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Ansley Village turn 6.00 p.m.

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Ansley Common St. John's 6.20 p.m.

Return Journey from Parish Church 7.45 p.m.

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Ansley Vicarage,

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Our Dear Friends,

For most of us holidays are over for this year. Autumn and Harvest time is here. But some will be planning a winter trip maybe abroad in search of the sunshine. Suppose you are planning a holiday; you make careful preparations packing your suitcase, cancelling the milk and newspapers, you get your car serviced and gather your family together. You attend to every necessary detail except one: you forget to take the international road map.

Because you are in a hurry to reach a destination, you jump into your car and off you go driving in which direction? North, South, East or West, does it make any difference? Since you feel that you are heading the right way, you keep on driving. You are like the bus driver, after a day of hard driving, turned to his passengers and said, "Folks, I have good news and bad news. The bad news is: We're lost and I haven't the faintest idea where we are. The good news is: We're making excellent time!"

A lot of people start out on life's journey just like this. They get so excited about their prospects that they get lost along the way. The opportunity of getting a qualification, a job, money, marriage, children and the endless possibilities for the future sweeps them off their feet and they ignore the basic steps involved in reaching their life's fulfillment. The fundamental instruction manual is ignored, that is the Word of God, which has the principles by which we live and die.

Sheila Walsh, the international rock gospel singer, when speaking of God's instruction manual says, "I've found that every word that God has spoken to us through the Bible can stand being tested and will prove to be true." I once heard Sheila tell her story. She said, "I was born into a very caring supportive Scottish family. My parents had a strong belief in a loving God, a belief that was put to the test. My father died when my brother, sister and I were all under five years of age. As I grew up, I found it amazing that my mother still loved and trusted this God. It was such a challenge that, at eleven years of age, I decided that I wanted to know this Jesus too. As I travel around the world, doing concerts and working in television, there are many times when people seem to accept or reject me according to the success or failure of my latest project. But God is not like that. His love extends to all people. His forgiveness, peace and life are available through Jesus, His Son, to everyone of us for the asking. He has changed my life for ever."

Why not consult God's manual and let Him direct you to reach His prepared destination for your life.

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah



## DIARY FOR OCTOBER

### Sunday, October 1st — Trinity 19

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. "The Christians Conflict"

### Tuesday, October 3rd

- 3.00 p.m. Mothers' Union, Mrs. Agnes Harris, Hartshill.

### Wednesday, October 4th

- 6.30 p.m. Harvest Event at St. John's.
- 8.00 p.m. Ansley Ladies' Association — Aswell's Slippers.

### Thursday, October 5th

- 6.15 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Explorers at St. John's.
- 8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class.

### Saturday, October 7th

- 3.30 p.m. Installation of the Archdeacon of Coventry at the Cathedral.

### Sunday, October 8th — Harvest Festival

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11.00 a.m. Harvest Family Service.  
Preacher: Captain Tony Maidment, C.A.
- 6.30 p.m. Special Harvest Evening Prayer.  
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### Monday, October 9th

- 7.30 p.m. Harvest Sale at Ansley Village Church Hall.

### Wednesday, October 11th

- 8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship, "Witnessing"

### Thursday, October 12th

- 6.15 p.m. Explorers at St. John's.
- 8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class.

### Saturday, October 14th

- 2.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Group Autumn Day,  
Prebendary Michael Wooderson and team.

### Sunday, October 15th

- 11.00 a.m. Morning Service and Baptism.
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion, "Love, a fruit of the Spirit"

### Wednesday, October 18th

- 8.00 p.m. Ladies' Association A.G.M.

### Thursday, October 19th

- 6.15 p.m. Explorers at St. John's.
- 8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class.

### Friday, October 20th

- 6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

### Sunday, October 22nd

- 11.00 a.m. Family Communion.
- 3.00 p.m. Family Service at St. John's.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. "Joy, a fruit of the Spirit"

### Monday, October 23rd

- 7.30 p.m. Canon John Stott, Warwick University Arts Centre.

### Wednesday, October 25th

- 8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship — "Witnessing"

### Thursday, October 26th

- 6.15 p.m. Explorers at St. John's.
- 8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class.

