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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,

November 1st, 1988

Our Dear Friends,

The compilers of the new book "Ansley Remembered" are to be congratulated for their carefully presented volume which will give considerable pleasure, not only to those who have been 'born and bred' in the parish but also to the many newcomers who are interested enough to want to know the fabric of the parish and its foundations in the people, buildings and events; with its inevitable joys and sorrows, its plenty and poverty, its trusts and tensions, and its summers and winters.

All those photographs, 103 of them, together with their stories are now guaranteed to survive which, without this book, would doubtless have been lost for ever. This collection will cause many many discussions and comments, arouse many memories of people and problems, and remind us of a valuable past from which we cannot (even if we wish to) escape because all of us are the fruits of it.

The comments accompanying photograph number 11 are intriguing. Eighteen months is not very long yet that gentleman is not forgotten; possibly because he struck a genuine chord, and people began to realise that truth both hurts and heals; divides and decides; destroys and constructs and his notice above the door still hangs there.

It is good to see that no part of the parish is forgotten and includes many of the important buildings, as well as people, no longer with us. Page fifty has the interior of St. John's Mission Church at Ansley Common, in which once met an important part of the life of the parish. It was also in this building that Terry Waite and I conducted a series of Children's meetings and Adult services during our stay in the parish in 1960.

Many will agree that this parish (past and present); like every community of people, needs God's transforming hand upon it.

It was George Thomas, former Speaker of the House of Commons, who said, "Life without the refining influence of Christian teaching becomes a jungle of competing interests. Mankind needs the wisdom that only the fear of God can provide, the refining influence that only a commitment to Christ can create."

On a memorial tablet to a certain missionary of the Pacific island of Tanna is the following inscription: "When he landed in 1848 there were no Christians here—and when he left in 1872 there were no heathens."

The missionary was John Paton. Many years later when the Communists arrived and tried to tell the islanders that there is no God, the native Chief replied, "You ought to thank God, in whose existence you do not believe, that you came here after John Paton. He taught us to have faith and love. If you had come here first, we would have eaten you!"



Ansley remembered or forgotten, present and future may also know the grace of the Lord for He does not change or decay.

God bless you,

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

### DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

**Tuesday, November 1st**

3.00 p.m. Mothers' Union.

**Thursday, November 3rd**

7.30 p.m. Confirmation Class,

**Friday, November 4th-11th**

"The Mission," Abbey Cinema, Nuneaton.

**Saturday, November 5th**

6.30 p.m. Fireworks and Barbecue at St. Wilfrids, Arley.

**Sunday, November 6th — Trinity 23**

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Family Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. Sermon on the Mount 4 —

**Happiness through hunger and thirst.**

**Wednesday, November 9th**

8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship at the Vicarage.

**Friday, November 11th**

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

**Sunday, November 13th — Remembrance Day**

10.50 a.m. Remembrance Service.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. Sermon on the Mount 5 —

**Happiness through showing mercy.**

**Friday, November 18th**

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

**Sunday, November 20th — Next before Advent**

11.00 a.m. Family Service.

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion. Sermon on the Mount 6 —

**Happiness through Purity.**

**Monday, November 21st**

7.30 p.m. Parochial Church Council Meeting.  
Ansley Village Church Hall.

**Wednesday, November 23rd**

8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship at the Vicarage.

**Friday, November 25th**

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

**Sunday, November 27th — Advent 1**

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

3.00 p.m. Family Service at St. John's, Ansley Common.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. Sermon on the Mount 7 —

**Happiness through Peacemaking.**

**Monday, November 28th**

7.45 p.m. Preparation Meeting for London Crusade 1989 at Manor Court Baptist Church, Speaker: Mr. Ian Knox.

