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Dear Friends,

August is here again, a month of colours, tastes and mellowness. A month which conjures up memories of those long Summer school holidays, when the sun always shone.

Towards the end of August it was blackberrying time, when long hours were spent just picking and picking, while with legs and arms covered with scratches and stained fingers and lips, we could have been mistaken for ragamuffins, but oh how we enjoyed it!

There were no plastic Tupperware bowls or margarine cartons, but instead we took jam jars, or perhaps even a basin. We never broke the jar as we found a safe place to nestle it while we picked. The only accidents were when our younger brother tripped over and tipped the precious fruit into the undergrowth.

This reminds me of how different life is today, where just like the plastic containers, we all, and especially children and young people, live in a "throw-away" age. Everything seems to be transient, nothing is meant to last. Even our electrical appliances we are told are cheaper to replace than to repair.

This is not so for us as Christians, as we know that life is to be treasured and every single one of us is precious and special. Our lives are examples of Christ's teaching when He told us He is the Good Shepherd and if one of us is lost He will look for us and guide us back to Him. We are not "throw-away" but are permanent, we are wanted, we are loved and above all we are irreplaceable. When we are broken we can be repaired by God's loving hands and made perfect to Him.

"Aren't five sparrows sold for two pennies, Yet not one sparrow is forgotten by God. Even the hairs of your head have all been counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth much more than many sparrows." Luke 12 v 6 & 7.

God Bless,
Marie.

DIARY OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Sunday, August 3rd

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. Rev. G. Kimber.
10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer. Rev. John Law — Christening.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. Rev. G. Kimber.

Thursday, August 7th

8.00 p.m. P.C.C. Meeting, Ansley Church Hall.

Sunday, August 10th

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. Rev. Canon P. Buckler.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. Mr. S. Storrie.

Wednesday, August 13th

8.00 p.m. Fellowship Meeting.

Sunday, August 17th

10.30 a.m. Family Service. Miss T. Burns.
6.30 p.m. Holy Communion. Rev. Canon P. Buckler.

Friday, August 22nd

7.00 p.m. Flower Festival Evening Prayer. Mrs. F. Tyler.

Sunday, August 24th

10.00 a.m. Flower Festival.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. Rev. Canon P. Buckler.
6.30 p.m. Festival Evensong.
Rev. Derek Carrivick, Rector of Baxterley Group.

Wednesday, August 27th

8.00 p.m. Fellowship Meeting.

Sunday, August 31st

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. Rev. Canon P. Buckler.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. Miss T. Burns.

Sunday Bus Timetable for 6.30 p.m. Evening Service

Ansley Village turn 6.00 p.m.
Ansley Common St. John's 6.20 p.m.
Return Journey from Parish Church 7.45 p.m.

Fellowship Meetings. These meetings will be continuing on alternative Wednesdays in various people's homes. These times and places will be announced in Church and entered in the Church Diary of Events.

Faith comes by hearing. Our Church library now has the complete set of these cassette tapes, which are available to anyone who is perhaps unable to read the bible through eyesight problems or just lack of time. The tapes are free of charge to borrow but each one should be signed for in the library borrowers book by the person borrowing or someone on their behalf. The tapes cover the whole of the New Testament in 12 parts and read by a professional reader—please take advantage of this opportunity!

Joyce Allton, Church Librarian.

Flower Festival. Once again this year, over the August Bank holiday, we shall be holding our Annual Flower Festival as we have every year since 1965. As in other years many hands make light work and any help, in any way, would be much appreciated.

If anyone has any time in the week commencing, during the event, or on the Wednesday after, your assistance would be very acceptable. Also putting up the Marquee at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday evening.

A team of cleaners is required on Friday, 22nd from 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m., for which any one can volunteer, to ensure that the Church is ready for our visitors.

To ensure someone is in Church all the time it is open, additional new stewards are needed this year, as due to changes in some of our previous helpers circumstances there will be some slots not covered. If you could spare an hour during the festival it would be most helpful. Please contact Diana Keeley on 395089.

There are also jobs in the church yard that need attention, i.e. sweeping the paths and weeding the gardens, etc. Please just come and do any job you see that needs to be done at any time. Please bring tools and turn up.

Additional help is also needed with the refreshments, any gifts of cakes would be greatly received by Mrs. Sutton. Also help serving refreshments would be appreciated. Please contact Mrs. Sutton on 392488.

Any gifts for the produce stall will be welcomed by Mr. Cove, contact him on 394114.

If any one has flowers, or wishes to contribute to the cost of bought flowers, please contact me on 01827 874520 (or 01676 541105 during the week of the festival).

The theme for this year's Festival is "Messages." During the weekend please come and bring your friends to see our lovely Church and help make it the success it always has been over the past 31 years. I hope that they, and you, will enjoy the festival and share in team work, camaraderie and friendship as so many people have over the years. The Church will be open from 6.00 p.m. on Friday evening and from 9.30 a.m. till dusk Saturday to Monday. The festival finishes with our usual finale at 8.00 p.m. to which all are invited. All proceeds will be divided between Church funds, the Nuneaton Hospitals League of Friends and The Acorn Children's Hospice at Selly Oak, Birmingham.

The PCC wish to apologise for being remiss in not acknowledging through the magazine the generous gift to the Church from the Will of Mrs. Annie Hall of £2000, to be divided between the Fabric and Churchyard Funds.

Mrs. Hall was born in Ansley, and so from childhood was involved with the Church, Sunday School, Choir, Mothers' Union, and later

years Evening Service. Mrs. Hall was a faithful servant to God and the Church giving of her talents at whatever function took place.

To Mrs. Hall's relatives and friends we express that we accepted her generous gift with gratitude, and thank God for her life amongst us.
Marcia Sutton (Treasurer).

From James & Catherine Jasper. You have been **very** kind to us. We shall long remember the farewell party. The cards with the personal comments we shall treasure. The many gifts we greatly value and will constantly remind us of your love and prayers as we see them about our home.

We are beginning to settle into our new home and will always be pleased to see you here. Do give us a ring before you come to ensure we will be at home.

In the meantime, God bless and keep you.

James, Catherine, Mark & Rebekah.

We reported the death of Eva Annie Worrall in last month's issue who passed away at Merevale Grange Nursing Home, Hartshill. She and her husband Fred lived for many years at 26 Pipers Lane. She was a gentle lady and well respected in the area, as indicated by the large congregation at the church funeral. We offer our condolences to the family, especially her sons Raymond and Michael.

Congratulations and Well Done! We would like to acknowledge the academic successes of the following 4 local young people:

Duncan Watts—After a 5 year course has now obtained a Veterinary Degree, Bachelor of Veterinary Science.

Daniel Oliver—After a 4 year degree course at Greenwich University received a BA Honours Degree in Landscape Architecture.

Christopher Stain—Who has received a Joint Honours 2 : 1 Degree in Botany & Zoology.

Kerry McDonald—Who has received an Honours Degree in Sports Science/Science.

To each one we express our congratulations at their achievements after a lot of hard work.

We would also like to congratulate Herbert Fowler School of Old Arley who have received a glowing report from Government Inspectors. Their findings were indeed a tribute to teachers, governors, pupils parents and Headmaster Mr. King.

Quiz — Danger in the Garden

- 1—Very small, industrious but what a pest.
- 2—Beware of this vision of yellow blossoms.
- 3—This Monastic bloom can be deadly.
- 4—Make a tasty pie but discard the leaves.
- 5—Relieves heart disease but poison.

Answers in next month's magazine.