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1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays

11.00 a.m. Parish Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

3rd Sunday

11.00 a.m. Family Worship.

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion.

Holy Communion also on 1st Sunday at 8.00 a.m.

Sunday School meets on Sundays at 11.00 a.m., in the Village Church Hall except for the 3rd Sunday when it joins the Family Service.

St. John's Hall—Family Worship at 10.00 a.m., on 4th Sunday.

A bus runs for the evening service. Leaves Ansley Corner at 6.00 p.m., picks up through the village, leaves Ansley Common at 6.10 p.m., and Birchley Heath at 6.15 p.m.

Dear Friends,

Most of the contributions this month are by others, so I will just say that I consider that this proves that things are happening in Ansley and its neighbourhood that arise out of the existence of the Christian church here! All the various experiences of life are opportunities to serve God. What we do in our worship should be a reflection of our involvement in the local community. 'Pondering the cross afresh becomes a search-light to our soul, and compels us to rededicate our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice in Christ's service. The cross constantly challenges the bias we have towards living for self and it inspires us to a bold and vigorous living for Christ' (The Bishop of Chester).

Our weekly worship should be the focal point where we draw strength for our Christian living in the rough-and-tumble of the events of everyday life? Is it? TIM GOULDSTONE

THREE A'S YOUTH TRAINING SCHEME

Three A's is a Youth Training Scheme based at the St. John's Ambulance Hall, Gun Hill, New Arley, and covers the areas of Arley, Ansley, Corley, Fillongley, and Galley Common.

The Scheme caters for 25 young unemployed people aged 16 together with 5 adult staff.

The Sponsor of our Scheme is The Reverend T. M. Gouldstone, New Vicarage, Birmingham Road, Ansley.

The Scheme is designed as a Community Project which gives young unemployed people the opportunity to participate in work skills and personal development, while putting these tasks to use within the community in a variety of ways.

The sections we cover are Gardening and Horticulture, Painting and Decorating and Catering and Community Care.

The trainees will attend North Warwickshire College of Technology and Art one day a week, and work experience placements on industrial premises. They will also spend one week on a residential stay.

The trainee's allowance is £25 per week and all referrals for the Scheme come from the Careers Service.

The Joint Managers of the Scheme are Mrs. Yvonne Roan and Mrs. Dee Hall, who can be contacted on Fillongley 42172, and who will be only too willing to answer any enquiries regarding training or Community Projects.

FLOWER FESTIVAL 1983

From August 26th to 29th we hope to hold our annual flower festival. Last year it seemed that interest from Ansley people was fading, which is a pity—people working together creating beauty and pleasure for a common cause can only do good to all concerned. We still have staunch supporters, to whom many thanks, but as always happens some families move away, some folk are no longer able to help as in former years and some have been called to meet the creator of all beauty.

Many talents are required to make the festival a success; would you like to arrange flowers—see Mrs. Truelove. Tidy the churchyard, keeping it a lovely setting for our church?—see Mr. Arnold. Can you make cakes, tea, or help serve refreshments?—see Mrs. Berridge. Have you any spare flowers, fruit, vegetables or jam, etc., to furnish the stall?—see Mr. Arnold and bring it to the tent.

On Monday evening we finish with a concert in church. Come and let us enjoy it together.

Our worship on that weekend includes The Ven. Alan Morgan as preacher in the morning and Canon Peter Buckler in the evening. Alan Morgan was formerly bishop's officer for social responsibility and is now the Archdeacon of Coventry, and Peter Buckler has now 'retired' but seems busier than ever!

Our receipts this year will be divided between upkeep of the fabric of the parish church and the League of Friends of Nuneaton Hospitals to help them purchase a special bed for the maternity unit. Remember how many of us have cause to be thankful to the staff of these hospitals in times of trouble.

