

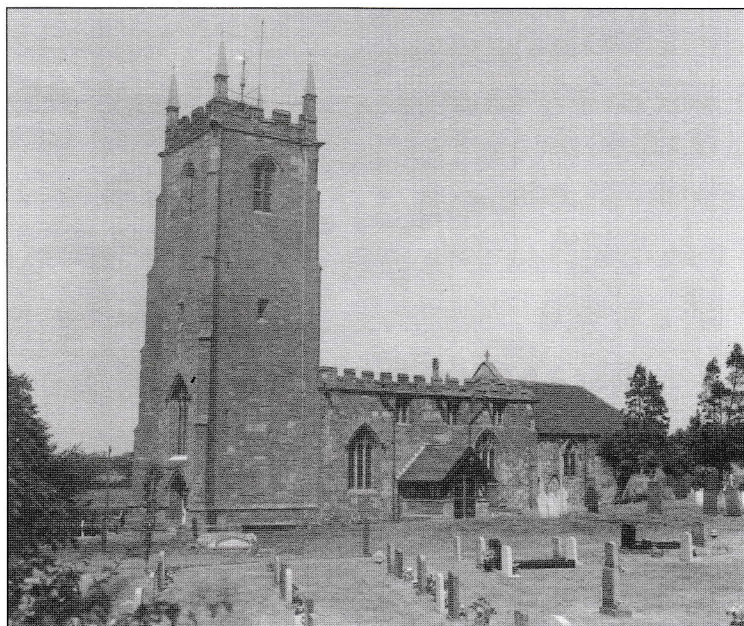
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Just a quick note to say hello...

i'm the new youth worker for the Ley Group Young People's Project and will be based in the office at St Michael's church in New Arley for the next three years (this early on that seems like for ages, but i'm sure it will pass quickly and there will be lots to keep me busy!). As the name suggests this project belongs to the young people of the parishes it covers (Arley, Ansley, Corley and Fillongley), so if you're a young person you need to get involved if you want things to happen in your area. If you don't think you count as a young person but want to play a part, there's loads you can do to help. If you want to get involved, help out or have any ideas just email vicky_lgypp@yahoo.co.uk. I'm so excited about what we can do, but i need your help, so please get in touch!

Vicky Ellis
Youth worker
Ley Group Young People's Project

July What's On

St. Laurence's Church

Sunday 2 nd	Trinity 3	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship
□		4.00 p.m.	Family Service
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 9 th	Trinity 4	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong
Sunday 16 th	Trinity 5	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 23 rd	Trinity 6	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong
Sunday 30 th	Trinity 7	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong

St John's Hall Ansley Common Services

Sunday 2 nd	Trinity 3	10.30 a.m.	Family Service & Sunday School
Sunday 9 th	Trinity 4	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion & Sunday School
Sunday 16 th	Trinity 5	10.30 a.m.	Family Service
Sunday 23 rd	Trinity 6	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion & Sunday School
Sunday 30 th	Trinity 7	10.30 a.m.	Songs of Praise

Other Activities at St. John's Church Hall

Mondays alternate	7.00 p.m.	Indoor Bowls
Monday 17 th	7.30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesdays	9.00 – 12.00 a.m.	Krazy Kettle Kafé
Wednesdays	6.30 p.m.	A.C.Y.C.
Thursdays	9.00 – 12.00 a.m.	Krazy Kettle Kafé

Activities at Village Church Hall

Monday 17 th	7.00 p.m.	Links Farewell
Tuesdays	10.00 a.m.	Senior Citizens
Wednesdays	10.00 – 11.30 a.m.	Ansley's Little Angels
Wednesdays	2.00 – 4.00 p.m.	Community Café
Wednesday 12 th & 26 ^h	7.30 p.m.	Bingo
Tuesday 18 th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Worship before Senior Citizens
Thursday 13 th	7.30 p.m.	P.C.C. Meeting

Other Parish activities

Monday 3 rd & 10 th	5.00 & 7.00 p.m.	Sports activities on the recreation grounds
Tuesdays	7.30 p.m.	Alpha in the Annexe
Wednesday 19 th	10.00 a.m.	Millennium Volunteers moving soil dumped in Church Yard
Fridays	1.00 p.m.	Art Classes at the Club
Saturday 1 st , 15 th & 29 th	2.00 – 5.00 p.m.	Open Church

From the Registers

Baptisms.

On Sunday 21st May there was a large congregation to welcome Charlie Morris and Katie Dandridge at the afternoon baptism service. Rev. John Law assisted at the service as he was a friend of Katie's family and he baptised her while the vicar baptised Charlie.

Funeral

We were all shocked to hear of the sudden death of Derek Alfred Pryke, of Willow Lodge, Pipers Lane, who's funeral took place at the Heart of England Crematorium on the 30th May. Derek will be best remembered as 'Derek the chip man' in his distinctive blue van, around North Warwickshire, especially in Arley. He will be sadly missed by his wife Prim, his children and grandchildren.

Burial of Ashes.

On Friday June 9th the ashes of Rosemary Palmer were interred in the grave of her parents George and Nora Prime.

Prayer (Note from Mandy)

I am restarting the **Prayer Chain**; if you would like to be included or if you know of anyone in need of prayer, then do let me know.

Also I am hoping to restart the **Prayer Group**; which will be held during the day, if you are interested in either then please contact me.

