

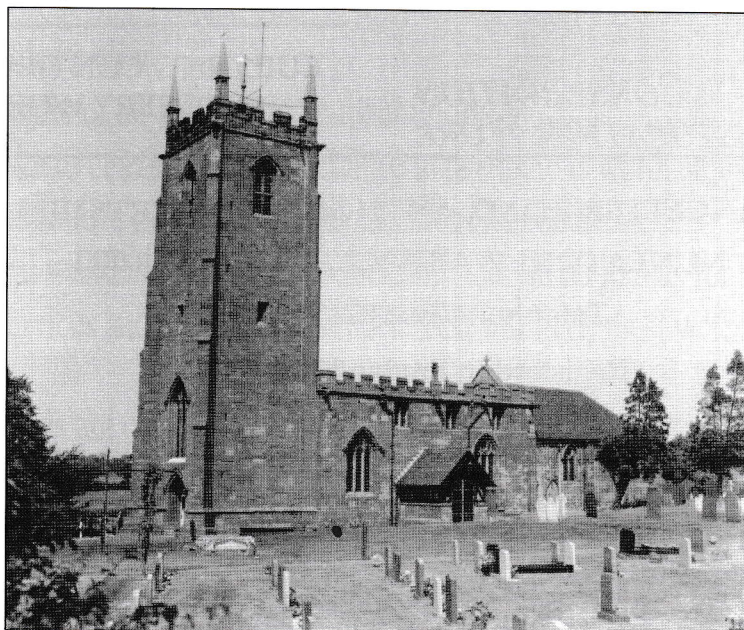
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Thou givest us fruits in their seasons

There are many reasons for celebrating Harvest.

It's a time to enjoy good food.

It's a feast for the eyes.

It's a way of saying "Thank You" to the farming community for their hard work and dedication.

It's a reminder of all we have to be thankful for.

It's a chance to celebrate and any chance to celebrate is worth enjoying.

But most of all it's a chance to thank God for His goodness.

The natural world is full of the goodness of God. So do join us for the Sunday services and the Harvest Supper. You would be most welcome.

But fruit does not only grow on trees!

Let's celebrate all that we do, all that we achieve and the difference that God makes to our lives through his transforming love.

And in particular pray for those thinking about confirmation. Pray for those who lead the groups. Pray that the fruit of these groups will be lives transformed by the love and joy of Jesus.

Enjoy the autumn!

Your friend and Vicar,

October St. Laurence's Church – Services

Sunday 3 rd	Trinity 18	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 10 th	Harvest Festival	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.30 a.m.	Special family service
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong
Sunday 17 th	Trinity 20	10.30 a.m.	All Age Worship
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 24 th	Bible Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong
Sunday 31 st	All Saints	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong

St John's Church Hall Ansley Common Services

Sunday 3 rd	Trinity 18	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship
Sunday 10 th	Trinity 19	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 17 th	Trinity 20	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship
		4.00 p.m.	4 O' Clock Club
Sunday 24 th	Bible Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 31 st	All Saints	10.30 a.m.	Songs of Praise

Discussing the book "Fire in Coventry" Monday 4th - 7.30 p.m. 46 Nuthurst Crescent
Fellowship group Tuesday 12th 7 p.m. in St. Johns Church Hall. Discussing the parables.
Confirmation Classes will continue on Mondays and Thursdays Please contact the Vicar to ensure you are attending the venue suitable for your needs.

Other regular activities

Full details on the notice boards.

From the Registers

Baptisms

On Sunday 12 September we welcomed in baptism Tyler Irving Fletcher and Emily Annabel Jones.

Weddings

The Church had a busy time at the start of September with the following weddings - Carl Shaw and July Ward were married on Friday 3rd September. Michael Wilson married Claire Hughes and Samuel Laight married Claire Morewood on Saturday 4th September and Christopher Davison married Emiley O'Connor on Saturday 11th. We pray that these couples will have every happiness in their lives together

Duncan & Helen

Duncan and Helen Watts will have an "At home" on 2nd October 2-4p.m. at the home of Mandy & Bill (10 Nuthurst Crescent) when they will be able to tell everyone about their life in central Asia and how they are now settling into life back in England. There are lots of stories to tell. Everyone is most welcome and Mandy and Bill will ensure that there are plenty of refreshments for all.

Harvest Festival

On Sunday 10th we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival at St. Laurence, it has been the custom for many years to hold this on the second Sunday of October.

We will start to decorate the church on Friday 8th from 2 – 4 p.m. and from 9 a.m. on Saturday 9th. Anyone is most welcome to come and help make the church look resplendent for the services, when we thank God for his goodness to us. Gifts of fruit, vegetables and flowers will be most welcome.. It is lovely to enter the church with the smells and sights of harvest.

The Church will be open for private prayer and there will be an opportunity to light a candle and leave a written prayer request which will be brought to God during our Sunday services. Visitors will also be welcome to have a look at the displays and produce that will adorn our lovely ancient church from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday 10th.

On Sunday our services will commence with Holy Communion at 8.00 a.m. The 10.30 service will be a specially arranged family service with activities for children and young people. At this service there will be time, for those who wish, to present their gifts at the altar. There will be our traditional Festival Evensong at 6.30 p.m.

