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Ansley Vicarage
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Our Dear Friends,

The Porta-Cabin is now in place in the car park and after repairs, cleaning and preparations, should be ready for use commencing this month. We plan to have a prayer of dedication following the morning service on October 4th.

There is a very real gap in the worshipping congregation in our parish created by the absence of complete families. The porta-cabin provides us with the opportunity to have that problem solved. Families with their children will be able to be together in Church for the first hymn and Bible reading, the children will then be able to go to the cabin for their Sunday School and then return to join their parents at the end of the service.

The cabin will be able to be used for other purposes also such as refreshments and fellowship together after services.

The cabin is only a temporary measure however, and it is the Parochial Church Council's vision to have a room built on to the Church building itself, thus making a major step forward for centralising all our Sunday worship. Thus providing the needed premises for our work with children and young people, provision for refreshments and other recreational events together with modern toilet facilities.

In addition to the generous gifts given in memory of Mrs. Letitia Mander, a further £4,400 has been received in thanks to God for the memory of both Ernest and Letitia Mander thus making a total of £5,000. We are indeed most grateful for this generosity. I understand that it is given in faith that this building extension will soon get underway. That of course is in the hands of the Parochial Church Council, as together with the whole worshipping community, we look to the Lord for His guidance. Psalm 127 verse 1 reminds us that unless the Lord Himself is in this project the labourers labour in vain !

At a recent meeting to talk about the future of the Sunday School we were glad to welcome four more teachers who are willing to be on the rota of helpers. This is most encouraging and will enable the work to expand.

Concern was also expressed for the need to establish a work amongst children at St. John's Hall and we hope to include this in our plans. We would be greatly encouraged if there are any adults in Ansley Common who would like to offer their time for an hour on some Sundays; two per month, for example. Such an offer would bring forward the commencement of the work to an early date.

Many adults in our land are able to look back to their childhood with very happy memories of Sunday School because they know that it was then that they made the Lord their leader, guide and saviour.

I see, therefore, our responsibility as very great.

God bless you,

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 1987

Sunday, October 4th — Trinity 16

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11.00 a.m. Family Communion. Preacher: The Rev. Glenn Martin. Mrs. Sally Martin will sing.
This service followed by dedication of the Porta-Cabin.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

Wednesday, October 7th

- 8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship at the Vicarage.

Thursday, October 8th

- 7.30 p.m. In Ansley Village Hall the Harvest weekend organising committee meets to finalise plans for visitors from Corby.

Friday, October 9th — HARVEST WEEKEND EVENT

- Corby visitors arrive and go to their Hosts and Hostesses, then attend at —
- 8.00 p.m. Home Meetings in various homes of the Parish.

Saturday, October 10th

- 10.30 a.m. Barbecue for young people, 11 years and over. 25p per ticket.
At St. John's Church Hall, Ansley Common.
- 10.30 a.m. Coffee Mornings in a number of homes around the parish.
- 7.00 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. HARVEST SUPPER.
Ansley Village Hall. Tickets £2.

Sunday, October 11th — Harvest Thanksgiving

- Parish bus will run for both 11.00 morning and 6.30 evening services today. Running $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before each service and commencing in Ansley Village at 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m., and calling at Ansley Common and Birchley Heath.
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. The Rev. Jonathan Pryke.
- 11.00 a.m. Family Service. Items by the Sunday School, gifts of fruit and vegetables welcome.
Preacher: Mr. Steve Scholes.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Praise. Preacher: The Rev. Roger Morgan.
Followed by tea and coffee, available in the porta-cabin.

Monday, October 12th

- 7.30 p.m. Ansley Village Hall. Harvest gifts sold by auction.
This event will once again be in the capable hands of Mr. Stan Forryan.

Saturday, October 17th

- 7.30 p.m. At Holy Trinity Hartshill, service of ministry in 3 parts. There will be ministry of Praise, Word and Healing. All are welcome and transport can be provided.

Sunday, October 18th — St. Luke's Day

10.00 a.m. Family Service at St. John's.

11.00 a.m. Family Service. Preacher: The Rev. Peter Phillips,
Rector of Arley.

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion. "I am the true vine"

Wednesday, October 21st

8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship at the Vicarage.

Sunday, October 25th

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

Saturday, October 31st

10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Fellowship Day at St. John's Church
Hall, Ansley Common. Theme: "Points to Ponder."
Using the Video "Jesus then and now."
Please bring your own sandwiches. Drinks and soup
provided. We shall be joined by friends from Arley,
Corley and Fillongley. £1 per person please.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Marriages

"A sight to warm the heart, a man and wife who are inseparable"

Sept. 5—Steven Bryan Callow of Nuneaton and Donna Laurie
Bramhall of Ansley Village.

Sept. 19—Gary Derek Sperring of Bulkington and Jane Helen
Cove of Ansley Village.

Sept. 19—Matthew Philip Frain of Nuneaton and Lorraine
Reynolds of Ansley Village.

About our guests who are joining us for our harvest festival
weekend. There will be 14 of them and they will be staying in
the homes of several members of the congregation. They come,
with their vicar the Rev. Roger Morgan, from the Church of St.
Columba at Corby in Northants. They came for half a day last
May, so many in our parish will already have met them. There
will be lots of opportunities for us all to meet them this time
at the many events arranged. They come not only as our friends
but also to share a very practical faith with us.

Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
At all the times you can
To all the people you can
As long as ever you can.

John Wesley

The Parochial Church Council decided to have another gift day
next year, and to have the boxes ready for the harvest thanks-
giving services on Sunday, October 11th. So these boxes will be
available on a table near the door. The target will again be
£1000 and will be a special fund which will go towards a new

heating system. The present boiler is wearing out and will very soon need to be replaced. The Gift Day is on Sunday, June 12th, 1988. This will give each of us the opportunity to make a regular extra gift in addition to our weekly contributions.

St. John's Hall is looking very smart not only on the inside but also sparkling white on the outside. We do thank Mr. and Mrs. Hurst for their very generous giving of time and effort in keeping the hall so well maintained, and giving the necessary oversight to make sure that the repair jobs have been done to a good standard. With such care the life of the hall is extended and its usefulness increased.

Many in our parish love gardening and maybe some are looking for new and fresh ideas. I have today seen advertised a book called "Planting a Bible Garden" by Nigel Hepper. It shows how to design, plant and label an unusual and attractive theme garden based on plants mentioned in the Bible. Detailed descriptions, notes on cultivation and good illustrations. Maybe it is a good Christmas present idea. Costs £6.95 including postage from Bible Lands Society, P.O. Box 50, High Wycombe, Bucks HP15 7QU.

Advance Notice. The evening service on Sunday, November 1st will be at Fillongley at 6.30 p.m. It will be a Confirmation Service at which our candidates will be confirmed. There will be no service at our Church that night. The bus will run as usual to take us to Fillongley.

Points to Ponder is the title of our Fellowship Day at St. John's Hall, Ansley Common on Saturday, October 31st starting at 10.00 a.m. and ending at around 3.30 to 4.00 p.m. The plan for the day will be listening, watching and discussing. The listening and watching part will be by means of looking at the video "Jesus then and now," and then talking together about the subjects the video raises. A charge of £1 is requested to help cover the costs. A cup of tea or coffee and soup will be provided and we are all asked to bring our own sandwiches. People from the parishes of Corley, Fillongley and Arley will be joining us. The video is widely acclaimed throughout our country at the present time as an excellent presentation of Christian Belief.

Sponsored Knit is being arranged to take place at Ansley Village Hall on Friday, October 30th. Please see Mrs. Marcia Sutton if you would like to be involved. Marcia is kindly organising the event.