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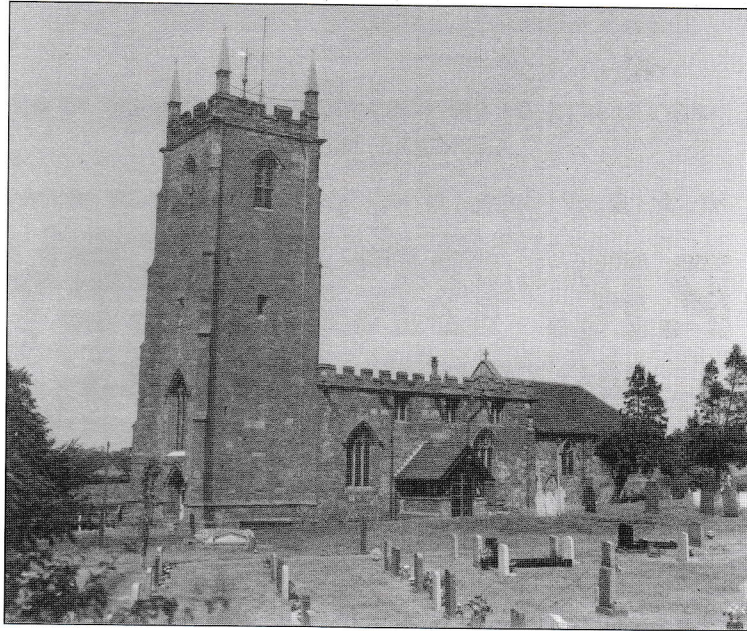
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We welcome you....

I really hope that you were able to come to the Flower Festival and have enjoyed thinking about questions. There are many questions in life. We certainly don't know all the answers but as Christians there are certain beliefs that shape the way we live. In particular we believe that Jesus came to this earth, lived, died and rose again not just for the benefit of a selected few, but for all.

Therefore as a Church we are here for everyone of every age and welcome you to worship with us:

We meet every Sunday at 10.30 a.m. at St. Laurence's and St. John's and at 6.30 pm at St Laurence's.

If you would appreciate prayer and the laying on of hands for healing, guidance or any special need, this is available at 6.30 pm at St. Laurence's on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and at 10.30am at St Laurence's on the 2nd Sunday and St. John's on the 4th Sunday.

Or for something more informal, you can enjoy our 4pm service on the first Sunday of each month at St. Laurence's (held in the annexe). Especially for younger children and their families this lasts 30 minutes and is followed by refreshments. It is an excellent informal introduction to worship and an opportunity to meet other mums and dads. Why not come to this service to book your child's baptism and to give thanks to God for his/her birth? Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of every month at 4pm and on the fifth Sunday of every month at 10.30am.

You'll find more details of our services and all our activities on our website [www.ansleychurch.org](http://www.ansleychurch.org) If you would like us to offer something that is not currently available or are interested in finding out more about the Christian faith and would like to chat things through, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your friend and vicar,

Peter

## September What's On

### St. Laurence's Church

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Trinity 12	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship
□		4.00 p.m.	Family Service
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 13	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 14	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship
		4.00 p.m.	Baptism
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion & Ministry of Healing
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 15	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong

### St John's Hall Ansley Common Services

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Trinity 12	10.30 a.m.	Family Service & Sunday School
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 13	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion & Sunday School
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 14	10.30 a.m.	Family Service
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 15	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion & Sunday School

### Other Activities at St. John's Church Hall

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 p.m.	Hall Committee Meeting
Mondays 4 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 p.m.	Indoor Bowls
Tuesdays	9.00 – 12.00 a.m.	Krazy Kettle Kafé
Tuesdays	1.00 p.m.	Sure Start
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 – 5.00 p.m.	Afternoon Tea
Wednesdays	6.30 p.m.	A.C.Y.C.
Thursdays	9.00 – 12.00 a.m.	Krazy Kettle Kafé

### Activities at Village Church Hall

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 Caf�
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m.	Bingo
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Morning Worship before Senior Citizens
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m.	P.C.C. Meeting

### Other Parish activities

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 & 7.00 p.m.	Sports activities on the recreation grounds
Tuesdays alternate	7.00 p.m.	Ringin� practice in Church
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m.	M.L.T. Meeting in Annexe
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m.	P.C.C. Meeting in Annexe
Fridays	1.00 p.m.	Art Classes at the Club
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 – 6.00 p.m.	Sponsored Bike Ride
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>		Alpha Course Away Day



## From the Registers

### Wedding

The wedding of Christopher Jones and Zoë Hood took place in Church on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June. The Church was full of family and friends for this lovely occasion.

### Funeral

The funeral of Joanna Morley who died aged 43 took place at St. Laurence's on 31<sup>st</sup> July. The service was conducted by Rev. James and Catherine Jasper they knew Joanna and had ministered to her when they were at Ansley. Joanna endured many great handicaps in her life on earth, but we know that in heaven she will be free from all her pain and sufferings. We remember especially her parents Gill and David, her sister Sarah and brother James who will miss her greatly.

### The Church Tower

We are very pleased to say that the scaffolding has all been cleared away from the tower. The rebuilt weathervane is now in place and gleaming in the sunshine. We are very pleased with the workmanship of the many craftsmen that have worked on the tower over the past months.

However as can be expected in any such project especially on old buildings unexpected things occur. It was discovered that the lighting conductor did not meet requirements and therefore additional work has had to be carried out to correct this failure. We have also had to replace more of the louvres than had initially been expected.

