

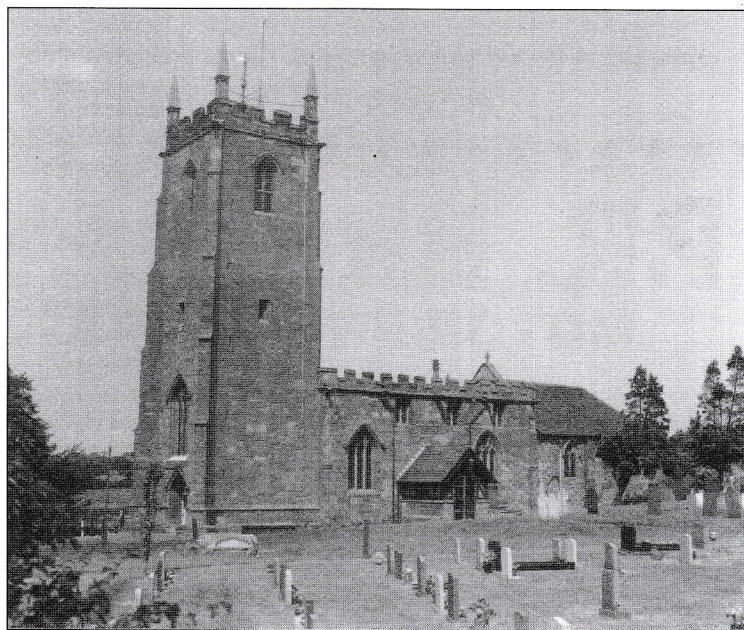
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The Church is here to celebrate God's love

There is much pain and sorrow in the world today and it is wrong to seek to diminish or deny it. Yet at the same time when we have an opportunity to celebrate let's grasp it with both hands. Thus I invite you to share in our Harvest Festival Celebrations on Sunday October 9 and Monday October 10 and to gather at St. John's Hall for the visit of Colin, Bishop of Coventry on Sunday October 23 to share in our worship and to celebrate the rebirth of the Church at Ansley Common. Full details of these other events can be found in the diary of events.

The Church is here to help you

On November 20 at our evening Communion service, we shall be re-introducing the ministry of healing.

Why? Because the work of healing was so important to Jesus and to all his followers after he rose from the dead and the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost.

Why? Because so many people (myself included) have found it so helpful and re-assuring especially when things are hard and tough.

How will it all work? In the middle of the service as quiet music is being played everyone will be invited to come forward to the chancel step to stand or kneel. If they so wish, they can mention the particular situation or person in need of help. Two people will then gently lay hands on the person's head and pray for them.

Does it work? I have known times of quite miraculous immediate physical healing. Even more I have seen people find peace and a sense of calm assurance. Sometimes the healing is immediate, sometimes gradual. I have never met anyone who regrets seeking this help.

Physically I feel very well, but I have many personal problems. Can I find help? The ministry of healing is very much for you too. The healing of relationships and the healing of memories, for example, is very much part of this work.

I need more time than a brief prayer. Is someone ready to listen before they pray? Yes. Please ask me to visit you before the service or ask at the service itself for someone to visit in the privacy of your home and pray for you there.

This can't be for me. I'm not sure I believe in God. Don't worry. We're not going to examine your belief when you come for help! Many came to Jesus uncertain and fearful. All we ask is that you come forward for prayer. That act of faith is a wonderful beginning. Of course we long and hope that you will grow in faith but start from where you.

Is this a one-off event? No. We hope to offer this ministry regularly at the evening service, at the morning service at St. Laurence and at St. John's.

Finally don't forget ALPHA starts in the Annexe on Monday nights shortly. See you there!

