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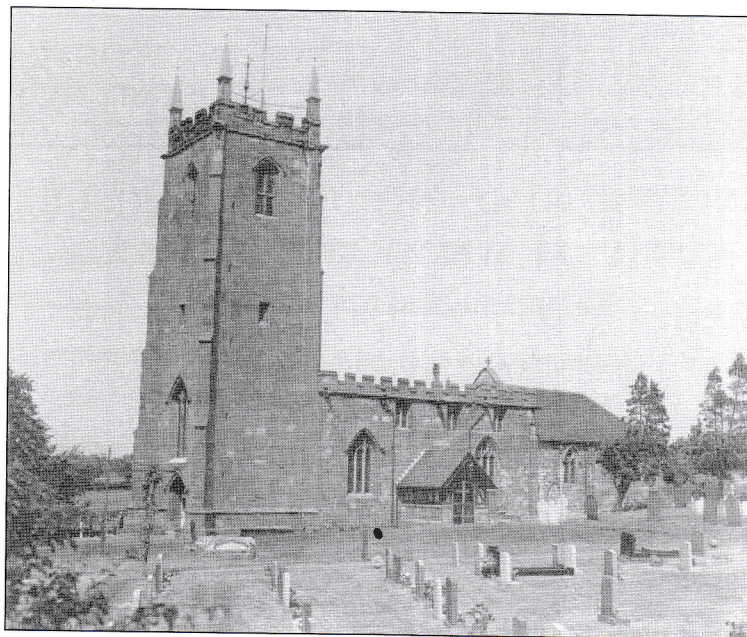
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## REMEMBER.

What a wonderful day we had at St. John's on 27 September. The opening service was wonderful, the food was good, the entertainment excellent and the celebrations superb. We had a real sense of dreams realised, purposes achieved and God at the heart of it all. Bishop Christopher wrote to say how much he enjoyed himself. We all did! Then we had that quietly beautiful service of Holy Communion to close the day. Truly it was a day to remember.

We shall be remembering in a very different way this month when we mark Remembrance Day -when we remember all who have died for our country in war and all who have fought and died in the service of mankind.

But what does it mean to remember?

Let's look at that word.

Remember. The opposite of dismember.

Dismember is to break up into separate parts. Especially to break into parts something which is meant to be one whole, meant to be together.

Remember. Re-member.

Become a member again. No longer apart but belonging. That which used to be a part of us but has become separated becomes part of our lives again. Memories just slightly hidden are no longer distant but re-membered.

Remember. And the criminal hanging on the Cross said 'Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

In other words I want to share in your kingdom with you -count me in!

Let us this Remembrance Day recall to mind those who have served us so sacrificially.

Let us recall the gratitude we can so easily lose for those who have done so much for us.

Let us remember Jesus who calls us today to sacrificial living and ask to be fellow members of his kingdom.

Your friend and Vicar,

Peter

## November, St. Laurence's Church – Services

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	All Saints	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship
		4.00 p.m.	Family Service in Village Church Hall
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance	10.30 a.m.	Special Service
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Before Advent	10.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Christ the King	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Advent	10.30 a.m.	Advent Praise
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong

## St John's Church Hall Ansley Common Services

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	All Saints	10.30 a.m.	Family Service
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>		9.15 a.m.	Morning Worship
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Before Advent	10.30 a.m.	Family Service
		4.00 p.m.	4 O' Clock Club
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Christ the King	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>		9.15 a.m.	Morning Worship
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Advent	10.15 a.m.	Joint at St. Laurence

Discussing the parables Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30 p.m. 46 Nuthurst Crescent

## Other regular activities

Full details on the notice boards.

## From the Registers

### Baptism

On 27 September we celebrated the baptism of Carys Rose Mountjoy.

It was an occasion of great joy for all the family as we rejoiced over her birth and set Carys on the path of life with Jesus.

### Funerals

The funeral of Les Turner of Ansley Common took place on 30 September at the Heart of England Crematorium. For his sheer hard work, his love of gardening and his inventive approach to every problem Les could not be equalled. He died as he had lived, with courage and in the midst of love and laughter. His family and friends mourn his passing and miss him greatly.

The funeral of Jack West of Ansley Village took place on October 6 at Heart of England Crematorium followed by interment in St. Laurence's Churchyard. He spent most of his working life as the highly respected and much loved Clerk of Works of Coventry Cathedral. He is sadly missed by his wife Mary, by all his family and his many friends.

## Remembrance Day

This year we will remember those who have given their lives or been wounded in the service of our nation on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> at special services both at St. Laurence and St. John's.



We will observe the two minutes with those at the Cenotaph remembering and honouring those who have served our nation, pray for those who serve in the forces at this present time and face danger every day and all those who suffer as a result of war.  
The wreaths that are brought to the altar at St. Laurence's will be taken to the War Memorial and placed there after the service.

### Spurgeon Child Care

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November Margaret Oliver will be holding her annual coffee evening at her home 33 Nuthurst Crescent in aid of Spurgeon Child Care. It is at this event the boxes will be opened and counted. The Bring and Buy will have various items and with Christmas approaching perhaps something for that elusive stocking! There will be home made cake, coffee/tea and good company for a very enjoyable evening in aid of this charity which helps disadvantaged children in this country.

### Donations

Over the past few months there have been several anonymous donations to various church funds, the P.C.C. wish to acknowledge and thank those who have given so generously.

The P.C.C. also wishes to acknowledge and thank the family and friends of Alec Richardson for the generous donations given in his memory amounting to just over £600.

### Sound system

The P.C.C. wishes to thank Chris Beale for the permanent fitting of the sound system in its new location. Also the installation of a hearing loop in the Church, these have been given in memory of his Father.

