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Our Dear Friends,

Once upon a time a farmer whose tractor had broken down decided to ask a neighbouring farmer for a loan of his. As he set out across the fields, however, he began to have doubts about his neighbour's willingness to be of any help, and the more he doubted, the more inclined he became to turn back. But before he knew where he was, he had reached his neighbour's property and upon catching sight of him by the farmhouse hurriedly met up with him and blurted out; "I have come to tell you that you can keep your jolly old tractor."

The reasoning of the farmer in trouble is similar to the conclusion many of us draw when we think of God and His willingness to help us. If we are not absolutely sure that God is eager and willing to give, then we will not be able to approach Him with absolute confidence and this, in turn, will affect our feelings about Him.

The many of us who took advantage of learning something from our Corby guests at the harvest festival weekend time will have concluded that, though all fourteen came from a wide variety of backgrounds, and in spite of the fact that all had some experience of the sweet and bitter events in life yet, all gave testimony to a realisation that, as psalm 147 verse 11 puts it, "The Lord delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love."

There is nothing that gives confidence in the Christian experience so much as the knowledge that God has answered prayer, my prayer, your prayer. No matter how weak or how stumbling that prayer is.

At this present time of writing we have yet another meeting at the Vicarage arranged with three of our Corby friends who plan to return to speak to all those who simply prayed the prayer in the booklet which our guests offered us. They want to help us to answer the questions, where do we go from here? what happens next? This promises to be both helpful and encouraging, to those who have discovered, however falteringly that God does delight in those who put their trust in His love.

In conclusion I say, "thank you very much" to all who housed our parish guests and to those who welcomed them into their homes either for a meal or a meeting. They really did enjoy their stay in Ansley parish, and I trust that all 34 homes enjoyed entertaining them inspite of the fact that it was a particularly busy time for some hosts and hostesses.

God bless you richly,

James, Catherine and Rebekah.



## SERVICES IN ANSLEY — NOVEMBER

### Sunday, November 1st — Trinity 20

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11.00 a.m. Family Communion.
- 6.30 p.m. United at Fillongley for Confirmation Service.

### Monday, November 2nd

- 8.00 p.m. Parochial Church Council meets at Ansley Village Hall.

### Remembrance Sunday, November 8th — Trinity 21

- 10.50 a.m. Remembrance Service.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. Preacher: The Revd. Kenneth Habershon of the Church Patronage Trust.

### Thursday, November 12th

- 8.00 p.m. Ley Group Council meet at Arley.

### Sunday, November 15th — Trinity 22

- 11.00 a.m. Family Service.
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion. "I am the GATE" John 10-7.

### Wednesday, November 18th

- 7.00 p.m. Holy Communion at St. John's.
- 8.00 p.m. The Wednesday Fellowship at the Vicarage.

### Thursday, November 19th

- 7.30 p.m. Church of England Children's Society Coffee Evening  
33 Nuthurst Crescent.

### Sunday, November 22nd — Trinity 23

- 10.00 a.m. Family Service at St. John's, Ansley Common.
- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. "I am the first and the last"  
Rev. 22-13.

### Saturday, November 28th

- 3.00 p.m. Christmas Fayre, Ansley Village Hall.

### Sunday, November 29th — Advent 1

- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. "I am" Scenes.

**Ansley Village Mothers' Union** meet on Tuesday, November 3rd at 3.00 p.m. Mrs. Harris from Hartshill will be the speaker. Refreshments provided and everyone is welcome. Winnie Ponder

**Ansley Ladies' Association** meetings are held in Ansley Church Hall at 8.00 p.m. Wednesday, November 11th **Cake Decorating Demonstration**. On Wednesday, November 25th the Police will give a talk on the **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**. Winnie Ponder

**Ansley Common Mothers' Union** meet on Wednesday, November 18th at 7.00 p.m. at St. John's Hall; it is a service of Holy Communion.  
Dot Hurst

**Children's Society Coffee Evening**, Thursday, November 19th at the home of Martin and Margaret Oliver, 33 Nuthurst Crescent from 7.30 p.m. onwards. If you have a collecting box for the Society please bring it to this event. Margaret is our representative for this Church of England Children's Society.

