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Our Dear Friends,

A father and his small son were out walking one day when the lad asked how electricity could go through the wires stretched between the poles. "I don't know," said his father. "I never knew much about electricity." A few yards farther on, the boy asked what caused lightning and thunder. "That too has puzzled me," came the reply. The youngster continued to inquire about many things, none of which the father could explain. Finally, as they were nearing home, the boy said, "Pop, I hope you didn't mind all those questions." "Not at all," replied his father. "How else are you going to learn!"

We too are full of questions. Life itself presents many problems which calls for some explanation. We have one distinct advantage over that little boy, however. Our heavenly Father has all the answers. He is the source of all wisdom. But we must keep this in mind: Though God encourages our inquiry, He does not fully explain everything. Such mysteries as suffering, bereavement, famine, earthquakes, pain, man's inhumanity to man, and the origin of evil together with many other personal questions; we may feel are not always answered to our own satisfaction. But to these questions: Where did I come from? Where am I going? Why am I here? How can I know happiness? the Bible always gives a clear and satisfying explanation. God doesn't intend to put to rest all our intellectual curiosity. A Divine answer to a human question is really a call to faith and obedience. While God keeps some things secret, He has told us all we need, to be wise to salvation and to find joy and purpose in life.

This month of September commences the autumn programme of events such as Confirmation classes. A programme of meetings for Children, The Wednesday Fellowship, to mention just a few. All of which presents us with the opportunity to discover our unique place in the plan of our heavenly Father and at least some illumination on the questions we all often ask. It is time to say that he who has God for a teacher will not remain ignorant.

God bless you,

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

SERVICES IN ANSLEY PARISH CHURCH — SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 7th — Sixteenth after Pentecost

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer — Joseph, his unhappy childhood.

Sunday, September 14th — Seventeenth after Pentecost

- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

Sunday, September 21st — Eighteenth after Pentecost

- 11.00 a.m. The Family Service.
- 6.30 p.m. The Parish Communion — Joseph, his suffering.

Sunday, September 28th — Nineteenth after Pentecost

- 10.00 a.m. The Family Service in St. John's Hall.
- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer — Joseph, his courage.

Congratulations to our Sunday School in coming second place at Arley Carnival. The float, kindly provided by Malcolm Sutton, was suitably decked; and each child (and some of their mums too I suspect) depicted a Biblical Character. The Sunday School recommences on Sunday, September 7th at 11.00 a.m., in the Church Hall. All children are welcome.

Confirmation Classes for young people commence at the Vicarage on Monday, September 1st at 6.45 p.m., and will last for one hour. Classes for adults will be by special arrangement with those concerned.

Six O'clock Club at St. John's Hall, Ansley Common every night for boys and girls lasting for one week, Monday, October 6th to Friday, October 10th.

Wednesday, Fellowship meets at the Vicarage at 8.00 p.m., every fortnight commencing on Wednesday, September 10th, all are welcome.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

As the magazine goes to press we are looking forward very much to next weekend for our Annual Flower Festival, which has been organised once again by Mrs. Edith Truelove. The theme this year is the "Word of God" and our prayer is that many people will be truly blessed by the Lord as they are reminded of His love and goodness, His truth and His guidance.

St. John's Mothers' Union—September 17th at 7.00 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Catherine Jasper.

Coffee Evening to be held in St. John's Hall on October 2nd (Thursday) at 7.30 p.m., onwards. Admission 30p including refreshments. There will also be a Bring and Buy stall. Proceeds in aid of St. John's Hall Fund.

RAIN OR SHINE !

Summer camps, seaside missions, sailing holidays, house parties are just a few of the many ways through which young people come to know and love Jesus. Church of England and inter-denominational organisations with many voluntary helpers run these events each year. Douglas Feather, one of our own young people, is helping to lead one of these camps this summer on the Isle of Wight. We look forward to hearing about his experiences when he returns.

THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES

It is encouraging to read in the Church press that Christian witness and outreach was foremost in Edinburgh in July.

The official service of worship for the opening of the games was held in St. Giles Cathedral on the Sunday morning at 11.30 a.m. Many events were arranged by the Churches and Christian groups such as YOUTH WITH A MISSION (YWAM). There was a 'SPORT PRAISE' rally in Princes Street Gardens. Prom Praise, the Church Orchestra from All Souls London, played for the singing, and a choir from Malawi led the choruses. The money that was collected was given for famine relief in Ethiopia via Sport Aid.

Every competitor in the games received a specially produced "Good News" New Testament in their welcome pack. Praise God that every opportunity was made to make Christ known in Edinburgh.

WHAT IS THE CHURCH ARMY ?

Founded in 1882, Church Army is a body of trained evangelists who have dedicated their lives to helping people to discover for themselves the reality of God's love in Christ. They work in the dioceses and parishes of the Anglican Church and in many ecumenical settings.

The social work of the Church Army is co-ordinated with local authorities and other voluntary organisations providing residential establishments for unemployed young people, the

single homeless and the elderly. The Society is concerned with the rehabilitation of those afflicted with addiction.

Church Army runs youth and forces centres and works closely with the Chaplains' Department in Her Majesty's Forces and in prisons.

Overseas daughter societies have been set up in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, USA, the Caribbean and East Africa.

Patrons of Church Army are HM The Queen and HM Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and the President is His Grace, The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Service of Thanksgiving, Naming and Blessing

"They brought Children to Jesus"

August 24—Elizabeth Anne Smedley.

Marriage — "The two shall be one"

August 2—Paul Quigley and Julie Ann Meehan.

August 9—Andrew Mark Wilson and Maria Antonietta Tirabasso.

August 16—Ian Andrew Pryke and Julie Helen Hall.

Laid to Rest

August 6—Arthur Cooper of Ansley Common.