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**Bus Timetable for 6.30 p.m. Evening Service**

Ansley Village turn 6.00 p.m.  
Birchley Heath Post Office 6.10 p.m.  
Ansley Common St. John's 6.20 p.m.  
Return Journey from Parish Church 7.45 p.m.

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Ansley Vicarage,  
October 1st, 1990.

Our Dear Friends,

In 1858 John Paton, a Scot, took his young pregnant wife to the primitive island of Tanna in the New Hebrides. His work was there, teaching the Christian faith to the islanders. During the first year his wife died of a fever. This was followed 17 days later by the death of his one-month old son. Grief stricken, John Paton buried his wife and child. He wrote the following words.

"It is very difficult to accept what has happened, now left alone, and in sorrowful circumstances; but I feel assured that my God and Father is too wise and loving to err in anything that He does or permits, I will look to the Lord for help, and struggle on in His work. I do not pretend to see through the mystery of such happenings, wherein God calls away the young, the promising, and those needed for His service here; but this I do know and feel; that aware that this life is so uncertain, it is wisdom to love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ so that we may be ready at His call for death and eternity."

Had we been with John Paton we would have shared in his sorrow and loss as we in this parish did last month when the tragic road accident took Nellie Bailey, and on the same day the passing of young Debbie Dewis after a long illness.

Sometimes the question is asked, "Why does God allow such things to happen?" The short answer is—we simply do not know. But to say that we do not know the reason, is quite different from saying that there is no reason. When the washing machine goes wrong I have no idea why, but I'm quite sure a reason exists.

Does God really care for mankind? Many have an uneasy feeling that the God who allows these things to happen may not really care after all. Does God care? Does God love the world He has created? To this question we can give a clear and definite answer, for we have clear and definite evidence.

Although John Paton could not see through the mystery of why suffering happens, being bewildered and sorely tried by events which suggested that God did not care, he looked at **all** things and that included the fact that God sent His Son to die for us. That means that God does really care for us, and that He is a Father who loves.

The person with a living faith is often puzzled, but he is prepared to live with the questions which he cannot answer in the light of these great answers which he does possess.

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

#### DIARY FOR OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 2nd

3.00 p.m. Mothers' Union in the Hall,  
Speaker: Mrs. Amy Allton.

**Wednesday, October 3rd**  
 8.00 p.m. Ladies' Association Meeting—Dancing.  
**Thursday, October 4th**  
 7.30 p.m. P.C.C. in Ansley Village Church Hall.  
**Friday, October 5th**  
 6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.  
**Sunday, October 7th**  
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Baptism.  
 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer 1662, Prayer Book.  
**Wednesday, October 10th**  
 8.00 p.m. Ladies' Association A.G.M.  
**Thursday, October 11th**  
 8.00 p.m. Tear Fund Evening in Ansley Village Church Hall.  
**Friday, October 12th**  
 6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.  
**Sunday, October 14th — HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 11.00 a.m. Family Service.  
 6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong. Preacher: The Rev. Glenn Martin.  
**Monday, October 15th**  
 7.30 p.m. Harvest Auction.  
**Wednesday, October 17th**  
 8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship.  
**Thursday, October 18th**  
 6.30 p.m. St. John's Explorer's Birthday and Harvest Event.  
**Friday, October 19th**  
 6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.  
**Sunday, October 21st**  
 11.00 a.m. Family Service.  
 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion.  
**Wednesday, October 24th**  
 8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship.  
**Friday, October 26th**  
 6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.  
**Sunday, October 28th**  
 10.00 a.m. St. John's Family Service.  
 11.00 a.m. Family Communion.  
 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.  
**Wednesday, October 31st**  
 8.00 p.m. Ladies' Association.

#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

**Marriage** — 'The two shall become one'

Sept. 15—Patrick Edward Male of Bucks Hill to Hazel Mary Murray  
of Ansley Common.

**Funerals** — 'The Lord is my Shepherd'

Sept. 5—Nellie Bailey, 63 years of Ansley Village.