**Confirmation Service** this year will be held on Sunday, November 1st at 6.30 p.m. at Fillongley Church. So there will be no evening service at our Parish Church on that evening. Instead the parish bus will be re-arranged to pick up from Birchley Heath at 5.45 p.m., Ansley Common 5.55 p.m. and Ansley Village at 6.05 p.m. Those of our Church family to be confirmed will be Richard and Hilary Parker; Violet Ashton; Lynn Palmer; Mary Bayley; Karen Palmer; Lindsay Connor and Joanne Phillips. It is our prayer that each will confirm a faith that is genuine and contagious.

**Remembrance Day Service** commences at 10.50 a.m. and will be followed by a short wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial in Church End. Those who would like to remember their loved ones in this way are most welcome to join in with the morning congregation.

**A Lost Customer.** During the flower festival someone ordered a Good News Bible at the book table in the marquee. The Bible is now ready for collection and is waiting for its owner to be found. Please contact Rebekah at one of the services or at the Vicarage.

**Jesus Heals Today.** On Wednesday evening November 4th at the Central Hall in Coventry at 7.30 p.m. Bishop David Pytches of St. Andrews, Chorley Wood will be leading a rally with the subject of the healing ministry. Transport can be provided for all who would like to go.

#### **FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

**Holy Baptism** "I turn to Christ"

October 4—Charlotte Ella Ponder of Chesterfield.

**Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child**

"They brought Children for Jesus to touch"

October 18—Matthew Alan Neale of Birchley Heath.

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October 18—Rachel Jane Kent of Ansley Village.

**Holy Matrimony** "That the natural instincts implanted by God should be hallowed and used aright"

October 3—James Brown of Hartshill to Joanne Revill of Ansley Common.

October 10—Alan Wilson of Nuneaton to Leslie Ann Palmer of Ansley Village.

**Funeral** "Though I walk through the shadow of the valley of death, you Lord, are with me"

October 19—Reginald James Pratt of Chapel End.

**Christmas Fayre** will be held in Ansley Village Hall on Saturday, November 28th at 3.00 p.m. Help in the way of gifts of food, sellable items, your time and presence will be appreciated. If you can help please tell Frank Arnold, otherwise just come and solve your Christmas present problems!

**Many thanks** to Geoff Mellor who has spent several Saturdays doing some repairs to the porta-cabin door and wall and also to George Ponder who worked for at least three days making the cabin electrically safe, and arranging a very effective heating system. We are all very grateful. This good work enabled the children to use the cabin at the harvest morning service. They had a great time with members of the team and look forward now to the cabin being "theirs" every Sunday morning. Friends who are able to help with transporting the children on Sunday mornings by picking them up from Nuthurst Crescent, Birmingham Road and the Village Hall, please let Marie know.

**The Harvest Supper** table was most attractively laid and the supper meal very enjoyable. Many have expressed appreciation for the whole evening event.

#### **BEING SURE**

"Yes I have opened the door of my life to Jesus Christ I don't feel greatly different, how can I be sure He has come in?"

This is quite a common question and one you may well be asking. To some people there is an immediate sense of peace, elation, release from guilt or other emotion, to others there is not.

Let me help by sharing a few of the words Jesus gives to those who come to Him.

In John chapter 6 verse 37 Jesus said "All who the Father gives me shall come to me and those who come to me **shall never be sent away.**" Believe this **fact**, you **have** come, **He** will keep you.

In Revelation chapter 3 v 20 Jesus says "Behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, **I will** come into Him." That is a promise Jesus makes to all who invite Him; not I **might** come in, but I **will** come in. Believe He has come in to your heart and go on believing, regardless of how you feel.

It is good when we can speak of our **doubts** as well as our **faith**. Please do not fail to let us know if we can help in any way.  
Catherine Jasper.

#### **MILLIONS OF BIBLES SET SALES RECORD**

Sales figures of the Good News Bible seem set to reach new heights this year according to the United Bible Societies.

By the end of 1986, sales of the complete Bible in this version had well exceeded the 74 million mark, and sales of the New Testament were well over 23 million.

Now the UBS forecasts that world-wide sales will reach 75 million and 25 million respectively by the end of the year.

The TEV New Testament was first published in 1966, and the full Bible was released 10 years later.