**Friday, October 27th**

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

**Sunday, October 29th**

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

6.30 p.m. Guest Night Service, "This is my Story"

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**The Churchgrounds** have given considerable pleasure to many people this summer. We are very grateful to the number of helpers who have swept, weeded and removed dead flowers and lots of other odd jobs at regular intervals. Also to those who have given and planted the rose bushes and bedding plants, all of which has added to the colour and beauty of the place. But our warmest thanks must go to Alf Toon and Henry and Anthony Truelove who have laboured regularly all summer to keep the grass short and neat. They have worked long hard hours in the hot sun and we appreciate all they have done.

**The Teddy Bear Picnic** in the hall last month was enjoyed by an encouraging number of people. Many thanks to all who got involved. £55 was the financial gain and has been put in the Church fabric fund.

**In Memory of Mrs. Ella Shore**, many people gave gifts of money instead of flowers. The total has amounted to £305 and has been placed in the Church fabric fund. Thank you to the family whose wish this kindness was, and to all Ella's friends who gave so generously.

**The Harvest Event** at St. John's Hall, Ansley Common is on Wednesday, October 4th, commencing at 6.30 p.m., with a short service followed by a meal and the showing of a Cliff Richard video. A limited number of tickets are available at 20p, donation to T.E.A.R. fund. Children must be accompanied by parents.

**In Ansley Village Church Hall** on Thursday, November 2nd at 7.30 p.m., there will be a Knitwear Fashion Show—all garments knitted by local people, Cake stalls and Craft stalls.

For Children—Design a Christmas Card.

For Adults—Make a Christmas Table Decoration.

Admission £1 including refreshments. The proceeds are for the Church Hall.

**The Rev. Doctor John Stott** the distinguished preacher and teacher is speaking at the Arts Centre Conference Room, Warwick University, on Monday, October 23rd at 7.30 p.m. The subject of his address is "The Lordship of Christ." There will be a question time before the meeting ends at 9.15 p.m.

**On Saturday, October 7th** at 3.30 p.m., the new Archdeacon of Coventry, the Rev. Canon Ian Russell will be installed at Coventry Cathedral. This will take place within the context of Evensong. It will be a public service and anyone will be welcome to attend.

## FROM THE CHURCH REGISTER

"The just shall live by faith"

September 13—John Sydney Thomas Jones, 73 years of Camp Hill Road.

September 14—Frederick Warrell, 81 years of Pipers Lane.

**Guest Service** is on Sunday, October 29th at 6.30 p.m., please let Frank or David have your choice of hymn to be included in that service.

**Saturday, October 14th** is our Ley Group training day from 2.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., in Fillongley Church Room. Prebendary Michael Wooderson and members of his congregation will be sharing their experiences with us as described in his book 'The Church Down Our Street.' Michael is Vicar of Chasetown Walsall. Please bring a contribution of 'eats' for the share tea which we should have at 4.45 p.m.

**Sunday, October 8th** is our Harvest Festival and the Preacher for the day is a member of the Church Army with a very wide experience of ministry throughout Britain. He has recently taken an inter-Diocesan work based in the Midlands.

**Monday, October 9th** is the Harvest Produce Sale in Ansley Church Hall conducted by Stan Forryan. The auction will commence at 7.30 p.m. Refreshments will be served during the evening as usual.

**Ian Milton** is our new Pathfinder leader; he has, together with his team of helpers, arranged an attractive Autumn programme commencing at 6.45 p.m., every Monday evening.

**Explorers commence** at St. John's, Ansley Common on Thursday, October 5th at 6.15 p.m., for boys and girls. Led by Judith Wilson together with a team of helpers.

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## THE SELFISH FOOL

Artificial irrigation has brought life to many arid districts of India. I heard an Indian evangelist, quick to see a parable in this, tell the story of the Selfish Fool, to whom a rice field was given.

The first season the irrigation water covered his field and made it fruitful, then flowed on to his neighbour's fields, bringing fertility everywhere.

But the next season the Selfish Fool said, "This water is wealth, it is liquid harvest. I was a fool to let the treasure escape to my neighbour's land." So he blocked the channel leading from his land.

But by so doing he not only robbed his neighbour—he spoiled his own crop. For the irrigation water brought blessing while it flowed, but when it became stagnant it bred a marsh.

Said the evangelist, apply his parable, "Don't think only about your own blessing in Christ; remember it is to your profit, as well as your duty, to pass on the good news to others so that they, too, may live."