

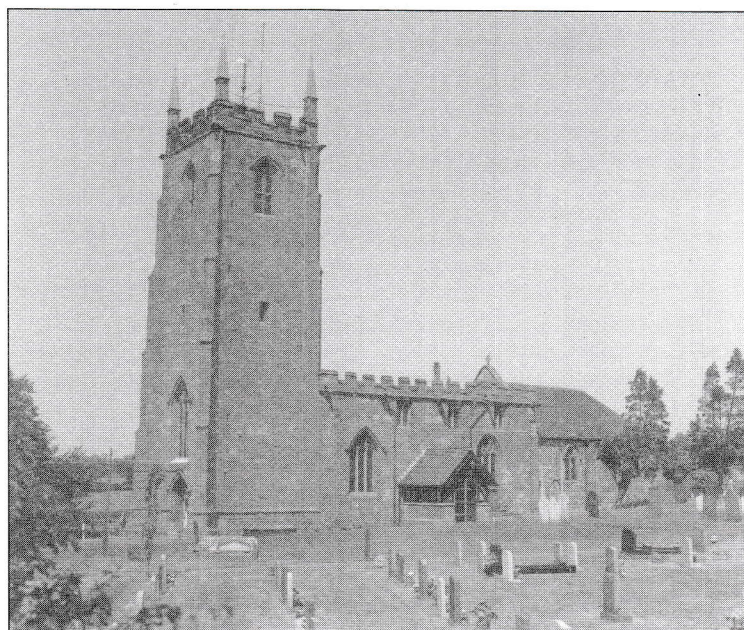
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Before the holidays

Traditionally at this time in church and community life, things slow down over the school summer holidays as some people go away and others enjoy the good weather at home. In a holiday resort, as I know from my previous job, life gets busier as the population nearly doubles for the summer season. But here I am looking forward to a slightly quieter spell - we hope! Before the summer break begins your P.C.C. has been very busy..

At our June meeting we heard of the detailed proposals for the formation of the shared Arley and Ansley Ministry Leadership Team. Nomination forms will be handed out at church services in early September. From those names myself and a representative from each church will select the Team of approximately ten members. The Team will meet monthly for prayer, learning and fellowship and to seek God's guidance for our churches..

The P.C.C. agreed to seek the bishop's permission to admit each Easter baptised children to communion prior to confirmation but after careful preparation. They will thus be enabled to take their full and rightful place within the family of the church before they are ready to make the mature step of confirmation.

They also agreed to support that St. John's Sunday services should be weekly rather than fortnightly from the beginning of September. This removes an artificial barrier to the growth of this excellent work. If you live on the Common or if you simply prefer a more informal style of worship wherever you live you can be assured of a warm welcome.

At the same time the Church Council are supporting the Village Hall Management Committee in their proposals to encourage better use of the hall and to expand the range of activities and clubs. I would encourage you to complete and return your questionnaire and to come to the Open Evening at the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 6 July. Similar surveys on the Common and in Birchley Heath will follow shortly.

Whatever you are planning may your summer be relaxing and refeshing and when it's drawing to a close, I look forward to seeing you at our Flower Festival.

Your friend and Vicar,

Peter

St John's Hall Ansley Common.

Wednesday 7 th	9.00a.m.	Holy Communion.
Sunday 11 th	10.30a.m. Trinity 5	Family Worship
Wednesday 21 st	9.00a.m..	Morning Prayer.
Sunday 25 th	10.30a.m. Trinity 7	Holy Communion

St. Laurence's Church Sunday services 10.30 a.m. & 6.30. p.m.

July 4 th	Trinity 4	a.m. Summer Praise
		p.m. B.C.P. Holy Communion
July 11 th	Trinity 5	a.m. Holy Communion
		p.m. Evensong
July 18 th	Trinity 6	a.m. All Age Worship
		p.m. Holy Communion
July 25 th	Trinity 7	a.m. The Lord is Here Communion
		p.m. Evensong

Monday 5 th & 12 th		Links Group meet Village Church Hall.
Tuesday 13 th & 27 th	2 p.m.	Prayer Group meet 10 Nuthurst Crescent.
Tuesday 20 th	10 a.m.	Morning Prayer in the Village Church Hall. Followed by Senior citizens.
Wednesday 7 th & 21 st	7.30	Wednesday Fellowship meet at 10 Nuthurst Cres.
Thursday 22 nd	7.30	P.C.C. Village Church Hall.
Thursday 8 th & 22 nd	7.30	Ansley Common Fellowship.
Saturday 3 rd 17 th & 31 st		Open Church 2 - 5 p.m.

From the Registers

Baptisms

Thomas Preece 12 and Miranda Jones 11 had a wonderful day on 13th June when they were baptised. Many of their family and friends came and supported them on their very special day.

Weddings

Andrew Ryan married Emma Churm on 22nd May on a hot sunny day with the Church full.

Teresa Morewood entered the Church by the West door to marry Kevin Fulleylove on 29th May

Funerals:

St. Laurence was full to overflowing for the funeral of Malcolm Sutton on 26th May. Malcolm contributed to the life of Ansley through his work, chairmanship of Ansley Common Youth Club and his 20 years service as Parish Councillor - the majority as chairman. His legacy is inestimable. His combined open hospitality and friendliness with strength of character and determination. Committed to preserving the best of village life, he cared for every area of parish life and every age range. A wonderful husband and father he will be greatly missed by us all especially by his wife Marcia and sons Graham and Marcus. He passed away peacefully at home sure in his faith and trusting in God's eternal love.