We would ask that if you use a hearing aid please remember to adjust it when in Church and also to comment on the sound as those without a hearing aid are unable to judge and it will only be possible to adjust the settings from any such feed back.

### St. John's Opening

The Builder's Dance on 25<sup>th</sup> September was a very happy time for all who attended and £50.50 was raised for the hall funds.

The celebrations of the 27<sup>th</sup> were something very special. The time spent beforehand getting organised paid off and the long spell of fine weather we have enjoyed this Autumn added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

The day started with the service of dedication by The Bishop of Coventry, The Right Reverend Dr. Christopher Cocksworth and with the Vicar and other members of the congregation taking part. The Bishop used an ancient form of dedication by using some branches taken from the back of the building and using them to sprinkle water as a sign of blessing.

This was followed by refreshments, lovely cakes made by members of the Ansley Common Youth Club and a well earned cuppa after all the singing. Shortly after, the members of Ansley Morris arrived and danced first on the ground at the front and the sun shone and people were happy to sit outside and enjoy the entertainment. They later performed along the road to ensure as many as possible were able to join in the celebration. A lovely buffet lunch followed by which time Milen Tenkov and his troop of Tangra Circus Academy arrived to show us various acrobatics and circus skills which they were happy to teach those willing to learn. There were people of all ages trying spinning plates, hoola hoops and catching/juggling blocks all to great acclaim. Milen also brought his trailer with balls and slides for the little children to enjoy. The celebration finished with the Long Fêng Martial & Cultural Arts group giving the celebrations an exhibition of a Chinese Lion Dance which ended the afternoons activities to great acclaim.

At 6.30 the evening congregation of St Laurence joined the people from Ansley Common in a celebration of Holy Communion. Thus ending the day as it started in thanking God for his goodness to us, and asking Him to bless the work that has been carried out in the hall and asking that the hall be used by all the community for the good of all.

Please remember the hall is for the community and can be hired by contacting Donna Salisbury on 024 7639 3967.

If you would like to see or lead a particular activity taking place please do have a word and we will endeavour to ensure that a way forward will be found

### Painting and Craft Group

Each Thursday afternoon commencing at 2.00 p.m. there will a painting and craft group meeting in St. John's Hall. For the first few weeks just turn up and all your requirements will be provided. Depending on requests other crafts may follow. Cost will be £1 each.

### Harvest Festival

The lovely Autumn weather has provided some wonderful Autumn flowers to decorate the church for the Harvest, with the generous gifts of fruit and vegetables, the congregations at the various services were able to truly give thanks for God's bounty to us all. The young families who attended the special 10.30 service were able to take part by bringing their animals to the farm and the mustard cress they had grown from the 4 o'clock club the week before.

The harvest sale and supper on the Monday evening was very enjoyable and for once all the produce was sold that evening. The total raised that evening from the supper and sale amounted to £232.20. Thank you to everyone who supported the harvest celebrations in any way.

### Christmas Tree Festival

If you would like to decorate a Christmas tree for the festival which will commence December 12<sup>th</sup> please do ask for an application form as soon as possible.

### Shoe boxes

As in previous years Marie Cove will be collecting 'Shoe Boxes' filled with small presents to send to children in the poor parts of the world. If you would like to participate in this scheme which will bring Christmas cheer to so many children and young people please ask Marie for an instruction sheet. 024 7639 4114. It is important that these are followed as some countries do not allow non authorised presents to be sent in to their land.

### 'From tiny acorns mighty oaks do grow'.

The total paid into our Fabric Fund in August was £7.50 increasing the total to £555.00 all from the small change collection. Thank you to everyone who contributed. The jars will be in Church for the rest of the year

### 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.

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Please pray for .....who is .....



November, 2009

What a wonderful Autumn we have had with lots of sunshine and blue skies. Many people travel many miles to see Autumn in Canada and North America, but you have only to go through the leafy lanes of Warwickshire and look out over the fields to see some magnificent trees in colours of green, red, brown and orange - the flowers also have kept blooming as Roses and other flowers have a second life. This truly is a beautiful time of the year.

Have you heard that Spiders don't like conkers, although it hasn't been proved. This year has seen an abundance of spiders, so we thought perhaps we would put some conkers around to deter these creepy crawlies. We went conkering and placed the conkers around the front and back doors. We will wait and see!

Before the '5 a day' the only fruit we could eat during the 1940's were seasonal English apples, pears, plums and the vegetables were limited to cabbage, beans (in season), carrots and Swedes. When we had cabbage, (which was very often and which we hated if it was crinkly) my mother gave us the cabbage water to drink with a dash of salt - we loved it. We also ate the stalk, so although we hated the cabbage, we had already had all the goodness before it was on our plates, although we were still made to eat it.

I was reading an article on 'The joy of a 50's childhood'. It said that we grew up with memories of houses that were draughty in winter with curtains hung behind the front door to reduce the flow of cold air and frost that formed overnight on the inside of bedroom windows. It has to be said that we were much harder in those days, as we had never heard of central heating, so to get up to cold lino on the floor and draughts was the norm, not the exception. Then I realised as I read this that despite having double glazed windows, doors and porch, we still draw a curtain over the front door when it gets dark, and we still think it feels more cosy.

Why are there 13 in a baker's dozen, when there are only 12 in a dozen, no more, no less? In the 13<sup>th</sup> century there was a law called the Assize of Bread and Ale in which it was decreed that bakers who short-changed their customers faced serious punishment, like having an arm chopped off. So, rather than risk such a fate, bakers would routinely hand over 13 items when asked for a dozen, just in case they'd miscounted or one of the items was defective in some way. I suppose their motto was 'better safe than sorry'

Quote: 'If wrinkles must be written upon our brow, let them not be written upon the heart. The spirit should not grow old'. James A. Garfield.

Marie Cove.