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Our Dear Friends,

When I looked into Ansley Church last November with the Wardens, many of the building's unique features came back to me in reality as I had vaguely memorised them since my first short visit some twenty-five years ago. I clearly remembered, for instance, that the pulpit was on the other side, that is, the south wall. Its present position is of course ideal because it is in the centre enabling the preacher to see and be seen.

But I wonder whether you, like me, have ever thought what a strange object a traditional Christian pulpit is, elevating the preacher above the hearers in a way that no lecturer's or public speaker's platform ever does? What authority does one possess that enables a person to climb the steps and speak?

It is the Christian preacher's conviction that his authority has to do with the Bible. He confesses that the Bible has divine authority because it has imposed its authority upon the speaker's mind and conscience by virtue of what it says. The Bible witnesses to the Word which is Jesus Christ Himself. It attests itself to us as the Word of God because Jesus Christ speaks to us through it.

The pulpit then is putting prominence, not on the speaker but, on the speaker's tools, the Bible; and more important, on Jesus Christ the One who is the Bible's main subject.

Because the Bible is God's Word it ought not to surprise us when we hear of people to whom God has spoken through the Bible. Take for instance a man in Nepal who, because of many problems, did not want to live anymore. One day he saw a trader selling Bibles. "If you want joy and peace in your life," said the trader, "you have to read this book and your problems will be solved." The trader was not a Christian. He was just repeating what he had been told. "I don't want anything to do with books," snapped the man, "I've only one rupee left and I need to get drunk again." With that he left. He walked for sometime then thought, "Maybe there is a solution in that book. Let me try it." He went back and bought the book. He began reading with great interest. As he read he discovered the truth of the Gospel and started believing in Jesus Christ. He soon heard about a group of people who met to pray to this Jesus Christ every week. He joined the Group, which was of course the Church, and has never returned to his old ways of life.

Someone once said, "Go buy the Bible then go by the Bible.

A prominent platform such as the pulpit, is necessary for as prominent a book as the Bible.

God bless you,

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.



We were glad to remember Glenn Martin in our prayer time during the services on June 29th, the day Glenn commenced full time service for Jesus Christ. I understand that he has been a member of St. John's Church where he worshipped and witnessed.

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Confirmation classes commence for young people on Monday, September 1st at the Vicarage at 6.45 p.m. They will last for one hour. For adults the classes will be by arrangement with each candidate. Please let me know if you are seriously considering being confirmed at this year's Confirmation Service. It is being held at Arley on Sunday evening November 2nd at 6.00 p.m. It will be necessary to get at least eight classes in preparation for this year's service.

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This month the **Family Service** will be on August 10th. The evening Communion Service will also be on that day. This is because I have been asked to preach at Attleborough in the evening of the 17th, when we would normally have our Communion.

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We are very grateful to Ron Morewood for the handsome noticeboard in the Church car park. It is good that it is erected in readiness for the Flower Festival and should give long and lasting service.

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Thank you to the anonymous donor of £10 towards the cost of the new Holy Communion Service books. That kindness is greatly appreciated.

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#### **SERVICES IN ANSLEY CHURCH — AUGUST 1986**

##### **Sunday, August 3rd — 10th after Trinity**

All Services today taken by the Rev. Canon Peter Buckler.

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said).

11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

##### **Sunday, August 10th — 11th after Trinity (St. Laurence's Day)**

N.B. — 11.00 a.m. Family Service to which all Families are invited.

N.B. — 6.30 p.m. The Parish Communion with Sermon.

##### **Sunday, August 17th — 12th Sunday after Trinity**

N.B. — 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion.

N.B. — 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

##### **Flower Festival — August 22nd to August 25th**

###### **Friday, August 22nd:**

8.00 p.m. Evening Service. The Vicar.

###### **Sunday, August 24th:**

11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion. The Vicar.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. The Vicar.

**Monday, August 25th:**

8.00 p.m. Concert in Church.

**Sunday, August 31st — 14th after Trinity**

11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

**Sunday, September 7th — 15th after Trinity**

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (said).

