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Ansley Village turn 6.00 p.m.

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

Return Journey from Parish Church 7.45 p.m.

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October 1st, 1993

Our Dear Friends,

Guests who nick only the bathroom soap are the least of hotel owner's worries. According to a survey for the 1993 A.A. guide a grand piano was amongst the items stolen from one hotel; from another it was a stuffed bear and from the grounds of another a growing crop of onions.

A Christian prison governor, preaching in a prison chapel, took as his theme the ten commandments. Some of the prisoners came to him and said, "That's no good, sir, you can't live the ten commandments in the twentieth century."

So the Governor put a notice up: 'No longer will the ten commandments be obeyed in this prison.' The first day a man came up and said, "Someone has stolen my pen." On the second day a man complained, "Someone has taken my cigarettes."

At the end of the week, the Governor said to a young man, "I want to invite you to a special tea. Don't have any supper the previous night. It's going to be a fantastic meal, so have no breakfast, no lunch. Come at 5.00 p.m."

The young prisoner came at 5.00 p.m., and all that was left was a few crumbs because the Governor started the tea at 4.00 p.m. To say the least, the lad was disappointed and said, "You can't let me down like this sir, you're the Governor of this prison."

The Governor replied, "Yes, but we are not living by the ten commandments in this prison." By the end of a fortnight, by popular demand by over two-thirds of the prisoners, the ten commandments were brought back to regulate the life of that prison.

'Do what you like' is the motto that many people have gone for today. It has a knock-on effect of course, spreading to all corners of society. The ten commandments are God's ten steps to the good life and are His irreducible minimum for contented living. Long before God gave them they were inside us almost like instincts. Who is not aware in his heart that he should worship his Maker? Who ever doubted that it was wrong to lie or steal or murder or commit adultery?

Followers of Jesus will get to know how He wants them to respond to the difficult situations in our communities and the world at large.

Anchored in Him, He expects them to do something. He must have had that in mind when He said, "Don't hide your light! Let it shine for all; let your good deeds glow for all to see, so that they will praise your heavenly Father."

IF I can right a human wrong,
IF I can help to make one strong,
IF I can guide by love and tongue,
Lord, show me how.

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

DIARY FOR OCTOBER 1993

Friday, October 1st

8.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. Day of Prayer in Church.

Sunday, October 3rd

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Baptism, A.S.B.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer, Book of Common Prayer 1662.

Tuesday, October 5th

Mothers' Union.

Wednesday, October 6th

8.00 p.m. The Wednesday Fellowship.

Thursday, October 7th

7.00 p.m. Confirmation Class at the Vicarage.

Saturday, October 9th

9.30 a.m. onwards decorating the Church (morning only).

Sunday, October 10th — Harvest Festival

10.30 a.m. Family Communion.

6.30 p.m. Festival Praise. Preacher: The Rev. Clive Grinham.

Monday, October 11th

7.30 p.m. Harvest Sale.

Wednesday, October 13th

8.00 p.m. Ansley Ladies.

Thursday, October 14th

7.00 p.m. Confirmation Class at the Vicarage.

Sunday, October 17th

10.30 a.m. Family Service.

6.30 p.m. Parish Communion.

Wednesday, October 20th

8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship.

Thursday, October 21st

7.00 p.m. Confirmation Class.

Sunday, October 24th

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

10.30 a.m. Family Communion.

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

Wednesday, October 27th

8.00 p.m. Ansley Ladies.

Thursday, October 28th

7.00 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal in Church.

Sunday, October 31st

10.30 a.m. Family Communion.

6.30 p.m. Confirmation Service and Communion.

The Rt. Rev. Simon Barrington-Ward, Bishop of
Coventry.

Fridays at 6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

Instead of flowers at the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Annie Dingley many friends gave, as a tribute to her, gifts of money to our Church. This amounted to £531.50 and was handed to our Church Treasurer by the family. We are very grateful to all concerned for this generosity and is a practical expression of which Mrs. Dingley would certainly have approved.

