

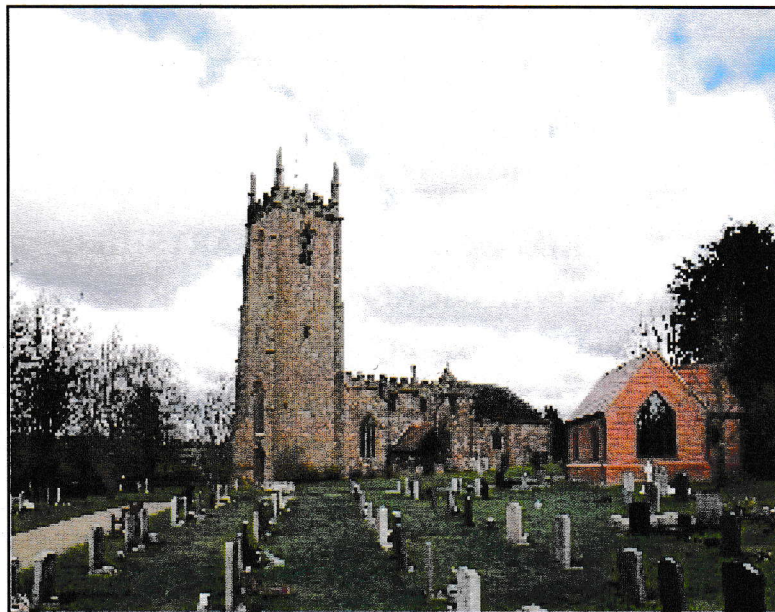
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Time to look back

This is my last letter to you as Vicar of Ansley. Our paths diverge and separately we need to plan the future. But we can look back. We will be doing this at my final benefice service at 4pm on June 5th at St. Michael's to which you are most welcome but let's also do it now and give thanks for the special moments we have shared over the past thirteen years.

St. John's Church becoming once a week, The Crazy Kettle Café and much more recently the Girls' Brigade.

The start of the Ley Group Young People's Project that gave opportunities to young people in Ansley and Arley.

The Four O'clock Club for younger children and their families that ran from 2006-2010.

The Village Church Hall being refurbished. St. John's Hall refurbished and extended.

My visit to Nigeria with Bishop Christopher and Mishael Andy's visit to us.

The special festivals - Flower Festival and Christmas Tree Festival and all the seasonal celebrations.

The joy and sorrow of baptisms, weddings and funerals. Working with readers, churchwardens, worship leaders, organists, PCC to name just a few. And of course the weekly worship, the pastoral care, the Senior Citizens, the planning and the praying.....

So many memories! THANK YOU.

And finally please keep in touch - our address will be 26 Hazel Grove Mapperley Nottingham NG3 6DN e-mail allan_p2@sky.com

Your Friend and Vicar,

Peter

June St. Laurence's Church Services			
Sunday 5 th	Trinity 2	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
		6.30 p.m.	No Service
Sunday 12 th	Trinity 3	10.30 a.m.	Ordinary Time [Screen]
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong
Sunday 19 th	Trinity 4	10.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
		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 Church Hall Ansley Common Services			
Sunday 5 th	Trinity 2	10.30 a.m.	Family Service
Sunday 12 th	Trinity 3	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 19 th	Trinity 4	10.30 a.m.	Family Service
Sunday 26 th	Trinity 5	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

From the Registers

Baptisms

Brothers Oscar Christopher and Oliver George Edwin Morewood were baptised on April 24th at our Sunday morning All-Age Worship. It was good to have the church family gathered with friends and relations in this truly joyful occasion.

Theo James Skelton's baptism was held in the afternoon that same day. The service featured the singing of Jerusalem at the family's request. It is a much loved song and a very appropriate one for a baptism service as we celebrated the commitment that Jamey and Lianne were making on behalf of their son. •

Frankie Louise Biggs celebrated her baptism on May 1st with her parents and godparents. It was particularly special as another child attending requested baptism at the service. He does not live nearby so I hope that he will follow this through at his local church. Clearly for him at least this was a very moving service.

Farewell to Peter

Sunday 5th June will be the last day Peter will minister to us. The last service at St. Laurence's being the 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion service (St John's having been on the 29th May)

Peter's final service in the benefice will be the special at 4.00 p.m. service at St Michael's New Arley. This service, for the whole benefice, will involve representatives from the different congregations and other activities that have played an important part in Peter's ministry over the last 12 ½ years.

After the service there will be refreshments available in the Community Centre.

This final service will bring to an end Peter's ministry to us and we will all have our own different memories of his time with us. Do come if you can and reminisce with others.

As mentioned previously the parish will enter a time of interregnum until another vicar is appointed. This process can take a long time, but it is important that the right person is found to lead us into the future.

In the meantime the wardens and the deputy wardens will, with the help of the PCC members endeavour to ensure that the life of the Church continues as in the past. If at any time you need to contact or the help and support of a vicar please contact one of the people on the front cover of the magazine and we will do our best to ensure that your needs are met to the best of our ability. We would however ask for your prayers at this time.

Open Church

The church will continue to be open on each Sunday from 12.00 – 6.00 p.m.

