

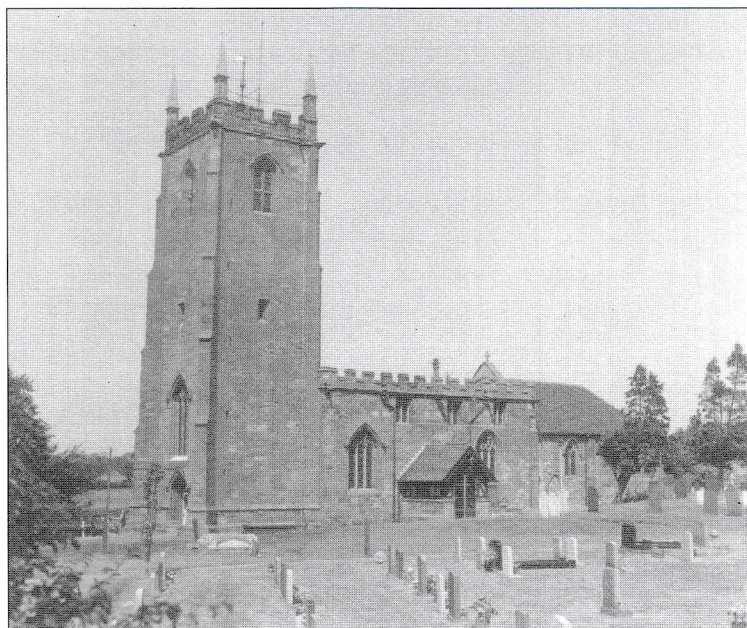
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We're here to help

Over the past two years I have written frequently about the church's commitment to help our community e.g. supporting new activities for all ages, improving the two halls and seeking to appoint a youth worker to assist the existing clubs and 'fill in the gaps'.

Many of our needs and hopes we share in common - the revival of the community spirit and the creation of a happy secure area in which people of all ages can find time and space to enjoy themselves and help one another. But we all have our own very personal hopes, fears and needs. That is why as a church we are thinking of developing a ministry of healing within our services. The ministry of healing is about physical healing, but it is also about the healing of our emotional hurts and the restoration of broken relationships. There are more people with broken hearts than broken legs. The Christian ministry of healing is Jesus meeting us at our point of need. It is God shining His love upon us to bring restoration, life and hope, wholeness and healing.

In practical terms the ministry of healing can be done in a wide variety of ways. When it happens in church services, people are normally invited to come forward, perhaps to the altar rail. Here two people will lay hands on their head and pray for them. The person seeking help may, if they so wish, speak briefly about their need. Should more time be required they can ask for help after the service or arrange to meet again on a separate occasion. I have found great blessing both in providing and receiving such healing and I hope it will benefit you also. Your P.C.C. will be thinking about this at their next meeting. Your thoughts and prayers about how we might best help you, will be most appreciated.

In the meantime may you know God's blessing and His healing love,

Your friend and vicar,

Peter

September What's On

St. Laurence's Church

Sunday 4 th	Trinity 15	10.30 a.m.	All Age Worship
		6.30 p.m.	B.C.P. Holy Communion
Sunday 11 th	Trinity 16	10.30 a.m.	Baptism & Holy Communion
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong
Sunday 18 th	Trinity 17	10.30 a.m.	All Age Worship
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 25 th	Trinity 18	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong

St John's Hall Ansley Common Services

Sunday 4 th	Trinity 15	10.30 a.m.	Family Worship & Sunday School
Wednesday 7 th		9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 11 th	Trinity 16	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion & Sunday School
Sunday 18 th	Trinity 17	10.30 a.m.	Family Worship
Wednesday 21 st		9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Sunday 25 th	Trinity 18	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion & Sunday School

Other Activities at St. John's Church Hall

Monday 5 th	2.00 p.m.	Hall Committee Meeting
Monday 5 th	7.00 p.m.	Indoor Bowls.
Tuesdays	9.00 – 12.00 a.m.	Krazy Kettle Kafé
Tuesdays	7.30 p.m.	Line Dancing
Wednesdays	6.00 p.m.	A.C.Y.C.
Thursdays	7.00 p.m.	Youth Club
Friday 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd & 30 th	7.30 p.m.	Ballroom Dancing

Activities at Village Church Hall

Monday 12 th 19 th & 26 th	7.00 p.m.	Links - Youth Club
Tuesdays	10.00 a.m.	Senior Citizens
Wednesdays	10.00 – 11.30 a.m.	Ansley's Little Angels
Wednesdays	2.00 – 4.00 p.m.	Community Café
Wednesday 17 th & 21 st	7.30 p.m.	Bingo
Thursday 8 th	7.30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 15 th	7.30 p.m.	P.C.C. Meeting

Other Parish activities

Tuesday 20 th & 27 th	7.00 p.m.	Family History Class (Annexe)
Thursday 1 st , 15 th & 29 th	7.30 p.m.	Ansley Common Fellowship
Thursday 8 th	7.30 p.m.	Planning meeting - Christmas Fayre (Annexe)
Fridays	1.00 p.m.	Art Classes at the Club

From the Registers

Baptisms.

At the evening service on 31st July James George and Lilly-Mai Fellows were very good when they were baptised with all their friends and family present.

On 14th August Sam Thatcher was baptised he was so very good and the Vicar would have been happy to keep him after showing him to the congregation.

Wedding

On 23rd July Jon Haywood & Sharon Brown were married in a beautifully decorated Church, we wish them every happiness in their new life together.