11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

Arrangements for Holy Baptism, Banns, Weddings and Funerals should be made with the Vicar at the Vicarage. Telephone: Chapel End 396403.

**THE FLOWER FESTIVAL 1986**

This will be held during the Holiday Weekend at the end of August. This year this holiday is early and is coming a week before we feel that it should. The Festival will open on Friday, August 22nd at 6.00 p.m., and will continue until Monday evening August 25th.

The theme this year is "The Word of God" and the Church will be filled with Flowers depicting this idea. As usual members of the congregation will be doing the arranging, and will produce a very happy atmosphere. The tent will again be in the Churchyard where refreshments will be available at moderate prices. There will also be a garden produce stall and gifts of produce from parishioners and friends will be most welcome.

The opening service will be an informed Evening Service on Friday at 8.00 p.m.

Services on Sunday will be at the usual times of 11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. All the services will be taken by the Vicar.

On Monday, August 25th at 8.00 p.m., there will be a Concert in Church given by the Daw Mill Colliery Band. This is a very good band and the Concert will also be very good. Tell your friends about this and bring them to this Concert in the Church. A silver (or gold) collection will be taken at the end. The whole of the proceeds of the Flower Festival will be divided between the Nuneaton Hospitals League of Friends and Church Funds. These are two very worthy causes so please be very, very generous.

**COFFEE EVENING IN AUGUST**

A Coffee Evening will be held at the home of Mr. Frank Arnold on Thursday, August 7th at 7.30 p.m., onwards. This will be for Church Funds and also a good gift will be made to the Village Church Hall Roof Repair Fund. There will be a Cake Stall, a Bring and Buy Stall and a Miscellaneous Stall.

Admission will be 30p and refreshments will be provided. Should be a pleasant evening. Please come.

### **A RUMMAGE SALE**

A Rummage Sale will be held in the Village Church Hall on Thursday, August 14th at 7.00 p.m., in aid of the Roof Repair Fund. Any gifts of Rummage will be most welcome and will be received by Mrs. Cove of 28 Nuthurst Crescent or at Mr. Arnold's home.

### **A GIFT FOR THE CHURCH**

The late Mrs. Bennett of 185 Birmingham Road had a good piano and her family have given this to the Church for it to use for its work. We are very grateful for this gift. The piano is now in the Church.

### **FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

**Holy Baptism** "They brought children to Jesus"

July 6—David James Hands of the Village.

**Holy Matrimony**

July 5—Andrew James Cartledge of Arley and Kay Harvey.

Mark Smith of Mancetter and Karen Chandler.

July 19—Steven Darell Marshall and Rachel Lynne McCarthy.

**Laid to Rest**

June 30—Jean Lilian Fessi, aged 54 years of the Village.

July 3—Elsie Adkins, aged 79 years of Galley Common.

July 18—Amelia Bennett, aged 86 years of the Village.

Mrs. Elsie Adkins was laid to rest on July 3rd with great sadness and sincere regret. She had been a member of Ansley Church Congregation for a very long time. She was a lively, loveable person whose genuine personality made her beloved by all who met her. The great crowd in Church at her funeral and on the Sunday evening afterwards are tributes to her popularity. We shall miss her very much, and to her family at this time we send our sincere best wishes and prayers for their comfort.

To the families of Mrs. Fessi and Mrs. Amelia Bennett the Church sends messages of sympathy at this very sad time. Their loved ones will be missed by all who knew them. We pray that God will give them strength and courage to bear their sad loss.

### **THE BEST KEPT CHURCHYARD IN THE DIOCESE OF COVENTRY**

Ansley Church again entered this competition and was placed **FIRST** in the North Warwickshire area and in the whole of the Diocese it came **SECOND**, Wooton Warren coming first. To George Hodgkins, Henry Truelove, George Willdig and the Churchwardens we say "thank you" for all the work in the Churchyard they have done during the past year.

Anyone wishing to join them will be most welcome. Have a word with any of the above at any time.