The Queen's 90th Birthday

To celebrate the official 90th birthday of our Sovereign and Supreme Governor of the Church of England, the Church in Ansley is holding several different events.

On Wednesday 8th at 11.30 a.m. members of the Coventry Guild of Bell Ringers will be ringing a quarter peal at St. Laurence's. This will take between 35 and 45 minutes, you will be most welcome to come and hear the bells and weather permitting the best place will be in the churchyard.

St. Laurence will be having the church open from 10 a.m – 4 p.m. on Saturday June 11th with the Ansley 2000 history display around the church. This display has not been seen for some time, but there will be a few extras added particularly of the building work that has been carried out on the four church buildings.

In the Annexe from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. also on June 11th the organisers of the 'Nuneaton Memories' will be holding a scanning session of any old photographs, postcards, programmes or slides that you may have of the locality. They share them on their website and in their Facebook group, in particular they are looking for photos of Oldbury Hall, Ansley Hall, Village Shops and The Three Villages Carnival, also NCB workshops, Ridge Lane and local collieries.

There will also be a cuppa and cake available in the Annexe.

The Church will be open on the Sunday, as usual, with the display remaining from 12 noon – 6 p.m.

St. John's is holding their Queen's Birthday Social on Friday 17th June at 7 p.m. This will be a great fun time for all. Ticket are £4 and will include a ploughman's main meal and a sweet. Do be sure to book your ticket if you want to go.

Marie's Coffee Morning

This annual event will be held at Marie and Dave's home 28 Nuthurst Crescent on Wednesday 15th June from 10 a.m. This is always enjoyable event and will include a very warm welcome, plenty of coffee and tea and a wonderful selection of cakes, as well as

time to look at the garden and to talk to others in the lovely surroundings. Proceeds will be, as in previous years for Child Line. Do come if you can.

Art Exhibition

This year the Ansley Village Art Group will be holding their exhibition in the Village Church Hall on Saturday 25th June from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This exhibition is always to a very high standard and with more new members there will be an even greater variety of pictures and in different mediums on display. With plenty of display boards and easels around the hall and some of the pictures will be for sale, it is sure to be a rewarding visit.

There will be refreshments available and as always time to chat and seek advice from the members. Last year several new members joined the group as a result of the exhibition.

Lent Collections

£143.50 from St. Laurence and £27.44 from St. Johns has been sent or the Lent Collection to help provide the clean water wells in Kaduna, Nigeria.

Church Repairs

It has been found that there is urgent work required to the parapet of the nave roof. This has been caused by workmen in the past using a cement mix, rather than the lime mortar to point up the stones, which has been detrimental to the stone work. The cement has now broken away and is letting in the rain. Obviously this work needs to be carried out as a matter of urgency. To this end an emergency standing committee was held and the necessary requirements submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Committee, and we now have permission to proceed with the work. Our architect would like to see the work carried out in June. Whilst this work is urgent every care will be taken to ensure that the right contractor is engaged. The anticipated cost is expected to be in excess of £2,000. We will let you know this figure as soon as we can. (At the time of writing enquiries were being made.) The PCC are sure that everyone will agree that it is important that water seeping into the building has to be addressed urgently.

If you would like to contribute to this work any donations would be much appreciated. Please consider Gift Aid if you can, it will increase your donation by 25%.

Advance Notice

St. John's will be holding their Tea and Cake afternoon on Saturday 16th July in St. John's Church Hall.

Prayer Requests

If you would like someone or a particular situation remembered in prayer at our Sunday Services both at St. Laurence's and at St. John's please hand the slip below to a member of the church congregation or contact one of the Church Wardens or their deputies. Please remember they would be pleased to visit anyone who is sick, but they do need to know, again please ring one of the numbers on the front cover.

Please pray for who is

June, 2016

Wasn't it lovely to see the see the back of those bitter cold Easterly winds and swap them for Southerly? It is amazing how even the lonely are cheered by the sun. It lightens the day and the days are longer. For those of us lucky enough to see the countryside around us, the Bluebells were a sight to be seen, along with the Lambs in the fields.

Someone wrote to the newspaper and said she had used Wright's coal tar soap for many years but just lately it didn't seem the same. Well, surprise, surprise, here comes the European Union directive in 2004 which banned the use of coal tar in all non-prescription products. Since then the coal tar derivatives have been replaced with tea tree oil as the main anti-bacterial agent.

I had never heard of a "penny wedding" until I read about it in a magazine. A "penny or "bidden" wedding in the 18th century was a term for a wedding where the guests gave a shilling for their food and extra for their drink. The proceeds from the "penny" wedding went towards the couple's household goods. Perhaps it would be better known as a "shilling" wedding. This sounds strange for guests to give a shilling which is about 5p today as weddings today cost thousands of pounds.

Friends of ours, knowing our son collects coins, gave us a tin of old coins which also contained two £1 notes. Our Grandchildren were fascinated by these and one of them said,

'You didn't really have £1 notes and no £1 coins?'

It certainly makes us feel our age!

Seen on a plaque in a garden centre – 'Friends are the flowers that bloom in life's garden'. How true - even in the darkest days of our lives, the flowers of friendship will bloom brightly to cheer us on our way.

Marie Cove