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Ansley Vicarage,

1st October, 1991

Our Dear Friends,

Several events took place last month for which we thank the Lord. The visit of Marilyn Baker was to many quite an inspiration. During the interval just over 100 sat down to a most enjoyable four course meal and Marilyn, together with her team, both before and after the interval, sang her own compositions many of which have become well known; not only through her Gospel concerts but also through the sale of her books, tapes and records. We are most grateful to the Ansley Social Club Committee for allowing us to use their concert hall, and to the enthusiastic team of helpers who made the whole event possible.

A couple of days afterwards Catherine and I celebrated our 25th Wedding Anniversary. So very many joined in to make the occasion for us a most memorable one. Thank you for coming and for the very many cards, lovely flowers and splendid buffet tea together with lots of photographs; you quite bowled us over! We shall always remember that weekend with joy. £261.71 was put in the collection, half of which will go to our Church here and the other half to the vital work that the Ugandan Church, under the leadership of its Archbishop, is doing amongst the very many orphans of that country.

As the new prayer book expresses it, 'Marriage is indeed a gift of God,' so we thank for His gift and an anniversary is as good a time as any to do so. We went away for a few days afterwards to Hawkeshead in Cumberland where Catherine lived. We went back to the old house and to the Church, which, you will appreciate, has very happy associations for us. So also will the Church here at Ansley always have a special place in our hearts and you have helped to make it so.

In the middle of September we were again together, this time at Birchley Heath where we enjoyed an evening of lively Christian music and good barbecued food. People gave so generously of the food and materials needed as well as their time, thank you. It was good to see so many together on such a venture, and we are very thankful to the considerable numbers who worked so hard in lots of different ways to make that evening well worth repeating in some future time. Do let us know if you think so too.

Prior to that evening's gathering, the Children of Birchley Heath enjoyed a morning of varied activities in the barn at Dr. John and Sue Harris's home. We are grateful to them for the warm welcome they extended to us.

With our love,

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

OCTOBER DIARY

Tuesday, October 1st

3.00 p.m. Mothers' Union meeting at 3 Izons Croft.

Wednesday, October 2nd

8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship.

Friday, October 4th

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Sunday, October 6th

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. 1662 Prayer Book.

Wednesday, October 9th

8.00 p.m. Ansley Ladies' Knitwear Sale.

Thursday, October 10th

6.30 p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St. John's, Ansley Common followed by the Harvest Supper.

Friday, October 11th

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Sunday, October 13th — Harvest Festival

11.00 a.m. Family Communion.

6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong. Preacher: The Archdeacon of Coventry, The Ven. Ian Russel.

Monday, October 14th

7.30 p.m. Harvest Sale.

Wednesday, October 16th

7.30 p.m. Meeting at the Cathedral. Speaker: Roger Beckwith.

Thursday, October 17th

7.45 p.m. Parochial Church Council.

Friday, October 18th

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Sunday, October 20th

11.00 a.m. Family Service.

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion.

Wednesday, October 23rd

8.00 p.m. Ansley Ladies A.G.M.

Friday, October 25th

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Sunday, October 27th

10.00 a.m. Family Service at St. John's, Ansley Common.

11.00 a.m. Family Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. (Alternative Service Book).

Wednesday, October 30th

8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism "They need encouragement by prayer, teaching and example"
Sept. 15—Chelsey Marie Fray of Birchley Heath.

Thanksgiving "They brought children for Jesus to Bless"
Sept. 8—Grace Elizabeth Beale of Ansley Village.

Holy Matrimony

"Those whom God has joined together let no man put assunder"

Sept. 7—Kevin Hardy of Stockingford to Julie Willis of Galley Common.

Sept. 14—Kevin Brian Turton of Stockingford to Tracey Margaret Gadsby of Ansley Village.

Sept. 21—Paul Gary Taylor and Lorraine Baker both of New Arley.

Funerals and Burials

"What is seen is temporal, But what is unseen is Eternal"

Sept. 9—Hilda Joyce Deeming, 77 years of Bulkington.

Sept. 17—John Houston, 67 years of New Arley, formerly of Ansley Village.

Sept. 23—Brenda Parker, 60 years of Attleborough.