September Serenade. Many thanks to all who supported the September concerts at Ansley and Coton Churches. These raised £251.45 for Ansley, and £125 for Astley Restoration Fund. Special thanks go to all those who gave and served the refreshments and to others who gave so much time and effort to ensure the success of the evenings.

Margaret Kimberley

The weather was just perfect for the open air Celebration Service to commemorate Coventry Diocese 75th Anniversary at Stoneleigh Royal Show Ground last month. Numbers of people joined together from all parishes of the Diocese making several thousands to hear the Archbishop of Canterbury preach from Ephesians Chapter 2, and the inspiring contribution by the choir and orchestra all combined to create a memorable occasion.

Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, October 10th. The Rev. Clive Grinham, who is on the staff of the Church Pastoral Aid Society, will be the preacher at the Evening Festival Service. All gifts of fruit and flowers and vegetables will be gratefully received at the Church during Saturday morning October 9th, and help to decorate most welcome.

Harvest Sale is as usual, Monday, October 11th commencing 7.30 p.m., in the Village Church Hall. We are grateful to Mr. Stan Forryan who will be in charge of proceedings and in his entertaining way, will conduct the sale.

Confirmation Service will take place on Sunday, October 31st. Our Diocesan Bishop Simon Barrington-Ward will be our preacher and conduct the confirmation. In addition to our own candidates we shall be joined by the parishes of Arley, Fillongley and Corley. We look forward to an inspiring and encouraging worship and pray God's richest blessing on each candidate.

FROM THE PARISH RECORDS

Marriage—"To love, cherish and honour," (A.S.B.)

Sept. 18—Charles Michael Cain of Coundon to Debbie Richardson of Ansley Common.

Funeral—"All who are in the graves shall hear His voice."

Sept. 3—Marlene Annie Sperring, 58 years, of Ansley Village.

Sept. 17—Della Leishon, 28 years, of Hillside Drive.

Sept. 23—Phyllis Annie Cart, 68 years, of Bretts Hall Estate.

LETTER FROM MARGARET ANTILL

I am very pleased to let you know that this year's flower festival has been a resounding success. Not only financially; we raised £930, some of which will be sent to the Nuneaton Hospitals League of Friends, but also a wonderful atmosphere of co-operation and help

was felt by many. The team of all the various helpers worked well—as I said at the finale concert, from mowing the churchyard to making the teas, cake baking to cleaning brasses, flower arranging to floor mopping, stewarding in church to selling in the marquee, from growing flowers and vegetables to taking part in the concert. All this contributed to making it a very happy occasion for many many people, I would like to say thank you to you all, whatever your task; and look forward to your continued support for next year. If you did not participate this year, but would wish to next year, please let it be known, the more helpers we have the better it is for all.

Ansley Ladies meet on October 13th. Speaker to be arranged.
October 27th A.G.M. and Bring & Buy. Anyone welcome.

W. Ponder.

Ansley Mothers' Union meets in the Church Hall on October 5th. Speaker: Mr. Leech, talk and slides outlining the work of the Lifeboat Institution. As many who would like to come along would be most welcome.

W. Ponder.

With Harvest in mind we have — The Rainbow Promise

God made the world, unspoilt and pure,
For man to live in, love and endure,
He filled their needs for work and play
With peaceful night and glorious day.

But men were sinful, full of greed,
So evil and cruel like invasive weed,
Only Noah God found strong in faith
So after torrent and flood this promise God made.

I'll put My rainbow in the sky,
So seedtime and harvest will never die,
When you see this bow all hearts will leap,
To know God His promise will always keep.

So young and old, in the past and now,
Know the promise signified by this bow,
God still keeps that pledge to us now as then,
And the rainbow is God's beautiful sign to men.

Composed and read by Marie Cove at the Flower Festival Concert.

The Ploughman's Supper and entertainment by the Two Davids in Ansley Social Club was enjoyed by a large number. Many have since expressed their thanks.

An enthusiastic number of helpers worked very hard both before and on the day. We are all most grateful to them for so much that they accomplished.

Thanks is also due to Ansley Social Club Committee for their warm welcome with all the facilities available to us free of charge. We do appreciate their kindness.