This work has been carried out just in time, for several reasons, and especially because the central boss at the top of the tower roof, that held the weathervane and the main roof timbers completely disintegrated when it was removed.

While the lead experts were on site they were asked to look at the nave roof lead because of the marks that are on the ceiling, the news was not good. Some of you will remember in the 1960s some of the lead was stolen and at the time it was decided to paint bitumen on the new and remaining lead to prevent further theft. However this prevented the lead breathing and flexing, this has caused the joints to start to crack on the apex of the roof and condensation marks to appear on the nave ceiling. The P.C.C. have decided that repairs to the nave roof should be put in hand by the contractors before any damage is caused by water getting in the cracks. The repair will be along the apex of the roof. The lead will be folded back and additional insulation put in for the top foot. The existing lead will then be replaced with a new length of lead along the apex.

This further work will cost in the order of £5,000. If we were to delay this work and water seepage occurred, a new roof needed at a cost in the region of £50,000.

### St. John's Church Hall

Marie has compiled a quiz in aid of the hall. There are 70 questions and the answers are all parts of the body. Copies are 50p per entry, they are available in Church, at St. John's and from Marie. Entries should be returned to Marie at 28 Nuthurst Crescent or to Church by the end of September.

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September the ladies of Ansley Common are inviting everyone to afternoon tea from 2 – 5 p.m. at the Hall. There will be a bring and buy and a raffle There will also be plenty of time for a chat. Proceeds will be in aid of hall improvement fund.

### Shoe Box

This year Marie will again be forwarding shoeboxes Samaritan's Purse who send them to needy children overseas, usually in Eastern Europe. If any one would like to make us a box please contact Marie on 024 7639 4114 and you will be given the different instructions necessary for the different ages etc.

### Village Church Hall

Work on the hall improvements are continuing the next part of the project will be the toilets and items for this work are already being purchased. To date we are very pleased with the improvements so far however it is with regret that yet again we have to tell you that another window had been broken, this makes five since the new windows were fitted in February. It would seem that all the efforts made by the P.C.C. are not being appreciated. If anybody has information regarding these acts of vandalism, please do contact one of the wardens as we will not hesitate to seek recompense from those responsible.

The hall improvements will however continue and to this end some of the hall users are planning a sponsorship time in September. The Senior Citizens will be holding a sponsored hymn sing on 19<sup>th</sup> September. Ansley Little Angels will be holding a similar session on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Any one wishing to sponsor an event please contact one of the wardens who will be happy to forward the appropriate sponsorship form etc.

### Ringling

Many of you will have heard the bells ringing at Church over the years. To learn to ring like all activities, takes practice and every Tuesday training is given. These alternate between St. Wilfrid's Arley and St. Laurence's. There will be practices at St. Laurence's on 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September from 7.00 p.m. If anyone would like to come please turn up on the evening or contact Anthony Truelove on 01676 541105.

### Escorting Patients to and from the Hospital Chapel

The Chaplaincy at the George Eliot Hospital need to strengthen the team which has responsibility for bringing patients to the Chapel for the 10.30 a.m. service on a Sunday morning.

We need people who can give part of a Sunday morning i.e. 9.30 – 11.30 a.m., once every eight weeks to this vital ministry. Training will be given. I.e. moving and handling regarding wheelchair use.

Contact any of the Chaplaincy team on 024 7686 5046 for further details or speak to Mandy.

The Chaplaincy Team.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Galley Common Brownies.

This group covers Galley Common, Ansley, Old and New Arley. We have spaces for girls aged 7-9 and will start Autumn term on the 7<sup>th</sup> September. For more information please ring Hannah Burgess (Unit Guider) on 024 7639 5533. It will be good to hear from you!

There will be a full report on the Flower Festival in the October issue.



In 1086 when the Domesday Book was compiled, it took only one year for commissioners to go all round the country and get the data together. No computers, only people travelling from village to village, town to town, manually writing down their findings. They counted all the families and their members and also slaves. With all the computers, telephone system, postal system, air travel, land travel etc., it would take longer than that today to do a complete census. Of course there weren't so many people, but also there was no transport except for horse or walking, and the communities were so scattered, it certainly was a marathon task, and is still in place for everyone to see. In fact they did a very good, thorough job.

It is 25 years since the first P.C. (personal computer), but now it is predicted that these could soon be obsolete as people don't want to sit at a desk, but want to do everything on the move. The latest mobile 'phones can do almost everything – 'surf the web', access personal banking, provide music, films, 24 hours a day. So, the computer which was supposed to make life simpler and communications easier, not to mention relieve the 9-5 routine, has given way to this generation having 24 hours a day, 7 days a week action on the mobile. When do they sleep? When do they relax? When do they spend quality time with their families? The mobile 'phone was at one time a way to keep in contact with teenagers if they needed a lift home or were in trouble, but now their numbers are constantly engaged. Give me a computer at home to sit in quiet and privacy any time.

Do you know why men's and women's clothes are fastened on different sides? This goes back to the days when high class women were dressed by their maids. Coats were designed so that maids could do up the buttons with their right hand. Men buttoned up their own coats and they were made to be buttoned up by their right hand.

When my children were small, we used to watch Johnny Morris in 'Animal Magic'. He would show animals and put voices to them. I sometimes wish we had Johnny Morris back when we watch wild life programmes. I was watching 'Big Cat Week' and the lion cubs got very near to a huge Hippo. I could just imagine them rushing back to their mother and telling her all about it. Johnny Morris would have had just the right voice for those cubs, not to mention the Hippo.

Marie Cove.