The gifts will be cleared from the church on Monday morning and taken to the annexe where preparations will be made for the sale and supper to commence at 7.30 p.m. Please book your requirements on the list in church or telephone Diana Kealey 024 7639 5089 by Sunday 4th

Fancy Dress Dance

On Friday 29th St. John's Committee have arranged a Halloween Fancy Dress dance from 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £2.00 to include 'Bangers and Mash'.

Live and Local

The P.C.C. are trying a new venture on Saturday 30th October by having in the Village Church Hall a production of f Hoagy, Hornpipes, Handel and Hoedown by Hilary James with her mandobass and Simon Mayor on guitar. This event is subsidised by Live and Local an arts organisation. It is witty and captivating mix of folk, blues, swing and classical showstoppers, spiced with a unique brand of off – beat humour, and is suitable entertainment for adults and children over 8. Tickets £7.50 and £5.50 for 8 to 16 years which are available form Diana Kealey 024 7639 5089. Refreshments will be available and raffle proceeds to Village Church Hall funds.

Pakistan

The retiring collections in aid of those millions of people afflicted by the devastating monsoon rains that have hit Pakistan amounted to £17 from St. John's and £65 from St. Laurence. Theses sums have been forwarded to the Disasters Appeal Committee.

Flower festival

Well you could say the 2010 Flower Festival went like a "Dream". It was wonderful from start to finish. Everyone working together in so many different ways to make the whole event into such a happy time for everyone involved. Those who visited left some lovely comments in the visitor's book:-

"The flowers and display and words speak truth how we need to take them to heart"

"Beautiful displays congratulations on your hard work"
 "Beautiful flowers & displays lovely atmosphere."
 "The smells, colours filled me with joy! Outstanding"
 "As magical as ever! Well done to everyone involved".
 "As usual stunning inspirational arrangements "
 "Beautiful well done!"
 "The floral displays are amazing truly a wonderful vision to behold."
 "So beautiful and thoughtful. Thank you for all your hard work."
 The weather although not so good on the Thursday when most of the decorating was done
 was favourable most of the time. The cake was won by Mrs Gay of Weddington.
 In all a very successful event and a total of £2735 was raised £2461.50 for church funds
 and a donation of £136.75 each for the Acorn Children's Hospice and the Nuneaton
 Hospital League of Friends.
 Thank you to everyone who supported this event in any way

St. John's Harvest

The hall at St Johns looked great for their Harvest Festival on 12th September and the
 celebration of Holy Communion gave thanks to God for all he has given us. The lovely array
 of vegetables, fruit and flowers were taken to the Salvation Army Citadel in Nuneaton who
 gratefully received the produce to help feed the hungry and homeless in the area.
 Their celebrations continued with meat pie and apple pie supper on the 17th when everyone
 had a wonderful time and £110 was raised for hall funds.

Prize Bingo

£145 was raised for hall funds at the bingo session held in St. John's Hall on Monday 6th
 September It was a very happy time for all who came and everyone appreciated the prizes
 that had been chosen or given. The next session will be on Monday 15th November when
 the proceeds will be for N.S.P.C.C.

Corley and Fillongley Mother's Union

- is here to stay – but meeting on another M.U. Day. Join us for fellowship and coffee on
 Friday morning 15th October from 10.30 a.m. in the Meeting Room at Fillongley Church.
 Come and go as you wish and get to know us and one another! Small children welcome.

'From tiny acorns mighty oaks do grow'.

The total paid into our Fabric Fund in August was £18.30, bringing the total to £222.30 so
 far this year all from the small change collection. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Prayer Requests

If you would like someone or a particular situation remembered in prayer at our Sunday
 Services both at St. Laurence and St. John's please hand the slip below to a member of the
 Church Congregation or contact the Vicar on 024 7639 9070. Please remember the vicar
 would be pleased to visit anyone who is sick, but he does need to know, again please ring.

Please pray forwho is

October 2010

Have you noticed that over the years the preference for different colour cars has changed and varied. When my children were small to pass the time travelling to the seaside, we would ask them to count the different colour cars and invariably there were more red ones. However, when the grandchildren counted, there were many more silver. In fact today we see so many different coloured cars – some so dazzling and bright. To think all those years ago Mr. Ford said you could have any colour car as long as it was black.

During the Flower Festival we had lots of lightning on the Saturday afternoon and as I looked at the Church I thought of Benjamin Franklin who invented the lightning conductor, and didn't realise what an achiever he was. He only had 2 years formal education but at 25 he founded America's first library; at 31 he started his first Fire Department; at 36 he invented a heating stove which is still in use today; at 40 he harnessed the power of electricity; at 45 he founded the nation's first university and at 79 he invented bifocals. He was an economist, philosopher, diplomat, inventor, educator, publisher and he spoke and wrote in 5 languages. What a truly talented man.

As the charity appeal letters come through the letterbox, it reminded me of how as children once a year we would go from door to door all the way along Camp Hill Road, which you know is very long, collecting for the Waifs and Strays (a children's charity); another time we would do the same for the Red Cross and then just before Christmas we would receive a letter and form from St. Gerrards, Coleshill, and we would try to fill the list with contributions. It would seem I have been rattling tins all my life and I must say that in all those many years I have always been kindly received and people have generously given.

It's that time of year when the dew is here. When cobwebs like jewels are everywhere.

A time when mornings can be misty and dark. Gone are the Swallows and Skylark.

But it's time of colours, green, yellow, orange and red of hue.

It's a time called Autumn to me and you.

Marie Cove.