The funeral of Dennis Brockwell (77) took place in Church on 4th June. He had worked hard and built up his business, which two of his daughters now run. The bells were rung half muffled at the family's request in recognition of the work Dennis had done when the new bell frame was installed.

Plant Sale

This annual event was as ever very busy, but enjoyable as always. To those who gave plants, those who grew seeds, and those who came and bought - thank you. This wonderful team effort raised £429.94 for the Church Hall funds. As always we also say thank you to the allotment association who make this a joint effort and provide a wide variety of vegetables.

Marie's Coffee Morning.

Marie again chose a lovely sunny day for a very happy occasion in their lovely garden packed with flowers, which raised £155.10 for the kitchen fund at St. John's. Thank you everyone.

Prize Bingo – St. John's

Many thanks to all who, with Hetty, helped organise and gave prizes for this fun evening on 10th May. Alan Lavis did an excellent job calling. Over 40 people came and supported this evening and £175 was raised towards the work to be carried out in the kitchen.

Champagne Flutes

On Saturday 22nd "Champagne Flutes" & Friends came and entertained us in Church.. Over 80 people who attended enjoyed a wide variety of music and also light refreshments served during the interval. The encore on the euphonium was much appreciated by all. £401.50 was raised for the building fund. Many thanks to Champagne Flutes and Friends for a lovely evening.

Church Halls

Those of you in the village will have by now received and hopefully returned the questionnaires about the hall in the village. These are now being analysed. Ansley Common, Birchley Heath and the outlying areas - please don't feel excluded - your time will come, it is only that it is not practical to carry out the whole survey at the same time. Also our advisers have told us that the halls need to be treated as two separate projects when we approach organisations for funding to carry out the work. Thank you to all who have completed and returned the questionnaires and we hope to also have a good response with the further surveys. It is in all our interests to ensure that the changes we make in the halls are for the good of all the community and the more response we receive the stronger will be our case.

The Tower

Last month we advised that there were two small building projects that the P.C.C. were going to complete at the Church. It had been our hope that the louvres would be added to this list, however when the architect looked at the top of the tower he realised there was a lot more work to be done. He has advised that we bring all the different work into one much bigger project. These repairs are in the very early stages of planning, but at the moment it is hoped that we could be looking to carry out the work next summer.

Theft

Many of you will have seen that there has been work carried out on the wall next to the lych gate. After it had been dismantled and the concrete footings left to dry the site was made safe by red netting. This safety netting has been stolen! If you see or suspect any thing on Church property please let the wardens know. Please also do be careful with your personal property. Unfortunately this is not the first time it has been necessary to write of such things in the magazine.

Magazine

The PCC are looking at the magazine production and costs. Do you read the Home Words insert in the magazine? If yes please telephone Marie Cove on 024 7639 4114 or Margaret Antill on 01827 874520 and leave a message.

ANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL;

APOLOGY: The Parish Council would like to extend their apologies to any members of the public who may have been offended at the Parish Council meeting on 13th May, 2004. It was not the intention to cause any offence, however, for members of the public who are not aware of the procedures adopted by the council for public speaking it should be noted that once the public session has come to a close no further interruption should be made.

George Eliot Hospital: Mr. Nigel Lucas spoke about hospital's application for foundation status. George Eliot is rated as one of the top hospitals in the country and foundation status would pass ownership from Government to the public. At least 5000 members required to support them, locally and aged 14 years and over. Leaflets handed out to anyone wishing to become a member. Also 12 members of public are required to become governors. Help line set for anyone wishing to discuss this matter - 0800 389 7942. Proposals will be submitted in June and by July a decision will have been made.

Affordable housing: on 3rd June 2004 Dorothy Barratt, Forward Planning Manager from N.W.B.C. talked about revised deposit draft local plan. 45 members of public attended. Closing date for comments or objections was Friday, 11th June, the council will pass its concern regarding the affordable housing protocol immediately to N.W.B.C.

Next meeting dates: July 8th, Sept. 2nd, Oct. 14th, Nov. 11th.

Any items must be forwarded giving full details in writing to Clerk, Mrs. N. Anderson, 27 Brookfield Drive, Wolvey Hinckley, Leics. LE10 3LT.

July, 2004.

As we watch the seasons unfold, it is amazing how swiftly the time passes. Every day we see new flowers appear in the garden, the trees are in full leaf and the birds already have their young. It seems that the summer passes much quicker than the winter, even though the days are longer, as there is so much to see and do and every day passes by in the twinkling of an eye. Only the other day we received a catalogue to order Spring bulbs and plants. Where does the time go? We look at the garden, and sometimes wish we could freeze the moment when a certain flower is so beautiful and fleeting and we will have to wait for another year to see it bloom again.

As we commemorated D Day 60 years ago on 6th June, it was amazing to see the bravery and commitment of those who fought, were injured and those who died to free the world from tyranny and it gave us a sense of thankfulness and pride in those young people, their loved ones and families, and those who didn't live to see how this had shortened the war and saved thousands of lives. This may seem like history to young people, but that day has shaped and secured their future. Thank you will all our hearts.

Marie Cove.