The Church Tower

After a spell of little action there has been great activity in June. The pinnacles have been re built. We are very grateful to David Goadby for unloading the new merlons and bringing them to the base of the tower where they were very slowly lifted to the top. It was on the same day as children of Nursery Hill School visited and they were able to see the stones on the ground.

Now the stone work at the top has been completed the top lift of the scaffolding is being removed to enable work to commence on the roof and the lead walkway around the tower. It was interesting to note just how much the old stone had been worn away by the elements to which it is so exposed. The masons re assure us that the new stone will tone down quickly and in a short time it will not be so noticeable, especially from the ground. Out of interest the photograph of the tower in scaffolding taken in 1936 was shown to the stonemasons. They were horrified, health and safety regulations did not apply at that time!

We are very grateful for the donations that have been given towards the cost of this work.

The Village Church Hall

The work on the hall kitchen commenced, as hoped on the 29th May. The old fittings being ripped out and slowly the new kitchen installed. This work took two weeks and the new flooring was completed in the following week.

St. John's Church Hall

We have now received the quotations and following the addition and making allowances

for furniture etc. the total cost at the present time is expected to be £230,000. We will be seeking funding in the region of £220,000. If we are successful in our endeavours we would like to think we will be in a position to commence this work in about 12 months time. Please pray for this project.

Home Made Cake Sale for Spurgeon Child Care

Many people spent a lot of time in what must have been a very hot kitchen to make the many cakes that were sent and brought for this sale. However the sale was very spasmodic we had chosen the date of a certain football match, with several customers coming in at half time. Most had a look at the new kitchen in the hall, their comments were all favourable and they were very impressed at the new lay out. The weather was hot, the temperature was in the 80°s, even so by the end of the day we had sold all but a few small cakes and these sold on the Sunday. The total raised for Spurgeon Child Care was £132.00 Thank you to everyone who supported this event and especially to Margaret Oliver for her sterling work.

Marie's Coffee Morning

Although the weather was not as dry as had been hoped we were however able to sit outside most of the time. Everyone had a very enjoyable morning. A total of £96 was raised and has been forwarded to Child Line. Thank you to everyone who supported this event and to Dave and Marie for their efforts, and use of their home.

St. John's Activities

The Back to School Dance raised a total of £103. It was greatly enjoyed by all those who attended. Everyone came in their school uniform, or as near as they could, including some short gym skirts. They also brought their packed lunch as they would have done when at school, but their drinks, perhaps were not the same!

The Prize Bingo session held on Monday 12th June, despite the heat we had a good crowd attend. Although the demand for a hot drink at the interval was not as high as usual but plenty of squash was at hand. We thank Hetty and her band of helpers for the organising and Alan Lavis for calling. The evening made a profit of £153.

Duncan and Helen Watts.

Duncan, Helen, Hannah and Simeon are now back in Kyrgyzstan. They will be moving to Talas, to the west of the country as soon as suitable accommodation is found. Duncan is planning to do veterinary work. We continue to pray for good health and safety, for Helen as she is left alone to look after Hannah and Simeon and that God will use their time for His glory.

Nursery Hill School

Early in June the children, teachers, former teachers, and others gathered at the school to celebrate it's centenary. To commemorate this occasion a garden has been planted in the school grounds. Plants have donated, free expert advice received and the children participated in the design and other aspects of its creation,.

Please accept our apologies for the wrong Sunday dates in the June issue.

There are certainly some strange sayings which live on through the generations. Someone said the other day "That's put the kibosh on it". Believe it or not it is in the dictionary and means 'knock on the head'. The word kibosh means nonsense or humbug, which sounds very vague to me. For someone who preached and lived a Christian life, my mother had some strange sayings and superstitions. She said "Black follows green" and we were forbidden to own a green coat – work that one out. She also said "Fine before seven, rain before eleven", which is definitely not the case. She wouldn't wash on Good Friday or New Years Day because she said you wash someone away. My mother-in-law also had a strange custom as on New Year's Eve, even if they had a party in full swing, just before midnight would stop and clear up, including the ashes from the fireplace, because she said if you finished the old year tidy, you would be tidy for the next year.

If you had to wear a school uniform for five years, like me, you know how you grow to hate it and long to be free of it. This is how I felt, especially as my younger sister could wear anything she liked – some reward for not passing the 11 plus. Now the adults in many jobs wear uniforms, clerical staff in banks, building societies, travel agents, the list goes on. My younger son was going to work and I thought he must have a meeting or going on a course, but was told his smart navy suit, shirt and tie, was his uniform provided by the firm. My older son also wears quite a trendy uniform of polo shirt and jogging bottoms with the firm's logo. They look very smart but have we gone uniform mad?

As the rain poured down day after day during May, it was comical to watch the T.V. Gardeners telling us about hose pipe bans and how to save water. They told us to choose plants for our garden which didn't mind 'drought' conditions. We had so much rain the drains could hardly take it and even the birds in our garden looked like drowned rats. They even said the watering can should come back into use – we never stopped using ours. The most bizarre suggestion was that we could buy water in from Europe, although they too are short of water. I don't think they need to look any further than Scotland or Wales, as I am sure they would be only too pleased to offload some of their surplus water.

I always think of July as a holiday month, when the children start their long break and many thousands think of holidays by the sea. Let's hope, despite the 'drought' warning, that we can all enjoy many, many days of warm sunshine, with just enough rain to keep the flowers, trees and vegetables watered.

Marie Cove.