Tea and coffee will be provided. There will be musical entertainment guessing games and games in the garden.

The proceeds are for the decoration of the Village Church Hall once the building work has been completed

Sponsorship

The P.C.C. have agreed to sponsor Duncan & Helen Watts in their work in Central Asia. All the money placed on a special plate during Lent each year will be used for their work. We remember them and their young daughter Hannah in our prayers.

Health and Safety

This is an ongoing issue and has to be discussed at each P.C.C. meeting, to ensure that any issue that has arisen can be addressed. As previously mentioned each year all the grave stones in the church yard are checked. We have to advise that there have been some new additions to the list of those that are not in good order, but no where near the number added last year.

We would like to thank all those families, who have been so understanding and have made arrangements to have their stone repaired.

Please always mention to one of the wardens if you find something hazardous on any of the Church properties.

Songs of Praise

We have received notification that the BBC Songs of Praise will be recorded from Coventry Cathedral on Sunday 26th June. This recording is commemorating the 60th anniversary of the end of Word War 2.

ANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL; BYE ELECTION: Thursday, 26th May.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN JUNE: 9th June at Nursery Hill School in

Ansley Common. It is hoped as many residents as possible will support this.

LITTER/DOG FOULING: At last month's Parish Council meeting a number of residents brought up this problem again. Please do not drop rubbish on the pavement or dump large items along paths and hedgerows. If you see litter outside your house, please pick it up. If you walk a dog, please take the necessary means to clear up after them. There is a bin in the recreation ground, and making enquiries for another in Ansley Village. If any residents from other areas of the Parish know of similar problems, please contact the Clerk.

TRANSPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE; Two new schemes launched to assist young people with transport to give access to education, training and employment. "Wheels to Work" involves the loan of a moped and "On your Bike" the loan of a mountain bike. For further details phone 01788 577155 or log on to WWW.connexions-covandwarks.org.uk.

TEXT2TALK; is a new mechanism where young people can text in a message to help them stand up to bullying or racial harassment. You phone 07786 200 999, and text either "bully" or "racists" you will then be asked to select NO if no further contact is required, or YES to proceed. Calls will be dealt confidentially by Warwickshire Police. If you need police other than an emergency please telephone 0246 641111.

Next meetings 9th June, 14th July. No meeting in August.

Clerk: Mrs. J. Sands. Telephone 02476 394670.

June 2005.

How cold it was the first two weeks of May, with night frosts and tender plants either had to be in a heated greenhouse or covered. We thought the frosts would never end, but this didn't make any difference to the gardens as Hostas sprang up, alongside Poppies and the slugs and snails had a field day. The Bluebells still flowered on time and I heard the Cuckoo towards the middle of May, but not at all last year.

Do you ever wonder what goes through the minds of babies and small children when adults peer at them in their prams and make funny faces and ridiculous noises? I remember our daughter loved anyone with glasses, but I suppose this was because her mum wore them. The strange thing is that our grandchildren have all grabbed other people's glasses, but not mine. Perhaps they think mine are permanently attached as I am never without them. One of our granddaughters was afraid of clowns, when she was small, and still is although she is a teenager. It makes you wonder that goes on in their minds, and exactly what remains stored.

Visiting a Garden Centre one day I was amazed at just how many different sorts of plants were for sale, and how they seem to increase day by day, week by week, as more new sorts of plants appear, but it seems that the old kitchen garden flowers are still very popular like Lupins, Grannies Bonnets (*Aquilegia*), Solomon's Seal, to name a few, but even these can be very expensive to buy, so perhaps we should do what my father in law always did, and if he liked a plant, he took seed. This certainly pays off as last year I found a packet of his *Lavatera* which were about 7 years old and they made lovely flowers. So collect your seed and save a fortune.

Marie Cove.