Funeral

The funeral took place at St. Laurence on 9th August of Keith Richard Mellor (72) followed by committal at the Heart of England Crematorium. Keith was born and grew up in Birchley Heath and worked as a builder, completing his career as construction engineer with Warwickshire County Council. Always, known for sheer hard work and for making a difficult job look simple, Keith was also known for his remarkable sense of humour (even when the joke was on him). He mourned the premature passing of his dear wife Nadine and is himself mourned by his family and friends especially his children Stephen, Jane and Clare, his grandchildren Louise, Bobby and Page, his sister Marcia and brother Geoff.

Thank you

The P.C.C. wish to say thank you for the anonymous gift of £100 towards the cost of new gates to be made to replace the ones now in a poor state between the car park and the Churchyard. The total cost for this work will be £770 which includes the purchase of the Oak, it being sawn and V.A.T. The making and the fitting will be given free.

The P.C.C. agreed unanimously for this work to be carried out and permission is now being sought. We have now been given £500 towards this work leaving a shortfall at the time of writing of £270.

We wish to thank Miss C. Lees for the generous gift to buy alter flowers in memory of her brother Mr. Percy Lees aged 91 who died in July in Newmarket.

To all who helped at the Flower Festival. There will be a full report in next months magazine.

Time Change

Please note that the times of the Ansley Little Angels and the Community Café have changed. The Little Angels now meet at 10.00 to 11.30 a.m. and the Café at 2.00p.m. both still on Wednesdays.

Food Hygiene Class

On Saturday 22nd October we will be running a Food Hygiene Class. This will cost £20 each and everyone present will receive a nationally recognised certificate upon completion. The course will take 6 hours and there is space for 20 people. If you are interested in completing this course please book your place by contacting Margaret Antill on 01827 874520

Christmas Fayre Planning Meeting

On 8th we will be holding a planning meeting in the Annexe for the Christmas Fayre. For any event to keep fresh and be a success it is necessary to plan and have new ideas. If you have attended a Fayre in the past and think an idea would work in the Village Church Hall in conjunction with the main structure we would be very pleased to hear. Any one who would like to be associated with this event (don't let it be the same old few) please come to the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Ansley Family History Group

The Ansley Family History Group began meeting in early 2005, and intend to continue to meet weekly in September, commencing Tuesday 20th in the Church Annexe at 7 p.m. The tutor is Diane Lindsay, Family Historian and columnist of Family Tree Magazine. Each session takes the form of a talk on some aspect of researching your family tree, followed by a brainstorming session in which problems are aired, successes shared and new options suggested. Handouts summarising each week's topic are provided and trips to various record offices may be organised if numbers permit.

The cost, to include all handouts and refreshments is £4.50 per week. For more information, contact Diane on 01788 832210 or email at diane.lindsay@virgin.net

Art Classes

Do you wish to wield a paintbrush and pencil?

Each Friday afternoon a group meet at the Social club in Ansley Village. Members are at various stages ranging from complete beginners upwards. There is a very relaxed atmosphere with plenty of time for good fun and a chat. Small groups make visits to different places to work on landscapes etc. There is no rush, work can be continued at your own time or in class.

There is a small fee to pay for the hire of the hall and the teacher.

If you would like more details please contact Anne on 024 7639 4943.

Both the Art and Family History groups formed after the questionnaires carried out in 2004. although not directly associated with the responses.

Ansley News

The next issue of Ansley News will be issued at the end of September, and then again in December. If you have any item that you think may be of interest to the residents of Ansley please contact Dave Lloyd 024 7634 6757. The news letter is issued free to every home in the parish.

Church Property

Over the past months there have been details published in the magazine about the different Church properties and the work that is required on each. Fund raising continues for the three projects and the plans and permissions etc. are being sought but unfortunately all this seems to take ages. However just before going to press we heard that we have been awarded £1500 towards costs at St. Johns.

Ansley Village Allotment Association

The Allotment Association wish to thank all those who supported their sale on 17th July which made £198 for their funds.

Air Ambulance

There will be a Quiz for this charity held at the boot on Sunday 4th September at 8 p.m. On Saturday 10th there will be a Bric á brac sale from 12 noon to 3 p.m. also at the Boot.

September, 2005.

It is amazing how noisy this world is. We were in Somerset a few weeks ago and the traffic, even on single lane country roads, was awful. Then at night on the caravan park there was a dog howling every night, when it's owner went out. You could understand God wanting a day of rest after he created the world and wanting us to keep the Sabbath holy, because sometimes you feel 'Wouldn't it be nice if everywhere was quiet?'. It's no wonder people before cars, loud music and computers didn't need therapy for stress. Perhaps we should have one day a year when everything stops and it is a day of rest, but of course it isn't possible as everything to do with the latest technology is non-stop and very loud.

The electrical outlets of Dixons are no longer going to sell ordinary cameras - only digital ones. They also recently stopped selling video records as D.V.D. players were more popular. We are very fond of our video recorder and enjoy playing old and occasionally new films. We have a good collection of classic films and would hate not to be able to play them. It has also taken us years to find an easy to use camera and now they want us to go digital. I do hope that other Electrical Suppliers continue to supply ordinary cameras and video recorders.

I used to wonder where my parents found some of their sayings, because they had so many for almost every occasion. My Dad insisted if we were in the house, except Sunday when we were only allowed to read, we should always be busy. We had to knit, crochet or sew or sometimes we did jigsaw puzzles but never sit 'twiddling our thumbs' as he called it. He used to say 'The Devil finds work for idle hands'. Then I found a poem about The Bee by Isaac Watts (1675-1748) and one verse is: "In works of labour or of skill I would be busy too. For Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do". It is very comforting to know that many, many generations before us have heard the same words from their parents, and I would like to investigate the source of some more of their sayings.

If anyone has any shoe boxes, perhaps they could give them to the St. John's people, as we are making up these for the Christmas Child appeal. Thank you.

Marie Cove.