Your friend and vicar,

Peter

October What's On

St. Laurence's Church

Sunday 2 nd	Trinity 19	10.30 a.m.	All Age Worship
□		6.30 p.m.	B.C.P. Holy Communion
Sunday 9 th	Harvest	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.30 a.m.	Holy communion and presentation of gifts
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong
Monday 10 th		9.30 a.m.	Nursery Hill School Harvest Service.
Sunday 16 th	Trinity 21	10.30 a.m.	All Age Worship
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 25 th	Bible	10.30 a.m.	Joint service at St. John's
	Sunday	6.30 p.m.	Evensong
Sunday 30 th	All Saints	10.30 a.m.	All Age Worship
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong

St John's Hall Ansley Common Services

Sunday 2 nd	Trinity 19	10.30 a.m.	Family Worship & Sunday School
Wednesday 5 th		9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 9 th	Harvest	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion & Sunday School
Sunday 16 th	Trinity 21	10.30 a.m.	Family Worship
Wednesday 19 th		9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Sunday 23 rd	Bible	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion & Sunday School
	Sunday		With Bishop Colin
Sunday 30 th	All Saints	10.30 a.m.	Songs of Praise

Other Activities at St. John's Church Hall

Monday 3 rd	7.00 p.m.	Prize Bingo
Tuesdays	9.00 – 12.00 a.m.	Krazy Kettle Kafé
Tuesdays	7.30 p.m.	Line Dancing
Wednesdays	6.00 p.m.	A.C.Y.C.
Thursdays	7.00 p.m.	Youth Club
Friday 7 th	7.30 p.m.	Ballroom Dancing
Saturday 22 nd	9.30 – 4.30 p.m.	Friday 7 th

Activities at Village Church Hall

Monday 10 th	7.30 p.m.	Harvest Supper and Sale
Mondays 3 rd & 17 th	7.00 p.m.	Links - Youth Club
Tuesdays	10.00 a.m.	Senior Citizens
Wednesdays	10.00 – 11.30 a.m.	Ansely's Little Angels
Wednesdays	2.00 – 4.00 p.m.	Community Café
Wednesday 5 th & 19 th	7.30 p.m.	Bingo
Thursday 11 th	7.30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 20 th	7.30 p.m.	P.C.C. Meeting

Other Parish activities

Tuesday 4 th 11 th & 18 th	7.00 p.m.	Family History Class (Annexe)
Thursday 13 th & 27 th	7.30 p.m.	Ansley Common Fellowship
Thursday 13 th	7.30 p.m.	Deanery Synod
Fridays	1.00 p.m.	Art Classes at the Club
Saturday 8 th	1.00 – 4.00 p.m.	Open church

From the Registers

Baptisms.

The baptisms of Kiera Wilkinson and Maisy-Grace Murray took place on Sunday 11th September. Maisy-Grace was not at all sure about being baptised, while Kiera was very contented at the service with a large number of young children present.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival this year will be on Sunday 9th.

We will commence decorating on Friday 7th at 2 p.m. and then again from 9.30 on Saturday. We will be very grateful for all the usual gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables to display in our lovely Church, and thank God for his goodness to us. If anyone can spare an hour or two to help with the decorating and cleaning it would be a great help.

The Church will be open from 1.00 p.m. for any visitors to come and have a look, spend time in Church and there will be light refreshments available.

There will be a time during the 10.30 Communion service for anyone, particularly children, to present their gifts.

St. John's will also be having their harvest at 10.30 and will be pleased to receive gifts from the people of the Ansley Common area.

On Monday morning at 9.30 the Children of Nursery Hill School will bring many of their parents to their own specially prepared service to which everyone is welcome. They will have worked very hard preparing for this service.

Once the children have looked at the Church and departed we will clear all the produce and take it to the Village Church Hall; any help would be much appreciated. This year we are trying a new way of selling the produce, the P.C.C. have decided to move the Harvest Supper to the Monday evening. At which the produce will be sold and the gift boxes auctioned.

Tickets will be £5 and should be reserved as soon as possible to enable the meals to be ordered. There will be a choice of Chicken and Chips or Fish and Chip, with apple pie and cream or trifle.

Bishop Colin's Visit

The St. John's Congregation are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Colin to their Communion service on Sunday 23rd at 10.30 a.m. It will be the first time that any Bishop has visited the hall to take a service. They will also be welcoming the St. Laurence congregation and will be pleased to see any one who would like to come. Please note there will not be a 10.30 a.m. service at St. Laurence that day.

Thank you

The 41st Flower Festival

What an incredible few weeks we had with so many people working together getting ready, during the event and even clearing up. The weekend was wonderful with many visitors and a great atmosphere. The theme of angels worked through the flowers and services, which gave a wonderful sense of the presence of God and His angels in all we were doing. The party on the Monday evening gave a time for many of those who had worked to get together and enjoy a good chat.