**ANSLEY ST. LAURENCE AND ST. JOHN MOTHERS' UNION**

The November meeting of Ansley St. Laurence and St. John Mothers' Union will be on the first day of the month at 3.00 p.m. Mrs. K. Windridge is the speaker,

**ANSLEY LADIES' ASSOCIATION**

A glass and pottery party by Amanda will take the form of the evening of November 2nd for the Ansley Ladies' Association in the Church Hall at 8.00 p.m. November 16th will be an open meeting. All are welcome. Winnie Ponder

**"ACORNS FOR ANSLEY"**

(Concluded from last month)

Arboreal landmarks like the wych elm by the church yard wall and the oak which once stood in the centre of the road with the junction of Park Farm Drive and Hood Lane have long since gone, but we must ensure that there are other such landmarks for future generations to admire.

The Parish Council hopes therefore, to encourage the planting of trees throughout the parish such as oak, field maple and smaller species such as *Prunus avium*, *Prunus padus watereri* for the residential areas to provide a restful and unifying framework to visually link the parish together and enhance the rural landscape in general. It would be pleasant also to see roadside hedges reinstated.

Flowers such as the native bluebell, foxglove and primrose would be pleasant along with the daffodils already being encouraged.

The destruction of wildlife habitats in the countryside has been an accident of the changing pattern of agriculture in one generation. Whether we work or live in the rural area, or merely enjoy visiting it, we can all hopefully contribute to the restoration and conservation of Ansley for the benefit of future generations.

Barbara Batts and Rita Callwood

For eight days the South American Missionary Society Film called "The Mission" is being shown nightly at the Abbey Cinema, Nuneaton from Friday, November 4th to the 11th. The critics write very warmly of it and it is highly recommended, and gives all of us the opportunity to see it. Archbishop William Temple once said, "A Christian who is not mission minded is either despicably selfish, or he is not a Christian at all."

St. John's Family Service changes its time to 3.00 p.m. in the afternoon. Some of the members are kindly planning a cup of tea following the service. Several people have suggested a change in the timing of the service and we trust that friends will find it more convenient.

**Arley Church** invites us to join them on November 5th at St. Wilfrid's car park for fireworks and barbecue commencing 6.30 p.m. Adults £1.50 and Children 75p. Please book in advance.

**Confirmation Service** this year is on Sunday, November 6th at 6.00 p.m., at Corley Church. Because accommodation is so limited, candidates and their friends only are invited. So we at Ansley will be having our evening service as usual at 6.30 p.m. when we shall remember them in prayer.



## **Christmas Fayre**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9th at 7.00 p.m.**

**IN ANSLEY VILLAGE CHURCH HALL**

**Stalls and Refreshments — All are welcome**



**Housewife or Househusband** — Do you feel isolated by your own four walls? Come and share a cup of tea and some company, 1.30 p.m. till 2.45 p.m., on Wednesday, November 2nd at 18 Nuthurst Crescent,  
Pene McKenzie.

### **FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

**Holy Matrimony** "For richer for poorer"

Oct. 1—Carl Evans of Atherstone to Roselyn Sparrow of Birchley Heath.

Oct. 15—Christopher John Charnell to Tracy Ann Alcock both of Ansley Common.

**Funerals** "He who believes shall live"

Oct. 6—John Billingsley, 62 yrs., of Robinsons End,

Oct. 21—Mary Kiza Keeling, 93 yrs., of Coton.

Oct. 21—Charles William Davison, 69 yrs., of Ansley Village.

**On Sunday, October 2nd** twenty members of our congregation went to our Mission in Partnership link parish St. Columbus at Corby, Northants for their morning worship of Harvest Festival. A very lively affair in which both children and adults took part in a modern parable. We were then entertained to lunch in various homes. It is just 12 months ago that their team visited us. We look forward to further contacts with them.

**Sponsored hymn sing.** Very many thanks to the good number of people who are helping in our roof appeal. There has been a willing response by many friends to give time to collecting from sympathetic supporters who want to see the Church roof put right. We are very grateful and encouraged.

**The work is underway** on the roof and the scaffolding is expected to be up for four weeks. Allowing for the timbers to be repaired and treated and the NAVE lighting renewed.