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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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Ansley Vicarage,

July 1st, 1988

Our Dear Friends,

Sometime ago there was a correspondence in a national newspaper which was sparked off by a question asked by the newspaper editor. This was the question, "What is wrong with the world?" That provoked a great number of readers to write in with their answers most of which were printed. Many ideas were put forward. Probably the most penetrating of all the letters was from G. K. Chesterton; it simply said, 'Dear Sir, I am. Yours sincerely.'

That is precisely the answer. The heart of the human problem is the problem of the human heart. He could well have said: "We are." Since the world's problems lie not only within us as individuals but between us in our communities. So many of our troubles are rooted in our relationships.

You may have heard of the little girl who asked her father: "Daddy, what does God do all day?" After some consideration he said, "I think He spends a lot of time mending broken things." Yes, mending broken lives, broken hearts, broken relationships.

There is an old song; the words are, "Mending things, mending things, better by far than ending things." The first thing that needs mending is our relationship with God, that is an individual and personal response on our part to a loving Lord. That broken relationship is mended by receiving His forgiveness. The head of a large mental hospital said that he would be able to send half his patients home cured, if only they could be assured of forgiveness. Yes, there are areas in every person's life where only the Divine Craftsman can piece together the broken parts.

The only thing we can do with sin is to repent of it. That is to say turning and returning to God and to one another.

Take some time to read through carefully from Ephesians chapter 4 verse 25 to chapter 5 verse 7. In the New Testament Good News Bible, that is on page 243. It is only fifteen verses altogether. Paul is writing and he mentions **lies**. This is not only a failure to speak the truth, as in v25 but also to live it in practice when we deceive others through unreality and pretence. Then there is **robbing**, involving any way in which we may steal from one another, whether of goods or reputation or partner or friend. Theft is always an infringement on the rights or possessions of another.

So the list goes on—bitterness, passion, anger, shouting, insults, hate; and (most common of all) harmful words! (v29). All these arise in our relationships with one another. It takes courage to ask for someone's forgiveness. To do so, opens the door for the Mender to begin His work.

Yours sincerely,

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.



## JULY'S DIARY 1988

### Friday, July 1st

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

### Saturday, July 2nd

3.00 p.m. Garden Party held in the Vicarage Garden  
(hall if wet).

### Sunday, July 3rd — Trinity 5

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Family Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. "Our duty to God."

### Friday, July 8th

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

### Sunday, July 10th — Trinity 6

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. Nehemiah man of action.

### Monday, July 11th

7.30 p.m. St. John's Methodist, Nuneaton.

Meeting to plan Satellite relays from the Billy  
Graham crusade in Earls Court June 1989.

### Wednesday, July 13th

8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship at the Vicarage.

### Sunday, July 17th — Trinity 7

11.00 a.m. Family Service with Baptism.

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion. "The Commandments."

### Tuesday, July 19th-24th

7.00 p.m. Evangelistic Crusade at the National Exhibition  
Centre.

Speaker: Reinhard Bronnke of West Germany.

### Friday, July 22nd

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

### Sunday, July 24th — Trinity 8

10.00 a.m. Family Service at Ansley Common, St. John's.

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. "Our duty to one another."

### Monday, July 25th

7.30 p.m. Parochial Church Council meeting at Ansley Village  
Church Hall.

### Friday, July 29th

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

### Sunday, July 31st — Trinity 9

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. "Love does no wrong."

### **SICK TRADE IN SPARE BODY PARTS**

The case of the man with a bag filled with frozen human kidneys has highlighted a sordid trade in body parts.

For such is the demand for transplant organs that U.S. doctors estimate a donor's human body to be worth £145,070 on the black market.

"There's widespread traffic in body parts," said New York pathology professor Dr. Rolla Hill. "The man arrested at Heathrow airport loaded with kidneys was only the tip of the iceberg.

U.S. law makes human organs "free" goods. But with donors needing money and prepared to risk losing an eye or kidney, the trade is growing. So what can a man give in exchange for his Soul ?

### **FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

**Marriage**—"Keep thee only unto her so long as you both shall live"

May 28—Angus Clark of Nuneaton to Amanda Joy Cart of Ansley Common.

June 18—Kevin Paul Hiatt to Lorraine Pamela Hiatt both of Ansley Common.

**Funeral** — "After death the Judgement"

June 2—William Lister Lewis of Ansley Common.

**The Church Council** wish to thank the person who gave the anonymous gift of £470 in the collection plate the other Sunday night. This generosity is a great encouragement to us and is received with much appreciation. It has been placed in the fund to meet the high cost of treating the Death Watch Beetle.

### **GIFT DAY**

Just over £400 has been given so far towards the new boiler. We are very grateful to all those who have made a contribution in the special gift day box. One box was full of £1 coins. Thank you very much. There are still some boxes to come in. If yours is one do please let us have it soon.

**Confirmation** this year is at Corley on Sunday, November 6th at 6.30 p.m. If you would like to consider the possibility of being Confirmed on that or another occasion, and are willing to come to the Confirmation Classes commencing in September, please come to the Vicarage on Thursday evening July 14th at 8.00 p.m., to enrol and also to arrange, together with the others, a suitable day and time when the classes can begin.

**Winnie Ponder writes** —

Ansley St. Laurence and St. John's — Mothers' Union

Meeting: July 5th at 3.00 p.m., in the Village Hall. This will be

a meeting to which all members are asked to attend as this will be a meeting to elect your Enrolling Member and also a new committee.

The meetings of the Ansley Ladies' Association will be on Wednesday, July 6th. We shall be meeting at the Church Hall to start on the ramble. Times will be given to you at our next meeting.

Wednesday, July 20th. We will be going to Snitterfield for a meal. Times for this will also be given to you at our next meeting.

**Margaret Oliver writes —**

"Thank you," to the very many friends who helped make the 'Great cake bake' event an encouraging success here in Ansley Parish. £55.06 was raised, and I am able now to send this money to the Church of England Children's Society.

**Canon Peter Buckler writes —**

Mrs. Marion (Marie) Sparks, the wife of the late Mr. Stan Sparks, has passed away in her 90th year. The funeral was at Lewisham Crematorium on Monday, June 13th, which I conducted. I am her nephew by marriage.

Marie Sparks was the last of her generation of the Mander family, one of the old Ansley families. The late Mr. Stan Sparkes was Headmaster of Ansley School until his retirement and will be remembered by many of his ex-pupils. After retirement they moved to London to be near to their family.

Marie gave much of her life to the service of others. Although their home was in Nuneaton they lived in Ansley Village for many years, caring for her parents and crippled sister Laura. They were staunch supporters of Ansley Church. Marie retained her love for the Church and interest in it.

She has joined her husband and others who have gone before where 'there is no more pain.'

**Marie Gove writes —**

A duck and a goat; that is what the children at the Church have been sponsored for, by drawing pigs, ducks and goats. The money thus collected goes to T.E.A.R. and that organisation purchases these animals which will be given to families in a Third World country.

**The Anglican Archbishop of Kenya**, the Most Rev Manasses Kuria, has praised a decision by the Kenyan authorities to ban sale of alcohol through off-licences.

New rules mean that Kenyans will only be able to drink alcohol on licensed premises.

The Archbishop said that beer drinking had eroded Kenya's moral fabric, caused social problems and created an unmanageable society.