Sept. 24—John George Wild, 89 years of Ansley Village.

Sept. 27—William Morien Williams, 77 years of Ansley Village.

Mothers' Union meets at 3 Izons Croft. The home of George and Winnie Ponder this month; today in actual fact, Tuesday, October 1st at 3.00 p.m. Winnie thanks all members for their efforts in enabling £60 to be given towards the new heating system in the hall. The September meeting heard a description of the work of the Gideon Society and watched a film illustrating the Gideon's wide variety of Bible distribution.

Harvest Festival. We welcome gifts of fruit and vegetables for our festival this year. Please bring and kindly help arrange your gifts from 10.00 a.m., onwards on Saturday, October 12th at the Church. We welcome The Venerable Ian Russel to preach at the special Festival Service at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday night.

Harvest Sale will be held in the Village Church Hall on Monday, October 14th at 7.30 p.m. We shall once again have the pleasure of Mr. Stan Forryan's salesmanship techniques and thank him in advance. Refreshments will also be served, and a pleasant evening is assured.

At the Cathedral on Wednesday evening October 16th at 7.30 p.m. The Rev. Roger Beckwith who is Warden of Latimer House, Oxford will be speaking on the subject of Baptismal Policy. The Bishop writes about this event, "Since the debate in the Synod I have felt that it was urgent that we should enunciate a clearer diocesan policy and that it would be a good idea to have a series of Bishop's Lectures, annually in the autumn, on subjects of significant pastoral or ethical interest which might provide guidance or stimulus to us all in thinking out issues with which we are concerned. The speaker will talk for 40 minutes and there will be questions and discussion." There will be spare seats in cars. Let us know if you want a lift.

On Bretts Hall Estate Ansley Common lives Mrs. Eileen Swain at number 34. She has a wide and comprehensive library of good Christian books. Do call on her, you will find her very welcoming and you will enjoy selecting a few books to borrow and so appreciate a good read. The library is free and her telephone number is 398085.

Several friends have enquired about the Gift Day Boxes. These will be ready to be taken on Harvest Festival Sunday. Please put your box on the mantle piece. So that during the months ahead your gift will gradually build up in readiness for Gift Day in June 1992. The 1991 total has been rising and so far the figure is £450. If you still have your '91 box please let Marcia have it.

We have a solid fuel boiler for sale. It was recently taken out of the Village Church Hall when the heating system was changed to gas. Any sensible offer will be considered. The specifications are as follows, Hoppmatt 60 Solid Fuel Boiler. 60,000 B.T.H. Burns Anthracite, Beans or Grains. Can be seen at the hall by arrangement. Please ring 392055 or 396403.

Flower Festival 1991 resulted in an income of £742.13. £300 of this amount is being forwarded to the League of Friends of the Nuneaton Hospitals through its Chairman Mr. Charles Burton.

Harvest Festival at St. John's, Ansley Common will be on Thursday, October 10th at 6.30 p.m. There will be a short service in which the children perform a T.E.A.R. Fund play. Afterwards we shall have the Harvest Supper. There will be a small charge for this for adults and the children free. This will be an enjoyable evening as we meet together to thank our Heavenly Father for His immeasurable provision to meet our needs and to help those in other lands who have nothing.

Two Cherry Trees in our Churchyard have had to be cut down and burnt owing to the fact that they had caught the disease Honey Fungus. The area will be cleaned with Jeyes fluid, which should prevent the disease spreading to the other trees around that spot.

St. John's Hall, Ansley Common has had both the ladies and gents toilets updated at a cost of £3000. This was a necessary piece of work and will now make our hall a much more acceptable building to use. A lot of hard work in clearing up has been done by Tom Holland and Joyce Lomax and we are very grateful to them.

Ansley Village Church Hall has also had £3000 spent on it. This is for the new heating system. A small team of willing helpers turned up after the installation and helped make the hall presentable again. Thank you. We shall all be glad of a warmer hall this coming winter and the ease with which the heat can be operated.

Diary 1992. Our Church diary for next year is now on sale price £1. Please buy several to give to friends for Christmas and if you can also sell some, that will be appreciated. All of the money raised will go to Church funds. The diary contains plenty of useful information and is easily slipped into a handbag or pocket.