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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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Our Dear Friends,

Once again Mrs. Edith Truelove is organising our Flower Festival for the end of this month. We are very grateful to her and to all who are involved in making this annual event so worthwhile. The details appear on another page and the actual programme of the presentation will be available on the days of the Festival.

As in previous years every flower arrangement will be an individual and unique work of art and the combination of various flower shapes and colours will provide endless opportunity for the arranger to create a beautiful and original design. The flower displays will depict various scenes from the Bible with 'Hands' as the theme.

Flower arranging is a pastime that brings peace of mind from the increasingly violent world in which we live and is justifiably rated as amongst the most popular leisure time activity.

One type of 'flower' that will be absent from the Festival is of course the artificial flower. Flower lovers, like bees, are looking for the real thing. Eating places which have been decorated with plastic flowers bring doubting thoughts. Is the butter really margarine? What about the chicken (or is it rabbit) curry?

A church building decorated with imitation flowers may also cause similar reaction in the mind of the observer. Are the people here pretending Christians? Are they phoney? Are they just acting the part? So that when it comes to a crises in their personal lives there is nothing genuine about them: no power of resistance to withstand temptation to things like unfaithfulness in marriage, to mention just one gigantic problem in these present days.

Many worry about our country, what is it going to be like for our children and grandchildren. Apart from anything else there is a marked increase in violent crime and immorality.

Various historians and commentators remind us of what it was like in Britain in the 18th century. From the throne downwards there was repulsive drunkenness; a universe obsession with gambling; a welter of immorality; growing prevalence of lawlessness; superstition and indecency. Violent crime soared and hooligan gangs roamed the city streets. There was no organised police force and the prisons were overcrowded. The British people were described then as 'perhaps as deeply degraded and depraved as any people.' So wrote Daniel Defoe in 1722.

But it was that very century in which things changed dramatically. People became fed up with artificial Christianity. They saw, like many are seeing today, that the seriousness of the problem demanded a serious and genuine answer. They turned to

God in personal repentance and surrendered to Christ as a holy respect for God and His standards swept the land in what is now looked back upon as the eighteenth century Revival.

God is doing it again as individuals respond to Him,

Yours sincerely,

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

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#### **AUGUST'S DIARY — 1988**

**Friday, August 5th**

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

**Sunday, August 7th**

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Morning Service.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

**Friday, August 12th**

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

**Sunday, August 14th**

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

**Friday, August 19th**

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

**Sunday, August 21st**

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

11.00 a.m. Family Service.

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion.

**Friday, August 26th — FLOWER FESTIVAL**

6.00 p.m. Festival commences.

8.00 p.m. Short Service followed by refreshments in the marquee.

**Saturday, August 27th**

Church open for viewing from 10.00 a.m. and marquee open for farm produce sale and refreshments.

**Sunday, August 28th**

11.00 a.m. Family Communion.

6.30 p.m. Special Festival Evening Service.

Preacher: The Bishop of Warwick The Right Revd. Keith Arnold. (Refreshments served in marquee at the close of both morning and evening services).

**Monday, August 29th**

10.00 a.m. Church open for viewing from 10.00 a.m. and the marquee open for farm produce sale and refreshments. There will also be a book stall.

**Gifts of vegetables will be appreciated.**



The Flower Festival this year has "Hands" as its theme. The displays will illustrate the Hands of God at work chosen from Biblical writers.

There will be an enjoyable concert by local artists and will suit most tastes. You are invited to come and enjoy the evening. Proceeds will be shared between the local Hospitals League of Friends and the Church Funds.

#### THE CHURCH YARD

George Hodgkins has been cutting the Church Yard grass for the past 15 years. Keeping so large an area of grass well trimmed is no small achievement and we all thank him very much for those many hours well spent and giving such a great deal of pleasure to so many people, some of whom have expressed their appreciation on a number of occasions. But regretfully he feels that the time has come when he must pass that work on to others. He quite rightly wants to give more time to looking after Phyllis who is not well at the time of writing. We shall continue to pray for them that they may both know the Lord's renewing grace.

