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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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Ansley Vicarage
August 1st, 1989

Our dear friends,

Several readers have remarked about the meaningless sentence in July's letter; the printing of one word spelt "Choir" instead of "Christ." It should have read, "We need to live out an attractive New Testament Christianity in order to help others to find the **CHRIST** we know." That is to say; There is no point in claiming to have a belief in God unless we have allowed God to begin to change our lives. That typing error reminds me of the important truth expressed in this poem:

We are the only Bible this careless world will read,
We are the sinner's gospel,
We are the scoffer's creed,
We are the Lord's last message written in deed and word,
What if the type is crooked?
What if the print is blurred?

Inevitably a Christian's life is read, and two people come to my mind, The first was born in the village of Aslacton, Nottinghamshire in July 1489. His name was Thomas Cranmer. He became the Archbishop of Canterbury during the very turbulent years of the reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI and Queen Mary. He became the leading figure in the English Reformation encouraging a Bible based form of worship. Under his inspired leadership every parish church had a Bible written in English chained to the lectern. Also the first book of Common Prayer introduced in 1549 and replaced in 1552. The 1552 prayer book is essentially that of 1662 which has been used in the Church of England since that time. Thomas Cranmer called people to recognise the supreme authority of scripture, making that the test of all teaching in the Church. The effect of this was revolutionary because it meant rejecting the traditions, customs and beliefs that had no foundation in Scripture. When Queen Mary came to the throne Thomas Cranmer, together with a number of other Bishops, paid very dearly for their faith. He was burnt to death publicly in Oxford in 1554. His death however, did not mark the end but the beginning of Bible based worship in our Church.

The second person was at the Mission '89 meeting at Crystal Palace. When Doctor Graham asked people to come to the front at the conclusion of the service this person, whose name I don't know, pulled a three-foot-long bull whip (a piece of steel wrapped in leather) out of his clothing and presented it to an alarmed steward, saying, "I don't think I'll be needing this anymore—I'm going to the front."

God bless you,

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

DIARY FOR AUGUST 1989

Thursday, August 3rd

6.15 p.m. Open Air Service at St. John's, Ansley Common.

Friday, August 4th

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Sunday, August 6th — Trinity 11

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer,
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer — Incidents from Acts.

Thursday, August 10th

- 6.15 p.m. Open Air Service at St. John's, Ansley Common.

Friday, August 11th

- 6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church,

Sunday, August 13th — Trinity 12

- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer — Incidents from Acts.

Thursday, August 17th

- 6.15 p.m. Open Air Service at St. John's, Ansley Common,

Friday, August 18th

- 6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Sunday, August 20th — Trinity 13

- 11.00 a.m. Family Service,
- 3.00 p.m. Family Service at St. John's,
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion — Incidents from Acts.

Thursday, August 24th

- 6.15 p.m. Open Air Service at St. John's, Ansley Common.
- 7.30 p.m. Erecting Marquee at Parish Church,

Friday, August 25th

FLOWER FESTIVAL — CHILDREN OF THE BIBLE

- 6.00 p.m. Festival commences.
- 6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in the Porta Cabin.
- 8.00 p.m. Short Service followed by refreshments in the marquee.

Saturday, August 26th

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

Sunday, August 27th — Trinity 14

- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 6.30 p.m. Special Festival Evening Service,
Preacher: Canon Peter Tong, Rector of Bedworth.

Monday, August 28th

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

Tuesday, August 29th

- 9.30 a.m. Marquee taken down.

The Flower Festival this year is based upon the theme "Children of the Bible" the arrangements and displays will illustrate this.

There will be a concert on the evening of the close of the festival. You are invited to come and bring a friend.

Please will you help erect the marquee on the Thursday evening and to take it down on the Tuesday morning. Gifts of garden produce to sell will be appreciated. The proceeds of the festival will, as usual,

be shared between the local Hospitals League of Friends and the Church Funds.

We thank Mrs. Edith Truelove most warmly for once again organising the festival; which involves an enormous amount of work behind the scenes; also time and planning well in advance of the event. Fresh ideas do not so easily come to mind when arranging an annual show but Edith seems to take it in her stride as she enthuses her many helpers (to whom we are also very grateful) to express in vivid colour and style "Children of the Bible."

**BILLY GRAHAM'S LAST MEETING FOR MISSION '89
WEMBLEY STADIUM — JULY 8th, 1989**

Successful though Mission '89 was, in every "Livelink" venue, the attendance at Wembley surpassed all expectation, about 80,000 people crowded in and 4,000 people went forward to commit their lives to Jesus.

Although torrential rain flooded the pitch the Holy Spirit flooded our hearts. We even felt that God himself spoke to us, as a mighty clap of thunder and a powerful flash of lightning descended into the centre of the pitch, and noisily clattered all around the oval stadium.

Even as Billy Graham was inviting people to come forward for commitment, people were running down onto the sudden pitch to offer their lives to Jesus, until soon the whole grass area was filled with people.

So many were waiting for counselling that every counsellor there was called down to counsel.

Billy Graham said to us "Tonight we are part of a holy holy night that is just the beginning of God's work in us for revival." Let us all pray for this. Amen.

Joyce Allton

DAILY PRAYER DIARY FOR AUGUST

Sunday

Pray for our Church family as we worship God together each week.

Monday

Pray for the sick and elderly of our Parish. Spare a moment to visit someone who is shut in.

Tuesday

Theme of the Flower Festival "Children of the Bible." Pray that the Lord will speak to people as they view the arrangements.

Wednesday

Pray for the children's and young people's groups and their leaders. Climbers, Explorers, Pathfinders.

Thursday

Pray for our summer outreach work the "open air" meetings on Thursdays at St. John's.

Friday

Looking at the Lord's work worldwide—Bible Society and TEAR fund.

Saturday

Home Missions, Children's Society and Church Army.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Marriage — "To love and to cherish"

July 29—Bryan Malcolm Frazer to Gillian Karen Bradley, both of the Village.

Funerals — "When the great call comes"

June 21—Fanny Eliza Jayes, 89 years of Ansley Village.

July 5—Violet Mary Mantle Lovegrove, 81 years of Ansley Common.

July 26—Evelyn Smith, 95 years of Exhall, formerly Ansley Village.

July 26—Margaret Ella Shore, 59 years of Nuneaton.

Have you a spare hour ? Please come to the Churchyard and help the faithful few make it presentable for the judging that will take place on an unknown day this month to decide who has the best kept Churchyard in the Diocese.

Have you a spare blanket ? or rug ? These are needed for the Church Creche which is being planned to take place in the Vestry during morning worship.

As I stand at the judgment seat of Christ
And He shows me His plan for me,
The plan of my life as it might have been
Had He had His way, and I see.

How I've blocked Him here and I've checked Him there
And would not yield my will,
Will there be grief in the Saviour's eyes ?
Grief—though He loves me still.

I stand there poor and He would have me rich,
Stripped of all but His grace;
My memory runs like a haunted thing
Down the paths I cannot retrace,

My desolate heart will well nigh break
With tears I cannot shed,
I'll cover my face with my empty hands
And bow my uncrowned head.

Lord—of the years that are left to me,
I yield them to Thy will,
Break me, and melt me, and mould me,
To the pattern of Thy will.