The Cake was won by John Lowe from Galley Common. He is the brother in law of Joan Hall who has worshipped at Ansley for so many years.

The final total raised was £1940, this is again up on the previous year and therefore a record. This will be divided as in previous years with a quarter going to each of the Nuneaton Hospital League of Friends and The Acorn Children's Hospice and half to Church funds.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way, it was a wonderful event. We will have to start on next year's now!

We have been given another £100 towards the churchyard gates, thank you.

St. John's Jumble sale on 10th September was financially a great success despite the weather a total of £96.57 was raised for hall funds. Thank you to all who helped.

Many thanks to the neighbourhood watch for the donation of £52.50 towards the work on the Village Church Hall.

Food Hygiene Class

On Saturday 22nd October we will be running a Food Hygiene Class. This will cost £20 each and everyone present will receive a nationally recognised certificate upon completion. The course will take 6 hours and there is space for 20 people. If you are interested in completing this course please book your place by contacting Margaret Antill on 01827 874520

W.I Trip to Oswaldtwistle Mills

Christmas Shopping?

On Saturday 12th November Arley W.I. are taking a coach to Oswaldtwistle . Leaving Ansley Village at 9 a.m. and returning 6 to 6.30 p.m. At the mill there are fabric remnants, leather goods, clothes, glass ware, pottery, sweet factory, garden centre and café all on the one floor.

The cost will be £12 per person a raffle prize would be appreciated.

Contact Pat Parker 024 7639 5447 or Sue Ricketts 024 7639 8324 as soon as possible but before 15th October.

Senior Citizens

On September 13th the members of the Senior Citizens had a meal at The Boot to celebrate their 10th anniversary. They started with just a few members which grew rapidly in the early days. The numbers have fluctuated over the years and, as would be expected, we have lost many members over the time as they have gone to a life without aches and pains.

Over the years they have had various activities and a busy programme is always planned. There are trips, meals, talks, quizzes, games and one of the favourites is bingo. The oldest member who has been coming throughout is Ruth Price now 89 and she says, "I have been attending since it started and have enjoyed every minute of it." Anyone interested in joining would be made very welcome.

Air Ambulance

Sue Ricketts has for sale Taiwan silver objects these are sold by weight and cost between £1 to £20 including rings pendants chains etc. the proceeds are in aid of the Air Ambulance. Over £600 was made at the bric á brac sale on September 10th. Thank you to everyone for your support.

October, 2005.

Have you ever watched a report on T.V. and not understood a word they were talking about. Someone was reporting on some music awards and I had not the faintest idea what she was saying. The idea that people (especially those in the public eye) should speak clearly has gone out of the window, and there are lots of words which have been added to the English vocabulary which seem 'made up' because they have no meaning at all. What does 'bling' mean and then the other day someone was talking about a celebrity wedding and said they were a 'chev couple'. It beats me! Then at the Youth Club the youngsters were doing some fantastic dancing but although they knew the words, it sounded like something in an African language. Perhaps we shall have to get a new dictionary, or better still stick to what we know and ignore the rest.

Whatever happened to the '3 piece suite'? All you ever hear now is 'sofas'. I don't know about you but to us there is nothing like an armchair, where you feel safe and cosy and snug. Even as children, one chair was Mam's and one was Dad's, and when my children were small we would all crowd into 'mum's chair' as they called it, so the settee was in a much better condition having had less use. Even today our Grandchildren call the armchairs 'Grandma's chair' and Granddad's chair'. What I say is 'long live the 3 piece suite'.

It appears there will be a shortage of Librarians in the future as it is too 'geeky' for the younger generations. This amazes me because as a book lover, I would have loved to be a librarian and even tried to retrain as one when our children were older, only to be told I didn't need to retrain as I was a qualified secretary. This was very disappointing as I could only imagine how great it would be to be let loose among all those books.

An elderly lady in Ansley Village gave me the following:

The library of life has many inspirational books - Tackling Adversity by Percy Verance; The Road to Success by Ernest N. Devvor; Escape from Lethargy by Luke Lively; How to avoid Temptation by Will Power.

Marie Cove.