E. Truelove.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

The development of the site here has now begun and you will have noticed the start on clearing up the grounds of St. John's Hall. Inside the ceiling has been painted and various other odd jobs done, for which we have to thank Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd. We have been looking into the prospect of rewiring (long overdue) and hope to carry this out next year. However this is going to be an expensive proposition, so we are hoping for a really good sale on **September 10th** as we still owe a considerable sum for the gas central heating which was installed last year. Mrs. Varden would be grateful for any gifts or goods for the sale so that we can 'clear our debts.' Mrs. Truelove is preparing a quiz and anyone who would like to take part can get a paper from Mrs. Varden or any member of St. John's M.U., price 20p. The result will be announced at the sale and entries can be handed to me or brought to the sale. Mrs. Truelove has kindly donated a prize for the quiz. Please do come and support us so that the hall can be kept in good condition for its future use in serving the community of Ansley Common.

Also remember the Family Worship which takes place every fourth Sunday in the month at 10.00 a.m. The more the merrier! Next month we shall be welcoming in Baptism David James Watson of West View at this service. I know it coincides with the Flower Festival but we look forward to seeing a good number there. The church exists to worship and serve God through Jesus Christ his Son, and this aim should be the foundation of all our work at St. John's and elsewhere.

Mrs. O. Varden, Tim Gouldstone.

ANSLEY GFS GROUP — WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ?

Ansley GFS has maintained a steady active membership throughout the year and numbers have risen recently.

Throughout the early summer we have enjoyed a varied programme aiming as we do to bring the Christian message and fun for the youngsters. Indoors we have had games, singing, craft and quizzes and outdoors rambles, rounders and swimming whenever the weather allowed. Several members took part in the Midland area sports day held in Warwick on May 14th and more recently were guests of Atherstone branch at their barbecue.

All GFS members, leaders and several parents set out one evening to try their hand at brass rubbing at the Cadeby brass rubbing centre. Everyone returned very pleased with their evening's efforts. We were glad to welcome Mrs. Speechley and Sister Monica from Coventry as our guests at our closing meeting before the summer holiday. Now six members and a leader are looking forward to the GFS Midland Area Summer Camp to be held this year at Wainfleet near Skegness for three days in August.

We should like to thank those parents and parishioners who always give us their support and especially to Joan McParland whose help is always so regularly and generously given.

GFS reopens (don't forget) on Monday, September 5th, 5.45 p.m., in the Church Hall. If you want to know more, contact me, Val Whitworth, on Chapel End 393626.

Val Whitworth.

—and many thanks to Val for all the time she puts in to this work—Tim Gouldstone.

NOTES AND NEWS

There will be no Sunday School for four weeks commencing July 17th—we start again on August 21st at the Church Hall. Have a nice holiday !

We note with regret the sudden passing of Mr. Alfred Woods of Bretts Hall after a short illness. Mr. Woods worked at the Ansley Common workshops and will be missed by all his friends there and by those who shared his interests in football and cricket. Our prayers go out to Mrs. Miriam Woods and family. Mr. Fred Smith died suddenly last month; his wife was very active in 'Jubilee' preparations six years ago. Mr. Howard Russell was formerly of Ansley but more recently had lived in Rugby, having survived his wife Margaret by twenty years.

The verges have been cut—thank you very much !

The Revd. Grahame Humphries of Arley, who is well known to many Ansley folk, will be leaving in December to take up a new post in Norfolk. He will be Priest-in-Charge of Bawdswell with Foxley in Norfolk and combine this work with the task of Norfolk Churches' Radio Officer for BBC Radio Norfolk. We send our prayers and best wishes to Grahame, to Mary his wife and Claire and Alex and a big thank you for all the work he has done for Ansley, especially when there was no incumbent here. (Actually I heard about Ansley through Grahame !).

The Vicar has become temporary chaplain to the Manor Hospital as at this period there is no Vicar at the Abbey Church. He tries to spend most Friday afternoons there—so if you can't find him then you know where he is. If you know of anyone admitted to this hospital from the parish he would be especially interested. It is mainly orthopaedic and plastic surgery now, so if you fall downstars, or burn yourself or wrap your motorbike around something, that's probably where you'll be but by taking a bit of care you can lessen my task !