Can you join others in lending a hand to keep the Church Yard presentable? David Cove is very kindly co-ordinating the job of splitting the area into six parts and asking volunteers to be responsible for a small section. Ideally two people working together, cutting and raking will make the effort reasonably pleasant. Many thanks in advance.

#### ANSLEY ST. LAURENCE & ST. JOHN'S MOTHERS' UNION

The meeting in the Church Hall on July 5th was very well attended during which the following officers and committee were elected:

Enrolling Member .....	W. M. Ponder
Deputy Enrolling Member .....	Ivy Love
Treasurer .....	M. Salisbury
Secretaries .....	D. Hurst and P. Cromar
Committee .....	A. Moore and S. Lee

Our next meeting will be in the Church Hall at 3.00 p.m., on Tuesday, September 6th. The speaker will be Miss Thelma Burns. New members welcomed,  
Winnie Ponder

#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Dedication and Thanksgiving for the birth of a child.  
"They brought children for Jesus to bless."

June 26—Donna Miller of Ansley Common.

**Holy Matrimony** — "Till death do us part"

July 2—Andrew Paul Turner of Bedworth to Tracey Jane Tipple of Nuneaton.

July 16—Richard Adrian Toon to Alison Clare Perkins both of Ansley Village.

**Funeral** — "The Just shall live by Faith."

June 23—Bertha Bradley of Attleborough.

July 11—Arnold Anthony Bettam of Nuneaton.

July 21—Lilian Blanche Goodyear of Ansley Common.

## CHURCHWARDENS APPEAL

Total to date — £750.00, Many thanks, Full report next month.

### PLEASE CUT OUT AND USE THIS DAILY PRAYER DIARY

#### August

- 1—Monday. All families on holiday that they will be refreshed.
- 2—Tuesday. Mother's Union—the new leader Winnie Ponder.
- 3—Wednesday. Children's Open Air Meetings, Ansley Common.
- 4—Thursday. Team of men who care for Church grounds.
- 5—Friday. Bellringers Leader—Anthony Truelove.
- 6—Saturday. Church Wardens—Edith Truelove, Frank Arnold and Deputy David Cove.
- 7—Sunday. That we all shall be eager to join in worship today.
- 8—Monday. Tearfund. Pray for Beverly Nolan recently arrived to work in North Africa.
- 9—Tuesday. All our elderly sick and infirm members.
- 10—Wednesday. The Deanery visit of Rosabella Namchoy, Arthur Howells and Andreas Husar, our overseas visitors.
- 11—Thursday. Team of women who keep the Church clean.
- 12—Friday. Bible Society—work in South Korea that people and nation may be guided by God's word.
- 13—Saturday. Praise God for the Bible and the help of Scripture Union and "our daily bread" notes.
- 14—Sunday. Pray for James, Catherine, Mark and Rebakah and their ministry in Ansley.
- 15—Monday. Pathfinders Leader—Catherine Jasper.
- 16—Tuesday. Home Meetings and Wednesday Fellowship Members.
- 17—Wednesday. Our organists Sid Moore and Margaret Kimberly and Choir.
- 18—Thursday. The Parochial Church Council.
- 19—Friday. Our Bishops Simon and Keith and Call to Mission in Partnership.
- 20—Saturday. Church of England Children's Society.
- 21—Sunday. Pathfinders Step I — Leaders Margaret Oliver and Diana Kealy.
- 22—Monday. Explorers—Leaders Marie Cove, Jean Martin.
- 23—Tuesday. Climbers—Leaders Lynn Palmer, Rebekah Jasper.
- 24—Wednesday. Tearfund — Pray for teams of Young People working in urban parishes in their summer holidays.
- 25—Thursday. Ministry of Christian Books—our Library looked after by Joyce Alton.
- 26—Friday. Edith Truelove and all flower arrangers.
- 27—Saturday. Pray that the Flower Festival theme "Hands" will challenge us all.
- 28—Sunday. Flower Festival—Bishop Keith Arnold, Preacher at Evening Service.
- 29—Monday. Chris Hanson, theological student helping in our parish this week.
- 30—Tuesday. All the plans for joint events with the ley group.
- 31—Wednesday. All our children preparing to go to school.