We are all very grateful to Alf Toon and to Anthony and Henry Truelove who have laboured in our Churchyard to keep it in good trim throughout the summer. The whole place was immaculate for the Flower Festival, lots of people expressed admiration. I'm quite sure that if the Churchyard competition judges had the finals just before our Flower Festival we would win every year! Keeping such a large area in good order is not so easy as it looks even with modern machines. It calls for hard slog and determination. Thank you gentlemen!

It is a special pleasure to welcome to our pulpit for the Harvest Festival Evening Service The Rev. Glenn Martin. He will be coming home of course, he was born in the parish and his first school was Nursery Hill. It was there at the age of eight when he first learnt to love and trust our Saviour Jesus Christ. He did a lot of good work at St. John's and other parts of the parish before he left to train for the Christian ministry. He has travelled considerably and has recently moved with his wife Sally and family to Mickleton, Derbyshire, where he has a hospital Chaplaincy.

A note from our treasurer Marcia Sutton

#### FLOWER FESTIVAL 1990

Income		Expenses	
Services in Church	83.78	Marquee Hire	50.00
Jar in Church	416.30	Insurance	30.00
Stall in Marquee	178.90	Refreshments	10.00
Refreshments in Marquee	143.15		
Donation	10.00		
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Profit	£752.13		
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Nuneaton Hospital League of Friends have received a donation of £300 from this total income.

Very many homes in the parish have welcomed our Church Army guests, either for meals and, or for a meeting and some to stay. This has helped greatly to the smooth running of the visit, and I know that many people have in turn been particularly blessed in doing so. Nevertheless an enormous thank you to the very many who have got involved in whatever capacity. May the Lord give you a special blessing through it.

A fire at a Christian book warehouse in Carlisle has destroyed one of the major centres of Christian books in the country. The fire, described by the local fire brigade as one of the worst that they have ever had to deal with, gutted the warehouse, built last year. It is

estimated that £2 million worth of books, Bibles, Christian music, and stationery were destroyed in the blaze. The director said, "This is an unquestionably heavy blow but we are determined to go forward in God's power and we expect to begin to re-supply the British Churches within a few weeks."

#### **T.E.A.R. FUND EVENING**

There will be a Tearcraft evening on Thursday, October 11th in the Village Church Hall at 8.00 p.m. Our local representative will bring lots of items for sale on the night—a chance to prepare for Christmas!

May I take this opportunity to thank all who have helped us raise £400 for Tear fund this year, both by gifts and the Bedworth Market Charity Stall (£120).

Diana Kealey.

**Hackneys** are holding a sale again on Thursday, October 18th. Edna Toon has kindly arranged a table for any article you would like to give. The cash raised will be given to the Church funds.

**Mothers' Union**—at the October 2nd meeting Mrs. Amy Allton will speak. It is a service for Harvest Festival. Bring and Buy. Welcome to all members and any other people who would care to come along.

Winnie Ponder.

**St. John's Harvest Event** will be at 6.30 p.m., on Thursday, October 18th. Parents are welcome to join with their children for an enjoyable evening. Supper will be served free for children; and adults are invited to contribute 50p. Gifts of fruit and vegetables will be appreciated to be auctioned. Money raised on this occasion will be given to sponsoring the T.E.A.R. fund child Martha Bargus.

**The Rt. Rev. Alexander Muge** was killed on August 17th, when his car was in collision with a lorry in Kenya. Only days previously, the Bishop had been warned that his life might be in danger. Peter Okundu, M.P., who issued the threat against Bishop Muge, resigned on Monday the same day of the funeral. Bishop Muge was 42. On his conversion to Christianity he resigned from the Kenyan Security forces to train for the ministry at London Bible College. He was the first Bishop of the new diocese of Eldoret. All enquiries reveal that his death was due to foul play.

**The Harvest Auction** is on Monday, October 15th in Ansley Village Church Hall conducted by Stan Forryan. The auction will commence at 7.30 p.m. Refreshments will be served during the evening.